

Summer improvements made in dormitories

by Joe Parker
News Editor

During the summer months, when students were either enjoying the weather or working their jobs, many changes and improvements have taken place in the Residential halls across campus. All the residential halls were touched up and any damage was repaired.

The major changes took place in Stoddard A. The entire building received a new coat of paint, new carpeting and draperies, and the tack boards which used to hang on the walls were removed. Since the lighting fixtures used to be housed in these boards, their removal prompted the addition of florescent lights hung from the ceiling. The furniture in the Stoddard A lounge area was reuphol-

stered and refinished as well.

In Morgan Hall, a three year improvement plan was completed. The plan included the redesign and modernization of the bathrooms. Sinks and vanities were added to allow more students access at once. Steps were also taken to improve the drainage in these bathrooms. Lounges were added to each floor for the enjoyment and recreation of the students. The furniture for the lounges in Morgan Hall is scheduled to arrive in mid- to late-September.

In the Ellsworth Apartments a program to phase out old appliances was begun with the replacement of ten ranges and four refrigerators. In addition each Ellsworth and Fuller apartment received a new thirty-two gallon trash barrel, for which the residents will be held accountable.

New drapes were installed on the third floor of Riley Hall, and for the first time, draperies were dry cleaned in the residential halls.

Howard Seidler, Assistant Director of Residential Life stressed that everything was carefully budgeted: "This year we have done more with less." Due to the budget crunch, funding for all departments on campus has been limited.

Mr. Seidler also lauded the efforts of the summer work crew. "They did an outstanding job. [This crew] was one of the best we've ever had."

Mr. Seidler would also like to stress that the people in the Office of Housing and Residential Life are there to help, and asks if there is something wrong in the residence halls, or if there is any damage to contact the office or the Resident Advisor.



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New faces, the same routine, as Freshmen arrive on campus.

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WPI football geared up for a new season

by Jason Edelblute
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The WPI football team will be starting their season at home this Friday at 7:30 against Worcester State. We asked about the upcoming season in an interview with head coach Jack Siedlecki.

This will be Coach Siedlecki's fourth season at WPI. Last year he coached the team to an undefeated 8-0-1 record. The one tie came against this year's Homecoming opponent RPI. In his three years at WPI, Coach

Siedlecki has taken a 2-6 team and made it one of the top Division III teams in New England. This year's seniors have spent their entire career under the tutelage of Coach Siedlecki. They also know how to win. The seniors probably have the best win-loss record of any WPI football team in history. But Coach Siedlecki said that they don't let their past accomplishments go to their heads. They play one game at a time, and don't look too far ahead. In the last three seasons WPI has averaged 30 points a game, and 30-35 passes in each game.

Last year both the single season passing and rushing records were set by returning players. So look for some high scoring action at the games.

This year's team is relatively young with only six seniors, but the juniors and sophomores on the team have a great amount of experience. This year's Team Captains are seniors Brian Reilly, who was second team All New England at his offensive right guard position, nose guard Todd Pietrasiak, and inside linebacker Pat Tompkins. Other returning seniors are second year starter Mark McGill at full back, three year starter Marc Buchan at wide receiver, and Lyle Coghlin also at receiver.

At the all important position of quarterback is returning starter Dave Ceppetelli. As a sophomore last year Ceppetelli set the single season passing record with 1729 yards thrown. He also tied the records for most touchdown passes in a game, four, and in a season, fifteen. Watch for him at the center of this year's offense.

Another returning star is sophomore Jason Wooley at the position of running back. Last season, as a fresh-

man, Wooley set six school records and one NCAA Division III record. He set the Division III record for yards rushed by a freshman with 1283 yards. He also set the single game rushing record for WPI with 311 yards. Wooley was selected as the East Coast Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year, and received First Team All New England honors.

Another junior to watch on offense this year is wide receiver Brian Mylott. Returning on defense is last year's Team Defensive Player of the Year Pete Perivolarakis. And junior Mike Ingram returns at free safety.

Helping Coach Siedlecki this year are quarterback coach Don Faulstic, running back coach Bob Lord, linebacker coach Pat White, Defensive coordinator and defensive back coach Bill Delany, defensive line coach Art Bittel, and 1989 WPI graduate Mark Schweitzer as outside line-backer coach.

This year's season starts off this Friday Night against Worcester State. The game will start at 7:30 on the WPI field. The game will also be shown live on WGMC channel 3 on Wor-

ester Cable. Last year WPI beat Worcester State 38-14. Also in that game Dave Ceppetelli threw his record tying 4 TDs.

After Worcester State, WPI will then play Union College on the following Saturday, the 14 of September, at 1:30 pm. Union College is currently ranked in the top 20 for NCAA Division III teams. They have gone to the Divisional playoffs in 6 of the last 8 years and have been to the National championship game twice. The series record between WPI and Union is 6-14 with Union winning the last six. Union College is also the alma mater of Head Coach Siedlecki.

Another home game of interest this year is Homecoming. WPI will play RPI on Saturday, September 28, at 1:30 pm. WPI also holds the "Engineer's Cup" which goes to the winner of the annual WPI-RPI game.

This year looks very promising for a repeat of last year's incredible season. Look for Dave Ceppetelli at QB to be throwing the ball a lot, and Jason Wooley taking the handoffs into the end zone.

Graduate program prepares for fall

One of the goals of WPI's Strategic Plan is to enhance the level of excellence in graduate education. Last fall, as part of its commitment to meeting that goal, the Institute established the Office of Graduate Admissions. In addition, it named Brian Davis, formerly assistant director of undergraduate admissions, coordinator of graduate admissions. Davis reports to Robert Voss, executive director of enrollment management.

"We now actively recruit full-time graduate students and provide all the administrative functions for the graduate admissions process," says Davis. "For example, we sent personalized letters and information to more than 5,000 top students who indicated they were interested in receiving information about the kinds of graduate programs we offer. We identified these students with the GRE Locator Search service."

Prospective graduate students from 40 states and 42 foreign countries applied for admission; students from New Mexico, Texas, California, and from the Soviet Union, France, India and China are expected to enroll in full-time programs in September. The Institute received 1,246 applications for full- and part-time programs, up more than 20 percent from last year. Electrical engineering was the most popular area of study among prospective students, with 326 applications, followed by computer sci-

ence (173), chemical engineering (137) and physics (122).

Davis has instituted a direct mail campaign to attract more part-time students. He has also increased the number of information sessions held on campus and at the Massachusetts Microelectronics Center in Westboro and continues to represent the college at graduate school fairs and to work with companies whose employees might benefit from the Institute's graduate programs. "A large percentage of our part-time graduate students are WPI alumni, which I believe reflects well on the caliber of our graduates and on the quality of our programs," he reports.

"The Strategic Plan calls for the Institute's graduate programs to achieve the quality and recognition already enjoyed by its undergraduate program," says Davis.

"Among the college's graduate students are 200 working toward M.B.A.s. Most of these work for area businesses and attend class at WPI or at the Westboro campus," notes Arlene Lowenstein, director of the M.B.A. and Master of Science in Management programs.

WPI conducts continuing professional education for executives and managers from industry and government. This past year more than 2,500 participated. These special confer-

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GTE Focus grant supports WPI's minority programs

A \$30,000 GTE Focus grant is helping launch Diversity at WPI, a comprehensive minority enrichment and recruitment program. (see accompanying story on United Technologies grant on page 2).

WPI's efforts to help prepare underrepresented minority students for careers in engineering and science began in 1986 with COMET (Combining Mathematics, Enrichment, Technology and Science), a program that has sent WPI undergraduates into Worcester's middle and high schools to tutor dozens of minority students, helping them prepare for the academic and social demands of a college education in science and technology. It was a \$30,000 grant from GTE Corp.'s Focus Program that brought COMET into being.

Now, almost six years later, an-

other \$30,000 GTE Focus grant is helping WPI launch Diversity at WPI, a larger and more comprehensive minority enrichment and recruitment program. The grant to WPI was part of \$450,000 GTE awarded to 15 U.S. colleges in 1990 for minority recruitment and retention programs.

"There is no more pressing educational need today than that of increasing minority enrollment in engineering and the sciences," says WPI President Jon C. Strauss. "Underrepresented minorities are the fastest growing segment of the American population, but too few minority students continue their education to the college level, especially in science and engineering. If this nation is to remain competitive in the world market, we must reverse this trend."

The GTE Focus grant will help the

Institute get Diversity at WPI off the ground. In particular, it will help provide minority students who attend WPI's summer enrichment programs the opportunity to experience science and engineering firsthand by working in a campus or industrial research laboratory.

"Through this grant and the earlier grant that helped create COMET, GTE has contributed to minority recruitment and education in a way that will make a real difference," says Denise R. Rodino, director of foundation relations at WPI. "In fact, although COMET was not specifically designed to prepare students to study at WPI, last year the Institute enrolled its first student to have completed the COMET program. That's something WPI and GTE can be proud of."

Commentator returns:
'Sort of.'

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NEWS

United Technologies grant funds new campus diversity program

A new program, Diversity at WPI, spearheaded by a United Technologies Corp. grant of \$125,000 (the first installment of a 5-year, \$500,000 grant), was launched in the spring. The program seeks to identify, encourage and support students in underrepresented minorities who have the talent and potential to prepare for successful careers in engineering and science.

"The problems facing young inner city African American and Latino students the primary minorities underrepresented on college campuses are many," says WPI trustee Gordon H. Sigman Jr. '59, vice president and general manager of Space and Defense Systems at Hamilton Standard, a division of United Technologies.

"United Technologies and WPI share a great concern that failure to increase the supply of technically trained minority students threatens America's competitive advantage in the world market," says Sigman. "In many U.S. cities, especially those in New England, minority students are becoming the majority. For economic and moral reasons, these young people are a national resource we cannot neglect."

Notes WPI President Jon C. Strauss, "Together, WPI and United Technologies are creating a program we hope will become a model for others to emulate. This is a carefully planned program. We've drawn on our own experience and that of other institutions, along with input from a great many leaders in the local minority community, to create an effective way to alleviate a real deficiency in American education."

Any program that attempts to increase access to engineering education for minority students must have two distinct but interrelated goals, Strauss says. "First, we must assure that the campus atmosphere is supportive of minority students," he says. "Second, we must create academic and social programs that motivate, prepare, enroll and graduate these students."

"The Institute recognizes how important it is for the entire WPI community to value cultural differences," notes Francis C. Lutz, dean of undergraduate studies. "Today our student body comes from most of the 50 states and from 53 foreign nations. We're committed to an approach that creates in students a recognition of and an appreciation for cultural differences at home and abroad. This goal has grown rapidly in importance as the professional careers of our graduates have become increasingly global."

Diversity at WPI builds upon other recent successful initiatives, particularly WPI's own COMET (Combining Mathematics, Enrichment, Technology and Science) program, which has involved 32 WPI students as tutors for Worcester-area minority high school students during the past year.

In the first phase of Diversity at WPI, the Institute will work closely with the Connecticut - Pre-engineering Program, which identifies minority students in the upper elementary grades in Connecticut schools who have an interest in and aptitude for science and mathematics. CPEP provides enrichment programs for these students throughout junior and senior high school.

CPEP will be responsible for identifying and recruiting the students who will become part of the WPI program. In a parallel effort, WPI's new minority admissions counselor will actively seek qualified minority

applicants for admission to the college. Once Diversity at WPI is in full operation, college administrators say they expect to see the number of full-time minority students working toward undergraduate degrees at WPI to triple as a result of efforts by the Institute and CPEP.

"We are pleased to have a major role in Diversity at WPI," says CPEP executive director Glenn A. Casis. "CPEP has grown to the level where our students are eagerly looking forward to attending programs sponsored by WPI. I view this as a special opportunity for CPEP students to gain the upper hand in determining their future role in the workplace."

Just before their senior year of high school, students recruited by CPEP will arrive at WPI for a four-week on-campus summer program. Following a three-day orientation, the students

will take part in WPI's Frontiers in Science, Mathematics and Engineering. This two-week summer enrichment program, established in 1983, introduces students to leading-edge work in science, mathematics and engineering.

At the conclusion of the Frontiers program, Diversity students will spend two more weeks in a full-time work experience in campus or industrial research laboratories. For this they will receive a stipend. While on campus they will live in residence halls and have full access to the academic and nonacademic facilities normally available to students.

WPI's new director of multicultural affairs (see related story) will maintain contact with student participants and their families throughout the final year of high school. "It's vital to the program that parents be-

come part of the teamwork approach needed to get their children into and through college," Lutz says. Additionally, the aid of a variety of WPI student groups will be enlisted to maintain one-on-one contact with students who complete the summer program.

Each participant who successfully completes both the summer campus program and the senior year in high school will be admitted to WPI with his or her full financial need met. For students who continue to make satisfactory academic progress, financial aid will continue until graduation. "There is no doubt that the cost for this aspect of the program could be enormous," notes Strauss. "But, it is a cost we must pay if we are to meet the vitally important goals of this program."

A key part of Diversity at WPI will

involve meeting the social, cultural and other needs of the participants outside the classroom. In addition, the program will seek to increase participants' appreciation for their chosen fields and provide them with access to professional activities. WPI will attempt to place Diversity students in paid summer internships during each of their three summer vacation periods.

To this end, WPI will work closely with INROADS of Hartford, a career development and training organization whose mission is to develop and place talented minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership. INROADS offers paid consecutive summer career-related internships, training and development workshops, a business advisor/mentor, and tutorial assistance.

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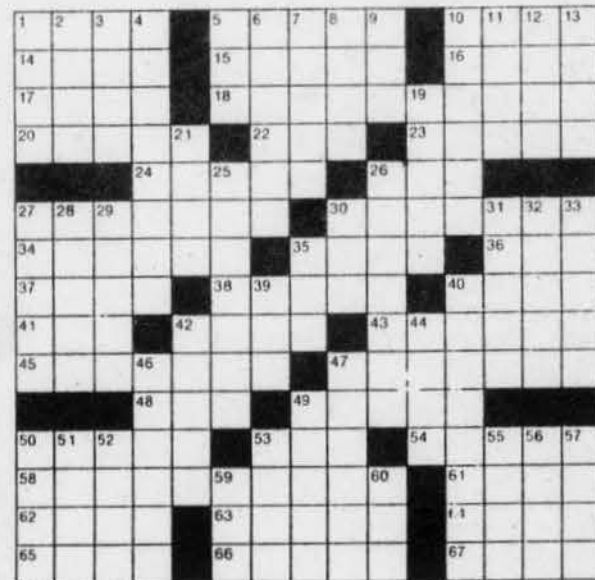
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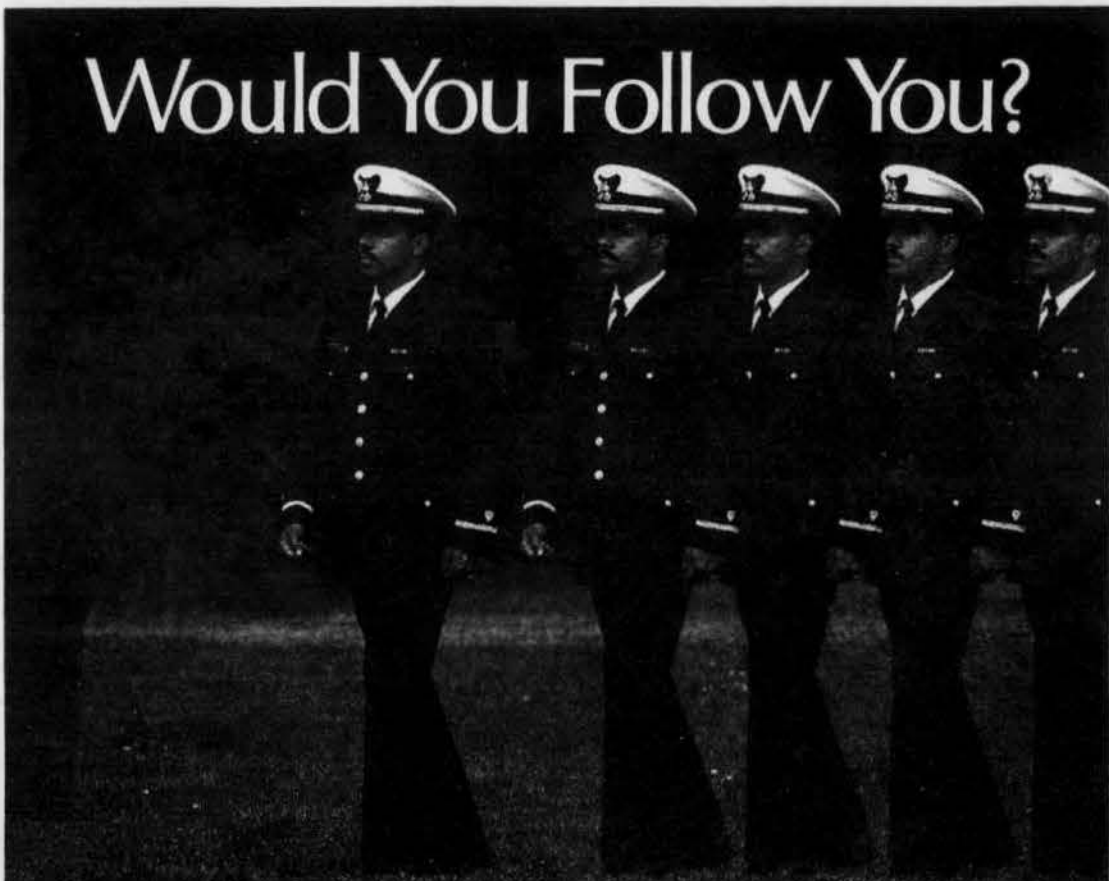
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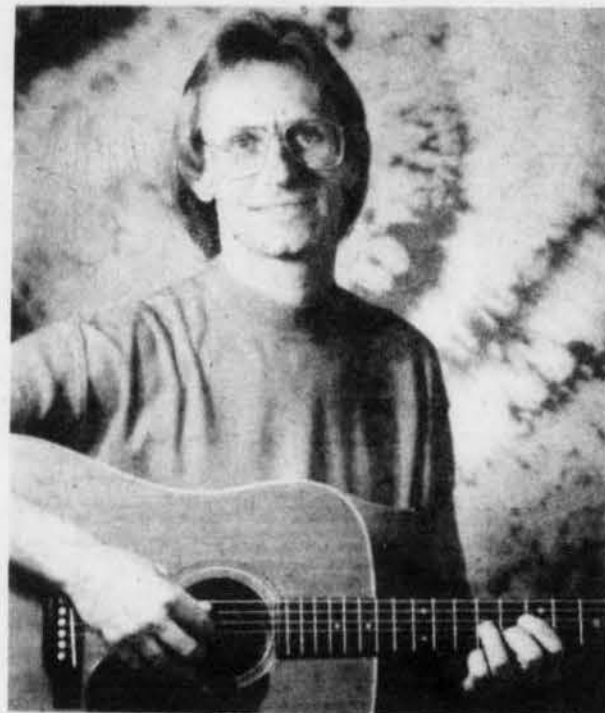
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Looking Out From Bancroft Tower

A Different Perspective

by Jonathan Drummey
Newspeak Staff

After a six-month absence from writing these essays, I'm back. Sort of. I'm on holiday in the British Isles for a couple of months, so any feedback can be sent to me via Newspeak and I'll get it in October.

A long-distance welcome back to everyone returning to WPI and welcome to all the new people. (Nasty bits about the surprise you're in for deleted). Aside from that whole issue,

I started writing this column in an attempt to look at "the big picture." The title reflects this concept; that by looking from a high place one can get an idea of the shape of things. In fact, I urge everyone to take a look at Worcester by going to Bancroft Tower at least once during your sojourn at WPI.

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you reach the Tower, which is a rendition of an approximately 17th century gatehouse.

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From the top of Bancroft Tower you can see just about all of Worcester spread out below you and once in a while have a 727 on final approach to

Worcester Airport scare the [bleep] out of you.

At night, the street lights on Route 9 march up Belmont Hill while the smokestack at the Millbury trash incinerator spews carbon monoxide and dioxins into the air. Cars and trucks are heard scurrying along I-290 as the lights of Worcester Airport make their own geometries. And in the far distance blink the red lights of nine towers.

Closer, when the leaves have fallen, is the campus of WPI. Small

and well-lit, all of the changes of the past few years are barely visible.

In the wider world, that tends to be true. The government of Rumania is still corrupt, you still have to wait in line for milk in Moscow, and Bush still vacations in Kennebunkport every August.

If you look closely enough, though, you can see the promise of change. Within the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the end of civil war in Kampuchea, that is at once the least and most one can hope for.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Music Review:

The "Born At The Right Time" Concert

by Joe Parker
News Editor

For a change of pace, I decided that I would review the concert I went to see last Wednesday. Paul Simon brought his "Born At The Right Time" tour to Great Woods on that day, and played for a capacity crowd. This tour is in support of his latest effort *Rhythm Of The Saints*.

Simon has been on tour for some time now, but there were no signs of fatigue from this 49 year old music man whose career has been long and

extraordinarily successful.

He began the concert on a high note, starting with "The Obvious Child", the highly percussion oriented single, and continued on with songs from every phase of his career.

He played about five songs from the *Rhythm* album, including "The Obvious Child" and "The Coast", and a similar number of titles from his previous album, the smash *Graceland*, which culminated in a version of "You Can Call Me Al" which was so full of energy that the whole crowd was on their feet and

moving around. When "Al" ended, Simon came to the microphone, and said "You guys are so good, you could be part of this band" and launched into the song again, allowing the crowd to sing along with the chorus. This was undoubtedly the high point of the concert, and the crowd ate it up. Simon also threw in a number of the old favorites, including "Still Crazy After All These Years" and "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard" and a totally rearranged version of "Kodachrome".

Simon seemed to have trouble

keeping a mood going. That is, he would swing wildly back and forth between upbeat numbers and slow songs, leaving the audience confused as to whether they should be dancing or sitting. He also seemed to have a tendency to slow the songs down, which gave many of them a lack of the power which they displayed on the original album. Simon did rearrange some of his older tunes giving them a new, and in many cases more Reggae/South African/Brazilian feel.

Simon is touring with a large number of Percussionists, which hail

from spots around the world. He is also touring with soloist Michael Brecker, who was given the spotlight for about ten to fifteen minutes. Brecker plays Sax and the Electronic Wind Instrument, and his style of play molded well with the percussionists involved.

Simon performed three encores, which included the title track from his *Hearts and Bones* album, a slow ballad. This tune was offset by the upbeat "Late in the Evening" which sounds much better in concert than on the album. Again he slowed the pace a bit with a version of "Duncan" which he played only using his acoustic guitar and the voice which has sustained his career for almost thirty-five years. Then came the perennial favorite "The Boxer", and then launched into "The Sounds Of Silence" before sending the crowd on its way home.

Despite the lack of continuity in feel throughout the show, Simon can still put on one hell of a concert. He chose his backing band well, and they all played nearly flawlessly on both the newer songs and the old favorites. Simon has shown he can roll with the changes, and although the songs from his previous album went over better than the material from *Rhythm Of The Saints*, the audience went home satisfied that they had just seen a good concert by a great musician.

If you would like to get information about writing music reviews, contact Joe Parker via Newspeak, Box 2700

College life is not "Fido-Friendly"

College life can be very lonely, and many students believe that adding a pet to their curriculum will take away the blues, but the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) says pet ownership should be a lifetime commitment, not a short term fling.

"At first a dog or cat might make an empty dorm room seem like home or a fraternity or sorority seem more like a family," says Phyllis Wright, HSUS vice-president for companion animals. "But, once the glow of new pet ownership has worn off, and students become involved in studying and other activities, the pet may find himself wondering where his next meal is coming from."

Wright says students should not think of pets like a textbook that can be traded in or thrown away at the end of the semester. Instead, pet owners must make a lifelong promise to feed and care for the animal.

"Animals cannot take care of themselves," Wright says. "They depend on people for food, shelter, companionship, and veterinary care."

Wright says if you are adding a pet to your college routine, there are several factors you should consider:

LOCATION—Does your apartment or dormitory allow pets? Many college living areas do not permit pets, and you risk losing your lease and your companion if you violate this policy. Also, consider your roommate in this decision. Does he or she like animals? If you're both getting this pet, who is ultimately responsible for its care?

MONEY—Will you have enough money to care for your pet? The cost of pet care is enormous. Depending on the size of the animal, food can cost up to a dollar a day. Licensing fees average \$10. Yearly vaccinations cost between \$75 and \$125, and the cost for emergency care can be as high as \$500.

BREAKS—What will you do with the animal during semester breaks and vacations? Your family may not want the added burden of a pet when you come home, and your new pet might not get along with the other animals in your family's household. Boarding can be expensive, and many breaks are too long for your pet to spend in a kennel.

TIME—Do you have enough time to play with your pet? Studying and activities can consume most of a college student's time. Meanwhile your pet sits at home and waits for you to cuddle him and take him out for a walk. Dogs and cats are social animals, and they depend on you for play and exercise. Also, your pet has the same needs as you do. He cannot wait to relieve himself until you decide to come home. Landlords' biggest complaints concern the mess that is made by pets that are not properly housetrained.

GROUP LIVING—How many people are involved in the animal's care? Yes, pets can have too many owners. In a group situation such as a fraternity or sorority, pets have a hard time knowing who to turn to for love and care. Who will take the animal to the vet when it needs to go? For that matter, who will monitor the animal to determine when health care is needed? Also, group animal ownership doesn't necessarily mean that everyone in the group loves animals. Your ideas about animal cruelty may not be the same as others in your

household. Many fraternities use chapter pets in initiation pranks or other abusive situations.

Wright says the bottom line is long-term commitment. Do you see yourself as this animal's owner in five years? In ten years? As a student, you can no longer expect someone else to pick up the burden of responsibility for your pet.

"Animal shelters are already overcrowded," Wright says. "Students only add to the problem by getting a pet on a whim. There's no reason to own a pet unless you are willing to take on the responsibility for the rest of its life."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sour apples declare battle prejudiced

To the Editor:

Last year the Apple Creek Trio was denied the right to play in the annual Battle of the Bands! Why?

Was it because we are the only faculty band to enter, and to ever have played in the Battle of the Bands in 1989? We were disqualified because we played 38 seconds over the time limit.

Was it because some people were

afraid of the competition with no time limit?

Was it because we don't play electronic noise?

Was it because we are the only band to have a woman bass player?

It was undoubtedly due to senseless prejudice based on ignorance and fear of the unknown.

Be forewarned, Battle of the Bands committee, WE'LL BE BACK.

The Apple Creek Trio



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Women's Chorale is the new group this year

Group has a new director, new music, new image, and soon a new name

The WPI Women's Chorale is a new group this year with a new director, new music, and a new image. Virtually every aspect of the Chorale is being changed...even its name.

In the spring of this year, the founder of the Chorale, Mrs. Malama Robbins, announced her decision to retire. The new director, Mrs Margaret Konkol, may be a new faculty member, but is not new to the WPI music scene. Mrs. K was an assistant for the Chorale several years before Mrs. Robbins' retirement. Now, Mrs. K is ready to step in and transform the Chorale into a highly visible and entertaining campus organization.

The Chorale's usual repertoire of Latin Mass hymns and madrigals will be expanded to include popular show tunes and more modern music. Informal uniforms will be introduced to liven up the formal long, black skirts which are the Chorale's mark.

The final touch to the new image of the Chorale will be a new name. To enter the contest to choose a new name for the Chorale, just stop by the Chorale's Bagel Booth in the lobby of Salisbury Labs on Bagel Day, every Thursday morning. The person who has the best suggestion for a new name for the Chorale will be given a voucher for an All-You-Can-Eat

Bagel Day of their choice. Suggestions will be accepted throughout the month of September.

The Chorale is currently accepting new members including any undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff. There are no prerequisites. According to Mrs. K, "A commitment to fun is necessary." Anyone interested in joining the group can contact

the president, Mags Beals, at box #2440 or the vice-president, Sara Pollard, at box #2934.

With their new director, new repertoire, and new outfits, the Women's Chorale is definitely a campus organization you should keep an eye on this year...watch a few performances...and maybe even grab a bagel some Thursday.

Worcester Art Museum Welcomes New Students

One of Worcester's many attractions close to the WPI campus is the Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street. The Worcester Art Museum is a rich and valuable resource offering an interdisciplinary educational experience for students not only of art or art history, but all the other humanities. It offers insight into the exciting phenomena of man's

existence bridging both culture and time.

The Museum's collection spans fifty centuries and is world renowned for its excellence. The collection of European painting (especially Italian 14th-18th centuries, Netherlandish 17th century, and French 18th and 19th centuries) and American paintings (particularly Colonial and Fed-

eral portraiture and Impressionism) are among the strengths of the museum's holdings. There are also significant collections of Asian art, American and European prints, photography, decorative arts, and Pre-Columbian art.

Special exhibitions slated for the 1991-92 calendar year include *A Spectrum of Innovation: Color in American Printmaking 1890-1960*; *PhotoStroika: New Photography from the Soviet Union and the Baltic Republics of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia*; *Master Printmakers*, a series of exhibitions that this year will feature the works of Durer and Rembrandt; and *Insights*, series featuring works by young, contemporary American artists. In addition, the Museum also offers a variety of programs including films, concerts, workshops, and lectures.

Students may also be interested in membership entitling them to such benefits as invitations to previews and special events, discounts in the Museum shop, the cafe, and on class tuition, as well as free admission. Full-time student memberships are \$10 per year; individual memberships are \$35.

Little Feat comes to WPI

by Jennifer Kavka
Features Editor

Little Feat, a rock and roll band that has been around for twenty-two years, is coming to WPI for Homecoming which is on September 28. Their music contains sounds of R&B, jazz, blues, and "classic rock and roll." Their recent albums include *Sailin' Shoes*, *Dixie Chicken*, *Feats Don't Fail Me Now*, and *Time Loves A Hero*. Little Feat is composed of seven members: Bill Payne, Paul Barrere, Richie Hayward, Kenny Gradney, Sam Clayton, Craig Fuller, and Fred Tackett. According to Morgan Creek Music Group Co-presidents, "Little Feat is at the center of Morgan Creek's artistic and musical orientation."

Their new album, which they will be doing on their tour, is called *Shake Me Up*. Their tour began in August and is coming to this area at the end of September. This new album is a mix of R&B and Southern Soul, and of course, rock.

Tickets will be going on sale prior to the concert. Ticket prices are \$8 for WPI students, \$10 for alumni, consortium students, and WPI faculty and staff, and \$12 general admission.



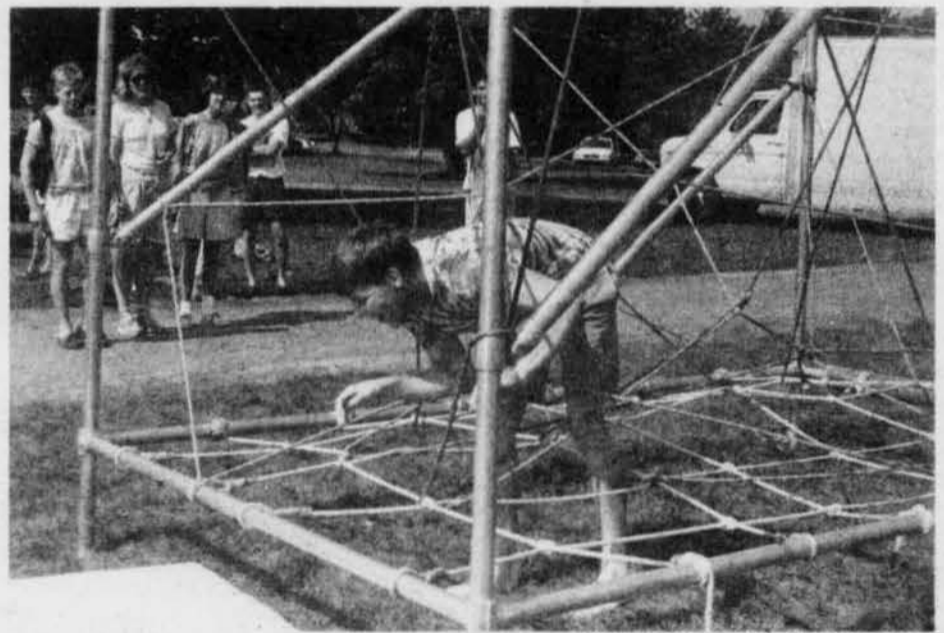
New freshmen are introduced to a WPI tradition... long lines.

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WPI has an *Outrageous* time on the Quad

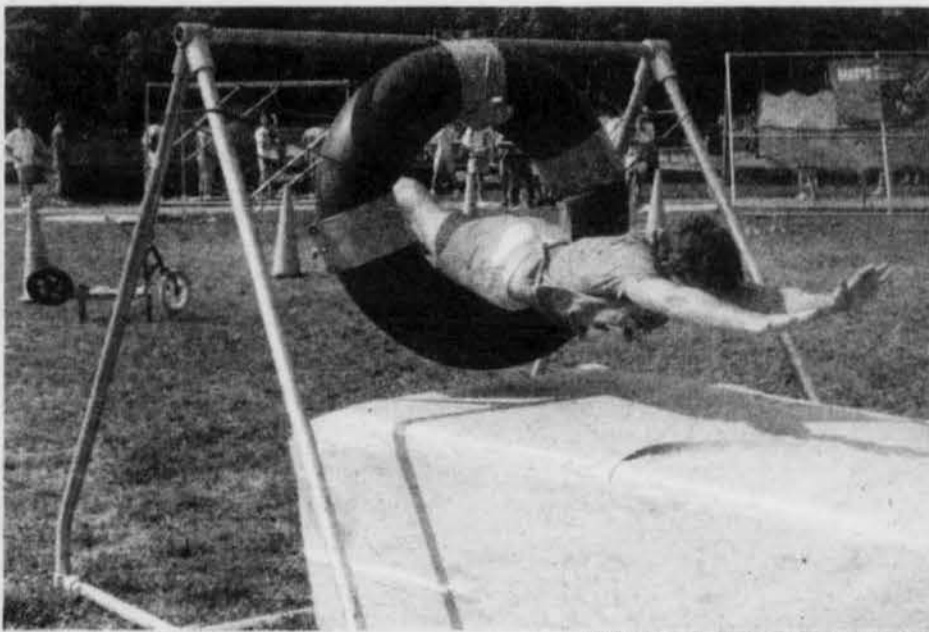


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On Friday, the Quad turned into a playground. Above, students take a ride on the Gyro and run through the Webbed Wonders. Below, a student "flies" through the Tube and another student reaches for the stars on the Space Ladder.



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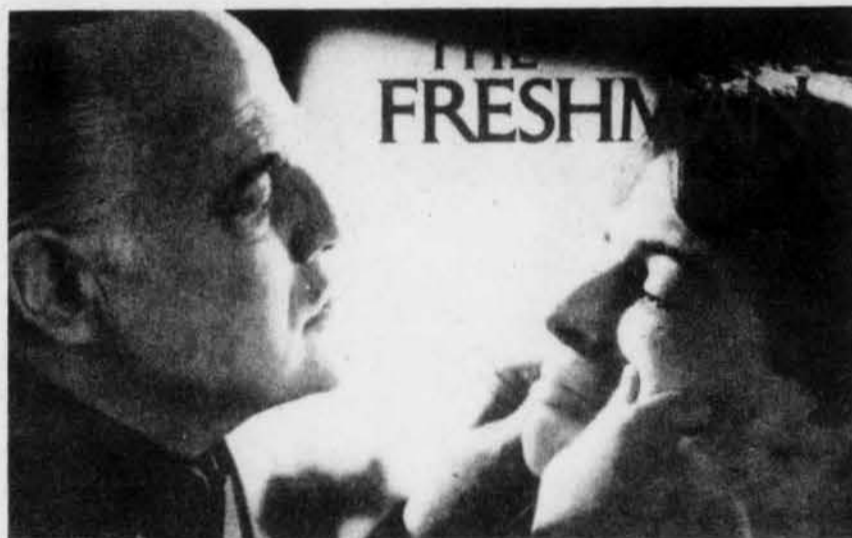
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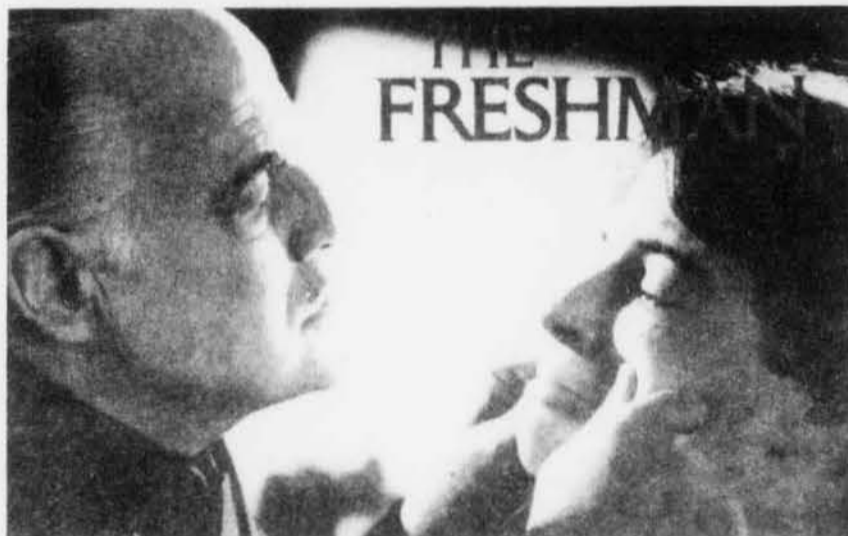
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GREEK CORNER

Alpha Chi Rho

Welcome back everyone! The brotherhood of Alpha Chi Rho would also like to welcome the class of 1995 to campus. We hope we'll be meeting many of you in the weeks to come, ladies and gentlemen alike. Bonger's summer party and the annual Brother's summer party were excellent for those who were able to attend. Well, everyone seems to have moved in (yes, even Gerry) and the year is taking off in stride. The much needed work party has restored Boynton and Fruit Sts to their regular palatial appearances (with the possible exception of the "Dump Triple" home to Haye, Greatens and Gerry). "Better Homes and Gardens" has expressed interest in seeing the new hardwood floor in Tom and Dinis' room. Big thanks go out to Nate for thoughtfully having lots of hamburgers and hot dogs available during the first few days when we were without food. Be sure to check out our new black AXP frisbees and water bottles, made possible by Henry. Those flyin' discs can pack a neat punch guaranteed to leave a welt that looks like a big smear of mascara (just ask McConnell) so be careful! The brotherhood, led by rush chairman Kmiec is rarin' to go as soon as rush formally begins. Future rushees can rest assured that we will have events of astounding proportions.. be sure to visit us during house tours on Sept. 16th and 18th. We'd hate to end this first column on a sad note, but unfortunately we must.. the Brotherhood of Alpha Chi Rho regretfully marks the death of Brother Timothy Tripoli, who passed away this summer after a long battle with leukemia. His family wishes to thank all those who attended his services in July. We are greatly saddened by Tim's death, and we will miss him dearly.

Delta Phi Epsilon

The Sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon would like to welcome everyone back for a totally awesome new school year!! We started the year off with a bang thanks to some midnight rompings last Thursday night. (Hope you Fiji and Theta Chi brothers didn't mind too, too much.) We had fun though!

Thank you to my awesome sisters for the middle-of-the-night washing of my car which was then christened the "EGGMOBILE." (thanks a lot Val) I couldn't have done a better job myself in broad daylight!! And I do so enjoy the lingering scent of Custard Pie.

Oh, and to the most hospitable brothers of all at Fiji - for future reference of course - we like our eggs fried over easy, lightly salted, and served with toast and bacon. (But we know you did your best for such short notice.) Thanks, OH-SO-MUCH!!

Sisters, don't forget our meeting tonight is tres tres formal in our Chapter Room (8:00). Cake too? (Maybe)

Till next week—(JSL)
TOODLES

Phi Sigma Sigma

WELCOME BACK!! Hope all of you had a great summer. It seems as though Robin and Senya brought back a few surprises from LTS. In case you haven't heard the Gamma Iota Chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma at WPI has been chosen the recipient of the Rudolph Memorial Award and the Division Achievement Award at Leadership Training School this past summer. The Rudolph Memorial Award is given to that chapter which has done the most on its campus and in the community to bring honor, distinction, and prestige to the name of Phi Sigma Sigma. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Keep up the psyche and get ready for another award-winning year.

I must commend the pledges for faithfully? wearing their pins over the summer. Too bad it didn't carry over into the school year Tracy? Oh, speaking of pins, I heard Laura Roy was knitting her own "Wooley" sweater last week. Laura, did you really think you could pull the "wool" over my eyes? All it takes is a phone call to Maryellen or Jen G, Thanks Maryellen!

Just a few reminders: The tri-sorority barbecue is this Friday. Hope to see everyone there. And don't forget the meeting Wednesday at 8:00. Until next week.....

LITP

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon are back for another exciting year here in "Wustah." We welcome everybody in the WPI community back and hope you make the most of what's sure to be an awesome year.

Some of the activities we have planned (and some we just hope will happen) for this year are:

Bedsheet Volleyball! Yes, we will again co-sponsor the event in early October to raise money for the Special Olympics. Be sure to join us in a competition of blind volleyball spiking (be awake, and dodge the ball). Actually, that's illegal, but you might get away with a couple of them. Look out for the signs and get your team enrolled soon, there is limited space and time (call 1-800...)

Also be prepared for the infamous party of the putrid, black-brown-viscous (W10-40) Swampwater! If you don't like it, don't worry, just keep the stuff and put it in your car next time you run out of oil.

As B-Term rolls around, we will be preparing for our second homecoming at the new houses. Our alumni donated more in our name last year than ever before, so let's make this a homecoming they'll never forget!

One of the not-really-planned-out-and-written-in-stone events I hope we'll have is, and I've been waiting for two years now, the Foes Tournament. I'm sick of the taunting, self-propagating comments. I want to know who's the best of the best. We have two table. We have the men. We have the balls. So let's use them!

I don't want to write everything down, so I'll let the rest be as much a surprise as can be. However, I would like to mention that this Friday... we have... the Purple... Passion... Party!!! This is a must, since our special ingredients (imported from all around the world) will make the Swampwater (which is just used Worcester water with a little motor oil and Daka grime added) taste even more disgusting than it really is.

Have an unbelievable year.
Remember, TKE - The Time is Now.

Sigma Pi

Well, welcome back for another fun filled year at the Pi. It looks like all the maggots have moved in alright. After a long summer seems like very little has changed. Zippo's still a fat guy to us all, Squirrel is still Squirrel, and although he is probably locked in prison somewhere in Europe, Dan is still the village idiot. Speaking of idiots, didn't Zonk graduate?

Now that school started things are normal. Pons started it off with a nice fire in the kitchen. Mueller is already complaining about classes before they start. Hogger and Zippo are settled in their love nest. Lima's Back?? Tom is breaking in his loft but then again we wouldn't know anything about that.

Before I go I'd like to thank the school for the most entertaining Greek kickoff. I can only hope our rush events are half as fun. Maybe we can hire the same comedian. Nuff said. See you NEXT TUESDAY.

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What's Happening

Wednesday, September 4
8:00pm - Video: "The Freshman," Gompei's Place.

Friday, September 6
8:00pm - The Coffeehouse Committee presents: Musician Barry Drake lecture: The 60's: When music mattered. Gompei's Place, Admission: \$1.00.

Saturday, September 7
8:00pm - The Coffeehouse Committee presents: Musician Barry Drake in concert, Gompei's Place, Admission: \$1.00.

September 7 - September 30
Exhibit: "Seven Hills of Worcester: Paintings from Life" by Alvin Ouellet. Second floor, Gordon Library. Hours: Mon-Fri: 8am-11pm; Sat: 8am-9pm; Sun: noon-11pm.

New AFROTC staff named

The new group staff for the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps' fall semester has been announced. They are Cadet Colonel Eric Eggers, Squadron Commander; Cadet Major Kristina Wood, Squadron Executive Officer; Cadet Major Jeff Mathieu, Deputy Commander for Operations; Cadet Major Robin Ward, Deputy Commander for Resources; Cadet Captain Gary Mayer, Deputy Commander for Support; and Cadet Captain Derek Morissette, Arnold Air Society Commander.

A Freshman orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, at 3:00 p.m. in Kaven Hall, Room 116. All interested freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to attend.

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