WPI Celebrates Founders Day

Joe Frawley
Class of '03

On November 11, this nation celebrated Veterans Day. This holiday gives the American people the opportunity to remember those who have made an enormous contribution to the United States. On the same day, WPI celebrated Founders Day, when we remember not just those people who created Worcester Polytechnic Institute 131 years ago, but also those who have contributed to WPI’s history.

On Founders Day, WPI holds many events to commemorate and celebrate WPI’s history. One of the central events is the Gallery of Artifacts. The artifacts that were at the Gallery were lent by many of the organizations and departments on campus. The Physics Department, for example, lent equipment that past WPI students would have used such as voltmeters and ammeters. The Physical Education Department lent sports equipment used by former WPI students such as a basketball and a uniform. There were newspapers that would have been seen by WPI students who had been here in the late 1950s. At the Gallery of Artifacts there were students handbooks that students would have received had they been students at different points ranging from the 1960s to the 1980s.

There were many other events to mark Founders Day on campus. At midday there was a birthday cake for WPI’s birthday. Channel 12 showed both Founders Day Pop-Up Video and a video about the history of WPI. From one o’clock to three o’clock there was a live goat on campus. There were also different musical groups that performed at the fountain such as Simple Harmonic Motion, the Trombone Ensemble, the African Percussion Ensemble, and Internationale. The former WPI students such as a Physical Education Department President Edward Alton Parrish. He was among an elite group of 12 government, scientific and engineering leaders from the United States, with a like number from China, who attended. Within that group, seven were asked to make a presentation, including Parrish, “apparently because of WPI’s global program, my several previous interactions in China and my international activities within the Accreditation Board for Engineers, Abel and Technology (ABET),” he explained. The Beijing seminar, “Linking the Production, Dissimilation and Application of Research,” was developed by the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Science Foundation of China (NSFC) to strengthen and deepen the science-and-technology relationship between the two countries. Despite such hopes, it was a discussion that almost never happened. Parrish was on a plane midair between Boston and Beijing when his office was notified the meeting might be canceled.

James F. Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Committee of Science, withdrew from the roster when allegations of Chinese espionage were made in the early 1990s. Feels good, and it fell to President Clinton to make the final determination on the conference. However, Clinton left the decision to the NSF, which decided to proceed. After all, the problem underscored the conference goal - to find common ground on technological and scientific policy issues and research and development.

Applications for WPI’s global program gave us a common interest. If we arc collaborating, we know what other countries are doing.” In fact, Parrish noted, this collaboration may lead to peace, not war. “Wars in the future are going to be dependent on technology,” he said. “The better that technology gets, and the more people are aware of it, the more incentive there will be not to use it. In addition to immediate national security benefits, such initiatives give us a common international interest.”

Parrish was in the center of the action to an as of yet unnecessary character swiped up the figure and bolted west down Institute Street. “I had to gain the advantage to have these kinds of partnerships give us a common interest,” Parrish said. “I think that’s the advantage to have these kinds of relationships. If we are collaborating, we know what other countries are doing.” In fact, Parrish noted, this collaboration may lead to peace, not war. “Wars in the future are going to be dependent on technology,” he said. “The better that technology gets, and the more people are aware of it, the more incentive there will be not to use it. In addition to immediate national security benefits, such initiatives give us a common international interest.”

It was placed in a getaway vehicle and quickly taken away from the scene of the action to an as of yet undisclosed location within 5 miles of the edge of campus as per rule #3. The Goat’s Head will be touring the campus over the next few days. Photo opportunities may be available. Several sophomores began appearing around Riley about 12:30, only 5 hours late for Celebrity Squares. We would like to inform them that they would have better luck showing up and trying to win the final three events than trying to steal the goat from the freshman class.

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By Staff Editorial

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ators (the statistics that show progress); the changing character of industrial re-
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cators. Parrish addressed the

ters and Engineers for the 21st Century," in

Tsinghua University, China's most pre-

igious university, asked Parrish to repeat his talk the

week following the talk in Beijing.

There are a lot of ways we can deal with

espionage, but canceling the high-Level,

50,000-foot view of the world is not the way
to do it.

Sigma Pi fraternity working to help the
community

Sigma Pi Fraternity, in addition to rushing
and keeping up with schoolwork, has re-
cently performed a significant amount of
community service. When asked to com-

ment, Peter Lanne, the Sage of Sigma Pi,
said, "We like to do this; it makes us feel
good to know that we're helping the com-

munity." Recent events include the an-

nual Soda Can Drive, as well as a benefit

for an elderly Worcester man.

The Soda Can Drive involved the

placement of recycling bins in campus
buildings. People were requested to de-

posit returnable cans and bottles into the

bins, which were regularly emptied by

brothers of Sigma Pi. The contents of

the bins were then sorted by the type of

bottle or can and bagged again. The bags

were brought to a local redemption cen-

ter and traded for cash. This term, $350

were raised and subsequently donated to

the Worcester County Food Bank.

Every active brother in the fraternity par-

ticipated.

More recently, about half of the broth-

ers went to the home of Jim Beland to as-

sist in the renovation of his house. Mr.

Beland is an elderly man who just lost his

leg due to diabetes. For this reason, he
can no longer live on the second floor of
his apartment. Unfortunately, the first floor was unsuitable for living, and required
renovations before Mr. Beland could move
in. Over several Saturdays, brothers of
Sigma Pi Fraternity donated their time in
an effort to complete the required renova-
tions. This process continues, as a large
amount of work is required, and Sigma Pi ex-
pects to donate more time in the near future
to complete the task before winter sets in.

Jimmy Fund walk

Theta Chi Fraternity sent several mem-
bers to participate in the annual Jimmy
Fund Walk to help fight cancer. The walk
took place on Sunday, October 17th, from
Wellesley to Boston, a 13 mile walk.
Over $3000 was raised to donate to this cause on
behalf of Theta Chi. As this is an annual
event, increasing participation is always
couraged. Anyone interested in making
donations or participating in next year`s
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tact Theta Chi Fraternity via email at
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An Interview with Reggie Life - Part Two

Sarah Volzke
Features Editor

Before the presentation of his film, “Struggle and Success: The African American Experience in Japan,” on October 28th, Newspeak had the opportunity to talk with Reggie Life, the distinguished producer and director of the film. The following is a continuation of the interview that appeared in last week’s issue.

SW: In your television and other media, you’ve addressed various racial issues. What do you feel is the best way to address these issues to the average person? Through documentaries, sitcoms, or other formats?

RL: I think getting listeners and viewers is important, so whatever method you have to get people in front of a television set or in some way that they’re going to participate in the information sharing is important. I don’t think one is better than the other. The problem with situation comedy is that it’s placed in the lowest common denominator so often real issues can’t be discussed in situation comedies unless the show becomes so famous and popular that the producers take a chance and do, like one episode about something controversial. But in general, Americans work hard at their jobs, they come home and plop down in front of the TV, and they want to be entertained. They don’t want to know about an issue or a problem — as far as they’re concerned they have those at work or they have those inside their home or community, so the TV is meant to be the great escape. It’s sad because the television or that sort of portal to the world through computers, TV and everything... is all becoming one portal now. It’ll be no longer when you have a computer and a television and a phone and that... it’ll just be one big screen sitting flat on your wall and everything you know and all you communication will be via that. So that’s why, in my way of thinking, it all becomes very important that we can no longer say “well, this is escapist, and this is important and this isn’t.” It’s all going to be coming out of the same thing and we’re training people to go to that for the information. So I don’t know how much longer we can keep this system, sort of... this is entertainment this is not entertainment... it’s becoming it’s going to be one screen, I mean, that’s the plan. And again, one hopes that real issues don’t somehow now take a back seat because people want to turn everything into a surfing experience or a TV multimediawhat fact and content and real issues can... it all comes down to effect that a few people are going to have control over what comes out of that portal and they’re going to be responsible.

SW: What do you hope your audience will learn from the film?

RL: I think for a lot of people they will be surprised at the number of African Americans that live in Japan and the kinds of things they’re doing. I think that will probably be the first surprise because most people don’t imagine that at all. I think the second surprise that people will take away is that how pervasive American media is in the world, and how the way we portray American culture and American communities is how the rest of the world interprets who we are and how we do things. So a lot of times we do things in this country in a cavalier style because we think it’s just among ourselves. But in fact, American culture, American everything is exported through the media all over the world. And because of the way race and race relations are exported it has created incredible negative stereotypes about anyone who’s not blond haired and blue-eyed.

SW: Has that impacted American stereotypes of Asian people? For example, if they adopt our stereotypes about other cultures, would they also adopt our stereotypes of Asian people? For example, if they imagine that Asian people are everything from WPI’s Simple Harmonic Motion, The Starving Artists from Brandeis, The Key Elements from Cornell, RPI’s Rusty Pipes, The Dartmouth Cords, and Interstate 8, WPI’s no fella a cappella

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form to that stereotype in order to break through. They can't really be themselves; the can't really be who they might be in their own culture because that might not be widely acceptable. But the sort of image of the Asian person or the image of American African person or image of the Latino is acceptable. And you see that right now with the sudden boom of Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez where two fine performers in terms of what they do, but if you examine it very closely you will also see that they don't break any new ground in terms of what stereotypically most Americans think of a Latin man or a Latin woman. They're not frightening anybody; they're not offending anybody. It's acceptable what they're doing... with this image Ricky Martin is like Desi Arnaz, he's a musician, he's handsome, he's debonair and that worked forty or fifty years ago and it's going to work now because it's not pushing any envelopes. It's not forcing us to look at a Latin man in a different way. Jennifer Lopez - sexy, beautiful, fiery, sassy — these are stereotypes that most Americans have about Latino people so to take nothing away from these two performers in terms of what they do, you have to also note the fact that they're not pressing anything really new in terms of imagery and in many ways that's what makes it easy for the media to embrace.

SW: What do you think we can do to prevent those sorts of image standardization, perhaps creating alternate images or something else?

RL: Yeah, like I said, one would hope that the Internet, and with this ability to communicate in ways like never before in this century will allow us to see the diversity of everything and everybody. Again, I think it's because the portal we've had up until now has always been small and tightly controlled and often, opting for the sensational or the entertaining. It has created these stereotypes especially as it pertains to people of color, people who are not white and certain times one would hope again with access now to you know... 500 channels just in the US alone and when you have access probably anywhere from 1000 to 5000 separate channels worldwide which would give the American that cares or the person around the world that cares and interested access to anything, any information. Except that you have to be prompted to want to seek out information. I don't think you can ask the TV network or the government or some higher power to force you or to provide it all for you. I think access is something we have and we have to use that access to get the story, get the facts.

SW: What do you think college students can do to break down some of these barriers between other cultures or to learn about other cultures?

RL: Again, I encourage young people, college students, high school students, to break your comfort zone. I think it's very comfortable to be in a university environment like a WPI or like a lot of private institutions across the country everyone's paying a lot of money to go to school, so the schools make it very comfortable for you because they've got to sort of justify to your parents why it's costing so much. The problem with that is that when you are sort of insulated, travelling especially with these films, it's that creating a bit of an intelligencia on our college campuses now where students are very bright, very adept, academically invaded, politically invaded, culturally invaded, spiritually invaded, emotionally invaded... whatever, because you can get anywhere. You and I could go to the airport and before 24 hours are up we can be anywhere in the world. Anywhere we want, with our ideas, with our values, with our Internet, with our McDonalds, with whatever we want to bring within as Americans. So what you're seeing now around the world is people saying "wait a minute, this is our place, this is our country, this is our land," and we're witnessing the Balkans, recently in East Timor... it's going to keep going on... yesterday the assassination in Armenia... all these things are about turf and ideology and about who's going to be in charge, who's going to control it. And how it affects Americans is that we're doing the same thing in America right now. At a time when you've got one candidate talking about racial openness and talking about it healing wounds you've got most guys shying away from that and identifying other things. But the other issues that are being identified are issues that go back to the same sort of thing. How are we going to Balkanize our communities? More police, more jails... this, this, this... people have to pay, the homeless now have to pay to live in a shelter. Think about the issues but when you think about it there is a sort of a mean-spiritedness to this, not a progressive kind of outlook. So I think college students need to be really careful that you just don't fall into this pattern that's being very set up for you now. Where you leave this university and you go to grad school and you leave the grad school and you have this wonderful quarter million to half a million year job so you can buy your Mercedes and get a nice house... and marry a woman who has all the same things... and live in a gated community... and drive to work in the city where as you get 5 miles into the city you go into underground tunnels to get into your office building because nobody will ride the streets to get to the city because "those" people live there. So that's what I'm saying, there's a comfort zone being created now and the danger of that comfort zone is that people will not venture out. Your life will revolve around your world the world of your expensive car with all its toys, the world of your home with its media room set up with access to the Internet, and all these things. But your access to people on a one-to-one basis, a face-to-face basis will be diminished and so then what will happen even though you have access, stereotypes will only continue and perhaps become worse because we are in fact in a time, when we shouldn't be, in a more insular world. We are exacerbating fear of difference. I think college students have a responsibility to challenge themselves because I don't think the institution nor the ways things are being set up now are going to challenge you as students. They're going to really make it easier to insulate yourself, easier to see yourself apart from the rest, to see yourself more privileged and thus make you care less about those who are not like you. I think anytime you can take advantage of any programs that get you out of America, get you off the campus, put you in another location, so you see how the rest of the world is really living is important. I just think that college students have a responsibility to push the envelope, to not let issues come and go with a mouse click.

SW: That's about all the time we have. I would like to thank you for talking with us today.

RL: It's a pleasure to come out to WPI, and I would encourage everybody here to make the most of their student experience.
"The Physicists" are coming to WPI

In preparation for this weekend's showing of Friedrich Durrenmatt's "The Physicists," Alden Hall has been filled with bustling cast and crew. The play, based in a mental institution, will run Thursday, November 18 through Saturday November 20 in Alden Hall at 8pm.

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Video Reviews: "Austin Powers: The Spy who Shagged Me" & "Instinct"

by P. J. Stevens
Newspeak Staff

Coming out on video Tuesday, November 16, 1999 are two great movies: Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me and Instinct. They both have an excellent cast and a story line that’s good in its genre, but they lack what keeps them from being an A.

One of the anticipated movies of 1999 was Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me. Mike Myers was his good old self and Heather Graham was being herself: hot and sexy. Unfortunately Elizabeth Hurley was better and the old Mike Myers was also better. This movie was hilarious but only if you saw the first movie. It was filled with comedy and a so so plot. If the comedy is removed what else is there? Nothing! Then again, as Austin reminds us in the movie, this is not Science Fiction or an attempt to explain time travel so just sit back relax and don’t worry about it. If you’re thinking only of comedy, then it works and it works its mojo real nice.

The plot of the movie is Austin has lost his mojo. Austin without mojo is an unhappy Austin. Austin has to go back in time and get his mojo back. During this time Austin gets into lots of situations and lots of laughter. There isn’t much of anything else, which is much of a disappointment or is it?

My biggest beef with Austin is its lack of originality. A lot of the jokes are rehashed. This movie was just like the first one, the plot is the same as the last one. The last two had to do with Mini-Me (miniature Dr. Evil), Fat Bastard and Jerry Springer. Those three characters were fresh, new and original. They had the best parts, which gave the audience and me the most laughs. I work in a video store and I’ve seen Austin Powers about 100 times. After a while the long pea joke and laugh joke got old. That’s how I felt about some of the jokes in Austin Powers 2. By the way having Elvis Costello is awesome, I love Costello and Bacharach. (FYI Elvis Costello did a tribute of Burt Bacharach songs and that’s why he’s there).

What does this mean? If you haven’t seen the first Austin then I give it a B. If you’ve seen the first then I give it an A. What does this mean? SEE THE FIRST, then SEE The Spy Who Shagged Me. Anybody else with other thoughts can just Zip it.

Now go hop on the good foot and do the bad thing. Zip it. I didn’t mean that.

The DVD is awesome. The first was amazing. It broke standards of what a great DVD is and this is no different. There are deleted scenes, music videos, commentary behind the scenes, etc. etc. etc. The deleted scenes are hilarious and are some of the best parts.

It’s a great reason to get a DVD player. First there was The Matrix so that you can see the movie at its best and now Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me with the grooviest extras. The DVD gets an A+ cause it got a whole lot of mojo.

Instinct is the newest movie by Hannibal, whoops I mean Sir Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. The movie’s brightest points involve the interaction between these two great actors. Unfortunately that’s pretty much it. The plot needs a little help and gets slow at points especially at the beginning and middle. This movie is an excuse to see Sir Anthony at his best and what’s wrong with that?

Sir Anthony Hopkins plays a naturalist who studies gorillas. He has gone “insane” and killed a guard in Africa. He’s been branded as insane and a killer or is he? Cuba Gooding is a doctor out to find out what’s in his head and write a book to confront each other and all I got was nothing. The DVD is a D-. Blehhh. As usual you can e-mail me at pj@wpi.edu if you have any questions or comments.

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6:30pm & 9:30pm
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Chalking disturbs peaceful campus

By Sarah Themm
Newspaper Staff

When alumni or prospective students step onto the campus of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, they enter a green oasis on a hill, rising above the gray, industrial city around it. On this hill, great stone and brick buildings contrast tall green trees to create an aesthetic appeal that is undeniably moving. The two towers of Boynton Hall and Washburn stone and brick buildings contrast tall green trees to create an aesthetic appeal that is undeniably moving. The two towers of Boynton Hall and Washburn stand on these and so many other questions. This tension can cause couples to argue more, with­draw from one another, and can cause gen­eral dissatisfaction with the relationship. Perhaps having a sense of clarity about where you stand and where your partner stands is a good starting point for a healthy relationship. You’ll have a chance to talk about your views and hear the views of others as well. Please call ext. 5540 for more information or directions.

WEST STREET HOUSE

Relationships: Talk About a Gray Area

by Charlie Morse and Kelly Boyle
Student Development & Counseling Center

Our closest relationships are often the most rewarding and confusing experiences we have in life. So many people seem frustrated in pursuit of a “healthy relationship,” but does it even exist? We all may have an image of what a healthy relationship is, but at times it seems so hard to find or maintain one. The “experts” emphasize some important aspects of a healthy relationship, such as good communication, mutual respect, trust, and “love.” But healthy relationships are also about negotiating the gray areas with our partners. We make personal decisions, sometimes day-to-day or even hour-to-hour, about these gray areas. And this is when relationships become complicated.

The gray areas are made up of so many questions:

- Can you be too close to someone? Is there such a thing as healthy jealousy? When trust is broken, can you make up again? Is arguing healthy or is it a healthy jealousy?
- How do you balance your life together and your life apart? Should you always be completely open and honest with your partner? Or are some things better left unsaid?
- There are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions; our words, actions, and feelings bring our own answers to life. Increased tension between partners may indicate that there is disagreement about one or more of these questions. This tension can cause couples to argue more, withdraw from one another, and can cause general dissatisfaction with the relationship. Perhaps having a sense of clarity about where you stand and where your partner stands is a good starting point for a healthy relationship. You’ll have a chance to talk about your views and hear the views of others as well. Please call ext. 5540 for more information or directions.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WWPI Thanks SGA for extra funding

To the Editor,

As most of you may know, our campus radio station has had an interesting year thus far. We have endured missing equipment, a messed-up move, and other minor inconveniences. Our latest problem was the lack of hardware to sufficiently support our rapidly growing core of Internet listeners. Now, thanks to SGA, this problem has also been resolved. On behalf of the Executive Board of WWPI, I would like to thank SGA for approving a special funding request to purchase a new server for the station. Without this additional funding, this would not be possible. I would like to especially thank SGA Treasurer Beth Schweinsberg for making special arrangements to relocate one of the meetings to accommodate our needs, and allowing this to happen.

Mike Newcomb WWPI Secretary

ATTEND
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Wednesday
November 17, 1999
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The following schools have reserved to date:

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- Northeastern University
- Suffolk University Law School
- Tufts University
- University of Mass.-Lowell
- University of Mass., Medical School
- Western New England College School of Law

WPI
Response to "Jewish is unnecessary description of Franklin"

To the Editor,

This is in response to last week's Letter to the Editor concerning my use of the word "Jewish" to describe the background of biophysicist Rosalind Franklin in the 11/2 issue of Newspeak. Actually, I feel that "Jewish" was by no means "inappropriate" or "unnecessary." I was simply trying to give credit to Ms. Franklin's heritage as well as her work. Is there something inherently wrong with being Jewish? Or African-American (as I am), or Caucasian, or His-panic, etc.? I think not. They are not la- 

The school, the campus center and the two 

academic building (tentative opening De-

ember 2001) will provide more lab space 

in existing buildings. Within its walls it 

will contain classrooms, faculty offices and 

space. There is a special fundraising account and not one 

The campus center project has come to re-

by Dean Richardson several weeks ago. 

She wrote to inform about how and why 

money can be better spent almost any-

ity is a part of every one of us and 

that is where I had spent a good part of my life. 

message. Perhaps the scariest part of her article 

was where she gave prophecic glances of 

how the campus center would promote 

social behavior among students. Do all 

students currently sit alone in their rooms 

thinking, "Wow, if only I had a place to 

play free pool, I could go outside and meet 

people." Has Dean Richardson ever been 

in the wedge? On the quad? How about 

any of the student lounges scattered 

around campus? Students socialize plenty 

around here; at least, as much as they want 

to. A campus center will not bring Up--- 

playing bastions of solitude into the rela-

tive sunlight of the Garden level. The in-

ferred notion that the campus center will 

resolve all of the community's woes is ri-


diculous. Through my eyes (as an undergraduate) 

there are several things WPI really needs; 

more classrooms, more parking, expanded 

library storage (with volumes to fill it), 

more lab space, competitive stipends for gradu-

ate students, and more faculty office space. 

While some of these concerns will be met 

with already scheduled projects, I am forced 

to be skeptical about how well they will be 

executed. The $17 million campus center, 

while I am sure it will be a beautiful build-

ing and will be heavily used, does not ad-

dress major problems on our campus. The 

money can be better spent almost any-

wise. In the meantime, we can gaze 

upon Upper Higgins Lawn and remember 

its recently departed beauty. Actually, that 

is where I had spent a good part of my time 

socializing. Not anymore.

Sincerely,

William W. Kennerly, Class of '00

A response to "Student says Homecoming would have more spirit with other athletic teams playing at home"

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Alumni Office, I would like to respond to Ms. Orlandi's letter. The Alumni Office is aware of all that the ath-

teams would like to participate in Home-

coming activities. When planning Home-

coming, we work with the Athletic Office to try to include as many as possible. WPI faces a unique challenge in its scheduling. WPI hosts four to five home football games each season. After ex-

cluding games during holiday weekends and break, there is usually only a choice of one or two games. The Alumni Office then has to decide which of these remain-

ing dates best serves all of its constitu-

tes, including (in alphabetical order) ad-

ministration, alumni, athletes, faculty, 

staff and students.

Next year, we’re looking forward to put-

ing a new twist on Homecoming. Home-

coming 2000 will take place on November

3rd and 4th. The Alumni Office is excited to be able to work with the students over A-term in preparation for a B-term event. Likewise, we are in the process of putting together a Homecoming Committee that will include representatives from each of the groups listed above. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact the Alumni Office.

Sincerely,

Donna Emma Marsella '96

Assistant Director for Alumni Programs

Learn the Secrets of Newspeak

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(They Elves are overworked as it is...)

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At Saugus High School in Saugus, Massachusetts, I was president of the Student Council, Executive Board member for the Class of 1999, vice-president of the National Honor Society, captain of the Varsity Track team, and I graduated in the top ten percent of my class. Currently, I am a member of the WPI Men's Varsity Soccer team and I am extremely anxious to spread my wings into the SGA where I feel my leadership abilities and abundance of innovative ideas could most-definitely benefit this Institution and its students.

Katie O'Neill
My name is Katie O'Neill, a freshman at WPI, and I am interested in being a member of the SGA senate. I have always enjoyed getting involved in the school community. At North Reading High School in North Reading, Massachusetts, I was president of the Senior Class of 1999, vice-president of the Student Council, and captain of the Girls' Varsity Soccer and Track teams. I feel that an important aspect of being a good leader is being able to balance extra-curricular activities and academics. In addition to participating in several school activities, I was a member of the National Honor Society and I graduated in the top 10% of my class. I am currently a member of the Women's Varsity Soccer team here at WPI and I am anxious to further my involvement at this school. I believe I have the experience, leadership qualities, and many new and exciting ideas that would benefit the students attending WPI.

Chris O'Malley
Dear Fellow Undergraduates:
I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Student Government Senator. My name is Chris O'Malley and I am a freshman majoring in Chemical Engineering. I was appointed to the Senate in A Term as a permanent senator. I am also very involved on the Policies and Procedures Committee as well as the Leadership Conference Committee. I am involved in several other activities on campus, most notably the Peddler Yearbook, for which I am one of the editors. If I am elected to the Senate for the next term, I promise to keep up my level of involvement as well as assist the newly elected executives in their activities. I appreciate your vote on the election days.

Sincerely,
Chris O'Malley, Class of 2003

John Clemens
I am running for the senate position of the Student Government Association for several reasons. I have experience as a Student representative, serving as vice president on my high school's student council, and vice president of my graduating class. It is important to make decisions which would help the school as a whole, rather than supporting individual wants only. I feel that I am able to put aside my personal interests and focusing on the overall community when voting on issues. I am willing to state my opinion, whether it agrees with the majority's or not, and stand behind my decisions. I will take my roll seriously, and do my best as a senator.

Phu Mai
Good day to you all. The name is Mai, Phu Mai. I am a freshman here at WPI and am seeking a position of Senator in the Student Government Association. Here are some facts about me: I was born right here in Worcester in 1981. I have lived everywhere from California to Vietnam to right here in Worcester. I've spent the last 10 years living in Shrewsbury (next town over from here). In high school I was avidly involved in my student government. I was a class representative for all four years and served as a member on the Political Action Group, which was dedicated to the pursuit of advancing political knowledge to the masses. On campus, I am also part of many other distinguished organizations which include the concert band (I play the drums), the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (my major is rocket science), Newspark (staff writer), and secretary of the WMURC. I believe that I have what it takes to become an active member of the SGA. My extensive knowledge and experience in my high school student government have given me the edge on student politics and government. I believe that makes me stand out from the rest. The true reason that I want to be an officer in the SGA is because I want nothing less than to improve the overall quality of life here at WPI. We attend one of the nation's greatest universities and I want to maintain that greatness. If I am elected, I swear to you that I will do everything in my power in order to make WPI a better place for everyone attending. All it takes is just one act of confidence on your part by voting for me and I will show you just what I can accomplish here during my tenure as Senator.
Robert Desmarais
My name is Robert Desmarais, and I am a freshman running for an on-campus Senate seat. I feel I would make an exemplary senator because I have a drive to make this school a better place, and I am willing to do as much as I can to achieve that. For instance, just one of my many ideas would be to find some participating local stores that would be willing to give a WPI Student discount. This would be due to the fact that the average college student usually has to be skimpy on money issues in order to survive. This type of student problem area is what I would like to focus on as a senator.

I also possess a great deal of leadership experience. For the past 7 years I have been involved in Peer Mediation/Peer Leadership in my hometown's school department. I have attended workshops on leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills. I feel that these workshops have given me the knowledge and abilities to make a great leader.

For these reasons, I feel I would make an outstanding addition to WPI Student Government Association, and would be honored to hold the position.

Reem Malik
My name is Reem Malik and I am running for SGA Senator. I come from an educational background in Engineering. As an international student who has always been involved student government, I know there is a lot I can bring to the SGA in terms of diversity and personality. In the few weeks that I have been here, I have become actively involved with the International Student Council and am now serving as its Public Relations Officer. In that context, and also as a member of the Illuminated group, and as a student, I come into contact with a huge array of people. As senator, I would like to make such contact and know more about the people here, in order to become a bridge between the administration and other organizations of this institution.

I view myself as a leader. I am avidly involved in the Leadership Education and Practice (LEAP) program. I am also a Student Advisor on the staff of Morgan Hall. So, I exhibit my leadership qualities everyday. I will allow your voices to be heard.

If elected, I will use the skills and morals that I have learned throughout my duration at WPI to better improve the WPI community. So, when you think of the best person to represent you, think Reem Malik. I will not let you down.

Thank you for your support. Don't forget - put a check next to Andrew D. Burgoyne the election ballot.

James Partridge
Dear WPI Students,
My name is James Partridge and I am running for the position of off-campus Senator. This past year I served as President of the Foreign Language Club, and quickly found my interest in the differences that the Student Government can make. Currently, I am still an appointed Senator and serve as Class IV Treasurer on the SGA Appropriations Committee.

So why vote for me? I feel that I can responsibly represent the best interests of our student body, and present fair and unbiased beliefs to the rest of the Senate. With your views in mind, I'd make just and rational decisions, while acting as a liaison between the administration and other organizations of this institution.

Thank you,
James Partridge, Class of 2002

Andrew Burgoyne
When you think of a person that you want to represent you, what qualities would you like that person to possess?

My name is Andrew Burgoyne and I am announcing my candidacy for Off-campus Senator in the Student Government Association. So who am I? You might not know my name, but I'm sure you'd recognize me by my stature. I am currently a Sophomore Management Engineering major here at WPI.

I am very dedicated and involved in the WPI Student and Campus life. This is my first year serving as a senator, but I hope to continue serving in the SGA because it has expanded my horizons. My involvement in SGA includes being a member of the Committee on Student Life Issues (CSTL). Our committee is working to obtain discounts from local businesses in the WPI community.

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Thanks for your support. Don’t forget - put a check next to Andrew D. Burgoyne the election ballot.

Samantha O'Connor
Hello, I'm Samantha O'Connor and I am running for the position of on-campus Senator. I am running for the first time as a sophomore because I felt it was necessary to get used to the rhythm of college before I got very involved with on-campus activities. I feel that I would make a good Senator because I am hard working and enthusiastic about helping make the campus a better place. I would be a good representative for students because I am open to new ideas and willing to speak my mind. I understand the commitments required to be a member of SGA, and feel that I could meet them. I have a lot of previous experience of being involved in activities. During high school I was a part of student council, sports teams, and peer leadership, among other activities. I have also gained management experience through being chosen as Senior Deckhand aboard the MV Viking due to my hard work, knowledge, and seniority. I am currently involved with the SCUBA Club and recently became the public chair for the WPI/Mass Academy FIRST/Robotics team. Due to my experiences with many types of activities and my dedication to making the campus a better place I hope you will vote for me, Samantha O'Connor, come election day.

Giancarlo Vivenzio
In running for SGA senator I hope to accomplish a few things. One is I would like to become more involved with our school. Until now I have taken a passive role here at WPI, I hope to change this if elected. I am also quite active in WPI's Greek life. If elected one of my goals is to do anything I can to help relations between WPI, the fraternities and sororities. Some side notes about myself are, I am a member of Theta Chi fraternity, I play baseball and I play the guitar. I know this little blurb isn't much but I hope it gave you an idea of what I hope to accomplish if elected.

Jennifer Kaska
Hi my name is Jennifer Kaska and I am running for the position of off-campus senator. I am a member of the class of 2002 and a biotechnology major. I am a sister in the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. I have been a member, for the past two years, of the field hockey team. I also am a Peer Learning Assistant (PLA) here on campus. I am capable and enjoy working with other people, and due to my experience as a PLA, I have skills in school group problems and in compromising. As a member of your senate, I hope to be able to represent you, the student body, as a whole, and to become more involved on campus. I would greatly appreciate your support and vote in the upcoming election.

Cara Obadowski
Hi, my name is Cara Obadowski. I am a member of the class of 2002 and I am majoring in Biology. I am an active member of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. I am running for the position of SGA senator so that I can become more involved with on-campus activities. I feel I am qualified in that I have good skills when it comes to working with others. I hope that you consider voting for me for the senate position.
Syed Asif Iqbal

Hi! My name is Syed Asif Iqbal and I’m running as off-campus Senator of the Student Government Association (SGA). Currently, I’m a member of the Class of 2002 majoring in Electrical Engineering. Hopefully, this will be my second year in the SGA Senate. By joining the Senate, I have dedicated myself totally to the cause of SGA. I have served in the Committee on Student Life Issues and the Committee on Appropriations. Currently I am the Chair of the Holiday Extravaganza Committee. The Holiday Extravaganza is SGA’s major event and I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to this year’s HoEx and I am confident that you will know when you see it how much dedication and commitment is involved in making this event a great success.

Other than the SGA, I am also actively involved in other organizations. I am a brother in Theta Chi and I am the treasurer for the Mens Club Volleyball team. By using these activities as a springboard, I plan on getting much more involved on campus wide leadership conference and production resources, and other resources for the students. As far as ways in which I believe I can change the SGA, I do not look to imitate my views on the student body, but to represent the views of the students.

As a senator, I hope to maintain my position and voice to best serve the students and WPI. I appreciate your vote and support and look forward to leading our school into the next millennium.

Sincerely,
Robert Pantazelos

Craig Daniels

By joining the Student Government Association (SGA), I hope to support the organizations I am currently involved in and become more acclimated with the multitude of other activities at WPI. I am currently a member of the Greek system as a brother in Theta Chi and I am the treasurer for the Men’s Club Volleyball team. By using these activities as a spring board, I plan on getting much more involved on campus. I hope to support these activities and organizations when decision time comes around. As a Senator, I will be able to use my input and influence others to vote in a favoring light on them.

Nicholas Williams

My name is Nicholas Williams and I am running to be re-elected as a senator of the Student Government Association (SGA). Since I am a member of the class of 2002 majoring in Mechanical Engineering/Fire Protection Engineering, I have been on the Senate since B term of my freshman year. My involvement in SGA includes being on the Public Relations committee as well as helping out in whatever is needed elsewhere. After being on the Senate for one year now I feel that I know the inner workings of the Senate and can use this experience in all my future experiences with the Senate. My activities that are not related to SGA include being a brother at The Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, where I am Social Committee Chair, as well as on the Rush Committee, other activities include Crimson Key, and Men’s Varsity Football and Basketball. I feel I can use the skills that I possess as well as all the ones gained due to my past experiences to the best of my ability. In doing so I truly hope it will benefit the WPI community as a whole.

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I would appreciate your vote and I am looking forward to leading WPI into this next millennium.

Thank you for your support!!!

Sincerely,
Jeff Strekas

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Senatorial speech

Hi, I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Jeff Strekas and I am running for reelection to the position of Student Government Senator. I have spent the last year serving as a senator, during which time I have served as one of two co-chairs for the SGA Committee on Student Life Issues. During this time I have worked on many projects including getting WPI student discounts at local merchants, working with local cab companies to obtain cheaper student fares, and improving conditions on campus to make it a safer and safer place. I look forward to serving you in this capacity again in the coming year.

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Elizabeth Caswell

Hi, my name is Beth Caswell and I am currently a sophomore majoring in mathematics. I am a sister and the assistant member recruitment chair of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. I am also a peer tutor with the Academic Advising center. In order to be a successful in each of these activities it is necessary to be able to communicate clearly, think on your feet, be organized and be patient. I feel that I possess each of these qualities which will also be very valuable in the position of student senator. In addition, I feel that I will be able to represent my ideas and concerns, as the WPI student body, in a fair and accurate way and I look forward to having the opportunity to do so. Your support in the upcoming election would be greatly appreciated!
Melissa St. Hilaire

This letter is to announce my candidacy for an on-campus senatorial position. I am currently a sophomore at WPI. I was appointed to the Senate at the beginning of my freshman year. Since then, I have worked closely on various projects within the SGA, including last year’s Holiday Extravaganza. I have served on the Committee on Elections and the Committee on Public Relations. I have just recently been appointed to chair of the Committee on Public Relations. With your vote, I wish to continue serving WPI as Chair of Public Relations and as a Senator. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Joseph Paul O’Boyle

Fellow students,

My name is Joseph O’Boyle. I would like to represent you in the upcoming session of Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s Undergraduate Student Government. I am currently involved with numerous activities across campus including the Men’s Glee Club, serving as Treasurer, WPI EMS and the Student Alumni Society. If elected I would look forward to helping assure that the students’ views are heard on the hill with regards to issues, such as the Campus Center. If you have and questions, please feel free to email me at pep@wpi.edu. Thank you.

Yours,

Joseph Paul O’Boyle

Pierre De Galbert

The reason I want to be a senator is to be involved in SGA. Senator is the lowest in the hierarchy of SGA and the first step to higher positions and greater involvement. Since C-term I have been secretary of our Coed Soccer Club and intend to hold an office once more this upcoming year. I know I can bring my qualities to SGA if you chose to trust me.

Thank you,

Pierre De Galbert

Antonia Colognesi

My name is Antonia Colognesi, and I am running for the position of on-campus senator for the Student Government Association. I am currently serving as a senator, and feel that my experiences would be valuable to the new senate. I feel that I have contributed a lot in the past and will continue to contribute to the senate in the future as your senator. As a senator I have tried to represent the WPI Community to the best of my ability on all issues that come in front of the senate. I hope that you will all give me another chance to represent you as a WPI Senator for the 1999-2000 School Year.

Michael Weber

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Michael Weber

Current SGA Senator, WPI

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Jeff Moore

Hello. My name is Jeff Moore and I am running for a position in the Student Government Association. I am currently serving as a senator and feel that my experiences would be valuable to the new senate. I feel that it is important to represent the needs of the student body and that is why I want to help by being back in SGA. Besides the Student Government, I am actively involved as Treasurer of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, a tutor to local elementary children, and member of Mu Sigma Delta. As a Senator, I am always open to suggestions from everyone to help better our school. So when it comes time to vote for the new Senate, remember the best way to help improve and get more for our school is to vote Jeff Moore as Senator!
Christian Bible Fellowship
This week we will be holding Tuesday Night Prayer in Founders Hall at 9:30, and we will also be holding Friday Night Fellowship in the lower wedge at 7:00. If you are interested in either of these activities, or have any questions about Christian Bible Fellowship, please feel free to e-mail cbf@wpi.edu for more information. We would love to see you there.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

God has done so much for us, how could we possibly begin to show our gratitude for his mercy? This verse answers this question. It tells us that we should give our bodies to God so that he can use them to carry out his will. We have to allow God to mould our minds into a likeness of his own so that we can know what God’s will is and carry it out. This is how we can show our appreciation to the God who showed mercy on a world full of sinners, and gave his own so that we can know what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Concert Choir
Everyone should be at rehearsal tomorrow night at 6:00 as it is our last rehearsal before this weekend’s concert. We’ll be singing with the Boston University Chorale Society on Sunday the 21st at 4:00 pm in Alden Hall. Tickets cost $2/person. The BU singers will arrive on Saturday around 1:30. If you’re looking for ways to entertain your guests, be sure to bring them to Interstate 8’s Road Trip that Saturday night in Riley Commons at 7:00 pm!

Glee Club
Congratulations on a great job this weekend! We had some great performances in the future.

That’s all our concerts this month, but after Thanksgiving be ready for Christmas concerts at Smith on the 5th, and then in New York City the following weekend. We’ll also be leaving a bit of time for leaf-raking the weekend of the 20th.

Don’t forget to attend Interstate 8’s Road Trip a cappella fest on Saturday the 20th, and Concert Choir’s performance on Sunday with the Boston University Chorale Society.

SGA
Hello everyone. SGA has been, once again, very active for the week. Senator elections are this week, so WPI students are encouraged to stop by the mailroom and vote for your favorite group of senators. This is the governing system for the student body for next year, so it is important that students vote for who they think would be the best candidates to represent them to the faculty and administration. The SGA web page is currently being updated as well and will be in operation again soon. From there, meeting minutes, personnel information, and other data about SGA of interest to the campus will be available about SGA. A major misconception about SGA is that one needs to be a senator to be part of the organization. On the contrary, any person on this campus can work on SGA committees or help in other ways. So, come on down; anyone is welcome any time at our meetings, which are held Tuesday nights at 6PM in the Lower Wedge.

Newman Club
We have a lot of service opportunities going on this term. If you didn’t get to sign up at mass for the Refugee Apostolate, helping wrap or deliver gifts to the needy, that’s okay. We will also be holding Friday Night Fellowship, please feel free to e-mail newman@wpi.edu. The Newman Club is also participating in the APO service auction; we will be auctioning off a fabulous Italian dinner cooked and served by the great chefs of the Newman Club. Through our famous pasta video nights and multitude of barbecues we have been able to go through a complex screening process so only the best cooks will be a part of the Italian dinner! Beyond that keep the prayers up for Father Scanlon and Father Roberge as well as for all those in need. Faith and discussion meets on Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 pm and mass is at 11:00 am on Sunday. We welcome anyone interested to attend.

WHAT’S YOUR HIV IQ?

How did you do? Here is the answer key for the HIV IQ Test that appeared in the November 9 issue. This HIV Alcohol Awareness Event was sponsored by SAE and the Healthy Alternatives Office.

TRUE 1. Chlorine bleach can kill HIV outside the body.  
FALSE 2. You can get HIV from attending school with a classroom who is infected.  
FALSE 3. You can get HIV from toilet seats.  
FALSE 4. Tears and saliva have slight traces of HIV.  
TRUE 5. No known cases of HIV infection have been transmitted through tears and saliva.  
FALSE 6. You can get HIV in showers.  
FALSE 7. You can get HIV through kissing on the lips.  
FALSE 8. You can get HIV from an infected person’s sneeze.  
FALSE 9. HIV can be transmitted by earwax.  
FALSE 10. You can get HIV drinking from someone’s glass or from drinking faucets.

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Can you name the four body fluids that you can contract HIV through?

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At Bose the challenges don't always involve stereo systems. How would you tackle this one?
**Your weekly horoscope:**

by Miss Anna
Associated Press

Aries: (March 21-April 20)

It's time to pull out the stops and go ahead with plans... everything you need is now in place. Your partner is annoyed at your independence, but you resolve this conflict as soon as possible. The idea of how things are supposed to be, and reality, are different.

Taurus: (April 21 - May 21)

Don't jump to conclusions, if it looks great, it probably is. Look beyond appearances and check all facts. Your intuition is right on target, so play your hunches. You have alot going for you, and your energy level is high, be careful of your own strength.

Gemini: (May 22 - June 21)

Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Crying over spilled milk will get you nowhere. Look around you and realize how full your life truly is. Take a lesson from a friend and let them help you and upbeat nature rub off on you. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

Cancer: (June 22 - July 23)

Check your financial dealings - you may have overlooked something that will only cause problems later. Since you are not fond of change, don't alarm when a timeless tradition unravels, do your best to roll with the punches. Don't let someone get away with what is yours.

Leo: (July 24-August 23)

With your cool approach you have managed to accomplish a task of quite the magnitude. Congratulations. Plan time to unwind, with your significant other. Your week will fly by because your hard work will give you quite a bit of satisfaction.

Virgo: (August 24-Sept. 23)

It's time to examine your dependence on those who are normally undependable. Financial matters need juggling this week. Look at cutting your losses and moving on. Don't save your love for the perfect person, there are those around you now who would be a great partner.

Libra: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

There is good cause to keep from letting your feelings get the best of you. A cool and reasoned perspective will get you farther than roller coaster emotions. Your primary love relationship is heading in a new direction. This will be beneficial to the both of you.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The weight of the world seems to be on your shoulders this week. Continue doing a good job, but try not to take such a serious attitude. There may be an unexpected gift of money, use it wisely. The one who loves you best will make things easier for you.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

There is a business opportunity which may present itself and needs to be snatched up before someone else takes advantage of the situation. Things are a little slow at home - humor will remedy any ruts. Focus your attentions on working hard, there will be a reward.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Your energy is excellent, and this vim and vigor may be related to a new exercise program. A relationship or person in your life, which you have always considered a friend, may be crumbling - it's a perfect opportunity to rebuild according to your own design.

Aquarius: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

All matters pertaining to legal procedures must be dealt with efficiently. Prompt action can save you from paying fines or overdue fees. Good communications cannot be stressed enough during the week. Making your home a more comfortable place may require a small investment.

Pisces: (Feb. 20-March 20)

The choices you make will rest on your ability to tell the difference between what looks good and what really is in your best interest. If looking for a diplomatic solution concerning co-workers, it's best to take everyone involved into consideration. Do something nice for someone.

If This Week Is Your Birth Star: Extraordinary spending may result from any volatile emotions and unfinished business. Resolving past problems will do absolute wonders for you, and the feier you feel emotionally, the more you will be ready to experience everything around you. Time spent with your significant other will be memorable.

**The Crimson Clipboard**

WPI Alumnae to Lend Voice of Experience to Women Students at Q & A Panel

Who: WPI alumnae including a top executive from Digital Corp., a business consultant, a graduate student and a company owner

What: Alumnae will give advice about life and careers to women students and others through a panel discussion and question-and-answer session sponsored by Worcester Polytechnic Institute's new group, WOWI (Women on Women's Issues)

When: WOWI presents a panel discussion: Future of Women in the Workforce, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Thursday, November 18

Where: Higgins House on the WPI Worcester, Mass., campus

Why: WOWI offers support and information for women at WPI. In addition to a mentoring program that matches older and newer women students, WOWI offers guest lectures and other events.

For more information, contact WPI at 508-831-5291.

**SGA Elections**

SGA is pleased to announce the winners of the executive elections, which were held November 4 and 5. The winners are:

Ernie DiMicco - President; Rachel Bowers - Vice President; Brian Sperlangano - Secretary; Kevin Dicker - Treasurer.

Congratulations to these students!

SGA would also like to announce that senate elections will be taking place this week, November 16-19. Web voting will be available from November 16-18. Paper balloting will be held Friday, November 19 from 9-5 in the mailroom. We hope that everyone will take the time to come and vote.

SGA's next meeting will be held November 16 at 6 pm in the lower wedge. Everyone is invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Oral Presentation Workshop**

An Oral Presentation Workshop to prepare finalists for the President's IOP Award will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Higgins Labs 218. For more information, contact Barbara McCarthy, x5939.

**The Physicists**

WPI Masque and the Humanities and Arts Department will be performing The Physicists, a hilarious play written by Friedrich Dürrenmatt. The production will be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday (November 18, 19, and 20, 1999) at 8:00 p.m. in Alden Hall. The show costs $3 with a WPI student ID ($5 general admission). Balloting will be held Friday November 19 from 9 - 5 in the mailroom. We hope that everyone will take the time to come and vote.

**Women's AWARENESS**

Women's facts in contribution to women's awareness

by Garrett Sutton
Class of '00

Inge Lehmann (1888-1993), a Danish seismologist, was a pioneer in her field. She discovered the existence of the earth's inner core that lies 5121 km below the earth's surface and divides the core into inner and outer parts. The discovery was based on her observations of the reflection/refraction of seismic waves generated by deep focus earthquakes. Lehmann's discovery of the inner core has inspired many possible ideas and theories concerning the origin of the earth's magnetic field. More info: in Inge Lehmann can be found at http://www.physics.ucla.edu/~ept/wptICLES/bolt.html.
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POLICE LOG

Monday, November 8, 1999
3:28 am - Smoking violation: Officer reports that he spoke with 2 students observed smoking in entrance vestibule of Institute Hall.
7:20 am - Lost and Found: Backpack retrieved from station by EMS personnel that had left pack by Harrington.
3:56 pm - Welfare check: Student's mother has not heard from him in two days, RA contacted and stated that student was seen this morning, RA will have him call mother.

Tuesday, November 9, 1999
2:27 am - Possible gunshot: Officer reports hearing gunshot in vicinity; area checked & OK.
1:25 pm - Trespass: Non-students leaving gym area.
7:50 pm - Lockout: Riley Hall, key stuck in door.
11:45 pm - Water leak: Report of water overflowing in Fuller Labs 1st floor men's room; Officer assists.
11:58 pm - Officer clear Fuller Labs, situation will be OK until morning.

Wednesday, November 10, 1999
10:23 am - Property Found: PS glasses near car.
1:35 pm - Jump Start: In Library lot, blue Mazda by stairwell.
2:10 pm - Hit and Run: Quad lot.
2:36 pm - Assist: Becker PD, fight in progress, 8 suspects no weapons.
2:38 pm - Suspect Left Scene at Becker: male on Bike.
5:52 pm - Medical: 17 year old male in Morgan Hall with abdominal pain and vomiting.
8:15 pm - Medical: Same 17 year old male with the abdominal pain and vomiting requesting EMS and Officer.
8:17 pm - Arrival: WPI EMS and Officer.
8:20 pm - AMR: WPI EMS requesting AMR for the student to be transported to memorial hospital for a check.
8:39 pm - Patient refusal no transport, Officer, WPI EMS, and AMR.
11:19pm - Parking Consideration: West Street by Institute Road until PM 11/4/99 because vehicle is broken down.

Thursday, November 11, 1999
12:50 am - Suspicious Person: Trowbridge and Institute.
2:46 pm - Report: No heat for three days in Founders Hall, from the RA on the fourth floor.

Friday, November 12, 1999.
2:06 am - Report: Two street lights out on the corner of Boynton and Institute.
7:43 am - Jump Start: Einhorn Street.
11:02 am - Call to have car moved: Training room, curb in front of Harrington, car can not get by.
2:03 pm - Assist: Student at Hackfeld, she can not turn car off.
2:20 pm - Officer reports that car was stopped and pushed to side of road, engine smoking, a garage will be called by the student for the car.
4:30 pm - HVAC: Notified about heat not on in Daniels 4th.
5:20 pm - Disorderly: Call stating skateboarders disturbing on Freeman Plaza.
5:35 pm - Kids dispersed.
6:25 pm - Recovered: Property from RA in Daniels; lost wallet.

Saturday, November 16, 1999
1:03 am - Notice Left: Officer reports vehicle in Stoddard lot with interior light on.
2:59 am - Check on welfare: Officers out with student on Schussler Road.

What's Happening: November 16-21

16 7:00pm - Lecture. "A Survivor on Schindler's List," Speaker Rena Finder, Assumption College, Hagan Campus Center/Campus Center Hall
8:00pm - Coffeehouse. Barbara Kessler, Riley Commons

17 9:00am - 11:00am - Lecture. "The Medium is the Message: Legal Issues in Electronic Communications", Clark University Jefferson Academic Center Room 330
11:00am - 2:30pm - Graduate School Fair, Lower Wedge
4:30pm - Oral Presentation Workshop for the President's IQP Awards, HL 218
8:00 - 10:00pm - ISCI Tutoring Night

18 5:00 - 7:00pm - WOWI Pen Pal Postcard and Pizza Party, Lower Wedge
8:00pm - Theatre. "The Physicists," Alden

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8:00pm - 10:00pm - ISCI Entertainment Night

20 Crew Meet, Foot of the Charles Regatta, Cambridge, MA
7:00pm - AcaPELLA Concert, "Road Trip," Riley Commons, doors open 6:30, $4/ WPI student, $5/other
8:00pm - Theatre. "The Physicists," Alden

21 11:00am & 5:30pm - Catholic Mass, Alden (am), Founder's Study (pm)
4:00 PM - Concert Choir Concert with BU, $2/person, Alden Hall
6:30 & 9:30 - Film. "Wild Wild West," PLAUD

3:16 am - Officers clears Schussler Road and transport student to Daniels Hall.
11:03 am - Intrusion Alarm: Higgins labs. No one there, so alarm was reset.
11:34 am - Intrusion Alarm: Higgins labs, seems intermittent, needs work order.
3:00 pm - Medical: Wedge for student with hand injuries from football.
4:10 pm - Parking Violations: Air Force ROTC reports vehicles parked in driveway obstructing delivery.
4:30 pm - Report: Phi Sig Sig reports eggs thrown at house two previous evenings and would like extra patrols.
8:56 pm - Check on Welfare: Officer reports empty baby carriage outside Higgins House.
10:39 pm - Noise Complaint: Daniels RA reports of fire works near Fuller Apartments.
10:41 pm - Clear: Group dispersed.
11:03 pm - Disorderly persons: Officer reports dispersed disorderly persons on 39 Dean Street.
11:17 pm - Check on welfare: Officer reports checking on welfare of subject at Dean & Salisbury Street, clear.

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