

Tech Bands Battle

by Michael Barone and Bob Vezis

The second annual Battle of the Bands was a smashing success. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially those having an inebriation fest in the balcony. We'll start by giving the highlights of each band and of the night, and then we'll finish with the results and post show interviews.

But first we'd like to acknowledge the excellent job of Social Committee and of Lens and Lights lighting. It should be stated that on Friday Night the sound mixing was less than superior, but on Saturday night L&L's previous experience showed. L&L's indefatigable effort of over forty-eight hours of setup and takedown must be highly commended. And now for the highlights.

Friday night was off to a great start with vulgar and amusing jokes, comebacks and cutdowns from comedian and emcee Mike McDonald. McDonald entertained the standing-room-only crowd through intermissions by hassling hecklers (specifically someone named "Eddy") and making a certain fraternity the butt of his jokes. Although the hecklers threatened to damage his routine, he wasn't worried. He later commented "these guys aren't hecklers, because hecklers can at least formulate words." McDonald began the show by announcing the first band, Recreation Area.

Recreation Area began the show with their version of "The Television Man" by the Talking Heads. Their three middle songs were all originals. Their penultimate performance was "It's a Wonderful Life," which brought them deserved applause from the audience.

Premature showed the most raw talent. They played songs such as "Johnny Be Good," "Jenny, Jenny," "Good Love," and "Shak'in". Premature, which was formed last Wednesday, was indeed premature.

Fields Ericson's first two songs, which were originals, were their best. This showed a great deal of talent. The keyboard, at times, tended to drown out the other instruments. However, the crowd enjoyed listening to this band.

Aslaam thrilled much of the crowd with songs like Twenty-Four Hours a Day, and Sixty-eight Guns, and original tunes like Years Later. Even though the mixing tended to distort their overall effect, we would like to hear a recorded version of their music.

Club Aqua was an all instrumental Jazz band. They played their own type of music which they called Jazz-Bass. Their totally non-vocal instrumental music featured such instruments as the clarinet and the saxophone. Talented was an appropriate word to use when describing this band.

The Atomic Elevators came on strong by playing two very energetic songs, bringing the crowd to its feet. The momentum died with their third song, but it was rekindled by one of the best original songs of the evening, "I want to be a Young Professional."

Farnum Street proved to be the most professional and experienced band of the evening. They put on a show. The crowd was literally dancing in the aisles. They played songs such as "China Grove," "Johnny Be Good," and one of the best original songs of the evening, "5 to 1 Ratio Blues."

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Tony Erwin helps give his band, Club Aqua, a prize winning performance on Friday Night.

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Leading Farnum Street to second place is Tom McCormick

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ME Department Proposes 15-Unit Rule

The Mechanical Engineering Department has submitted the following proposal to the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) for consideration. If approved (or passed without prejudice) by CAP, each ME major would have to complete 15 Units of course/project work to graduate. Presently 14 units are required.

If students have any questions or comments about this proposal, they are urged to contact Chrys Demetry, Academic Committee Chairperson, WPI box 2440. See Proposal Page 9

Students "Vociferous" in their Opposition to WPI Name Change

The WPI name-change subset of the Enrollment Task Force met December 9th to discuss the possibility of changing the name of the institute. Though the committee did not officially propose any new names, it is apparent that WPI will not remain unchanged forever. The text of a summary memorandum sent by William R. Grogan, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, to the committee members, is as follows: [Please note that this is not an official statement of policy, but a summary of what occurred during the discussions.]

From: William R. Grogan
To: WPI Name-Change Subset of Enrollment Task Force
Re: Meeting of December 9, 1986

All the members of the subset of the enrollment task force requested by President Jon Strauss to look into the WPI name change recommendation met in Boynton Hall on December 9, 1986. Present were: Pete Horstmann (Trustee), Paul Davis (Faculty), Kevin Szeredy (Student), Hank Allesio (Alumnus), and Bill Grogan (Administration). These notes summarize the discussion that took place.

1. A variety of names were discussed at length and it was concluded that no better name that could be reasonably justified was readily apparent.

2. No constituency was pushing for a name change for the sake of a change. Quite to the contrary, Kevin reported that the matter was discussed in student government and that the students were both unanimous and vociferous in their opposition to the idea.

3. The idea of incorporating the word

"University" has some appeal, but it was felt that a name change should reflect substantive change in the organization of the college and, while it was appropriate to describe WPI as a "technological university" we were not justified in formally changing the name at this time.

4. Rather than consider a formal change of name at this time, the Committee did arrive at several recommendations to address the problems our present use of the name presents:

a) The committee unanimously recommends that the use of the title "Worcester Tech" be actively suppressed in all material coming from the College. The sports information area and such minor but highly visible items as T shirts and car stickers need specific attention here. It is strongly felt that a city name and "Tech", like Springfield Tech, is so strongly identified with voke-tech high schools that that identification should be eliminated.

b) Consistent and prominent use of the logo "WPI" is strongly recommended as a primary short-name identifier.

c) To open thinking about a future name change and better identify ourselves now, where appropriate on letter heads, cover pages of material and similar material a tag line be added under the full name or logo:
A Technological University
Founded 1865

5. The committee recommends to its constituent representatives that the concept of a possible future name change be opened in casual discussions since it is evident that even approaching the idea will take some time to avoid intense negative reaction.

Executive Council to Create Vice President's Position

by Mark Osborne
News/Features Editor

To ease the burden on the president of student government (presently Kevin Szeredy), the executive council has voted to add the position of Vice President of student government to the membership of the executive council. This action requires a 2/3 majority vote of the WPI student body, so that the proposed changes can be integrated into the Constitution and Bylaws. The voting will take place on Friday, February 6th, from 10 am to 4 pm in Daniels hall. If the proposal passes, the vice president's position will be filled through the normal electoral process for student body elections in C-term.

The rationale for the change, according to Szeredy, is so that the work which is presently done by the president alone could be distributed among more than one person. As it stands now, the president of student government must be a member of several committees (Student Activities Board, Presidential Board of Appeals, and all standing committees of the executive council).

The vice-president, under the proposed changes, will have the following duties: (to be Section C of the Executive Council of the Student Government Bylaws)

1. The vice-president shall represent the student government as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Student Activities Board.

2. The vice-president shall assist the president in all of his/her duties.

3. The vice-president shall act as the chairperson of the executive council in the absence of the president, and shall become president in the case of his/her permanent absence.

4. The vice-president shall oversee all task committees as formed by the executive council.

5. The vice-president shall represent the student government in all matters as seen fit by the president and/or executive council.

Additional changes are also being proposed to the student body constitution. These stem from possible problems which might result from executive council members representing more than one organization (effectively having more than one vote). The

proposed amendments would eliminate this possibility.

Amended to Article IV, Section C (meetings) will be [if passed]:

6. If any member of the Executive Council is unable to attend a Student Government meeting, he/she is responsible for sending a proxy to represent his/her constituency to report their actions unless otherwise excused. A proxy is defined as a temporary representative for any Executive Council member, and must be a full-time member of the organization that he/she is representing.

7. Any voting executive council member presently in office cannot proxy for another Executive council member.

8. In the event that a vote is to be held by the executive council, any proxy in attendance must present to the president or secretary of the student government a signed statement from the executive council member being replaced, authorizing the proxy to vote. This statement is to be presented to the president or secretary prior to the meeting.

Other minor Bylaws changes proposed include removing the responsibility of the executive council president for being an ex-officio member of the Student Activities Board (this would then fall under the jurisdiction of the vice-president).

Added to Section B (Powers and Duties of the President) will be three responsibilities which up to now were not in the Bylaws:

8. The president shall represent the student body in all affairs needing student representation.

9. The president shall serve as a member of the presidential board of appeals serving as secretary, keeping records and informing principals of hearings.

10. The president shall work closely with the vice president and secretary in performing all actions of the student government.

Also, the qualifications (Section E of the Bylaws) for election of the president will be changed from requiring being "enrolled in classes" to "registered for coursework" for

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS

Engineering Careers: Are They a Sure Bet?

What has happened to that once prosperous notion of becoming an engineer. Many WPI students are looking forward to that 30g salary upon graduation. Present trends indicate a lesser need for engineers in the United States despite recent record breaking employment in this country.

Both the Cooperative Education program and the Office of Graduate and Career Plans (OGCP) acknowledge this downturn in the market and are pledging their best for WPI's graduates. Many of us may still face the concept of alternative employment.

William Trask in a recent letter to WPI job seekers asked, "are we in one of the job cycle turn downs?" This question can be looked upon in terms of where the U.S. is headed as a whole. Amid merger-mania many cutbacks, such as the recent ones at General Motors, are being made to increase profits and reduce waste. As a result engineering jobs in major corporations are being lost.

Yet record-breaking employment rates show that new jobs are being created in other areas.

The United States is continuing to grow as an information and service oriented society. The birth of the personal computer and the growth of services such as fast food, 24 hour stores, travel agencies and retail stores have shown that these and other similar businesses are booming.

Is America leaving behind the image of an industrial nation and moving on to a new trend? Japan, Taiwan, and other foreign countries have seemed to undercut the United States in the industrial sector. Maybe this is where the U.S. is headed.

All engineers however needn't be afraid of their jobs. The defense industry and high technology are here to stay. Only the best engineers will be chosen.

OGCP will be having two open sessions in Kinnicutt Hall tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. entitled "Jobs - Alternatives." This may be an important meeting for all WPI students to attend.

WPI Should Be On the Air

I have one question, why don't we have a radio station here on campus? Oh yes, I know about the short wave or (HAM) radio operators that we have on campus. But why don't we have our own F.M. station? I'm aware that the upstart of such an operation would be quite costly, but surely WPI could scrape up some funds somehow. After all WPI is not the poorest Institute, by far. I realize we are here for academic reasons, after all that is how WPI built its reputation, on producing well trained graduates. As everyone must agree the major portion of WPI's funding should be dedicated to educating its student body. However wouldn't a radio station be just as educating. Also may other fine institutions have radio stations, such as Stonehill College in Easton, MA, and Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, and many others.

Many benefits could be reaped from such a project. And there are many possible uses other than just music for a radio station. Air time can be sold to local merchants for the purpose of advertising their establishments. It could be used for announcements of upcoming events, we all know that the present system(s) do not work as well as we would like (out of 2700 students how many read the billboards?). Word of mouth seems to work a little better than billing an announcement. And since the campus is spread out someone has determined that it would be too difficult to string up an intercom system to make announcements. Oh sure we have the WPI TV

to convey messages, but who gets it in their dorm room?? Then again who would want to? I'm not knocking the TV station, but it is more convenient for many students to hear (which the TV lacks, sound) than to watch announcements. Also where are the plugs to turn the TVs on and off with, I've never found one! There are also limited places where these TV sets can be found, everyone I know owns an AM/FM radio!

On a radio station talk shows can be hosted with call-ins. This could get more than just the talk show's host involved. Trivia games can be held between different on campus organizations leading to championship battles. Shows involving different committees, faculty, and even students can be held. As opposed to responding to columns in *Newspeak*, which, to no fault of the paper, takes a long time to yield results, and then you are not guaranteed to get your article either answered or put in *Newspeak*. A radio station would over all yield much better results.

These are only some of the possibilities that I alone could come up with. I'm no mastermind and I don't know how I can get one started but it was only an idea that I had. Hopefully there are other students who feel as I do. All I know is that it would be a great thing to have at WPI. And I'm sure there would be no problem finding D.J.s. After all, who doesn't want to be heard?

W. Hermenau '90

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ANOTHER VIEW

In response to Mr. Glaser and Mr. Webler's naive view on the Militarization of WPI (*Newspeak* 1/27/87), I would like to set the record straight on a few accounts.

In the first place, I believe the view that the WPI community condones militarism is all too a simplistic point of view. The existence of a multi-service Reserve Officers Training Program (ROTC) has nothing to do with the attitudes of the school but is rather a program by which college students voluntarily choose to pursue a commission in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps. ROTC has been part of the Worcester Consortium for a long time thru both the Cold War and Detente. Participation in ROTC is a voluntary choice made by the individual, a choice just like the freedom of speech each of us has to voice our opinions that has been protected to this day by the millions of U.S. servicemen who have served this great nation in peacetime and in time of war.

The fact that OGCP "encourages on-campus recruiting for defense industries" is another part of the paranoia that these two authors seem to suffer from. Does the fact that companies that do business in South Africa recruit here at WPI mean that WPI condones apartheid. OF COURSE NOT! Seniors can choose to interview with whichever companies they choose to and if they find defense-related work distasteful, they can opt not to seek employment with these firms. In fact, OGCP would be remiss if they did not present all the employment opportunities available to WPI graduates, defense-related or not.

There is no doubt that US-Soviet relations have become noticeably colder in the past 4-5 years. However, I would remind Mr. Glaser and Mr. Weber that international relations is a two-way street. Some of the issues that the US finds "disagreeable" are issues like human rights violations and blatant efforts

to destabilize nations thru armed insurgency. I am not trying to justify US foreign policy for in some cases it is all too righteous and simplistic. However, scapegoating as you two put it, is exactly what your article is doing. I would suggest that you take a look at the other side of the Iron Curtain and then maybe you will realize that there must be constructive dialogue on all issues, not merely on selected topics like SDI, for there to be progress made in improving EAST-WEST relations.

The statement that "in it's (the Cold War) encouragement of the unquestioning resort to military force" suggests that the US exercises it's foreign policy only thru military means. Apparently, you two have never heard of the State Department or Secretary of State, George Schultz. Any administration has many elements of national power at it's disposal; economic, diplomatic, technological, and military. It is only after all other avenues have been investigated or in specific instances do planners consider military action. Casting the military as the bad guys is neither accurate nor fair.

The point in responding to the article by Mr. Glaser and Mr. Weber is to point out that WPI is a university where opinions may exist. One must be very careful in presenting them lest these opinions become too simplistic in any sense as the authors seem to believe. There is no animosity towards the USSR or any regime for that matter. WPI students have a curious habit of being apolitical due in part to the focused nature of their studies. There are however those of us out there who are informed and find your article extremely misinformed and blatantly naive. I just figured you two would like to know.

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COMMENTARY

My View from the Fourth Estate

Braving the Snowy Roads

by Joshua Smith

As I reach the parking lot, I look around to see if my car is still there; and if it is, where I might have parked it. I walk around the huge piles of snow, each of which may or may not have a car hidden underneath; finally I spot the gleam of chrome under the early morning sun — probably the only redeeming feature my luggage rack has to offer. Yesterday's dump of snow was followed by a light New England rain, and the shell around my car is solid as granite. I punch my hand through where I think the door handle might be, and after a few attempts, clear the snow away from the lock. The key turns easily and I manage to pull the door open. My car always starts during this kind of weather, and while I let it warm up, I pull the ice scraper from behind the seat and go to work.

My stomach is grumbling and I realize that once again I left without eating breakfast. I notice how similar my car's condition is to that of a hard-boiled egg, and I decide the best way to get at the yolk is to peel off the shell. My ice scraper is about two feet long with a snow brush on one end and a blade on the other. I lift it like an axe and hack right down the middle of what I think is the hood of my car. To my surprise, the techni-

que works. After a few more well-placed shots I find that I can lift the shell and the white off simultaneously and in a few minutes my car is emancipated.

A huge tractor has plowed a passage which would make escape from the lot simple, except that the tractor is parked right in the middle of it. My car is warm inside, and I would be content to just sit here and wait for him to move; but the minutes I normally set aside for travel up to school have already been spent. So I use all my Michigan-born skill to plow my own path to the lot's other exit. I maneuver my car so that I can drive straight out the exit, and then get out of my car to plan my next step. The city has completed its plowing and most of the snow from the surrounding blocks seems to have been deposited immediately in front of me. The snow is light and powdery, though, so it shouldn't be too much of a problem. I put my car into second (for some reason, my wheels can always get traction if I start my car in second), and I ram the mountain. A little tug on my emergency brake swings my back end out onto the street, and I congratulate myself for my brilliant assault plan.

The street is one way, heading away from school, but I plan a route which shouldn't be too terrible, and I head out. I make it to

school without incident, and face the challenge of parking. There is no place available on West Street, the parking area of choice for most students, so I decide to check Dean Street, around the block. Dean Street has apparently been plowed only by traffic, there are two tracks running down the middle of the road about one car width apart — tire tracks. Driving on Dean Street reminds me of the amusement park I used to frequent as a child. There were these "Antique Cars," which had small engines and an On-Off switch as the accelerator. A child could "drive" these cars around a track with limited freedom, but there was a rail affixed to the pavement which would somehow take the wheel if the driver got too adventurous. That's what it's like to drive on Dean Street.

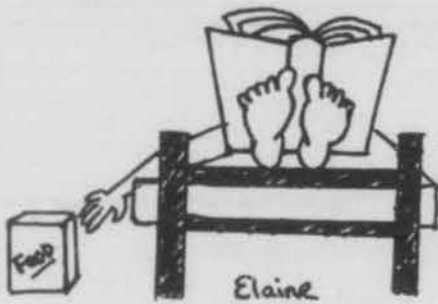
After travelling about a hundred, and then backing up a hundred feet to let another traveller by, I decide that I should just park illegally in a "sticker only" parking lot. I figure that it is far too cold for the police to come out ticketing, and besides, I'll only be there a half hour. My clock reads 8:20. A campus police car follows me into the lot. Damn. I casually drive out the other exit. "How important is this eight O'clock class?" I ask myself. "Important enough," I suppose.

Resolute on making it to class, I make another pass down West Street. Voila! A space. I first try to use the standard, driver's ed approach to parallel parking. No luck. The only way to get into this spot is to exactly follow the path of the person who must have just left it. I do so, and consider myself victorious.

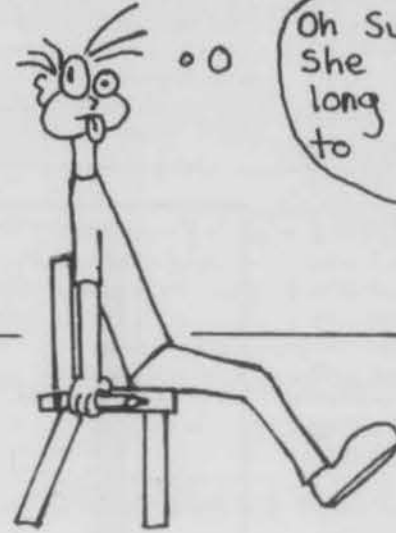
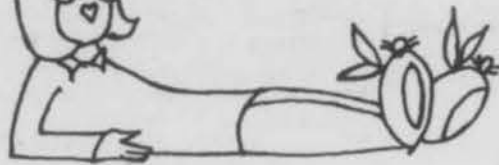
I get out of the car and walk slowly to class: when you're this late, a minute or two doesn't make much difference. The disparity between Midwestern road care and that of New England comes to my mind as I walk. In Michigan, the county salts the roads before snow storms, and plows during them. In contrast, New England road care seems to entail as little plowing as possible, no salt, and execution only when county workers can be paid normal hourly wages. This slightly different technique makes an amazing difference in the long run. Because of yesterday's storm, New England roads are going to be icy for the next month; and the side streets are all going to suffer from "antique car syndrome."

I breathe a sigh of relief when I find I am one of about ten people who made it to class today. They probably all live in the dorms.

Borderline By Us



Hey guys!
Let's take a
study-break.
Ice cream on me!



Oh Sure. But I bet
she won't lie still
long enough for us
to eat it.



Any resemblance to puns living or dead is purely coincidental.

Cynic's Corner

... on Myths

by Drew Ferreira
Newspeak staff

Yes, it has been a long time since I last wrote, but please pardon me as I have been living such a boring life that nothing of note has happened. I do not mean to imply that something worth writing about has happened to me. I still live a dull placid life. What happened was my friend Julie has threatened to kill me if I didn't write this week.

So here I am, forced to choose between

spending an hour in front of a terminal on Saturday morning composing a series of concatenated English words called sentences which, in theory, revolve about a central theme, or to die. I opt for the former. So Julie, this article is for you. For those of you who don't know Julie, she's a Junior Math major and she sits next to me in Engineering Mathematics. She's a Libra who enjoys taking partial derivatives but her goal in life is to be a poet at the Coffee Kingdom.

Ever read Lord of the Flies? Its a book about a bunch of kids who get shipwrecked on a deserted island with no adults. The book depicts how the kids become corrupt and blood thirsty animals. I often wondered what would happen if you had a similar situation where a bunch of infants are on an island and through some bizarre set of events, they survive to puberty and such. I would like to take these kids and place them in a building with a lot of other people and ask some fundamental questions of behavior. Walking through the halls, would they keep to the right? Is this a trained pattern or perhaps we all have a "keep-to-the-right-in-halls" gene. This phenomena is not closed to the United States. One of my roommates, who spent a year in Switzerland, assures me that the same thing happens in Europe. People keep to the right. This is too universal of an occurrence for it to be mere chance.

If we put silverware before them, how would they treat it? Take the fork for example: would they grasp it in a clenched fist and jab at their food or would they balance it delicately in their hand. What about when they had to cut something? Do they exchange the fork for the knife and using the fork in the left hand immobilize the food while the right hand performs the sawing action or do they gnaw off a good chunk and swallow?

I have stayed up late at night pondering these questions. I am surprised that the likes of Darwin and B.F. Skinner have not stated these questions already. With answers to these questions I think we could learn a lot more about ourselves. As a public service, this week I will be dispelling a few of the myths of mathematics. I hope you all will cut this out and put it in your wallet for easy reference.

Myth of Directly Proportional Wheel Spinning. With all of this snow about, people have had to face slippery hills. For a lot

of people the only conceivable way of getting a car up a steep incline is to depress the accelerator until you run out of gas. This response is based on the false assumption that a wheel spinning twice as fast as another has twice the probability of finding something to grab on to. Life doesn't work that way. Everyone knows the more energy you put into a system, the less you get out.

Myth of Punting will Allow You to Spend More Time on Your Other Classes. The scenario may be familiar. You are borderline in two classes and the third is lost. You drop the third knowing that the extra time will allow you to pass the first two. Classes are very similar to gases (they even rhyme). No matter what size container you have gases will occupy the entire vessel. Similarly, one class takes as much time as two classes which takes as much time as three classes. Also, the more gas you have in a vessel, the higher the pressure. Likewise, pressure builds with more classes. So punting a class will not free up time, but it will relieve pressure.

Myth of Uselessness of Calculus and Other Math Courses. Every person asks "But what am I going to use it for?" in reference to a math course. Besides such a question being grammatically incorrect, since our very existence depends on Mathematics, it is silly to answer it. In addition you ask this question about many things in your life; that knitted gift your Aunt Mary gave you at Christmas "But what am I going to use it for?"; a snow blower owned by an Floridian "But what am I going to use it for?"; and prepubescent child in reference to his/her genitalia "But what am I going to use it for?"

Myth of Continuity in Articles. In mathematics, to prove a statement is false, you merely have to show one counterexample. I think this particular article would suffice as a counterexample to this myth.

Boo-bü the Stick Figure by Brian Freeman

A story so far... The quest is renewed and all roads are scoured for clues of the Elictaeb; from the Plains of Kilemenjaro, through a waiting glass, and into an independent insurance salesmen's convention. Nothing is left unscrutinized. But Boo-bü is left as clueless as the President's State of the Union Address.



So Boo-bü goes back to his room and does the hang. While writing lyrics to the latest Andrew Lloyd Weber musical, Siegfried and the Amazing Technicolor Dragon, based on Wagner's Ring Cycle, he thinks of the one person who might have a clue...



But the Elictaeb are not to be found. Even the IRS is at a loss to their whereabouts, even while looking for them concerning "anonymous" reports that they had withheld tax payments from 1956 to 1984.



As soon as may seem possible, he is on the phone...

Hello, I'm been Alexander Hagg (ret.). I'm not home right now, but I'm still in control. If you have a message please leave it...



GREEK CORNER

PHI SIGMA SIGMA

Congratulations to our awesome 27 newly-initiated sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma: Kristin Baierlein, Avie Barlow, Danielle Bellavance, Michelle Brideau, Maureen Brosnan, Leandra Clark, Christina Coumou, Patty Dube, Laura Fries, Pam Jajcak, Heather Julien, Heather Kallquist, Maureen Kelly, Lisa King, Jen Lambert, Minnette Levee, Tania Lewandowski, Kathy Macchiarola, Sue Mitchell, Maureen Murphy, Jody Normandin, Kathie Palmieri, Karin Ricci, Carrie Scheinman, Kris Szwaya, Sharon Whyte, and Melissa Wolfe. We're so proud of all of you, you're fantastic!!

Awesome job on your skits and acts last week. Kathy Mac, did you ever consider transferring to that OTHER school — you'd fit right in! Really BIG sneakers, huh Chris? Lisa K. is the worth bodyslammng opponent for Lise that we've been looking for! (They'll be featured on "Saturday Night's Main Event.") Nice doo, Patty, like a mixture of a poodle and a cockatoo! Kristin B., please explain to us who "Pee Man" is?! Hey Midgets — way to go, someone's gotta keep those Spics and the Semi-Spic in line! The weekend was a blast! Hope everyone had a wild time!

Lise's kahlua-making session went smoothly but hopefully someday I'll learn how to read recipes. Mucho thanks to Michele C. for the brownies at the meeting! Hey Holly Hoover — how many of those did you scoff anyway??

Belated congratulations go to Kim Breunig and her Alpha Chi Rho beau on her pinning! We're really psyched for you Kimmy!!

Enquiring minds want to know where Carrie was on Wednesday morning??? . . .

ALPHA TAU OMEGA

The pledge class successfully made it through help week intact. Congratulations go out to new brothers Mike Buonomo, Roland Butzke, Jeff Castellano, Paul DeCosta, Jim Deerkoski, Jim Dellafatta, Rob DiGregorio, Chris Doeringer, Erik Ellis, Rob Fraser, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Paul Gibbons, Bill Howey, Jim Kelly, Pat King, Mark Lambert, Kirk Mayer, Ken Monahan, Tom Morrissey, Al Mousseau, Kawi Neal, Dan Nephew, Bill Nichols, Chris Pallazini, Tony Pallotta, Mark Sargent, Mike Slocik, Phil Williams, and Gerald Wing.

Congrats also go out to Bryan Shepeck for being elected to IFC Rush Chairman. Elections for new house officers take place on Monday Feb 2. Rooks don't forget your meeting this Wednesday Feb 4 at 6:15 p.m.

SIGMA PI

First off, how is everyone? I hope all the sleep that was missed has been made up. Last week was a big, big, week for Sigma Pi. Help week was called on Monday and the pledges received a well deserved dosage of attitude adjustment. However, because the brothers gave each pledge as much sleep as they wanted, the pledges, to show their gratitude, decided to wake-up each morning at 5:30 a.m. for a 3-4 mile run at 6 a.m. Stairs and halls were polyurethaned, kitchens were painted, and a general aura of God-like carpentry and repair work emanated from each brother. The pledges performed such mind-boggling tasks as sanding and preparing their homework for their prospective classes in D-term. On Friday, golfing was the word, after the pledges did a few errands. On Saturday the following pledges were initiated: Louis Apicella, Brian Baum, John Burney, Ken Colby, Chris Dalton, Matt Drozdoff, Jeff Kaminsky, Pete Rodaski, Pete Tousignant, Chris Walton, Chris Barry, Bill Cassidy, Daryl Cote, Derek Heard, Mike Plourde, Paul Kirkitelos, Jeff Knupton, Brian Lavalley, Paul Lenfest, Andy Reed, Steve Rich, Mike Narasimban, Dan Nolan, and Van Wooley. Congratulations boys, you've come a long way! You are maggots no more. Important stuff coming up: Sigma Pi's second annual Miracle Mile to benefit

Multiple Sclerosis will be at the Galleria Feb. 21-22. Also, the infamous beach party will be Saturday Feb. 7th. A warm welcome to this years newly elected Executive Council: Sage, Tom Bogaczyk; First Counselor, Dave Brownell; Second Counselor, Pete Lozis; Third Counselor, Eric Arn; Fourth Counselor, Todd Delisle; Herald, Paul Rochelau. Moyni's throat problem has finally been healed, BVH is missing a few teeth, and the Mole Hole needs new carpeting. Oh, yes one more thing: a big hand to the past Executive Council who did a fine job and will now move on to the next phase — Black hole seniors (excluding Bogy). Siding Joe's are still working like non-stop locomotives to get the siding up — before the stuff they've already put up falls off. New doors to C-34 and T-34!! Well alright. Oh yes, sell your raffle tickets like a madman, we need more revenue (Mangement Majors will understand this complicated term). Hey, how come you dance so good?!

PHI GAMMA DELTA

Congratulations to our fourteen newly initiated brothers.

John Cambell	Jim Mitchem
Chris Gebo	John O'Sullivan
Lewis Gray	Dave Ross
Mike Kelleher	Kevin Owen
Nick King	Mike Staffopoulos
Ed Latham	Brian Wilchusky
Mat McGrath	Paul Wile

It's unfortunate to report that the recent problem a few brothers have been having in confusing their rooms with the bathrooms has returned in dramatic proportions. I'm sure brothers Watts and Zanini can sympathize with Neil's roommates who are the latest victims of this continuing problem.

ALPHA CHI RHO

Alpha Chi Rho is pleased to announce the initiation of our twenty-one pledges. The newest members of AXP are: Andy Aberdale, Chris Blume, Kevin Bowen, Mike Bowen, John Boyle, Dave DiBattista, Fred Gold, Ken Hamilton, Sean Hunt, Jay Larrow, Doug Lenox, James Mach, Brian Murphy, Todd Parker, Keith Pflieger, Al Prescott, Sergio Rivas, Rick Rogers, Dave Stec, and Tim Tripoli. We must admit that it was one Hell (oops) Pre Initiation Period. The banquet with grads and undergrads was again an enjoyable experience with many of the "old crows" returning for the event.

Congratulations go to Jim Myran (PH 87) on his election to the Presidency and to Pete Perrotti (MA 89), the new Vice President of AXP. The Band Party last Friday was a very successful one, with *Vital Signs* as the main attraction. It was the first band party in a long while for us, but judging from the turn out it won't be the last. Hope you all turn out for the "Battle of the Bands" and check them out.

Sean Sweeney has done a great job with his "Empties-for-a-pool-table" campaign. Now the task is to get the empties out of the basement. We have noticed that our steward, Matt Mooney (ME 88), is under a lot of metal stress — his appearance as the "Glass Cop" has made us collectively worried.

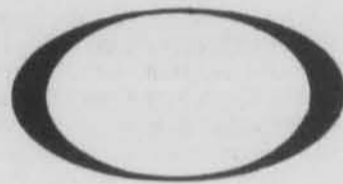
Congratulations to Holly Daley for being elected Panhellenic Vice-President of Activities and Jean Laiosa for being elected Panhellenic Secretary-Treasurer. We know you'll both do an awesome job. Roses to ya! And belated Roses to Alison Carrol for passing her comp!!! So how is the search for the dance going? How many perspectives now, Cheryl, 4?? So, Kim, what happened to your shirt Saturday night? Hey Grand Pubah,

we've been missing you at meeting — busy cutting up rats? And don't forget to sell those raffle tickets!!! By the way, does anyone know a remedy for chapped lips? Hey Jean, couldn't stay away from good 'ole Riley Hall huh? Peter, Peter, Slatty eater. Oops, I mean pumpkin!

The Panhellenic Association is again looking for nominations for its Student of the Month award. This award provides students and faculty members the opportunity to acknowledge undergraduates who have performed exceptionally well in all areas of education.

Do you know of someone of this caliber? Do you have a project partner or friend who appears to juggle employment, extra-curricular activities, and classwork with ease? Or perhaps simply a research partner whose responsibility and commitment has made a project go that much more smoothly? It is the goal of this award to recognize all students who may fall into this area.

The Panhellenic Association will be accepting nominations for this award for the next few weeks. All nominations may be submitted to WPI Box 1932.



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four of his/her four (4) term of office. This would eliminate the possibility of a president who was involved in the Co-op program while in office.

Added to Section E also will be a paragraph stating that "the vice-president shall be a full time sophomore or junior at the time of his/her election and registered for coursework for four (4) of his/her terms of office."

SPORTS

WPI WRESTLERS RULE

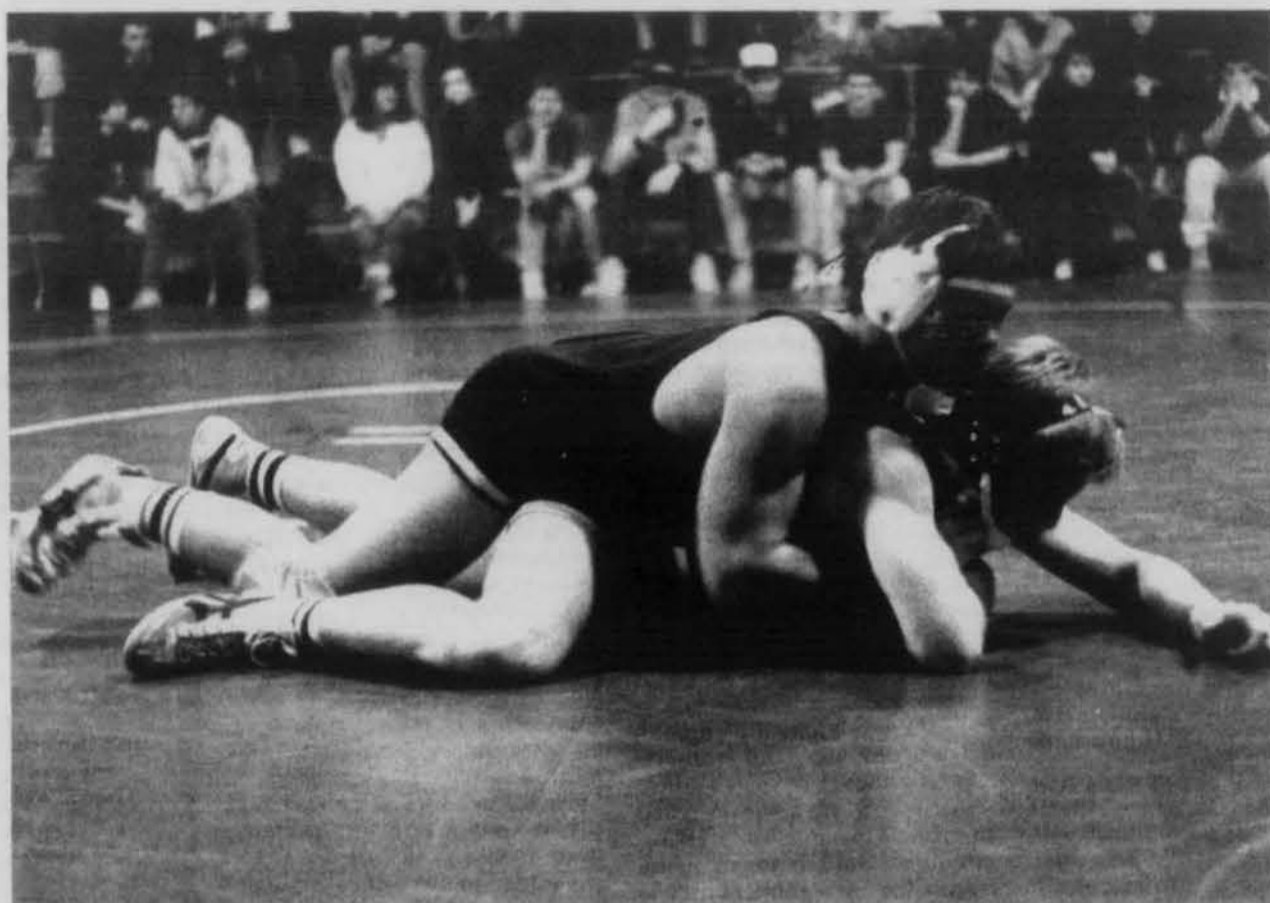
(WPI Sports News Service) — The Quote of the Week — and a kind of backhanded tribute to WPI's numerous and vocal wrestling fans — comes from MIT wrestling coach Tim Walsh who, in declining to schedule exhibition matches following the Jan. 28 dual meet between his team and WPI at Worcester, told WPI Coach Phil Grebinar, "I'm familiar with your fans and I'm not interested in staying in that gym any longer than is absolutely necessary."

No problem. It took undefeated (10-0) WPI about 90 minutes to hand MIT (10-2) its second loss of the season, 35-5, at noisy Alumni Gymnasium. Two WPI wrestlers won by falls: Senior Steve Graveline pinned MIT's Rich Herman at 5:23 of the 190-pound bout and Senior Jack Curll won by a technical fall over MIT's Andy Potvin at 5:11 of the 158-pound bout.

In a dual meet on Sat., Jan. 24, WPI travelled to the University of Lowell to defeat the Chiefs 38-5.

Five WPI wrestlers remain unbeaten in dual competition. They are: Senior Don Pagel, 9-0 at 126 pounds; Junior Jason Benoit, 10-0 at 134; Senior Bob Carroll, 3-0-1 at 142; Senior Steve Graveline, 7-0-1 at 190; and Senior Steve Hall, 9-0 at heavyweight.

The Engineer's next meets are: Sat., Jan. 31, 1 p.m. at Lewiston, ME, versus Bowdoin and the University of Maine at Orono; Tues., Feb. 3, 7 p.m. versus Coast Guard at New London, CT, and Wed., Feb. 4, 5 p.m. at home versus Williams.



WPI wrestler battles with his opponent during Wednesday's meet with MIT.

PHOTO BY JIM CALARISE

Mini 2-on-2 A Success

by Bill Riccio

During the weekend of January 24 & 25, 1987, the class of 1988 hosted its second annual mini 2-on-2 basketball tournament. The draw was made up of 39 teams from all parts of the WPI community. Many good contests were seen throughout the weekend with some of the most exciting games coming in the later rounds. The final four teams consisted of:

- S. Abrams/ S. McShea
- T. Moran/ S. Schaeberle
- A. Gathy/ R. Edwards
- B. Klein/ M. O'Brien

The fight for the \$100 first prize was between Abrams/ McShea & Moran/ Schaeberle while the others fought for third. The results of this year's tournament were:

- 1- \$100 - Abrams/ McShea
- 2- Celtics Tickets - Moran/ Schaeberle
- 3- Ski Passes - Gathy/ Edwards

Besides these top prizes, 40 door prizes donated by area merchants were also given away. The tournament was overall a success with good competition and a great deal of fun. On behalf of the class of 1988, I would like to congratulate the winners and thank all those who contributed to the success of the tournament.

CLUB CORNER

Pi Tau Sigma

Congratulations to the new officers: President - Chrys Demetry; Vice President - Jon Wyman; Treasurer - Gary Lippert. Good luck to you all!

Look for more information on the ski trip coming up in February.

PATHWAYS

There will be an important informational meeting on Wednesday February 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the basement of Riley. Anyone interested in working on Pathways or submitting some poems, prose, photographs, drawings, etc. should try to attend. Submittals may also be sent to Pathways' Box 3150. Congratulations and thank you to all those involved with the 14th edition - it's the best yet!

RUGBY

Practice for Rugby will be every Monday and Thursday from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in Harrington Gym. Physicals must be obtained on February 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

The Spring trip is scheduled for March 20-22 to go to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. There will be an International Rugby Jersey sale in the Wedge in the upcoming weeks. We welcome new members to the team, so, we'll see you at practice on Thursday.

by Helen Webb
Sports Editor

The WPI Ice Hockey Team skated to its sixth victory of the season with a 3-0 shut out against Central Connecticut State University, Thursday, in the Engineer's home rink in Westboro. The team's record in league competition is now 2-1-1, and against all opponents is 6-4-3.

The game was the first for the Engineers since break, and this showed in rusty passes and sloppy puck handling during the first 15-minute period. The team pulled together, however, and Derk Rogers put the Engineers in front, 1-0, on a pass from Kevin Fitzpatrick, with 10:59 left in the second period. The Engineers managed to survive a well-executed power play by Central Connecticut late in the third period, then scored two goals rapidly with 2:04 and 1:57 left on the clock to clinch the game. Scoring was by Rich Kashian with assists from Ronny Welter and

Chris Altemus, and by Ronny Welter assisted by Rich Kashian. Goalie Rob Day did an excellent job, stopping all 21 CCSU shots. The WPI team inflicted a total of 29 shots on the CCSU goalie.

This year, ice hockey at WPI is a club

sport, but the team hopes to become varsity next year and play a Division III schedule. The high level of play displayed against CCSU and attested to by the team's record shows that such action is warranted.

Engineers put CCSU on Ice

Engineers Even Record

The fiddling and diddling is apparently over for the WPI men's basketball team. After a five game losing streak that dropped their record to 3 and 6, the resurgent Engineers have come back to win four of their last five games, including their last three in a row, to even their record at 7-7 with ten games remaining in regular season play.

The biggest win of the current streak was a 76-73 victory over traditionally powerful Trinity College, Tuesday, January 27 at WPI. In that game, guards Bill McCullen and Mike McCourt — a.k.a. McBackcourt — hit for 17 points each as WPI fought back from what was once a 13-point deficit (25-12). Before the Trinity win, WPI won back-to-back games, 73-70 at Brandeis and 96-84 over King's Point in Harrington.

The Engineers have had a balanced attack with three players averaging in double figures: McCullen with 22.6, senior center John Loonie with 16.6, and junior McCourt with 10.5.

Junior center Chris Brunone leads the team in rebounding with 8.6 per game.

McCullen has been McNificent in three pointers, hitting 30 of 55 (54.5 percent) from what at times appears to be the periphery of the 617 area code.

The Engineers resume what they hope will be a surge toward the ECAC post-season playoffs on Wednesday against Williams at Williams. The team's next home game will be on Saturday, February 7, against Tufts.

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JAZZ WORCESTER THIS WEEK

Bourbon Street Jass Band to Play at WPI

"Jass," the original spelling of "jazz," is said to have been born in New Orleans in the 1890's. The Bourbon Street Jass Band captures the sound and spirit of that time and place, and adds to it the swing sounds of Kansas City's great Big Bands, the rhythm & blues of Chicago's South Side, and the jumping sounds of Harlem.

The band will be performing as part of the WPI Spectrum Fine Arts Program and in conjunction with Jazz Worcester, at WPI's Alden Hall on Monday, February 16, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

Founded in 1980, the band received its first national attention two years later when it was invited to play at the prestigious Hinsdale Jazz Festival in Chicago, which also featured such jazz greats as Count Basie and Dizzy

Gillespie. Bourbon Street was voted the favorite act at the festival in poll of season ticket holders.

Since that time, the Bourbon Steet Jass Band has taken prizes in several competitions, and has made numerous radio and television appearances. Since in moved to New York from Boston in 1983, the band has been a top draw in leading nightclubs in Manhattan. Bourbon Street can be heard every Friday and Saturday night at the King Cole Room at New York's St. Regis Hotel, and every Wednesday night at the Cajun Restaurant on Eight Avenue. In addition to performing across the country in concert halls and nightclubs, the band has experienced widespread success with its innovative 'jass seminars,' which it offers to students of all ages.



PHOTOS BY JON WAPLES, EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The Bourbon Street Jass Band, ready to take on WPI.

Jazz Worcester '87 - at WPI

by Robert Provost

The week of February 8th (specifically Feb. 8th thru Feb. 16th) will mark the third annual Jazz Worcester festival. The festival, founded by Rich Falco - professional musician, visiting professor, and director of jazz studies at WPI, showcases some of the best local, as well as professional jazz talent around. Area college jazz groups, up-and-coming local artists, and internationally acclaimed professional artists and groups will all be represented in this 9-day event. The many concerts will take place on several of the local college campuses (i.e. WPI, Holy Cross, Assumption, Worc. State, Becker, and Clark) and at various locations throughout the city (i.e. Worcester Auditorium's "Little Theatre," Grove St. Gallery, Higgins Armory, the Galleria, etc. With admissions fees running less than \$2 a person. Many of the events are free.

The festival originated here at WPI, under the direction of Rich Falco and the Dean of Students Office. In years previous to the festival, the music dept. hosted several smaller scale events, which brought jazz greats (such as: Anthony Braxton, Max Roach, Archie Shepp, Jackie Byard, Cecil Bridgewater, Milford Graves, Gary Bartz, James Newton, Anthony Davis, Abdul Wadud and the ROVA Saxophone Quartet) to WPI to perform downstairs in Alden Hall. More recently, workshops and performances by Gary Burton and B.L.T. (the Brubeck Lavern Trio), as well as concerts by Makoto

Ozone, John Abercrombie, and Ralph Towner have highlighted the past Jazz Worcester festivals here at WPI.

Festival events, to be held on the WPI campus this year, include the following:

Feb. 9th - The First Annual Tri-College Big Band Extravaganza in Alden Hall at 8:00 p.m. This concert will feature the Holy Cross Jazz Ensemble - Mike Monaghan (director); the Clark Univ. Jazz Workshop - All Mueller and Rely Raffman (co-directors), featuring Tom Herbert (saxophone); and our own WPI Stage Band - Rich Falco (director), featuring Mark "Funkmaster" Miller.

Feb. 12th - The Ambassadors in Blue Jazz Band in Alden Hall at 12:00 noon.

Feb. 16th - The Bourbon Street Jass Band in Alden Hall at 8:00 p.m.

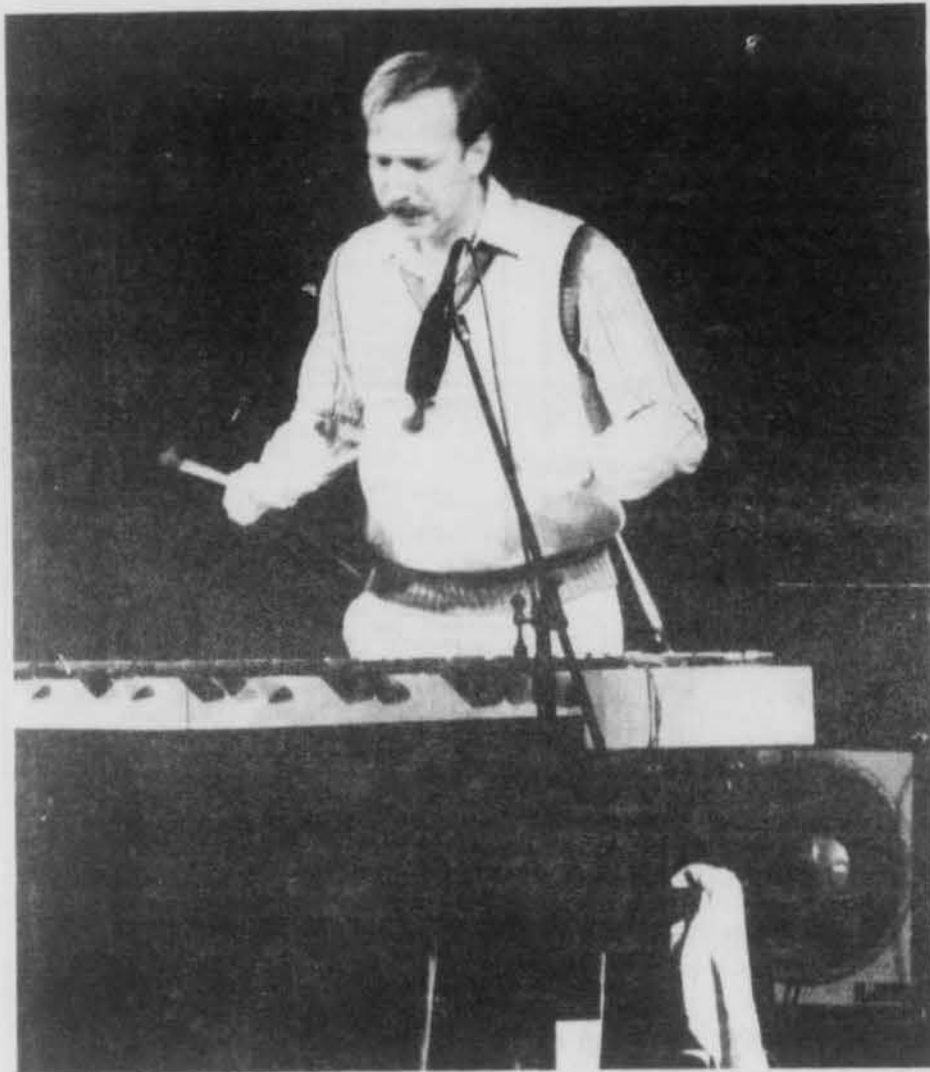
The festival opens with a Jazz Mass to be held at Assumption College on February 8th at 7:00 p.m. Music for the mass will be played by the WPI Jazz Ensemble with vocals by the Assumption College Choir. A prelude and postlude will be performed by the WPI Stage Band. Other events in this year's festival include performances by the following: Jackie Byard, Herb Pomeroy, Lary Coryell, The Jazz Harp Trio, Tiger Okoshi, Michal Urbaniac, Mike Melheny and the George Sargent and Bob Sinicrope (a WPI graduate) duo.

Continued support and efforts by Barry Pilson and Rich Falco have once again secured WPI a prominent role in Jazz Worcester '87. Don't miss it!



PHOTOS BY JON WAPLES, EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Rebecca Parris sings at Assumption last year.



PHOTOS BY JON WAPLES, EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Gary Burton brings the 1st Annual Jazz Worcester to a close for a standing room only crowd in Alden Hall.



PHOTOS BY JON WAPLES, EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Rich Falco, founding director of Jazz Worcester.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Patty Larkin

by Thomas Tessier

As I walked into Gompei's a little late, I was surprised to see that the entertainer for evening had already begun to amuse her audience. I was disappointed that there were few students in Gompei's, but I shouldn't judge the audience by its size. While I was glancing around, the audience began to energetically clap to the first song of the night.

Patty Larkin, the entertainer, is a singer, a songwriter, and a guitarist; and she is skilled at being all three. The first full song I heard was written by her and was called "Caffeine," which of course was about coffee and Mountain Dew.

Most of the folk music that she wrote was about things that had happened to her or someone she knew, such as, "Dodge Dart," "Me," "On the Run," and "It Better Be Me." She performed a tribute to Shirley Temple by imitating her in a few lines from the songs "Short People Have No Reason to Live," "All I Want to Say to You," and "Hit Me With Your Best Shot." She used props such as a Tina Turner wig to do an impersonation, which got quite a few laughs, during her songs.

As intermission rolled around, Patty went to "check on the popcorn," while the students began socializing with others or getting refreshments. I noticed a few members from

the Lens and Lights Club present to set up and put away the audio equipment. Shortly, she returned to the floor. She gave a brief advertisement for playing the accordion (yes, she can play the accordion too) on birthdays over the phone.

Her next song came from a personal experience while she was singing in a bar. She described it as a male chauvinistic scene where she finishes a song and then a guy says "Not bad for a broad," which came to be the title of her song. The roar of the crowd increased as it seemed that there were still more people in Gompei's. Her song, "He was a writer for the National Inquirer; she was a soap opera queen," was a big hit with the audience.

She previously lived in Wisconsin which brought about her song, "A big fish in a little pond makes the small fish take a dive." She then sang "You're Dangerous," after discussing the Gorbachev and Reagan meeting in Iceland. Next came "Pucker Up" which dealt with singles' nights in supermarkets, and it was followed by "A Mouse in the House Blues."

As the evening was coming to an end, the spirit of her songs and anecdotes continued as she sang, "I had to go to the mall." The audience was so energetic that they continued to clap until she came back to do one final encore.

... Bands

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Saturday Night brought out seven new bands and a new emcee. The crowd, through intermissions, was entertained by the unicycling, juggling, fire-eating and balancing antics of Murph the physical comedian. (Not to mention 30-40 backflips from the stage.) Murph opened the show by arousing the torpid audience and announcing the first band The Daytrippers.

The Daytrippers were a sixties style band playing "Good Love," and CCR's "Proud Mary." The band's format went along with their sixties songs. Overall a nice sounding band.

Heavens Angels stimulated the audience with songs such as "I Need a Lover," "Darkside," "What I Like About You," and "Walk Like an Egyptian." (Not to mention the lead singer herself.) Their energy brought weird but appropriate dancers up from the audience, enlivening show. A highly original group, yet they had no original songs.

Capital City opened with a combination of "Hello Darkness My Old Friend" and "The Sultan of Swing." The crowd was again on its feet by their version of "Driven to Tears" and "Let Him Go." Overall a fairly good performance.

The next band was The band of the evening XL. Their original songs showed a lot of talent. However, they lacked much talent and at certain times music phased out vocals. A band to give your attention to next year.

The Project came on singing "Girl, You Really Got Me Now," and brought the crowd to its feet. They proceeded to play a few originals that sounded redundant and lacked a good backup singer. The lead singer carried all the vocals. A fourth member to do backup vocals would greatly enhance their performance.

The Bulkheads provided the comedy relief for the night. With such amusing failures as "Saliva King," "Chainsaw Massage," and "I Gotta Fat Momma." Their singing quartet for "I Wish I Were Single" was interesting to say the least.

Vital Signs opened with "The Spirit of Radio" by Rush. The song sounded good, but lacked emphasis in key points. Their takeoff of "Punt" from Van Halen's "Jump" was an interesting failure. At some points the band was not together. Their final song "Any Way you Want It" wasn't quite the way we wanted it, but it was acceptable.

These fourteen bands were judged on stage presence and professionalism, talent, creative originality, audience appeal, and promotion. They were judged by Zip Zipfield (of WAAF), Tom Barter, Rudy Minard, and Doug Wendberg. Although Farnum Street and XL put on good shows, the talent of Club Aqua could not be denied. The bands finished Club Aqua, Farnum Street and XL each winning one hundred, seventy-five, and fifty dollars respectively. The judges were surprised by the talent shown by various bands.

Club Aqua, the winner, worked very hard

for the Battle of the Bands. They "rehearsed four times a week for the past few weeks." When asked if they were shocked about the win they said "we were baffled. We didn't think the judges would recognize the style of our music and we thought our nonvocals and nonpromlike songs would be held against us." The judges did, however, recognize Club Aqua's talent. When asked of Club Aqua on Friday night, Tom Barter would only say "very impressive."

Overall, the fourteen bands seemed pretty good. The entire affair was managed quite well. We can't wait to see Club Aqua perform Spring Weekend. In addition, we hope to see many of the same bands back next year. WPI's battle of the Bands was in fact well worth the two dollar admission.



The Project.

Off the Record

by Holland W. Mills

The Chrissie Hynde Story: Part I

Chrissie Hynde is a white female rocker that showed up in 1980 as the leader of a standard quartet called the Pretenders. Remember "Precious", the first song in your record collection to have "fuck off" as lyrical content? That as part of a solid set of hard edged guitar-lead rock songs made their debut album "Pretenders" one of the biggest hits of 1979-1980. "Brass in Pocket" and "Mystery Acheivement" became their first hit singles. They quickly followed with "Pretenders II"; some great songs that got a lot (maybe too much) airplay and some real scratched vinyl (I'm the Adulteress, English Rose). Her music along with her outspokenness kept her in the spotlight. Suddenly her life became the plot of a bad TV movie. She fired the guitarist and lost the bassist to tragic circumstances; both died drug related deaths that year. She meanwhile had been having an affair with Ray Davis of Kink-fame. She has his baby, breaks up with him and then bows out of the limelight. End of Act I.

Chrissie broke the silence with "Back on the Chain Gang" a tribute to the loss of both Pete Farndon and James Honeyman-Scott. This along with "My City was gone" tried to show that the Pretenders that were above-ground could still play rock music. Too many months later "Learning to Crawl" (1984) the third Pretenders album was released. It was mature rock•roll. Well done but much more adult oriented than her earlier work. It wasn't music that made you feel like partying. Malcolm Foster and Robbie McIntosh took over bass and guitar and Chrissie lead them through a set of songs about loving her children, hurting her lover

(she'd recently married Jim Kerr of the Simple Minds), going back home, and watching the clothes go round. The end of Act II.

Fade out 1983; slowly fade in 1986. We won't even talk about her performance at Live Aid. Chrissie had gotten domestic but she got an itch and tried to record an album. She realized that time the avenger changes all things and that includes her band. So she fired Martin Chambers (drummer) and Malcom Foster (bassist), who are not making a public stink, and hires Blair Cunningham (whose older brother was Otis Redding's drummer) and T.M. Stevens (Mahavishnu Orchestra). They are featured on half the songs; the other half are played by a group of confident musicians including Carlos Alomar (David Bowie's ex-guitarist). Whether she was premenstrual or seeking her artistic identity shouldn't be the question as several out-of-touch overheard music critics have suggested. "Get Close" is a collection of great songs. she seems comfortable with what she is doing musically. Chrissie gets tender about her family (My Baby). She gets philosophical on being a woman (When I Change My Life, Hymn to Her). She pokes at politics and Michael Jackson (Dance, How Much Did You Get For Your Soul?). The subject matter may not appeal to everyone, but the guitar playing should. The guitar-oriented band keeps the songs moving at a good pace. Robbie McIntosh's use of the wah-wah pedal is tasteful. Hendrix's "Room Full of Mirrors" is arguably the best song on the album (XTC fans will recognize the production job). To top it off, the band even has a hit single, "Don't Get Me Wrong". The End of Act III. Stay tuned for Part II of the Chrissie Hynde Story, coming someday to a theater near you.

SEARCHING FOR PROJECT IDEAS?



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MEMORANDUM

To: The WPI Community
From: Paul Davis, Secretary of the Faculty
James S. Demetry, Chair Committee on Academic Policy
Date: January 13, 1987

A recent report of the Carnegie Foundation sets high standards for undergraduate education. We believe WPI would be well served by a critical evaluation from the perspective of that report of its past performance and its future plans. To permit broad involvement in that exercise, we have organized the panel discussion described below.

We urge you to study the recommendations of the report and to join the discussion between the audience and the panel members on Thursday, February 5, at 4:30. We seldom have an opportunity to judge our own work as teachers of undergraduates in the light of such a prestigious external study.

The Carnegie Report and Undergraduate Education at WPI

Panelists

David Cyganski, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering
Chrysanthe Demetry, '88
James W. Pavlik, Professor of Chemistry
John F. Zeugner, Paris Fletcher Professor of History

Moderator

James P. Hanlan, Associate Professor of History

Thursday, February 5, 1987, 4:30 p.m.
Kinnicutt Hall

Members of the audience will be invited to join the discussion. To obtain an extended summary of the Carnegie report to guide your thoughts, stop by the Project Center (lobby area) and pick one up.

ME Proposal

Date: January 20, 1987

To: Prof. James Demetry, Chairman, Committee on Academic Policy

From: Prof. Donald N. Zwiep

Subject: Units for the Degree

In December of 1986, the faculty of the Mechanical Engineering Department discussed and then voted to request the Committee on Academic Policy to consider, at the earliest possible time, increasing the minimum number of units for graduation from WPI from 14 to 15. Some of the rationale behind the requested change follows.

1. Without a capstone degree requirement such as the competency examination or stated final examinations, the WPI degree has been perceived by external agencies, ABET being the principal one, as WPI calling our programs on of 4 years when the minimum time requirement is 3 1/2 years. We believe the use of 15 units is a desirable method of optimizing our program while simultaneously meeting this realistic criticism.

2. Mechanical engineering programs currently require a minimum of two technical stems to be included in an ABET accredited program. These two stems are energy and systems/design. A minimum of one unit is required in each. A third stem, manufacturing, is under discussion by the mechanical engineering representatives of ASME and ABET.

While it would be easiest to have the additional unit be a technical requirement as far as meeting ABET minimums for a mechanical engineering program, we believe that making the additional unit one of a free elective nature will serve WPI programs in

general in a successful way and are willing to go the free-elective route.

3. The addition of one unit will enable students and their advisors to develop a stronger and mutually beneficial relationship as far as developing student programs which meet ABET requirements and simultaneously provide each student with a distinctive and personalized program.

A few examples follow:

a. Each student's program can have a better functioning plan for a laboratory experience as well as the completion of some of the HSS work at an advanced stage of a student's program.

b. The extra unit will enable better development of thematic relationships among technical [sic] electives.

c. The extra time will be extremely helpful in making the integrating design experience, principally the MQP at present, an ever better educational experience for the student.

d. There will be a greater opportunity to give a balance among curricular requirements not directly associated with degree or distribution requirements. These requirements involve, among others, computer integration, laboratory experience, oral and written communication, ethics and professionalism, etc.

In summary, the Department believes the addition of one unit to the WPI requirements will have a strengthening benefit to all WPI programs and in particular the mechanical engineering program. Fifteen units should be made a part of the program requirement at the earliest possible time.

Donald N. Zwiep

Joint Venture Seeks to Motivate Worcester's Minority Students to Consider Careers in Science, Technology and Medicine

(WPI News Service) — A program aimed at encouraging hispanic and other minority students in the Worcester public schools to pursue careers in science, engineering and medicine will get underway this month. The program is the joint effort of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Worcester Public School System and ALPA, an hispanic human services organization in Worcester.

Known as Career Opportunities Merging Education and Technology or COMET, the program will seek to overcome the misconceptions which have discouraged minority students from taking the necessary high school science and mathematics courses needed to prepare them to study for scientific and technical careers in college.

It will offer participants, primarily students in 10th and 11th grades, an intensive program of tutoring by WPI students, field trips to WPI, businesses and museums

in Worcester and Boston and talks by minority professionals. The program will expose students to career opportunities in such fields as manufacturing, biotechnology, artificial intelligence and computer aided design.

The COMET program has received funds from the Massachusetts Board of Regents for Higher Education and the GTE Corporation's Focus Program. (WPI administered the project last fall under GTE Sponsorship.)

In addition to working directly with students in the Worcester schools, who will be selected with the cooperation of the Bilingual Education Office of the Worcester school system, COMET will seek to get parents involved in planning for college and careers for their children through outreach activities to be conducted by ALPA, according to Bruce Young-Candelaria, coordinator of the COMET project.

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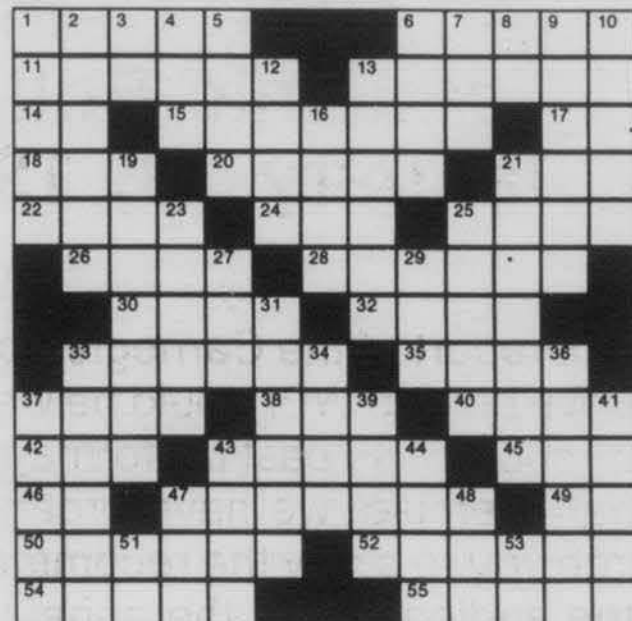
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Tempers Flare As A Missouri Colleges Weighs A Name Change

(CPS) — These days, Southwest Missouri State University students wear sweatshirts that display the logo of a college — Missouri State University — that doesn't even exist.

Some 110 miles away, at the University of Missouri at Rolla, students are ticked off about it.

Sweatshirts, anger, accusations and territorial instincts have surfaced ever since some SMSU student and administrators started lobbying to convince the state legislature to change the name of their school to a more-euphonious Missouri State University.

Besides sounding better, "the name change will help with accreditation," says Stephen Howell, a SMSU junior.

It will also help "separate" SMSU from the state's tongue-twisting collection of other state schools like Southeast Missouri State, Northeast Missouri State and Northwest Missouri State universities, Howell adds.

To one administrator, who requested anonymity, "our current name has a regional stigma attached to it" that could be cleansed with a switch to Missouri State.

"The university has developed enough and is continuing to develop to warrant the change," says Paul Kincaid, director of SMSU's university relations and a supporter of the name change, which the campus administration is promoting in the legislature.

"It's time our image catches up with reality," Kincaid adds.

To the opponents, changing SMSU's name to Missouri State would be misleading, if not downright uppity.

"It's their prerogative," sniffs Ron Hines, an official at the state's other SMSU — Southeast Missouri State University — "but it's not your name that attracts students, it's the quality of education."

"SMSU is a regional institution now, and it fulfills its mission very well," explains Robert Francis, UMR's student president. "It allows people who are not (University of Missouri) material to go to school and become functioning members of society."

Francis doesn't want SMSU elevated to the ranks of Kansas State, Michigan State and Oklahoma State, insisting the Missouri State name would "imply a research university." And before anyone knew what was hap-

pening, Francis fears "SMSU would want to become one of them."

"That," he adds, "takes big dollars."

"I feel if the state needs a better research center, they should upgrade UM instead of creating a new one," he explains.

"I don't think anyone here considers this as a threat to the University of Missouri," the anonymous SMSU administrator replies. "We do not have any great designs to duplicate what they have."

Opponents are confident for the moment the legislature won't rename SMSU anytime soon, but note state Gov. John Ashcroft is a former SMSU professor.

An Ashcroft aide, though, says the governor has not taken a stand on the issue yet.

Such heat is not uncommon when colleges try to change their names, however.

Prolonged statewide political fights broke out in recent years when Minot State College in North Dakota tried to change its name to Dakota Northwestern University and the University of Southwestern Louisiana campaigned to become the University of Louisiana.

Some people at Metropolitan State College sporadically have promoted changing the school's name to something more identifiable with Denver, where it resides, but never have overcome alumni and faculty resistance to the idea.

In mid-fight in 1984, a Louisiana State University official called USL's name change request, which it ultimately won, "silly, selfish and self-centered."

In 184, North Dakota voters ultimately rejected Minot State's name change, apparently for fear a fancy new name would require fancy new funding.

Less rancorously, in August, Wayne State College voluntarily changed its name to Wayne State College of Nebraska in hopes of easing ongoing confusion with Wayne State University, which is in Detroit.

Wayne State of Nebraska officials say the name change is working well, although the school no longer gets checks meant for Detroit.

"We got a \$1,500 check once," a spokesman for the Nebraska school confides. "We offered to keep it as a donation, but they kind of wanted it back."

WPI Receives \$25,000 From Raytheon to Support Work in Image Processing and Nondestructive Testing

(WPI News Service) The Raytheon Corporation has donated \$25,000 to Worcester Polytechnic Institute to support on-going work in image processing and nondestructive testing. A substantial portion of the grant will help fund a new facility for the study of nondestructive testing with the use of ultrasonic waves, according to Kevin A. Clements, head of WPI's Electrical Engineering Department.

Clements said the Raytheon grant will allow the Department to purchase specialized equipment for the department's image processing and nondestructive testing laboratories. Among the items that will be purchased for the labs is an ultrasonic tank, which will be used in work being carried out by Reinhold Ludwig, assistant professor of electrical engineering, on the use of ultrasonic energy to nondestructively test objects for internal faults.

Just as x rays can be used to probe the human body, ultrasonic waves can study the internal features of opaque objects like pipes or containers in order to detect cracks and other flaws. In fact, Ludwig said he plans to use the ultrasonic tank to examine centrifugally-cast and stainless steel specimens similar to objects found in nuclear power plants.

Ultrasonic waves can also be used to study blood flow through the body and detect and measure the volume of fluids in zero gravity. These and other applications are likely research areas to be explored in WPI's ultrasonic laboratory, Ludwig said.

An ultrasonic imaging system scans a material under test with ultrasonic waves. The reflected pulses are then processed and analyzed by a computer, which displays the internal cracks and flaws of the scanned material. By using the ultrasonic tank to study actual specimens, Ludwig will be able

to test and verify previously developed numerical models of the imaging system.

The Raytheon grant will also allow the Electrical Engineering Department to purchase additional equipment for the Image Processing Laboratory. In this lab, faculty from the Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering Departments are conducting work in such areas as robot vision and biomedical imaging systems, he said.

The \$25,000 donation was coordinated by the Raytheon/WPI Liaison Team, a group of eight WPI alumni employed by Raytheon. The team has helped to secure several other donations to WPI in the past few years, including oscilloscopes in the sophomore electrical engineering laboratory, equipment for a signal processing laboratory and a digital waveform analyzer for the Physics Department.

The group has also coordinated the donation of funds to support experiments designed by WPI students which are scheduled to fly aboard a Space Shuttle, prizes for an annual science fair held at WPI and support for a WPI conference on the frontiers of education.

"Our goal is to maintain what has been an exciting and very productive relationship with WPI," according to James Hackendorf, Chairman of the Raytheon/WPI Liaison Team. "Though this program, Raytheon has been able to aid valuable research in areas in which both Raytheon and WPI faculty have current interests, and also to support the unique project-oriented educational program at WPI which produces highly qualified engineers and scientists, many of whom, we are happy to say, are choosing to work at Raytheon."

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Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting (1/26/87)

—President Kevin Szeredy reported that plans for Alden Hall are being redrawn and will be finished this week. No changes in the "basic plans" will be made.

—Holly Tattersall (Res. Hall Council) reported that during a "Hallway Hospitality" session WPI President Jon Strauss asked students who was in charge of student government and that they did not know. This suggested that student government has some publicity work to do.

—Szeredy proposed the addition of a Vice-president's position (see p.1)

—The old game room will now be the Executive Council office

—Chrys Demetry (Acad. Comm.) reported that she will meet with Prof. Zeugner (Chair of the Committee on Governance) to discuss a possible amendment to the faculty constitution allowing the president of the student body to speak during faculty meetings.

—ME proposes 15 — Unit Rule (see p.1)

—Steve Hall (Soccomm) said that Cathy Sherry is the new chairperson.

—Gompei's Advisory Board (GAB) is looking for a chairperson from within Soccomm.

—Sue Hepworth (SAS) reported that SAS has obtained a real goat for a mascot.

—Bill Riccio (88) reported that the min-two-on-two tournament netted close to \$400.

—Leadership WPI planning is continuing.

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 6-8 pm - Tips for Effective Studying, Part II, Student Counseling Center
 6-8 pm - Cinematech - Before the Nickelodeon: The early cinema of Edwin S. Porter, Alden Hall, free
 7:00 pm - Women's swimming vs. Regis
 7-8 pm - Ecumenical Bible Study, Campus Religious Study, Campus Religious Center, 19 Schussler Rd.

Wednesday, February 4

4:00 pm - chemistry Colloquium - "Photochemical Reactions of Phototoxic Medicinal Compounds" by Dr. Gary Epling of UCONN, Goddard Hall, Rm. 227
 4:30-6:00 pm - Weight Control Through Attitude Change, Part II, Student Counseling Center
 4:30-7:00 pm - JOBS/ALTERNATIVES, Kinnicutt hall
 5:00 pm - Wrestling vs. William's, Alumni Gym
 6:00 pm - Men's basketball vs. William's 7:00 pm - Women's basketball vs. Brandeis
 7:00 pm - AIDS Project Worcester Support Group, Pakachoag Community Church, 191 Pakachoag Hill, Auburn MA
 7:30 pm - Poetry Reading, Leo Connellan, Maison Auditorium, Assumption college
 9:00 pm - **The New Thing**, "Being There," Alden Hall, \$1.00

Thursday, February 5

7:00 pm - Men's swimming at Trinity
 7:40 pm - Hockey at UCONN
 7:30 pm - Liturgical Folk Group practice, Campus Religious Center, 19 Schussler Rd.

Friday, February 6

8:00 pm - Opening Reception, Photo Image 87 featuring regional and area photographers, at the Grove St. Gallery, 100 Grove St., Worcester - Gallery hours: Tues- Sun 12-5 pm 9:00 pm - Gompei's Place, Barrence Whitefield and the Savages, Admission \$1.00

Saturday, February 7

12:30-2:30 pm - Advanced Lifesaving offered at Central Branch YMCA, on Saturdays, Feb. 7 to April 11, 1987, \$25.00 for Y members, \$38.00 for non-members.
 2:00 pm - Men's swimming vs. Colby

Sunday, February 8

11:30 am - Sunday mass, Alden Hall
 3:00 pm - Menahem Pressler, pianist, performs at the Worcester Art Museum
 6:30 & 9:30 pm - The Reel Thing, "Top Gun," Alden Hall, \$1:50
 10:30 pm - Sunday mass, Founders Hall

Monday, February 9

6:30- 8:00 pm - "Exploring Your Personality," Part III, Student Counseling Center

Newspeak will run classifieds free for all WPI students, faculty and staff. Free classifieds are limited to six (6) lines. In addition, advertisements which are related to commercial business or off-campus concerns will not be free. Ads longer than six lines, as well as commercial and off-campus ads, must be paid for at the (off-campus) rate of \$3.00 for up to six lines and \$.50 (50 cents) per additional line. Classified advertising must be paid for in advance.

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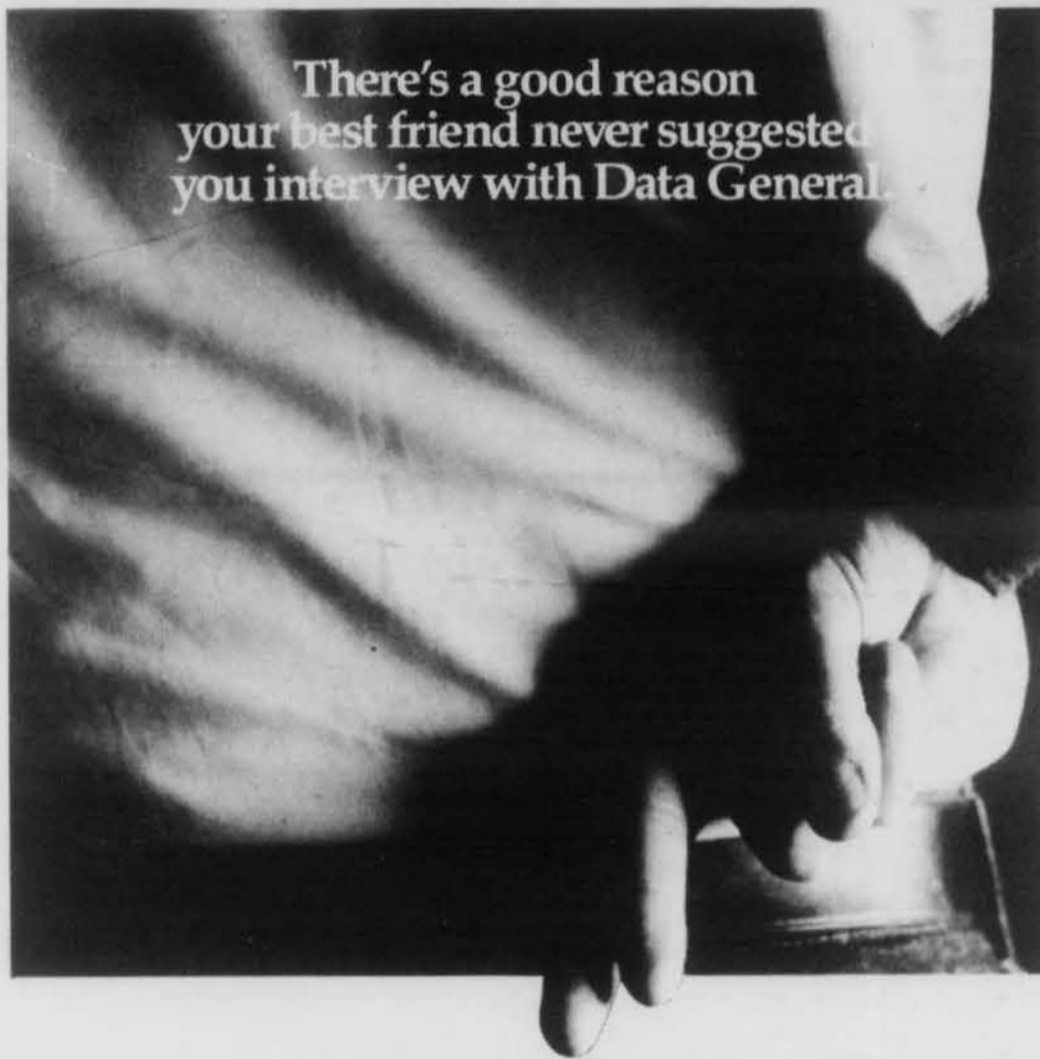
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AFROTC Announces New Cadet Staff

AFROTC Cadet Group 340 at Holy Cross announced their Group Staff assignments for the 1987 Spring Semester. Pete Marston was named Group Commander. Cadet Marston, Class of '87, is an EE major from Columbia, CT. Deputy Group Commander was assigned to Donald Kane, Class of '87, an EE major from Waterbury, CT. Deputy Commander of Support was assigned to Michael Crowley, Class of '87, an EE major from Amherst, MA. Deputy Commander of Operations was assigned to Gordon Griffin, Class of '87, an EE major from Pocomasset, MA. Deputy Commander of Resources was assigned to Toni J. Silveria, Class of '87, an EE major from Taunton MA. The last post, AAS Commander, was assigned to Kevin Manley, Class of '88, an EE major from South Windsor, CT. Good fortune is wished upon each.

4 February — AFROTC Split LLAB. O'Kane 37, Holy Cross. AS100-300 Proj. Warrior briefing. AS400 Ticket. No Sunday PT.

CIA Recruiting Protested at Amherst

(NSNS) Fifty-nine people, including activist Abbie Hoffman and Amy Carter, daughter of former President Jimmy Carter, were arrested November 24 at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst during a takeover of the school's public relations building by more than a hundred students.

Hoffman led a noon rally protesting Central Intelligence Agency recruitment on campus and then marched into the building, where he and 50 others were charged with trespassing and disrupting university business. Carter, a student at Brown University in Providence, RI, was arrested along with seven other students for obstructing justice when they tried to block police from loading the other arrested students onto buses. Carter was also arrested eight months ago during an antiapartheid protest at an IBM office in Providence.

Three Become Commissioned Officers

Three outstanding college men were sworn in as commissioned officers in the United States Army at Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Friday, 23 January 1987. The three new officers are all former cadets of the WPI Reserve Officer Training Battalion. 2LT Thomas J. Conte, son of a District Attorney and Mrs. John J. Conte of Elnora Drive, Worcester. 2LT Conte is a graduate of Holy Cross College. 2LT William L. Millette, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Millette of Lincoln and Cumberland, Rhode Island. 2LT Millette is a senior at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. 2LT John M. Piskator, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter O. Piskator of Accommodation Street, Worcester. 2LT Piskator is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The officers were sworn in by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph J. Javorski, Commander of the Bay State Army ROTC Battalion, and Professor of Military Science at Worcester Polytech.

Ferris State, Oklahoma and Southern Cal Suspend Fraternities

(CPS)—Ferris State in Michigan suspended Tau Kappa Epsilon after one student died and two others were injured in car wrecks after a house party.

Oklahoma and USC suspended their Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapters for alleged hazing and drinking policy violations.

But a court released two U. Virginia students on \$1,600 bond after they were charged with stealing public signs and banners as part of their pledge assignments for Delta Sigma Phi.

For the First Time, Report Ties Tuition to Enrollment Drops

(CPS) — For the first time ever, lower college enrollments have been linked to ever-increasing tuitions in northeastern colleges, while colleges in the West, where tuitions are generally lower are "bursting at the seams," the College Board report says enrollment at public colleges in the West rose a whopping 50 percent since 1980, while the biggest nationwide drop — 11 percent — was among private colleges in New England, where tuitions rose the fastest.

Since 1980, when college tuitions started rising by rates far above the general inflation rate, educators have been confident they weren't pricing some students out of higher education.

In the wake of the College Board report, some officials seem ready to concede higher tuition may at least force some students to go to cheaper schools.

"Rising tuition may have been a factor (in the westward swing of the student population)," says Paul Albright of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. "Higher tuition could be keeping people closer to home to attend a public institution."

"There could be a linkage between tuition and enrollment," Albright adds. "The western schools have tended to raise tuition and put more of the cost of attending school on the students and parents. But the increases are not as significant in percentage as other parts of the country."

Julianne Thrift of the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities also thinks students may have college prices more in mind when choosing where to go.

"Students may be looking at the sticker price rather than applying and going to talk

to the financial aid office," Thrift says.

Even at the public University of Iowa, which had a minor enrollment drop for the first time in seven years this fall, money may be influencing enrollment, says admissions Director Dr. T. Anne Cleary.

"It definitely plays a greater part than it ought to," she says. "Young people frequently exclude schools that cost more even when financial aid, such as it is, is there for them."

But the educators think other matters beside tuition also may have provoked the swing the College Board documented.

Albright points to marketing efforts in Western state to help keep homegrown students — who might otherwise have migrated east — in state colleges.

He also notes the broader national population shift from the Northeast. "As the populations shifts to the West and South — both of which are experiencing a higher rate of growth than the East — demographics move."

Officials at the more expensive private colleges in New England, moreover, simply don't believe they're losing students. Dartmouth, for example, still turns away "thousands" of applicants for all regions, including the West, says Michael Varley of Dartmouth's admissions office.

The College Board, however, is not ready to resolve the debate whether tuition influences where students choose to go to school.

"No one here at the College Board is prepared to interpret the data," says spokeswoman Janice Game. "We feel as though the data speaks for itself."

SOCOM Previews

WPI should be in for a wild time Friday night. Performing at Gompei's Place will be Barence Whitefield and the Savages, a very popular Boston band. The Savages are a rising talent and have just returned from a triumphant tour of England. The English audience was very appreciative of lead singer Whitfield's manic stage personality and his band's R&B influenced rock. On the merit of this tour the Savages are receiving a major record contract and will have an EP produced by British artist/producer Nick Lowe

(Rockpile, Elvis Costello). Live, the Savage's bar-room style of music mixes rock and roll with R&B and soul. The 5-piece band plays "a pounding mixture of saxophone and keyboards," and Whitfield has been compared to Little Richard, James Brown, and Wilson Pickett. The Savage's show contains lots of humour with songs entitled 'Dig Yourself', 'Girl from Outer Space', and 'Juicy Fruit'. Check them all out at the Pub, Friday Feb. 6th at 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

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Friday, February 6

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