

# Mock disaster shows faults in emergency response

by Joe Schaffer  
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On the afternoon of Saturday, January 23, 1993, a disaster happened at Goddard Hall. Fortunately, campus police knew what was happening. The mock disaster, the first to be performed on campus, was a training exercise for WPI police and EMS. In practice, the exercise did not go so smoothly. It was a valuable tool in evaluating the performance of emergency personnel. The mock disaster involved some WPI EMS personnel as the victims of an accident in a chemistry lab. Simulated smoke and injuries were used to make the drill realistic. The mock disaster was a training exercise designed to test the performance of emergency personnel.

The accident had a planned scenario. The scenario was designed by Dave Messier, WPI Safety Officer. A student in a chemistry lab knocks over a reagent bottle containing about 500 ml of methanol. At the same time, a nearby hot plate cycles on, igniting the fumes from the spill. The fire covers about 2 square feet of the counter. The professor is able to get a fire extinguisher but, in the excitement, knocks over a two liter bottle of 50% sodium hydroxide solution and a two liter bottle of methylene chloride. The bottles break and create a pool of liquid about 6 square feet in area. Smoke and vapor in the lab build up after the fire has been extinguished. The TA, coughing from the fumes, escapes to the outside, reports the incident and tells campus police what materials are involved.

Campus police respond and call the fire department and EMS. WPI police Chief Hanlon was very pleased with the results of the exercise, although some things did go wrong. The fire alarm rang in Goddard Hall, but the alarm system did not give a warning at the police station. One of the "victims" was able to reach campus police via an emergency phone. There were some communication problems at the command post outside Goddard Hall. These problems were due to each agency not knowing all of the information that the other agencies needed to know. The District Fire Chief is in charge in these situations, and deploys all available resources. In such a situation, representatives of the various agencies involved advise the chief as to their respective personnel and equipment. Chief Hanlon stated that "The negatives were positive in terms of how to deal with these things better."

The drill also provided campus police with hands-on experience with major disasters. Since such disasters are rare, drills can teach emergency personnel how to handle the situation. "Time is an enemy," said Officer Chuck Furgal, "If a disaster happened, I would know what I would have to do." Even though there was no supervisor on duty that day, the responding officers acted in a swift and professional manner. The officers' duty upon arriving at the scene is to determine the nature of the disaster, alert appropriate emergency personnel, and prevent more people from being injured. During the drill, officers were able to work with the Worcester Fire

Department and Worcester EMS in a situation where the officers had little experience.

Emergency personnel had good response times although there were some delays. The malfunctioning fire alarm added to the police response time. The fire fighters did not know that keys for Goddard Hall were available, and having to force the door would take time. A small contingent of Worcester fire fighters entered Goddard Hall on the Salisbury Street side, not knowing that it was the wrong floor. This put them on the basement level, not on the first floor where the disaster occurred. After the fire fighters found the lab and made a preliminary survey, they came out of the building to don the proper equipment and brief the rest of the fire fighters on the situation. Traffic problems due to the number of vehicles slowed not only response time but travel time to the hospital.

The mock disaster gave practice in many different areas. Major problems were parking and traffic control. There were several rescue apparatus, including a hook-and-ladder. The construction on West Street was an extra complication. Disaster scenes have an inherent chaos, so the more experienced emergency personnel are in dealing with such situations the better they will perform.

The mock disaster, a self-evaluation, was filmed and studied. After the drill, the film, shot and edited by Doug Thompson, will be used to show emergency personnel the operation from a

different perspective. Critiques of such drills are very important to show faults in procedure and personnel actions. Worcester State College Chief of Security James Grainger and Lieutenant Thomas Foley of Holy Cross College's campus police were present to observe the exercise. In recent memory, no accident of this magnitude has ever occurred, but the scenario is not impossible. There are changes on the horizon in light of the results of the mock disaster.

Campus police will be making some

procedural changes. The alarm system will be checked more often because of the failure during the drill. Due to the inconsistency in the numbering of floors and rooms from building to building on campus, efforts will be made to mark buildings for rescue personnel. Campus police will devise a system to brief other rescue personnel on the layout of buildings where accidents occur. In the future, rescue personnel will pool their resources in order to see that the mistakes made in the drill will not occur in the event of a real emergency.

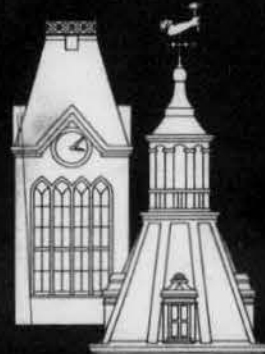


Members of Worcester's EMS squad treat victims during mock disaster

# NEWSPEAK

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## AAS exhibition on 19th century highlights of African Americans

The American Antiquarian Society (AAS), 185 Salisbury Street, has mounted an exhibition entitled "African-Americans: Contrasting Images and Conflicting Beliefs in Nineteenth-Century America." Organized by Justine Andrews, a senior at Assumption College majoring in art history,

the exhibition will be on display in Antiquarian Hall through February 25, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

In nineteenth-century America there were many stereotypes of African-Americans: clown-like and childish or savage cannibals and devil wor-

shippers. Slavery was credited with the civilization of these "savages," and it was feared that if slavery were abolished, the African-Americans would resume their lustful and violent ways. Portrayals of slave uprisings and slaves engaging in criminal activity support this image. Finally,

they were represented in a sympathetic light: civilized and clever human beings who were maltreated by prejudiced whites. Abolitionists tried to represent African-Americans as people of action and compassion, not unlike whites in their mannerisms and dress.

These conflicting beliefs about slavery and race are well illustrated in the exhibition's exceptional lithographs and engravings by artists such as Winslow Homer, David Claypool Johnston, and Civil War painter Theodor Kaufman.

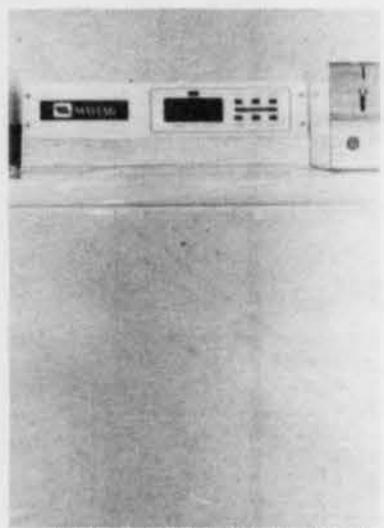
## Laundry price increase

by Dan Wright  
Newspeak Staff

As many of you who live on campus are probably aware, the cost of living just went a little higher here at WPI. The charge for the laundry services has risen to \$1.00 from the

previous price of \$0.75. According to a letter from John Gerard, Regional Manager of the Mac-Gray Company, the reasons for the change are simple. Apparently, since most colleges in the Worcester area charge \$1.00 for laundry, so should WPI. Also, still from the letter, most privately owned laundromats in Worcester charge \$1.25 or even \$1.50. Therefore, WPI students still have an advantage by using the laundry facilities on campus. A third reason the letter mentions is the rising cost of maintaining the machines.

The Mac-Gray company, also self-proclaimed as "The Laundry Professionals," enacted the changes over Winter Break. Since coming back, the WPI student body has not been very outspoken about the change. However, individually most people hold a negative opinion on the subject. "I'm not happy that the price has gone up, especially since the dryers in Founders fail to completely dry the clothes after one cycle," says junior Karen Daly. Senior Miki Kiyokawa believes that the increase is a bad idea, because other Worcester laundromats have larger washer and dryer capacities.



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The foreboding washing machine

## WPI's future to be discussed at open campus meeting

In preparation for our meeting at 4:30 pm on Thursday, February 4, 1993 in Kinnicutt Hall, the Blue Ribbon Task Force wanted to share with you in advance salient points and apparent trends which have resulted from the work of the Financial and Benchmarking subcommittees.

The agenda for the February 4th meeting is:

- 4:30 pm Introduction - The Charge of the Task Force, Questions that have been posed
- 4:35 pm The Financial Stress Points - A Synopsis of sub-committee studies - R. Hagglund
- 4:45 pm Where are we with regards to others? - A synopsis of the Benchmarking studies - H. Vassallo
- 4:55 pm Considerations for the future - W. Grogan
- 5:00 pm Open Discussion, W. Grogan, Moderator

### Follow-Up Meeting

A follow-up meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 1993 at 4:30 pm in Kinnicutt Hall which will focus on possible future directions for WPI.

[The subjects to be covered at this meeting are as follows:]

### SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BRTF

- Financial Aid Options at WPI
- Retirement Policy for WPI Faculty
- Deferred Maintenance
- New Finances Needed to Fully Implement the Strategic Plan
- Methods for Funding New Buildings at WPI
- Dynamic Budget Computer Model

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COMMENTARY

# Life: A Review

## Surgeon General Warns: Death Could be Unhealthy!!!

by Shawn Zimmerman  
Newspeak Staff

OK, so, people are having a cow about this economy thing. And they are not just having a cow. They are having huge rampaging herds of crazed bow legged heifers. We are in the midst of a horrible recession. We have recovered from the recession. Now is a perfect time to buy that coastal Montana property. There never has been a worse time to buy groceries. It seems like you can't spit without beaming some rabid economists contradicting themselves on a continual basis. Which is actually a good thing. If they can't provide some kind of insight into the state of the economy, then they might as well make themselves useful as mobile spittoons.

Which is nowhere near the point. The point is that all that blathering is pointless anyway. Everybody knows that the world is about to end. The ancient Egyptians knew it. Nostradamus knew it. The Weekly World News knows it. That dapper gentleman who drools around the bus station knows it.

And face it. The signs are pretty clear if you know how to look for them. The still very real possibility of total nuclear annihilation. The instabilities and resurgent hatreds in all parts of the world. The shocking fall of pop icon Leona Helmsley. The sinister prevalence of those damn Burger King commercials.

All these point incontrovertibly to Armageddon. Still not convinced? Listen to this:

Simply hundreds of years ago, the famous prescient astrologer, alchemist, and zany weekend weatherman, Michel Nostradamus scribbled out several thousand predictions on the back of an envelope. And many of them have proven themselves to be frighteningly accurate. Which leads, of course, to many probing, scientific questions.

How did he gain this preternatural knowledge of the future? How did he avoid the Inquisition for displaying his occult knowledge? Was he in league with alien Intelligences? Was he, himself, an alien Intelli-

gence? Why didn't he clean up in the stock market? Was he somehow a fraud? And how the heck did he fit thousands of predictions onto one envelope?

We may never know the answers to most of these questions. But the last two are easily dealt with. For one thing, the mail service was not very good back then. So people would save up a lot of letters before they sent them off. Thus they had enormous envelopes. It is a well known historical fact that the entire Peterson's Guide to Everything On the Planet was jotted down on the back of an envelope while he was waiting for a bus in Scandinavia.

As to the fraud question, well, I think that when you hear these startling true predictions, then you'll probably realize that they is no possibility of that. Everyone knows that he predicted the assassinations of the Kennedys, and the emergence of an Antichrist from the Middle East, and the raining of fire and death from the sky. Those are strictly no big deal anymore. The following quatrain proves that there are plenty more powerful nuggets that most authorities on the subject do not know about, or more probably, won't tell you about:

"In the Land of Stone will come one. Powerful and scrawny, Wrinkled and yellow. The Horse flies by. A terrible fall. The Goat roars. Scurrying ants."

This obviously predicts that Frank Perdue will become a powerful Heroin dealer in New York. He will trip during a riot in Gompei's, and the army will have to be mobilized. Shocking but true. And it is bound to happen. We cannot prevent it.

By the way, that was translated by me from the French, using the venerable and respected Ouija Translation Protocol. So you can be sure that it is accurate.

And speaking of almost inhuman accuracy, check out this one:

A story. A Man. His Bride. The Six sink. Years pass. Despair. But in the end, Victory, a skin discoloration.

This obviously chronicles the meteoric rise to all consuming popularity of the Brady Bunch.

For years, nobody could live a normal life without knowing exactly how Alice got those pesky frog stains out of Cindy's dress. Or how Mr. Brady gently, yet firmly, reprimanded Bobby for planting that zany atomic bomb in the girls' bathroom. And then, without warning, total and absolute defeat. The show was cancelled. The kids were forced to sell their dimples to survive. But who can forget Florence Henderson's triumphant return to the racial consciousness in the movie Shakes the Clown? And the last bit, of course, chronicles the tasteful hicky that Bobcat Goldthwait applied to her still perky bosom. Truly a tour de force, that movie. And yet another sterling victory for Nostradamus!

For pure enigma, though, nothing can beat this one:

"The white bird grunts, The ape pirouettes. Sugar, a can of soup, A bag of flour and pick up

the dry cleaning."

It seems to suggest that a bizarre accident involving cosmic rays and a thermos full of hot fudge will cause disastrous events as the Green Bay Packers' minds are transversed into those of the Bolshoi Ballet Corps. But the insinuating last two lines are apparently disjointed. Did Nostradamus simply put two unrelated quatrains together to save space, or do these sinister sounding words actually have some hidden meaning which will only reveal itself when we have reached to proper stage of maturity?

We may never know, for Nostradamus' predictions are much like an onion, everytime you peel back a layer to reveal the hidden inner center, you only find another layer. And yet, they are also like luncheon meat, in that, no matter how you slice it — it's still boloney.

### MANDATORY REGISTRATION MEETING FOR '93-'94 ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING

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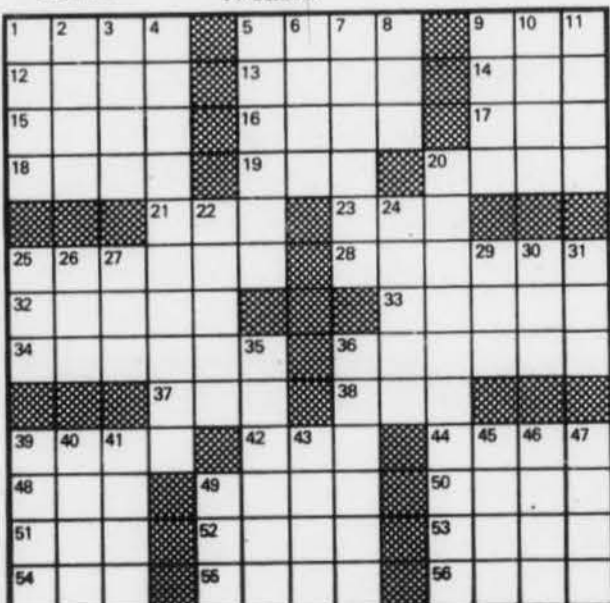
ACROSS

- 1. Suspend
- 5. Pleased
- 9. — diem
- 12. Waiter (Ger.)
- 13. Indian princess
- 14. Shoshonean
- 15. Persian fairy
- 16. Chemical suffix
- 17. Gene component
- 18. Type of collar
- 19. Append
- 20. Vault
- 21. — Moines
- 23. Actor Wallach
- 25. Squabble
- 28. Material
- 32. A Muse
- 33. Comedian Allen
- 34. "She — to Conquer"
- 36. Rose to the surface, as tears

- 37. Tennis gear
- 38. Land measure
- 39. Inlet
- 42. Tattletale?
- 44. Grate
- 48. — et vale
- 49. Undulate
- 50. Aware of
- 51. View
- 52. Road, to Caesar
- 53. — d'etat
- 54. Wander
- 55. Not any
- 56. Hawaiian god

DOWN

- 1. Word with chest
- 2. Aid
- 3. Famed fiddler
- 4. Disk for sharpening
- 5. Popular musical
- 6. Disembark
- 7. Positive terminals
- 8. Dilute (abbr.)
- 9. Chaste
- 10. Explosive one
- 11. Harvester's verb
- 20. City on Ark. river
- 22. Run off
- 24. Type of beam
- 25. "For — a jolly..."
- 26. Actor Carney
- 27. — Paulo, in Brazil
- 29. Slippery one
- 30. Actress Arden
- 31. Composer Rorem
- 35. Layers
- 36. Uncongealed
- 39. Lawyer's concern
- 40. Finished
- 41. Shift
- 43. State
- 45. Celebes ox
- 46. Stupefy
- 47. U.S. visitor in 1979
- 49. Come in first



Answers to King Crossword

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**SPORTS**

**Women's swimming team continues to glide on through season**

by Becky Kupcinkas  
Newspeak Staff

Women's swimming is entering the high point of its '92-'93 season. Six meets in the past two weeks have kept team members very busy. The first of these meets was held at Trinity College. The Engineers gave it their best shot, but were defeated by Trinity 132-99. Winners for WPI were Sara Pollard, Becky Kupcinkas, and Jen Sanna.

The next dual meet held at UMASS-Boston had a much more favorable outcome for the Engineers. The WPI Women's team emerged victorious, 130-40. Winners for WPI include Kim Scofield, Katie Snell, Corine Bakermans, Jen Sanna, Sara Pollard, Deb Sanna, Becky Kupcinkas, and Dianne Tinney.

A meet against UMASS-Dartmouth dropped

the Engineers to a 3-4 record. WPI swam well, but had problems winning races, often taking 2nd and 3rd. The end result was a 121-98 loss. Sara Pollard and Jen Sanna won races for WPI.

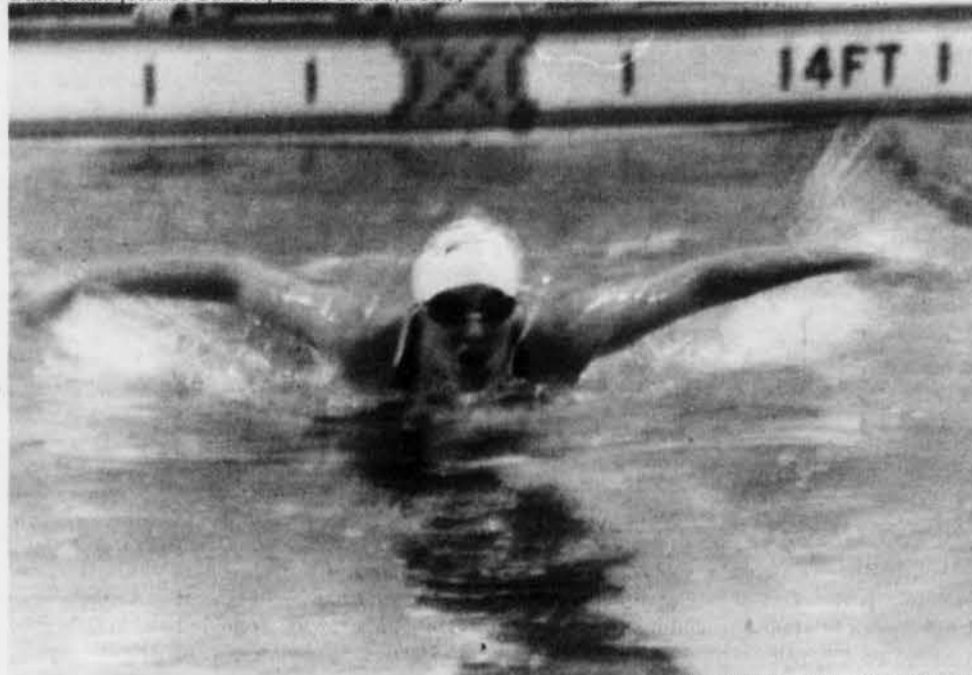
A dual meet against Regis College and Pine Manor was an exciting part of these two weeks. A grand total of three school records were broken! First, the 200 Medley Relay team of Becky Kupcinkas, Sara Pollard, Jen Sanna, and Deb Sanna set a record of 2:03.87. Next, Jen Sanna broke her own 50 fly record with a time of 29.57. Finally the 400 Free Relay team of Renee Cusson, Deb Sanna, Dianne Tinney, and Jen Sanna broke the 4 minute mark with a new record of 3:59.4. WPI diving also had a first when Kim Scofield and Renee Cusson placed first and second respectively. Regis still won the meet 89-51, but WPI solidly defeated Pine Manor. Brooke Kuffel, Alyce Pack, Dianne

Tinney, and Katie Snell deserve special good sport awards for their willingness to swim some of their tougher events.

The final meet of the two weeks was held on Thursday against Simmon's College. Several team members deserve congratulations for swimming personal best times. These women are Katie Snell (100 + 200 Fly), Diane Tinney (200 Fly), Brooke Kuffel (500 and 1000 free), and Becky Kupcinkas (100 Back). Winners for WPI were Jen Sanna, Deb Sanna, Corine Bakermans, Renee Cusson, Sara Pollard, Becky

Kupcinkas, and Katie Snell. Team spirit was extremely high as WPI reached the .500 mark again by winning the meet 68 to 54.

A special word of those of you who have never been to a WPI swim meet; Come on out and watch! This year's team is the best WPI swim team in recent history, and many of the contests are exciting to watch. We love to have plenty of fans cheering us on and we'd like to thank those of you who do come. Our next home meets are on February 4th and 7th against Brandeis and Wheaton.



Engineer's swimmer Dianne Tinney strokes her way up the lane in a meet last week in Alumni.

**Women's track begins season**

by Brian Savilonis  
Women's Track Coach

WPI opened its women's track season at a major invitational at Tufts involving 16 teams. Despite the lack of an indoor facility at WPI, four women qualified for the New England Championships with several other close. Highlights were provided by Terra Peckskamp (5th, 20 pound weight, 39-3 and 7th, shot, 32-2), Jenn Anderson (9th, 20 pound weight, 33-7 and 8th, shot, 31-

10), and Amy Brooks (8th, high jump, 4-11). Jenn is completely new to track and has shown rapid improvement; she also qualified for NE's in the dash. Amy participated in the Dartmouth Relays, qualifying in the pentathlon. Freshmen Heather Cleary (15-2, long jump and 8.1, hurdles) and Elaine Mongeon (4-7, high) looked solid in their own events as well as in the 4x200 relay. The squad has two upcoming meets at Wesleyan before the New England and Eastern championships

was quarterback Dave Ceppetelli, who holds all passing and total offense records. Senior All-American defensive tackle Peter Perivolarakis was voted top defensive lineman while senior safety Mike Ingram and senior linebacker John Matuszewski were named top defensive backs. On offense, seniors Jason Scott and Scott Popsuj were named outstanding linemen while Wooley earned outstanding back honors. Sophomore cornerback Khalid Rucker earned the Hammer Award as the team's hardest hitter and senior placekicker Eric Harvey was voted "specialist of the year." Freshman Ernie Ansah was voted "Rookie of the Year."

**Sports Snipits**

**WPI Gridders Select Captains**

The WPI football team recently named its four captains for the 1993 season at the annual football awards banquet. Serving as captains for the 103rd WPI varsity football team will be Jason Wooley, Bill Tyrrell, Tony Padula and Matt Mercer.

The Engineers also handed out team awards. Receiving the "Most Valuable Player" award

**WPI wrestling results**

**Williams, Trinity and Wentworth**

WPI	21
Minh Pham	4:59(17-0)
George Chu	WBF
Pete Hanson	3:40
Pete Grabowski	2
Jeff Stearns	1
Stan Farrell	3
Matt Wassel	10
Joe Laskowski	15
John Roy	WBTF
Rich DeStafano	14
WPI drops to 8-2	

Williams College (Adams, Mass.)	23
Paul Bernard	WBTF
	6:46
Bill Sullivan	WBF
Adam Nowak	10
John Facciani	10
Jamall Pollock	11
Reid Prichett	8
Brad Woodworth	5
Matt Sanzone	5:54
Corey Modeste	10

WPI	60
Minh Pham	F
Mark Simon	WBF
Sean Corbett	F
Pete Grabowski	F
Jason Papp	F
Don Kallio	WBF
Lionel Bella	F
Joe Laskowski	F
Vin Ceceri	F
Dave Argento	F
WPI goes to 9-2	

Wentworth(Boston Mass)	0
Tony Comeau	:12
Matt Braun	2:13

WPI	40
Minh Pham	1:06
George Chu	WBF
Mark Simon	F
Pete Grabowski	9
Jason Papp	4
Don Kallio	WBF
Matt Wassel	WBF
Joe Laskowski	5
John Roy	13
Rich DeStefano	F

Trinity(Hartford Conn.)	10
Brian Roberts	WBF
Mike Zaino	5:24
Paul Moorner	5
Bobby Bligh	12
Vassily Eliopoulos	5:52
Jason Teebogoy	5:25
Matt Pedersen	3
Tucker McLean	5

**Women's Basketball season totals**

Player	g	gs	fg	fga	3fg	3fga	ft	fta	pts	rebss	ast	to	blk	stl
Buzzel	14	12	68	138	0	0	23	37	159	92	8	31	12	5
Pigone	14	14	60	203	0	2	18	28	138	81	50	62	6	21
King	9	7	28	99	0	0	24	39	80	25	23	29	2	11
McCabe	14	14	44	98	0	0	25	47	113	124	5	37	4	8
Plog	14	0	22	59	0	0	35	50	79	60	1	16	0	4
Moser	13	6	26	85	0	0	13	25	65	59	11	21	4	0
Plante	14	11	31	62	0	4	7	16	69	45	44	54	1	4
Jones	11	6	15	45	0	2	14	24	44	43	24	25	1	1
Lovin	10	1	20	56	0	0	0	5	40	51	1	7	4	1

**Men's Basketball season totals**

Player	g	gs	fg	fga	3fg	3fga	ft	fta	pts	rebs	ast	to	blk	stl
Weinwurm	14	14	93	200	0	2	60	91	246	119	16	28	21	28
Golden	14	14	94	175	0	0	50	74	238	95	12	25	33	10
Richards	12	12	54	112	10	19	40	52	158	42	44	43	2	37
Hawley	14	14	63	143	13	43	38	52	177	44	41	31	2	32
Naughton	14	1	26	60	5	15	37	43	94	49	17	23	5	10
Kijak	8	6	19	41	0	6	8	13	46	11	26	26	0	9
Casey	9	1	14	20	0	0	3	5	31	9	2	4	1	2
Hamel	14	4	13	24	5	12	15	20	46	19	22	21	0	16
Chase	13	0	9	25	0	0	12	18	30	18	2	6	3	3
Ennis	10	2	6	22	0	4	10	17	22	17	8	14	1	9



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## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Electric Insiders

By Andrew Watts  
Newspeak Staff

Quote of the Week: "Better late than never!"

I may be late in getting back in the swing of things but nevertheless, I am back into action. A Macintosh review has now been done for this article. I may have to do more reviews for the Mac, the graphics are fantastic and the sound is paralyzingly real. My thanks to Patrick Delahanty for helping me with this review.

Space Quest IV: Roger Wilco and the Time Rippers.

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You have finally saved the Two Guys from Andromeda from a fate worse than death and have begun a well-earned vacation. Two police officers confront you and bring you to a hologram projector. The image in the projector is none other than your old nemesis, Sludge Vohaul! Sludge says that he is the ruler of the future, but in order to protect himself, he must eliminate any chance of a sequel, in other words, YOU! Before the police thugs can kill you, a young space warrior incapacitates the officers and sells you to travel through time to defeat Vohaul's schemes once and for all.

The second series of games from Seirra is still doing extremely well with Roger Wilco and the Time Rippers. The soundtrack is extremely good and the humor is as wacky and off-the-wall as ever. For any fan of Sierra, Space Quest or science fiction adventures, this is the game for you.

That's it for now. Live long and prosper!

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Tau Beta Pi inducts 66 new members

by Tom Cosker '93  
Tau Beta Pi President

The Massachusetts Alpha chapter of Tau Beta Pi has just announced the initiation of 66 new members. The initiation was held on Wednesday, December 9 on campus. Following the ceremony a dinner banquet was held at McQuale's restaurant to allow friends and family to celebrate with the newly initiated members. The chapter advisors, Professor James Demetry and WPI President Jon Strauss, were on hand to celebrate the evening. A special service award was presented to Dean William Grogan for his outstanding service as past advisor of the Massachusetts Alpha chapter. Also present to assist in the celebration was Tau Beta Pi member Professor Albert Sacco Jr. who gave a presentation explaining his experience as a United States astronaut.

The newly initiated members include eminent engineer Professor Richard Vaz of the Electrical Engineering Department, 36 seniors and 30 juniors. The new student members were:

## Seniors

Mohammed Al-Rifaie, Ricardo Behar, Richard Bombard, Mark Bonanno, David Brewster, Timothy Brosnihan, John Buhl, Mary Burke, Thomas Chadwick, James Crayhon, Gerald Daly, Nestor Deocampo, Howard Dickerman, Janie Furlong, Jennifer Goggins, Jennifa Gosling, Eric Graham, Robert Herrmann, Nickie Hunter, Andres Lartitegui, Anthony Lasala, Christopher Leary, William Lewis, James Moore, Gary Morse, Gregory Murray, Paul Ormond, Freddy Pranajaya, Brian Prunier, William Rockford, Joseph Sabatini, John Stein, Donna Underwood, Steven Vassallo, Ross Weyman, Michiko Yamaguchi

## Juniors

Sandor Becz Jr., Tracy Coffin, Karen Daly, Susan Daly, Fred Dietz, Mark Fruzzetti, Daniel Gaines, Venkatesh Gopalakrishnan, Aaron Gower, Bradbury Hart, Matthew Heath, Paul Heitzler, John Herendeen, Edward Iorio, Keith Jones, Christopher Kmiec, Jennifer Lord, David Marshall, Matthew Martin, Ralph Maselli, Philip Muller, Dena Niedzwiecki, Jung Park, Kevin Parker, Carla Richardson, Zachary Sacks, Richard Smith, Derek Sykes, Brian Whalen

Congratulations to all new members. We look forward to working with you in the future.

## Music Review

## Mudhoney, Dennis Leary, Velocity Girl and Tsunami

by Brandon Coley and Tim Mentzer  
Newspeak Staff

## "Piece of Cake" Mudhoney

This album is a contradiction in terms. It has a large variety of songs and song types, but still manages to make it all sound the same. There are some more classic Mudhoney songs, some bluesier songs (which sound as if they are left over from Arm/Turner's Monkeywrench release) in addition to a techno song, a country guitar solo, a song of fart noises, and a slow acoustic piece "Acetone" that is the only departure from their normal sounds that even remotely works. "Remotely" here, is the key word. You know exactly what they mean by "No End in Sight" when you listen to this

album. Hearing it is an education, but one that is NOT recommended. GRADE: C-

## "No Cure for Cancer" Dennis Leary

This Worcester native's first national release "No Cure For Cancer" is by far the best comedy album in a long time. The stand up is (of course) hilarious, as you Dennis Leary fans will surely attest to, but the highlight of the album is most assuredly the first song "Asshole". For everyone sick of yuppie scum and pamphlet toting liberals, this a fine deviation from the over 10 million "Save this" campaigns in this country. Of course, if you are one of the aforementioned, listen and learn. "Billy Martin said it best when he said 'I'll drive'." GRADE: A-

## Christmas Single Velocity Girl and Tsunami

For those of you at the pub show the weekend before last, we don't have to tell you that Velocity Girl is excellent. The single sold at the show, however, was just a wee bit of a departure... its a Christmas Song. "Merry Christmas, I Love You" is not only a little hokey and cute, but its acoustic. Not to make it sound bad however, because it IS quite excellent. The lead vocals, underplayed at the show, rise above the instrumentals beautifully. As for the rest of what's on the 7" vinyl, we will not vouch. Tsunami is "OK", but are not really very good. Never mind the version of "Deck the Halls" that both bands do. Listen to the first song only - its good enough to stand alone. GRADE: B+

## A month of disciplining

## Muslim Student Association

February is the ninth month of the Arab and Islamic calendar. The word Ramadhan meant originally "great heat", a description which originates in the pre-Islamic solar calendar. This month was wholly an Arab tradition before Islam and was one of the months of truce. Fasting during the month is one of the Five Pillars of Islam (sawm Ramadhan).

"...the month of Ramadhan, wherein the Quran was sent down to be a guidance to the people, and as clear signs of the Guidance and the Salvation So let those of you, who are present at the month, fast it; and if any of you be sick, or if he be on a journey, then a number of other days; God desires ease for you, and desires not hardship for you; and that you fulfil the number, and magnify God that He has guided you, and happily you will be thankful." Quran [2:182].

The month of fasting begins with the physical sighting of the new moon. If the new moon is not sighted on the twenty-eighth day of the previous month, this may be lengthened to twenty-nine or thirty days so that the beginning of fasting may correspond with the beginning of the month of Ramadhan. Following Turkish custom, many countries signal the beginning of the month of Ramadhan to the population by the repeated firing of cannon on the eve of the first day.

During Ramadhan a Muslim does not eat or drink from daybreak, when a thread of light may be seen on the horizon, until the sun has set. After the evening prayer (Maghrib), a breakfast is eaten. Somewhat later in the night a larger meal is taken. It is common to take a meal, sometimes called suhur, in the early morning before the fast begins. Musicians and criers walk through towns at night to wake the people to take this meal; the criers often do this as a pious act.

The daily fast is begun by formulating the intention to perform the fast as a rite. Children begin fasting gradually, first half a day, then several days, until they grow old enough to fast without injuring their health. No one is required to fast if his health is not up to it, and if a fast threatens health it should be stopped. Pregnant and nursing women are exempted from fasting. Menstruating women are also exempted but must make up the lost fast days afterwards during the course of the year.

Travelers are exempted from fasting (but not forbidden to fast), if the distance traveled is great, or if they are on a journey which continues for more than three days. Fast days which are lost for reasons of health or travel must be made up during the year. Exemption from the entire period of fasting is theoretically allowed if one feeds thirty poor people each day of the fast, as is partial exemption on the same terms, but it is, in fact, frowned upon and never resorted to by people of means. It is clear from experience that there is a great blessing in ritual fasting; Ramadhan itself is a blessed month, a moment in the year when God's graces seem closer and more easily accessible.

## Sonny Costanzo and his orchestra to jazz up Alden

by Michael Koehl  
Class of '95

For an exciting evening of jazz and swing, be in Alden Hall on Feb. 13 at 8:00 pm. Internationally acclaimed Sonny Costanzo and his Jazz Orchestra are going to fill the air with jazz. Sonny has been called the world's greatest trombonist, but he refuses the honor, saying "That would mean that I do not have anything more to prove. There are still so many ways to explore."

Costanzo first took up the trombone 50 years ago because "that was what they needed in our school band." By age 13, he was playing in a big band that hosted Saturday night dances at Lake Compounce in Bristol, Connecticut. Since then, he has enjoyed a remarkable career, having played lead trombone with Big Band legends such as Woody Herman, Thad Jones, Mel Lewis and Clark Terry. Though classically trained, he has devoted most of his life to jazz. In addition to frequent concert tours in Europe, Costanzo has instructed clinics at major universities and conservatories throughout the world, including famed Paris Conservatory.

A few years ago, Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut, developed an intriguing experiment. This experiment offered an ongoing "artist-in-residency" appointment to Sonny Costanzo and his entire big band. The school gave the band a stipend and a place to rehearse and perform regularly. "Because of that, it's getting to the point where it sounds like there's only one very loud, very talented musician playing in each section." In return, Costanzo brings jazz greats, such as Chick Corea, Paquito D'Rivera and Freddy Hubbard, to play concerts with his band at Quinnipiac. The band has backed such major artists as Tony Bennett, Mel Torme, Paul Anka, and Johnny Mathis.

Join Sonny Costanzo and his Jazz Orchestra on Saturday Feb. 13 at 8:00 PM in Alden Hall and enjoy the jazz. Tickets are only \$2 with a WPI ID and \$5 for everyone else.



Trombonist Sonny Costanzo

On Monday, Feb. 8th, the Bookstore will be closed for inventory. Thank you - WPI Bookstore



COMMENTARY

# TFM

by Megazone

Welcome to the first edition of TFM, the Newspeak computer help column. Throughout my articles you will find commands written out in parenthesis, ie 'cd ..' (cd-dot-dot), as this is how you will hear most users pronounce them. If you have any questions about the system, or if you need additional advice with the commands mentioned below, please send email to megazone@wpi or mail to Box 2700, Attn: TFM. Feel free to ask me questions in person if you see me on, username megazone. In the future I will work through common commands used on the WPI CCC Unix network, and take any questions from the readers, but this time I have something important to tell you.

**Section One: The Problem**

WPI is running out of room. What? Well, not physical room, virtual room. The disk space that holds files for most of the WPI computers is being filled up. Should the disks be completely filled, the ability to perform work will be severely restricted. Users would be unable to compile programs or create new files. The computer community at WPI needs to be aware of system limitations.

Each account at WPI has a disk quota, which is an amount of disk space that account is allowed to use. Accounts also have a disk limit, which is a cap on disk usage that the user cannot exceed. Disk quotas are designed to be generous to users, so that students with legitimate academic needs do not have to keep asking for more disk space. If needed, users can use as much disk space as their quota allows. This quota, however, is not a license to fill the account with junk. If you add up the quotas on all the accounts on the system, the total is much larger than the actual available space on the drives. To alleviate some of the problem, a new disk drive has been ordered, and should be in soon. It is still important, however, for users to practice responsible management of their accounts.

Allotting more space than is actually available may seem odd to some, but there are reasons. Some accounts are never used, while some are used frequently. If the actual disk space was divided by the number of users, and only that amount was issued as a quota, a great deal of space would be wasted by inactive accounts. Also, a high quota reduces the need for requesting an increase for legitimate academic needs. The current problem is caused by users storing non-academic or old files on the system. Even if you are well under quota, you may be taking away space needed by other students.

The current quotas are quite generous. When I first arrived at WPI in the fall of '89 they were set at 500K, later increased to 1Meg, and with the replacement of the old Encore Multimax, they were raised to a current level of 2.5Megs. WPI's network is a resource for all students and faculty. System use is a privilege, not a right. Many schools charge separately for computer use, or flat out deny students accounts for anything other than course work. The setup here is designed to provide the most resources to the users with the least restrictions. The CCC staff does all they can to make sure everything runs smoothly and that the system performs when you need it. However, they do not want to become an electronic Gestapo, spending all their time policing disk usage. If the users cooperate and contribute to the effort the system will run smoothly for everyone.

There are a few rules and guidelines that, if followed, can reduce the problem. Do not store pictures in your account. Digital pictures (GIFs

and JPEGs being the most common formats) use a great deal of space. It is against system rules to store them in your account. If you want to look at pictures, check the /gif directory on any of the DECstations, or several of the directories in /usr4/pub/. Games also tend to eat a lot of disk space, and running a public game from your account may result in your account getting revoked. Many users like to keep old mail and/or news articles to reference at a later date, or perhaps even old homework assignments. These too use a lot of space. Although the files may seem tiny to you, when every user has a 'few' tiny files, the numbers add up quickly.

**Section Two: Some Solutions**

So, what can you do about the problem? Glad you asked... To check your quota, type 'quota -v'. (quota-dash-v) This will display your usage, quota, and limit, both in space and number of files. Those interested can type 'man quota' for more information.

To check your individual files' size, type 'ls -asR | more' in your home directory. (ls-dash-asR-pipe-through-more) This will list all of your files, in all of your directories, in alphabetical order, showing the size of each file in kilobytes. 'more' limits output to one screen at a time, press space for the next screen's worth. 'man ls' and 'man more' will provide more detailed information if you want it.

Now that you know what you have, what do you do? Well... If you have files that you look at often enough that you need to keep them online, compress them. This will shrink the file a great deal. Compressing a file is simple, just type 'compress [filename]' and 'uncompress [filename]' to expand the file again. Compressed files will have a .Z suffix added to let you know that they are compressed. Do not 'cat' or 'more' a .Z file, rather, use 'zcat' or 'zmore'. Compressing text files is also good practice, you really don't need every file uncompressed at the same time. Simply uncompress the file you want to work with and compress it when you're done. 'man compress' for more information.

Files that you don't use regularly should be removed from the system. There are several ways to store them off line. 'FTP'ing to floppy disk and 'tar'ing them to tape storage.

'FTP'ing to floppy is the simplest for users with few files. Got to any of the PC labs around campus with a floppy disk. 3.5" high-density disks will hold the most information, and are also the most portable. Make sure the disk is formatted before you begin. In the NOVELL menu system choose 'Communications Applications', then choose 'FTP'. Enter 'WPI' as the host name and choose the proper disk drive, usually B: for a 3.5" disk. Enter your username and password as you would when logging in. You can use 'ls' and 'cd' as you normally would. Before you begin to transfer files type 'bin', this will set binary type to 'I'. This is will insure proper transfer of your files. To save files to the disk use 'get [filename]', or, if you have several files with similar names you can use 'mget' with '\*' as a 'wildcard'. For example, if you have homework.1, homework.2, and homework.3, 'mget home\*' will copy all of the files that begin with 'home'. To move files back to your account you can use 'put' and 'mput' in the same way. When finished in FTP type 'bye'. Once the files are copied you can login and removed them from your account with the command 'rm [filename]'. Once again 'man ftp' and 'man rm' for more details. The main drawback to using floppies is that they can only hold 1.44MB of data. If you have several large

files to store, or if you want to back up your entire account, the way to go is 'tar'. To use tar you need to purchase a DAT (Digital Audio Tape). These are available for \$10 at the CCC and can hold up to 1.3Gigabytes. That's 1.3 billion bytes, as opposed to 1.44 million for a floppy, most likely more room than you'll ever need. It is also smaller than a normal audio cassette and therefore extremely portable.

To 'tar' to your DAT go to the CCC and login to host 'bigwpi'. (If you use a DECstation, type 'login bigwpi' after your windows come up.) Then type 'get\_tape' (get-underscore-tape). This will reserve the DAT drive in your name. If you receive a notice that it is reserved by someone else you just have to wait your turn. Now ask one of the friendly people at the desk to mount your DAT for you. Using 'get\_tape' insures that only you can alter your tape.

Once the DAT is mounted you can begin to tar. The easiest way is to tar an entire directory, or your account. To back up your account type 'cd ..' (cd-dot-dot) while in your home directory. 'cd..' is the command to move back up one directory. For instance, if I am in /usr1/megazone and I type 'cd..' I will then be in /usr1. Once you have moved up a directory type 'tar -c [username]' (tar-dash-c). This will archive your home directory, and all of your files and subdirectories, to the DAT. The '-c' flag creates a new archive on the DAT, overwriting anything else there. 'tar -r' (tar-dash-r) will write the files to the end of the archive and 'tar

-u' (tar-dash-u) will add the files only if they are not there already or if they have been modified since the last time they were written to the DAT. It is important that you do NOT use 'tar -c' except for the first time. 'tar -c' will erase any data you had previously stored on the DAT. You can tar individual files using 'tar -r [filename]' or 'tar -u [filename]', or you can specify any directory to be 'tar'ed. To list the files stored on the DAT type 'tar -t' (tar-dash-t). This will list the files as they appear on the tape. You can also use 'tar -t | more' if the output is too much for one screen. At anytime, in any directory, simply typing 'cd' will return you to your home directory.

To extract files from a DAT use 'tar -x [filename]'. You can also use 'tar -x [directory]' if you wish to extract the entire contents of the directory. Using 'tar -x' on it's own will extract the entire contents of the DAT. A good practice is to 'cd /tmp' before using 'tar -x' to prevent overwriting files in your account. Using the '-v' flag with other options 'tar -cv', 'tar -xv', etc., will put 'tar' into verbose mode. 'tar' will then tell you each step it is taking as it does so.

When you are finished enter 'mt offline' to rewind and eject your tape. Then ask to have your DAT unmounted. Once you have your DAT, type 'give\_tape' (give-underscore-tape). This will free up the drive for other users. You can then remove the files from your account. 'tar' has many, many more options which can be found by using 'man tar'.

## Just a thought

From the inside looking out

by Stephen Brown  
Protestant Campus Ministries

Mark 2:3ff, "Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them... When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak this way. It is Blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived... and said to them, "...Which is easier, to say "Your sins are forgiven, or to stand up and take your mat and walk?... he said to the paralytic - "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go home." And he (the paralytic) stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before them: so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

If you read this story quickly, you might ask what the controversy was all about. Beyond some theological disputes, why would the scribes, the officials who ran the Temple, get so upset about Jesus forgiving and healing this poor paralytic?

To understand the problem, you have to understand the religious beliefs and practices of Jesus' day. The scribes who oversaw the workings of the Temple in Jerusalem had strict rules about who could enter the Temple and participate in the religious rites. You had to be able to bring a sacrifice to lay on the altar, and if you couldn't afford to purchase a lamb or another means of sacrifice, the money lenders and merchants could fix you up right outside the door of the Temple.

Another restriction was you had to be as pure in body as you were in Spirit. Which meant that persons like the paralytic could never enter the Temple, or even a local synagogue for worship or offer a sacrifice. Thus the scribes were the gatekeepers of the House of God, making sure only the right people got in and the "undesirables" were left out. Only the "right" kind of people could worship, make sacrifices, and seek and receive forgiveness from God... in the Temple.

That practice is at the heart of the controversy of this story from Mark. Whether or not they had any respect for Jesus and his claims of being the Son of God... even if they only saw him as just another rabbi... the very act of forgiving a paralytic was outrageous to them. This... this cripple was "unclean", an outsider. The very thought of giving this cripple forgiveness was shattering... shattering because if this could be done, if this cripple could be forgiven, then anyone could. There would be no outsiders and insiders! **Everyone would be allowed in the Temple!**

It is this issue of insiders and outsiders that I believe lies at the heart of so much of the racial, religious, and sexual hatred that we are experiencing all around us. We desperately want to believe that there are only a few of us who are right, intelligent, the true believers, insiders. We want to surround ourselves with "our kind" and keep the "others, the

outsiders"... those people out, away from us, at a safe distance.

Why else are the Croats and Serbians and Bosnians killing each other... or the Hindus and Muslims in India, or the various gangs in Somalia... why else is the military and the church and most of the country afraid to admit gays and lesbians into their outfits, their churches, their neighborhoods. **BECAUSE THEY ARE OUTSIDERS.** And we don't want any outsiders crashing our party, sitting next to us in the pews, or sleeping in the same barracks.

Is it any wonder then that the Scribes were so upset at Jesus when he forgave, then healed this "outsider". And if you keep reading the rest of Mark, or Luke, or John or Matthew... or most of the Torah, you keep running in to this God who keeps finding and claiming all these outsiders as God's people. A Moses who was a former slave and murderer, an Abraham who was an adulterer and poor farmer, a bunch of dirty, grungy shepherds, a corrupt tax collector Zaccheus, and a poor paralytic who had to be lowered from the roof. What a bunch of losers.

Yet God did, and still does reach from the insider out, grasping and loving and claiming all manner of outsiders to come and be loved and be forgiven. Is it possible that we too might learn to reach from our insider out, and claim as friends, as brothers and sisters those who we see as outsiders.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### CDC here to help

To The Editor:

Don't lose faith in CDC or your job search. Yes, the job market is difficult and yes it is mostly the large companies that interview on campus. Perhaps when these companies prescreen they do have a bias towards women, but remember half the students they interview on campus are not prescreened. Year to date, 28 females have been prescreened vs 90 males prescreened.

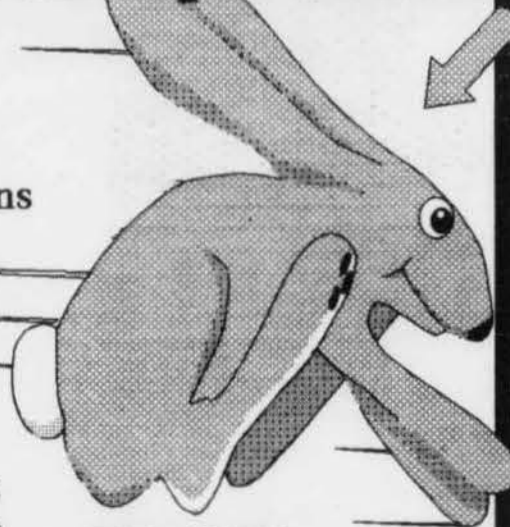
But more important, each student must take charge of his or her own off campus job search which means identifying logical companies to work for and then setting up off campus interviews. This is a much more difficult task than interviewing on campus, but the facts are the process works. The good news is that CDC can help you. We have 3 workshops on "OFF CAMPUS INTERVIEWING" scheduled this semester and I am available on Monday & Wednesdays to work with students on their individual job search plan. Don't be afraid to come to us and say "I need help".

Karl van Leer  
Employment Counselor  
Career Development Center

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## President's Remarks

Due to the resignation of a senator, President Rick Daigle chose a nominee to fill that position. Since the senatorial elections during A term, many people who were not elected continued to show interest in SGA. Daigle nominated Andy Williams, who was unable to attend the meeting. When taken to a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 16-1, with 5 abstaining.

Daigle then went on to say that with a vote, the senate could elect a new chair for the meeting. Normally, by the Constitution, the President is the chair by default. Daigle nominated John Grossi to act as chair. The motion passed by a vote of 17-1 with 4 abstaining. Grossi took over as chair of the meeting.

## Academic Committees

Vice President Jennifer Keenan discussed the plan of the Committee on Academic Policy to begin a program of off-campus sufficiencies. Such a pro-

gram would take place during one term. The sufficiency would count as a full unit, and would comprise two classes and the project. The motion would be brought up at the February 18 faculty meeting.

## New Business

Keenan made a motion for a new student representative position on the WPI Board of Trustees, which would be filled by open election to be held at the time of the Executive elections. The positions would be open to non-members of SGA as well as current members. The representative would be a non-voting member of the committee. A motion was made to table (put aside) Keenan's motion. The tabling motion was carried by a vote of 24-0 with 1

abstaining.

Keenan also made a motion to create a new "President's Club". The purpose would be for presidents of organizations (or any representative of the orga-

any problems encountered. A long debate ensued about who should sit in on the meetings, and the frequency of meetings. A suggestion was made to change the name. Another suggestion was that open meetings be held for any member of any organization to attend. Because no consensus could be reached, the motion was tabled by a vote of 19-3, with 1 abstaining. Daigle did establish a committee to set the wheels in motion.

## SGA NEWS

President Rick Daigle announced that he would be taking a short leave of absence. During the time he will be away, Vice President Jennifer Keenan will be Acting President.

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

nization) to meet regularly with the Student Government to keep a dialogue between the groups and governance about the state of the organization and

## Agenda

for the meeting of  
January 26, 1993

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. President's Remarks
- IV. Treasurer's Reports
- V. Academic Committees
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Voting of Financial By-Laws
- VII. New Business
  - A. Residence Hall Closing Procedures
  - B. New Student Rep Position
  - C. New President's Club
- VIII. Committee Reports
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjournment

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Global Resources now in Gordon Library

by Don Richardson  
Reference Department  
Gordon Library

Gordon Library is pleased to announce that the Global Program books, which have been housed in the Project

Center, are being moved to the library, where they will be incorporated into the library's general and reference collections. It is hoped that having these materials in the library will make them more widely available to potential users. The books are

in the process of being transferred to the library and will be processed and added to the collection over the next few weeks.

In addition to books, the library also has acquired two computer programs concerned with global issues:

*PC Globe and World Resources Data.* Both programs provide statistical and other factual data concerning the world's nations, regions, and political and economic bodies. Currently, the two programs are available on the "Global Resources" computer located

outside room 223 on the main floor of the library. Just select the program that you want to use from the computer's menu. Check at the Reference Desk if you need help.

## Noted Economist to speak at WPI

Noted economist and educator Walter E. Williams will talk on "Government Intervention and Individual Freedoms" at 7:30 pm Feb. 11 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's Perreault Hall.

Williams, who is George Mason

University's John S. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics will speak as part of WPI's Class of 1939 Lecture Series. His talk is free and open to the public.

Williams has taught at Los Angeles City College, California State Uni-

versity at Los Angeles, Temple University and George Mason University. He served on the research staff of the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. and was a national fellow at the Hoover Institution of War, Peace and Revolution at Stanford University.

Williams is author of "The State Against Blacks," "America: A Minority Viewpoint," "All It Takes Is Guts," and "South Africa's War Against Capitalism."

He has published numerous articles in the scholarly and popular press and has appeared frequently on network and local television radio shows, including the "Larry King Show," "Face the Nation," "Crossfire" and "Nightline."

The WPI Class of 1939 established the Lecture Series on Technology and Free Enterprise at its 40th reunion. The series explores the results of government intervention in private affairs and the free market. The purpose of the series is to demonstrate the advantages of limited government and the dangers of unrestrained government power.

## Freshmen: Still Undecided?

Renee LaFountain  
Major Selection Program Staff  
Class of '93

In February you will be asked (with the help of your academic advisor) to decide upon your schedule of classes for the entire 1993-94 academic year. For some of you, this may be very difficult if you have not yet narrowed in on a major. If you still feel unsure about your academic path, need more information on specific majors, or just want to toss around some options, please feel free to set up an appointment with one of the staff at the Major Selection Program. Either stop by the Major Selection Program Office on the first floor of Boynton Hall, or call 831-5012 to set up an appointment.

We look forward to being of service.

Traditions Day to be held  
April 20, 1993

by Kate Ranum  
Class of '93

The Student Alumni Society has chosen the date for the 3rd annual Traditions Day. Traditions Day celebrates the history of WPI and will be held this year on Tuesday, April 20, 1993. The day's events will include a pie-eating contest, dunk tank on the quad, the

Higgins House museum, and a candle lighting ceremony. New events are planned and will be announced at a later date. Traditions Day will also include two freshmen-sophomore rivalry events one of which will be the pennant rush.

Watch for future updates in Newspeak and mark your calendars for April 20, 1993, Traditions Day!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Keep Plant Services informed...

Letter to the Editor:

My apartment-mates and myself would like to take a minute to say that, while we generally agree with Joger's remarks last week regarding the problems often associated with living in the Ellsworth/Fuller apartments, it was the way which he stated his grievances was what upsetting to some people. Much of what he said is true, especially concerning Plant Services and the custodians, but it is not true as an absolute or a rule. Being extremely unhappy with the level of cleaning which was performed/not performed in our own bathroom for the first half of the year, two of my roommates and I went over to Residential Services last Tuesday. We asked Howard Seidler, the Director of Housing, to call Plant Services and request/demand that when our custodian came to clean that day, he thoroughly clean and disinfect our entire bathroom, especially the shower walls, which were taking on a life of

their own. Within a few hours, Kevin, our custodian, showed up and cleaned quite well, except that he did not do the shower walls. Within an hour after I called Plant Services to complain, he was back, and aside from setting off the heat detector with the shower steam, he did a spectacular job. This just goes to show that one cannot stereotype the entirety of Plant Services on account of one particular custodian, who shall remain unnamed but not unknown, right Joger?

We would like to thank Howard Seidler for his timely response to our request, and we apologize in advance to Residential Services for creating more work for them, now that everyone who is reading this is going to call and complain.

-- The Residents of Fuller 13  
(who now have a clean bathroom)

P.S. By the way Joger, WE have a plunger.

## Arrest someone!

If you were just wondering how you could arrest someone and raise money for Muscular Dystrophy at the same time, you're in luck. Zeta Psi's Jail and Bail to benefit The Muscular Dystrophy Association is back in town. We will be conducting the event this Wednesday, February 3rd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the lower wedge. How does it work? All you have to do is pledge a donation of \$20 or more in order to have an individual of your choice arrested by members of Zeta Psi (arrests are conducted with the help of the Worcester County Sheriff's Department). The individual under arrest is then taken to a holding cell in the Lower Wedge and matches the pledged amount (\$20 or more) by raising bail money through telephoning friends, co-workers, etc. The money raised from this event will provide MDA with funding for local scientific research and other really great stuff. If you want to arrest someone or have any questions, please contact Chris Grace or Dan DiSalvio.

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COMMENTARY

# Joger's View

## To park or not to park? Not on campus you don't

by Joger

Campus Police here at WPI tend to get the short end of the stick in many cases. They get little or no respect and are the targets of endless donut jokes. (Did you hear the one... ah drop it.) However, they do a good job of keeping crime to a minimum, and they seem to be truly concerned about the safety of students. After all, their motto is "Your safety is our primary concern." This is due to what several members of campus police, including Chief Hanlon, call a "proactive" attitude, rather than the reactive system which is necessary for most other police departments due to the large number of crimes they must deal with.

Safety in the above motto is without definition, however. Does this mean personal safety or the safety of our property as well? In the first case, Campus Police should be commended. They are always available for escorting a student to their home if the student feels the situation could be dangerous, i.e. a walk home late at night. Response to fire alarms is quick, even though nine times out of ten it is a burnt bagel or a roommate using the shower to steam open an envelope that is to blame. (Who would be stupid enough to try to steam open a letter with the shower?) People in high places say that the efforts of campus police in the World House fire earlier this year are responsible for saving the lives of the residents, as well as the building.

Great job, and keep up the good work. Safety of personal property is where the question marks come in. This is where I crack my knuckles and get to some serious typing. I may get upset, but I promise, no donut jokes (well, maybe one.)

Parking has been a sore spot on this campus for quite a while, and was compounded when the administration decided to eliminate several spaces around Beech Tree circle, behind Boynton Hall, and create several visitor spots in the Quad parking lot. For those of you who don't know, this was done to distinguish WPI from a shopping mall.

So how does campus police deal with this problem? A couple of different ways.

One way is to block off the visitor spots on days when the trustees are coming. We wouldn't want them having to search for parking spaces like the rest of the dirt on campus. (Dirt being defined as staff, faculty, administration, real visitors, etc.) I'm sure these spaces were ordered blocked by some higher authority, and campus police were just following orders. To those who gave this order: Wouldn't it make more sense to make the trustees look for a spot around campus like everyone else? Maybe then they'd finally realize just how bad the problem is and allocate money for a lot or a garage.

Another way of dealing is to ticket and tow violators. Campus police hired a part time officer

for this very purpose. Why do we need an officer for this job? Because parking in WPI campus lots is a privilege, and must be regulated. You laugh, but I'm serious.

Quoting from the brochure entitled *Parking and Traffic Regulations 1992-93*: "Parking on WPI's Campus property is a privilege extended to members of the WPI Community who have registered their vehicles with the WPI Police Department, in accordance with the Institute's Parking and Traffic Regulations. Because of the limited number of parking spaces on campus, registered vehicles are not guaranteed a parking space. Parking is on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE basis." (My emphasis.) Ticketing and towing in such an atmosphere is mandatory.

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So, for the parking privilege, you must pay \$30 at the beginning of the year to buy a sticker. I state here and now that I am a privileged member of the community. My vehicle bears a pretty red shield. The sticker is stylish, it's chic, and my life wouldn't be complete without it.

Unfortunately, people seem to be taking the first come - first serve thing a bit too seriously. Nowhere in that statement does it say that the first-come, first-serve basis is restricted to vehicles with a registered sticker. Therefore, we obviously don't need to shell out the \$30 to get a sticker. My reason for this statement? Listen up... One day after a tough bout of scouring the record stores for a good reason to spend my money, I returned to find four unregistered cars in the lot, and I, as a privileged member of the community, who has a sticker, was forced to park in the street.

You remember the street, where there has recently been a rash of seemingly pointless vandalism. Stupid things like smashing windows. I, one of the privileged few on campus who may park in the lots, now had to subject my vehicle to this danger by parking on the street.

I called campus police to complain, and the dispatcher said shifts were changing, so it might take some time, but they would take my registration number and allow me to park in the Stoddard lot (a lot with roughly the same protection from vandalism and theft as the street) without fear of being ticketed.

I needn't have feared being ticketed anyway, since it is obvious that they don't bother to ticket cars at night in any lot but the quad lot. Strange, since the police are supposed to patrol all the lots every night. The four vehicles without stickers in my lot were not ticketed, and were only ticketed two phone calls and fifteen hours later. When they said it would be a while I didn't think it would be that long. But what of our parking officer? Seems he only patrols the quad lot. He was on duty the day I called twice for action. Tickets still took six hours after that to appear. It should be noted that a BMW in the quad lot had a ticket approximately 6.43 seconds after it was parked. That ticket appeared about four hours before tickets arrived in my lot.

What are the odds that it would take Dean Lutz two phone calls and fifteen hours to have a car ticketed if it was in the space he won at the auction? Not likely but, as American Express says: Membership has its privileges. My \$30 unfortunately doesn't buy the same privileges.

Now, in the quad, things are utterly different. People there get ticketed for overnight parking when they are in a dorm studying with friends and have no intention of staying all night. This makes sense. Heaven forbid that anyone take up a space at night, when there are obviously so many staff, faculty, visitors, and administrators who would kill for one of those spots.

And what about towing? According to the above stated regulations, a person has to rack up five tickets before being towed. Count 'em... five. I'm sorry, but that's ridiculous. After a couple of tickets, if the person hasn't learned, tow them.

Right about now the people down at campus police, and some others around campus are saying something to the effect of "he shouldn't blame campus police. Maybe the dispatcher didn't tell them." That could very well be true. A number of sources have said that the dispatchers don't always get the word out. But it seems to me that if Campus Police can't rely on its dispatchers to relay information about complaints, maybe they should get new dispatchers. They always seem to get the complaints from neighbors about noise. We mustn't let the neighbors get angry at us, you know.

So what is the point? To put it simply, students who pay for the "privilege" of parking should benefit from the expense by proper protection and timely response to a complaint. I know as well as you do that me having to park on the street is a piddly little thing, and really I don't even care if people park in the lot if there are a bunch of empty spaces. I'm not saying you have to go out of your way to ticket everything that moves all the time. But, if someone goes through the trouble of calling campus police, it would be nice if something got done. Even city police, as busy as they are, will check out a complaint in timely fashion. But then again, city police don't have to chase after people

having toilet paper fights, either. That's a good story, maybe if things get slow I'll tell you someday.

But, it does seem that the campus police spend an inordinate amount of time patrolling the quad, where faculty, staff and administration can park, but students can't. At the same time, they pay little or no time patrolling the satellite lots where students can park. Students lose again.

Anyway, feel free to write, complain, suggest, or offer to take me out. I can be contacted by dropping a note into an envelope and sending it to Joger, Box 2700. Till next week, try not to get a ticket...

## For what it's worth...

by Ray Bert  
Associate Editor

Parcells is in, Siedlecki is out. Get the impression that if the price had been right, Parcells would have preferred to take over WPI's situation instead?

With all the talented, computer-oriented people on this campus, you would think that a few would be called upon by various administrative and academic departments to come up with ads that are somewhat more interesting than a sack of dirt. You would also think I'd know what a run-on sentence is by now.

Methinks that at least some students should be concerned (and maybe start getting annoyed) at the possibility that Assistant Dean Denney's resignation may be turned into a cost-cutting opportunity. Her duties, which include Greek Life, New Student Orientation, and Recognition, among other special programs, are in the process of being divvied up among other members of student life. Currently there is no guarantee that this arrangement will not be permanent.

Toothpaste. For as long as I could remember it came in a tube with a screw-off cap. Life was simple - a little messy, but simple. Then, one day someone invented the flip-cap and all hell broke loose. Now we also have the pump, the neat squeeze and the brand-new stand up squeeze model with the giant flip cap that looks like Vidal Sassoon. Not to mention that toothpaste now cleans, freshens, whiten, fights bad breath, tartar, gingivitis...and they say microchip technology is growing exponentially.

Matrices and linear algebra is one of the most mind-numbing classes I've ever had the pleasure of zoning out in.

SGA recommends that the social fee be raised 15 bucks and not one student flinches? I'd say that people must just be recognizing how badly student organizations need more money, except the real reason is probably that not enough people were paying attention or aren't doing anything about it.

By the time this reaches print, a compromise may have been reached, but.... The large-scale stink against lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military shouldn't surprise me (discrimination runs deep), but it still does. My favorite part of the argument is the excuse given for leaving the ban intact: it would cause disruption and hurt morale. NO KIDDING! See, if it didn't then the damn thing wouldn't exist anyway because that would mean all people were tolerant. Lots of people aren't, thus, they're going to be upset. So, let's see: ending segregation caused lots of disruption, women's suffrage caused lots of disruption, I guess they shouldn't have happened either, right?

Tab. Quite possibly the most disgusting beverage ever created (silver medal to Dr. Pepper, bronze to Fresca). And now introducing: Tab Clear! Yes, now they've removed not only the taste but everything else, too.

I've recently had it confirmed to me (by both men and women) that women do not seek well-adjusted, sensitive men. On the contrary, they prefer guys with some manner of problems, faults or neuroses so that they can change and improve them. And they are not attracted to men who are attentive and try to please - they much prefer those who leave them hanging, remain aloof and seem not to care. I did not know this. And all this time I've been trying to cover up my faults! Women just make no sense to me most of the time...

## Demosthenes Elections

There are many types of governments that rule the world. One of the things that most political scientists do is to classify these governments into broad categories. A list would include such ones as Despotism, Anarchy, Monarchy, Communism (by this I mean party rule, theocracies fall under this heading, their book just isn't written by Marx, or Hitler), and Democracy/Republican rule. What makes Democracy different is that this system is a communal form of government. As much as people would like to believe that sharing things in common (hence the word communism) is bad, because they have been ingrained against the idea in the anti-Bolshevik propaganda of this century, it is the basis of Democracy.

Democracy is the greatest form of sharing in common. In a working Democracy the direction of the people is decided by the people and executed for them by their representatives. I would hazard to guess that if everyone voted in this country, or in any place, that things would be very different. Much of the success of the United States and other democracies is based on the fact that the governments are assured that they have the "mandate of heaven" after every election. Elections are the method by which the government keeps in touch with the needs and wants of the people it represents as being in power tends to breed isolation on the part of officials. Elections are also the method by which the people influence the direction the government is taking.

Most if not all governments on all levels deal with other governments and people outside their jurisdiction. Let's take a township of 2868 regis-

tered voters. We will say that this governmental group wants a large public building built with state funds in their town. They have a mass rally at the prompting of their leaders to show the people in the state capital that they want this building built.

The leaders in the state capital are, of course, going to look at the people doing the protesting because officialdom hates what they so quaintly call "civil disorder". Yet when they look at the government leading this attempted revolt they will find that it is not representative of the wishes of the people. Let's face it, as an elected official it is impossible to represent all the people's opinions as they are at times violently contradictory. Yet when only forty percent of the people vote for a leader at all, never mind which one, it is readily apparent that the people do not wish change and are really not interested.

So let's take a look again at this sample governmental unit of 2868 voters. In the last election in this "hypothetical" governmental unit only about 22% of the voters turned out and gave a slight plurality to the winner. So back to this building which the governmental unit deems is necessary for the "mental well being of the people". Now the "elected officials" of the people that represent some 15% of the people at most, go to the administration in the capital and ask for this "building" to be financed. The people in the administration look at these "elected officials" and see that they lack the "mandate of the people".

A hypothetical speech that gets sent back with these pseudo-officials would be: "We will not build your building. You can not even convince

half your people to vote. Looking at your election results I see that 90% of your people could care less that you exist never mind this expensive building. If you had even 50% voter turn out I would say "sure take the chance, a quarter of the people are going to use the building"

Apathy is a very scary thing about government. It leaves the elected officials to rely on themselves and abrogates the "mandate of heaven" which is the chief reason for democracy. So we are stuck with executive decisions that represent one person or at best a very small group of people. As the late author Robert Hienlein said "The autocratic fallacy is that one man is wiser than one million."

The fifth week of C term is SGA elections for Executive Positions. The administration is watching these elections to see our resolve on the issues. Issues like a campus center! I ask you plainly and simply: "Why the hell should the cash strapped administration of WPI build the Undergraduates a Campus Center when 80% of these students can not even bother to cast a vote for their leaders." This sends the administration the idea that they could care less if SGA exists at all. So if the student body fails to even vote, why the hell should the administration shell out many millions of dollars? Obviously the 2868 students of WPI could care less. The thing is that we do care! We want a campus center! So I say to you if you want a campus center get off your ass and vote in leaders who can be guaranteed to have the mandate of the people as they push your views with the Administration and the Trustees.



## CLUB CORNER

## ΑΦΩ

Well another week another Club Corner..... quick summary of the Club news then the juicy quotes of the week Blood Drive Feb 2-4; Feb 12th Pledge Pinning at AGB. Talk to me if interested. February 22nd Ice Cream Social during the meeting. (food fights will be discouraged by Sly) Remember UMOC is coming up! Aline and Marc are going to be running it.....(so this should be good) Walden Woods wants us to walk again. Hommieous is running this.... Watch a club corner near you for details of the upcoming "Screw Your Roommate Dance" (I know nothing about this) Soccer Marathon coming up in April, or once the weather warms up enough for everyone to be able to wear proper clothes (like I do always). Ok now on to the juicy stuff (The quotes of the week) fool of the week (He e-mailed this quote while I was writing club corner) now if I could only figure out what those small cuts on my knees are (BOGGLE) Joe C. - "I wonder if Data's sizing is under conscious control....." Sly - "It was in my mouth and halfway down my throat." me - "A boxer shorts party in January?????" Schletz - "Don't tickle me....." Carol - "I am drunk." Sly - "In the hall or the bedroom?" Heidi - "He just invades my space." Hommie - "Can't see your sexy legs?" (which one I leave up to you to guess), Joe C. - "You don't give the dice to three men!" Song of the week - "New, New Minglewood Blues," Movie of the Week - (Too damned busy with IQP) Group of the week - the Samples (I recommend you buy lots of this album) In closing I would like to give a hearty oi! to Jenn Kavka for a way cool party!

## Alpine Ski Team

Hello skiers. It is time to get psyched for this week's races at Dartmouth and Lookout Mt. These three races are very important for both men's and women's team to qualify for regionals.

Congratulations Woody, for finally getting a female DNF to keep you company. However, your fortune was the women's team's disadvantage, as they placed sixth in the Loon G on Sunday. The leading women had off days, but all was not lost for the WPI women's later seeds picked up the slack, especially Nisa Trisaino who placed 25th overall. The men only did slightly better picking up 5th as a team. Top finishing WPI men were V. Glenn Virball 11th and Scott Griffiths, 14th. John "Loaf" Harrington had a really strong race, finishing 23rd.

Guys. Get pumped for our races at Dartmouth and Lookout. Good luck and until next week, have a good ride.

## American Society of Civil Engineers

The volleyball game with AIChe will be held on Thursday February 4th from 3-5 PM in Alumni Gym. On Wednesday the 3rd we will be having a social with AIChe. The social will be held at 120 West Street Apartment 2, at 8 PM. Dear Island sign-up was on February first. Those who are signed up will be called with further information about the trip. The trip to Harpoon Brewery was a success. Thanks to all who attended. Remember for those of you interested there are many scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate civil engineers available through ASCE.

## Lens and Lights

We had elections at our last general meeting. Congratulations to the new officers. President: David Chace, Vice-President: Jonathan Kemble, Secretary: Derek Shute, Treasurer: Chris Mangiarelli, Technical Director: Greg Wright, Head Projectionist: Greg Marr. The current officers will be throwing their keys at the new officers at the Exec Board on Feb. 8th.

**Fools** is this coming weekend, go see it!

Random Quotes: "Is there a movie tonight" > Chad Council, Bob Mason "No, we're practicing for Sunday." > Jeremy This is a test of the emergency film projection system. During the next 1/2 hour, this club will be conducting a test of the emergency film projection system. Lens and Lights authorities in voluntary cooperation with SocComm, plant services, and IMC authorities have developed this system to keep you informed in the event of a film. Had this been an actual film, the audience you just saw would have consisted of more than one person. This concludes this test of the emergency film projection system. We now return you to your lives. "This lady had a 22 pound baby. >Grrrrroan. >And there she is now!" comedian >elf >comedian "Grrroan. >There's that lady with the baby again." elf >comedian "OK, I'll be crew chief, but under protest." Dude

## PME/ Math Club

Math majors/double majors, don't forget about the open house on Friday 5th February (yes, this Friday). We will have plenty of food so don't worry about skipping dinner! Professor Servatius will speak about her current research interests. If you are looking for MQP ideas, you should plan to attend. You should have gotten an invitation in your box. Please respond either by returning the slip to the Department mailbox or to Ray Adams box #1514. You can also respond by e-mail to rayadams@wpi.wpi.edu or mathclub@wpi.wpi.edu. If you didn't get an invitation and you would like to attend respond as advised above. On 19th February 1993 Professor Robert Lipton will be speaking about his research interests. The talk will be brief and an informal discussion will follow. If you are not a member of Math Club, there is no better time to get active!

## Men's Crew

WIN EVERY RACE WE ENTER! C'mon guys and hold that wait sit for another 1/2 hour, and while you're at it add on another 45 lbs. That's right everyone, Crew season is upon us and the only way to beat the 6'4" Cro-magnon rowers at MIT and U-Mass is to GET STRONG and GET MAD!!!!!! That means lifting, lifting, and if you have the time SOME MORE LIFTING! But it's really not that rough and being on the team is a good bonding experience so if anyone wants to join us or find out if rowing is for you, come to one of the practices: M W F 5:00, T TH 7:00 up by the erg room above the gym in Alden. AND SELL THOSE TICKETS - we don't want a cow shitting for nothing.

## Muslim Student Association

Assalam-u-alaikum brothers and sisters - We had the first general meeting of C-term on Thursday and much was discussed. We asked some of the member who SHOWED UP to come up with any activities which we can hold during C-term. If any of you have any ideas, please get in touch with the executive committee, and please, those of you who didn't show up, I can't thank of anything which could have

been more important, so try your best next time! Weekly prayer meetings are still being held in Founders Hall basement at 6:30 someone will be in front of Founders to receive you! Thank you.

## Newman Club

This week I only have two words for everyone: Retreat Today! That's right, today is the long-awaited and much-postponed retreat, so cancel any plans you have for this evening and come to the religious center at 5:00 when the night's activities will start with dinner. The night will only last for 4 hours so I'm sure you can all find time in your busy schedules for God. For those people who were at last year's lenten retreat, we will once again be playing that Catholic board game which was tremendous amounts of fun. For those of you who weren't at last year's retreat, ask someone who was.

The topic for the retreat is "Heaven, it just doesn't get any better than this." So everybody come down to the retreat, or you'll never get into Heaven! (Just kidding about that) Even though a mass will be part of the evening, non-Catholics are invited and encouraged to attend. I hope to see all of you tonight!

## Science Fiction Society

Hello, I'm Clifford Ridgely here with the election coverage from the college district. First off, I'd like to say a big "Hello" to all those people at Margaret Mitchell's Bridge Club, the cookies were delicious ladies, I hope to be back again real soon.

Now, onto the election results. By far the most sought after positions were those of the officers of the Science Fiction Society over at Whoopie Tech, so we'll start right off with those.

Although it was a close race, the winners have the full support of their fellow club members. Herein, is the final tally of winners. Elected President, and henceforth to be known as Supreme Anarch of the SFS, is Seann Ives (chaos@wpi). Vice President, Could Be Worse Could Be Quayle is a dark horse candidate, known only as Just Chris. Returning in his previous role as Treasurer, for his third term to be known as His Most Hairy Fish Nuts (don't

blame me folks, I just report the news, I don't make it. Send all complaints to the SFS Mailbox, in the Student Activities Office), is Bill Schongarr (tracker@wpi). In the role of Secretary, Derek Bacon (lightnin@wpi), has been forced to adopt the name Ricky Moose - B100P! No, I don't know what it means either, perhaps the club members can explain it to you.

First act of the new Supreme Anarch of the SFS was to once again appoint Josh Brandt (mute@wpi) as Librarian, and he is henceforth to be known as Tefler. Dues were collected at this meeting, and I am informed that more dues will be collected at the next meeting. The possibility of a Gaming Weekend was discussed, and the weekend of Friday, the 19th of February was chosen as the big day. Plans are currently under way to reserve a room for the festivities.

That's all for this examination of the important political views, until next week, this is Clifford Ridgely saying Good Luck, Eris Go With You, and By The Power of Greyskull, Good Night. Good Night!

## Student Pugwash

There will be a presentation today entitled: Stalled At the Summit: The Struggle for FDA Approval Ray Krauss, the CEO of Summit Technology, a Waltham, MA firm will be speaking. His company makes lasers for the correction of myopia, or nearsightedness. Mr. Krauss will discuss why the medical procedure to reshape the eye has been approved in 34 countries but not in the United States. The presentation will be given Tuesday, February 2nd, in room AK 126 at 4:30 pm.

## Wedgerats of WPI

Hello all, it's been a while. So how's C-term going? Doesn't seem to have gone to hell yet, but you never know... Next meeting is Monday, February 8th, at 4:30. In the wedge of course... We will be nominating people for the sole office in W.O.W., prez... So if you want to boot me out show up. If not I'll just keep on going, and going, and going... But we are supposed to elect a prez every 6 months. The Pathways deadline has passed, but if you REALLY have something that you want to submit you can beg.

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GREEK CORNER

AXP

First and foremost, we had elections last week. After six hours of pure hell, which I personally will never have to experience again (thank God) we came up with the following officers:

(note: the punts responsible for it never posted the list the next morning where it should have been so the postulants will be informed)

Pres: Milla, Veep: Pooter, Ritual: Jolt, Chaplain: Bids, Secretary: Tucker, Treasurer: Points, H.M.: Tanning, Steward: Schnapsy, M.A.L.: Stacy, Risk Management: Pisz, Social: Roe, Chapter Correspondent: Tanning, Sgt. at Arms: Mike T. That's all folks. The biggest shoes to fill go to Tanning "That's you Jerky".

Thanks to AGD for coming over for a great social on Saturday.. excellent time.. we'll have to do it again in the future. Marky Mark managed to make a great Super Bowl feast for us as usual.. thanks Oreo for scrapin' up the dough. If you get a chance, sign up for a cooking lesson from Betty CRACKer; he's got some serious poundcake. Speaking of poundcake, agents of the Chap. Cor. spotted Schnapsy acting in a most ungentlemanlike manner on Tues. night. Nobody can be sure exactly Y he was acting this way, but it might have something to do with a babe.

No Super Dave, your big bro is not a Bi-sexual. He's actually a trisexual. That means he'll tri anything. Congrats to the postulants for simply being postulants. We're glad to have you dudes aboard. Message to chumps who don't like to watch ESPN basketball: you're weenies! By the way, who cares about the Bruins? Pro hockey is dumb. 80 some odd games just to play another 16-28 games to decide a winner?

ATΩ

Duper thought that his weight room activity would increase his strength and appearance. Sorry Duper, the girl was doing the same exercise with the same weights, tough-guy. Along the tough-guy routine, I heard that Cote' is entering professional boxing after his performance in an intramural basketball game. Last week's birthday party was a success. Thanks Pledges for recruiting. Joey and Brad, next time your girlfriends get a ride up here from Campus Police, ask them to take them back home immediately.

Cullen, your words of wisdom you gave the Pledges was touching. But you never asked me who my favorite sports hero was. Hey Teno, can you see the orange dot in the black field? Jeremy, you should talk to the house managers about fixing that shower door. It might attack you again.

I know all you guys are wondering why be a Chem. Eng. Major? Well, here's a few reasons:

- 1. All the people in your major are really cool
2. We party harder then the Civils
3. We never have homework

With all the above stated reasons, I know that Krevo and Ezo are going to change their majors.

Petrini, stop talking like a tough Italian. Your tall and skinny with a gut. My mom could take you.

Jeopardy for \$1000: The Answer is, DEKPICRDJMetc...

ΔΦΕ

Long time since we've had an article. Our pledges seem to be having a fun time but next time, I think Fiji should have REASON to kidnap them. At least they returned all in one color and shockingly, Kristen did not break any bones!!! Oh, Theta Chi - woof, woof? NOT! Have you know, the reason you couldn't find our pledge president was not here due to the fact she was away modeling for the latest Sports Illustrated Swim Suit Issue.

Ith, I really miss you in the gym. I thought you wanted a new walkman and a new pair of

sneakers. I guess you and Kim would rather be trying to cram five people in Steve's dark not so full bed.

Donna, are you becoming as lame as Sharron? boyfriend, homework? Weren't you two once wild partiers?

Get this - Maria Tucker found her keys! The bad thing is that she can't remember at which house! Guns N' Roses March 4th. If I have a final, I'll be so angry that I guess I'll have to punt my class and become a failure. Maybe I can get a job at Big D with that hot meat slicer. He's cute, cute, cute, cute. I wish my sisters would help me throw him in jail.

Lisa Hudson has clean laundry. I hope she'll walk to Spag's with me and Amy and get a coloring book, 96 (not 64) crayons, and some Mad Libs. 90210 was good. Dylan chose but I won't tell you which one. But one just told the other.

Teri - I can't say...

FIJI

Well boys, it's gonna' be short but sweet for this week because I am to damn tired. As for this past weekend, although nothing really has to be said, I would like to cite the parties of Dan "O", Ricki M. and myself. All parties were involved in stupidity, some of the actions far more obvious than others, Hmmhmm... Rick. I'd like to congratulate "Jon" for his shower scene (we still want to know what you say to those poor girls). I'd like to say that I am happy for Swiney and his rekindled flame with M. B. (I also expect a written apology for blaming me for actions I did not commit). Cauley, GET A LIFE!!!! stop calling her when you're drunk. To your roommate, that was a pathetic attempt at torching the "Cheeses" rock and it was not my fault.\*

As for the weekend, Pledges beware because we are going to kick your asses in the Pledge-Brother football game and you'll probably still be licking your wounds when this article is published. Also great job on the Parents Dinner, maybe they will actually let you live here. (That is if you ever get initiated)

I know it was short but it is time for bed. As for my closing statement "God Luv Ya"....

ΦΚΘ

Bennett: 0-3 for Tuesday night Wrestling Card Proves once again the Bladder is stronger than the will.

As usual Chacharone does a great job organizing the party.

Who thinks he's great because he got Captain.

Phi Sig Sig: Any time you hunger for Peanut Butter and Fluff sandwich come on by.

Guz, Stony, Chad, Dana, Vincent, Wall, O'Sulli Card, Hanson, Rachel

Public Service Message: The Guz Alert will be in effect this Saturday for the local Worcester Area

Mike Marsh: Hope you can pass everything you ate on Thursday

In technicolor: Mario letting his true colors fly, nice going Amy!

Bella loses his composure because Maria was fluffier than usual.

Corin spent the night in Corbett's room

Guz quote: "If you see the van a rockin, don't come a knockin."

ΦΣΣ

Hola sisters and pledges. Well, I hope everyone is surviving the C-term blahs okay. Not that anyone shouldn't be happy seeing how this term is devoted to our pledges. I'm glad to see the pledges keeping busy and improving their psyche. At this rate you guys might even get initiated by A-term '93...Just kidding girls...or am I??? Just don't forget about getting to know (you know, sort of like interviewing) all the seniors better. We're by far the best sisters so don't miss out on our infinite wisdom.

O's to everyone who went and played Bingo on Saturday at the nursing home. Who says we don't know how to have fun. Seriously it's a great feeling to help make someone's day a little brighter. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Rock-a-thon a success especially Jen C. for all her hard work. Way to go Andrea for rocking for four hours and to Julie V. for raising so much money with her "green and hard" story.

Special "thanks" to KAP for the peanut butter and marshmallow "social" with our pledges. Your "hospitality" was immensely "appreciated".

Until next week...Has Amy's enthusiasm rubbed off on Sue and who will it strike next? When are the Jr./Sr. ... races? And are the juniors prepared to suffer a humiliating defeat?

Who will our pledges strike next? Will my entire column ever get printed? And where is the most common place to find the Phi Sig seniors? LITP

ΣΑΕ

Well, how should we start this week? I guess we could congratulate our new IFC rep Mike Ong. Also to Matt T., on his long awaited pinning. Hey, I hear the pond is pretty cold this time of year. Oh, what kind of dog is it going to be? And to our newly initiated member Uung. And before it slips my mind, there was a lot of drilling this past weekend. Congrats to the group that put us on the Pill. Sucks to be a A.T. zero pledge. Anyway, Tuesday is the calling day for McFletcher. You could go get that Coors Cutters you've always wanted now. Hey, B.J., rent here is about \$350/ a month. Well, the Tuck-In is coming. So help us raise some funds for the Leukemia Society. Sign ups are all this week. It's for a good cause and it's fun too. Five Apples!

TKE

Happy Groundhog day. Now do we exchange gifts or what? B-team basketball won last week to the math club - the scoreboard tells no lies. A-team lost to ATO despite the violent efforts of Action Saxon.

Flash amazes all with his pool wizardry. This is the alley-oop shot: 12-Ball in the rail, Que-ball on the opposite rail. Que-ball hits the 12-ball sending both 3 feet straight up, where the que kisses the 12, causing it to fall straight into the corner pocket. Now \*that's\* spin! And the Mace shot...que ball hops the rail, rolls along, and sinks in the corner.

O'Toole - remember #8, beer isn't evil Zeus takes the floor at the meeting and show's us what's on her mind. Good puppy.

Alumni showed up Thursday night for Led Zeppelin and TV theme song sing-alongs. I've never heard The Love Boat quite like it. Fatty also wins first prize for his stunning rendition of the theme to Archie Bunker's Place. Thanks for the quarter.

New members, you guys are a strong class, let's not have to repeat last Monday. Get working on those gigbooks, pleecease!

Movie review: Alive - 3 stars, "It made me hungry". The Little Mermaid - 4 stars, "That Mermaid is HOT!"

Sheeeeeeeesh, Spud showed up again. "Want some fries with that?"

On a final note, man did those carnations taste good! I think this year's RCB hold the record of people stealing other guys' dates! Later.

CLUB CORNER

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Check out the new TFM column, I hear the author is a real intelligent guy. HEY! Everyone who hangs in the wedge at night, clean the goddamn place up! The custodians have complained to a few of us oldtimers. The Rats used to have a good rep with them, the benches used to be the cleanest place around. Now half the time they're a total mess. It's not big deal to carry the trash the few feet to the cans. Congrats to all the new old SFS officers, looking forward to a good year. Yes, I \*AM\* a Tech Writer. Why do you ask? Grunge lab is great, but striking an arc with your mask up is REAL dumb. Kim at Theo's is quite cute. If you haven't noticed I'm throwing in random comments heard of late. See you Monday. -Da Prez., MegaZone

Women's Chorale

Well...Verdi seems to have written some lovely music. Now we just have to learn it, as well as review some older stuff we've already done. We will soon be taking nominations for next year's officers, so think about who you may want to recommend (more details will be sent later). Don't forget...La Traviata starts this weekend, in Hudson and Leominster. If you want ticket information, talk to anyone involved in it. It should be an interesting experience, if nothing else. Group #1 will be selling bagels this week. Please take note..... THURSDAY IS BAGEL DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

WPI Ultimate

The week before last was a landmark week for accomplishments at an ultimate meeting.

ΘΧ

Ahh, yeah .....Another day, another dollar...Another week, another Jimmy G. story...Lets follow our hero through the perils of despair as he jumps and dodges his way to yet another winning game.

Top Ten reasons Why Life On the Third Floor is Good:

- 10. Rainfall good excuse for wet bed.
9. Gypsy said good things come in threes.
8. Malicious throwers of eggs in wee hours of morning have weak arms incapable of hitting third floor.
7. Haggerty lives on First floor.
6. Coyle lives on Second floor.
5. Get into Heaven automatically due to the close proximity.
4. No need for life raft in case of massive flood.
3. Bread is not a mop!
2. Cellota stays in room and leaves it locked. and the Number One reason why Life On the Third Floor is Good.
1. Live near Geiger so neat stuff happens.

Finishing up this week I end with a few more little known facts...Beach Party is only 4 days away and if you are not there I will be forced to hunt you down and kill you like the dog you are...Thumper is good, minus the chicks...Watch for the southpaw...Headbangers are making a comeback, just ask Taz...Menard denies gut, forced to join Jenny Craig, takes Swank with him for support....Dowd seen in house reportedly disguised as Iraqi pilot shot down over hostile territory...Stimpy, you Idiot!...Aloha, till next time. GP1.

51 CARDS!! 51 CARDS!! \*crash\* \*crash\* bang! ....crash!!! Last week I learned two very important things about playing cards... Never raise a dime when dave is out of chips, and never ever tell murph that the ace of spades is in Zoot's room. I've figured out that the meeting was about wasting a half an hour and looking sharply dressed while doing it. Tomorrow's the big jail and bail extravaganza so let's get zootin'! Lucas, can I borrow your car? D Phi E, your the best! Sharon, please don't hurt me. Sean, your alarm clock is still going off... I was going to post last Tuesday nights bowling scores here but Spirit's last ball is still rolling down the alley so we'll have to wait and see. Okay, I was eating a bowl of Grape-Nuts yesterday and suddenly I was plagued with this tormenting question... If Zoot was a vegetable what vegetable would he be? \*Winning answer will be posted in next week's article.\* Well, that's it for this week. This is me, the chopless one, signing off. Oh, one last thing. Grape-Nuts taste like (censored).

First of all, Schurman introduced a proposed plan for the preseason schedule. The plan was approved but with the addition of hiring Mike Ditka as preseason coach. A contract was sent to him but negotiations have been postponed until our budget has been approved. In the meantime, our practice captains consulted Jane Fonda and Bella Karoli for fitness and agility drills. Among Jane and Bella's recommendations were activities such as a ten mile run, a full-body weight training circuit, and a series of specialized hand strengthening exercises. Our captains are looking forward to implementing these suggestions into a fully integrated workout.

A few athletes, new to the 1992-1993 team, stepped into the ultimate scene at the meeting. Among them was returning star Gumby whose contributions to the team name discussion were indispensable. Then, in the same authoritative manner as his veto, Dupe impressively took control of the meeting in finalizing the team name and disk design.

The mystery of the meeting remains unsolved. Several team members were observed performing handstands and the debate remains unresolved whether or not they were trying to develop position #231 for making love or if they were just meditating. The thing that boggles my mind even more is how Dupe convinced us to each sell four disks.

That's until next week, so for those already nervous about preseason - don't fret. I heard Ditka isn't half as bad as Cooke. Now in the meantime, let out a Liquid Scream in the sound of Ultimate Whoopi every once in a while and if anyone out there wants to buy a disk come up to Daniels 223.

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# OPEN MEETING

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| 4:30pm | Introduction                                       |
| 4:35pm | The Financial Stress Points (R. Hagglund)          |
| 4:45pm | Where are we with regards to others? (H. Vassallo) |
| 4:55pm | Considerations for the future (W. Grogan)          |
| 5:00pm | Open Discussion (W. Grogan - Moderator)            |

A follow-up meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, February 11 at 4:30pm in Kinnicutt Hall.

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Dena, I can't believe you showed up!

Kev, You forgot your coat at Founders

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# What's Happening

## Tuesday, February 2

10 a.m.- 4p.m. IFC Blood Drive in Alumni Gym. Walk-ins welcome  
 4:30 p.m. Lecture: "Stalled At The Summit: The Struggle for FDA Approval" by Ray Krauss of Summit Technology, AK 126.  
 5:30 p.m. Men's JV Basketball vs. Worcester Academy in Harrington Auditorium.  
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Norwich in Harrington Auditorium.  
 7:30 p.m. Wrestling vs. Coast Guard in Groton, CT.  
 8:00 p.m. Hockey vs. Community College of Rhode Island, Northstar Arena, Westboro, Mass.

## Wednesday, February 3

10 a.m.-4p.m. IFC Blood Drive in Alumni Gym. Walk-ins welcome.  
 2:30-3:20 p.m. Women's Seminar- "Romantic Relationships," at the Counseling and Student Development Center, 157 West St. Free  
 11 a.m.- 4p.m. Zeta Psi Jail and Bail, Lower Wedge  
 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. Videoconference: "Beyond the Dream V: the writers, the stories, the legacy" T.V. Studio, Fuller Laboratories. This event signifies the kickoff of Black History Month.  
 7 p.m. Women's Basketball at Brandeis, Aurebach Arena, South St. Waltham Mass.  
 6 p.m. Men's Swimming vs. Coast Guard at Alumni Gym  
 6:30 p.m. Hockey vs. Salva Regina at St. George Arena, Newport, Rhode Island

## Thursday, February 4

11 a.m. Artificial Intelligence Research Group Seminar at Fuller Labs room 311.

2:30 p.m. Image Science Research Group Seminar in Fuller Labs room 311.  
 7 p.m. Women's Swimming vs. Brandeis in Alumni Gym  
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Suffolk in Harrington Auditorium  
 8 p.m. MASQUE presents: Neil Simon's *Fools* in Alden Hall. \$1/\$2.

## Friday, February 5

8 p.m. MASQUE presents: Neil Simon's *Fools* in Alden Hall. \$1/\$2.

## Saturday, February 6

5:30 p.m. Men's JV Basketball vs. Tufts in Harrington Aud.  
 6:30 p.m. Hockey vs. University of Rhode Island, West Warwick Arena, Warwick, Rhode Island  
 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Tufts in Harrington Aud.  
 1 p.m. Wrestling at Wesleyan  
 1 p.m. Men's Swimming vs. Keene State in Alumni Gym  
 1 p.m. Women's Swimming vs. Keene State in Alumni Gym  
 9 p.m. Big Catholic Guilt with special guests DDI and Powerman 5000 at Wellesley College in the Alumnae Hall Ballroom. Admission \$5. Proper ID required. For info call 283-2678

## Sunday, February 7

6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Film: "The Last of the Mohicans" in Perreault Hall, Fuller Labs. \$2.

## Monday, February 8

6-8 p.m. Video: "Haiti: Killing the Dream" Seminar Room in Gordon Library.

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