

# Special Freshmen Arrival Issue

## Newspeak: A great opportunity

by Kevin Parker  
Editor-In-Chief

Newspeak is a group of students with a wide range of specific interests who get together and put out a weekly newspaper which reflects a student's eye view of the school. We strive to keep the student body as informed as possible about the issues and events that happen at WPI.

Your student newspaper is just that - run, written, edited, photographed, managed, circulated, and laid out by students. The administration exercises

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Our staff is small, too small really to produce a weekly paper. Thus we have a lot of openings that YOU can fill. The possibilities are wide: writing, photography, advertising, cartooning, business, and graphics and layout. Few of us had much experience when we joined the staff; in fact most of us joined because we had an interest in a

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If you like to write you can cover important events as a news reporter, review performances and events on campus as a features reporter, voice your thoughts and observations as a commentary columnist or cover sports events for our sports page. If you prefer photography we have photo assignments available or you can take

general photos capturing life on campus. Management majors, and anyone else who's interested, can gain practical experience in the business and advertising departments. There you will be able to control the flow of money, deal with advertisers and collection agencies, budgets, and design ads. Finally, if you prefer layout, we use Page-Maker 4.0 (soon to be upgraded to 5.0) on IBM compatible machines to publish the paper every week.

If you are interested in any of the above or just want to check out our organization come down to our office.

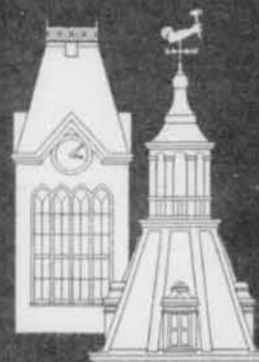
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through a partnership between all members of the community. We hope that you will become an active partner in all aspects of your WPI education.

All the best with the beginning of your new venture. Please let us know how we can assist you along the way.

Sincerely,  
Janet Begin Richardson  
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## User's guide to the Gordon Library

by Don Richardson  
Reference Department, Gordon Library

The staff of the George C. Gordon Library welcomes all new and returning students and wishes you good luck as you begin the 1993-1994 academic year. The staff is here to help you. So please don't be afraid to ask questions when you need help. There is time set aside on the new student orientation schedule for you to visit the library. Come in then or whenever you have some time.

You will discover that the library is more than a collection of books or a place to study. Through its varied services, collections, and facilities, the library can play an active role in support of your academic information needs. Yes, the library does have books. The book collection includes both general and specialized titles not only in all areas of engineering, technology, and science, but also in the humanities and social sciences.

Besides books, though, the library collection includes subscriptions to 1,400 current journals and magazines; local, national, and international newspapers; audio and video cassettes; musical scores and recordings; CD-ROM databases; computer software; WPI archival and historical materials; and project reports, theses, and dissertations by WPI students.

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4.) You're totally confused about your major and are officially UNDECIDED. Don't worry, the MSP will help you to get on track.

Regardless of which category you fall into, you're invited to take advantage of any MSP service which you find helpful. Check your New Student Orientation schedule for opportunities to get more information about the Major Selection Program or stop by the MSP Office on the first floor of Boynton Hall.

resources via local, national, and international computer networks, including the Internet.

To help you get acquainted with Gordon Library and provide some basic information, we've listed here several questions and answers. If your questions aren't answered here, or if you would like more information, please come to the Reference Department on the main floor of Gordon Library and talk with one of the Reference Librarians.

#### When is the library open?

From late August to early May, the library is open:

Sunday 12 Noon - 12 Midnight  
Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. - 12 Midnight  
Friday 8 A.M. - 11 P.M.  
Saturday 8 A.M. - 9 P.M.

During term and semester breaks and holiday periods, library hours may vary from this schedule. Changes in the regular hours are posted at the main entrance as well as in various campus media. You can pick up a calendar of the library's scheduled hours for the current year in the Reference or Circulation Departments.

#### How do you find out what the library has?

Look up books and other materials in the library's online public access catalog. Search the catalog by the Names of authors or organizations; by Words that describe the subject or topic of a book; or Browse alphabetically by book Title. Use the catalog to find out the Call Number and Location of materials in the library and their Status (i.e., if items are checked out or not).

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M\*A\*S\*H leader, an undergraduate student who has taken the course before and who, therefore, understands the course material and what the instructor expects. M\*A\*S\*H leaders attend all class lectures, take notes, complete assigned readings and other assignments, and conduct three or four 50-minute M\*A\*S\*H sessions each week. By attending class and demonstrating effective student behavior, M\*A\*S\*H leaders can assist students with the language of the discipline, integration of lecture and readings, and the development of good study habits.

Through the M\*A\*S\*H program, students become actively involved with the content material in a supportive environment. Studies show students who attend M\*A\*S\*H sessions regularly earn higher grades than students electing not to participate. But even more important, M\*A\*S\*H participants master new concepts, learn to put ideas into perspective, and develop a better way to study.

#### Where is the library catalog?

There are terminals located on the main floor, just to the right of the library entrance. These terminals are labelled either LIBRARY PROGRAM or PAC (PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG). When you use the library program terminals, select menu letter a to access the library catalog.

The library catalog is available outside the library too via the library program on the campus computer network.

#### What is the library program?

The library program runs on the CCC Unix

## Counseling for transition

Making the transition from high school to college is often a very exciting and eagerly anticipated time of life. The new social and academic environments are vastly different from what they were in high school. The education and experience gained at WPI prepare its graduates for a very bright and successful future.

There are times, however, during these academic years when pressure, anxiety, or depression can hinder one's ability to successfully cope with her/his personal, social, or academic life. For first-year students especially, the drastic environmental change can strain existing worries as well as create new ones.

The Counseling and Student Development Center on campus is a primary resource from which WPI students can benefit at no cost. The staff of caring and qualified professionals are

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\*\* Journals and Magazines in the Gordon

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there to help students make important choices in all aspects of their academic and personal lives, learn how to study effectively in college, and control stress and anxiety-related symptoms. Services such as seminars and interest groups and group and individual counseling can help students deal with issues such as personal loss, relationship troubles, or feelings of depression.

The Counseling and Student Development Center is located at 157 West Street and is open to all students from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students are encouraged to call 831-5540 or drop by to make an appointment. In case of emergency, students may call Campus Police (who are available 24 hours a day seven days a week) at 831-5555.



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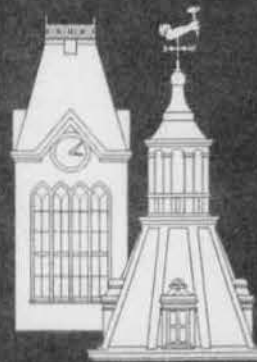
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Regardless of which category you fall into, you're invited to take advantage of any MSP service which you find helpful. Check your New Student Orientation schedule for opportunities to get more information about the Major Selection Program or stop by the MSP Office on the first floor of Boynton Hall.

resources via local, national, and international computer networks, including the Internet.

To help you get acquainted with Gordon Library and provide some basic information, we've listed here several questions and answers. If your questions aren't answered here, or if you would like more information, please come to the Reference Department on the main floor of Gordon Library and talk with one of the Reference Librarians.

#### When is the library open?

From late August to early May, the library is open:

Sunday	12 Noon - 12 Midnight
Monday - Thursday	8 A.M. - 12 Midnight
Friday	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
Saturday	8 A.M. - 9 P.M.

During term and semester breaks and holiday periods, library hours may vary from this schedule. Changes in the regular hours are posted at the main entrance as well as in various campus media. You can pick up a calendar of the library's scheduled hours for the current year in the Reference or Circulation Departments.

#### How do you find out what the library has?

Look up books and other materials in the library's online public access catalog. Search the catalog by the Names of authors or organizations; by Words that describe the subject or topic of a book; or Browse alphabetically by book Title. Use the catalog to find out the Call Number and Location of materials in the library and their Status (i.e., if items are checked out or not).

### M\*A\*S\*H

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M\*A\*S\*H leader, an undergraduate student who has taken the course before and who, therefore, understands the course material and what the instructor expects. M\*A\*S\*H leaders attend all class lectures, take notes, complete assigned readings and other assignments, and conduct three or four 50-minute M\*A\*S\*H sessions each week. By attending class and demonstrating effective student behavior, M\*A\*S\*H leaders can assist students with the language of the discipline, integration of lecture and readings, and the development of good study habits.

Through the M\*A\*S\*H program, students become actively involved with the content material in a supportive environment. Studies show students who attend M\*A\*S\*H sessions regularly earn higher grades than students electing not to participate. But even more important, M\*A\*S\*H participants master new concepts, learn to put ideas into perspective, and develop a better way to study.

#### Where is the library catalog?

There are terminals located on the main floor, just to the right of the library entrance. These terminals are labelled either LIBRARY PROGRAM or PAC (PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG). When you use the library program terminals, select menu letter a to access the library catalog.

The library catalog is available outside the library too via the library program on the campus computer network.

#### What is the library program?

The library program runs on the CCC Unix

System computers on the campus network. Just log in to your account and type library. The program provides access to a number of library services and resources, including

\*\* Gordon Library's Online Public Access Catalog and the Catalogs of Nearly 70 Libraries in Central and Western MA

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\*\* Hundreds of Library Catalogs and Databases on the Internet

\*\* WPI IQP and MQP Report Catalog

\*\* Journals and Magazines in the Gordon

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## Counseling for transition

Making the transition from high school to college is often a very exciting and eagerly anticipated time of life. The new social and academic environments are vastly different from what they were in high school. The education and experience gained at WPI prepare its graduates for a very bright and successful future.

There are times, however, during these academic years when pressure, anxiety, or depression can hinder one's ability to successfully cope with her/his personal, social, or academic life. For first-year students especially, the drastic environmental change can strain existing worries as well as create new ones.

The Counseling and Student Development Center on campus is a primary resource from which WPI students can benefit at no cost. The staff of caring and qualified professionals are

there to help students make important choices in all aspects of their academic and personal lives, learn how to study effectively in college, and control stress and anxiety-related symptoms. Services such as seminars and interest groups and group and individual counseling can help students deal with issues such as personal loss, relationship troubles, or feelings of depression.

The Counseling and Student Development Center is located at 157 West Street and is open to all students from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students are encouraged to call 831-5540 or drop by to make an appointment. In case of emergency, students may call Campus Police (who are available 24 hours a day seven days a week) at 831-5555.



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STUDENT INFORMATION

# TFM

## Lab hours and etiquette

by MegaZone

Hello, and welcome to WPI, or welcome back, as the case may be. For those who weren't around last year, a short introduction. TFM is the Newspeak computer news and help column, with information on the WPI computer networks. I do my best to explain the basics, to encourage utilization of the computing resources here at WPI. TFM varies from explanations of useful commands and programs to the latest system news updates. All WPI students receive an account on the Unix and Novell networks. The Unix network is the major academic system, and links to the worldwide Internet, the Novell network connects the PCs and printers. Your account name and password are set the same on both networks to start. (You keep your account name for your entire stay at WPI. Get used to it.) Seeing as this is the first week back, I'll cover some of the very basics.

Lab etiquette: WPI's computer systems are primarily for academic work. All other uses are secondary. What does this mean? Well, if a lab is crowded, if there are people waiting for a terminal, etc., then don't hog a terminal if you

aren't doing school work. Reading mail or news, playing games, etc, can wait until the labs aren't as busy. This generally only occurs around finals time. (When you should probably be doing your own work anyway.) A general rule for other situations is the '30 minute rule'. Whereas you should give up your terminal immediately for those needing one for academic use, provided you aren't doing such work yourself, if others are waiting for non-academic use it is considered polite to give it up after a half an hour so others have a chance. The above generally aren't problems, due to the number of computers WPI has available. Speaking of that...

The labs: The main WPI computing lab is the College Computing Center, or CCC. This is located on the second floor of Fuller Labs, just as you enter on the right. The central line printer is located there, as are the 'mailbox' printout pickups. To find yours simply look for the first letter of your .login across the top and the second letter along the verticals, and find the

box at the intersection. Just try not to grab other's stuff, and if you do, please put it back. It just might be important. The main machines in the CCC are Digital's DECsystem 3100s, aka DECstations, or DEC's. These machines are Unix based and run the X window operating system. They are part of the WPI CCC Unix network, which can also be accessed via the PCs and terminals scattered about campus. The CCC also has a row of standard IBM compatible PCs, which are linked to the Novell file-server and Unix network, and two Apple Macintoshes. There are low-quality dot matrix printers for the PCs, to print drafts, you must supply your own paper. During the school year the CCC is open 24hrs a day from Sunday at 1PM until Friday at 11PM. Saturday 10AM until 5PM.

On the basement level of Fuller is the Advanced Document Preparation lab, aka the ADP. This is a lab of PCs/PS2s used primarily for word processing. Both the CCC and ADP have laser printers for student use, at a cost of ten cents a page. There is also a color laser printer

for student use in the CCC, at seventy-five cents a page. WordPerfect is the standard WPI word processor, so it helps to acquaint yourself before you really need it. Though MS Word is available on the PCs, you'll find more users who can help you with WordPerfect at WPI. The ADP lab is open 8AM until 2AM Monday through Thursday. 8AM until 10PM Friday. 11AM until 10PM Saturday, and 1PM until 2AM Sunday. (Got that? I never remember it... always have to look it up.)

The third most popular lab is the APT lab, on the second floor of Higgins Labs, the end near Olin Hall. This lab is a PC lab, and each pair of PCs has a dot matrix printer for student use, free of charge. (Though I recommend using the laser printers for final drafts, it looks much better. And yes, I tend to make comments like this in my columns a lot. I figure I've learned the hard way over the last four years, might as well pass it on.) The APT labs hours haven't been firmly

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## Gordon Library services

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Library

### How Do You Find Out Where Things Are Located?

One thing that you can do is ask at the Reference Desk or at the Circulation Desk, where a staff member can direct you to where you need to go. The library also has directories located on each floor at the elevator/stairwell entrance. On the main floor, the directories are opposite Circulation.

### How Do You Check Out Books?

Bring your ID card and the books that you want to borrow to the Circulation Desk. Students can check out books for 4 weeks and can renew them unless the books have been requested by someone else.

### Can You Check Out Periodicals?

No, periodicals must be used in the library

only. There are 3 photocopiers in the library though, which you can use to copy articles from journals and magazines.

### Where Do You Find Reserve Materials?

Faculty members put on reserve materials that they want the entire class to look at. This can include assigned readings, text books, and homework problems and solutions. Reserve materials are kept at the Circulation Desk and may be used in the library. You'll need to present your student ID at the Circulation Desk to use reserves.

### How Can You Make Photocopies in the Library?

Two copiers are in Room 208, the room adjacent to the Circulation Desk, and one is located outside the Audiovisual Room on the First Floor. The copiers are operated with copy cards, which may be purchased in Room 208. The first floor copier also takes coins.

### Can You Check Out Books at Other Li-

braries?

WPI students can use their student ID cards to check out books at the Clark University and Holy Cross College Libraries. Students also can utilize the services of Gordon Library's Interlibrary Loan Office to borrow from other libraries materials that Gordon Library does not own.

### Where Can You Get Help in the Library?

Go to the Reference Department on the main floor if you have questions about using the library catalog or other resources, or if you need help finding information on a topic. For questions about checking out library materials, using reserve materials, or photocopying, please go to the Circulation Department, also on the main floor. You can call the library at campus extension 5410, and you can send e-mail to library-questions@wpi.

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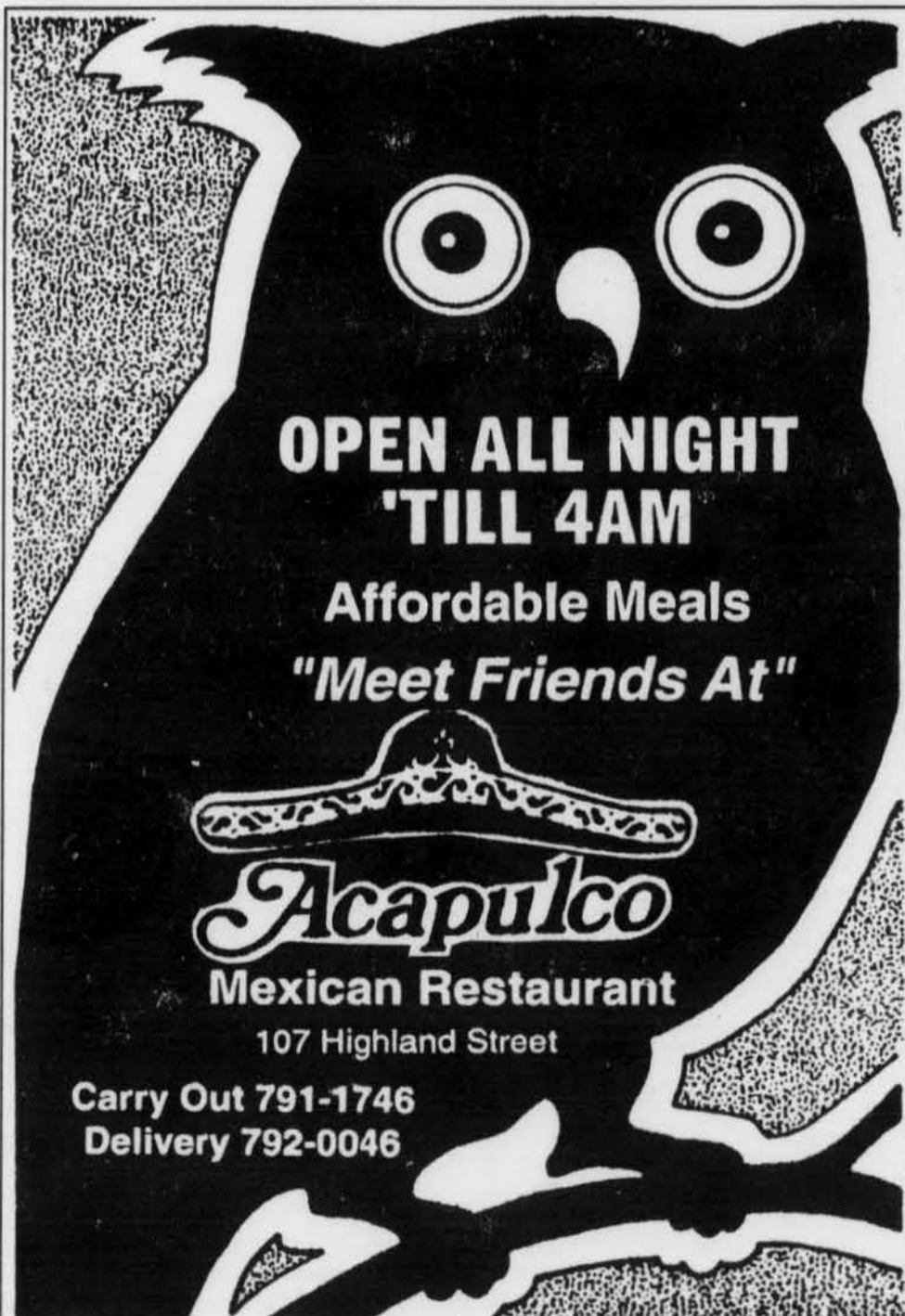


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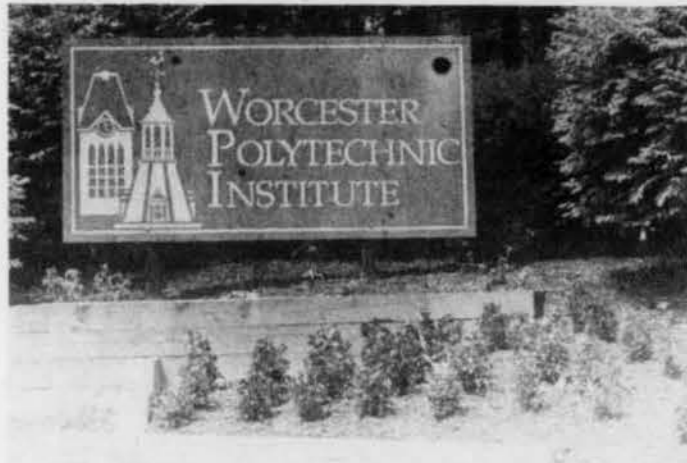
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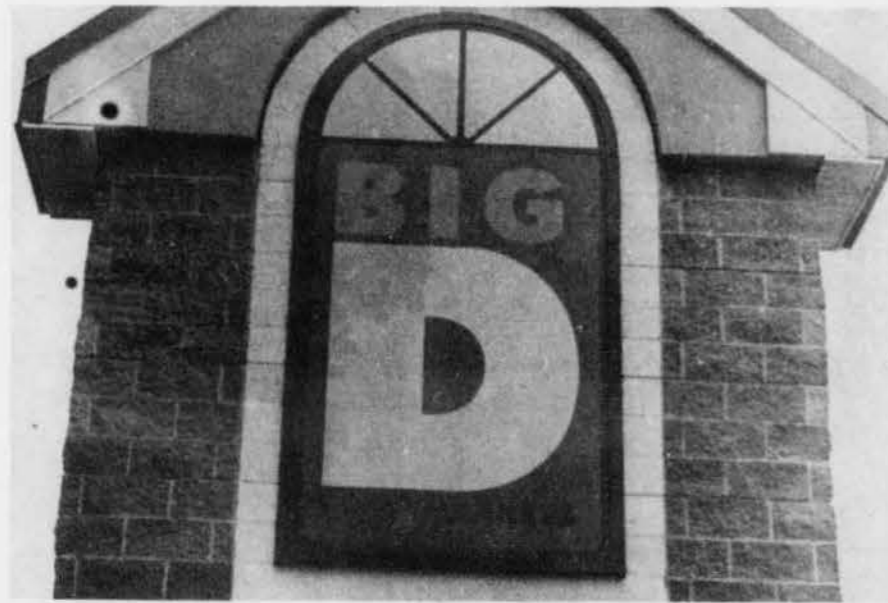
Mars and Pastiche buy and sell vintage clothing and music from the 30's through the 60's.



Lucky's Cafe offers breakfast foods, as well as hot and cold sandwiches at reasonable prices.



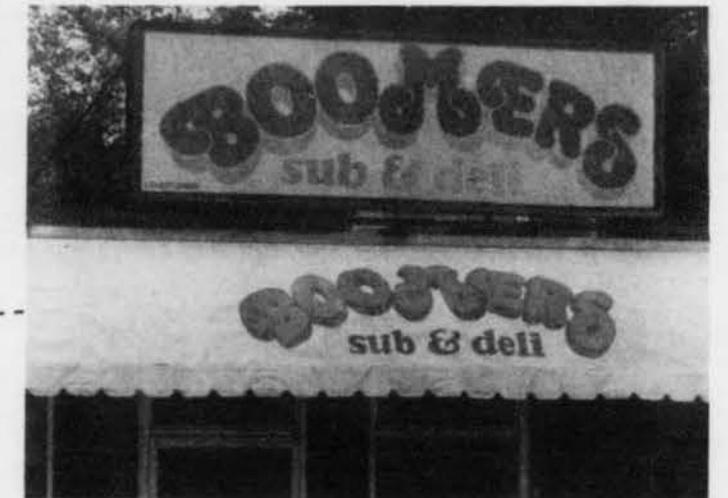
Hopefully you won't have to spend much time here, but this is the WPI Campus Police station.



Big D's is the only supermarket within walking distance. Check it out when you have those DAKA blues and are ready to cook your own meal.



Friendly has ice cream to go and sundaes.



Boomers has been voted Best Pizza by WPI students in past years. (They have subs too.)



The first dot on Highland St. is Theo's, they have good food and decent prices for the college budget. Theo's is a popular WPI hangout for both students and police.



Store 24 is the closest convenience store to campus. It has most everything you need at any hour of the day or night. But beware, convenience does not come free, the prices can be high.



The Boynton is another good place for pizzas and subs. You can sit down or take away.



The Acapulco is open till 4 AM on weekends and is good for late night snacks.



The bus station is on Myrtle St. (Ho, Hum....)



Strawberries has reasonably priced CDs and cassettes.



The train station is on Shrewsbury St. just under 290 and just past a gas station. LOOK CLOSELY for the sign, it's easy to miss.



Spag's on Route 9 in Shrewsbury has everything. DON'T EVEN TRY TO WALK HERE!!! A past Editor-In-Chief, who shall remain nameless, tried once. He's never been the same.



Most Fall or Spring concert tours make a stop here at the Worcester Centrum. It is within walking distance.

## EDITORIAL

# Building a community one brick at a time

As we begin the 1993-94 academic year, the class of 1997 must be informed about some of the issues facing our community. WPI continues to enhance its educational and co-curricular life through self-assessment and innovative new programs. A major obstacle in this process is the fact that WPI's students often become splintered into small groups, associating with relatively few of their peers. Obviously this slows the exchange of ideas and erodes WPI's image as a global community which strives to teach its students about other cultures. Thus, in recent years a great deal of emphasis has been placed on building a sense of "community."

Toward that end President Strauss put together a Commission two years ago to study the current state of Social and Residential life here at WPI. The Commission interviewed various groups and individuals and held an open campus meeting to hear the concerns of students. The recommendations contained in their final report covered aspects of student life ranging from Greek life and the role Greeks play in social life, to campus diversity, to safety and campus space usage. Most of their recommendations pointed to the need for construction of a Campus Center.

WPI remains one of the few campuses, if not the only

one, in the nation that does not have a Campus Center where students can gather to meet new people, exchange ideas and simply relax. Prospective students are often told that the Wedge serves as our Campus Center. This is simply impractical and inconceivable considering the services a student center must provide. Often these facilities provide students with areas to meet and do homework and serve as central locations for student organization offices; space obviously not available in the Wedge.

But WPI's need for such a facility goes well beyond centralization of student activities. Construction of this building would enhance WPI's "community growth" by providing a place where the campus's various groups could gather and share ideas in a social, as opposed to a purely academic, setting; ostensibly a goal of this institution. The wealth of knowledge that could be gained about different cultures and ideas from this social interaction would far surpass our classroom learning.

So what has been accomplished so far? Obviously a lot of discussion. The proposed construction has received overwhelming student support and plans have been drawn up for various types of buildings. Last year a future construction plan submitted to the Trustee Physical

Facilities Committee by Earl R. Flansburgh Associates included options for a Campus Center. The options have been narrowed to a free standing structure and a gateway / connector linking Daniels and Sanford Riley halls. During the past few months both concepts were returned to the architects for alterations, improvements and rough pricing. In the fall groups of trustees and students will visit area campus centers to help decide what facilities to include in our center.

Progress is being made but we, as a community, must show our continued support. Provost Diran Apelian, in a newsletter sent to upperclassmen at the end of the summer, reminded us that "buildings don't make a community; communities make buildings." This statement charges us with the responsibility of building community without a building. This goal remains our toughest challenge but one we must meet head-on if we are to continue bettering WPI's community.

The idea of a Campus Center has been suggested many times in WPI's past and each time was rejected for lack of support. We can not let our support erode this time. This time the Campus Center will be built.

The class of 1997 has the greatest chance of seeing a completed facility. Join us in supporting its construction.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

## Focusing in on Lens & Lights

LIGHTS, camera, projector, sound board, cable, microphone...ACTION! Are you interested in working with one of the largest college-owned sound and lighting systems in the U.S.? If you are, then The WPI Lens & Lights Club is for you.

We set up, operate, and maintain the sound and lighting equipment for almost every campus activity, plus some off-campus events, including guest speakers, concerts, and plays. We project just about every movie shown on campus, including the Sunday night "The Reel Thing" series. We also sponsor several diverse movies per year, with the most recent hits being The Wall and 2001 and 2010.

We have done the lighting and sound for groups like Big Catholic Guilt, Belly and Tribe and comedy stars such as Dana Carvey and Jay Leno.

If you have even the slightest inkling that you would like to become involved, don't hesitate! If you've never done anything like this before, or if you're not sure if you have the time: Don't Worry! Most of us started out that way too. We'll teach you everything you need to know. Soon you may find yourself staying up all night striking a show, going to a cast party and then heading out to Denny's to watch the sunrise, or trying to see how many cables you can carry before rendering yourself immobile.

Lens and Lights is a great way to get involved in campus activities. There is nothing more satisfying than setting up a great show and being able to tell your friends, "Hey - I ran the sound for that band!" or "I ran the projector for that movie!". Also, during the few hours in between setup and strike you get to relax and enjoy knowing what went into making that show work. As a part of the Lens & Lights crew for a show you receive free admission and (hope-

fully soon) free food at the larger shows. Besides all the technical "fun and games" (and there's a lot of that!) joining a club is a good way to make new friends. Lens & Lights is full of friendly people, so why don't you come to a meeting and check us out? Meetings are usually held on Wednesdays at 4:30 P.M. at a location soon to be decided.

If you want more information we can be reached in the following ways.

Lens & Lights, Student Activities; E-Mail: [lnl@wpi.wpi.edu](mailto:lnl@wpi.wpi.edu); Phone: 831-5595, or come up and talk to one of our members at one of the many events happening during orientation and the weeks ahead.

If you would like to receive our meeting notices, send mail to our secretary with your name, box, phone, address and user name. Secretary: Derek Shute [fonduer@wpi.wpi.edu](mailto:fonduer@wpi.wpi.edu)

## Lab etiquette

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set last I checked. Suffice to say it is open all day on weekdays. I'll probably have more later.

The forth major student lab is the MathLab on the third floor of Stratton Hall, at the top of the stairs. This is a DEC lab, primarily for use by the math classes. However, whenever the lab isn't reserved for a class it is open to student use. Again, hours unknown to me at this point. There are other labs about campus, the Rock Lab (DECs) and Mac Lab (Macintosh) in Kaven Hall, the sub-basement labs in Fuller, etc. Some of the labs are being rearranged, so what was true last year may not be true this year.

There are other terminals about: Most every dorm floor now has a room with a terminal. There are terminals next to the back entrance to the Wedge, nominally referred to as the WedgeTerms. (Shocker, eh?) There are terminals in the library AV room. Some of the other labs are open when not reserved and connect to the networks. There is a small room of old PCs on the second floor of Stoddard. Basically, there are plenty of terminals and PCs about. (Except when you REALLY need one, Murphy's Law.)

WPI also has a bank of twenty eight modems for student use. The number is 798-0166, and it will automatically rotate through the bank to the first free modem. WPI supports N81 connections from 1200 baud to V3.2, and MNP1 through MNP5. There are a few rules specifically for the modems. If you are doing non-academic work it is required that you run a program called busy signal. This monitors the modem bank, and alerts you when all the modems are full and someone is trying to connect. It will issue a warning even thirty seconds until you logout. You have two minutes to do so. If you take longer than two minutes it will record the number of warnings and the length of time it takes you to logout and email this to you and [aej@wpi.wpi.edu](mailto:aej@wpi.wpi.edu),

the Manager of Academic Timesharing, aka, the sysadmin. To run busy signal, enter 'execbusy\_signal' at your prompt once you login.

In addition, IRCing and MUDding is forbidden on the modem annex. IRC is Internet Relay Chat, a realtime communications system in which you join a channel and converse with others around the world. I'll cover it eventually. MUD is Multi-User Dungeon, generically applied to text adventure games available on the Internet. Very similar to an Infocom game, except it is multi-player and worldwide. I will not cover these, if you must know I'm sure someone can point you to one. (I've seen too many people fail out of WPI after spending too much time on MUDs, they can be addictive.)

REMEMBER TO LOG YOURSELF OUT! (Sorry to shout, but it is important.) Each year, around this time, people leave themselves logged in all over the place. Which means anyone can get into your account from that terminal, read your mail, send hate mail to the admins, and generally wreck havoc in your name. Not something you really want. So, remember to 'logout' when done. And on the DEC's, go into the session manager, click on 'session' and drag down to 'quit'. Then it should ask if you really want to quit, yes or no. Click on yes. Simple, and it can save a lot of trouble.

If you have any questions about the system, feel free to email [megazone@wpi.wpi.edu](mailto:megazone@wpi.wpi.edu), or send mail to Newspeak Box 2700, Attn. TFM. Or email the CCC Help Desk, [box5888@wpi.wpi.edu](mailto:box5888@wpi.wpi.edu), mail to WPI Box 5888, or call extension 5888. See you again next week.

## Unleash your creativity in Pathways

by MegaZone  
Pathways Editor

Each year a dedicated group of students works hard to put out the best creative arts magazine at WPI, Pathways! Ok, so it's the only creative arts magazine at WPI, but it is great. Pathways needs you, or rather, we need your work; prose, poems, art, and B&W photographs. Each issue is as good as you make it. You really don't want the staff to have to make stuff up to fill an issue, trust me on this. So, to save yourselves from that hideous fate, submit your work. There really aren't that many guidelines for submissions. In fact, here they are:

1. Every submission must be an original work by a student, faculty member, or administrator of WPI.

2. Submissions must have the

name and box number clearly on them for verification at publication time.

3. Submissions to Pathways are the property of Pathways, and we reserve the right to do with them as we wish (within legal limitations.)

4. If you have a copyright on the material you submit, you must give Pathways permission in writing before we will consider the submission for publication.

5. Photographs must be black and white, no color photographs allowed (it costs a lot of money to do a color edition).

6. Currently you can submit any number of poems, pictures, and photographs that you wish, but that may change in the future. (A few thousand could get cumbersome.)

7. Submissions, in general, should be relatively short (definitely under 15 pages typed).

To submit your works, send them to Box 5150 in the Student Activities Office, or email them to [pathways@wpi.wpi.edu](mailto:pathways@wpi.wpi.edu). If you'd like to get involved with the production of the next Pathways, simply send your name, WPI box number, and email address via email to pathways, or to Box 5150, and we'll add you to our electronic mailing list. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7th at 8PM in the Pathways office. The office is located at the bottom of the stairs into Riley Hall, across from Daniels Hall, on the right. Feel free to drop in and find out what we're all about. Watch for last year's issue, we'll leave some lying around for the curious.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

# If only I had known...

Taken from OFF TO COLLEGE, 1991 edition

If only I'd known...

...I'd have to learn to sleep with the lights on, the radio blaring, and the phone ringing.  
 ...my old car takes twice as much money and time to keep running away from home and that it's not too bad to walk sometimes.  
 ...college isn't all fun and games. It's hard work and takes a lot of self-discipline.  
 ...how lonely a Saturday night can get.  
 ...I'd need an iron and the knowhow to use one.  
 ...everybody's human and I'd have to learn to live with different kinds of people.  
 ...I could and should have learned to type.  
 ...there'd be no one to tell me to do my homework before I turned on the TV or read a book.  
 ...to be more aware of current events so I wouldn't be so stupid at bull sessions.  
 ...to forget college and get a job.  
 ...it's not so hard as I thought it would be because it's interesting.  
 ...to be really open to new, controversial ideas, not necessarily to accept them but to evaluate them.

...that my prejudices would come out, even though I thought I didn't have any. I have to admit to them and get rid of them.  
 ...not to get so busy that I don't have time for people.  
 ...that getting used to a roommate is like getting married without being engaged. It takes a great deal of compromise, lots of give and take, to live with one person. I should let those minor irritations go by, but if something really important bothers me, I should talk it over with my roommate.  
 ...that I shouldn't be afraid to ask questions.  
 ...that there is no little brother or sister to get mad at when things go wrong.  
 ...that the best way to study is without any form of distraction, e.g., radio, people, etc.  
 ...how to make best use of my time - what things are most important and therefore need to be done first.  
 ...that college isn't as hard as everyone makes it out to be.  
 ...that I shouldn't go everywhere and do everything with my roommate or we'll soon be at each other's throats.  
 ...that if I keep up with my reading, I can avoid the last-minute panic.  
 ...that the way to remember is to review, review, review, whenever possible.  
 ...to expect loneliness. It takes time

to get past superficial relationships and form close relationships.  
 ...that the people I thought at first would be great friends may turn out not to be.  
 ...not to judge people by their looks or reject them for what they say, but be ready to accept differences.  
 ...that people who said I'd have a good date life weren't necessarily right.  
 ...how much I'd change, so I could get my parents used to the idea.  
 ...that I could save a lot of money by buying used books from other kids.

I should have known....

...to read more in high school and learn to read faster.  
 ...that if you wait until vacation to catch up on your school work and sleep, you'll get neither done and will ruin your vacation to boot.  
 ...what it's like to be completely on my own, making all my own decisions.  
 ...what kind of clothes are worn at this particular school. Here everyone dresses casually.  
 ...to take it as it comes. That I shouldn't get uptight before I even know what's going on. Play it cool.  
 ...that it's terribly easy to become apathetic.  
 ...that there's more to learning than just what happens in the classroom, or while I have my nose in a book. Learn-

ing comes from what happens in the classroom, as well as outside the classroom.

Why didn't I realize....

...that I would need so much more money than I had expected. All the little things that you usually forget about add up quickly!  
 ...that I should take advantage of campus events like concerts, clubs, and discussion groups. Not only does it round out my personality, and make me a more interesting person, but there is also the chance of getting a date with someone I meet there.  
 ...that the best education comes from getting to know people, not just books.

...that the most important thing I should try to learn is to think and solve problems and get to know myself, accepting myself as I am.

(Ed. Note: Then again, if you knew everything, realized everything going in, did everything right the first time and generally never screwed up, you wouldn't learn half as much, have a lot less fun and not nearly as many amusing anecdotes. How about: "If only I'd known that if life is the ultimate experience, college is the ultimate training course before the real thing.")

## You can make a difference

by Michael Pereira, Barbara Doyle and Michelle Giglio  
 SGA Representatives

The Student Government Association is one of the newest organizations on the WPI campus. Reformed three years ago, the SGA is made up of 30 senators and 4 executive committee officers. All undergraduate students of WPI are members of the SGA, and therefore are able to vote and run for office.  
 The SGA is responsible for a variety of student needs. The four goals of our organization are service, advocacy, governance, and leadership. The SGA aims to achieve these goals in a number of ways. We provide a variety of services from the management of the school vans to providing low-cost copying to WPI community members. We

budget and oversee the rest of the student organizations. We represent the students on faculty and administrative committees. Most importantly, the SGA has become a powerful voice promoting positive change on campus.  
 If you'd like to represent students at WPI, Student Government is a great way to get involved in campus issues. Campus wide elections are held in the fifth week of A-term. SGA encourages anyone who's interested to run for a senatorial position as it's a great way to become aware of WPI issues, make a difference on behalf of all students, and, of course, have fun. If you have any questions, including election questions, or other concerns, feel free to stop by the office (located in Daniels Hall) and a senator will be happy to help you!

## SocComm - the show must go on

by Michael Pereira  
 SocComm President

The WPI Social Committee or "SocComm" as it is more commonly known, is the major programming board and the largest student group on campus. We provide the campus with a variety of educational, social, and cultural entertainment events throughout the year. From movies to concerts,

students work together and have fun putting on the shows.  
 The Social Committee itself is made up of seven committees: Films, Coffehouse, Pub, Major Events, Special Events, Fine Arts, and Publicity. Each committee works to provide the best possible entertainment that the market has to offer.  
 The students run all the aspects of programming - booking, organization,

and security.  
 If you think your interested in joining any of SocComm's committees or just want to learn more about us feel free to come into our office in the Student Activities Office in Daniels Hall; or e-mail us at soccomm@wpi. Even better, feel free to come to one of our General Assembly Meetings in September.

## Newspeak wants you!

First meeting for interested students:  
 Thursday, August 26, 7 P.M.  
 Newspeak Office - Basement of Riley on the Daniels side

# Activities

## Special Event:

### Coffeehouse Events:

SUNDAY : Singer-songwriter Tom Acousti  
 MONDAY: Comedian Kevin Flynn  
 Shows start 9pm in Alden Hall  
 FREE

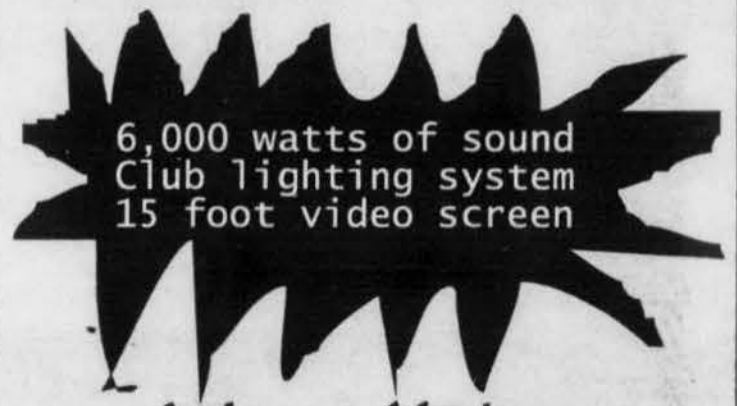
### Pub Show:

**BIG CATHOLIC GUILT**  
 Shake Riley Hall and slam in the new term with the raging industrial/hardcore of Big Catholic Guilt.  
 Doors Open 8pm, \$1 w/ WPI ID  
 Gompei's Place

### Movies:

Tue. Aug. 24 : "Sneakers"  
 Sun. Aug. 29 : "Scent of a Woman"  
 Show times 6:30 and 9:30pm  
 Perreault Hall - \$2

Cutting Edge  
**MOBILE VIDEO DANCE CLUB**



Wed. Night  
 8pm-Midnight  
 Alden Hall



**George C. Gordon Library Exhibits**

In the 3rd Floor Gallery: Exhibits for September:  
Looking to America: Americanism in Art and Culture of Weimar Germany, 1918-1933

This exhibition introduces an American audience to the enormous impact which America and Americanism had on the art and the culture of Germany between the World Wars. Some of the topics included are the Wildwest, Metropolis, Skyscraper visions, and Popular Culture. Among the issues are America's Technological advancement and development of a leisure industry as seen through the eyes of German artists and writers.

In the Library vestibule:  
Worcester Poet: Charles Olson  
Dates: August 24 - September 30, 1993  
Hours: M-F 8am-11pm; Sat.: 8am-9pm; Sun.: noon-11pm  
Free and open to the public  
Telephone: (508) 831-5410

**Adult Guitar Class offered**

Beginning in September, Pakachoag Music School in Auburn will offer a Beginning Guitar Class on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00. Tuition for 10 weeks is \$80. Enrollment is open to residents from throughout Worcester County. To register or request further information, please call the music school office at 791-8159.

Pakachoag Music School in Auburn opens

registration for fall music classes and private instruction on Monday, August 23. Residents from throughout Worcester County may enroll. In addition to private instruction for all ages, the school will offer new classes including Beginning Guitar for adults, Jazz Ensemble for middle and high school students, and Recorder Clubs for elementary school children.

For further information, call the Music School office at 791-8159.

**Women's and Men's swimming and diving**

Becky Kupscinkas  
Newspeak Staff

Do you like to swim? Whether you are the second coming of Janet Evans or Matt Biondi, or Homer Simpson reincarnated, the men's and women's swimming program would like to welcome you to WPI. The swimming season runs from the beginning of B term to the end of C term. With head coach Whit Griffith and captains Sara Pollard and Charlie Donahue, this year is sure to be a great one! The women's team, coming off their first ever winning season (9-5),

has the potential to engineer another winning season. The men's team also has a lot of talent and potential to make this season successful. The team competitions are typically dual meets, with the exception of the New England Championships. You'll never know what you are missing unless you come try out. Everyone who is interested is welcome to try-out. If you have any more questions, please speak to a member of the swimming and diving team, or coach Whit Griffith. We hope to see you at the first practice session.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

Newspeak will run classifieds free for all WPI students, faculty, and staff. Free classifieds are limited to six (6) lines. Ads of a commercial nature and ads longer than six lines must be paid for at the off campus/commercial rate of \$5.00 for the first six lines and 50 cents per additional line.  
Classified ads must be paid for in advance.  
No information which, in the opinion of the Newspeak editors, would identify an individual to the community will be printed in a personal ad. The editors reserve the right to refuse any ad deemed to be in bad taste or many ads from one group or individual on one subject.  
The deadline for ads is noon on the Friday before publication.  
All classified ads must be on individual sheets of paper and must be accompanied by the writer's name, address and phone number.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Allow only 30 characters per line

Furnished room for rent off Salisbury & Park Ave. Utilities and laundry facilities included. Off street parking. Non-smokers only. \$240 per. month. Deposit required. Call 757-6814.

"Oh My God, we only have two Associate Editors..."  
"We can take care of that."  
"That's right, I'm outta here."

**Spanish Tutor Wanted!**

Professor Arthur Gerstenfeld  
Management Department,  
is looking for a student to tutor him in Spanish, one hour per day, 2 days a week. Interested students please call 831-5471. He would like to start as soon as possible.

Learn to Think in a New Way! WPI Student Pugwash Informational Meeting, September 8, 6:30 PM in the Social Science Conference Room, first floor of Atwater Kent. Be there!

Apts - Rent direct from owner. Nice selection of 2-3-4 bedrooms. Low gas heat, on edge of WPI campus. Appliances, parking, office-repair service nearby, low rent with options. Edie 799-2728, 842-1583.

Federal Work / Study Position at Counseling & Student Development Ctr., 157 West St. Computer skills preferred, not required. Call 831-5540. A good place to work!

Thanks for all the help.

Brand new, 3 bedroom apt., 1st floor, fully insulated, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. 6 houses away from campus. \$725. Theo Properties 754-4330.

SPROUT!!

One block form campus, 5 room, 3 bedroom, 3-4 students, large floor plan, stove & refrigerator. \$650 including heat & hot water. Theo Properties, 754-4330

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Alumni Office  
Events Coordinator  
Secretary of the Institute
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Basketball Courts  
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Military Science  
Racquetball Court  
Squash Courts
- 3 ALUMNI GYM  
Bowling Alleys  
Physical Education/Athletics  
Swimming Pool  
Weight Room  
Wrestling Facility
- 4 ALDEN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM  
Applied Music Division
- 5 HIGGINS LABORATORIES  
Center for Firesafety Studies  
Center for Laser Holography  
Mechanical Engineering Department
- 6 OLIN HALL  
Physics Department
- 7 GODDARD HALL  
Center for Inorganic Membrane Studies  
Chemical Engineering Department  
Chemistry Department
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- 11 BOYNTON HALL  
Academic Advising  
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- R1 FOUNDERS HALL  
Dining Hall
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