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Today: Partly cloudy. High in the 60s.
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 High 55 to 60.
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 High 45 to 50.

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MP3 controversy hits local colleges

by Ithan Peltan
The Dartmouth

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — After officials at Carnegie Mellon University disconnected 71 students from the school's intranet for distributing copyright-protected material, including MP3 files, over the school network, College officials said that no such action is planned at Dartmouth.

The Carnegie Mellon students were disciplined after an October 18 random search of public files on 250 students' computers discovered illegal MP3 music files available for access over the school's intranet.

Although the distribution of MP3 files or other copyright-protected material is illegal under federal law, Kiewit officials indicated that they have no plans to execute a similar search.

"One approach is to go looking for violators, but that's not usually what we do. It feels kind of invasive," Director of Technical Services Punch Taylor said.

When complaints come in, Computer Services examines the public files on the student's computer. If illegal material is discovered, the computer user is warned to remove the files from his or her computer via BlitzMail.

So far, no further measures have been necessary. Theoretically, if a student continued to make MP3 files available illegally on his or her computer, they would be referred to the deans' office for disciplinary action.

Computer Services will investigate activity on the network when a computer is commanding a disproportionate amount of resources in violation of the "fair share" element of the computer and network policy.

Beyond that, Dartmouth does not actively police the network, Taylor said.

"The main message we want to get out is that sharing MP3 files can get you into some pretty hot water with the law," Director of User Communications Bill Brawley said.

Dartmouth's computer and network policy indicates that access to the network is a privilege that may be revoked if a community member violates local, state, or federal laws or college policies. Copyright laws are mentioned specifically.

The issue of music piracy in cyberspace has attracted attention since the invention of the MP3 compression format that allows high-



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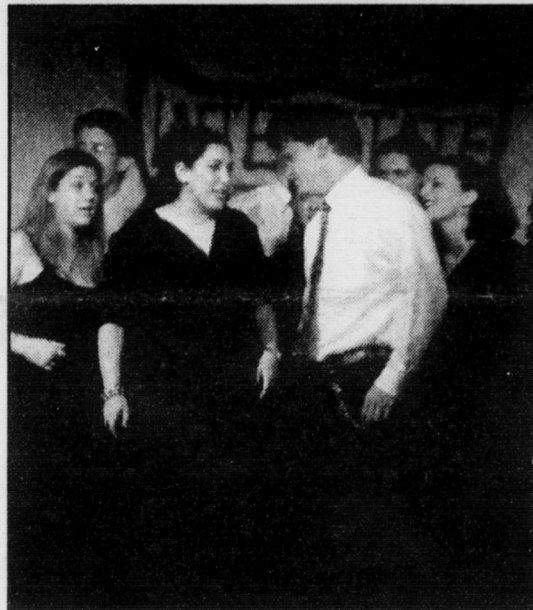
Above: I8 wows the crowd with a few tunes during their second annual Road Trip a cappella concert. Right: The Starving Artists of Brandeis come along for the ride.

ROAD TRIP Interstate 8 and friends rock Riley Commons

by Ken Gagne
Newspeak Staff

On Saturday Night, Interstate 8 held the second annual Road Trip, a festival of a cappella music featuring local college a cappella groups. Almost cancelled by a sudden loss of power, the journey began as scheduled, much to the relief of the singers.

Interstate 8 started with favorite "Me & Julio" before passing the spotlight to WPI's male a cappella group, Simple Harmonic Motion. In "If You Could Only See," freshman member Ed Quinlan showed talent sure to earn him future solos. The group's musical talent was accompanied by a dabbling in magic as SHM, known for their humorous and often risqué skits, showcased Brian Donnelly and his amazing ability to trans-



fer a person's underwear by thought alone. The group ended with Jurg Zwahlen performing Cake's "Let Me Go," arranged by the group's own Aaron Vandestein.

Next up was The Starving Artists of Brandeis. The well-dressed performers wished joy to the

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WPI student places in world electronics competition

Courtesy of
WPI Communications Group

Tim Dresser, a sophomore at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, won a fourth place award at the 35th World Skills Competition Nov. 11-14 in Montreal, Canada, where 600 competitors from 34 countries matched wits on a variety of technical and trade skills. The gold medal for Dresser's category, electronics applications, was won by a competitor from Taiwan. One of 11 Americans who competed in one of the 45 competitions in the contest, Dresser earned his berth by winning the U.S. World Skills Competition last January.

To prepare for the Montreal competition, Dresser became a cooperative education student, taking a leave from the WPI campus from May through October this year. During his leave, he received advanced training under the wing of Philips Consumer Electronics Co. in Jefferson City, Tenn. Competitors like Dresser troubleshoot broken consumer electronic products, demonstrated their prowess in theoretical electronics knowledge and constructed electronics equipment from scratch. All contestants were under age 21. The United States brought home two gold medals and, including Dresser's, had five diploma-certificate-ranked competitors, which indicates a fourth-place honors award.

Now that the competition is over, Dresser ponders his next move. "I've been focusing on that for so long, I wonder now what I'm going to do," he said. "I've been devoting eight to 10 hours a day to this."

He won't be pondering long. After spending one term on campus, Dresser is jetting off to another international site. He will be studying and completing a required project at WPI's London Project Center beginning in March.

"This has been a good international experience," Dresser said about the recent competition that challenged students from Germany, China, France, Japan, Italy and other countries. "One thing I learned is that even though English may be the common international language, you should pick up some other languages to improve your skills to be effective in dealing with people from other countries."

One of the bonuses for Dresser was seeing a friendly face in the crowd in Montreal. His former teacher, John Burns, recently retired from Blackstone Valley Regional High School in Upton, Mass., traveled to the international contest to cheer him on.

quality audio files to be stored efficiently on computers and transmitted quickly over networks, including the Internet.

Through the Recording Industry Association of America, the RIAA, the music industry tries to stop traffic in copyright-protected material. The group has a team of Internet specialists who work full-time searching out sites that offer music files.

According to John Whitehead,

Associate Anti-Piracy Counsel at the RIAA, the association's primary interest when students are involved is to remedy the situation and to instruct students so the offense will not be repeated.

"We look at it as a cooperative effort with universities to educate students about copyrighted materials," Whitehead said.

According to Whitehead, the RIAA occasionally informs college

officials by mail that they should be wary of online music piracy.

When the RIAA detects illegal sites on college networks, they send a complaint to the school specifying the offending location on the network. As a federally registered Internet Service Provider, Dartmouth is legally required to respond to such complaints.

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WORLD NEWS

MIT disbands fraternity linked to drinking incident

Courtesy of
AP Wire Service

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—An MIT fraternity that was accused of serving alcohol to an underage Wellesley College student who was later hospitalized has been disbanded, the university announced.

MIT officials had suspended Sigma Alpha Epsilon in September. In October, the Boston Licensing Board suspended SAE's dormitory license and ordered it to leave its two houses on Beacon Street in Boston

by Nov. 15.

The penalties stemmed from an SAE party on Sept. 2, MIT said. Members of the fraternity drove six Wellesley students — all freshmen — back to their dormitory after the party.

When they realized one of the women was very drunk, they took her to the MetroWest Medical Center in Natick, where she was treated and later released, MIT said.

The fraternity had already been prohibited from having alcohol as the result of a

previous violation, which the school did not detail.

A disciplinary panel on Nov. 10 heard the charges against SAE, which were filed by the MIT Campus Police, and ordered the fraternity to disband, Dean for Student Life Margaret R. Bates said in a statement Monday.

"It voted unanimously to withdraw the fraternity's recognition as an authorized student group at MIT, and to terminate approval of the fraternity's residence facilities in Boston at Institute-approved housing," Bates said.

Efforts to reach SAE members Monday night were unsuccessful.

A member of MIT's Interfraternity Council said the council supported the university's decision.

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon's behavior over the last three years has really been beyond the pale," Chris Rezek told WBZ-TV. "It's not something that fraternities here stand for. It's not something we support or ac-

cept."

SAE is the second MIT fraternity to disband in two years. Phi Gamma Delta disbanded last year following 18-year-old MIT freshman Scott Krueger's death from alcohol poisoning after a pledge initiation at the fraternity in 1997.

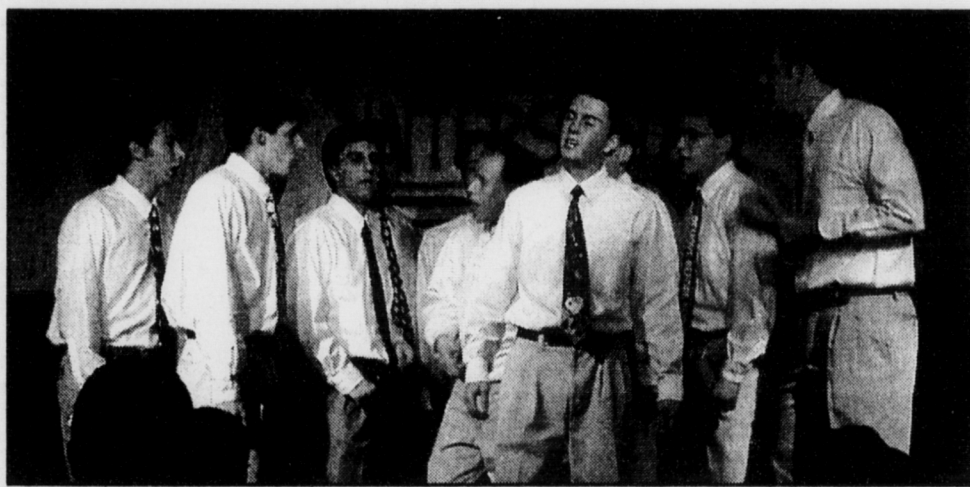
About 31 members and 14 pledges lived at SAE's two addresses. MIT has arranged for SAE freshmen to live in on-campus dormitories, Bates said.

Krueger's death prompted the university to require all freshmen to live on campus, but that requirement won't go into effect until fall 2001.

Upper class SAE members will be allowed to apply for on-campus housing, or they can continue to live off campus, Bates said.

The disciplinary panel recommended that the Dean's Office discuss the SAE's status with its alumni organization. But it recommended no reestablishment of relations between the university and SAE before fall 2001.

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The hilarious antics of WPI's own Simple Harmonic Motion keep the audience in stitches.

world in "Three Dog Night" before giving an unusually un-Green Day-ish entrance to "Basketcase."

Cornell's Key Elements brought a loud and energetic element to the night's lineup. So vigorous was their choreography that their rendition of "Unbelievable" sent them into convulsions. A loud, fast version of "Annie Are You Okay" followed, with their "funkiest, most retro" song, "Poison," closing their set.

After a brief intermission, in which Interstate 8 raffled off a copy of their new CD, "Signs Point to Yes," the RPI Rusty Pipes took center stage. After the mixed group was talked out of undressing on stage "to get to know the audience better," they went on to perform "Beautiful Stranger" and "Since You Been Gone," the latter reminding us that being out of love can feel as bad as the relationship did.

The excellent Dartmouth Cords, a men's group last heard at Acappella Fest 5, were next on the program. Several gifted soloists performed such beautiful songs as "In the Name of Love," "Lady in Red," and the energetic "Footloose." Among their songs was an advertisement for a new

miracle allergy pill, with unfortunate side effects such as headaches, paralysis... or spontaneous castration. "No Allergy: Because you can't sneeze when you're dead."

The show closed with WPI's own no fella cappella group, Interstate 8, with a set composed entirely of songs arranged by group members. Jen Waite and Adria Rizzo each performed their own arranged pieces, "Manic Monday" and "Baby Come Back," while new members Jillian O'Toole and Malia Aull had solos in "Kiss Me" and "Beautiful." The audience called for an encore — a demand fulfilled with "Movin' Out," arranged by director BJ Boettcher and performed by Sarah Lovell.

After only two short years, Interstate 8 has established Road Trip as a new WPI tradition. The road travelled by this year's performers had no ice or slips, and left the audience wanting more. Speaking of which: SHM's two CDs are currently available in the WPI bookstore. I8's CDs will be available there in a few weeks.

Road Trip was brought to you by Chartwells, Boomers Sub & Deli, and the number '8'.

Microsoft backs off Internet messenger battle

Courtesy of
AP Wire Service

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft Corp. has backed off in its battle with America Online Inc. over Internet instant messages, saying the latest version of its MSN Messenger service will not operate with AOL's Instant Messenger.

Microsoft claims that AOL's latest attempt to block MSN Messenger from working with AOL Instant Messenger involves "a very serious security bug" that could allow computer code to be run on a personal computer without the computer user's approval or knowledge.

"To provide an update to MSN Messenger service that would continue to enable interoperability, Microsoft would need to put our own users at risk in a similar fashion," Yusuf Mehdi, director of marketing for Microsoft's Consumer and Commerce Group, said in a news release Wednesday.

"We're glad they have decided to respect the security and privacy of our members and users," AOL spokeswoman Ann Brackbill said Thursday.

Concerning Microsoft's allegation of a security bug, "We said four months ago that it was a fake issue, and it still is a fake issue today. We would never do anything to compromise the secu-

city of our users," she said.

Microsoft first released its Internet chat software in early August, challenging AOL's dominance of the market.

One advantage that Microsoft touted was the ability to work with AOL's software, allowing MSN customers to send and receive instant messages with AOL users.

AOL immediately complained that Microsoft engineers had hacked into its proprietary network and blocked Microsoft from linking to the AOL software.

Microsoft redesigned its chat software to bypass AOL's block, but was then stymied again and again as AOL continued to put up blocks.

Mehdi denied Microsoft had "lost" the battle to AOL.

"There are no winners," he said. "Consumers will win when an industry-wide instant messaging standard is in place that ensures all users the ability to message with others regardless of which service they're using."

As of last month, AOL had 45 million people signed up for the messenger service, while Microsoft said Thursday it had 4.5 million users.

The latest "beta" or test version of MSN Messenger was released Wednesday as part of a redesign of Microsoft's MSN.com Web portal.

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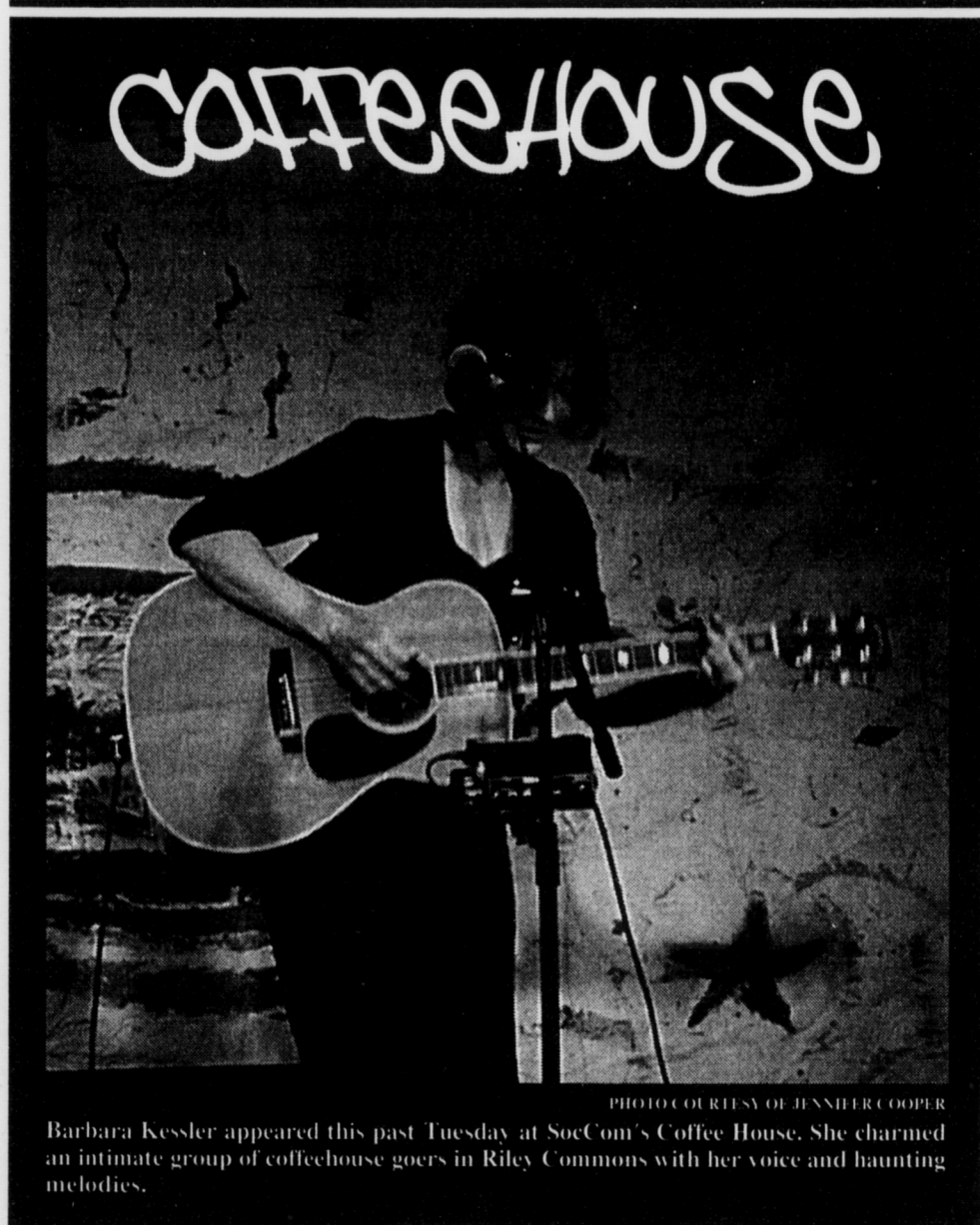
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Barbara Kessler appeared this past Tuesday at SocCom's Coffee House. She charmed an intimate group of coffeehouse goers in Riley Commons with her voice and haunting melodies.



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Craft center celebration for Richards inspires

by Kara Foster
Class of '03

On Sunday, November 7, 1999, the Worcester County Poetry Association and the Worcester Center for Crafts held a Celebration to honor author and artist M.C. Richards, who died not more than a month earlier. The celebration included a showing of some of Richards' most exquisite paintings, pottery, poetry, and essays.

The colors at this showing consumed me. Her numerous abstract paintings hung on the walls of the gallery and I found myself getting immersed in each one. Each painting, having its own meaning, was accompanied by explanations written in her own words. These inspirational quotes showed Richards' true feelings about many issues that took place in the world during her time.

Also filling the gallery were many of her pottery creations. Each piece had its own original shape.

One that particularly sticks out in my mind was one that was shaped in a bowl that was separated into four parts. The middle was a person, who stretched out to create these four sections. It was an incredibly creative and interesting piece of artwork.

Next, there proceeded to be a reading of some of Richards' writing. These included poems and essays taken from *Imagine Inventing Yellow: New and Selected Poems of M.C. Richards* and *Centering in Pottery, Poetry and the Person*. The readers included Clayton Brown, Jennifer Code, Trevor Code, Angela Dorenkamp, Judy M. Ferrara, John Gaumond, Layah Lehmann, Dan Lewis, Laura Menides, and Robert Steele.

One poem that was read that I particularly liked was, *Pelted By Beauty*. I feel that her description of love was incredible. Each image was perfectly pictured in my head, and I felt as though I could feel her every deep and passionate emotion flowing through her body.

Along with this poem, I also enjoyed *Hands...Birds*. This two-word poem actually made me picture each word and think about the differences. It is funny how much two words can really make you stop and think.

This event was well worth my time. I saw and heard many beautiful things. As a result, I left the Worcester Center for Crafts feeling inspired and my mind was at ease, almost like and inner peace. If any of these events come to Worcester again, I would definitely be sure to go.

Hungry for upbeat alternative music? Try some Angry Salad

by Cathy Raposa
Newspeak Staff

Upbeat and energetic, this group has splashed onto the alternative scene with a different attitude; no whining about how life is edged against you or how horrible the "man" is, this group deals in music that screams "come and get me."

Founded at Brown University, the group got its first break playing at an annual competition held by WBRU, a Providence radio station. Now located in Cambridge/Boston, the band is now licensed by the Blackbird Recording Company, and has seen its first hit *The Milkshake Song* enjoy success on the Billboard charts and airplay by local stations.

The band's first, self-titled album, featuring cool penguins on the cover, showcases *The Milkshake Song*. The song is an upbeat love song about milkshakes and kisses. A fast rendition of 99 Red Balloons

pays tribute to the '80s classic song, while most of the remaining songs picture everyday events with extra enthusiasm.

Most of the lyrics are not uplifting themselves; the skipping beats prevent an overall dark sound, mocking the general depressing mood of most alternative music. Lyrics are expressive, though not filled with much underlying meaning, and easy to follow. I mean, what can be wrong with a band writing songs on Stretch Armstrong dolls and Milkshakes?

Although this group isn't radically new, this is certainly the perfect CD to study to - great background music. There are a few explicit words on the CD, which is perhaps why the songs aren't played on all mainstream radio stations. Although this CD probably wouldn't be my first requested Christmas present, it's still a good idea to watch these young artists for future hits and live performances. These guys certainly have the right idea!

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For example, Jeffrey Levy, a senior at the University of Oregon, will be sentenced in federal court next week on charges of criminal copyright infringement for operating a site on the university network that provided free copies of music and software. Levy could face as much as three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The College itself can also be held legally responsible for activity that takes places on the Dartmouth network. However since there is a procedure in place for handling complaints, the school itself is probably protected from lawsuits, said Allegra

Lubrano, Assistant College Counsel.

Pirated MP3 files are not yet a major problem on the Dartmouth network, Brawley said. However, he indicated that while only a "handful" of incidents have been addressed since September, the Fall term has definitely seen an increase in the amount of illegal MP3 files on the network.

Copyright fraud costs the music industry around \$300 million in revenues each year, indicated Whitehead. However, this figure does not include online piracy because such activity is too difficult to measure, he said.

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When survival is not enough

by *Charlie Morse*
Student Development &
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have gone to great lengths to keep the secret from yourself; you avoid thinking about it, feeling about it. You lock it away somewhere because it's too painful; it takes too much out of you.

Something awful happened to you and you just want to get on with your life, but for some reason the secret won't go away. You keep re-encountering the secret in

your dreams, your relationships, and in your quiet moments. Why won't it just go away!

People are survivors. When we live through awful circumstances we find ways to get on with our lives. Such painful memories are often survived by trying to forget. We disconnect from feelings, keep emotionally distant from others, keep our

lives busy—all to avoid encountering the awful secret. We begin to pay more attention to the danger in the world and protect ourselves by becoming "hyperalert" (anxious) to our surroundings and avoid risk at all costs.

This manner of surviving, of protecting oneself, is quite common among those who've encountered terror in their lives. It may be combat, attack, or abuse in some form, but there seems to be a commonality in how people respond. Psychologists describe the "symptoms" of posttraumatic stress disorder in three classes: Hyperarousal—increased sense of danger, fear, being easily startled, hyperalert to surroundings; Numbing—disconnection from thoughts, feelings, memories, relationships; Re-experiencing—nightmares, flashbacks, recurring traumatic relationships.

The means of survival eventually become the problem. The avoidance of memories and feelings associated with the trauma keep the event(s) alive and powerful within us. The numbing and disconnection get in the way of the close relationships that can help us feel safe and trusting. The necessity to stay "on" and in control wears us down and prevents relaxation. Our friends may see us as "all together," but inside we feel torn apart.

The alternative to "survival mode" involves a process of gradually coming closer to our feelings, taking small risks directed at opening up important relationships, and eventually encountering the memories and feelings associated with the painful secret. The pain hurts but will subside over time as you find ways to express it. The memories still linger but lose their power to overwhelm you. Best of all you find love, strength and safety within yourself and others by becoming more open.

For more information or help call Student Development and Counseling at x5540.

COLLEGE COMPUTER CENTER

Is your personal computer Y2K compliant?

Courtesy
of the College Computer Center

The CCC recently upgraded faculty and staff computers as well as all CCC labs to be Y2K compliant. Have you checked your machine for Y2K compliance? Unsure where to go to get more information on Y2K compliance? Visit WPI's website that targets Y2K issues here at WPI at <http://www.wpi.edu/+y2k>. There are links to other Y2K information websites, recommended readings, the status of our campus, FAQ's, a test for hardware and more! If you need help determining your computer's Y2K compliance, contact the Helpdesk at 831-5888, send e-mail to helpdesk@wpi.edu, or stop by and see in them in Fuller Labs, room B12.

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BubbleBoy @ WPI?

Courtesy of
the College Computer Center

Okay, time for everyone to make sure your virus scanner and DAT files are up to date. There's a new virus out there called "BubbleBoy." For more information on it, go to the URL <http://vil.nai.com/vil/vbs10418.asp>. Basically, it's an annoying virus that travels through electronic mail. But, unlike e-mail virus's in the past, this virus does not require you to open a file attachment to activate the virus. Simply opening the message to read it, will launch it. The College Computer Center (CCC) already has in place preventative measure to counteract this virus. To be safe, you should check to insure your computer is

capable of scanning and cleaning viruses. Also, if you receive a message with the text "BubbleBoy" either in the subject in the body of the message, contact the Helpdesk ASAP at 831-5888, send e-mail to helpdesk@wpi.edu, or stop by and see in them in Fuller Labs, room B12.

Do you know that McAfee Virus Scanner can be installed on every WPI CCC lab machine and every staff or faculty machine on campus? Do you know it's available for installation via Novell? Have you checked your computer for viruses lately? Do you have the most up to date version of the scanner? What about up to date DAT files? Not sure what you have? Contact the Helpdesk and get your computer ready!

Microsoft license information

Courtesy of
the College Computer Center

The Helpdesk has received many calls and e-mails regarding the Microsoft license agreement. The software installation CD's are available at the Gordon Library for loaning. Also, please point your browser to <http://www.wpi.edu/+CLA> to read more about the Campus

License Agreement, and to access the secured site that contains the software keys. Many people are not fully aware of what software is available to them via Novell, what software they can install locally via Novell, and what software they need to obtain from the library. For more information on WPI's licensed software, go to <http://www.wpi.edu/+CCC/Software>.

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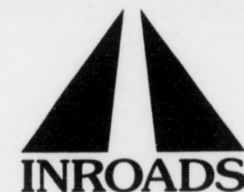
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Campus Center deserves more respect

To the Editor,

Now an alumna and administrator, I am one of the many WPI students who has fought over the past 80+ years to get a Campus Center built here. To listen to some students complain about this is sickening to me! I think about all the time and effort people have spent on this initiative to make our campus better and hope that someday these ungrateful students will appreciate it all. In particular, reading Mr. Kennerly's letter in last week's issue offended me greatly.

In this letter, Kennerly pointed out all of WPI's shortcomings and problems - he makes it sound like a positively inferior school (and with no more trees, I might add). WPI cannot fix all of its major prob-

lems in one fell swoop, but the Campus Center will indeed address many of the social issues on campus, including the most pressing - the need for more space in which to hold events sponsored by student organizations. Officers of organizations like SocComm, LnL, and many others can tell you all about the extreme difficulties they've encountered in the past year scheduling social events and even club meetings on this campus - there simply isn't enough space to go around!

I've overheard several students make comments like, "why should I care about the Campus Center - I'm not going to benefit because I'm graduating" - comments which not only pain me because of the efforts made to get here, but also because of

how utterly false they are. Of course the Campus Center will benefit you - even if you won't be a student here when it opens in 2001, you will still reap its benefits. When those of you who are graduating this year return for your class reunions and homecoming, the Campus Center will be here and you will probably use it then. Even if your attitude is that you'll "never come back to WPI," the Campus Center is just one of the many changes coming that will improve WPI's reputation around the world, and make your degree worth more in the marketplace.

As someone who has worked for more than eight years to see a Campus Center built on campus, I have to say that I'm completely shocked and dismayed by these

sorts of protest against a building from which all of us will ultimately benefit. Obviously, we need other things like a new academic building and renovations to our library, but the WPI administration also needs to give its students what they have been demanding for almost a century, and that is, above everything else, a Campus Center.

And, if you're looking for the trees, they'll be back in 2001, surrounding a beautiful new place to socialize. In the meantime, Institute and Elm Parks are just a short walk away from campus.

Sincerely,
Amy L. Marr
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COMMENTARY

Ninth annual center for academic integrity conference

by Stephanie Janeczko
Class of '00

Recently Stephanie Janeczko, Kate Shore, and Andrew Carruth attended the 9th annual conference of the Center for Academic Integrity (CAI) held at the Duke University campus in Durham, North Carolina. We were sent by the ad hoc committee on academic honesty as part of an ongoing effort to enhance academic honesty at WPI and to draft an honor code for the Institute. Perhaps little known to many in the WPI community, a number of students, faculty, and administrative staff have been working diligently at writing a draft for an honor code to be proposed in the near future to student and faculty governance for implementation. There are over 4500 colleges and universities in the United States, but experts have estimated that fewer than 100 of these institutions of higher learning have honor codes or honor policies in effect. Through the efforts of the Committee, WPI is well on its way to becoming a member of this select group of schools.

The Center for Academic Integrity was officially formed in 1982, and has since been working on issues that pertain to academic integrity, including attitudes toward cheating and the actions that directly stem from such attitudes. The conference was held at the campus of and sponsored by Duke University this year, with programs running from Friday, October 15th through Sunday, October 17th. Attendees included members of the larger academic community, ranging from deans and provosts to professors and students.

The conference began on Friday with an informal pre-session. While Kate and Stephanie were en-route from Boston, Andrew was busy taking notes and talking with a number of people at a pre-session called "Taking a Critical Look at Your School's Academic Integrity Program." The session was given by Michael Ford (Lewis and Clark College), Don McCabe (Rutgers University), and Bill Kibler (Texas A & M University) as well as several other students, faculty and alumni from Lewis and Clark. These people provided valuable insight concerning such matters as what steps other schools have taken to adopt

their honor codes and what powers the Honor Councils at other schools have. The conference was officially kicked off with dinner and opening remarks from CAI's outgoing president, Jim Lancaster (UNC Greensboro). Dinner provided us not only with a great meal but also with an excellent opportunity to meet other attendees and make some valuable contacts.

We started Saturday bright and early with breakfast and an address by a noted ethicist, Gary Pavela (University of Maryland). We were then given our choice of attending a variety of different presentations on varying topics. Since we decided that it would be best for us to split up, we were able to attend workshops concerning both issues of academic integrity as they relate to the

world wide web and another on the initial steps to implement an honor code. After lunch we chose to focus on those presentations that addressed the issue of making both faculty and students concerned with an honor code. This educational day ended with dinner and a tour of the Duke campus. Sunday followed a similar format, with an address from the incoming president, Jeanne Wilson, (University of California, Davis), and another selection of seminars. Following lunch we checked out and the attendees began their trips home through Hurricane Irene.

The conference was both an educational and a reassuring experience. One of the nicest things to see was how concerned the CAI administration and faculty were with keeping the students involved in the pro-

cess at all levels. Over and over it was stressed how vital a role undergraduates play in a school's successful honor code. Furthermore, we were able to learn a number of successful (and unsuccessful) tactics and policies schools have tried, and then to decide what would work best here at WPI. Moreover, we were able to see that we are making real progress here and taking steps in the right direction, and our soon-to-be-unveiled honor code proposal has many of the best features of successful codes. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Dean of Students and the Provost for this learning experience and to urge all the faculty, students, and administrative staff to vigorously support efforts to implement an honor code at WPI.

Take the less traveled path: It can take you somewhere

by Amanda Henry
Courtesy of the National Environmental
Wire for Students

What did you do yesterday? Maybe you went to class, tackled your calculus homework or went out to celebrate the weekend with friends.

Or maybe not. Perhaps you instead challenged yourself to change the world, one action at a time.

What do you believe in? What will you do to make those beliefs a reality? What if your opinions and ideas are not popular ones? Will you still pursue them? How far will you go to prove that you care?

On December 10, 1997, 23-year-old Julia Butterfly Hill perched herself atop an ancient redwood tree named Luna - 180 feet off the ground. She has not yet climbed back down.

Continuing the American legacy of civil disobedience, Hill is conducting a vigil on behalf of the Pacific Northwest's old growth forest.

On her website, Hill proclaims: "I gave my word to this tree, this forest and to all the people that my feet would not touch the ground until I had done everything in my power to make the world aware of (old growth deforestation) and how to stop the destruction."

Using her cell phone, Hill shared her

views with thousands of student environmentalists during last month's EConference 2000. Her words of motivation, encouragement, and hope rang through the auditorium, and straight into my heart.

What keeps me from doing the same thing? A multitude of reasons come to mind.

How could I leave behind my family and friends for a world of an 8' by 6' platform and a bucket of food raised up a rope every other day? How could I endure the helicopters and sirens, not to mention exposure to the elements?

Then I recognized the inherent threats to my materialistic well-being. How could I handle life without television or computers? What would I do without all my creature comforts?

I became embarrassed. Not only for myself, but also for most of the people I know.

But soon I realized that being involved doesn't have to mean sitting up in a tree, or chaining oneself to a polluting incinerator. Writing a letter to Congress or signing a petition can have an impact, too. But how many of us decide that such acts are too much of a hassle? How many lost causes will die unheard as a result?

Hill's position is extremist; few people will argue about that. But thinking about what she is doing has made me aware of all

the things I've talked about doing, but probably never will. I had read about Hill and other activists before, but subconsciously I was waiting for the right time to hear what she was saying.

All of these thoughts have helped me create a resolution-to take the path less traveled and to try to be true to myself.

It is easy for me to care for my family, boyfriend and even my favorite band. Now I am beginning to realize that in order to love these things, I have to see the bigger picture.

To love what is immediately around me, I have to care about what it is that brought me here and do what I can do to make sure the world is a safe place for my children, and theirs.

I am not yet taking the position of an activist, but I am striving to advance the causes that are most important to me. Anyone can do the same; the proof lies in the actions of the people I know who are working for change.

The next time you find yourself complaining to a friend about how much work you have, or wishing that you didn't have to attend a meeting, please stop and think about the bigger picture. Then go out and participate in the life around you.

You never know when something will hit you hard enough to knock indifference out of your heart.

HEALTH BEAT

Seasonal depression: The winter blues cause general "blah" feelings

by Katrina Vaitunas
Class of '02

Each year, approximately 5% of all Americans are affected by what is known as the winter blues. Beginning in late September and ending in March or April, many find themselves lethargic and experience a general feeling of the "blahs." Even though the snow has not yet begun to fall, these 25 million or so people begin to experience some of these changes, which are symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. Most people do experience a bit of change in the fall, but SAD patients experience

prolonged symptoms that continue to affect them over the course of a few years.

Jane S. Ferber, MD states "researchers believe that the amount of sunlight to which we are exposed affects the production and use of body chemicals, including serotonin and norepinephrine, the two neurotransmitters most associated with depression." Serotonin is a neurotransmitter (a molecule that carries a signal from a neuron to target cell) that is directly involved with behavior, emotion and appetite. Norepinephrine is thought to be connected to depression.

In Alaska, 9.2% of the population is thought to have Seasonal Affective Disorder, and it is estimated that people who reside in the upper United States and Canada are eight times more likely to have SAD. There is also another, less common version of SAD that affects people in the summer months, but most of the research that is being completed focuses on the winter season. However, patients who suffer from summer Seasonal Affective Disorder usually exhibit symptoms after periods of rainy or unseasonably dark days. This helps to prove that SAD is directly linked to the amount of light a per-

son receives.

Interestingly enough, 86% of all SAD sufferers are women who began to experience symptoms in their early twenties. Although there is no cure for the ailment, it is possible to alleviate some of the symptoms. Naturally, anyone who feels that they might be seasonally depressed should see a health care professional. To help diminish the "winter blues," one should increase the amount of surrounding light get lots of exercise, walk outdoors, and/or eat healthy. These suggestions should be enough to brighten the winter months.

New IFC executive board for 2000!

by Jeff Bayko
IFC President

On Tuesday, November 16 the leaders of the fraternity system gathered in Founder's Country Kitchen to elect a new slate of IFC officers to bring them into the

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SMAS

We've pretty much booked up B-term with activities by now. We made our usual pilgrimage to Higgen's Armory on Sunday, and if you missed it, we'll be returning in C-term. With the holiday season approaching, warm up your voices for lots of caroling. We'll be performing at the SGA's Holiday Extravaganza on 12/6, as well as filling the night air with traditional door-to-door caroling during finals week. The bardic's guild will be leading caroling practices throughout Dec, as well as organizing a movie night. The armorer's guild will be giving instruction in mail and other armor forms on Wed, 12/8.

This week we're taking nominations for next year's officers. Dues paying members can be nominated for any and all positions, and everyone can vote during December. The officers will be announced during finals caroling. Court will be held on 11/30, so start thinking about guild business. This week's meeting is Tuesday night at 7pm in Founders basement. Fight practices are Monday and Thursday nights at 7:30pm in the lower wedge/gym. Email the officers (realms@wpi.edu) with any questions or suggestions.

NT User Group

We met this past Thursday for our second meeting to discuss upcoming plans and activities. Among the topics discussed were the opening of the clubs new lab in AK and the library materials that will also be kept there. We also discussed putting together a team for competing in an upcoming IEEE design contest, ideas for guest speakers, and possible help session that could be provided.

All members are reminded to pay their dues, and to continue to present ideas about potential events. Any people interested in becoming members can contact the officers at: ntofficers@wpi.edu. Any questions about the organization can also be directed to this address.

SGA

Well, Senator elections are out of the way; congratulations to those people who won. The entire Senate and Executive board of 2000 is now assembled. Positions may be opening later in the Senate, though, so interested parties should contact an SGA senator about how to take advantage of those opportunities as they arise. And, of course, you do not have to be an elected

Senator to be involved in SGA. The Holiday Extravaganza, chaired by Brian Sperlongano and Syed Iqbal, will be held on Monday, December 6th, from 8 to 10 PM. Interstate 8, the Dance Club, Concert Band, and other groups will be performing, and everyone on campus is invited to this holiday celebration with entertainment and food. Come on down and take a break from work! The next SGA meeting will be at 6PM on November 30th in the Lower Wedge.

Newman Club

This past week the Newman Club went to pack Thanksgiving baskets in preparation for the upcoming holiday season. Other ways to serve are also coming up for the rest of B term. If you didn't get a chance to pick up a name for Christmas gift buying for the Uville House children, then just email .f. There are still spots available for caroling. The Christmas mass is coming up soon as is Father Scanlon's return. Keep the prayers up and we will move into the holiday season strong. Don't forget no mass this Sunday due to Thanksgiving. Wednesday night discussion group is canceled for this week as well due to the break.

next millennium. Please join me in congratulating the following: President, Jason Katz, Theta Chi; Vice-President, Josh Glixman, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Secretary, Nick Williams, Phi Gamma Delta; Treasurer, Brenton Chamberland, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Rush Chairman, Jeff Kibler, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Risk Manager, Steve Millet, Phi Sigma Kappa; Activities Chairman, Chris Brassard, Zeta Psi; Scholarship Chairman, John Roach, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Intramurals Chairman, Sergio Deana, Lambda Chi Alpha; Public Relations, Rob Pantazelos, Tau Kappa Epsilon; and Web Coordinator, Tom Collins, Alpha Chi Rho.

Congratulations are also due to the current Executive Board, fraternity presidents and officers, and brothers of the Greek system on a very successful year. The current IFC will remain in office until the end of Formal Rush on December 3rd. In the meantime, both sets of officers will be conducting an extensive transition process to ensure the future success for the IFC.

The purpose of the IFC is to coordinate and govern fraternity activities both on and off campus. As a self-governing body, the IFC brings its members together through system-wide programs, informationals, rush, intramurals, philanthropic projects and committee work. Participation in the IFC offers numerous opportunities for individuals to assume responsibility for directing the Greek system, gaining valuable leadership experience, and contributing to the betterment of the IFC.

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SGA election results

SGA is pleased to announce the winners of the executive elections which were held November 4 and 5. The winners are the following: Ernie DiMicco - President, Rachel Bowers - Vice President, Brian Sperlangano - Secretary, and Kevin Dickert - Treasurer. Congratulations to these students!

WPI announces review course

WPI is now accepting registrations for the Review Course for the annual Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. The Review prepares candidates for the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam. Topics include the basic science, mathematics and engineering disciplines.

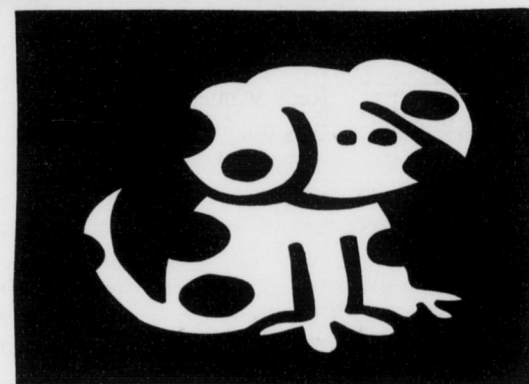
WPI's FE Review, which is offered on the WPI campus in Worcester, MA, includes 11 three-hour sessions. Classes are conducted by WPI faculty members, many of whom are Professionals Engineers.

The program fee is \$395 per person. Full-time undergraduate WPI students are eligible for a reduced rate of \$250. Deadline to register is January 10, 2000.

For further information, contact WPI's Office of Continuing Education at (508) 831-5517 Tuesday, 11/30 5:30-7pm Morgan A

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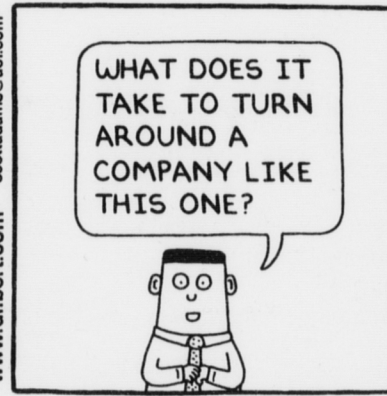
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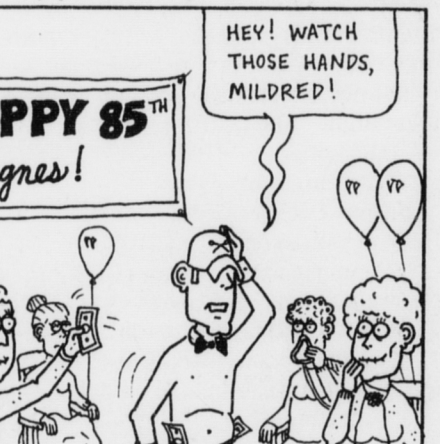
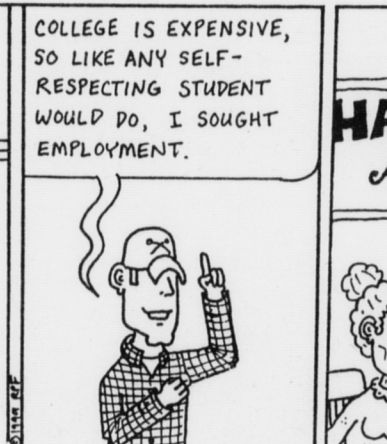
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

" Place Settings "

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 23 Dog's name
 24 Horn
 26 Barney Fife for one
 29 Rational
 30 Anti-pollution grp.
 33 Runs at slow speed
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 36 Parmesan lead in
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"Some men are like musical glasses; to produce their finest tones, you must keep them wet."

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POLICE LOG

Thursday, November 11, 1999

1:08 pm - Lost and Found: property returned to U-Mass student, e-mail was sent, sister picked up property.
 4:11 pm - Check Welfare: Parent hasn't heard from son living in Morgan Hall for 10 hours.
 11:14 pm - Fire Alarm: Institute Hall WFD notified.

Friday, November 11, 1999

1:39 am - Medical: Officer reports student with cut thumb in Stoddard lot.
 1:44 am - Arrival: EMS at Stoddard lot.
 7:37 am - Medical: Between Daniels and Morgan by the dumpster, plant service staff member has chest pain.
 8:37 am - Medical: Lower level of Power House, 37 year old male with chest pains.
 3:49 pm - Fire Alarm: Alpha Chi Ro, officers assist, and WFD.
 3:55 pm - Radiator let off burst of steam, no fire.
 4:06 pm - Verbal Dispute: Report of verbal argument in the wedge by the bathrooms.
 4:12 pm - Clear: Two employees arguing.
 5:29 pm - Lockout: Daniels 3rd.
 6:36 pm - Emergency Call Box: Hang up, Morgan Hall.

Saturday, November 12, 1999

12:10 am - Disturbance: Officer reports investigating excessive noise at Fuller.
 12:30 am - Advisory/suspicious persons: Resident of Institute Road into station advising he observed a male and female in his back yard.
 12:36 am - Arrests(3): Officer reports 3 students under arrest at Fuller. Subjects being transported to WPD.
 1:15 am - Lockout: Riley.
 1:56 am - Lockout: Riley.
 8:04 am - Lockout: Daniels 2nd.
 8:06 am - Report: Toilet not flushing, Founders 3rd.
 9:39 am - Lockout: Daniels 4th.
 2:09 pm - Call Box: Hang-up, Attwater Kent.
 3:30 pm - Lockout: Riley Hall 4th.
 5:53 pm - Assist: Student vehicle on Quad needs a jumpstart, officer assists.

Sunday, November 13, 1999

12:20 am - Plumbing problem: Founders malfunctioning toilet; plumber to be notified in morning.
 12:46 am - Possible altercation: Resident of Institute Road reports possible altercation in vicinity of Institute Road & Boynton St.
 1:59 am - Disorderly persons: Officer reports disorderly group dispersed from intersection of Dean St. & Institute Road.
 2:04 am - Medical response: Riley; intoxicated student.
 2:07 am - Assist/altercation: Officer & WPD out at Dean St. & Highland St. with fight.
 2:14 am - Officer requests ambulance to Riley Hall.
 2:57 am - Noise complaint: Loud music, Salisbury Estates.
 3:07 am - Arrest: Subject at Salisbury Estates.
 3:51 am - Noise complaint: Disorderly group in library lot.
 7:42 am - Call-In: Bookstore manager, night Officers noticed the popcorn machine is on.

What's Happening: November 23-25

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Thursday

6:00pm - Women's Basketball @ WNEC, Springfield, MA
 8:00 - 10:00pm - Language Café, International House

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Wednesday

8:00 - 10:00pm - ISC Tutoring Night, International House

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Thursday

Thanksgiving

4:10 pm - Access: Granted to Higgins House for student who left bag inside from earlier sorority meeting.
 11:10 pm - Assist/motor vehicle accident: Report of motor vehicle accident in front of 8 Trowbridge Rd.

Monday, November 15, 1999

3:30 pm - Harassment: Institute, student wants to make a report.
 6:10 pm - Lock Out: Morgan 2nd.
 6:25 pm - Disorderly: Citizen came to station to report paintball gun being fired from inside FLI, vehicle was hit and damaged.
 9:05 pm - Suspicious: In front of SAE, Acura Legend with 4 males inside acting suspicious.
 11:37 pm - Lockout assist: Stoddard.

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

9:40 am - Lost Item: Salisbury Labs, green pro-stretch item.
 11:56 am - Skateboarders: Trespassing.
 7:33 pm - Medical: Alumni Gym Basketball court, male with possible dislocated shoulder.

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

2:01 am - Hang-up call: Daniels Elevator.
 2:44 am - Check on welfare: Officer out with female on Elbridge Street.
 2:50 am - Check on welfare: Officer Pearson investigating report of female on West Street possibly in need of assistance.
 3:10 am - Medical response: Dean Street, intoxicated female. Officers request ambulance to Dean Street. Worcester EMS notified.
 4:44 am - Check on welfare: Daniels.
 8:00 am - Assist: Resident of Boynton Street was in the station to let us know that their fountain in front of the apartment had been taken. It is a copper statue of a boy and girl under an umbrella, it is approx. 100 years old and value is more than \$10,000.00. Worcester PD had put a BOLO for it.

Person on the Street : "What is your favorite thanksgiving food?"

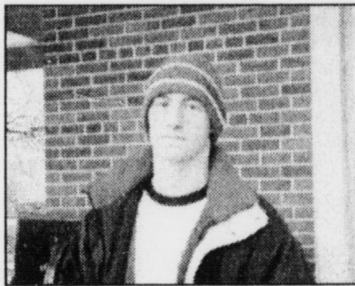
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"I wrestle, so I can't eat."
 -Marc Siccone



"Mashed Potatoes"
 -Joanna Begin



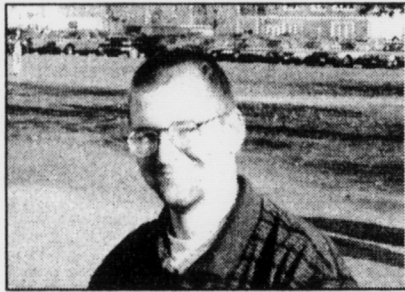
"Turkey with ketchup, I like ketchup with everything!"
 -Kris Jeschke



"Rice"
 -Derek Gelinis



"Pizza"
 -Mike Krager



"All of it's good!"
 -Jason Craley



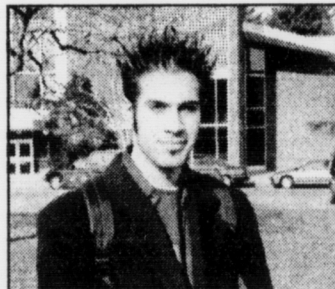
"Sweet potato pie"
 -Lisa Norkus



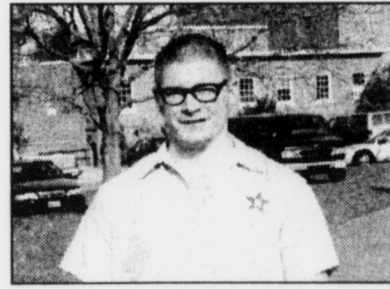
"Cranberry Sauce"
 -Heather McCusker



"Cranberry Sauce"
 -Bonnie Jean Boettcher



"Bricks and cranberry sauce"
 -Christian Folgore



"Just Turkey, traditional Turkey"
 -Eric Army