

"Residents Only" Parking Program to oust WPI students

by Joseph Schaffer
Newspeak Staff

Just when you thought you could find a parking space. On October 8, 1992, the City Council of Worcester passed three ordinances that could adversely affect the WPI community and most of the colleges and universities in the Worcester Consortium.

The "Residents Only" Parking Program is designed to create residents only parking in the areas surrounding the city's colleges, hospitals, and universities. The program would effectively prevent college and university students, staff and faculty from parking on city streets. Once the program is implemented on a street, legal residents are issued parking stickers for their cars and visitor parking stickers for guests. Commercial vehicles and pickup trucks, are barred from residents only streets. These stickers are only good for the resident's street. The police will enforce the program by ticketing and tow-

ing the offenders' cars.

This program will not only ensure street parking for the residents but also stop unwelcome parties from loitering in the neighborhood. In this way, the resident only parking program will help solve some serious problems in the city of Worcester, but the effects of the program may rekindle old ones.

The residents only parking program will have a severe impact on the WPI community. The campus lacks the lot space necessary for the size of the student body, and the program could complicate the situation. Students who live in the fraternity houses already have the problems of space and vandalism associated with parking on the street. If one of the streets near campus became residents only, students would have to park on other streets. The residents of those streets may then opt for the program, starting a domino effect. Obviously, if one or more of the streets near WPI became residents only, the

college would be forced to erect a garage on an already overcrowded campus.

Although the measure is extreme, the residents-only parking program will have a gradual onset. If the residents of a street want to have residents only

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parking, they must petition the City Council. The Council will then vote at a public hearing on the feasibility of the program for the street in question. Streets with storefronts and triple-deckers will usually not get approval because of the loss to business or the number of resident cars. Streets with single family homes, like those that

surround many of the city's hospitals and colleges, will most likely get approval. Once a street becomes residents-only, college students have little hope of parking on their street again.

The mechanics of the ordinances prevent college students from obtaining parking stickers. To be qualified for a parking sticker, a car must be registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and be owned or used by a person residing in the City of Worcester at the address on the registration. In addition, the owner, now a legal resident of Worcester, must also have a Massachusetts driver's license for that address in Worcester and pay excise taxes to the city for that vehicle. The owner must pay taxes and vote in Worcester. In other words, these ordinances make it very difficult for a college student to get a permit. One ordinance specifically states: "Visitor Permits shall not be issued to anyone residing in any building owned by a college or university..

and used for residential purposes by students and affiliates of any such university or college." Again, the intent of the program is clear.

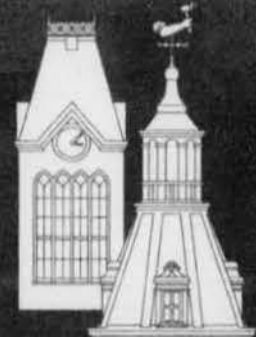
These ordinances would help solve some serious problems in these neighborhoods. Parking space on a city street is a precious thing and around hospitals and colleges there is a natural concentration of people and cars. Unless the college is on a campus separate from the city's streets, students and residents end up competing for parking space. In the case of WPI, the program could compel the college to build a parking garage. This would increase the total number of spaces on campus and make the residents of neighboring streets more comfortable. The program will also prevent unwanted persons, specifically drug dealers and other itinerant vendors, from using the neighborhood as a marketplace.

The program has already taken effect
See 'Parking Ban' page 7

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The Worcester Art Museum - exposed

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Did you miss the exhibit featuring Haring, Warhol, and Disney? If you did, you may want to take advantage of the other things that the WAM has to offer. Taking the place of the Haring, Warhol, and Disney exhibit is the exhibit of Ottocento, Romanticism, and Reduction in 19th century Italian Painting. This exhibit presents an overview of Italian paintings from 1779-1900, 100 paintings. Ottocento will be in the gallery from January 16th to February 28th. However, WAM offers more than exhibits.

During February, videos on Black History Month will be run constantly. In addition to these films, there are film series shown that reflect the

exhibit. The film series of February is entitled Cinema Italia. Lectures are offered in the auditorium. On Sundays and Thursdays, public tours of the museum are offered, as well as tours which explore certain topics and aspects of art. The museum offers art classes for all ages and skills. If you go to the museum on the first Thursday of every month, you will find live music, snacks, and a cash bar. In order to benefit WAM, you can go skiing on Wachusett Mountain.

Every day in the WAM, you can take advantage of the Museum Shop and Cafe. The library may be used every Tuesday and Thursday. Memberships in the WAM are also available... and admission is free with your WPI ID.

If you are interested in history, different times, different cultures,

photography, sculpture, antiques, and go visit the WAM. You may experience a place that is full of worlds that can be explored and even take advantage of worlds outside of WPI, America, 1992, and your imagination.

Admission: Free with College I.D.

Museum Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday : 11-4
Thursday : 11-8
Saturday : 10-5
Sunday : 1-5

closed Mondays and Major Holidays.

Library Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday : 11-4

Museum Shop: All Museum Hours

Museum Cafe:

Tuesday-Saturday : 11:30-2 (lunch)

: 2-3 (desert/bev.)

Thursday : 5-8 (dinner)

Orientation Leader selection begins

by Nancy Hunter Denney
Asst. Dean

The process of Orientation Leader selection is about to begin. On Tuesday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lower Wedge and on Wednesday, December 16 at Noon in Gompei's Place, Orientation Leader Informational Meetings will be held for all students who are

considering applying for the "OL" position. This meeting will review the responsibilities and expectations for the position, as well as briefly overview new student orientation 1993 and is mandatory for anyone interested in the OL position. The program next year begins on Saturday, August 21. OLs must arrive on campus on Wednesday, August 18.

Applications are now available in the Student Life Office. Completed applications are due back to the Student Life Office by Friday, December 18, 1992. Candidates who are selected to continue in the process will be invited to attend "selection day" on Saturday, January 16. This day is a wonderful opportunity to meet other students and administrators involved in the selection process. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude after lunch. Group exercises are used during the morning as a means of observing candidate's personality and ability to get along with others.

By February 5, students who were selected to be OL's will be notified. Once selected as an OL, a comprehensive training program commences. This will involve returning OL's and new OL's who will engage in a variety of team building and leadership development activities. The remaining training sessions will be held during C and D terms on a designated number of Wednesday nights from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Now that you know what it takes to become an OL, you might ask yourself if you HAVE what it takes. Qualifications for OL's include students with a

See 'OL information' page 7



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO / ERIC KRISTOFF

Worcester is blanketed with 31 inches of snow. More photos page 8 & 9.

Newest Flansburgh plan not reported to students

Ed. Note: The following is a reprint of a letter which was circulated to faculty and staff members last week. It was addressed to the "Campus Community", yet no students received a copy of this letter. After the matter was mentioned to President Strauss, copies were distributed to members of Student Government with the address "Campus Community" left intact. Better, but not good enough. Therefore, Newspeak presents the letter below as a service to students and anyone else who was not informed as to this latest development in the Flansburgh Plan:

December 3, 1992

To: Campus Community

From: John E. Miller,
Associate Vice President for Business Affairs
and Director of Physical Plant

Subject: Flansburgh Plan Update

Since the open meeting held in Perrault [sic] Hall on October 8, Earl Flansburgh & Associates has continued to refine, and in fact expand, some aspects of their study based on the input received that day and the many follow-up comments which have been most helpful.

On October 16, Mr. Flansburgh and Mr. Ross made presentations to both the Physical Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees and to the Full Board.

An interesting option was proposed at the Physical Facilities Committee meeting. It was suggested that a study should be made of the possibility of renovating Higgins Labs into the campus center and relocating Mechanical Engineering to a new facility located on Boynton Street below Gordon Library which could be coupled with a parking facility. This option is currently being explored by the Flansburgh group and they will present an update to the Physical Facilities Committee next Monday [Ed note: December 7th].

We will, over the next several months, be exploring with the community as a whole, as well as with subsets of the community, all of these options with a goal of drawing focus to these options and the funding to provide for them in time for the Board of Trustees to consider recommendations at their annual meeting in May of 1993. We had previously indicated that some of the campus discussion would be in conjunction with open meetings of the Blue Ribbon Task Force and that still may be the case, but we will also be scheduling specific meetings for this purpose and we look forward to the active involvement and input of the community.

JEM: db

Ed final note: You heard him, everyone: ACTIVE involvement and input.

Newspeak wishes you Happy Holidays

IN THE NEWS

Compiled from the Boston Globe
by Erik Currin
Associate Editor

World

Over 300,000 people have died in Somalia from starvation in the last year, with over 1,000 people starving to death per day. The U.S. led deployment to Somalia, Operation Restore Hope, strives to bring relief to the country by negotiating a truce between Somali warlords, disarming the heavily armed populace, and providing food to the country. The U.S. government is partly responsible for the situation, because they provided military assistance to the country all throughout the 1980's. Monday, U.S. troops broke the siege of Mogadishu port, sending 100 truck loads of food to the Northern half of the capital. The much ravaged city of Bardera also got needed supplies from relief planes landing in the city.

This week in India was one filled with violence, with religious rioters killing 700 people in the name of religion in under three days (from Tuesday to Thursday).

In South Africa, a black guerrilla group threatened to kill key government leaders in an effort to fight back against suppression. President F.W. de Klerk was included on the group's hit list. Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC, condemned the threats of violence.

Germany, responding to right-wing group violence, toughened its refugee laws, which are among the most liberal in the world. People within the country have criticized the country for caving in to the demands of the groups.

Boris Yeltsin stepped up his battle with the Congress Friday, calling for the people of Russia to throw the members of Congress out in a national ballot. The day before, the Russian congress had rejected Yeltsin's pick for premier, Yegor K. Gaidar, who was the architect of Yeltsin's economic reforms.

El Salvador disbanded the elite battalion, Atlacatl Battalion, in a step forward Wednesday. The group had been accused by human rights groups in several massive atrocities during the country's Communist era.

Canada passed a bill that adds sexual orientation to race and religions as prohibited grounds for discrimination in jobs or public services. The bill stopped short of officially recognizing homosexual marriages, however.

National

The U.S. government proposed Thursday to subject 7 million trucking, airline, bus, and rail workers to random breath tests for alcohol. The proposal could save as many as 1,200 lives if put into affect. Over 20,000 people died and 197,000 people were injured this year in alcohol related crashes.

The Federal government's \$6.2 million reading, writing, and math program for low achieving, poor students has failed and needs to be overhauled, a private commission reported Thursday. The Chapter 1 program provides compensatory education to 5 million students per year and accounts for one-fifth of the government's spending on primary and secondary education. The study showed that the neediest students were relegated to the worst teaching practices by the program.

Politics

President Elect Bill Clinton set high education goals for his administration, including providing money for all students who want to get at least some college education, teaching illiterates to read, and helping high school drop-outs attain their GED's. To achieve his economic goals, Clinton also filled some of his key cabinet posts. He nominated Senator Lloyd Benson of Texas to Treasury Secretary and appointed Rep. Leon Panetta of California to the post of Office Management and Budget, among others.

Environment

A French oil tanker ran aground off the coast of Spain, spreading tons of oil along its northwestern coast. The oil has smothered sea birds and contaminated fishing areas already, and promises to get worse.

Local

James Porter went on trial Monday, facing his first legal challenge for allegedly sexually abusing his own children's baby sitter from 1986-87.

Racial fights in Medford High School erupted Thursday. The fight, which featured bare fist brawls and chair throwing, started in the cafeteria, moved to the halls, and ended in the parking lot, where State troopers and local police broke it up. At least 60 to 100 students were involved in the riot.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Electric Insiders

The Death Knights of Krynn

Electric Insiders
by Andrew Watts

Maybe sometime during C term, I'll be able to find a Macintosh game to review in this column. However, the columnist's pick of the semester is here, as well as a review of a game that is worthy of achievement, the second volume of the Dragonlance Trilogy.

The Death Knights of Krynn
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The ceremony for the funeral of Sir Karl and the recognition of the Solamic Order of the Champions of Krynn are going quite smoothly until an uninvited visitor arrives. In a way, he was already invited, but was not expected to be alive—Sir Karl Gaardsen himself! He has become a death knight, corrupted by the sorceries of the darkest magic. He attacks with undead minions and the stage for the search of Sir Karl begins. This is a path that ultimately leads to the dreaded Lord Soth, the leader of all death knights, himself!

The EGA Monitor colors were actually quite crisp in this well-organized and mapped out Dragonlance epic. The story was extremely well told and it was actually a lot of fun. For everyone who enjoys a good Dungeons and Dragons game, you will definitely have many hours of fun with

this.

The Semester Picks by the columnist are:
Best Sports Game: John Madden Football (Genesis)
Best FRPG: Wizardry VII: Crusaders of the Dark Savant (IBM PC)
Best Action and Cutest Game: Trolls by

Capstone (IBM PC)

Best Adventure and Game of the Semester: King's Quest VI: Heir Today, Gone Tomorrow
After the Break, I will investigate the dorm houses on campus to see which games are the favorites of everyone. This will be the exclusive arriving term C! See you then!!

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SPORTS

Women's Swimming starts with a splash

by Becky Kupcinkas
Class of '96

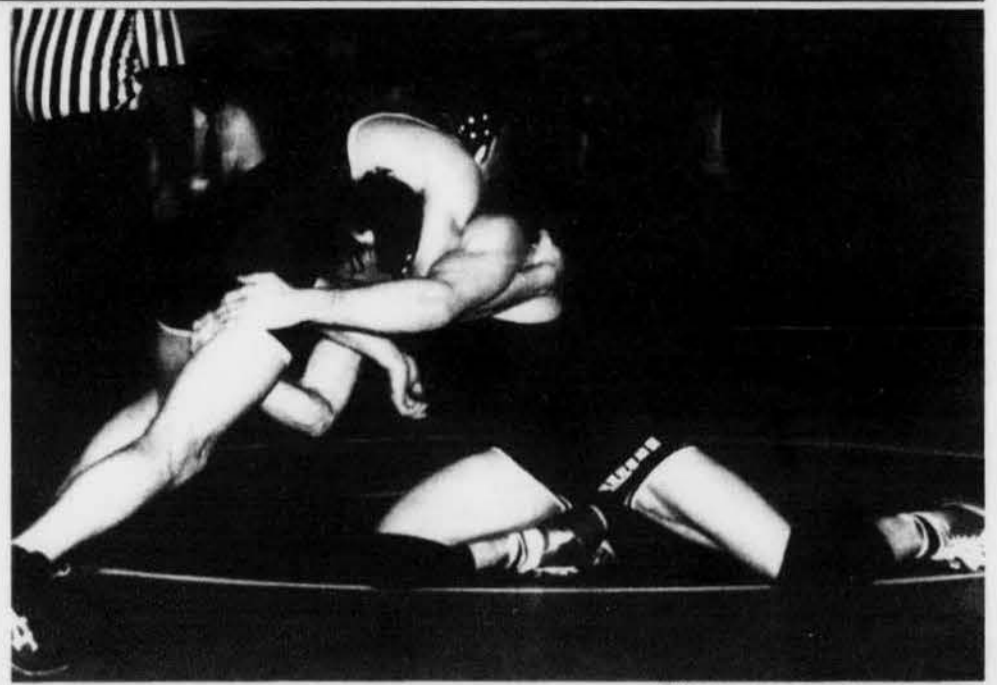
WPI's Women's Swimming swam two dual meets last week, both against schools with highly respected swim teams. The first meet took place on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Connecticut College. An injury to diver Renee Cusson during the first relay prevented her from competing, but freshman Kim Scofield dove extremely well, placing second. There were many exciting races, but in the end, the team from Connecticut pulled ahead, 126 1/2 to 94.

The second meet of the week was held Wednesday,

Dec. 9 at home against Clark University. All the team members swam hard and gave it their best effort. The meet finally came down to the last relay, the 400 free. After a hard fought battle, Clark won the relay, and thus the meet, 66-56.

Although the team lost both its meets this week, moral victory can definitely be declared. The Women's team has improved by leaps and bounds thus far, and will probably continue to do so. The next home meet will be Jan. 14, 1993 against Boston. Come on over and watch!

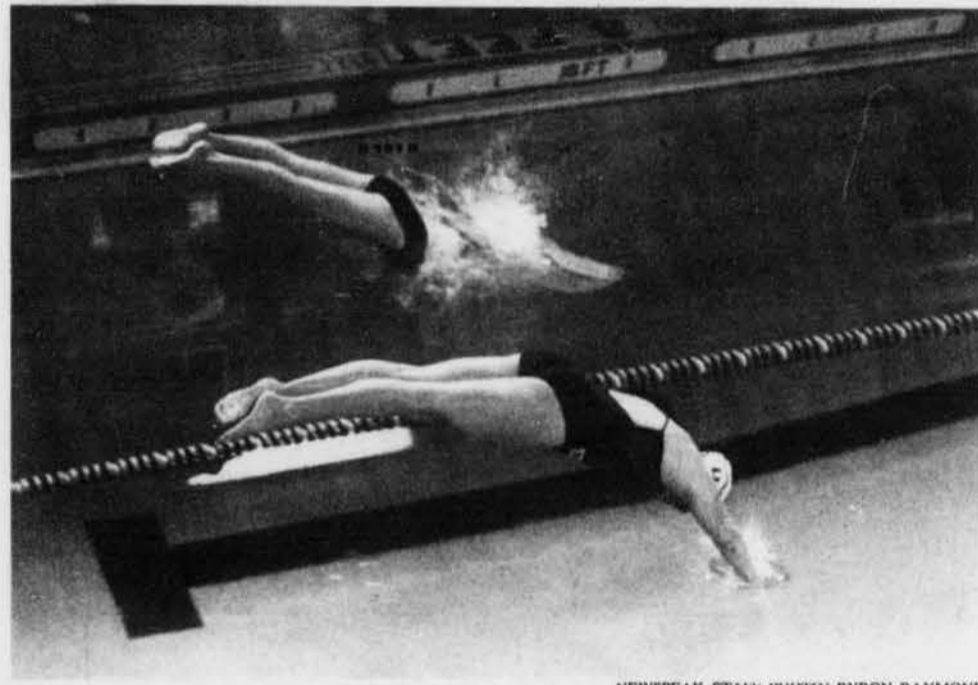
Winners for WPI this week include Sara Polard, Deb Sanna, Jen Sanna and Becky Kupcinkas. The whole team deserves to be congratulated on a job well done.



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO/ CHRIS PANATA

On Wednesday December 9th Wrestling defeated Rhode Island College in front of a large crowd in Alumni Gym. The Engineers increased their record to 2-1 while their erstwhile opponents continue to quest for their first win. WPI got wins from George Chu, Pete Hanson, Pete Grabowski, Matt Wassel, Joe Laskowski, and John Roy in their grappling with RIC.

Both John Roy and George Chu won their matches by pinning their opponents. The next match for the Engineers is on January 16th at Western New England College.



NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO/ BYRON RAYMOND

COMMUNITY NEWS

WPI CE's fare well in bridge contest

by Bill Barry
Newspeak Staff

WPI's first ever entrance in the AISC steel bridge contest was a success. Thanks to the bridge building team of Brian Malone, Bill Lewis, Chris Elliott, Chris Gagnon, Brian Treece, Bill Barry, Scott Burbank, and Kevin Saxon for all the work. Thanks to all those who loaned us wrenches, tools and support. At the bridge contest the

bridge was assembled in 35 minutes, not bad considering there are around 320 bolts.

The bridge was the second lightest at 242 pounds, Tuft's bridge was only 10 pounds lighter. The bridge was 1 of the 4 bridges that passed the load test of 2500 pounds only deflecting 5/8 of an inch.

Out of the seven bridges we were third in strength to weight ratio and bridge cost. Overall we place 4th narrowly beaten by Norwich. All this was great when you consider this was the first time WPI had entered the contest. Also considering that the bridge was designed on Monday the 9th, the parts were fabricated on Wednesday and the assembly and drilling began on Thursday. On Friday the bridge was reassembled 3 times as construction strategies and assembly problems were overcome.

All this was one continuous project for two entire days, no sleep for 62 hours by those working on the bridge. A big thank you also goes to Aeicello Steel for donating all the construction materials and the Civil Department for covering all other cost.

"Enhancing Race Relations on Campus, New Challenges and Opportunity" reshaw

"Enhancing Race Relations on Campus, New Challenges and Opportunities": Airing of Taped Videoconference

On Wednesday, December 16, 1992 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the recorded broadcast of the Black Issues in Higher Education videoconference on enhancing race relations on campus will be shown in the IMC television studio (Fuller Laboratory.)

The following topics will be touched upon in the taped videoconference:

- *Recognizing potential racial problems before they erupt
 - *Presidential rhetoric versus presidential action: How to make the transition to positive promoting
 - *Interventionist versus laissez-faire strategies in promoting (i.e. Which road for student personnel and academic administrators?)
 - *The changing role of minority student services administrators
 - *Factual case studies of how colleges have forged excellent racial climates
 - *Promoting inter- and intra-minority student relations: What's working, where and why?
 - *Can the Black college experience be achieved in the white campus
- And other related topics on race relations

If you are unable to view the conference in the television studio, you can view the program from any television monitor on campus during the above time slot.

Knowing the level of interest in this and similar programs will help justify purchasing or gaining access to this type of programming in the future.

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The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity will be coming to W.P.I. this spring to start the newest fraternity on campus. With over 225 chapters in the United States and Canada and 204,000 initiates worldwide, Lambda Chi Alpha will be looking for a group of men who want to join a fraternity where they can make a difference from day one. We are looking for men who are not satisfied with a one-dimensional fraternity experience. We want men who want to stand out, rather than fit in. We are interested in men who want to develop leadership skills, and make friendships that will last for a lifetime. If you are willing to accept a challenge and take advantage of a great opportunity, look for Lambda Chi Alpha in early February.

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Newspeak held elections for 1993 last Friday. We wish to congratulate the winners...

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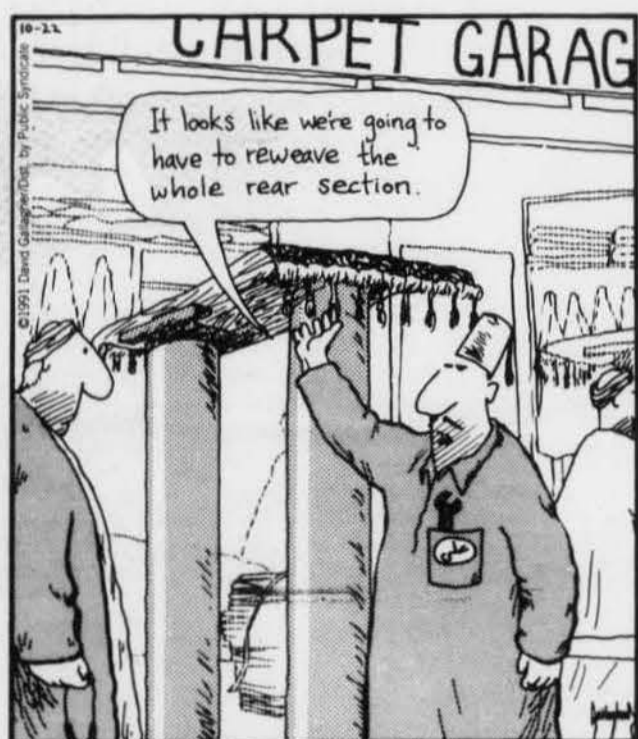
We wish them the best of luck in the coming year as they produce
Volume 21

That's right, **Newspeak** is coming of age in '93

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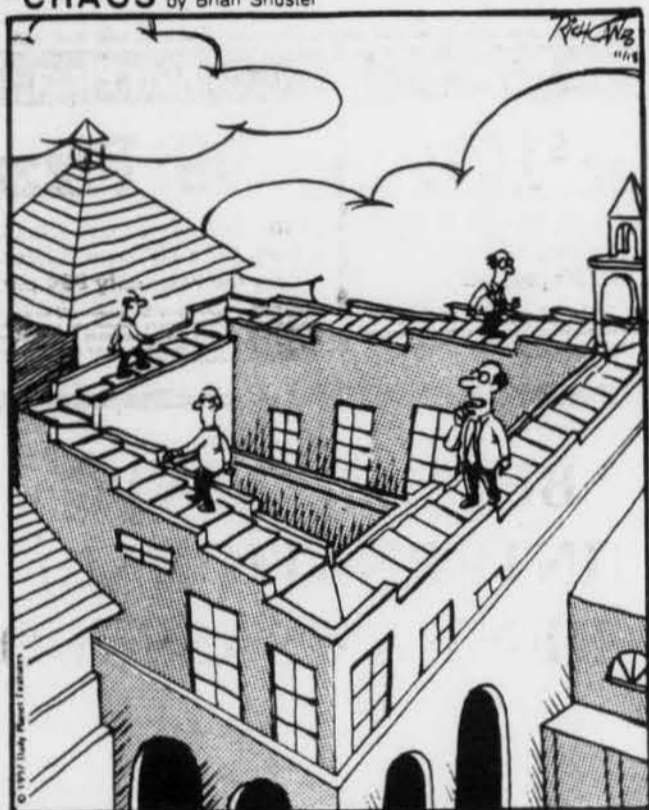
Visit your (overseas) high school over term break and share your enthusiasm for WPI with prospective students. An information table will be set up in the Wedge from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Monday, December 14th and Tuesday, December 15th if you would like to sign up then. Otherwise, please contact Mike Smith x5286 in the Admissions Office for more information.

Larger Than Life by David Gallagher



What began as a routine fringe-change became a financial nightmare for Aladdin.

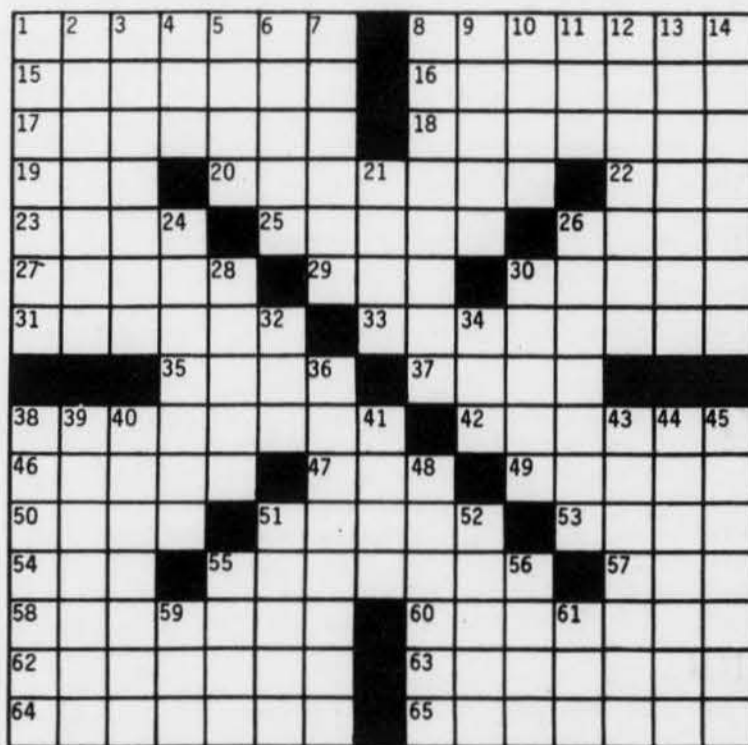
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EDITORIAL

Rising power of the students / Changing of the guard at Newspeak

The end is upon us. The last issue of this semester is also the last of our tenure as co-editors-in-chief. As we head out, we thought we'd say a few last words before we hand over the reins to a new editorial staff.

Over the last year we've learned a lot about WPI and the way things work, in some ways maybe more than we wanted to know. With knowledge comes a certain amount of responsibility, especially when you're a major source of information to students here. Its a thin line to walk at times when you try to keep everyone as informed as possible while still reporting things in a professional, objective way.

A lot goes on at WPI that the average student doesn't know about. And, in truth, some of it is beyond both what we need or would want to know. But much of it isn't, and we tried as best we could to tell people what we felt they should know. There were also many things that we thought the student body should know that we couldn't get any information on. It is up to the students as a whole, Newspeak, and the Student Government Association to keep fighting to get information about the things that affect us, whether or not the Administration thinks we need to know.

You'll often hear that in many ways WPI is like a business and must be run as one. In a business situation, the "powers that be" can make decisions without consulting the employees. The point is, students are not employees, but, in the new jargon of the times, "customers" of the school.

In this case, since WPI is ultimately an educational institution dependent entirely on the students for its survival, we should be consulted, and if not consulted, at

least informed about changes which will have a bearing on our education and life at WPI. The label of customer should actually be welcomed, since customers have the right to demand what they want and to be heard.

Major decisions are currently being made relative to the future of WPI. A campus plan will be selected by the end of this academic year. Changes to the academic calendar are being considered. Long-range planning for moving the school towards a true university are in the formative stages. All of these are issues on which students' opinions are important and should be consulted. In the past, the faculty and administration would have been able to make these decisions without much voice one way or the other from the students. But, Student Government is rising in power right now, and Newspeak seems to be rising as well. Which, in the end, means that the voice of students on this campus is getting louder and harder to ignore.

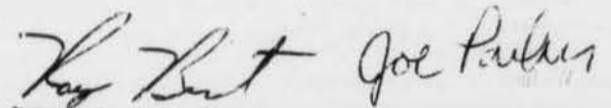
The point? The power of the students is on the rise at WPI, and may be at an all time high. Not just the newspaper and the governing body - but many other student-run organizations are becoming integral parts of life here, and gaining the respect they deserve. Only by continuing to support them and attempting to stay informed as to what the school is doing with OUR MONEY will we be able to increase that power. And by all means, that power should be increased. Just because things are getting better now, we cannot become complacent. Should that happen, things can, and probably will, go back to the way they were in record time.

As for Newspeak and SGA, a student-run newspaper

and governing body free of administrative control not only serve as checks on each other, but also keep the administration honest in their dealings with the students. Newspeak has tried to do this throughout the past year by running editorials like this one, where we attempted to point out situations where we felt things were not being done as they should be. We've tried to keep a focus on the Campus Center by pointing out the needs of this campus, making a case for the Campus Center as a way to alleviate those needs. Some people agreed, some people disagreed, and some people just didn't care. If nothing else, we tried to speak to those who didn't care, to make them realize that they could make a difference. To this end, we've encouraged you to fight intolerance, USE YOUR VOICE, to push to BUILD A CAMPUS CENTER, to OPEN IT UP; told the administration to stop withholding news, and told you to ask yourself if you really know what goes on around here.

Along the way, we were educated; we were intrepid; we were humbled; we were aggravated, and aggravating; we were listened to, and ignored; we were aggressive, and yet not enough; we were tired, yet enthusiastic. We spent FAR too much time in this office, but most of all we had fun and we hope we accomplished something in the process. And, defying the critics, we managed not to kill each other, and remain good friends.

Thanks, everyone. We'll miss it.



COMMENTARY

Truth, Justice, and the American Way -- Superman is dead

Note from submitter:

Ed. Note: This was a talk given on 12/4 to 21 new Eta Kappa Nu initiates by Prof. David Cyganski. I really liked it...."

I usually give non-technical talks about the computer industry or comic books. I decided to talk today about a matter of great concern to me which is not so much about your careers as it is about your lives.

About a week ago, the world had to deal with the loss of a hero. Superman is dead. If you read the fateful issue, you would know that he was killed by a monster named Doomsday, an unre-

lenting, unthinking, nearly unstoppable malevolent force driven by only one primitive need: the need to hurt, to destroy for the sheer pleasure of unrestrained violation. We were not so much robbed of Superman as we were raped.

This event saddened me. Superman was always a special hero to me. He was the purest of heart. He never killed, never wished to injure. He was not motivated by rage like the Batman or guilt like Spiderman. He didn't symbolize just one country like Captain America. This orphan of Krypton loved his adopted planet and all its people equally despite the fact that we were all different and he was not even

of the same species.

And he was good despite great temptation. As the Crash Test Dummies say in "Superman's Song": "Hey Bob, Supe had a straight job even though he could have smashed into any bank in the United States, he had the strength, but he would not."

While reeling from the loss I saw, one after the other, TV network news agents interviewed children found at comic stores about the event. The children were unanimous! It was time. Superman was outdated; he was too nice. He wasn't like that Punisher that knew how to stop crime at the end of a blazing uzi. Why, Superman was not realistic; he didn't use his powers to get the job done, but insisted on reasoning with antagonists. He would sacrifice himself, if he could, to save the weak. The villains often got away because of his attention to innocent bystanders. No one wants a superdude that runs around in a red and blue suit and avoids violence like that. Maybe they'll bring back a new, angrier Superman in a Black costume as one youngster hoped.

While the media said that Superman died for lack of sales, the truth was closer to the customers. It was clear to me: Superman was not killed by a character named Doomsday. He was killed by an unrelenting, unthinking,

inarticulate, nearly unstoppable malevolent force driven by only one primitive need: the need to hurt, to destroy for the sheer pleasure of unrestrained violation.

These children were voting with sales to make Superman more appealing. You see, these children were impressing the reality of their world upon the imaginary world of comics. How much better off we would be if the opposite had been true. These are the children who see guns in school every day and have seen the struggle between the weak and the strong played out to bloody results.

You see, my fear is for the other Superman, if this one fell so easily.

The United States has been a Superman, clad in silly red, white and blue. Self-sacrificing to a fault at times, conquering the dictators of the world to save the suffering. In its great and proud battles, the US used restraint, and fought for principles, and even rehabilitated its enemies. But there are those who would have us put on black and charge into every affair with guns blazing. My Superman can dress any way he likes as long as he stands for truth, justice and the American way.

Civilization is a Superman - based on the great strength of numbers, but the restraint of law and order. Yet today, we see the power of civilization

being threatened by what some have dubbed the New World Disorder. Yugoslavia in flames over prejudice, Somalians starving because of greed empowered by the gun, neo-naziism smoldering in Germany as is racial conflict in our own country. All this because those who can take! Life has lost its preciousness for them, they hurt the innocent rather than protect them.

My feelings are again expressed by Superman's Song: "Sometimes I despair that the world will never see another man like him."

What has this all got to do with you? As future graduates of an engineering program, you have the potential to be supermen. You can act, think and vote responsibly. You can protest the injury of people and principles. You can move your future companies in the right direction, and that, in turn, will move mountains.

I only ask that each day you consider your remarks and actions as if they were directed at you, that you simply try always to do-the-right-thing.

Your initiation ceremony made a big deal about your quality of character. So, in keeping with it, I'd like you to take the pledge - I will do the right thing. I will do the right thing.

Merry Christmas, Peace and Good will towards all men.

COMMENTARY

Mock Trial Success/Confusion

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some confusion that was generated by an advertisement placed in last week's issue of NEWSPEAK. The ad, which was designed to look like a newspaper article, carried the headline WPI STUDENT TO STAND TRIAL and went on to explain that Chad Council, a WPI junior, was to be tried for the alleged 'rape' of fellow student and Masque member Dawn Varacchi. The purpose of this 'article' was strictly to attract attention to the MOCK TRIAL held in AK-116 last Tuesday evening (an event which was advertised on posters all over campus as well.) SMART-SADD and the Peer Education Program, the two groups that co-sponsored the trial, wish to make it clear that no such incident has occurred and that Council and Varacchi were strictly role-playing.

Although the trial itself was staged, the fact is that date rape is a very prevalent issue on campuses across the country. One out of four women will be assaulted during their college careers, and more disturbing is the fact that most of the assailants are known to the victims; i.e. friends; i.e. 'date rape.'

On a lighter note, the trial itself went very well, and we would like to thank all of you who showed up. Special thanks to Phi Kappa Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Sigma, who all attended 'en masse.' Programs like this are what the Peer Education Program was established for. If you are interested in having an educational program performed for your residence hall or house, please contact JoAnn Van Dyke at Health Services or Sgt.

Martunas at the WPI Police. Last but not least, thanks to Chad and Dawn for helping us to make the program such a success.

Yours Truly,

(signed)
John Pelliccio '95
WPI Peer Education Program

Idea for a Campus Center


Dear Editor:

Recently, my parents were asked to donate money for the new campus center. Among the ideas for where to put the campus center is in Riley Hall. This would be less expensive than a new building, and would give WPI a unique opportunity. I humbly suggest that WPI ask This Old House to renovate Riley Hall.

This Old House is an excellent organization to take on this project. Its experience and prestige will help enhance donations. The telecast of the series would give WPI free national exposure, and may stimulate admissions.

I also think that this project could open up new opportunities for housing. The new dorms would have to house as many as Riley does, but it could also be built on top of a parking garage. Heck, why not ask This Old House to do both projects. Although Steve Thomas is a butthead, the craftsmanship of Norm Abrams will create a campus center WPI can be proud of.

A concerned student, name withheld by request.



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COMMENTARY

The Mathematical Miracle and the Math-Art Bridge IQP

by Jim O'Donovan
Class of '94

A lot of you are familiar with the Far Side comic where two mathematicians are deliberating over a proof on a chalkboard. One mathematician is saying to the other "I think you need to be more elaborate in step two." Scrawled on the chalkboard are three steps: the beginning, the conclusion and a large middle section reserved for four simple words, "a miracle occurs here."

Such is life at WPI where we, as perspective engineers, scientists and graduate students, have to deal with miracles which occur every day. I am not talking about the amount of points which the God of Partial Credit bestows upon us on our finals, nor am I saying it's a miracle that I passed Differential Equations.

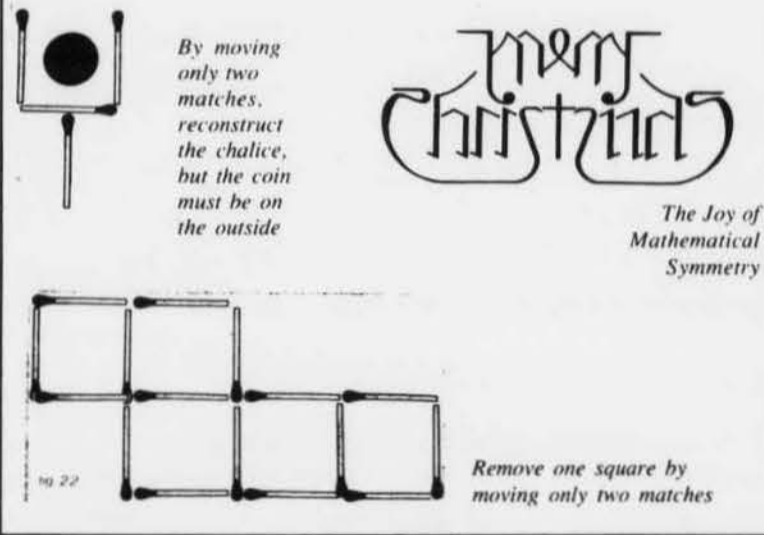
We, as students of WPI, have to find solutions to problems and present them in a coherent fashion on our homework, exams and projects. At times, we are considered as actual engineers who are believed to be true miracle workers. Engineers possess a sense of how the world operates and can fix any problem applying some know-how and experience and using some simple tricks and magical hocus-pocus. However, we must also show all of our work. This does not mean explaining how the Xerox machine works. We have to show how to get from

the beginning question to the final answer. Yet, there are always some steps which either need no explanation or are impossible to explain. Any inexplicable phenomena is called a miracle.

The miracle of creating an infinite universe out of mere numbers and points, the miracle of actually creating something out of nothing and the miracle of getting from point A to point B are all apparent in our classes. It's a miracle that we understand anything at all. The miracle of life, pure genius, artistic talent and natural beauty are all visible in our small community, especially during the holiday season. In the time when we must consider what to get our family and friends for Christmas, when we must do battle with the crowds at the malls and when we also have to cram for our finals, I ask you to remember the true miracle of Christmas.

For on Christmas day, about two thousand years ago, a child was born, and a star, brighter than all of the other stars in the sky, was discovered in the north. This star led three kings bearing gifts to the site where the child was born. These kings bowed down and bestowed their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to their new-born king. For two centuries, the North star has been used to guide travelers across oceans and deserts and around the world. It is also used to symbolize the miracle of birth and the true meaning of Christmas.

At your Christmas party try this trick on your friends, and see if anyone can get an answer. Show your work. Please, send your answers to Box 2753. You may be creative, as long as your answer can be figured out. Remember, Don't play with matches.



WPI faculty and students: as members of the Math-Art Bridge IQP, we hope to raise campus awareness of the goals of our project. Our intention is to stir an artistic appreciation of math on campus. You may ask: what does math have to do with art anyway, and how

could I appreciate it? At a technical school, most of us deal with math of some kind every day. In fact, math is the most important tool of engineering besides the human mind itself. Have you ever flipped through a textbook and landed on an illustration, that

maybe, before your mind realized it was a mathematical function, you saw as beautiful? Be it the infinite mountains and valleys of a pole-zero graph, a chaotic flow diagram, or the delicate petals of a polar rose; indeed, when the stigmas of complicating tests, broken erasers and unintelligible teachers are lifted, mathematics can be seen as beautiful. Art defines beauty, and as the Math-Art Bridge, we aspire to use math as an art form.

As far as campus goes, this is our mission: to display artistic representations of the mathematics used in each WPI department. We believe that these displays of related math-art will bring about aesthetic appreciation as well as a deeper understanding of the mathematical tools we use every day. This will also serve as a way to brighten up our departments and make WPI a more beautiful and attractive place to be. To achieve this, we ask for your help. Do you, no matter what your major, have a certain appreciation for a mathematical representation? If so, let us know! It will be easier and more valid an effort if outside participation is involved. As for faculty, please take into consideration our plans; we will be asking for your support. Please send any reactions to WPI box 743 or floreno@wpi. Thank you- the Math-Art Bridge.

The Flat Earth

by Jim Metzler
Newspeak Staff

The notion that our Earth could be flat is ridiculous—the Earth is much more complicated than a two dimensional plane. For starters, if the Earth were flat all the water would fall off the edge and soon our oceans would run dry. This is clearly not the case.

There must be a gutter or drip pan that catches this water, sending it through a complicated system of pipes and filters on its way back to the surface. The water emerges with such force (for the volume of water flowing over the sides is indeed large) that it forms a magnificent fountain in the center of our flat earth. Some of this water sprays into the atmosphere to form clouds, while the rest gurgles up and replenishes the ocean.

Tides and currents are clear evidence that this system exists. High and low tides are the ebb and flow of the water system, with low tide at the moment when the world drip pan is most full. Currents are formed as the water flows from the central fountain (a wondrous sight) out to the edges of the earth.

Had Columbus really sailed off the Earth's edge, he would simply have been recycled through this drainage/filter network to emerge from the central fountain, though probably a little worse for wear.

Next week: The Lunar Landing — A Hollywood Stunt.

NEWS

Parking Ban

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in the city. Palmer Street, near Memorial Hospital, is the first and only street in the city where the program is in effect. Six streets are currently under petition: Wabash Av., Carlisle St., Orient Av., Thorne St., Marion Av., and Norfolk St. Most of these streets are in the vicinity of St. Vincent's Hospital. Both St. Vincent's Hospital and Memorial Hospital are located in the center of Worcester.

Orientation Leader Selection Begins

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sense of responsibility, confidence in interacting with and addressing groups of people, ability to relate to a variety of personality types, creativity, leadership potential, appreciation for diversity and a desire to have some serious rewarding fun. If you are interested, please plan on attending one of the upcoming informational meetings and complete an application form which are now available in the Student Life Office. For specific information, please contact Nancy Hunter Denney, Assistant Dean of Student Life.

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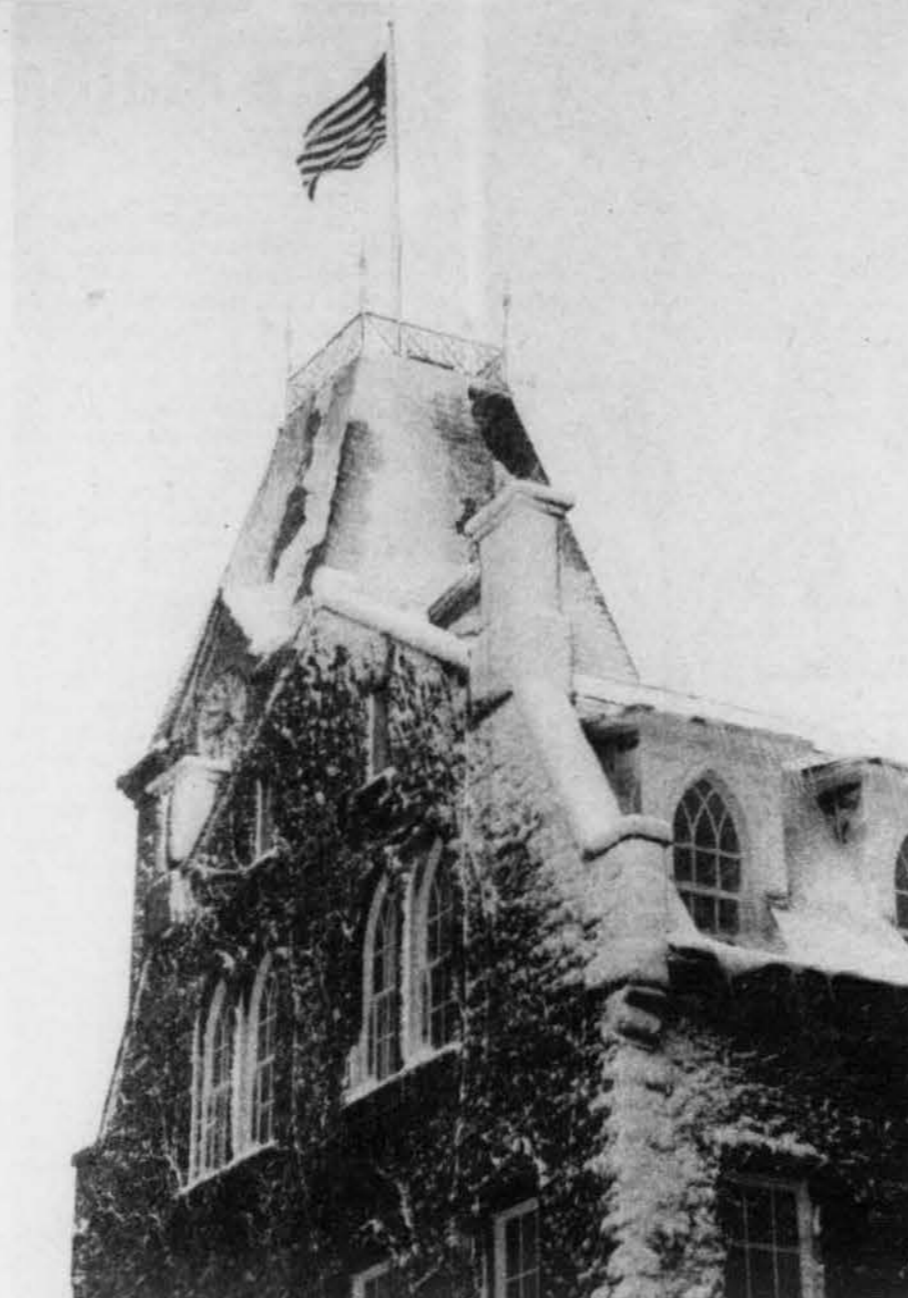
Blizzard of '92 blankets WPI

Over the weekend, Worcester was pummeled by the worst winter storm on record, which left the city crippled for most of Friday night, Saturday, and on into Sunday. Worcester airport reported a record snowfall, finishing with 31 inches of snow, leading this storm to officially be labeled "The Blizzard of '92". The Blizzard of '78 dumped only 20 inches of snow on the city over two days, while the 31 inches at the airport fell in only 24 hours. The snow stopped falling Saturday night, but on Sunday, the city was still under a state of emergency, with all non-emergency traffic discouraged.

On Saturday, while the snow still fell, Interstate 84 was closed, I-290 was reduced to one lane, and the Town of Holden placed a travel ban on its residents. Worcester was among the worst hit, along with Paxton, which received 36 inches. Mount Wachusett got a whopping 42 inches of new cover.

In the city proper, over 40,000 residents lost power, and many areas of Worcester went without water. When the snow started to pile up on Friday, the WPI campus officially closed at 3:30, allowing faculty, staff, and administrators a head start for the treacherous trek home.

The snow did provide for some great sledding opportunities, and many WPI students were, as usual, up to the challenge. The storm also provided for some great photo opportunities, and so, Newspeak brings you some shots of WPI and the Blizzard of '92.



Boynton tower overlooks one of the worst snowstorms WPI has seen in its 165 years.

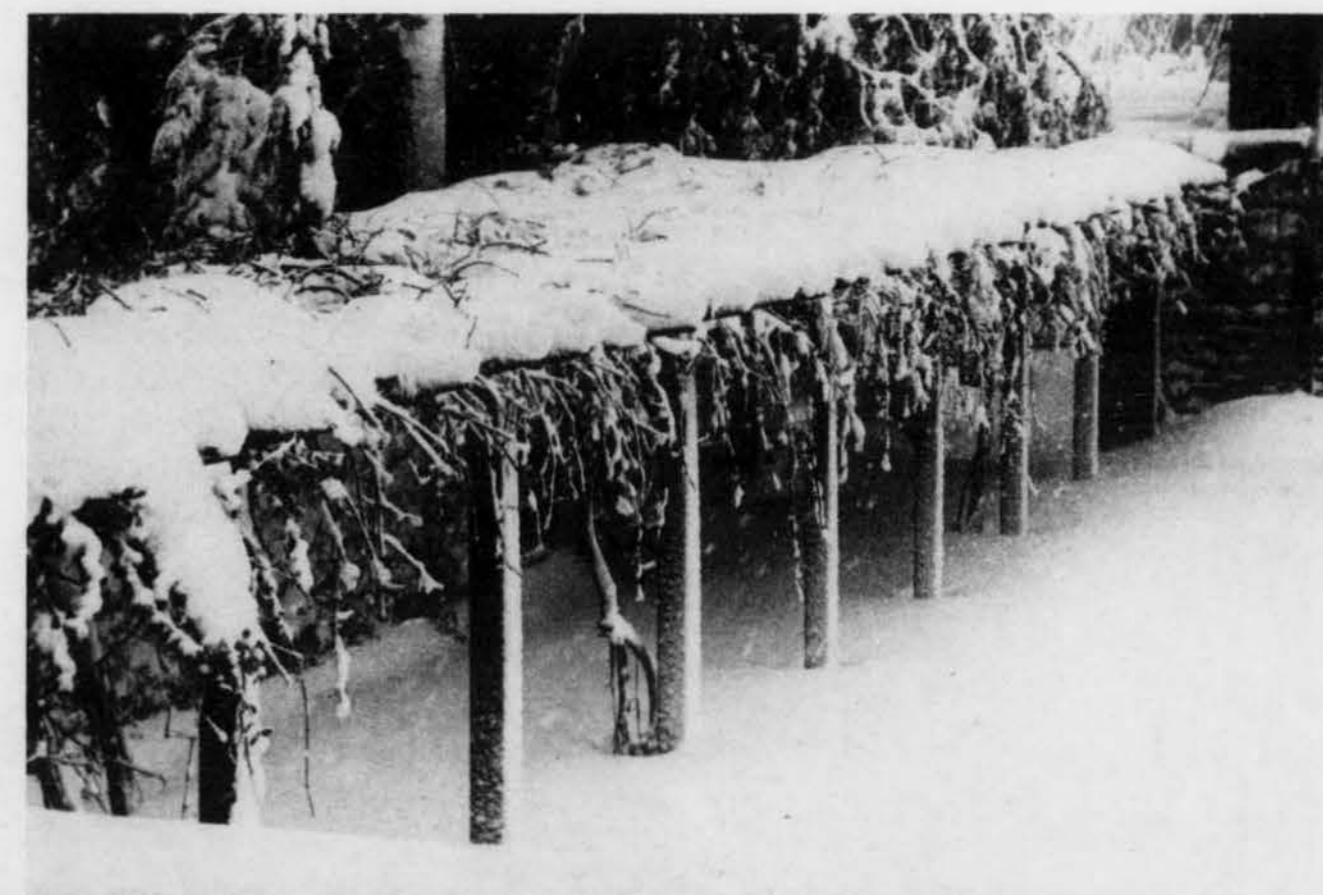


Massachusetts spent \$200,000 per hour to dig out from the storm. WPI's Plant Services worked throughout the weekend to clear the campus of approximately 30 inches of snow. Our Photography Editor was almost plowed under by this particular truck in his valiant efforts to obtain exclusive footage for Newspeak.

B u r i e d ! !



Higgins House looks even more majestic under a blanket of newly-fallen snow.



Many areas of WPI were transformed into wintry landscapes. Oh, and by the way: What the heck is this?

Holiday Greetings



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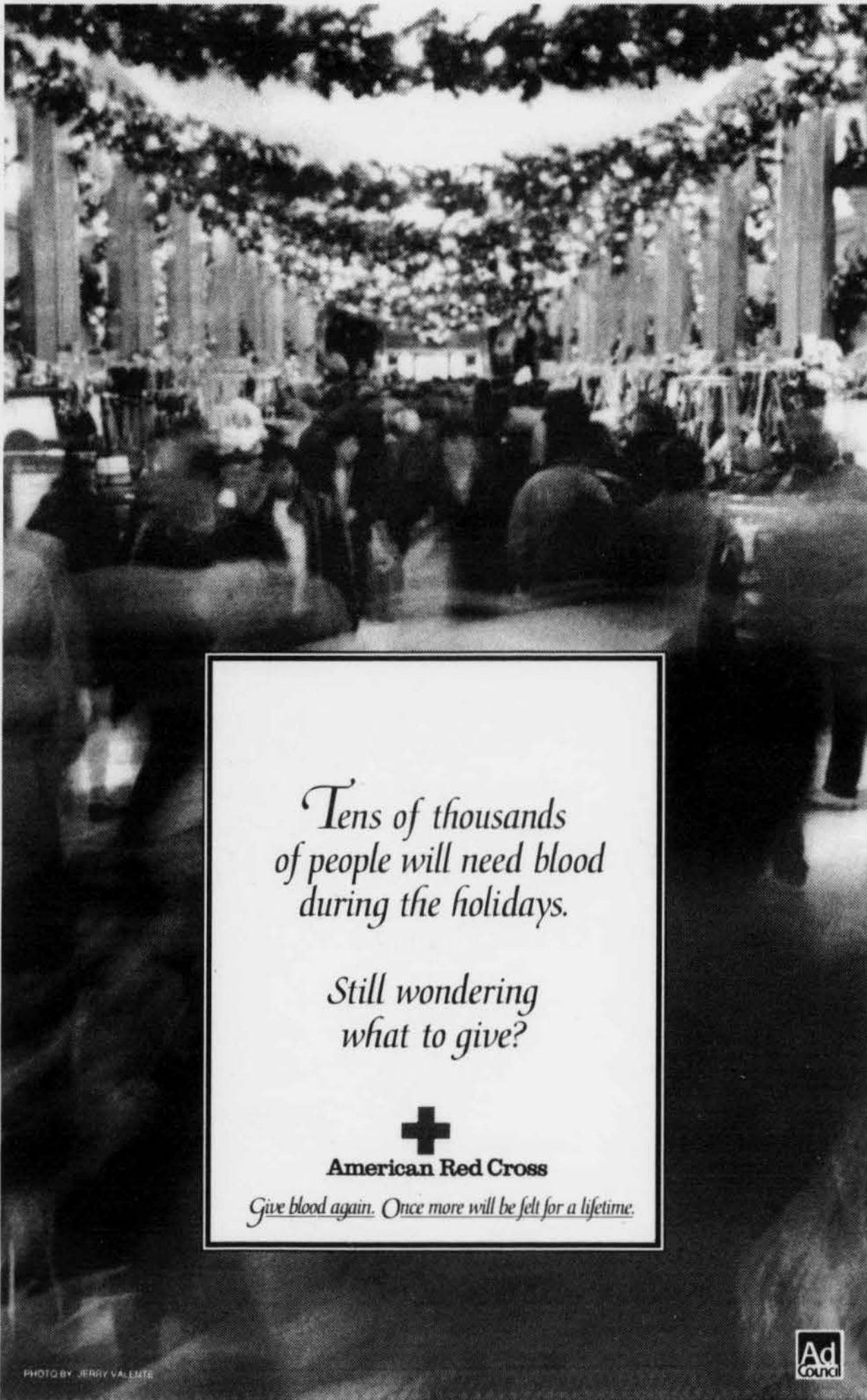
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CLUB CORNER

Alpha Phi Omega

Hi everybody! It's the last week of B term and for some it's the last week. Congratulations to our new brothers! The office looks beautiful. The fellowship 50's-60's-70's party was awesome! Great job everybody! Congratulations to the new group of officers. They are: Sylvia, President; Gundy, SVP; Carol, MVP; Jen K., FVP; Jeff, Treasurer; John Guris, Rec Sec; Shelly, Corresponding Secretary; Dennis Obie, Alumni Secretary; Dan Wright, Historian; John Grossi, Publicity; and Craig as Court Jester. Good luck on exams and have a great holiday break. -Jen K.

Wednesday was the last meeting of the "Stress Club."

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Dave, what's next, basil? pepper? garlic?

Jen K. + Sylvia were stuck in the seventies.

Good luck John Grossi- now you can hijack the club corner as much as you want!

Quote of the week Sylvia- "That is a nice pattern on your ceiling Joe!"

Joe- "Just don't crush

Frank!"

Alpine Ski Team

Hello skiers. Three more days and B-term is finally over. It's time for important matters: snow, camp and the sticks. Get your equipment set up now, before camp. If you need skis DJ has made special deals with Atomic and Marker. This year's Atomic SL & GS boards between \$219 to \$250. Get incredible bargains on Marker bindings. See DJ for more info. Just a couple of weeks until on-snow training starts at our camp at Waterville Valley, NH. Keep up with the conditioning; a full day of skiing at altitude can take a lot out of one. A reminder to all, time trials are the morning of Jan. 9 at Loon. This is very important to anyone who wishes to make the traveling team. Bring enough money for tickets. Those staying from camp please get your \$14 hotel fee into Chap by tomorrow. Good luck to everyone at time trials. Happy Holidays! Hopefully we'll all be recovered and psyched for the start of camp.

Christian Bible Fellowship

Well, here we are in the middle of finals week. I hope that we have all enjoyed this quarter as much as I have. The progressive supper, while wet and cold, was also fun. Thanks to all of you who helped out in the organizing. Our final Prayer and Share of the term will be Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Beckett Conference room of Fuller Labs. Be there for Prayer and fellowship.

Luke 2:10-11: "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'" Once again, Christmas is almost here. There are only 10 shopping days left. However, let's not forget the real meaning of Christmas. It is a wonderful day when we celebrate with family and friends the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We should praise and thank God for sending His one and only son to earth. Let's leave the "Christ" in Christmas.

Global Affairs Party

We are now ready to go to the Harvard National Model United Nations! This year, we had about 25 applications, and 14 delegates were selected. It was very difficult to choose delegates. We put emphasis on three points in selecting them: participation in GAP activities, previous experience and graduation year.

Congratulations to those of you who are selected to HNMUN! Even if you were not selected, you are still welcome to all of the other GAP activities, so please come & join us!

Delegates: Shannon Finley, Kathy Mello, Kei Tsuda, Eric Aldrich, Jesus Beltran, Sayan Ghosh, Manuel Van Oordt, Marie Meier, Maria Dilanco, Carley Abramson, Jamie Calder, Michael Choi, Hidenori Meiseki and Bob O'Malley.

Alternates: Bryan Bordeaux, Robert Enters and Susan Bullock.

Lens and Lights

I think that we need to change our name to AAA Audio so that we can be the first club in club corner. In other major news, we are having a reunion of all the past members of LnL. This major fun time event will be held that last day of school at 6:00pm. Fun activities include viewing a 16mm film in Alden hall, sampling

the 'presidents punch' and conversing with past and current members of LnL. So be there.

In other news, We only got two events for first night. Those members who will be around for first night, please contact the VP about signing up for the events.

Various random quotes: "Techno-Rave-Gerbil-Music" -Dude "Is it supposed to do that?" -Jeremy "I get PE credit for going to basketball games." -Trish "Is that Burt Reynolds?" -Dude "I'm Retiring" -Andrew

Have a good Christmas break from Lens and Lights.

Masque

Congratulations to the cast of FOOLS and RECKLESS. I understand there were many auditions (hooray!). Welcome aboard to all the new faces. The Real Inspector Hound trip was tons of fun! The playwrighting workshop was tons of fun. Ask Erik about his picture pieces. You may get an earful. So now that we move in to the holiday season, there is something that EVERYONE should have on their mind: NEW VOICES 11. If you've written a play, or have always wanted to, now is the time to submit it for possible production in the yearly festival of student drama. Just submit two (2) copies, one with your name and address, one with no identifying information, to Prof. Susan Vick or a Humanities secretary by 5 p.m. on February 1. So, over break, polish up those old scripts, or write down all those ideas brewing in your head, and SUBMIT TO NEW VOICES 11. Well, I hope everyone has a really intense holiday. I know I'm looking forward to going home and playing in the sand. If I don't get thrown in jail, I'll see you all in January. Oh, one last thought of wisdom: "She wasn't worth getting drunk over." -MAMF.

Men's Glee Club

Tree Trimming at Louis' Tuesday (Tonight.) No rehearsal Thursday. Rehearsal Friday 4 p.m. Party Friday night. Leave for New York Saturday morning.

The WPIMGC Christmas Story:

'Twas the night before Christmas
And all over campus,
Not a person was stirrin'
Not even Louis Curran

The tuxedos were hung
In the closets with care
Because in St. Patrick's
We would shortly be there.

The Glee Club was nestled
All snug in their beds,
While lyrics of Te Deum
Played in their heads.

So the tenors and basses
That were asleep in a snap
Had just settled down
For a long winter's nap.

When out on the Quad
There arose such a clatter,
That we sprang from our beds
To see what was the matter.

And what to our wondering
Eyes should appear,
But a bus carrying women
And a big keg of beer.

As their voices got louder
It came to our knowledge,
That without a doubt
It must be Wells College.

So with a laugh and a cheer
The men climbed aboard,
And soon Brian was earning
The Mr. Softy Award.

With a bottle of champagne
We popped off the cork,
And soon left to sing
In downtown New York.

As Allen grabbed the wheel
We all held on tight,
Singing, "Merry Christmas to all,
And to all a good night!"

Newman Club

First, on behalf of all in the Newman club, let me

wish our own five star general of the U.S. Air Force good luck during his top secret mission to Somalia. We're all proud of you! It's the end of the term, and boy, is a lot happening in the Club! Christmas caroling at Belmont Home went very well. If only I could have remembered how "Blue Christmas" went. The unexpected seminar on how to build a successful marriage in one easy step was also a treat. Next, I suppose is the hayride, I wasn't there, but I'm sure everyone had an OK time anyway. Did anything get thrown in the fireplace? Christmas mass was great, in a weird time-warping Club Corner I'm writing this before it happens-but-you're-reading-it-after sort of way. We all missed having the Bishop, though. I almost forgot the retreat (again!). Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date of the retreat has been pushed to January 26. You'll all have to prepare yourselves the way on your own now. Also at the last meeting, the possibility of organizing a weekly prayer group was brought up. Keep your eyes and ears (and hearts) open for more on that as it unfolds. In conclusion, a big hello goes out to Carla (you didn't think I'd forget you, did you?).

Rugby Football Club

Okay I got off my ass in a snowstorm to write a club corner. Here it is. First off, thanks go out to Kuch for a cool meeting on Tuesday! Well elections have come and gone and we have some new officers for the coming spring season.

President: Jesse Johnson

V. President: Craig Sobolesk

Treasurer: Kevin "No Nukes" Weafer :

Match Secretary: Dan O'Donnell

Publicity: J.D. Callahan

Ed Leono

Tim Dean

Phil Roy

Social: Tom O'Neil

and the dumb schmuck who got talked into writing the club corner is me, the sports editor

Well now if anyone is interested in Rugby our practices start in D-term. If you are interested send the usual to Jesse Johnson at box 2205.

Women's Chorale

Awesome job Friday! I bet they never expected that last number. Now that the concerts are all done you can get back to studying just in time for finals.

Yes, that's right...another term is about to end. Hopefully, this one has been kind to you. Good luck with finals and any last projects that may be creeping up on you.

There will not be a bagel day this Thursday. Be sure to remind people that we will be back next term to sell them.

See you after break! Have a nice break, and very HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

WPI Ultimate

Well, friends and fan(s), the WPI Ultimate team officially closed its 1992 fall season with an impressive record of 19-2-0. We owe considerable thanks to our sponsors Gatorade, Oakley and (of course) Nike for their generous contributions without which we would not have been able to attend the Maui Ultimate Classic. We also owe considerable gratitude to our 1992 team president, James Cooke, who involved us so actively in state and regional tournaments throughout the season.

In more recent news, the team met on December 8, 1992 to elect new officers. We are proud to now announce the official results of the election after all votes have been tallied:

President...Rob "Dupe" Dupre

Vice-president...Greg "Glue" Ghosh (incumbent)

Secretary...Shaun "Beak" Heaney

Treasurer...Mark "the Green Monster" Kapeckas

Captains...Tom Schurman and Aldo Longhi

Tossing Captain...Chris "the Uklele" Moeller

After the election, replacement of the team name was discussed; an orb and The Green Monster proved to be very influential. The meeting was adjourned and Glue eagerly opened a session of games volunteering yet once again as the third man.

The team will be recruiting prospective athletes for the 1993 spring season some time during C-term. In the meantime, for anyone interested in becoming a member of this nationally renowned team, contact President Rob Dupre at 798-2519 for preseason information.

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GREEK CORNER

AXP

Well, as the year's end draws near, we'd just like to say to the mighty postulants: keep up the good work! Your chaos was above average, but watch your backs, 'cause the brothers pay back with interest! As for the rest of us, it seems like the dust from last week's party is finally starting to settle. The pre-party has officially been terminated, as Karness ruled that the Scorpion bowls were the last straw. The Brother's Christmas Party was also a blast, so when Softy Claus finally comes to, we'll tell him all about it.

Congrats go out Fran, whose bargain shopping at State for the resident Lush brought home less for more. Speaking of which, be a little more careful the next time you order pizza, Ted. For reliable service, call Leo's pizza - front door delivery guaranteed!

Oreo was more living proof that you don't have to be smart to go to college, as he slept through his own wait-on and then fined himself. He wasn't worried about "munching four", though, as he said that he was still trying to find ways to spend his lottery winnings.

So, D-Phi-E, how was your social? You may have had us by the balls, but we still have you by yours! Besides, if we did have a social with you, you might not have liked to hear what Brother Kmiec had to say.

That's all for 1992. Have a happy holiday season, and don't forget our New Year's Eve party! Well, I'm off to Colony, so if you want a ride, come see me within the next six or seven days.

ATΩ

The Braves lost the World Series, the US is no longer the dominant world force, Punky Brewster is off the air, and I will no longer be writing this article. Alas, all good things must come to an end, nothing is forever (except for Ma's repeating beans!)

Hopefully everyone has washed their underwear by now, because our Christmas formal is tomorrow night. I don't think it will be "dreamy" or anything stupid like that, but I'm sure it will be a great time. I just wish I were working for the Ezo, too; then I would have an excuse for having no date! Bets will now be taken on whether or not Jimmy Lau will hook up with the Christmas tree; odds are currently 2:1.

One Throbbing Unit, remember that. Great job Wednesday night, guys. Keep it up! You guys better start wearing your pins; don't worry, they're not that heavy! Jeff "I'll play for San Jose" Peterson has been named to the All Institute Pond hockey team. An autograph session will be held Sunday afternoon 12 to 2. To you, Ethan, Drew and Richard, just wait, you'll see the Master in action Saturday night. Hey L.B., over Break maybe we can get together; I'll work with you on your jumper! (tee hee!)

Thanks to everyone who helped out selling Christmas trees; it's a lot better than borrowing

them! This Sunday we're wrapping presents for the Salvation Army. The only difference is that this year there won't be any Fiaccio to try and look up the doll's dresses!

FIJI

Sorry, that it has been so long since I wrote a Greek Corner. First things first, congratulations to the twenty men who are now Phi Gam pledges:

Alan Assner, Myles Baker, Paul Cabral, B.G. Chabot, Patrick Cyr, Todd Davis, Brad DeBoer, Scott Ennis, Peter Giorgi, Jeffrey Kijak, Al Maguire, Ian McArthur, A.J. McKoy, Neal O'Driscoll, Matt Pelkey, Brain Raymond, Mike Rice, Michael Rzasa, Mark Simon, Brain Zaleski

Along the same lines, thank you Jiffy and Yany for organizing a great Rush.

Well, bids weekend was great and filled with excitement, Eli knows what I mean, especially, I think everyone does too. Thanks Pete. Congratulations to the Az, for being the first to —.

The bus trip was great too, need I say more! Nice one O'Driscoll, are you a lightweight, or what?!!

Williams you are the ultimate buffoon for your post-bus trip crusades. What were you thinking?

Crispo, "the porn star", made some new friends at the party afterward. By the way Crispo, you did a great job on the sun deck.

Thanks Phi Sig Sig for helping decorate the tree, it looks great.

Finally, a late congratulations goes to the silent tag-team heroes, you know how you are.

ΦΚΘ

Well Brothers, I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party last weekend. The question still remains: "Did Joe get a cuddling partner?" If not, maybe he can borrow Bill's!!

Also, congratulations go out to the new House Council members, and of course, the newly initiated pledges. Try not to screw up.

Thanks to all the Brothers who helped raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. Your efforts were appreciated. Congratulations to the winners:

P. Ormond #456002
H. Linnehan #456205
W. Grogan #456192

We appreciate all the contributions made in helping us reach our goal of \$200. A special thank you goes to Dean Grogan for his generosity in donating his winnings back to the Arthritis Foundation.

Now, for the KAP X-mas List:

Rosco- a 4.0
John- a big brain to fit his big head
Walsh- Super Nintendo
Bill- some peace and quiet
Schultz- some good looks
Chico- a new car and a big wedding
Vinnie- shampoo for Oily hair, or a muffler for his 4th Monte Carlo

Corbs- a dictionary
Murph- a two way lock for the food closet
Bennett- a Barbie Home Gym Set
Joe- The Abdominizer
Fooz- a date w/ K. Millin
Guz- A Guzzu Guzzu Doll
Rapids- my own Country Western Show

In sporting news, "Big Man" Dan "The Energizer Bunny" showed he had a great deal of energy during Thursday night's hockey game vs. Theta Chi. The 5'0" Monster leveled a few of the opposing team members in a dispute over who Santa thought was a better rolly-polly little boy this year.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the KAP Whipped nominees:

1) Joe (STUD) Ht. 5'7" Wt. 140 (Ed note: 275 words guys!)

ΦΣΣ

Bonjour! I hope everyone had fun this weekend with caroling, various parties and formals, and the sister/pledge get together. Pledges - keep up the good work in getting to know sisters. Sisters - get to know the pledges better, they're awesome! Have you pledges learned how to pull raids yet??

Thanks to the faculty who attended the faculty social last week. Also thanks TKE for your hospitality. The event was fun for all.

I hope everyone got what they wanted at the Secret Santa party. Get psyched for the holidays, they're just around the corner. Three days until break!!!

Congrats to the college bowl team who, under awesome guidance from Senya and Paula, almost (and should have) made it to the finals. You'll definitely make it next year.

In the personals, special hellos to Amy C., Julie M., and Polly. Thanks Heidi W. for the Secret Santa gift. J.R. - they're (men) all slime so don't worry. Sue F. - I hope your knee is feeling better. We miss you at aerobics. Thanks again Julie, Jeanette, and Annette. So Julie, did your date ever get naked? Or did you hide all the cans when you Sigma Pi-proofed the apartment? (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

Anyway, on a nicer note, "There's nothing as nice as someone who shares

Your laughter and secrets, your wishes and cares

Some who's there through your good times and tears

Who stays by your side as your Phi SigSig sister

through the years."

Happy holidays everyone! LITP

ΣΑΕ

Hope everyone recovered from Christmas caroling. Anyway, good job to the pledges on the tree and the presents. Except for forgetting the one person they see every day: Dave "nice glasses" Crowell. Thanks to the AGD pledges, too, for helping decorate the wonderful tree. That was nice, and we appreciate it. Anyway, did you see that swan dive that got a score of 10 by Frank "the Italian Stallion" Riccardi? Nice Hickey! George, remember Santa Claus only comes once a year. So does his elf! Well, hope everyone had a good time at the annual orphan Christmas party. Thanks Phi Sig Sig for helping out. Anyway, it's only the beginning, so keep up the good

work. Five apples!

TKE

It's amazing what people can end up discussing while watching The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Some topics included birds and cows, trees with big strong branches, cliffs, and the ever popular sex. Various degrees of hypothermia were experienced, and we only had to amputate Hector's toes.

Thanks to all of Santa's little helpers who decorated the house while we were away, and for making all that nice hot chocolate to warm us up.

Hey new members, nice raid- I think I know how Genghis never sleeps- he likes all the bribes. So how about our chairs back; no really, we like standing for our meals. Where the hell did all that shaving cream come from...Zippo?

The faculty Christmas party with Phi Sig Sig was a success Thursday, but these Christmas songs are driving me batty!

"I survived the Kenmore Diner Fork Massacre"

Hey Rob, have fun a Regis last weekend? So what if your date doesn't like you taunting her friends! Rich, how much did that piece of crap Sega cost you, anyway? Oh yeah, by the way, how many people are still working at Sequoia? Sign up for beercom!

GFY, featuring two of the surviving members of Apothecary, makes it's first public appearance tonight (Friday.) Christmas party tomorrow night! Let's ride the wave out of this place; 3 days left! Milk your month-long break for all it's worth!

ΘΧ

Ahh, Yeah...Well, 'tis the season to be jolly, so let's see what we can do to make your Tuesday all that much more jovial. I could start with that old story about the seven boys and three reindeer, but you've heard that one before. Let's see what I have in my literary toy bag. Ahh, this looks like a good one. So, just sit back, relax, and think of good thoughts while I tell the tale of The Christmas That Never Came (no pun intended) as seen through our hero C. Menard (we will call him George for simplicity.)

It was a dark and snowy night, and George was all by himself. No friends, no family, not even spice (the cable was out) and just a six pack for his entertainment. George drank the six pack and decided he needed to find a friend. After searching the house, he finally found a female friend who was more than friendly. They proceeded to follow their instincts until she felt the need to leave the premises with no notice. She left with garments in hand and was never seen again. To this day, George will not leave his room, look at girls or talk to reporters. It appears the curse of Z and O-man has returned. The moral of this story is: "Georgy Porgie pudding pie, blanked the girls and made them cry. When the girls ran away, Georgy Porgie stated he's gay."

Apologies are extended to Heather for remarks that were in no way directed to her but were still suspect in nature...Merry Christmas to all...Until next year, PeaceGP1.

ZΨ

Well, I guess I have to thank Spirit for taking a break from "Bane of the Cosmic Forge" so I can write this article. I almost forgot I had a computer until he quit the game.

Anyway, congratulations to Woog, Steve, George, and Andy for cleaning house in the College Bowl. Truly a job well done. See you in the big leagues.

This year it seems the pledge class, being ambitious as they are, won't settle for one plain and simple Christmas Tree. Instead we must have the Zeta Psi Christmas Forest. Could this be the product of poor organizational skills or was someone just listening to Lucas again? Who knows...but where are we going to get ornaments to feed a forest.

Also, I would like to thank Phi Sig Sig for the social last Saturday, and the pledge class for making it possible. On that note, I would also like to thank the fact that none of the rooms in our house are flooding with chippies. It was aninteresting idea but weak in some points. (Chippies!?!?) For those of you who don't know what a chippy is —Don't ask. It'll take seconds to explain, years to argue about.

Best of luck on finals, have a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year. I'll see you all next semester. But as Confucius remarked, "The cautious seldom err."



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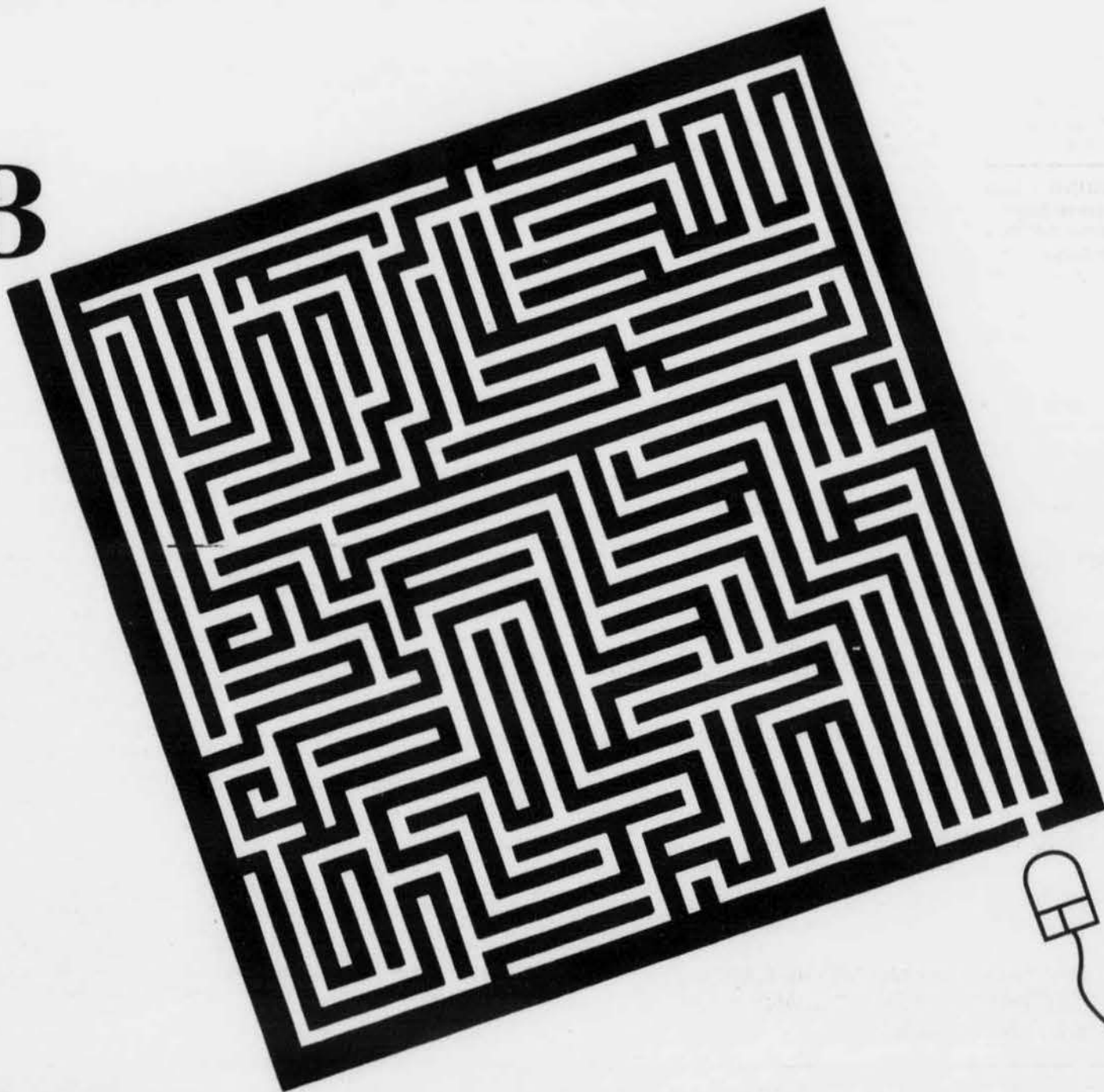
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So, Cajun man, what is your favorite biology course?...

Well, B-term is almost over. I would like to thank the staff of NEWSPEAK for hiring me this

term as the typist to replace Dennis Obie. The extra cash was great, and the work was pretty fun, too. Thanks for putting up with whatever screw-ups I might have made!! If Dennis goes away again and you need a replacement, look me up!! -GRW

Has anyone heard "The Lumberjack song?"...

...BB4050...

...No, no, not the Monty Python version, but the one with a chain saw solo?...

Matt S., good luck at Fitchburg (You'll be back for the Holy Cross show in May, right?)- GRW

How could we possibly have gone all the way to Framingham and ended up at Denny's? I suppose it just proves the theory that Denny's is not a place you go to but a place you end up

Newspeak will run classifieds free for all WPI students, faculty, and staff. Free classifieds are limited to six (6) lines. Ads of a commercial nature and ads longer than six lines must be paid for at the off campus/commercial rate of \$5.00 for the first six lines and 50 cents per additional line. Classified ads must be paid for in advance. No information which, in the opinion of the Newspeak editors, would identify an individual to the community will be printed in a personal ad. The editors reserve the right to refuse any ad deemed to be in bad taste or many ads from one group or individual on one subject. The deadline for ads is noon on the Friday before publication. All classified ads must be on individual sheets of paper and must be accompanied by the writer's name, address and phone number.

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...We should call that chain saw player Eddie Van Chainsawlen.

Every day should be cotton candy day!!

So there he was, knee deep in cotton candy.

Anybody who is interested in sending a video work to a cable TV network in NYC should contact Hidenori, Box 2922.

Join Lambda Nu Lambda a.k.a. L'NL. (or is it Lambda Alpha Lambda, Lens and Lights???)

...Fermentation.

Aaron, I couldn't think of any more L'N Elevator-like quotes...

Congrats to the new editors

Worcester?! NOT!

I wish that our columnist would find a Mac game so he wouldn't start his articles the same way, week after week after week...

That's the news, folks, and we...are.....OUTTA HERE! Thanks to everyone that lent their support, guidance and encouragement. Especially to Chris, Janet, and Bernie of Student Affairs, and to the rest of the Newspeak Staff. We couldn't have done it without you. — Ray and Joe.

Coffeehouse Committee presents...

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Kwanzaa Celebration

by The Black Student Union (formerly the African American Cultural Society)

We, the Black Student Union of WPI, cordially invite the WPI community to celebrate Kwanzaa with us. Kwanzaa, meaning "first fruits of the harvest," is observed December 26 to January 1 and is a time to reflect, appreciate and practice the values which help us in our lives and struggles against many forms of oppression.

The seven fundamental principles of Kwanzaa are called Nguzo Saga. They are: Umoja (unity)- to strive and maintain, with members of a family, community, nation and race, peace and harmony with each other. Kujichagulia (Self-determination)- to open opportunities to name, define and

speak for ourselves as well as to create and make our own decisions instead of being named, defined, created and spoken for and have decisions made for us by others. Ujamaa (Collective Work and Responsibility)- to build and maintain our community with everyone working together, and to make our sister's and brother's problems ours so we can solve them together so everyone survives. Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)- to build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to share the profits from them. Nai (Purpose)- to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our communities and in doing so, restore our people to their traditional greatness before the Europeans invaded and destroyed Africa. Kuumba (Creativity)- to always do as much as we can to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited. Imani (Faith)- to believe with all our heart in people, our parents, our children, our teachers, our leaders and in the righteousness and the victory of our struggle for freedom from oppression.

We hope that this short explanation of our cultural holiday will enlighten WPI on the aspirations, values and practices of Black people not only in America but also abroad. If anyone in the WPI community has any questions, feel free to place them in our club box and we will give a reply as soon as possible. Thank you and Happy Kwanzaa.



What's Happening

Tuesday, Dec. 15

8 p.m. Worcester State College- Holiday Concert, WSC Choral, Chorus and Jazz Band. Administration Theatre. \$2 students, \$3 gen. adm. 793-8000 X8604

Wednesday, Dec. 16

8 p.m. Video- "Bugsy" Gompei's. Free!

Thursday, Dec. 17

6:30-8:30 p.m. Quinsigamond Community College- Latino Film Night, 2 films, one for children, one for adults. Student lounge in basement of Administration building. 853-2300 X376

Friday, Dec. 18

LAST DAY OF B-TERM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Merry Christmas!

Diversity at WPI

A group of students has come together in recent weeks in order to determine ways of promoting and celebrating diversity at WPI.

This group consists of members of many different organizations, and is still in the formative stages and developing a "plan of action" for next semester.

The group has received monetary commitments from several offices on campus in order to help promote or run programs. The current idea is to pull together as many people in as many different constituencies on campus and support the many and varied diversity initiatives already being planned in C and D terms. Plans also include a poster to publicize and bring awareness to many of these programs, and possibly planning a program of our own.

We are still looking for as many people as are interested to join us, contribute their input and make this student initiative fly. If you have an interest in promoting diversity (including male/female, race, sexual orientation, cultural, etc.), or are fed up with the WPI community's general lack of appreciation for it, contact Greg Morse (gmorse@wpi) or Ray Bert (joke@wpi), or simply show up at our next meeting, scheduled for 12:00 noon Wednesday, December 16th in Forkey Conference Room in Harrington. (to get there: enter the front doors, take a left and then a right UNDER the bleachers and follow the corridor).
Hope to see you there!

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WPI Pub Committee presents...

WPI Indie Fest

The Pub Committee wishes to start a new tradition, in which musicians and audience members coexist in a cooperative environment. In this setting, competition takes a back seat to the desire of all individuals to have fun and listen to live music. Thus, the "Battle of the Bands" has evolved into the WPI Indie Fest, where a night of fun can be found by all. If you are in a band, a single musician, or just want to participate in some way with our festival please return this notice to box #2957 by January 20th.

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