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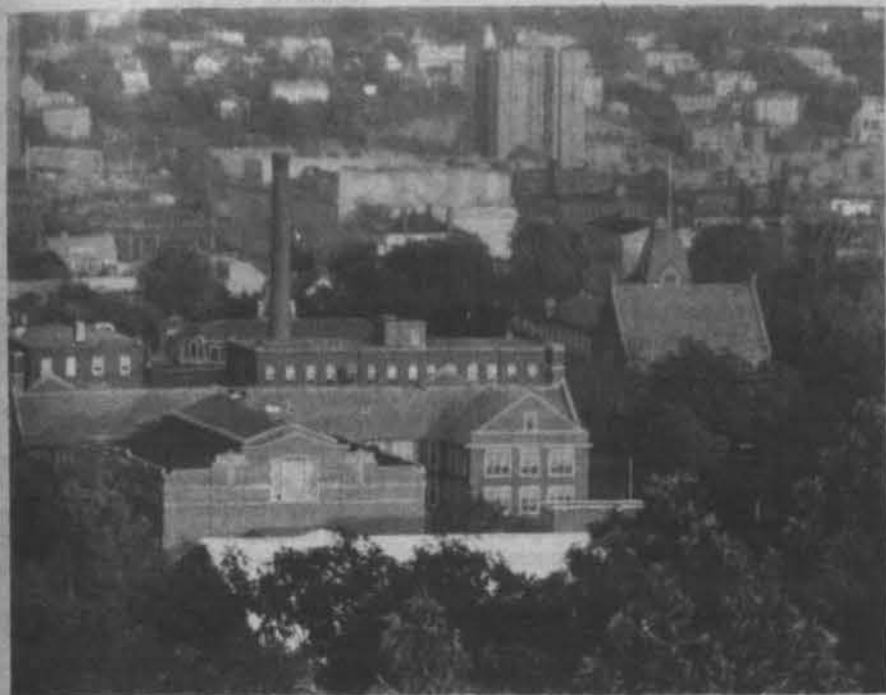
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Renovations on campus

## WPI to get facelift



WPI campus. photo by John Bunzick

Building changes

## Daniels to be improved

by Ken Mandile

For the next few months the WPI campus will be in surgery for a face lift.

As mentioned in the accompanying article, Sanford-Riley Hall will undergo \$600,000 worth of renovations.

Besides the basic maintenance of the campus there will be several extensive renovation projects.

Washburn is currently surrounded by scaffolding. The external renovation of Washburn will be done in 30-45 days. Rotting wood will be replaced, the roof will be covered with new sealer, and all of the brick will be mortared and sealed where necessary. The outside woodwork is also being painted.

Daniels Hall will be equipped with facilities for the handicapped. A ramp will be formed, the elevator controls will be changed, and two of the restrooms will be equipped to provide for the handicapped.

The renovation of Daniels Hall is being done as a result of an agreement between WPI and the Architectural Barrier Board. This board had to approve the renovation of Sanford-Riley Hall to make sure that the renovations provide facilities for the handicapped. But the Barrier Board agreed to let WPI renovate Daniels instead of providing facilities in Riley. To make the changes in Riley to provide for the handicapped would have added \$250,000 to the renovation costs.

Gardner Pierce said that by making changes in Daniels WPI was "fulfilling moral obligations as well as legal

obligations." The law requires that handicapped facilities be provided for five per cent of the dormitory population. The changes being made will provide for 60 handicapped persons. This is seven per cent of the dormitory population.

Daniels Hall is an ideal location for handicapped persons. There are no physical barriers to the mail boxes, bookstore, laundry room, dining hall, snack bar, Student Affairs Office, and the Wedge.

Changes in Daniels Hall will be completed this summer.

Other campus renovations due over the next few months are:

- Higgins 109 will be made into a "first class lecture hall."

- Boynton Hall renovations will begin June 1 and will be completed by this time next year.

- Outside woodwork on Alden Hall will be repainted. It will be painted white as part of the coordination of color of windows on the campus.

- A new campus telephone system will be installed this fall.

- A new computer will be installed to control the heating system for the campus. This system will provide for more efficient use of energy.

- The ceiling and tile in the swimming pool will be resealed and painted.

With all this work going on on campus, perhaps the man that oversees all of it, Gardner Pierce, made an understatement when he said that it will be a "very busy year."

Bids go out

## Sanford-Riley repairs

Sanford-Riley Hall, WPI's oldest student dormitory facility, will undergo extensive renovations this summer. On May 31 contractors will begin working on the building and are expected to be completed by August 31.

Gardner Pierce, Director of Physical Planning and Plant Services, spoke to *Newspeak* last week about the renovations. He said that bids were sent out last Thursday and are expected to be back by May 16. Contracts will be awarded within a week of that date.

The renovations that are planned are extensive. All walls will be covered with sheet rock and painted. Bathrooms will be fitted with new fixtures and tiles. New doors will be solid and the entire building will be equipped with a new lock system. The old exterior windows will remain but storm windows will be installed on the inside. The old radiators will remain but will be controlled by a new heat distribution system.

An interesting note about the renovation is that WPI will serve as its own general contractor. This is expected to save about \$100,000 in architectural and general contractor fees. Architects usually get

about 11 per cent and general contractors about 15 per cent of the total of a project such as the Sanford-Riley renovation.

WPI will coordinate sub-contractors and make its own carpentry drawings. Engineering firms will make plumbing and electrical drawings.

Bidding is by invitation only so that the work will be done by what WPI considers competent sub-contractors. A slight delay in work could cause problems because of the tight schedule. All construction is scheduled for completion by August 19. Touch up work should be done by August 31. Gardner Pierce said that there would be no displacement of the students due to move into Riley in September.

The total cost will not be known until all of the contracts have been awarded, though it is expected to cost about \$660,000. This total included all planning, drawing, construction, and \$55,000 worth of wardrobes, desks, and chairs.

The contractors are going to be faced with a tight schedule. Mr. Pierce said that he will keep his fingers crossed and will "move heaven and earth" to complete the renovations by August 31.

Projects in Paxton

## Alternate energy sources

by Dave Thompson

With the recent difficulty in balancing our economy with our energy resources, many projects have been undertaken in order to research and improve alternate energy resources. One such project involves Professor and Dean Emeritus M. Lawrence Price, and the students of WPI. In March of this year, Dean Price was granted a building permit to construct a 40 ft. tower, and a 21 x 17 foot house with solar panels on the roof. Through use of electricity generated by a wind machine on top of this tower and the solar panels, Dean Price plans to partially supply his all electric home with power. By doing this he hopes to save \$800 per year on electricity costs.

Dean Price also intended his project to be a resource for WPI students who wished to do project work in the field of alternate energy sources.

However, the building permit came under attack by the Planning Board on April 6, and a meeting was held on April 28 to decide the fate of Dean Price's energy project.

John D. Rommel, Jr., chairman of the Planning Board of Paxton, gave a presentation naming the reasons for the appeal. Mr. Rommel cited one section of the zoning laws of Paxton which allows buildings on a residential lot only if they are "customarily incidental" to the residence. As examples of customarily incidental structures, he listed "gazebo, well, shed pool, tennis courts, barn, flower conservatory," etc. As examples of structures not customarily incidental, he named "helicopter pads, race tracks," etc.. He therefore felt that a wind tower and small building with solar panels on the roof was not customarily incidental to a residential area.

Mr. Rommel also felt that the wind tower would be detrimental to a residential area, because of the possibility of noise, TV and radio interference, and devaluation of property. He said "I have nothing against one windmill, but if a half dozen cropped

near me, I would feel that my property might be devalued."

Mr. Rommel also stated that Paxton's image as a "bedroom town" should be preserved, and that this image would be threatened by the general acceptance and spread of wind towers.

The possibility of issuing a temporary permit was also brought up, but Donald T. Lundquist, chairman of the Appeals Board, stated his desire to end the matter with more definite action, rather than face the possibility of further meetings or court action.

At this point, a neighbor of Dean Price, Mr. Paul Robinson, presented several questions as to the noise and TV interference that may be caused by the wind tower. He also expressed his concerns for the safety of neighborhood children, who might climb the tower or be hit by the blades.

In response, both Dean Price and Bryce Granger gave their views based on their experience with windmills. Bryce is a junior here at WPI. Neither of them felt that noise, interference, or endangerment would result from the wind tower.

Finally, the question of WPI involvement with this project was brought under examination. Mr. Rommel was concerned that Techies in Paxton would present traffic problems. The Board of Appeals wanted to be sure that if WPI abandoned the project, the wind tower would not be left to deteriorate. Dean Price assured the Board that it was primarily his project, and that if necessary, he would pay for anything WPI could not help him with.

Dean Price mentioned that some WPI seniors had been unable to graduate due to the Board's time consuming evaluation of his project, and the resulting lack of a building permit.

Fran Boucher, Jav Gehrig, Bryce Granger, and Lucian Ograbisz are doing projects in alternate energy resources, and Lisa Wylie, Nina Shopalovich, James Gorman, Paul Cody, and Geoffrey Brother [continued to page 4]

Class officers

## Elections to be held

Elections for Class Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for the classes of 1978, 1979, and 1980; Commuter Representative and Independent Representative will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 1977.

Time - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Place - Daniels Hall - First Floor

Requirements:

- You must be a full-time member of the class in which you are running for an office.
- You must submit a petition with the names of 50 undergraduate members of your class to Tom Panek (Morgan 418) by Friday, May 13th no later than 4:00 p.m.
- The petition shall state, "We the undersigned nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of \_\_\_\_\_."

## Elections to be held

- The signatures shall be numbered and legible.

- Only eligible voters may sign a candidates petition, and may sign only one (1) petition for any given office.

- Signatures appearing on more than one petition of candidates for the same office shall be deleted from those petitions.

- The President of the Student Government shall have the power to prevent the name of any candidate from appearing on the ballot for failure to meet these requirements.

- If you need any more details talk to: Tom Panek (Morgan 418, 798-0966), Paul Wrabel (TKE, 752-9946), or any of your class officers.



# Editorials: Upcoming elections

Please read this week's paper carefully. Several of the stories and notices are extremely important to the political future of the campus. On May 17, a Tuesday, elections will be held for next year's class officers. In the past, I've ranted and raved about certain elections that were held almost behind the student body's collective backs. This time, though, you're being given plenty of notice. Start now, today, to choose those people who you think could do a credible job handling your class' activities. Don't put your name on any petition that's shoved under your nose, unless you're familiar with the person's abilities. I, for one, don't want to see another year of do-nothing politics on the Hill, where the elected officers yawn and tell me that there just isn't anything to talk about at their meetings.

A word to the prospective candidates: If you plan to run for an office, I suggest that you sit right down and write a short letter to *Newspeak*, briefly stating what you feel you could accomplish if elected. This will serve you two purposes. One, it will put your name in front of the electorate. People will remember your name when they go to vote. Two, (and I admit, from past performance, that this is a slight possibility), it's possible that somebody taking the time to read your statement will actually agree with what you've said, and might vote for a reason, instead of just marking down the name of a frat brother.

We've all seen what happens when the elections turn into popularity contests. Commuters and Freshmen should especially be aware of the consequences of another year of apathy. How many activities have you seen in the past year that were sponsored by either the Class of '80 or the Independents? You people in other classes don't have anything particularly great to boast about, either. Even if you've been satisfied with your class officers in the past, there's another good reason that should get you off your tails to vote. Just think, if there's a good turnout on the 17th, I won't be able to write any more of these editorials! It's up to you to shut me up...

Tom Daniels

# Park and lock it

It is apparent that the date for Spree Day has not changed, simply because the "schedule of events" has been announced elsewhere in this paper. The idea of spontaneity has been sacrificed, it seems, for the sake of order. There has never been any trouble in the past with a spontaneous Spree Day; the bands were always willing to cooperate, especially since the day was known to a few ahead of time. The flavor of not knowing what will happen is an essential part of human existence, be it Spree Day or any other day.

In addition to the announcement, the parking lot will be closed early in the morning. Granted, this will prevent injury to people from motorcycle riding on the Quad and hot-rodding in the parking lot, but there is no provision for commuters to park that date. Why should WPI students have to compete for space on the streets with people from other schools who don't belong here? We suggest that persons showing their parking sticker or WPI ID be allowed to park in the Quad lot on Spree Day and that all other cars and all motorcycles be turned away. Since it has been decided to announce this, let's not slight the people who are paying for it.

Rory J. O'Connor

# Letters: Review panned

To the Editors:  
I felt that the JP concert review in (April 26) *Newspeak* was unfair to the JP committee. Because one person did not enjoy Orleans on Saturday night does not make the concert a failure. I personally preferred Orleans to Melanie. Though I enjoyed Melanie, I became bored toward the end of her show because there is little variety in her style. It was unfortunate that

she appeared on the scene so late for Orleans to take the stage past eleven o'clock. I attribute the reason people left before the end of the show to the time. Perhaps it was a second-rate show. Madison Square Garden concert going, but it was certainly a success for WPI and the JP committee should be congratulated for that success.

Robert Cook

# Care on quad

To the Editor:  
Do any of those people who throw baseballs, footballs, frisbees, etc. around on the quad own cars? Perhaps if they did, they would be a little more careful about where those flying objects land. With the

insurance situation the way it is, the cost repairs for this type of damage must come out of the owner's pocket. It's time some respect was shown for other people's property.

Alan W. Galascheck

# IFC Corner: TKE

Our brotherhood is growing stronger every term. The addition of two new pledges, Ron Creswell and George Jenner helps tremendously. Both are fine athletes and scholars and will be great assets as brothers. A Retreat was held last week in which many good ideas for activities and chapter improvements were developed. Junior Prom weekend was a great time for all of us. There was a special Duck Dinner Friday night prepared by our chef, Joe Barnhill. Congratulations are in order

for frater Bob Horne for winning the J. banner competition. However, every banner entered showed great artistic ability. We would also like to congratulate fraters Ken Kummings and Mark O'Hara for leading the J. P. Decorations Committee so successfully.

Congratulations are extended to Paul Wrabel on his new position as Student Government Secretary. Don't miss our annual Sewer Party, MAY 7.

Elliott Rothchild, Head

# Zeta Psi

On April 30, Saturday, the Pi Tau Chapter of Zeta Psi celebrated their first anniversary. The celebration consisted of a cocktail hour and then a buffet. In addition to the Brothers, Sisters, Elders, and Alumni attending, we were happy to share the occasion with a number of Tech's administration members and Dean's of many of the departments. Everyone had a very

good time celebrated our first anniversary.

During the afternoon on Saturday, the Zeta Psi Brothers and Sisters and Pledge held a tennis tournament among themselves. Though no winner was declared by the end of the day, everyone was just glad to get out and play. The prized beer was shared by all.

# Theta Chi

Last Thursday afternoon we held a reception for faculty and staff members at our house. We would like to thank those who attended and hoped they enjoyed the afternoon - we enjoyed your company and conversation. The turnout and favorable response and encouragement we received, even from those who sent us their regrets that they would not be able to attend, has prompted us to reestablish this long forgotten tradition on a regular term

basis to start next fall. To those of you who came, we hope you will spread the word around and bring some other people with you for our next reception.

The line of communication provided by this type of exchange in a relaxed atmosphere is vital to the needs of both the students and faculty and staff. Once again, thanks to those of you who came.

Pete Murphy  
Vice President

# IFC sponsored

Many of us are aware of people on campus whose involvement with alcohol or drugs, whether continuous or periodic result in behavior that disrupts their relationships with school, family or society and inevitably has an impact on all of us.

The wide range of devastating problems associated with the involvement of these compulsions all relate to excessiveness, not moderation. The KEY word then is Moderation.

The feelings of large numbers of students that drinking and drugs are acceptable behavior, seems to support the need for a positive awareness program on campus.

Tuesday, May 3rd, 7 to 9 p.m., in the Library Seminar Room, speakers from the

Chandler Street Drug Center and the Alcohol Information Center will be on hand to discuss some of the facts and myths of these compulsions. If you have questions you want answered or if you have a friend you are concerned about or if you just want to be more knowledgeable about the subject, our panel of experts will have the correct information for you.

The panel discussion in part is to make young people realize that they can control their own destiny - that they can, in fact, have an influence on their lives and the society. To learn that fatalism as a personal philosophy is the supreme cop-out.

sponsored by  
Eileen Weiss  
Coordinator

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING:

There will be a general SAB meeting on May 11th at 7:00 p.m., the place to be announced at a later date. We will be discussing the proposals of the SAB budget committee and revision of the SAB By-Laws. Notices will be sent to all SAB members.

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# Energy Power from wastes

by Mark Kelsey

In this article, I will deal primarily with power generation from agricultural waste. There are two main systems in this area of power generation: biological systems and solar energy systems.

First, there are a number of biological systems that can be used to generate power from agricultural waste. The first of these are methane-producing systems. Methane is produced in these systems through the anaerobic digestion of organic wastes and proceeds in two stages: the acid production and methane production stages. In this process methane, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen sulfide gases are produced with methane comprising a major percentage (54-70 per cent) of all gases produced.

One reason why these methane-producing systems are looked upon as available energy resource is that it is regarded today as a means of off-setting the natural gas shortages. According to PL McCarty, an authority in bioconversion processes for waste power generation, digestion of sludge resulting from the treatment of waste waters produced by our people could provide some 20 billion cubic feet per year. Also, if all animal wastes and crop residues were fermented, the resulting methane would amount to 4000 billion cubic feet per year or 20 per cent of the natural gas consumption.

There are a number of examples of the use of organic waste to generate power in the past 100 years. In 1941, in Goshen, Indiana all of the village's garbage was ground and digested along with sewage sludge and the gas produced was used to supply all of the electrical needs of the community except street lights. A larger operation in Richmond, Indiana in operation since 1951 where garbage and sewage was digested together and helped save the town's people substantial amounts of money for energy costs.

Currently, there are a number of research operations going on to investigate the feasibility of digestion of organic wastes. A study done at the sanitary engineering Research Laboratory of the University of California at Berkeley demonstrated that the organic fraction could be digested to produce methane at a rate and amount comparable to that from digestion of sewage sludge. The gas production per pound of dry solids ranged from 3 to 5 cubic feet of which was 55-65 per cent methane. However, the study also brought out some drawbacks to this energy production system; the excessive formation of a scum layer, the need for mechanical mixing, and the need to slurry the material to 5-10 per cent solids in water. However, the awareness of the national energy problem has brought forth a number of

proponents for the digestion of refuse. Perhaps the leading proponent, JT Pfeffer of the University of Illinois, brought forth in his paper the recommendation that in addition to using methane as an energy source, the organic residue be incinerated to produce steam. In the mathematical simulation of such a combined system, he estimated capital costs for a plant processing 908 metric tons per day at \$14,280,000 (1973 dollars). Under the model, the plant would produce 3905 m<sup>3</sup> methane per hour and with a selling price of methane at \$3.53 per 100 m<sup>3</sup>, the system would operate at zero profit if the dumping fee was \$5.39 per metric ton.

Another area of development in biological systems is the production of gas from landfills. An investigation is being conducted in Los Angeles County, California. The investigators hope to draw gas from the huge amounts of wastes and get an energy recovery of 10-15 per cent of the available wastes that are burnable.

A third area in the biological systems is the digestion of animal manures. The anaerobic digestion of these wastes, holds the greatest promise in the energy recovery from animal manures because it seems also to be the most economical and most environmentally satisfactory method of treating such wastes. Currently, the number of anaerobic digestion installations on farms and feed lots in the U.S. is increasing. The largest agricultural installation reported thus far is currently being constructed by America's largest beef cattle feed operation, Monfort of Colorado, Inc., for a cost of \$4 million.

Finally, there are solar energy waste conversion systems. The role of wastes in these systems is to serve as a nutrient source in culturing of photosynthetic organisms. One such example of solar energy waste conversion systems is an algal conversion system developed by Oswald and Coluake in the 1950's. In this system, single-celled algae are growing on waste waters, harvested and then introduced into an anaerobic digester. The gases produced from this system are 55 to 70 per cent methane.

So, as you can see, there are a number of ways to solve the energy problems we have today and by using waste as a source of power we can also solve the problem of waste disposal. Therefore, I must conclude that there must be increased R&D in this area until eventually a very substantial portion of our waste, especially the waste that is nonrecycleable, is used to generate power.

SOURCE: *Annual Review of Energy*, Ed. Jack M. Hollander, assoc. ed. Melvin K. Simmons (Paulo Alto, Cal.: Annual Review Inc., 1976), pp. 270-274.

## 2nd annual IQP award

Six student projects have been chosen winners in the second annual President's IQP Awards contest.

The winners are: Martha Sullivan, "Walt Wades Through War", advisor Charles Heventhal; Robert Rossier and Timothy Casey, "Personal Floatation Device Safety," advisor R.F. Morton; Gerald Bujaucius, John Hannon and William Walton, "Impact of the Ski Industry on Vermont," advisor David Fraser; J.A. Mills, "From London to Manchester: The Railroad and its Impact on Society," advisor E.M. Parkinson; F.J. Leahy, "Evaluation of Screening Criteria Used at the Citizens Complaint Center, Washington, D.C." advisor Walter Hauck; and Annie Harris, "Energy Conservation in Worcester, Massachusetts," advisor Joseph T. Kohler.

When the awards competition was established last year, provisions were made for five awards of \$50 per project. For the second year the judges found six of the project entries to be worthy of commendation.

This year's judges were: Prof. Leena Osteras of WPI's Humanities department; President George W. Hazzard; William Densmore, an alumnus of the class of 1945; Prof. David O'Brien of the Holy Cross history department, and Prof. Christoph Hohenemser of the Clark University physics department.

Martha Sullivan's project concerned the role of Walt Disney in shaping opinion during World War II. The project concentrated on Disney's films and showed how they mobilized the minds of authorities, soldiers and non-military people during the war. Martha's study shows "Disney had within his command one of the greatest potential munitions factories in the world. His vast machinery of film production was actually an instrument in war propaganda. It included theatres spread around the world in which audiences of one hundred million people a week would watch his movies." Disney's talents culminated in the film *Victory Through Air Power* which stated that industry had the capability to produce long range bombers capable of bringing Japan to her knees if the US military brass would stop impeding the planes' construction. The film played a great role in pushing support for the long range bomber program.

Robert Rossier and Tim Casey examined boating safety equipment and sea survival in their project. They proposed changes and modifications in existing equipment and boating education.

Casey was a survivor of a tragic boating accident off the north shore a year ago in which three persons drowned. The project team examined the literature of boating accidents, interviewed survivors of accidents and studied statistics on accidents to determine the most common causes.

The project made recommendations for improving the strength and bouyancy and floatation devices, methods for improving the visibility of an accident survivor and improving cold protection. The project team and the captain of the ship on which Casey was a passenger plan to open a school for seamanship and survival within the next two years.

Gerald Bujaucius, John Hannon and William Walton studied the impact of the ski industry on Vermont. They examined the environmental, economic, social and political impacts. The report emphasized that the ski industry did not simply affect one aspect of life in Vermont or one area of Vermont. Development has caused water pollution, erosion and aesthetic problems. The industry has influenced the economic structure of the state since the state is now dependent on out-of-staters for a significant portion of income.

John Mills project was begun while he was studying at the City University of London during A and B terms this year. The British rail system had a great impact on the mobility of British society and the growth of urban centers where men could develop industrial skills that provided an increased standard of living. The railroads relied on the exploitation of the rail workers in order to build the British rail system. This exploitation continued and led to the rail strikes of the late nineteenth century.

Frank Leahy's project examined the workings of the Citizens Complaint Center in Washington, D.C. and proposed a system for screening complaints. Leahy devised an aid for screeners which enables them to determine whether a complaint needs immediate attention. Complaints demanding immediate attention are the ones in which there is a possibility of violence between the complaining parties. Leahy's system is designed to enable the complaint center deal with citizen complaints more efficiently.

Annie Harris's project was an exhaustive study of the energy conservation program in Worcester City Hall. She examined the history of the city's conservation effort and how successful it was. She also studied the entire building to see where energy is used in city hall, where it is wasted and where consumption could be reduced.

The project began as a PQP and evolved into an IQP. Not only was the project a study of the city's energy conservation program, but also a study of where information is stored in municipal government and how information is transferred or not transferred from one department to another.

Each winning project team in this competition receives \$50 and a certificate of merit.

The winners will be honored at a dinner in their honor this week.

## Concern for epilepsy

Epilepsy is not merely the concern of the epileptic, or his doctor. It is not merely the concern of the Epilepsy Foundation of America and the thousands of volunteers who spearhead the attack of this disorder.

It is the concern of every American.

It is America's concern because epilepsy affects more Americans than cancer, tuberculosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis combined.

It is America's concern because for every one of the 4,000,000 citizens of this country who have epilepsy, approximately three other Americans are directly affected.

It is America's concern because no one is immune to epilepsy.

It is America's concern because epilepsy costs the taxpayer more than a billion dollars every year in state, local and federal welfare and medical payments.

It is America's concern because no unemployment problem is more severe or more persistent than that of the epilepsy patient. The unemployment rate among just those patients fortunate enough to have seizure control — persons who could and should be holding down full-time jobs — is an astonishing 25 per cent!

It is America's concern because medically, epilepsy is among our most neglected health problems. The National Health Education Committee estimates that fewer than half of the epilepsy patients in this country are receiving adequate medical care.

During 1969, the Epilepsy Foundation of America joined with the American Epilepsy

Society, the National Health Education Committee and the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on the Epilepsies in pointing out these trends.

— Many epilepsy patients must now rely on the treatment that has scarcely advanced beyond the age of the bromide. Research into the causes and treatment of epilepsy must be greatly expanded so that all seizures can be brought under control.

— At present there is approximately one highly qualified specialist available to treat every 2000 epilepsy patients. Support for neurological training in the nation's medical schools must be greatly increased.

— Between 15 and 20 regional centers of excellence in the neurological disorders — clinical facilities parallel to those already established under the Regional Medical Programs for cancer, heart disease and stroke — must be opened if a systematic multi-disciplinary attack on epilepsy and other serious brain disorders is to be carried forth.

Surely, meeting these urgent needs is the concern of every American. And the best way to demonstrate concern is the most direct way — by supporting the objectives and programs of the Epilepsy Foundation of America and its chapters through volunteer work and financial assistance.

One way is the first Annual ATO Eatin' for Epilepsy — pancake eating contest — to be held on Saturday, May 14th at WPI. All are urged to participate in this event. For information call: 756-5656.

## Senior dinner-dance

For the enjoyment of the members of the senior class, for the purpose of one last formal social event where all the seniors of WPI who have suffered the past four years through the throes of the Plan can, for an academic respite, meet, converse, and cherish, for the opportunity to dance, laugh, consume, and enjoy, the Senior Class is sponsoring a dinner-dance to be held at the Chateau de Ville in Framingham on Sunday, May 15th, for members and their guests.

The evening will consist of a dinner of roast prime rib of beef, complete open bar services from 6:15 to midnight, and dancing music by Ocean. Ocean is excellent.

For all humanitarians who disgust at the thought of consuming animal flesh, and are conscientious about what their bodies consume, a vegetarian option will be offered. But, all please tell the ticket seller by Wednesday that you wish the option, so we can notify the Chateau in time.

The total cost of the ticket is \$18.00 per person. But the generosity of the Class shows again, and the Class is selling the first 300 tickets at a price of \$11.00 per person! This is a good deal! So get your tickets early. The tickets are on sale every school day between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00

p.m. in the Daniel's ticket booth. The last sale date is May 11, so please buy your tickets before then.

Note to all male seniors who are totally distraught with the Worcester social scene. If you are one of those poor souls who cannot humble oneself to have a beautiful young lady accompany you on the eventful evening; do not feel low. Everyone is familiar with your situation. — Go Stag. Grab a bunch of your buddies, sit at a table, eat prime rib, get loaded, and watch everyone make fools of themselves. Who knows? — it may even be more fun than a night at the Boynton.

The Senior Dinner-Dance, Chateau de Ville, Sunday, May 15th, Enjoy.

Also, the class is sponsoring another eventful night. Would you believe Senior Night at the Pub with Ray Boston? Fantastic! It will happen on May 12. Come and really make a fool of yourself on this night.

Well, the Class still needs ideas for a class gift. Please contact the officers with ideas, suggestions, or contributions.

Reminder: Graduation practice — May 17.

Thank you,  
Raymond A. Baker





# Spree Day

Spree Day, much to the dismay of WPI students, will be coming May 10. Several activities, including a professional Frisbee team demonstration, will be taking place on campus throughout the day. The Frisbee team will introduce themselves with a film at 8 p.m., May 9th, in Kinnicut Hall for those interested. On Spree Day, this team will hold throwing contests and give away frisbees.

The Locomotion Circus, as they call themselves, are two guys who juggle and perform acrobatics.

Food and beer tickets can be purchased with a Tech ID at the Daniels' ticket booth. The reason behind the ID requirement for tickets is mainly to prevent us from running out of beer before the end of the day. Because all know Spree Day is May 10th, we will have a greater number of non-WPI students who will, no doubt, find it favorable to consume our Michelob at prices below package store.

A few months ago, a petition was published in *Newspeak* reflecting a majority of the student body's feeling that Spree

Day should have been a day unannounced. This year, an effort was made to return Spree Day to its original stature; to mingle students and faculty in drunken merriment and provide entertainment for them in varying forms. To get a large number of events scheduled was difficult when the date wasn't planned.

A definite date will also end pre-Spree Day partying that got many students into academic trouble.

In any event, what happens to Spree Day next year will be up to the student body and the social chairman.

Last year, a student was almost hit by another student racing around the Quad on his motorcycle. In an attempt to alleviate the problem, security will close off all entrances to the campus. Student affairs stressed the fact that if anyone gets hurt by an intoxicated motorist, it could mean the end of Spree Day.

Rumor has it that the band to be announced is Zonkeraz, but this has not been confirmed.

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## Alternate energy sources

are assisting Dean Price in his efforts, provided he gets his permit.

in favor of Dean Price, who is a respected man. One woman said she felt that if Paxton was a bedroom town, maybe everyone was asleep. Maybe Dean Price and WPI are helping to wake them up.

The meeting ended with the comments of several townspeople of Paxton. All were

### COMMUTER MEETING

Thursday, May 5, 1977 at 11 a.m. in SL104.

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11:00 a.m. — Barbecue available on quad. Food and beer.

12:00 Noon-4:00 — "Off the Wall" (improvisational trio), Roving Musicians, Aces Frisbee Demonstration, Spree Day T-shirts available (crew team)

Bands Scheduled:

Peter Bell Band  
American Standard Band  
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1:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
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May 3-7

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The Society of Fire Protection Engineers will present: Mr. Bill Hobbs on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in Higgins Lab 101. Mr. Hobbs' topic will be: "Fire Investigation". All are invited to attend.

1st Annual ATO

## "EATIN' FOR EPILEPSY"

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. The contest will be held in Aldin Hall from 9:00-Noon on May 14.
- 2. All organizations (Fraternity, Sorority, School Dept., Dormitory Floor, Club, Sports Team, etc. . .) can sponsor one contestant.
- 3. All contestants will report with sponsor sheets to Aldin Hall May 14th at 8:30 a.m. They will then be told at what time they are going to eat.
- 4. Standard 5" pancakes will be used in the contest.
- 5. There is a 20 min. time limit.
- 6. There is a minimum pledge of five cents per sponsor per pancake.
- 7. Each contestant must be connected to some organization but can have as many sponsors as desired. (as mentioned in number 1).
- 8. Trophies will be awarded for:
  - Most pancakes eaten by one person.
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# Art exhibition

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Mr. Harrington had concentrated on outdoor structures - large steel sculptures sometimes painted in primary or bright colors, which have been displayed at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Worcester Art Museum and the DeCordova.

In 1971 he had a one-man show at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, featuring "Rubbings" a medium of his own devising. He used commercial paint solvent to "lift" color from printed materials such as magazine ads and comic strips and created a plastic material which was mixed

with ink and used to spread in forms and shapes on absorbent paper.

In 1972 he visited the Island of Jamaica which led to the Jamaican Series of over 100 intense drawings, combining rubbing techniques with the use of cray-pas coloring to emphasize abstract forms. During these years the use of symbols combined with abstract forms permeated his work. His latest works were strongly influenced by his contact with both African and American Indian Art.

None of Mr. Harrington's sculptures, drawings or "rubbings" were titled since the artist expressed the hope that viewers would provide their own interpretations of the abstract forms.

Mr. Harrington was born in 1945 and died in 1975 at the age of 30.

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Records set

# Trackmen Take One

by 'Bake'

The WPI track team brought its record to 6-1 by defeating Middlebury College Saturday 113-37. The team recovered from their first setback earlier in the week, an 84-70 loss to MIT. Each meet was highlighted by some excellent performances including two new school records. Tuesday a trip to Cambridge saw four years of hard work come through for senior co-capt. Pete Sherer. The Richmond Mass. native shattered the old discus mark at WPI with a heave of 156'4". The toss broke the old record of 153'8" held by Mark Dupuis ('72), who is currently the New England champ in the discus. The other record to fall was the hammer throw. This was demolished by the ever-improving sophomore Mark McCabe. The long trip to Middlebury, Vt. didn't seem to affect Mark as he flung the hammer 156'10". This outdistanced the previous mark of 152'4" set by George Kalista in 1937. Mark has ample opportunity to improve that with two more years of competition.

A visit to Middlebury College paid off for the rest of the track team as WPI took its first cake-walk of the season. The Engineers won 14 of 18 events while pasting the hapless Middlebury squad. Russ Murray flashed to win in the 100 yd. and 220 yd. dashes with excellent times of 10.0 and 22.0. Another sophomore, Randy Wheeler, continues to impress as he captured both hurdle events. He cleared the 120 HH in 16.1 then blazed to a 56.6 in the 440 IH. The weight events were sparked by McCabe's hammer throw, Sherer's 146'8" win in the discus, Chic Coughlin's 44'3" put of the shot, and John Holland's best effort of the year in the javelin at 178'6". The jumping events went just as well for the visiting Worcesterites. Consistent senior Jim Howe won the high jump clearing 6'1". John Neilon's 41'3" triple jump and John Barghout's 20'6" long jump paced the field. And Ralph Marrone won the pole vault at 11'6" despite badly blistered hands. The other winner for WPI

was freshman John Turpin who outlasted the field in the three mile with a time of 15:16.5. The meet also found WPI sweeping six events, their depth once again coming through.

Tuesday at MIT the local Engineers faced a powerful team yet still managed to hang tough. A superhuman effort was needed by all to win the meet but it was just not to be. The Cambridge Engineers simply were a step above WPI in a number of events. One of the best high jumping days WPI has had went for naught. Even though Jim Howe, John Panora, and Stu Barer all cleared 6'0" they still couldn't take any places. This was indicative of the way the meet progressed in other events. However there were some things that coach Merl Norcross could smile about. Complimenting Pete Sherer's record were wins once again by Barghout (long jump), Wheeler (120HH, 440IH), Murray (100, 220) and Holland (javelin). WPI also swept the 100 yd. dash with Barghout and Mike Robinson (pulled hamstring at finish) finishing behind Murray. John Neilon had a fine overall day with seconds in the 440IH and triple jump, a third in the 120HH and a leg in the winning 440 relay team. Mark McCabe (shot put, hammer), Paul Fearnside (440, javelin), and Barghout (100, 220) were dual place finishers doing their best to overcome MIT.

The loss to MIT should be the only one suffered this year. The last meet is on Tuesday, May 3 against Trinity on the WPI track and should be an easy win. So a 7-1 record will be the final for this year's track team, certainly nothing to scoff at. The Easterns will take place this Saturday, May 7 at Westfield State College with a number of WPI's performers going up against the best tracksters in Div. II and III. The parade will be led by Pete Sherer (discus) with Mark McCabe (hammer), John Barghout and Russ Murray (dashes), and Randy Wheeler in the hurdles. Good fortune is wished to them and congratulations to all of the WPI track team.

# Lacrosse win

by Mike Gregory

The WPI lacrosse club is back on its traditional winning course after a rather dismal start. The team has moved up over .500 after dropping their first three games to Lyndon State, North Country Community, and Babson. Their defeat of Lowell College marked their fifth win in their last six games.

The club's sudden surge seems to be a result of greatly improved midfield play. The middies have been making the plays on the essential ground balls and have been controlling the ball well in the offensive zone. The result is obvious, as the team has scored 54 goals in its last six games while allowing only 24 to the opposition.

Team captain Dick Fair was back in action against Dean Junior College after missing four games because of an injury to his hand. In his absence, midfielders Paul Cody, Phil Dubois, and Mike Almeida along with leading attack man Guy Osborne, have been consistently putting the ball in the net. In the other end, outstanding goaltending by Dick Dew and defective defensive play by Ken Swanson, Larry Parretti, and Rich Jenkins have kept the oppositions scoring to a minimum.

The team still has home games left on May 2 and 4th, so come on down and see lacrosse action at its best.



# Crew Win Championship

by Barry Nerd

Last Thursday Tech's heavy Eight crew beat the Holy Cross varsity eight by a length and a half of open water, again clinching the Worcester City Championships. But that is only on fifth of the story, for four other Tech crews rowed past Regatta Point last Thursday.

The women's four race was the first event off. The undefeated Tech women faced little opposition as they easily beat Holy Cross by 10 lengths and Assumption by 25 lengths. Unfortunately, there was no time taken for the race, but the women looked strong at the finish.

The freshmen eight race, which was supposed to be the third race, had to be switched with the women's eight race, which was scheduled to follow the women's fours. The change had to be made because the Assumption women had sprung a leak, forcing them to change shells. Tech's third eight rowed to a smooth win over Holy Cross and Assumption. The time for the race was 7:12. Holy Cross finished 12 seconds later and Assumption was a distant third.

The men's four was the only disappointment for Tech. They finished fourth behind Holy Cross and two Worcester State boats. The Tech four was still in the race at the finish, which was a considerable achievement considering Tom Story was out with strep throat. Janet Death, who only had a few days of practice with the crew, rowed in his place.

In the dimming light of late afternoon the crowd, composed mostly of WPI and Holy Cross students, waited for the last two races of the day. The wind, which had been changing direction all day, was the cause of

the delay. The coxs were having a real time aligning their shells for the start. When the J.V. boats were at last in the water the Tech light eight had open water on the slower Holy Cross boat. As the race passed the dock, Holy Cross made a minute attack. They made up some water but were no match for the very top Tech lights. Tech won with a time of 6:43. Holy Cross came in at 7:01.

The Tech heavy eight looked much improved since their loss to Harvard. They crossed the finish line with a length and a half of open water between themselves and the Holy Cross varsity boat. The time for the Tech boat was 6:43. Holy Cross came in at 6:54, seven seconds slower than the light crew.

"No problems, said Tina, the heavy eight cox. "We were ahead from the start and had three lengths open at the 750 mark."

The old tradition of throwing a varsity cox in the water was upheld to the letter. The women were the first to throw their cox, Chip Sacoccio, in to the still chilly water. The docks were then filled with swarming oarsmen holding squirming coxs high above their heads.

The team was having so much fun with throwing coxs in the water that they carried away and grabbed their own cox, Dave Ploss. Coach Ploss, who was hired as cox at WPI, put up a mild protest. Realizing that he had no choice, he took off his watch, jacket, and shoes and was thrown triumphantly down to the water. Coach Ploss said he was very happy with the way the team was looking forward to the Dad Regatta which are to be held in Philadelphia on May 14.

M.I.T. INDOOR TRACK				
M.I.T. vs. W.P.I.	First	Perf	Second	Third
Long Jump	Barghout WPI	21'1"	Turlo MIT	Wade MIT
Hammer	Lundberg MIT	167.6	Bunke MIT	McCabe WPI
Discus	Sherer WPI	156.4	Mayhew MIT	Baker WPI
Triple Jump	Tong MIT	42-10 3/4	Neilon WPI	Ohoro WPI
440 yd. Relay	WPI	44.5		
1 Mile	Richardson MIT	41:19.3	Sverdsquard MIT	Leahy WPI
Pole Vault	Williams MIT	13.0	Ingenito MIT	Schmid MIT
120 yd. HH	Wheeler WPI	15.8	Wozniak MIT	Neilon WPI
440 yd. Run	Toplosky MIT	52.7	Fernside WPI	DeMarco MIT
Shot Put	Bunke MIT	44'11"	McCabe WPI	Coghlin WPI
100 yd. Dash	Murray WPI	10.5	Barghout WPI	Robinson WPI
High Jump	Von Borsel MIT	6'5"	Turlo MIT	Eilon MIT
880 yd. Run	Egan MIT	169.2	Dillon MIT	
Javelin	Holland WPI	178'2"	Felsheker MIT	Fernside WPI
440 yd. IH	Wheeler WPI	56.6	Neilon WPI	Dunlay MIT
220 yd. Dash	Murray WPI	22.9	Barghout WPI	Keeler MIT
3 Mile	Richardson MIT	14:10.7	Turpin WPI	Bayus MIT
	MIT	3:34.4		

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, TRACK				
WPI vs. Middlebury				
EVENT	Time	Dist	First Place	Second Place
LJ	20'8"		WPI Barghout	WPI Panora
Javelin	178'5 3/4		WPI Holland	M Nee
PV	11'8"		WPI Marrone	
TJ	41'3"		WPI Neilon	WPI O'Horo
440 Relay	44.2		WPI	WPI Barghout
Hammer	156'10"		WPI McCabe	M Blaine
Mile	4:20		M Horowicz	WPI Leahy
120HH	15.1		WPI Wheeler	WPI Neilon
440	52.9		M Rambart	WPI Morris
Shot	44'3"		WPI Coughlin	WPI Lesser
100	10.0		WPI Murray	M Johnson
880	1:58.1		M Baldwin	WPI Jenkene
440IH	56.6		WPI Wheeler	WPI Neilon
HJ	6'1"		WPI Howe	WPI Panora
220	22.0		WPI Murray	M Johnson
3-Mile	15:16.5		WPI Turpin	WPI Guillemette
Discus	146'1 1/2"		WPI Sherer	M Parsons
Mile Relay	3:32.6		M 3:32.6	WPI Baker

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# Baseball's better

by SAFA

Well, I can finally tell everybody I told you so. The WPI baseball team won 3 out of 4 baseball games this week and are now 4-6.

On Tuesday, WPI beat Wesleyan by a score of 4-2. Don Maki pitched a fine one hitter yielding two runs in the first inning on some very shaky defense. The name of the second baseman who happened to contribute to the shaky defense will be overlooked here. Bob Warburton drove in three runs and had a clutch homerun. Now I am not sure whether Scott Farrel went 3-4 with three doubles this game or the game before but whenever it was he had a good day that day.

On Thursday Assumption rolled in. They are ranked number two in New England and the way they talk and act you'd think they were number one in the country. They think they are so great that they must lower themselves to play us. Well Paul Josephson pitched a good game and Tony Fernandes had a long triple to drive in two runs but Assumption escaped 6-2. WPI played a fine game but couldn't get the break.

Saturday Coast Guard Academy came in with an 8-8 record. Now not counting Clark, this team had the worst record we faced. In other words we are playing good teams. Write much? Young Dave Busch pitched a great game winning 4-2 in the opener. Some shakey defense again

allowed the opening two runs to score but WPI tightened up for the rest of the day. WPI managed only four hits the first game with Tony Fernandes, George Ferron and Gary Sowrda getting the big ones.

The second game saw Muscle Beach Rowden loose a shut out with one out to go. The score was 6-1, with the big hits by Pantenoull, Ferron, and Eddie Alvarez.

To sum up the week it can be said that: 1) WPI's hitting has come along with even Don Poulliat getting into the act, 2) The defense has improved with Scott Farrel looking like a star at Short stop. (You probably think I'm looking for a bid from Phi Sig), 3) The pitching has been super as evidenced by the team ERA, and 4) This being the most important is the teams attitude. Everybody is playing together and pulling for each other and it really feels good to be out there. If you think that there are barriers on the team because of people being in different fraternities you are crazy. All you have to do is go down to the Boynton after the game and see Lambda Chis, Sig Eps, Phi Sigs, Kaps, and even independants buying each other beers and you just know team as close as that can't lose.

Yes, yes, Steve Moriarty will be back for our next game on Wednesday so everyone can breathe a little easier.

Look for a big week from WPI ahead. The team is rolling.



# Rowathon

by Barry-Nerd

Last Saturday the crew team held a rowathon to help raise badly needed funds. When I arrived at the boat house, about 11:00; the crew team had been on the water for three hours. The boats, five in all, soon started coming in for lunch. The oarsmen felt the 30 miles they had rowed. Standing up and sitting down had become difficult tasks. There was much eating and drinking. The talk was of sores, blisters, and the dullness of rowing up and down the same four miles of Lake Quinsigamond.

One of the eight man shells had to be used in a high school race. There were several groans when the displaced oarsmen realized they would have to row in fours. A four is more difficult to row than an eight. What was worse was that they were now short a cox.

"Barry. You're coxing one of the fours," Joe Bergin called out.

"I'm what!" I answered. "I've never even been in a shell before."

"That's okay. You'll learn."

I stepped cautiously into the fragile, narrow shell. After calling out the commands that get the rest of the crew into the shell, without tipping it over, we were pushed out into the water.

After I had gotten used to watching out for other boats, buoys, and anything else that was on the lake, I could concentrate on the four oarsmen sitting, hunched over their oar handles, in front of me. Moon Clancy was the stroke. His body would swing back and fourth, like a pendulum. With perfect consistency he would slide towards me, bunch up, and hook the blade into the water. The small wooden seat would let out a low creak as he pushed hard with his legs. After his legs had gone straight and the handle of the oar was

pulled tight against his chest he would begin the process all over again, never stopping the continual back and forth swing.

We went up to the I-290 bridge, rested a moment, and then turned back. When we reached the Route 9 bridge I yelled "Let it run." We sat and watched a high school race. The sprint was close and there was much yelling from the large group of high schoolers, who had assembled on the shore to watch the race.

When the race was over we rowed to the boat house and put the four away. The afternoon was sliding towards evening and some of the oarsmen had to leave. No longer needed as a cox I pushed the boats off and then got my banjo out of the van.

The "plunk-plunk" of the banjo was adequate enough company for the remainder of the slow, sunny afternoon. The boats would occasionally appear in front of the dock. They passed by silently, oars mechanically dipping into the water and then rising back into the air.

The boats came in one at a time. The oarsmen rose, upon the cox's command, out of their shell; immediately easing themselves to the wood dock. Their faces showed no pain, for all expression had been stolen by their fatigue.

The last boat to arrive was the women's four. They had done the same fifty miles the men did. Their faces were also void of expression and when one of them stood up in the boat she passed out, ending up in the water.

If the team collects on all of the pledges they received they should do quite well. Several members of the team were worth over \$3.00 a mile. Needless to say, practice was cancelled for Sunday.





# What's Happening?

**Tuesday, May 3 through May 7**

"Full Moon in March" by William Yeats in Alden 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 3**

Track vs. Trinity, home at 3 p.m.

Speakers from the Chandler St. Drug Center and the Alcohol Information Center in the Library Seminar Room from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Society of Fire Prevention Engineers presents Lt. Bill Hobbs in Higgins Lab 101 at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 5**

Golf vs. Springfield, Amherst away at 1:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 7**

Track Easterns at Westfield State College

GOHPEC entertainment to be announced 9 p.m.

**Sunday, May 8**

Lens and Lights movie "Bad News Bears" in Alden Hall at 7 and 9 p.m.

**Monday, May 9**

Mathematics Seminar "Functional Analysis and Elliptic Partial Differential Equations" by L. Sulski in Stratton 105 at 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 10**

**SPREE DAY**



Photo by Mark Hecker

# Newspeak

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