CCS holds first meeting of the year

by Jim Dyer Newspeak editor

"A place where students can work on concerns at the student level, rather than the level of student government." "A committee of student concerns." These were some of the responses Tom Barrett received when he asked what the Committee of Concerned Students (CCS) should be.

Barrett, chairperson of CCS, asked his question at the committee's first meeting of the school year, held last Thursday in HL 101. One answer, that of the Student Handbook, is that the committee "consists of those students interested in campus planning and issues in society at large." Membership, until recently, has been small.

Almost 30 students and two faculty

came this time, to get involved in a number of issues. The first on the agenda was Spree Day. A subcommittee was formed to develop a strategy for returning live entertainment to the event; a dialogue between students and the President's Advisory Committee was proposed.

Next discussed was the overlap between the comp and Intersession (Newspeak, Oct. 14). Barrett responded that the job of scheduling the quieter classes during the overlap was done, and what remained was to "wait until they NR the comp," before more action could be taken.

The next topic on the agenda was that of academic honesty (see article, page 1). Present were the two student representatives of the Committee on Aca-

demic Policy (CAP), with a report on CAP's discussion of the issue and a point of view: that attitudes on campus toward academic honesty are a bigger problem than the issue alone.

One response to this that was discussed was the suggestion of an honor code for WPI. Literature describing and comparing honor codes of other colleges was distributed and a subcommittee formed.

Barrett next brought up the issue of reinforcing communication between students and the faculty committees, such as CAP. As a first step in this direction, Barrett plans to obtain the minutes of faculty committee meetings and post them on the CCS bulletin board in Daniels Hall. Also on the drawing board are plans to have CCS student

observers at these meetings.

The bulletin board and a dialogue in the pages of Newspeak are two means of communication that Barret intends to use.

A number of ideas were then solicited from those at the meeting. Discussed were the idea of faculty evaluation forms for Project Advisors, a look into expanded library hours, a look into the SAB moratorium on new student clubs and the issue of professional ethics.

For those interested in CCS, Barrett extends welcome. "The Committee of Concerned Students is a committee of student concerns. Any member of the WPI community is invited to join. Watch for notice of the next meeting or better yet, contact Box 1191 if you are interested."

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Standards in the works for academic honesty

by Jim Dyer News editor

It began last May, when the chairperson of the Committee on Governance (COG) forwarded a three-page draft to the chairperson of the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP). COG had been dealing with the issue of academic dishonesty, and Vice President Robert Reeves was asked to submit a statement.

CAP received the draft. It was written in four parts: I. emphasized the purpose of setting standards of academic honesty; II. was a sampling of various forms of academic dishonesty (copying, fabrication, plagiarism, etc.); III. outlined procedures for dealing with academic dishonesty and IV. involved the sanctions for violations of the standards.

The draft was submitted as a starting point for further discussion, and Reeves emphasized that faculty involvement would be preferred. It was agreed that the committee hold off on the issue until the fall.

It is now fall.

When CAP met on September 17th to discuss the draft, Reeves joined them to take part in the discussion. Reeves expressed "that it is not a new document, is a committee product that expresses and clarifies, formalizes existing implicit procedures, responsibilities," and urged CAP "to view it as a strawman" to provoke discussion."

Change in Financial Aid policy

by Annamaria Diaz Newspeak staff

The Financial Aid Office will implement a new policy beginning this year. Freshmen students during their first year must not be reclassified for academic reasons if they are to retain financial aid. This, presently, will affect only the Class of 1985.

The students on financial aid will be evaluated at the end of D Term to determine whether or not they have made satisfactory progress. If the student has not passed the required number of courses by this time, he/she will not be eligible for financial aid. A student who attends summer school and makes up the required number of courses will again be eligible for financial aid. This policy will affect all forms of financial aid: inclusive are loans, work study grants, and scholarships.

The discussion it provoked was to take up a large portion of the committee's time for weeks afterward.

The present policy, which is dealt with in the WPI Campus Code (Student Handbook, page 24), was seen by CAP as placing initiative for matters of academic dishonesty on the faculty, who, it seems, resist such an adversarial role. A consensus also arose that academic dishonesty is now poorly defined. Another issue was the students' dealing with capricious--that is, impulsive-grading by faculty.

Dean Grogan raised the issue of student involvement, expressing that "a strong communication between students, student government, CAP and COG" be a part of the policy's development. CAP's student representatives agreed.

To these ends, a letter was sent to Newspeak (Oct. 6) and another to the Student Body President. In addition, the Newspeak letter was sent to faculty. On October 15th, two CAP representativesAssociate Professor John Orr and Dan Weinshenker--brought the issue to the Student Executive Council.

Reporting on the Council's reaction, Orr writes, "The proposed policy evoked much interest and general disapproval. The most common comment was the apparent one-sidedness, with little or no recourse if the student feels graded unjustly as a result of an allegation (proved or not proved) of cheating. There was considerable feeling that a detailed cheating policy was neither desirable (because of the implication of expected student dishonesty) or necessary because the oral and one-to-one aspects of the Plan make cheating futile.

"The possibility of an honor code was discussed, and met with some approval. The most generally-recommended policy change involved some type of student/faculty body which had jurisdiction in cases of disputed grades."

In response, CAP reached agreement that its discussion centered on "the rather limited aspects of academic dishonesty definitions and procedures, while the issue is much broader in many students' minds," according to the minutes

CAP, however, had been working on another issue that is related to the 'broader' view. A subcommittee had been formed to "prepare a list outlining rights and responsibilities of students and faculty," regarding academic honesty. A draft of this committee's work was to be presented to COG and the Student Executive Council.

At the last Executive Council meeting, Weinshenker presented the list, along with literature describing the honor codes of various colleges. He asked that concerned members of the council come to the CAP meeting of November 5th.

At that CAP meeting, a number of council members attended. Those that spoke reiterated the council's concerns about capricious grading. Some ex-

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Combined glee clubs to perform

The Mount Holyoke College Glee Club, combined with the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Men's Chorus will present Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" in Alden Hall, Nov. 14 (Parents Day) at 4:00. The performance will include a full symphony of some sixty-five instruments and thirty boys from the St. Peter's Choir School (Worcester). It will be directed by Prof. Richard Sparks from Mount Holyoke.

Carmina Burana (written in 1936) is the first of several works by Carl Orff which are considered "stage works" that is, they are meant to have ballet with them - or mime. This performance will be in concert version. The text for this work is based on student songs in Latin, German, and French, found in a thirteenth-century manuscript in the Abbey of Burana in Southern Germany. The text is, as would be expected, very, very saccular Orff's music has been called primitivistic, because of its elemental rhythmic drive in which primary rhythmic patterns are repeated in endless and unvaried ostinatos. The orchestration leans heavily on the percussion section in order to underline the rhythmic component.

The rhythm section of this performance will be supplied by the University of Mass percussion battery - some sixteen players - as will the entire brass section. The orchestra is a mixture of students from three colleges - Mount Holyoke, WPI, and the University of Mass. The two piano parts will be played by concert pianists of the faculty of Mount Holyoke College.

The soloists for this performance will be Lauren Gill, soprano, Terrence Dwyer, baritone, and Steven Dutil, counter-tenor.

Mr. Dutil is the head counter-tenor of St. Peter's, Worcester. He has sung extensively throughout the East coast and Canada. As a youth, he was a treble soloist at St. Peters and then advanced to become the head counter-tenor. As such, he has sung in the major cathedrals of the East coast, such as St. Patrick's, and St. John the Divine, New York, the National Shrine, and the National Cathedral, in Washington.

Lauren Gill, soprano, is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and the Juilliard School of Music, where she earned her Masters Degree in Voice and Opera. She

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SNaP running smoothly

by Robert DeMattia Newspeak staff

Newspeak staff
Security Night Patrol — (SNaP), WPI's
new program intended to improve safety
and security in the residence halls on
campus is running "pretty well," according to SNaP student coordinator Brian
Cull, a first year transfer student Selected by Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
Janet Begin and Coordinator of Residence Operations Patricia Lewis, Cull
has the job of assisting them in selecting
the patrol personnel. He also makes the
patrol schedule, trains personnel, and
takes care of any problems that may
arise in the program.

Cull emphasized that SNaP is not an extension of the Campus Police Depart-

ment. The expressed goal of SNaP is to increase student awareness to their safety and security. Three SNaP patrollers are on duty from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. each night. One stays in the Wedge, allowing the Lower Wedge to stay open. The other two patrol on foot through the dorms. They make sure that exterior doors and windows are locked and take note of any safety or maintenance problems. If they find any people in the dorms who it is determined don't belong there, they ask them to leave. However, if there is any trouble, they notify the police. So far, SNaP has removed some non-students from Daniels Hall, as well as noting some maintenance problems and vandalism in Stoddard. An escort

Meeting on nuclear war to be held at Clark

by Jim Dyer News editor

Tomorrow is Veteran's Day, which was once known as Armistice Day, which was once a day to celebrate the ending of World War I. Tomorrow is the date chosen for Clark University's "Convocation on the Threat of Nuclear War."

The convocation's purpose, according to its preamble, is "to inform the widest possible audience about the threat of nuclear war... We hope this day will be part of a broad and deep awakening to the threat of nuclear war, and that it will be for participants a first

step toward meaningful action." In other words, points of view along these lines are to be expected.

The convocation will start at 3:00 at Clark's Academic Center, Room 320, and continue until 10:00. The opening session, in room 320, will include a speech on "The Nuclear Crisis We Face Together." by Bishop Bernard Flanagan of the Diocese of Worcester. This will be followed by four simultaneous afternoon workshops and two films; then by three evening workshops and two films, again presented simultaneously. At 8:30, there will be a closing discus-

... Glee clubs to perform

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has performed with the American Opera Center, the Aspen Music Festival, the Des Moines Metro Festival of Opera, the White Mountain Center for the Arts, the Mozart Opera Project of New York City, and the Trenton Civic Opera. Last season, she performed twice in Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, where she was featured in chamber performances of Lester Trimble's Four Fragments from the Canterbury Tales, and Handel's duet cantata, Apollo and Daphne.

Baritone, Terrence Dwyer, a native of Rochester, N.Y. received his M.M. in vocal performance from Indiana University in 1975. His professional career began almost immediately that summer when he was chosen by Fiora Contino to sing the bass solos in Bach's Cantata No.131 as well as the role of Pilate in the St. John Passion at the Aspen Music Festival. He returned to Aspen in 1977 as soloist in Bach's Cantata No.140.

His operatic career began in 1977 with

the Capital Artists Opera Co. in Albany, N.Y. in the role of Ben in The Telephone; a role quickly followed by Caspar in Der Freischutz. Since then he has performed

with the Berkshire Lyric Opera Co., the Glimmerglass Opera Co. in Cooperstown, N.Y., and in 1979, the Bel Canto Opera Co. in New York City engaged him for the lead role of Gregorio in Donizetti's much neglected comic masterpiece L'Ajo nell'Imbarazzo. In addition to several other operatic roles, Mr. Dwyer has given several lieder recitals in New York and throughout

New England.

The concert will be free and open to the public. The instrumental music for this occasion is made possible by funds supplied by the Recording Companies of America through the Music Performance Trust Funds, a public service organization created under agreements with the American Federation of Musicians.

sion in which further action on these issues will be stressed.

In the afternoon there will be a workshop on "Medical consequences, "describe the medical experience with nuclear weapons and the implications for the post-attack environment." A workshop entitled "Long-term consequences" is also scheduled, regarding the effect of nuclear war on economy. ecology and the potential for recovery. Another workshop planned is "Strategic doctrines," to evaluate the "strengths and weaknesses of various nuclear strategies" such as deterrence and postures of first- and second-strike. The fourth workshop is entitled "Soviet perceptions," which will center on establishing bilateral cooperation.

The two films being shown in the afternoon are *The War Game* and *Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang.* The first involves the failure of diplomacy, the second involves the U.S. Government's bomb testing and subsequent coverup.

In the evening, there will be a seminar on "American perceptions," regarding this country's contribution to the arms race situation. In another room, a workshop on "Nuclear confrontation in Europe," regarding the current active nuclear debate and situation in Europe. The third evening workshop will be "Waging peace," to describe what constitutes effective public action to stop or contain the arms race."

The two evening films are War Without Winners and The Last Epidemic. The former is a "documentary on public attitudes toward nuclear weapons," the latter, "a documentary on the medical consequences of nuclear war."

The public is invited.

Brunelle is new accounting manager

by Anna Maria Diaz Newspeak staff

The Accounting Office has recently acquired a new Manager. She is Sylvia Brunelle of Worcester.

The Manager is responsible for the supervision of the office and accounting functions. Sylvia Brunelle is responsible for matters such as the general ledger account, student accounts receivable, student loan funds, accounts payable and the payroll. She examines invoices, travel expense accounts, student expense accounts, student expense accounts which include club accounts, and like matters.

Sylvia Brunelle came to WPI just one month ago. She currently is getting acquainted with the system and with the college. She is not presently involved in any additional projects.

Sylvia said she came to WPI because

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Off-campus housing information available

by Debbie Allen Associate Editor

Because of the limited on-campus housing at WPI, many students move into off-campus rooms or apartments. Approximately 600 students at WPI live off-campus. The Office of Student Affairs and Dean Janet Begin are attempting to meet the needs of students living off-campus by providing information about the legal rights of tenants and leases. Begin's interest in off-campus housing began when individual students came to her office to tell her about problems with landlords and asking what they could do. She called the Tenants' Association and learned that WPI students were the most uninformed about tenants' legal rights of all other students in the area. She decided that information must be provided to students about their legal

Information provided by the Office of Student Affairs include a pamphlet of housing codes, sample leases, and a checklist of items to look for when inspecting an apartment. The pamphlet about the housing code contains information taken from the Tenants Association of Legal Tactics, a manual which contains specific information about the housing code and legal rights. This book will soon be available in OSA for students to refer to. The pamphlet outlines the requirements of the housing code and the steps that can be taken to enforce it. A sample lease and a housing conditions checklist has a list of items to check in each room, including walls, ceilings, lights, and windows. This can be used when inspecting an apartment. Dean Begin also is planning a pam-

phlet about different types of contracts

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Janet Begin.

- Joanne Shatkin.

and leases, terminating tenancy, and giving notice. She also wants to do a program about moving off-campus before the housing lottery. This will include information about finding and setting up an apartment.

Other information already provided by OSA includes listing services. There are two separate listing services available, one where landlords can list their available apartments and another where students who are looking for roommates can list their vacancies. Also, maps of the area are available. The purpose of these services are not anti-landlord, but pro-information for students. Begin wants to have off-campus students aware of their rights and responsibilities when renting.

...Brunelle

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she enjoyed working in a college environment. At one time she was the Assistant Controller at Central New England College. She then went into industry continuing the same type of work. Syliva likes the college environment because she meets many new people - students, faculty, administrators, staff, and others. She felt there was less interaction in industry.

Sylvia Brunelle received an Associates Degree in Accounting from Worcester Junior College. She then transferred to Clark University from where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration after 12 years of night school. She also has an MBA from Anna Maria College.

As Manager of Accounting Services Sylvia Brunelle handles the day to day operations of the office. She 'puts it all together'. Any special problems are referred to her. She feels the function of the Accounting Office is to service the WPI community.

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pressed a mild interest in an honor code, or similar conditions.

Later that day, CAP's student representatives. Paul Skerker and Weinshenker, presented the issue to the Committee of Concerned Students. Again, literature on other schools' honor codes was distributed, but here it was met with enthusiasm. A subcommittee was formed. Discussion centered on the academic climate believed to arise from such a code, and the perceived importance of a faculty and student awareness of the standards of academic honesty.

CAP's discussion of these standards has recently been placing emphasis on reviewing part IV of the original draft, regarding sanctions; with an eye towards avoiding elaborate procedure that, the committee feels, would make "treatment of cases of academic dishonesty even more cumbersome than it is the situation now," this latter point reflecting input from the faculty. The issue of an honor code is slated for discussion in the near future. Comments are welcomed from students, as well as faculty and administration.

Comments should be sent to Prof. Woods of Social Sciences and Policy Studies, the CAP chairperson.



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The course is addressed to the issues of dealing well with college-level written material. Some attention is given to the question of underlying factors that hold us back in reading. It is difficult to forecast the range and quality of individual improvement, one very rough indicator is that the last time the course was given (Term C '81), the average reading speed of the class as a whole more than doubled.

REGISTRATION

Registration is being taken in the Office of Counseling Services, Washburn 108. Should the Course be oversubscribed, anyone not able to enroll in it will be guaranteed a seat during C Term. The instructor is Roy Astley, Office of Counseling Services (Washburn 108, 793-5540).

Editorial

Lighting problems need immediate action

The problem of inadequate lighting on several of the major routes to and from the campus is finally being recognized. With about 70% of the students living off campus, the problem of trekking back and forth from the campus in the evening should be a major concern for two reasons — safety and security.

First, it would seem to be more economical to provide adequate lighting near all stairs, than to settle a law suit from someone's fall. With the number of visitors this campus has, unfamiliarity with any set of steps can easily cause a serious accident. This is especially true of those steps on campus which do not have a traditional rise. (The library steps and the new steps from Stoddard to the Infirmary are good examples.)

Proper lighting would make the visitor more aware here. It is virtually impossible to approach the campus from the east side without going up at least two sets of stairs unless one walks up the roadway. Although Plant Services claims to do a quarterly tour to fix broken lighting the lower lamp post and orb on the Zelotes W. Coombs stairs running parallel to Institute Rd. down to Skull Tomb has been missing since Term D '80. At least 5 lighting inspections overlooked this missing fixture.

Secondly, adequate lighting is a defence against personal attack. One of the most likely areas for this to happen was eliminated this week by the installation of an exterior fixture between Alden and Rile Hall. This hallway is open to any stranger 24 hours a day. This walkway is shelter from the elements, thereby providing a convenient waiting place for a criminal. Areas leading to WACCC and the library (particularly those around the building) need improvement too. This building is functioning 24 hours a day. Many students leave WACCC at 3 and 4 in the morning, but once the student leaves the building, one is in darkness until the city streets are reached.

It is believed that students also have a role protecting themselves by using the better lighted routes on their excursions around campus. However, isn't it too much to ask a student to walk from WACCC up the library stairs, through Freeman Plaza, to West Street, down to Institute, around the Institute turn to Boynton Street, when it is about ten times shorter to simply walk down the service road (which has no lights) to the corner of Boynton and Institute? Members of ATO and TKE don't have a lighted route once they leave the quad until they get to Park Ave.

All should remember that this is an open campus and therefore anyone could be around any corner or turn. Students will do their part but some effort from the school in eliminating this problem is also required.

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Know nukes

Nuclear war.

It's not fun to think about, and thus not very easy to learn about. With this lack of enthusiasm in mind, it's not very easy to teach about, either.

Yet we are here to become engineers with a sense of social responsibility; in theory. A number of us will, at some point, have an opportunity to work on nuclear weapons. Some of us already have. It pays well.

Or does it?

It's one thing to work on something to earn a good salary; it's quite another thing to work on something that, by fueling an arms race to a nuclear war, could make that salary useless. Yet this one thing and another thing are one and the same when the something we work on is a nuclear weapon.

Or are they?

The point is that these questions need to be asked, by each one of us, as an individual. The tendency is just to ignore the prospect of nuclear war on one of two pretenses: the first, that it could never happen; the second, that it'll happen anyways, so why think about it?

Think about it. The decision is, as it should be, up to you. But don't ignore the questions, seek to have them answered.

It just so happens that a seminar on this subject is happening tomorrow at Clark University (page 2). Every aspiring engineer whose discipline could be applied to the construction and deployment of nuclear weapons should attend this. So should anyone else wishing a say in the matter. Consider it, at the very least, a first step toward answering those questions.

Our present nuclear weapons policy is a result of the public's refusal to deal with the issue at all. Not a good basis for policy in a democratic society. As technologists, our responsibility to address the issue exceeds even our responsibility as citizens to do the same.

And it's easier to deal with the issue now, while there's still a choice.

STAFFITORIAL

The last hurrah

by Duke Dalton Newspeak staff

As the cold winds set in more frequently, the season comes to a close. Expectations were high and the few doubters had been silenced when the Engineers controlled the game against a usually tough team, Norwich. Spirits rose higher when a large crowd saw WPI win at Homecoming and defeat Division 2 Hofstra rather easily. But this campaign had a disappointing blow as Worcester succumbed to Bates, 15-11. One has to figure the law of averages works against everyone. So the Engineers roared back the next week and showed their dominance as a football team.

While college football has seen scandals rock their integrity, highly vociferous and jubilant fans have offset the cold, financial aspects of the commercialized university athletic programs. There are more important things than cheering on a football team. College is thought of as the last step where we are allowed some level of 'child-like" enthusiasm without question from peers and elders. Fraternities can be viewed as an extension of this spirit, but a football game is one of the few places where the majority of the school can get together and display their collective zeal. As the parents come back and relive their college life at Parent's Day on Saturday, Nov. 14, the students can continue theirs at 1:00 on that day by cheering on the success of Worcester Tech's football programs at its last hurrah in 1981. College life proceeds on, and viewing the game against Lowell is an example of the old "college spirit".

LETTERS

A conscientious objector stands tall

I told a friend I was a conscientious objector. She replied by asking me if this meant I would not fight for this country if we were attacked. She was really asking me to defend all of my beliefs. I am now prepared to do so.

Her specific question is easy to answer because it is so silly. This country is protected by vast oceans. A conventional attack across 3,000 miles of water is meaningless in our nuclear age. Even if I wanted to fight, I could not stop a fifty megaton warhead. At least not with a rifle. The real danger to the United States, and to the Soviet Union, is a local war escalating into a nuclear exchange between the superpowers.

So her question is meaningless. But it implies others: Would I fight to protect my wife and children? Do I love my country? Am I a coward?

These questions are harder to answer. In this country we tend to measure patriotism and courage in terms of willingness to join the military. Yet I do not consider myself unpatriotic or cowardly.

First, to consider patriotism. I guess my definition is just different from that of others. My patriotism would not have supported the McCarthy crusade against supposed "communists." My patriotism would not have gotten us into Vietnam, at a cost of over forty thousand American lives. And finally, I refuse to let my patriotism be used to justify the current arms race, which is bringing us

closer to incineration.

Those who support our military do so because they love this country. I, who won't fight, also love this country. I just refuse to take part in our madness that defines national security as more and more weapons systems. It is unfair to call me unpatriotic simply because I feel our current war policies are tragically wrong.

Nor do I feel it is right to compare my courage with that of soldiers. Soldiers spend months and years learning their trade. What do they learn? First, they learn how to kill others. But more importantly, they learn to automatically follow orders instead of thinking for themselves. This is not courage. It is rather, necessary brainwashing. For to think while under fire could lead to loss of nerve and death. Within each "brave" soldier is a hidden, scared child. And also within myself.

To be scared of dying is human. No soldier is diminished by admitting he is afraid of combat. The sincerity of my beliefs should not be questioned because I too admit this.

I love this country and most of what it stands for. But my patriotism does not include killing other thinking and feeling human beings. As John F. Kennedy said, "War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today."

Dan Weinshenker

Friday the 13th

by David Wall Newspeak staff

Yes, it's coming. After surviving Hallo-ween, with its hoard of punk rockers and gorillas and mummies and Darth Vaders and who knows what else, Father Time is giving us another temporal booby prize--the infamous Friday the 13th, the day on which disaster breeds faster than rabbits

living in the fast lane these days. Taking an hour is safer than walking across a

though. You've paid all this tuition in order to be able to worry about plenty of other things, so worry about them instead. I'm not going to have time to worry about it, since I'm already six chapters behind in everything. Still,

OUT OF TURN

Friday the 13th and its associated superstitions are something that haunt the minds of us all. Even here, at a place where one cannot throw a brick without hitting a person with a logical mind, the beliefs linger. Even SocComm and Lens & Lights, two organizations whose tide wait for no person, place or thing, has cleverly scheduled the movie of the same name on the Sunday before the fateful day, sort of as a reminder.

And cryptically enough, if you notice, a lot of bad things happen on Friday the 13th. The whole business has its origins in the legend that Christ was crucified on Friday the 13th. This is one of the better ways to start a superstition. Christ, you will remember, was one of the more popular people in the Europe of the Dark Ages. If something like that could happen to Christ on Friday the 13th, imagine, the average peasant might think, what could happen to me?

These days, with out better understanding of some of the ways of the world, superstitions are having a tough time of it. But Friday the 13th endures, enough for someone to make a considerable amount of money on two painfully low grade movies, with that black day in their title being the lure

Although one does not see anyone getting crucified much anymore, it does seem that people are more accidentprone on this deadly day. It seems that more people are slipping in the shower, walking into trees and lampposts, strangling themselves on clotheslines. stepping on nails, or getting Physics exams on Friday the 13th. It happens often enough to make you wonder

For some people, of course, it is too much, and they barricade themselves indoors, lock themselves in their bedrooms, remove all potentially hazardous objects (like pillows) from the vicinity, and cringe until midnight strikes. Then, of course, they forget to turn on a light and fall down three flights of stairs. Maybe their clocks were fast.

It's all mind over matter, of course. Believe that something awful will happen to you, and Fate will get the idea that you are some sort of masochist and send a cataclysm your way. They talk about the power of positive thinking, well, negative thinking will sink you just as quickly as positive thinking might save

So what does one do? As with so much in this life, there isn't really anything you can do. After all, we're all

I wouldn't worry about it too much.

The return of Buck Rogers by Tom Nicolosi

Features editor As an avid viewer of late night tele-

vision throughout the years I have become familiar with several classic old shows. Anyone with access to cable television will probably concede that besides dirty movies the best things available on the tube are re-runs of old shows. One of my favorite old shows was forced into watching three episodes of The Odd Couple nightly. This was the low point of my TV viewing career. Now I still watch late night television and my favorite show is re-runs of Star Trek.

I guess that anyone who has watched so much television has to have been affected. My all time television high had to be the Twilight Zone double header. I think that this had to have the most

bullshors

was actually a succession of shows that started at midnight with The Three Stooges and was followed at 12:30 and 1:00 by a double header of The Twilight Zone. I watched these shows for an entire year. After that all-star combination of shows went off the air I

Paradise lost

beware of rusty nails, and staircases,

a breath these days is dangerous. Life

causes cancer. And what can you do in a

world when flying thirty thousand feet

above the ground at six hundred miles

and rakes left in the grass, and clothes-

lines, and pillows, and . . .

by Stephen D. Rogers There I was back home, my first break had begun. The initial change from home to college wasn't that traumatic.

one just changed his whole life style--

eating new styles of food (DAKA). Though we didn't really see it as such, our lives became more primitive as the loss of conveniences became more apparent. "Yeah, my beer-mugs were

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doing without some things, and doing with others, such as meeting new people ("yeah, I partied until 4:30 and then rebuilt the frat's TV"), hearing different styles of music (day and night), and getting dirty-no dishwasher-so I took them down to the lake and beat them on

But it wasn't until I went home that I

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effect on my way of thinking. Today there has been a kind of rebirth of science fiction shows. None are like The Twilight Zone, however. Most of the new science fiction programs on the tube seem to be close relatives to Star Wars. What most people don't realize is that a lot of the ideas that went into Star Wars are very old indeed. If you are sixty years old or if you watch a lot of late night television you realize this. Most of the ideas and gimmicks that were seen in Star Wars and its sister television shows and movies was seen years ago in Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. The only difference between these old shows and today's shows was that the old shows were serials - that is they were continued from week to week

I believe that the clock has finally been turned all the way back. I think that it is time to set back modern science fiction fifty years. This week I would like to introduce my own very timely science fiction saga. Here it is:

Space Boy Chapter 1: The Arrival

It all started one warm October morning (as many things do). The unusual thing was that it started in the back of a freshman lecture hall in the middle of a small engineering college in Worcester. Earle J. Screwman materialized into thin air. Just like that. Screwman was (and probably still is) an alien.

Earle stood exactly three feet seven inches tall. He had straight black hair and deep blue eyes. He spoke English with a New England accent and had green skin. He was dressed in a three piece designer polyester suit and a beanie with a small flashing green light.

Earle's first act upon reaching earth was to assess his surroundings. In front of the lecture hall the Prof. had already begun his lecture. Basic chemistry. The clock on the wall read five minutes past eight. The lecture hall was full of post pubescent humans - mostly male. Many of the students in the lecture were already asleep or in a dormant state that Earle knew of as "spacing out."

Earle knew nothing of lecture halls and classrooms. On his home planet students were taught by intravenous. Lectures and text books were contained in hypodermic needles. Earle could not decide at this time which method was the more painful.

Earle's home planet was called "Colduste" and his people were called "Raggshugs." In English these words mean "earth" and "human." The Raggshugs were a race of great engineers and (continued on page 7)

S & M and politicians get along just fine

by Tim Roesch Newspeak staff

It's a well known fact that politicians are devout sadomasochists. They enjoy receiving and inflicting pain.

Take James Brady for instance. The man catches a bullet destined for Ronny Reagan with his head and miraculously recovers. So now what does this courageous (outrageous) individual do? He goes back to catching loaded questions from loaded reporters with his ears!

How about Jimmy Carter? He must have had cosmetic surgery to remove what many people thought was a permanent disability received due to his short stint as President of the U.S. That smile must have been a problem during sex Could you imagine romance and phosphorescent teeth?

How can anybody smile at somebody who has just beaten them at the polls, 90% to 2%?

Politics is definitely not what it was two hundred years ago. The only poli-

"Social Upheavals." Social Upheavals in laymen's terms are any form of public outcry, from letter writing to all-out civil war, caused by a politicians' misinterpretation, misguidance, misinformation,

TRUTH THE WORDS

dicians that ended up kissing steel with various parts of their anatomy were the bad ones. Now anybody in the general area of any politician is subject to all kinds of super-sonic and sub-sonic

And if this wasn't bad enough there are other things that tend to shorten the life-span of many politicians considerably. These things are known as

misjudgement or, more commonly, mistake

But, occasionally, they do make real, honest to God, true-blue mistakes that aren't really their fault. I mean, can you blame the Russians? It wasn't their fault. How could they know that they hired a submarine captain who could manuever a submarine through some of the most dangerous waters in the North

Atlantic and then ground the multimillion hunk of steel on a simple little thing like a shoal, all without the aid of a compass (obviously there are no Boy Scouts in the Soviet Union).

How can you hastily judge a government that equips a whole army to invade a rather small country and then finds that they can't fight what they can't see?

Is it possible to criticize a bureaucracy for wishing to help a small country like Vietnam and then not wanting to win the ensuing war with Vietnam's neighbors? That's a logical move, isn't it?

Now do you want to be a politician? Do you think you could enjoy it? I know Gerald Ford did. Tripping down a flight of hard steel aircraft disembarking stairs is painful enough, but on national television?

Holding back the New England College

offense. Chris O'Connor made two

State. Basically, the teams were well

matched; but Brockport was the final

victor by a score of 3-1. Scoring for WPI

was Michele Giard assisted by Terese

Kwiatkowski. At the half, the score was

deadlocked at 1-1. Brockport added two

more goals in the second half to take first place in the tournament. Brockport

fired twelve shots on the WPI goal, while

WPI's record is now 17-5. Their regu-

lar season record was 14-2. Being the

first WPI Women's Team to go to the

nationals, this is a tremendous accom-

plishment for the field hockey team.

outstanding saves on penalty corners.
In the finals, WPI faced Brockport

Second in regionals

Field Hockey heads for Nationals

by Lisa Longwell Sports editor

In only their first varsity season, the WPI Women's Field Hockey Team is headed for the Division III national tournament. To be held November 18-21, the double elimination tournament will be played at Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Virginia.

To obtain admission into the national competition, WPI successfully competed in the EAIAW (Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) Field Hockey Tournament. WPI finished second out of eight teams. Finishing first and third respectively and also securing a position in the national tournament were Brockport State College from New York and New England College from Maine.

In the quarterfinals played last Tuesday, WPI defeated Fairfield State College here at WPI b;y a score of 1-0. The game winning goal was scored by co-Captain Michele Giard. WPI clearly dominated the game denying Fairfield any shots on goal.

WPI then travelled to the University of Rochester for semifinal competition. This was held at Fauver stadium and became WPI's first encounter with astroturf. WPI overcame the unfamiliar play-



- Larry Leung.

ing conditions and defeated New England College by a score of 2-0. Earlier in regular season play, New England College had defeated WPI by a score of 1-0. The game winning goal was scored by

freshman Chris Clancy in the first half on a penalty stroke. In the second half, Terese Kwiatkowski added an assurance goal with an assist by Karen Brock. At goal, Kathy Dalton made six saves.

WPI Fencing

WPI had eight shots on goal.

There will be a three way fencing match against Holy Cross and Fairfield on Saturday. November 14 in the Alumni Gym at 10 a.m. This is the season opener for the fencing team and will be a chance for many of the freshmen fencers to try out their new skills.

The team captain this year is Rich Cass (83, ME), who will lead a strong foil team which includes such experienced fencers as Dave Jorgenson, Tom Peccorini, Greg McGuffie, and Paul Syd-

The epee team is led by senior Ed Mellon, and consists of John Casey, Keith Comeford, Tom Watson, Steve Hall, and Pete Tabur, with some help from freshmen.

The saber team in general is much less experienced and will include a number of freshmen fencers; but it will include Chris Wood who has a number of years of fencing experience from high school. The only other experienced sabruer is sophomore Mike Prince.

Holy Cross is a strong local rival who will give us a great deal of hard competition; however they are still recovering from having lost their coach. Fairfield and WPI will be a little more closely matched, but Fairfield will still be tough to beat.

The match is open to spectators and we invite everyone to come and support their favorite swordsman.

Football wins

The Engineers equalled an all-time record of six wins in a season as they beat Hamilton 28-12 Saturday, and with one game remaining (Vs. Lowell this Saturday) WPI has a chance to be the first team in ninety-three years of football to win seven games.

It was feast or famine vs. Hamilton. The Engineers had trouble moving on the ice and snow-covered field, mustering only five first downs. But when the offense needed to score it responded with three big plays.

After Charles Hickey recovered a blocked punt in the end zone to take a 6-0 lead in the second quarter. Jim Leonardo scampered 80 yards down the sideline for a touchdown. Hickey then added his second TD of the game, when quarterback John Scacciotti hit him on a pass across the middle and ran 88 yards

V-ball ends best season

The Women's Volleyball team ended their season last Tuesday night with victories over both Regis and Bradford Colleges. This season was the team's third year as a varsity team. They topped their former seasons' records this year with seven wins as compared to six in 1979 and five in 1980.

Regis and Bradford began the trimatch on Tuesday; Bradford won the match 2 games to 0. Regis then went on to battle WPI with little enthusiasm. WPI

for a score. The Engineers final score came on a John Salvadore 44-yard run.

Linebacker Joe Phelan was the defensive star of the game, intercepting two passes. Safety John Gorman collected his sixth interception of the year, equaling the school-record set by Jeff Rosen in 1976.

won the first game 15-4, then made a few substitutions and won the second game 15-5.

The WPI starters again took their place on the court against Bradford. Bradford proved to have more spikes and better serves than Regis; but WPI still defeated them 15-6. WPI coach, Nancy Vaskas, continually substituted players during the game so that everyone had a chance to play. In fact the last game against Bradford was played by four off the bench players and starters Jackie Biascoechea and Maria Norman. Regis was able to score more points in this game; but WPI still won the game 15-10. WPI was then winners of the overall tri-match for the second time this season.

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

The Cooperative Education Office has many good job opportunities still available for the work period: Jan.-Sept. 1982 If interested, please contact:

John Farley

Co-Op Program Director

Boynton Hall, First Floor

CAMPUS CAPSULES

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On Wednesday, November 9th, Prof. Carl Koontz will present a lecture on "Legal Relations in Civil Engineering Practice." The lecture will be in Kaven Hall 116 and will begin at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 3:45.

Reopen sign-up

Approximately three days before open sign-up OGCP will post a list of the schedules that are full. This means that you'll know if you have to get up at 5:00! Note also, that this list will not say how many spots are open on the other upcoming schedules.

BUT, if seniors start bugging OGCP, either by telephone calls or questions at the desk about what schedules are open or closed, this service will be ended.

Federal career info

Federal Career Information Day Agency Representatives will be on campus on Thursday, Nov. 12, 1981, from 9:00-3:00 in the Wedge.

Break sign-up

Due to Thanksgiving break open sign up for seniors for the following companies will be on the specified dates between 5:00 AM and 8:00 AM in security, and 8:00 to 9:00 AM in OGCP. Tues. Nov. 24

Eastman Kodak - all 5 days schedules Westinghouse Electric - all 3 days Babcock & Wilcox - 2 days General Dynamics/Electric Boat - 1 day

Mon. Nov. 30

Exxon Corp. & USA Affiliates General Instrument Corp. Kemper Insurance Group Proctor & Gamble Co. - MFG. Management/Quincy Rogers Corp. Schlumberger - Int'l - Overseas Siemens - Allis Inc. Vermont Marble Company

Reminder: You still have to go to OGCP at 9:00 AM of the day you sign up so that you can fill in the company name and the time slot that you want. If you miss the 9:00 name call then you've lost your turn and must wait until everyone else is called before you can sign up.

Railroad seminar

John Dougherty (82EE) will talk on the history and present state of the London Underground Railroad System. DATE: November 12

PLACE: Higgins Laboratory 101
TIME: 12:00 Noon to 12:50 p.m.
ADVISORS: Professors W. Eggimann,
EE: F. Swenson, ME: J. Watters, HUM.

Craft Bazaar

The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta and Delta Phi Epsilon are sponsoring a Christmas Craft Bazaar to benefit their philanthropy. the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The fair will be held on Sunday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Auburn Antique and Flea Market, 773 Southbridge Street. (Route 12). Auburn All crafts were handmade and donated by the members of the two women's fraternities. Please show your support of this worthwhile cause.

Correction

The meaning of the headline on last week's editorial was inadvertantly changed due to space limitation. Rather than reading "Moratorium by SAB is Commendable," the headline should have read "Moratorium Placed on SAB by Executive Council is Commendable."

... Buck Rogers

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marketing executives. Their science had progressed over a period of countless millenia to a point where space travel was routine and commercially profitable.

The Raggshug had over the centuries launched expansive commercial ventures throughout the cosmos and had as a result reaped incredible profits from less technologically advanced planets. The quality that had made the Ragg-

The quality that had made the Raggshug so successful was called "Wolsprag." There is no word for this quality in English. The closest definition in the language would probably be something like a cross between old fashioned Yankee ingenuity and down right greed.

Earle was one who wanted to follow closely in the steps of his ancestors. To this end he spent the last bit of money that he had to be beamed to Earth. Since the transporter lines charged by weight as well as by distance Earle economized on his journey by taking no luggage. He came only with raw scientific knowledge and an inbred nose for business matters.

Now, Earle found himself alone in a strange classroom, surrounded by strange sleeping people, and listening to a lecture that he did not want to hear. Earle did not expect this. All that he knew of human society was learned from captured electronic video games, Home Box Office, and Playboy Magazine. There wasn't a Defender game or naked mammary gland in sight. Earle would make his first move after the lecture was over.

Next week: Earle Falls in Love.

Job open

Newspeak is looking for a work study student to send out notices, answer phone calls, filing, and typing, Hours are very flexible but a few hours on Sunday morning is required. If interested, send a note to Newspeak, Box 2472. One can start immediately.

...Paradise

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realized just how much my life had changed. A forgotten sensation, the feeling of getting inside a car again-the power the car exudes; memories of moonlight drives, last second 90 m.p.h. right hand turns, flat tires in cold sleet, police cars. The ride home shows forgotten roads, changed landscapes. Then finally there's the lake, of skinning fish and knees; summer evenings whiled away; boats tipping over; falling in, almost drowning, catching membranous croup.

Then I was home in my room, where the past and the memories play. "My gosh, real windows!" I ran across the room, and threw open the window, raising quite a clatter. "Up and down, with window panes and everything. This could be better than sex." And the bed-boxsprings and a mattress; I put my coat on it and it actually didn't sag a foot!

But the true test, so to speak, came in the kitchen when I got a glass of water. Holding it up to the light, I swirled it about the glass. "No bright and bouncy color"; wafting, "No delectable bouquet"; sipping and swishing about my mouth, "No initial or ... after-taste." Halle-lulah, this was not Worcester water-I had litteen glasses of the

fifteen glasses of it.

Not all the changes made my trip home enjoyable however. Here school, I leap out of my bed to the left to shut up my most obnoxious alarm clock. I realized my first morning home, quite abruptly, that there in my bedroom there is a bookcase to my immediate left. And the silence at home - not that it was bad, but it almost drove me crazy. Silence here is almost as rare as sleep; I had forgotten what it was like. I also learned that I had spent too much time in the Silver Ball when I went to drive for the first time. When the first car came at me, I threw the wheel hard right. Pedestrian--hard left, Hard right, Hard left, Police car-hit the button on the .. no button to fire...oh damn

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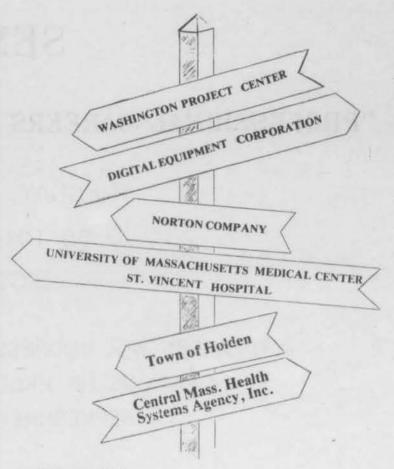
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edited by Greg Doerschler Jim Dyer

With this issue, Newspeak begins a weekly summary of the Campus Police log. This is made possible with the cooperation of the Campus Police and the Office of Student Affairs. This is being done to increase the WPI community's awareness of safety and security related matters and of the role of Campus Police.

This paper's coverage of the log will be limited to those events most relevant to safety and security on campus. Names, addresses and other unnecessary information will not be printed. Items which, if made public, would cause invasion of privacy and/or other unnecessary complications, will not be included.

If an item in the police log merits more

October 30 to November 3

4:20 A.M. - Campus Police found the following doors open: 28 Trowbridge, front door, Stoddard C, north door; Fire Door on Daniels 4th.

10:30 P.M. - A Campus Police officer on foot reported a vehicle spinning donuts and speeding in the Gordon Library parking lot. When the Campus Police cruiser arrived the vehicle fled and was pursued through neighborhood streets. Campus Police stopped the vehicle several blocks from campus and arrested the driver, a WPI student. WPD had been notified of the chase and assisted Campus Police after the vehicle had been stopped.

Sunday, Nov. 1 2:58 A.M. - 8 Worcester Academy students were removed from the area of the tennis courts. The same subjects were later spotted in the Stoddard area.

Dolice log

detail, the item will not be printed, pending an in-depth article in a later issue. In addition, those items which, if printed, would hinder ongoing investigation will be withheld.

Friday, Oct. 30 12:50 P.M. - Campus Police officer reported that all the light bulbs in the basement of Daniels Hall were missing.

 After the Tubes concert in Harring ton Auditorium Campus Police arrested three male non-students who were causing a disturbance on Daniels Hall -2nd floor. One of the subjects entered the Ladies' Room on that floor.

Saturday, Oct. 31 1:10 A.M. — Campus Police brought a Student and his Guest to the station after they were observed attempting to destroy Crosswalk/Do Not Enter sign between Daniels Hall and Riley.

1:25 A.M. - Five non-students were discovered behind Higgins House by Campus Police. Three ran as officers approached. The other two were identified and were told to leave the area after it was determined that they had not Tuesday, Nov. 3

1:10 A.M. - A student called to report that his off campus apartment in the Highland Street area had been broken into an hour earlier. WPD had already been there to take the report.

8:20 A.M. - A mailroom employee reported that a package containing license plates had been placed in the mail slot. The package was picked up by Campus PD.

6:30 P.M. - A student reported that gasoline had been siphoned from her car parked in the Goddard lot.

11:30 P.M. — Campus police received a call from the infirmary reporting a student there who had his off-campus apartment in the area of West and Pleasant streets broken into while he was asleep. He woke up to someone assaulting him with a knife. The subject, wearing a stocking mask, fled in a white vehicle. The student received lacerations to his hand.

11:45 P.M. — Campus police reported three people seen fleeing through a window in DAKA. Nothing was reported

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LOST: GOLD RING with green stone, Thursday, Nov. 5 in Alumni Gym. Reward! Call Linda, ext. 5206.

INTERESTED IN THE IFC UNITED WAY FOOSBALL TOURNAMENT on Nov. 20 & 21? Send name of both players, fraternity affiliation, if any, and \$1.00 to M. Young, box 451, or B. Velasco, box 1466. All players must be registered WPI students. There's one week left. All entries must be received before Nov. 17, 1981.

NEEDED: INPUT FROM students and Faculty on Spree Day 1982. Contact Tom Barrett, box 1191 if interested.

WE ARE GLAD you're feeling better, Lynne; now we have to worry about Brian - SFB (Not San Francisco Bunny's)

BE AT THE WORCESTER SCIENCE CENTER on Wed., 11/11, at 12 noon to hear Diane's talk.

VOTE GARY P. BROWN for Mr. WPI he's the best there is!!! (Nick, you dirty

damaged or missing.

Campus police have noted bicycles left unlocked in the dormitory areas. This is a theft risk, they warn, so all bicycles should be locked.

THOSE BROWN sexy legs really drive the women wild! Why do you think that he always wears pants? Can't afford to have worshipping women hugging his ankles during DAKA.

WHAT THIS PAPER REALLY NEEDS IS some Gonzo journalism. How about 'Fear and Loathing at WPI"???

NICK! Damn Dog!

WHEN IS THE HADWEN RD. Film Society going to review their selections for the rest of us avid moviegoers - or will they remain a secret forever?

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HOPALONG, THANKS A REAL LOT for saving me Saturday night! Who teaches these boys their ways? . . . the missing R.A.?

TO HOP-A-LONG ON D4, Next time the whole floor will toughen you up! P.S. Who is our other RA???

HAS SMURF BEEN incapacitated lately by a voo doo spell? - the girls in 229.

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