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We are not alone

PIRG's problems nationwide

by Ashley Chase

(CPS) — A student project initiated by consumer advocate Ralph Nader is embroiled in controversy, but instead of searching some corporate double-dealings, the project itself is the source of the uproar. Critics on many college campuses have turned in on Public Interest Research Groups (PIRG), labeling their funding processes unethical. The PIRG movement was founded and initially funded by Ralph Nader in Washington four years ago. Over 20 states have viable student PIRGs which are staffed by

The two articles printed here are presented for informational purposes only, since PIRG has become a relatively popular topic for discussion at WPI. It is displayed prominently for the simple reason that there is nothing else to put here.

professionals and students with a student decision-making board. PIRGs have worked to uncover abuses affecting the elderly (hearing aid and drug prices), workers (job hazards), consumers (pollution, utility rates, fraud and credit abuses), and tenants.

Here's the problem: PIRGs are funded by a self-imposed student tax of \$3 to \$5 a year which is tacked onto the tuition sum. Any students unwilling to support their PIRG will receive a full tax refund, and if at any time more than 50 per cent of the student body requests tax refunds, the contract is automatically annulled.

The grey areas are whether PIRGs have a right to mandatorily tax the students first,

then offer a refund, and whether universities should be allowed to act as PIRG's dues collectors.

PIRG PROBLEMS

The funding opponents are challenging PIRGs nationwide on various counts.

University of Missouri's student association does not support MPIRG because it claims there is wide student disinterest and contends the funding method is not truly voluntary.

At Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, an anti-PIRG party has emerged which contends that many students are unaware of how to apply for a refund and have difficulty obtaining their money. The party has also charged that a number of signatures were obtained through pressure, and that PIRG has never been held up for approval by the entire student body. (See accompanying article.)

The PIRG petition issue has also raised a squabble at the University of Florida where the vice president of student affairs charged, "the original petition isn't valid anymore because it doesn't represent the current student body." He went on to express concern that other groups will want to establish themselves on campus through the same student funding system that PIRG plans to use.

INTEREST GROUPS

PIRGs have also faced pressure from outside interest groups.

When Minnesota PIRG (MPIRG) went before the Board of Regents to renew its contract to collect fees through the university, it faced hurdles set up by agricultural and chemical corporate interests opposed to MPIRG's stand on stronger regulation of pesticides.

The corporate interests questioned the university's right to collect fees. "PIRGs shouldn't be involved in public issues with funds from the universities," said Ralph Goodin, deputy commissioner of agriculture for the state. "Our only contest is that they use the university to help them build up a big war chest."

The PIRGs' defense rests more on the need for student support than on a justification for their unique funding method. If the mandatory fee was eliminated "that would mean the end of MPIRG as we know it," said director Bob Hudnut.

PIRGs have claimed they educate the public and offer necessary and helpful services. The group's greatest worth lies in

its ability to influence decisions, said a spokesman for the New York PIRG. "We have at our disposal the resources to gather the facts, have experts evaluate the situations and wield great influence on legislative efforts," he said.

And Nader himself piped up in support of PIRGs in a recent syndicated column.

"College students have always been met with opposition when they try to assume adult citizen responsibilities," said Nader. "They are told to confine themselves to their books and 'get an education.' It is as if 'getting an education' does not include studying society's problems and testing their understanding in civic efforts."

RPI-PIRG opposed

by Doug Knowles

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has been having its own conflicts over the presence of PIRG on their own campus. Opponents to the group, already established on campus, have arisen and are working toward the abolishment of the campus chapter. At issue are funding methods, PIRG's negligence in reporting to the Student Senate, and the validity of PIRG's claim of adequate student support.

The funding issue is nearly identical to the controversy at WPI. PIRG opponents claim that many students are uninformed about obtaining their refunds and that apathy sends unintended supporting money to PIRG.

The agreement between PIRG and the RPI Student Senate contains a provision that PIRG report monthly to the Senate. PIRG opponents contend that PIRG failed to submit these reports until the Senate threatened not to hold elections for the PIRG Board of Directors. The PIRG Directors have responded that they did not have a clear understanding of what the Senate wanted.

They added that they had been providing informal reports and newsletters and submitted a formal report as soon as requested.

With regard to the validity of support claims, opponents state that many petitions were not adequately validated, and that PIRG's pressure to get signatures resulted in petitions being signed only to get the petitioners "off people's backs." PIRG maintains that the petitions are valid.

An organized group working to abolish PIRG started out by presenting a slate of candidates for an upcoming election for the PIRG Board of Directors on the platform that their first action would be to abolish the group. They have abandoned that tactic on the grounds that they might get elected on the basis of their names (many of them have been active on the RPI campus) rather than the merits of their case. They are now directing their efforts toward encouraging voter turnout in a student referendum about PIRG to be held today.

PIRG's defense has been primarily passive; the Directors are confident of the outcome and that PIRG is capable of justifying its existence.

Graduation May 31

Commencement speaker

(WPI News Bureau) — Dr. Kenneth E. Boulding, professor of economics at University of Colorado and Director of research on General, Social and Economic Dynamics at the Institute of Behavioral Science there, will be the graduation speaker at WPI's 107th commencement.

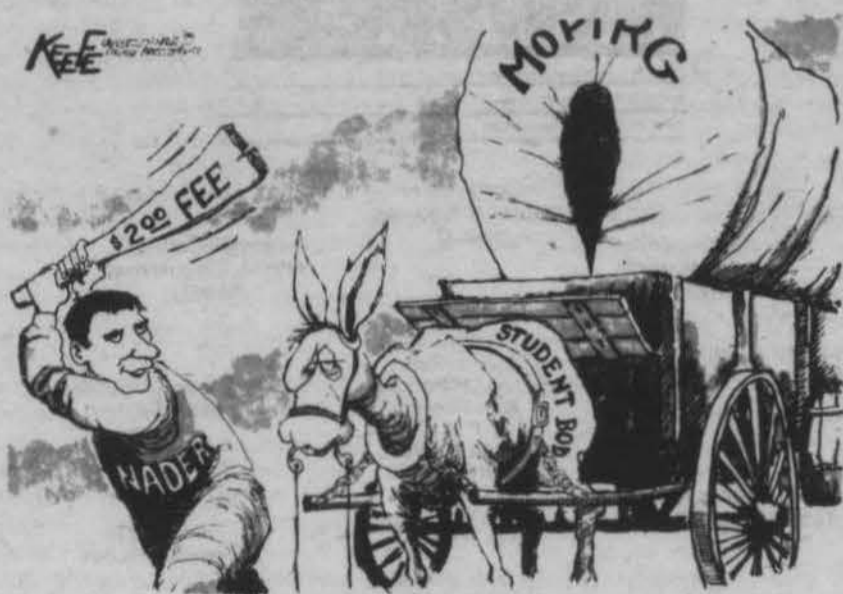
A native of Liverpool, graduated with first class honors from Oxford University, where he also received a master's degree. Dr. Boulding has been an educator, lecturer and writer in the United States since 1937. He became an American citizen in 1948.

He first taught at the University of Edinburgh before joining the faculty at Rutgers University in 1937. He has also taught at Fisk University, Iowa State, McGill University, Iowa State College, University of Michigan, University College of West Indies, and International Christian University. He has been at University of Colorado since 1967.

He has written and edited numerous books, articles and reviews on economics, management, and social issues, and is the author of essays and several published courses. He has held office in scientific and learned societies and has been president of the American Economic Association, Society



for General Systems Research, Peace Research Society (International), Association for the study of Grants Economy and the International Studies Association.



"First you've gotta get his attention!"

Seeking loans?

The financial aid office wishes to inform students, who think they will need loans to come here next year, that they should immediately seek the Guaranteed Student Loan forms from a bank.

The amount of funds available to banks for these loans, is anticipated not to be enough to cover the expected demand by students due to the present precarious state of the economy of this country. This, combined with the fact that some banks refuse to handle this loan program, may necessitate "shopping around" for the right bank. If a

student waits too long before finding and applying for the loan, he probably will not get it.

Notification of aid awards or non-awards by WPI, will again be made by letter on July 1st. Hopefully most needy students will receive awards comparable to what was given them last year, but exact figures are still not known at this time.

If you have any problems to discuss, or need any information do not hesitate to drop into the financial aid office.

Next week's NEWSPEAK (May 13) will be the last of this academic year. Any notices, articles, (parting shots by seniors,) etc. should be received by NEWSPEAK no later than 12 noon on Saturday, May 10.

Letters: Maranatha

To the editors:

Sometimes it seems Christianity has a lot of rules to follow. All aspects of sin are not merely warned against, they are forbidden by God throughout the Bible. Why does God hate sin? Certainly it is alien to Him as He is perfect, but it has no power over Him, it's not because it threatens Him. It is because He loves us, so much that He would send His only Son to die for us (John 3:16), that He hates to see us falling into activities that take us away from His love because He knows we need it. Each sin is in effect a rejection of God's Love, and since we were created for willing fellowship with Him (Genesis 1:26), this deliberate choice takes us away from our best state of being, and injures us spiritually.

The act of letting sin into our lives is as poisoning as the act of smoking is to our lungs. When you first choose to disobey a command which you know is right, perhaps something your parents tell you not to do for your own good, there is an exhilaration in

daring to disobey much like some experience on taking their first puff. But just as the first puff is already harming the lungs, so sin is already working in us for our own destruction. And just as your body rejects that first dose of poison by violent coughing, so your spirit realizes that this sin is not natural for it, you feel a pang of conscience, a worrying inability to face up to your parents. It works the same with God; that one act of will against Him requires a much bigger act of will to face up and admit your disobedience, as Adam is the example in hiding from God after his sin (Genesis 3:8)

Just as cigarette smoking becomes a habit, so does sinning. Despite the warning signs of spiritual decay: greed, lust, envy, etc. we are hooked, sin is controlling our lives. Long ago we cease to derive enjoyment from it, we are driven more and more to it, until we cannot choose otherwise. How far can the process go? In the days of Noah, the people's thoughts were evil continually

(Genesis 6:5). Eventually we will be beyond hope, turned from a spiritual being into an evil, body-controlled creature. This last is the key, the spirit, knowing what is right, has nevertheless yielded to the desires of the body. Fulfillment of these desires is the way of the world, and Satan is the prince of it. To negate our choice of following the world, we must again choose God; unlike cigarette smoking there is no one who can stop sinning on his own or with the help of others. Sin has become a necessity to the spirit in rebellion against God. In refusing to receive spiritual food such as love from God, the spirit must exist on some substitute. This is why God hates sin, it blinds us to the possibility of living on His food which is good for us, instead of the garbage the world offers. We are more willing to live under the bondage of sin and eat prison food, than to accept His free Love. Just the illogic of that grieves the Lord, that we could be so willfully stupid.

God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9), willingly giving up sin. He wants

us to return to our first state of spiritual cleanliness, giving us the fresh air of His Word. He knows however that having once sinned, we are always likely to return to sinning, therefore He gave us much more than laws to be followed. His Son died for us taking away the power of sin in our lives as soon as we confess our sins, admit that there is no way for us to make up for them, and accept the fact that Christ has already paid for them, then choosing God's way. Christ is thus a bridge back to God which we all must cross. The important thing is then that if we love Christ more than anything else, especially ourselves, we will be keeping the law, and the law of the Lord is perfect (Psalms 19:7), it covers everything we need to know for our well-being. The best time to accept that promise is right now. He is always waiting for our change of heart to accept us back into His family as children of God.

You are invited to join us at the Christian Bible Fellowship on Thursday nights at 7:30 in Stratton 309.

—Rodney D.

PR put down

To the editors:

Recently while home I glanced at a letter my parents had received from WPI. The letter was dated April 28, 1975, and was signed by Roger N. Perry, Jr., Executive Secretary, Society of Families. Below are some of the more memorable quotations from that letter.

In reference to the National Science Foundation group which recently visited the campus, Perry writes:

"They commented specifically on the enthusiasm of students with whom they've talked on their visits. They noted that on each earlier visit, there seemed to be one particularly critical problem but that on succeeding visits, each of these seemed to have been resolved. Introduction of the seven-week term almost caused a revolution in 1972 but now everyone has adjusted to that."

"In their view, WPI is one of the top engineering schools in the country, and indeed the world as a result of the innovations of the WPI Plan."

"...the WPI Plan was developed as a cooperative effort by students, faculty, and administration for leadership in a

technological society. The heaviest burden fell on the faculty."

"Although the employment picture is bleak nationwide, our seniors are faring RATHER WELL in the job market. [emphasis mine] Industry is accepting the Plan graduates just as they have always looked to WPI for able people."

My four years here have undoubtedly been the best time of my young life. The pleasures I have experienced here however are not in any way connected with academics, WPI, or its overglorified Plan. They have stemmed solely from personal relationships with other students, and in rare instances, faculty.

Talk like (our seniors are faring rather well, the heaviest burden fell on the faculty, everyone had adjusted to seven-week terms) sickens me. Perhaps if WPI spent less time patting itself on the backside, and more looking at what is happening around them, the Plan could be made more tolerable. Don't tell my parents how well the Plan is working. Tell the class of 75 "seniors" who won't quite make it out of here under the WPI "Plan."

Frederick Borys

Spree Day!?

Maranatha questioned

To the Editors:

Enough is enough, yet. May we please have a few quiet words, just between campus friends, on the subject of religion? Thanks — I won't hold you long, but in the last couple of years I fear the Maranatha column has given a somewhat lop-sided view of the status of religious belief in the WPI community. Really, the Viewing-With-Alarm posture has worn out its welcome.

In the first place, I confess to a certain personal distaste for missionaries, and have always had rather sneaking admiration for those primitive peoples who used missionaries for physical, rather than spiritual, nourishment. The idea of a stranger telling me solemnly that his views on life, death, eternity, truth and salvation are the correct ones, and that I live in error — well, all this rather goes against the grain. I urge such people to consider the Christian virtue of humility, and that it is just possible that to many of us a lot of your views appear cock-eyed, sound very old-fashioned (Satan, original sin, eternal life or damnation — these are doctrines that find their natural habitat in social sectors other than college campuses, normally) and are quite unappealing on intellectual grounds.

Mind you, I am not suggesting for a minute that you abandon your faith that the Bible has all the answers; if such a belief makes a complex world more explicable to you, by all means stick with it. But in all honesty you should face up to such facts as: The Confederacy wrote into its constitution a Biblical justification for slavery; laws against interracial marriage, on the books till the Supreme Court threw them out a few years ago, were Biblical in origin; Billy Graham points to a passage in Genesis — quite

correctly — to support his anti-women's views. And if you are for capital punishment you point to "an eye for an eye", and if you are against it there's always "love thy enemies".

So I'm afraid there is no escaping the conclusion that we are each of us dependent upon our own intelligence and sensitivity to make the unending series of moral choices that each of us must make in life. That is why I am a bit disturbed at the Maranatha suggestion that you can hand the job over to a surrogate — call him what name you will.

I will not urge, upon my readers my own set of non-supernaturalist beliefs, as they hold out no promise of life eternal, do not explain why we are here or where we are going, and in general are rather unappealing to those who find it easier to live in a cosmos that runs according to rules written down somewhere.

But on the other hand I would be less than candid if I suppressed the news that to those of the humanist stripe like myself, great many artificial — as we see them — problems simply do not exist. Clearly we do not worry about why God lets children starve, we have no burden of original sin to drag around, we are content with Darwinian evolution, we don't worry about getting into Heaven, etc. Indeed, the church I belong to concerns itself solely with matters of the world — and even that is a good deal more than we can handle! Anyway, we try.

So those of you who may have been feeling vaguely uncomfortable because you did not go around to the Bible Fellowship meetings can take heart — there are lots of religious roads to travel and there is very little evidence that one of them is "better" than another!

Competency exams

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STUDENTS

RE: COMPETENCY EXAMINATIONS

The Committee on Academic Advising has developed the following policy regarding early competency examination petitions:

It is the student's responsibility to submit the petition, together with supporting letters from the student's advisor and another faculty member familiar with the student's work, to the Committee not later than the 10th class day of the term immediately preceding the proposed examination. At the event that the total number of units earned, including transfer credit, will be less than 11 at the time of the examination, additional supporting letters should be supplied with the petition. The student must indicate on the petition the reason(s) why the early competency should be allowed.

No petitions will be considered which are not submitted with supporting letters by the stated deadline.

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Letters:

Elections and thank-you's

Raymond Baker

To the Editors:
 The "Class of '77":
 First of all, I wish to express my appreciation to all the people who supported me during the election. I'm looking forward to the upcoming year when I can work with the talented people of the "class of '77."
 I also wish to comment on a few observations I've made during the past week. A comment one hears at Tech is: "I don't care about school elections, I came to Tech to study and learn, and didn't come to waste my time with school government." People, this is the wrong attitude. Whether you like or not, Tech is your life. Tech is your home for four years. One should be concerned with their life and home, and the issues that affect them. Class government is an effective medium in which one can work for the improvement of one's life. Class government can help incorporate your ideas and actions to the benefit of yourself and others.
 I wish to thank the nearly two-hundred students of the "class of '77" who showed their interest in class government and cast their ballot on Thursday. But still, approximately two-hundred other students didn't vote; two-hundred people didn't take the time to recognize that school government exists. I consider this poor. These people should realize that class government is a tool, which one can use to voice their criticism

and complaints. Please don't sit back and complain about life at Tech. Be active and express your ideas, and please use the tools available to help change Tech for the good of all.

The class of '77 is open to all ideas and suggestions. We can help change things, and do things to contribute to your life at Tech. All we need is action from you — the students of the "class of '77". My dream is to see an united effort of the whole "class of '77" working toward common goals; the improvement of social life at Tech, to show our charity in the helping of others, and the incorporation of our ideas within the administration and the Tech student body. Please contact your officers.

Raymond A. Baker
 Box 1529

Liz McCauley

To the Editors:
 I want to thank all the students who went and voted on May 1st. Student Government cannot be effective unless the students participate. My door's always open. Any suggestions for the Student Government are welcomed.

Liz McCauley
 Independent Representative

Spring Fling

Spring Fling will be presented by the Class of 1975 on May 20. Spring Fling will be a dinner held at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by dinner. Both chicken and roast beef will be served. The meal also will include Jeweled Melon wedge, Lincoln salad, baked potato, green beans, and vanilla cream with strawberry melba. After peeling there will be music for dancing.
 Seniors will be able to purchase their own ticket at a "Senior Price" if they buy their ticket by Wednesday, May 14. Seniors may bring guests, but must pay a "Guest Price"

for the guest's meal. Senior Prices will be \$5.50 for chicken and \$6.75 for Roast beef. Guest prices will be \$6.50 for chicken and \$7.75 for roast beef. If seniors buy their tickets after May 14, they must pay a guest price for their own meal.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, May 12 in Daniels. They will be sold Mon. — Wed. and Fri. between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. There are a limited number of tickets so buy yours early. Final purchase of tickets may be made by Friday, May 16. All students, underclassmen as well as seniors, are invited to attend.

Spotlight on Masque

by Bruce D'Ambrosio

This is the week you have all been waiting for, the week of the Masque plays. It all begins tonight with a double feature, *On the Harmfulness of Tobacco* by Anton Chekov, and *Adaptation* by Elaine May. These two plays will then play again Thursday for those of you who can not make it tonight. Then, on Monday, Monday, and Tuesday, *The Bald Soprano* by Eugene Ionesco will be presented in the Higgins House.

On the Harmfulness of Tobacco will present Anton Chekov's views on smoking which were formulated before the A.M.A.'s medical report. There will also be a few surprises, and some little known facts for your listening pleasure.

In *Adaptation* watch some lucky member of the audience get a chance to try to win the Adaptation Prize concealed somewhere on

stage, enabling him to receive the Super Bonus Card which he can then exchange for any prize he wishes.

On the Harmfulness of Tobacco and *Adaptation* are tonight in the Pub, starting at 8:00.

The Bald Soprano is Ionesco's tragedy of language, and a comic anti-play. If you don't know what that previous sentence means, you will just have to come to the Higgins house either Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday evening (time to be announced). All three plays should be fun and worth the time away from the books if you were really going to hit the books in the first place.

Enjoy yourself!
 P.S. In case of Spree Day, these plays will still be shown and then there'll be no excuse for missing the performances.

CHB decision

On Tuesday, April 29, 1975, The Campus Hearing Board accepted a plea of guilty (from a student), to the charges of violation of Section B and Article 1 of the WPI Campus Code. More specifically, theft or the misappropriation of WPI community property. In addition the student was found guilty of unauthorized and forcible entrance into the Skull Tomb.

The Campus Hearing Boards decision was that the student:
 1) Replace or pay for the replacement of the missing article.
 2) Pay for the repairs to the damaged doors.
 3) Pay a punitive fine of \$25 to be used for the benefit of the entire WPI Community, as to be determined by Skull. (Skull is to notify the WPI Community as to how the money is used).

Election results

Class of '78

- Pres.
 Dean Arvidson 99
 Jon Lawrence 76
 James Morris 50
 V. Pres.
 Paul Angelico 106
 Jayne Franciose 76
 Tina Tuttle 55

- Treas.
 Richard Poole 205
 Sec.
 Cynthia Gryniuk 205

- Rep.
 William Golden 127
 Ellen King 109

Class of '77

- Pres.
 Raymond Baker 93
 Gary Graham 41
 Charles Rheault 53

- V. Pres.
 Charles Dreyfus 63
 Dennis Metrick 103
 Sec.
 Kathy Molony 145
 Treas.
 Judith Scherben 148
 Rep.
 William Cunningham 151
 Class of '76

- Fres.
 William Johnson 66
 V. Pres.
 David Graham 73
 Sec.
 Paula Stratouly 76
 Treas.
 Steven Silva 68
 Rep.
 Lynne Buckley 73
 James Hall 33
 Independent Rep.
 Elizabeth McCauley 168
 Karlis Viceps 100

Dormitory hearing board

A case was brought up before the Dormitory Hearing Board on April 8 during which charges were leveled against Chuck Cochran, Manager of Auxiliary Operations, by two students. At issue was whether WPI, through Cochran, properly assessed students for damages resulting from a fire in their dorm room. After deliberation, it was decided that Cochran was innocent of all charges.

However, the following recommendations were made to the administration to clarify the WPI policy regarding fires in the dormitories.

1) Above all fire alarms and apparatus there should be clear and concise instructions outlining what the student should do in case of a fire.

2) All RA's be given detailed information on procedures; and instructions on such equipment as circuit breakers and fire hoses. Security would be given a copy of these instructions.

3) RA's should be given grand master keys.

4) An electric signal system should be installed in Security that would notify them immediately when an alarm was pulled in the dorms or when and in which apartment a smoke sensor went off in Ellsworth-Fuller.

5) A fire marshal should be called in after every fire.

6) Comprehensive photographs should be taken after every fire.

7) Students should be notified of a price estimate for repairs as soon as possible.

Library exhibit

The George C. Gordon Library announces the opening of PAINTINGS BY AMERICAN INDIANS. Mostly from the collection of Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Thoeny of Phoenix, Arizona, this selection of paintings by American Indian artists has been chosen to illustrate the progress of the medium of expression during the past forty years, which is over half the time span of this art. Although pictographs on rocks, as well as sand paintings, apparently are as old as man's need to express his emotions, it has been only during these past few decades that paintings such as these were produced. This may be due to the simple explanation that the artists lacked the necessary materials, but it is more probable that either their culture or religion suppressed the artistic urge. Sand paintings were always destroyed before sundown, for example, while the Mexican artists used (and still use) tree bark instead of paper or canvas. As cultural restrictions relaxed, many gifted artists emerged. The 1940s produced Tsinajinnie, Beatien Yazz and Gilbert Antencio; 1950s, Ray Naha, Adeé Dodge, Louis Valdez, Jerry Lee, Ruthe Blalock Jones, L. Kewanyama, Gerald Maulson and Bert Seabourn; 1960s, Johnny Secatero, Charles Lovato and Charley Yazzie, Ralph Kniffen, Nathan H. Olney, Jr., Roselina Selina, Hank Whitethorne, David Lee and Jeannette Faron represent the 1970s. About 12 tribes are represented. The painters used as models those objects which were important in their daily lives, especially ritual, and design is a basic element. The paintings will be on view from April 21 to May 18, 1975 and are circulated by Dorothy T. Van Arsdale Associates.

Outing club

With the year winding down, the Outing Club still has a few things scheduled. There is an Outing Club meeting in Goddard 227 Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m.

May 10th and 11th Steve Tuckerman will lead the "Stratton Pond Low-Key Camporee". If interested, contact Steve at 753-0075 or sign up on the sign up sheet outside of Doc Wagners office in Goddard Hall.

Plans are being made for after school ends. Come to the meeting if you have any ideas for this time. The rock climbing program at Bancroft Tower is going fine. If anyone who has signed the waiver wants to go climbing, or find out when a group is going, contact Jim Baer at 753-7545 or Dick Eastis or Bruce Baran at 798-2102 or Steve. Groups usually go weekday afternoons and weekends.

S.A.M. meeting

On Thursday, May 1, the first meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Management was held at Higgins House. Discussion centered on the topic of becoming firmly established on campus next year, and what the functions and activities of S.A.M. should be.

Temporary elections were held for the remainder of this year. Elections will be held again in the fall of '75. Officers elected: President, Elizabeth McCauley; Secretary, Robert Schildt; Vice President and Treasurer, James Lackey; Advisor, Prof. Bjorklund.

The next meeting of the S.A.M. will be held Thursday, May 8, at 11:00 at Higgins House. All interested students may attend.

SENIORS:

Rehearsal for commencement will be held May 15 at 11 a.m., in Harrington Auditorium. Degree candidates must attend. Immediately following rehearsal, the Goat's Head Pub will open for Senior Day at the Pub.

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 31.

The news review

April unemployment 8.9% national 11.8%-state

The Labor Department has released the latest unemployment figures for April. 8.9 per cent of the labor force (8,176,000 workers) were out of work last month. However, the largest number of people were employed last month than in any other month in history (84,086,000 workers). The state of Massachusetts, however, ranked up with the highest with an unemployment figure of 11.8 per cent of the work force. The construction industry has an 19.3 per cent rate. Government and private economists think that with all factors considered, the recession has begun its bottoming-out phase and should swing upward if the government can follow it.

Park predicts new Korean war

Seoul (NYTS) — President Chung Hee Park of South Korea last week said in a nationwide television speech that the North Korean government under President Kim Il Sung had just reached agreements with China and were preparing a major offensive against South Korea. Analysts in Washington, however, believe that North Korea had failed to get Chinese support for military ventures against South Korea — support vital to North Korean success.

President Park, in asking for national unity, warned that "you cannot bargain with Communists," and also said that South Korea "must not depend for defense on others. Even support from allies has its limits," apparently referring to the United States government's actions in the fast few weeks.

Thieu won't seek asylum in U.S.

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Nguyen Van Thieu is not going to seek asylum in the United States because he is "very angry" with the U.S. government, according to sources close to the former South Vietnamese president reported last Thursday.

Thieu, who resigned April 21, arrived in Taipei a week ago Saturday and has been in seclusion at a suburban home owned by his brother, the former South Vietnamese ambassador to the South Vietnamese embassy in Taipei.

Apollo crew visits Russian space center

MOSCOW (NYTS) — Three American Apollo astronauts last week toured the Soviet Union's highly secret, remote launching site in Central Asia as part of their training for a joint American-Soviet space flight next July. They were the first Americans to do so. At two news conferences last week, the astronauts said they were convinced that the joint venture would take place. They said the Soviet Union had two Soyuz craft ready, one in case the other had technical problems similar to those that aborted the last Soviet launching of a Soyuz craft three weeks ago.

Court denies right to kill intruder

BOSTON (UPI) — The Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled that the right to kill a threatening intruder in one's home is not absolute.

The court upheld three lower court decisions last week which involved a person's right to use a fatal force in defending against a threatening situation. The court stated that a person should use retreat instead of using a lethal force, unless such retreat is in itself dangerous. The court left it up to the jury to decide if the homeowner made a substantial effort to escape.

Death penalty veto upheld

BOSTON — After the Massachusetts House had overridden a veto by Gov. Michael Dukakis on legislation authorizing capital punishment for nine categories of murder, the state Senate upheld the veto by a one vote margin. The deciding vote was cast by the state Senate President Kevin Harrington. The Senate will take up a reconsideration vote this week, but no change is expected.

The bill would require the death penalty for the murder of a policeman, fireman, or prison guard on duty; murder during a hijacking, kidnapping, rape or sexual assault; armed robbery or breaking and entering; murder for pay; and murder with extreme cruelty.

A nearly identical bill was vetoed last year by former Gov. Francis Sargent and sustained by the Senate also.

Meanwhile the U.S. Supreme Court is considering a South Carolina case challenging capital punishment itself.

Mass. pike extention closed

Last Saturday, a gasoline truck overturned and exploded on a bridge over the Massachusetts Turnpike in Newton closing a six-mile stretch of the road for at least one week. The road is closed from the Brighton toll booths to the Central Artery terminus. The driver of the truck escaped with only minor burns and was released shortly after the accident. The Penn Central's tracks westward also passed under the bridge and train service from or to Boston or points west has been suspended. Structural engineers are now evaluating the damage one to the bridge and the roadway below.

Orbital colonies

Recently, interest, has arisen on the topic of man-made colonies in space. There have been articles in Physics Today and Popular Mechanics and a national symposium at Princeton University. This is a multi-faceted problem, with engineering, social, and

aesthetic challenges in all disciplines. A group is forming to pursue some of these questions. There is some IQP, PQP, and non-credit possibilities in this. If interested, contact Jim Baer at Box 317 or 753-7545.

WANTED: Commuter Candidates for Non-Resident Advisor. Please submit names to Student Affairs Office.

On Thursday nite, 7:30 the new Social Committee shall have its first meeting in Higgins Lab 109.

This shall be an organizational meet. Sub Committees to be represented and contained are Publicity, Security, business and tickets, and coffee house. All people already associated with any of the above must attend. Any truly interested student please attend.

The WPI Science Fiction Society
will meet on Tuesday, May 6
in OH107 at 8:00 p.m.

New members are welcome.

Old members — please return library books.



Jack Anderson's Weekly Special

GOING OUT IN STYLE

by Jack Anderson
with Joe Spear

WASHINGTON — When the United States finally pulled out of Phnom Penh and later Saigon, hundreds of thousands of Cambodians and South Vietnamese who wanted to escape were left behind.

Exit visas were selling for a premium on the Saigon black market. Only the fortunate were able to get out.

But the leaders who were responsible for the debacle were able to flee in style.

Deposed Cambodian President Lon Nol, for example, was flown to Hawaii in a special U. S. jet. The State Department laid out the red carpet. The Air Force put him up in plush quarters at Hickham Field. A special team has been assigned to help him settle in Hawaii.

As far as we can determine, the U. S. government refused only one major request by Lon Nol. He wanted status as an accredited Diplomat, which carries with it privileges. But the State Department turned him down on the grounds that it would be illegal.

Diplomatic sources estimate that Lon Nol brought about \$1 million to help him adjust to life in exile. They also have reason to believe that he has several more million stashed away in secret bank accounts.

He has started out his new life, meanwhile, by purchasing a \$103,000 house in a fashionable Honolulu subdivision.

There is less information available on the brooding secretive Nguyen Van Thieu, who resigned under fire as President of South Vietnam and fled to Taiwan. But there were reports, still unconfirmed, that he was trying to smuggle gold bullion out of Saigon.

Gas Crunch: The Federal Energy Administration has concluded from its secret studies that the United States is headed for another gasoline crisis.

The reason for the world oil surplus today, ironically, is that the Western economies are weak. The recession has caused the United States, Western Europe and Japan to hold down their oil consumption. The warm weather has also helped these nations to save oil.

But the FEA studies indicate that their economies are picking up. As times get better, the industrial nations will require more fuel. And next winter, of course, could be cold.

During the past three months, Americans have already increased their gasoline consumption four per cent. They are returning to their former wasteful habits.

At the same time, new estimates warn that the United States has far less oil and gas reserves than the figures the government has been counting upon.

Price Discrimination: The average American family pays higher utility rates than those charged to the biggest industries.

This price discrimination is called "declining block rate pricing." Simply put, it means that the more energy you use, the less you get charged for it.

Big energy users, therefore, pay lower rates. A study in San Francisco showed that the poor in the inner city shelled out more than three cents an hour for electricity. Yet the affluent users, who could afford higher rates, paid only two cents an hour.

This practice is more than unfair — it's wasteful. It encourages big companies to use more electricity than they need. That way their rates will be lower.

But it will take an act of Congress to compel the utilities to change their rate structure.

Trouble in Korea? North Korea's bespectacled, rotund dictator Kim Il-Sung recently visited Peking, according to intelligence reports, to seek support for a revival of the Korean War. The reports claim that Kim wants to take advantage of the Communist momentum in Southeast Asia. He reportedly believes the time is ripe for him to make his move against South Korea while the United States is preoccupied with Cambodia and Vietnam. But the secret intelligence reports say that the Chinese have cautioned Kim not to risk war in the North.

Famous Drivers: Employees of the auto license renewal office in the Washington suburb of Arlington, Va., had a busy week of celebrity-watching recently. First Mrs. Alexander Haig, wife of the NATO commander, showed up with a security escort. Then Chief Justice Warren Burger came in to take his place in line, and quietly waited his turn. Finally, there came a request for an appointment for Defense Secretary James Schlesinger. The license renewal office opened early the next morning to accommodate Schlesinger, but he showed up 35 minutes late.

Unwelcome Envoy: President Ford is apparently taking pains to avoid overt support of Philippines dictator Ferdinand Marcos. Mrs. Marcos, a strikingly beautiful woman who frequently acts as a good-will ambassador, has been trying to gain an audience with the President for months but has been turned down consistently. The most recent refusal, say our sources, came in April, when Mrs. Marcos made an unpublicized visit to New York.

Congressional Confusion: The youngest member of Congress, 26-year-old Tom Downey of New York, and an elder colleague, 56-year-old Tom Downing of Virginia, have been getting each other's mail and phone calls. The elder lawmaker finally took the problem to the House floor the other day after discovering he had been erroneously listed as a co-sponsor of a piece of legislation. Downing complained good-naturedly he was being "confused with a handsome new member who is still in his twenties."

IQP (to begin in C '76) NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL: Planning Response Scenarios to Credible Nuclear Threats by terrorist groups, extortionists, psychotics, using stolen Platonium and-or Uranium. We have people in Computer Science and Nuclear Engineering, but we need students and faculty from all fields. If you are interested please contact:

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Election Meeting Wednesday, May 7th.

7:30 at IQP Center.

This is very likely to be the last meeting of the year so please make an effort to attend!!

Double Feature at Foothills Theatre

by John Wallace

The Worcester Foothills Theatre Company opened off their '74-'75 season with a couple of double features, Harold Pinter's "The Lover" followed by Peter Shaffer's "Black Comedy", two fine plays that complemented each other well.

Either you love Pinter's plays or you don't, and if you love Pinter, you'd love "The Lover". I must not because it bored me. In retrospect however, it was a good production, and ironically enough, I enjoyed this is the way with "The Lover". During the performance, you fidget and try to look interested, but when it is over, you finally see the beauty of the play and want to see again.

The play is about a couple who, bored with marriage, become each others' secret lover. They are by no means playing a game as they go through violent changes in personality. The husband wants to face reality and stop "playing", but the wife thrives on the excitement and refuses to admit the truth. In the end, he submits, and things continue as usual. "You can't get out, darling, You're trapped!" he says implying total defeat to the wife. When the lights dim, you have a

feeling that the play isn't over yet; it isn't — it will continue for ever.

"Black Comedy" by Peter Shaffer filled the other half of the bill. This is a sloopstick type comedy about a sculptor who "borrows" some of his neighbor's expensive furniture to impress both his fiancée's father and a millionaire buyer. As luck would have it, a central fuse blows and everyone is plunged into confusion. This is when things start happening, and the laughs start to roll.

Because the majority of the play was in the dark, the lighting scheme was reversed. That is, when the fuse worked, the stage was in darkness, and when the fuse blew, the stage lights came on. Got it? Well, it took me a while too; like whenever someone lit a match, the lights dimmed!

Together, the shows make for an enjoyable, well-rounded evening. I look forward to Foothill's reopening next September. Their '75-'76 schedule contains some interesting productions.

The Entr'a Actors Guild will be producing Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" at Fenwick Theatre, Holy Cross; May 8-11 and 15-18. Student tickets are \$1.50, and I believe showtime is eight. Reservations are advised.

FC Corner: Theta Chi

On Wednesday night, April 29, the members of Theta Chi held their annual "Hi Neighbor" night. It turned out to be a great success, with plenty of neighbors and plenty of beer to go around. The brotherhood of Theta Chi along with brothers from surrounding fraternities, KAP, Sig Ep and Psi, all joined together to rally.

Along with the activities of Wednesday night, the brothers are proud to announce the pledging of the following: John Vestri, Robert Engan, Pete Mulvihill, James Phillips, Robert Berne and Dennis Laliberte. Along with a second semester pledge class, Theta Chi also began, for the first time, a pledge

class of the "Daughters of the Cross Sword". The girls that comprise the daughters pledge class come from a variety of the surrounding campuses.

I'm glad to see that through the combined efforts of Sig Pi and Ellsworth-Fuller, Theta Chi was finally beaten for first place in the SAE Car Rally, that is for the first time in five years. I'm sure that Theta Chi will make good use of the keg for second place, since they well deserve it for a single home effort.

Don't forget, Theta Chi will be having their last party of the year on Friday, May 9. The final bash will be with "Run Dry", it will be good, so be there!

Craft Center Fair

Over 100 craftsmen from the Northeast will exhibit and sell their creations, ranging from stained glass, antique autos to ceramic fountains, at the fifth annual craft fair, May 17 and 18.

The craft fair — a growing Worcester tradition that attracts thousands of adults and children during its two days is held each year at the Craft Center, 25 Sagamore Rd., Worcester, Mass.

The craftsmen invited to participate in this year's event will exhibit and sell weaving, stained glass, patchwork, jewelry, leather, pottery, wood, enamels, plus a few unexpected additions. Many craftsmen will return to the fifth successful year. With Craft Center encouragement, one third of the craftsmen entered are from the Worcester area.

The Craft Center, a teaching institution the last year, for these two days becomes a colorful marketplace offering flowers, toys, food, crafts, demonstrations, door prizes and general festivity.

Special areas have been set aside for demonstrations. At the gas kiln, Nancy Deane of Kingston, N. Y. will be the first

woman to demonstrate glassblowing at the Craft Center. Eugene O'Donnell of Stoughton, Mass. will set up his anvil and forge and demonstrate Blacksmithing techniques. Mini-demonstrations will take place continuously at many of the individual booths.

For children this year, the Worcester Children's Theatre will present "The Five W's". This play is a series of improvisations of Who, What, Where, When and Why by Marjorie Sigley.

Alternating with the theatre group will be a visiting magician, Gregory Bates Smith, who will come to the fair from Cotuit, Mass. to perform his magic acts.

The enlarged food facilities include an outdoor garden-spot eating area where traditional and health foods can be leisurely munched amidst the flurry of the fair. Foot weary visitors will find other lounges inside.

The fair hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine on May 17 and 18. A donation of \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children benefits the Craft Center with its classes and exhibits.

For further information contact Reeta Dean, 617-799-4779.

Dual — Career Marriages

by Ellen L. King

In the final seminar of their I.Q.P., Jim Hall, Jeff McLean, and Kent Baschwitz hosted Dr. Paul Rosenkrantz, Prof. of Psychology at Holy Cross and a private counselor of dual-career marriages, and Dr. Sue Vogel, counselor at Brandeis and Worcester State Hospital, who presented a discussion on dual-career marriages. Although not saying anything radically new to those who attended the seminar, the Doctors did articulate some of the problems anticipated, as well as some of the joys which result in a dual-career marriage.

The primary assumption in any such union is that the two people involved have a very strong commitment to one another, and a deep rooted mutual trust. Without these, they explained, the marriage might easily fall apart under the pressures that ensue when two people try to go in different directions while staying together.

Added to the typically anticipated problems of who's going to do the wash, make dinner, and fill the hostessing duties usually given the professional wife, there comes the problem of "If one of us gets a chance at a promotion which means a move, what do we do?" Dr. Vogel's answer to this was "Stay put at all costs". Both Doctors expressed the need for a change in attitudes in the definition of achievement and a greater flexibility in occupations so that two people can feasibly live together and pursue different careers, feeling satisfied in the work they are doing.

Another problem of course is children. In a family where both parents are working outside of the home, the trend is to employ

babysitting services, since at this time, collective day care services are not readily available. This is an economically sound solution since both parents are probably making good salaries. Asked whether the absence of "mothering" will result in a troubled child, they answered that as long as the child knows who's taking care of them, no trauma should arise. In fact, in all probability, the attitude of both parents will be healthier, being more content with themselves and the lives they are leading, and the child will benefit in the end without the sex role confusion which results in some families where the relationship between husband and wife resembles that of master and slave. Said Dr. Rosenkrantz, "The question never is asked of what happens to the child in the absence of fathering, when the father works. The emphasis should be placed on parenting rather than mothering." With this re-placement of emphasis, both parents are freer to climb out of their traditional sex roles and enjoy both their careers and their children — sharing the responsibility for both.

All in all, the Doctors felt that the institution of marriage is not fulfilling its promise for anyone, and that for people who are not looking for safety, but rather for an exciting and incredibly more interesting relationship, the dual-career marriage is well worth pursuing. With all the problems haggling, interest conflicts, and general headaches involved, the results are a more vital, varied, and interesting union. Quote the Doctors: "We are not saying it's easy — we're saying it's fun."

Loan Disputes

(CPS) — Should the portion of a student's federal loan that is forgiven because of his service in teaching or another government-encouraged profession be considered taxable income?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has declared it is, but a group of Senators have been fighting that ruling for the past two years.

As things now stand, students with federal loans can receive partial cancellation of their loans for teaching, military service or practicing medicine in a designated "shortage area." But in 1973 the IRS ruled that the amount of loan money forgiven is taxable income, and as a result, students began to receive tax bills from \$200 to \$1000.

In reaction to Congressional protests, the IRS last year modified its ruling so that it only

applied to loans made after June 11, 1973 — the date the ruling was issued. But a bill to overturn the ruling itself died in Congress.

A few weeks ago, a group of Senators led by Glen Beall (R-Md) again introduced legislation that would exempt cancelled loan monies from income tax.

According to Beall, the IRS's stance acts to "frustrate congressional policy" by serving as a "disincentive for students to carry out certain policies deemed by Congress to be in the national interest."

Beall pointed out that, at the present, scholarships and fellowships given to medical students who agree to practice in shortage areas are not taxable, although forgiven loans are. "I think this further underscores the ridiculousness of the Internal Revenue ruling," he said.

Coalition for Low Tuition

(CPS) — Calling themselves the National Coalition for Lower Tuition in Higher Education, a group of 26 organizations has called for "low or no tuition" at universities and colleges in the U. S.

Noteworthy more for its broad-based support than its concrete proposals the coalition includes all three faculty unions — The American Association of University Professors, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers — as well as labor unions like the AFL-CIO and the United Auto Workers and student groups like the National Student Lobby, the Student NEA and the National Student Association.

Other mass organizations in the coalition represent women, minorities, older Americans, Vietnam veterans and college administrators.

The coalition announced it opposed the "alarming trend to higher tuition levels" as well as "proposals which would force most students to take out expensive, long-term loans to pay for their education."

At the same time the group called for "adequate financial support for higher education in order to make low tuition possible."

"Insuring equal access to higher education is a matter of highest priority for all Americans," said the coalition's statement. "The progress of our nation as a whole depends on a growing pool of well-educated and productive men and women."

The new coalition called for all state and local affiliates of its organizations to wage "an aggressive campaign at the national level and in all fifty states."

Revenge!!

(CPS) — After receiving five parking tickets while on emergency calls at the University of Missouri-Columbia medical center, Dr. David Clark says he is going to get revenge.

Clark has begun a campaign to raise a quarter of a million dollars from other area physicians, which he will then donate to schools other than the University of Missouri.

The problem began when Clark, on five separate occasions, answered emergency calls, couldn't find a place to park and received tickets from the university for illegal

parking. The university then deducted the fines from money paid to the physician for services rendered.

Clark tried to fight it. He appealed one of the tickets to the university's traffic committee on the grounds that he was performing emergency medical services for the university. The traffic committee agreed with Clark — but several weeks later he was billed for the ticket anyway.

If Clark reaches his financial goal of \$250,000, it will mean that each \$5 ticket levied against him will cost the university \$50,000.

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Art Buchwald: A CPS interview

by Richard Rasnick

(Ed. note: Richard Rasnick is a reporter for the *Student Life* at Washington University in St. Louis, MO.)

CPS: Do you find that you have always been a humorous person?

Buchwald: Yes — all the time.

CPS: As a child?

Buchwald: Yes, I was the class clown and I was always getting into trouble when I was in school. And in the Marine Corps I got into trouble for being funny. All my life I was doing it and it has only paid off in the last few years.

CPS: What did your parents think of you as a child?

Buchwald: Well, I had sort of a checkered career. I was a foster child. So my foster parents could not make heads or tails of me. And my father wasn't too sure about me either. At a very early age I went into my own fantasy world. Which is what you have to do if you are going to be a writer. You have to go into fantasy awfully early.

CPS: Would it be appropriate to characterize your writing as political-social humor? Or how would you characterize your own writing?

Buchwald: A political cartoon in words. Instead of using a sketch I use my typewriter. But occasionally I write something that isn't political just to prove that I can do it. When I started out for the first fourteen years in Europe I wasn't writing political stuff, just humor about Europe.

CPS: What type of journalistic devices do you use in your writing?

Buchwald: Usually I write dialogue because I like dialogue. If there is any formula involved it is to treat serious things lightly and light things seriously. I might treat the Fanny Foxx going into the Tidal Basin incident very seriously and I might treat aid to Vietnam lightly. It seems to work doing that.

CPS: What purpose and function do you find humor and satire serve?

Buchwald: They relieve tension. It's quite a life to laugh at and people do it in different ways. Comedians do it on television; other people do it on the stage, and I try to do it in writing. The whole thing is to try and make people feel good.

I don't have a real purpose in mind, because I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't get paid for it. It's the only way I can survive. It's all defense for me.

CPS: Writing?

Buchwald: Yes. Humor is hostility. Getting it out of your system. I'm in a perfect position because everybody in this country is so angry and sore at everything and I'm one of the few people who three times a week can get it off my chest.

CPS: But in a constructive way.

Buchwald: Well yes, but if you're destructive it doesn't bother me.

CPS: Do you find that humor and satire, at least in your writing tends to expose and correct the foibles and prejudices of society?

Buchwald: I doubt it. I doubt it.

CPS: Do you think that your writing makes people aware of them?

Buchwald: I don't think that deeply about it. All that I know is that I have to get out three

columns a week and I never sit down and say "This morning I am going to save the world." I just sit down and say I've got to do a column and I better get it finished before lunch otherwise I'll have a lousy lunch.

CPS: Do you think that this country needs more humor than anytime since World War II or the Depression because of the great number of seriously unresolved problems?

Buchwald: Well, I wrote a column about that in which I said that there is a shortage of humor, and therefore we have to charge more for it. It used to be that a barrel of laughs was about four dollars, but now because of the shortage, Baker, Iron and Harpie have raised it to about \$14 a barrel.

CPS: So that in actuality humor does tend to aid the country?

Buchwald: I guess so. I haven't thought about it. But you are competing with Jerry Ford, the budget, and Congress when it comes to humor. It used to be you write the humor and they would write the straight stuff. Now they're writing humor and you're writing straight stuff.

CPS: What is the actual process of writing a column? Do you have steps that you go through in turning one out?

Buchwald: I read the papers and in the papers I see the story. And then it occurs to me I've got to do something on that story. And then I think very hard — maybe a day, maybe two days, maybe two minutes; how do I say that in a different way?

CPS: Your schedule and format for writing — as to a specific time of day and location — is eclectic and varies from day to day?

Buchwald: I try to get it done in the morning so I can relax for the rest of the day.

CPS: Do you go out and investigate all the subjects you are writing about?

Buchwald: No. No, I was up there on the Hill the other day, which was the first time I was up there in a long time. I just did a piece about...do you know the Bermuda Triangle? You've heard about it?

CPS: Yes.

Buchwald: Well I did a piece about the Washington triangle between the White House and the Capital and the Jefferson Memorial. And all the bills and all the trial balloons and everything else gets lost in the Tidal Basin, and are never heard from again.

College for just \$1000 a year

(CPS)—College Scholarship Service has issued a table of figures estimating the future cost of college for all children currently alive.

The Service estimates, for example, that by the time a child currently one year old reaches college age, the cost of an education at a public college will be \$33,696 for four years, and \$56,708 for the same period at a private school.

The figures are based on current figures of \$2400 a year at public colleges and \$4049 a year for private college, with an inflation rate of 7 per cent a year and net earnings at savings of 5 per cent a year.

If you have a one-year-old child you hope to send to college eventually, the figures suggest you should set aside \$1115 each year for the next 17 years.

Poetry contest

One thousand dollars will be awarded as grand prize in the First Annual Poetry Competition sponsored by World of Poetry. Poems of all subjects and styles are eligible to win the grand prize or any of fifty other cash or merchandise awards.

According to contest director, Joseph Mellon, "We are looking for poetic talent of every kind, and expect 1975 to be a year of exciting discoveries."

In addition to a prize, each winning poem will be included in the prestigious World of Poetry Anthology. The contest will be judged by an independent panel of the Chaparral Poetry Society. Rules and official entry forms are available by writing to World of Poetry, 801 Portola Drive, Suite 211, San Francisco, California 94127. The contest closes June 30, 1975.

Ma Bell to prosecute

There is a campaign on against toll call cheaters in New England, the telephone company said.

In cooperation with law enforcement agencies, New England Telephone is seeking to apprehend and prosecute individuals who bill calls to an unknowing third party or who use unauthorized credit cards.

Among the ways the telephone company is seeking to identify illegal use of telephone lines is by having its operators use a new computer system to check the validity of credit card numbers.

In Massachusetts, a convicted toll cheater can be imprisoned for up to 30 days or fined up to \$100 — or both.

Computer analysis also provides leads of possible toll call cheaters. During the past two years, 32 "blue boxes" — illegal devices which provide use of the long distance network without charges — have been confiscated primarily as a result of the company's computer analysis. This has usually resulted in convictions and fines, or both, for individuals involved.

In Massachusetts, a convicted blue box user can be imprisoned for up to 12 months or fined up to \$2,000 — or both.

It is also illegal to publish the number or code of an existing, cancelled, revoked, expired or non-existent credit card or coding system which is employed in the issuance of such credit cards.

If convicted of publishing such credit card information, a person could face a \$2,000 fine, imprisonment up to 12 months, or both.

Local telephone manager M. Mahen said, "We don't want to have anyone prosecuted, but toll call fraud is stealing. People should understand that when they make fraudulent calls that they could be jeopardizing their career or their future. If we closed our eyes and did nothing, all telephone users would have to shoulder the added cost caused by these abusers."

"New England Telephone will vigorously pursue prosecution of cheaters. It's unfair to expect the majority of our customers to bear the additional costs caused by a few devious individuals."

S.A.M. Notice
There will be a meeting
of the Society for the
Advancement of
Management Thursday,
May 8, at 11:00 in
the Higgins House. All
Interested students
welcomed.

'Quote of the Week'
If there's an organization that goes
inside Skull, it's called Brain.
— Keeper of the Head

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Last of the Coffee House

by John Ronna

On May 14th, Wednesday night at 8:00 in the pub, the Coffee House will have "Chris Rhodes" performing as a solo act. There will be no bump and boogie that night, so you will have to suffer with Chris Rhodes (but of course we are all masochists at heart). You'll never hear anything for nothing like this again.

On Saturday evening at 8:00 in the pub, the Coffee House again is pleased to bring you John Lincoln Wright and the Sour Mash Boys.

We are planning this to be a very exceptional evening. Due to the quality of the band, and their price (which isn't too bad, but the Coffee House is broke anyway) we shall be selling 300 tickets at \$1.00 a piece.

We are sorry that we have to limit ticket sales, or even sell tickets, but you can be assured of a most dynamite evening.

For all those that would be wandering down in the pub for a quickie, and do not want to be entertained, and do not want to spend a buck, the Boynton is just down the road.

PS. See Wright UP

John Lincoln Wright

TRY TO WIN ME OVER | Sour Mash

After three years of playing around New England in anything resembling a C&W honky-tonk, John Lincoln Wright and the Sour Mash Boys seem poised to become the next Boston-based band to gain national stature. Their recent Boston Garden appearance with J. Geils showcased them for major record company scouts and for an audience that presumably had missed them at Cambridge clubs like King's or Charlie's Place, where they've been working over the past two years. And this four-song, seven-inch "lp," locally pressed as a demo record for radio stations and record companies, gives ample evidence of talent that justifies the big-time. At the least, it's an instant collectors' item.

Try To Win Me Over displays a solid, C&W-based band that sounds real, not like a bunch of Northern amateurs imitating "Nashville cats." A lot of the group's genuine sound comes from their leader, possessed of a lonesome, yodeling tenor. Just as importantly, Wright has a talent for original compositions, which make up most of this little record. A Sanford, Maine boy, Wright was raised in the rich though obscure country music tradition of northern New England and the Canadian Maritimes. He's clearly got the feeling for a good country song, a genre rooted in personal situations to which it is easy to relate. Wright's own "Try to Win Me Over," which I've taken as the "album's" title, deserves to be a smash, and indeed has been getting substantial local airplay. It's an obviously autobiographical

ballad of a traveling man who knows his mate is seeing other men while he's gone, but who knows, too, that she will "win him over one more time" upon his return. This is songwriting that avoids Nashville formulae. Its haunting chorus — marked by three-part harmony — and unusual melodic changes make for the kind of moody, memorable love song that has spelled such success for Linda Ronstadt and Bonnie Raitt.

Other cuts are a good introduction to the band's diverse styles, which are really a cross section of country music. There is "Wrong Place, Wrong Time Again," and up-tempo honky-tonk drinking song that displays Wright's blue yodeling skills, and "Too Much Water," a western-swing number taken from Wright's vocal model, George Jones.

Wright by the way, was around Boston for years before he managed to hook up with a good band, and the Sour Mash Boys are definitely that. Country music is deceptively simple: JLW and the Boys have the rhythmic sense not to rush through songs and muddle them the way many aspiring non-Southern C&W bands do. Equally important, the band's steel guitarist and fiddler both create the essential crying sound rather than trying to show off hot licks.

If you're interested in the disc, you can buy it from the band when they perform — they'll be at Bunratty's next week. Or you can order it from Wright himself. Send \$2.25 to JLW and the Boys, 327 Allston Street, Cambridge, Mass.

—Howard Husock
(from The Boston Phoenix)

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Students infiltrate trustee boards

by John Ghrist

(CPS) — The problem of who should govern the higher education process has been a persistent problem for years. Administrators claim it's their job, faculty feel that by virtue of their role as the actual educators they should have a decisive say, and students think their consumer status warrants a voice in how their money is spent. Recently, however, state legislatures have intervened in the three-corner controversy by providing collective bargaining for faculty, and seats on boards of regents and trustees for students.

BUILDING INROADS

The road to trustee and regent seats has not been easy, and only two states have lived up to the Harris-Hartke vision. State legislators have traditionally been wary of students in responsible positions, and a number of states have hit snags because of existing conflict-of-interest laws.

For example, many legislators have asked whether students will have a conflict of interest when they vote on matter before governing bodies that they as students may have a personal interest in. Most specifically, if a student trustee is receiving a scholarship, isn't there a conflict when the board of trustees considers scholarship programs? One answer to this question was found by Michigan, which included in its student trustee bill a provision redefining conflict-of-interest so a student trustee would not be liable.

But there are many other stumbling blocks. A typical case is the state of Indiana,

Hartke's home state, where bipartisan politics, prejudice against students and reluctance on the part of the governor to surrender some appointive powers all have played a role in shaping the status of student trustees.

Last January, the Republican controlled state senate passed SB 10, the bulk of which was a hard-fought compromise between student groups advocating trustee seats and Governor Otis Bowen. The compromise called for a screening committee of four students and a representative of the governor to look over applicants and nominate five potential trustees. The governor could then either appoint one or reject all the names.

In March, the Democratic-controlled state house passed a bill calling for direct election of voting student trustees by their respective student bodies. Bowen declared he would veto any such bill, and the student groups were worried enough to endorse and lobby for the less liberal senate bill.

"Students can't even make their own decisions, let alone for the state of Indiana," argued trustee opponent Rep. Donald Lash, who reminded the House education committee of the "problems on campus" several years ago and claimed that liberal students are usually elected to campus positions — a decisive reason of why to keep students off traditionally conservative governing boards.

Whatever the final outcome of the struggle for student trustees, the Pandora's Box has been opened, and could result in a larger voice for students in college and university affairs.

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need any sugar frosting to convince people to buy.

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SPORTS



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Trackmen undefeated

The WPI Track Team had another successful week by picking up its tenth and eleventh successive wins. The victories came by defeating Tufts 93-61 and Middlebury College 108-33. Each of these wins made WPI's hopes of an undefeated season come closer.

Against Tufts a great team effort insured the win. Bob Donle picked up firsts in the long and triple jumps and surpassed his own school record with a 46' 7½ record breaking effort in the triple jumps. The meet hosted a few other excellent efforts. Alan Briggs won the mile in 4:14.8 and Chris Keenan (880), Jeff Wnek (2 mile), and Bill Komm (javelin) also turned in fine per-

formances. This victory was the first win for WPI against Tufts in over seven years.

On Saturday Middlebury fell victim to the potent WPI squad. A host of WPI winners highlighted the meet. Jon Hatch cruised to victories in the 100 and 200 yd. dashes. Bill Komm had victories in the javelin and hammer throws. Other winners included Paul Varadian (long jump), Alan Briggs (mile), Jim McKenzie (high hurdles), Chris Keenan (880), Bob Donle (triple jump), Jeff Wnek (3 mile), Terry Lee (shot), Pete Sherer (discus), Paul Fernside (440 hurdles), and Chris Owens (440).

The team hope to wrap up its undefeated season on Tuesday when it takes on Trinity College at home.

Baseball team takes doubleheader

by Bob Simon

The WPI baseball team overcame some tough breaks early in the week and came back strong to capture a doubleheader victory on Saturday.

The tough breaks occurred in last Tuesday's game with Tufts. The Engineers had freshman Peter Rowden on the mound for the first varsity start. He got off to a somewhat shaky beginning, but held Tufts to a lone run in the first inning. WPI knotted the score with Bob Simons' run-scoring single in the third. With their only defensive lapse of the game, WPI gave Tufts a run with two throwing errors following a stolen base. This kept Tufts in the game as WPI had scored again and Rowden was in complete control. The score remained 2-2 until the top of the 14th inning when Tufts pushed across two runs with three hits and a bunt. The Engineers had many chances to score previously but could not capitalize and so

they finally lost 4-2. Jim Hunter got the win for Tufts while Rowden took a tough loss.

On Saturday, WPI hosted a doubleheader with Coast Guard, and again displayed strong pitching and good defense, but this time for a winning cause.

The first game was all WPI as they started fast and continued scoring for a 10-2 victory. Jim Cullinaue's two-run homer provided the winning runs and 10 walks by Coast Guard pitchers helped pad the score. Paul Josephson went the distance for the Engineers with another strong performance.

Coast Guard scored all their runs in the first inning of the second game, breaking on top 3-0. Mike Sundberg shut the visitors off for the remainder of the game. The Engineers meanwhile could only manage two hits, but used smart base running and the wildness of Coast Guard pitchers to battle back for four runs. The game ended 4-3 as Sundberg picked up his fourth victory and the team raised their record 5-6.



Lacrosse team at 4-2

by Wino

WPI's lacrosse team upped its record to 4 wins and 2 losses since the last article. After an impressive 10-7 victory against Dean Jr. College, the team traveled to Connecticut and held on to beat the University of New Haven, 7-6.

The game against Dean Jr. saw WPI move out to a quick 5-0 lead, with Bob Fair scoring the first four goals. However, Dean countered with 2 quick goals and by half time the score was 7-3. The second half saw WPI sit nicely on its lead, working the ball well, and keeping Dean intimidated with some "good contact." The final score was 10-7, with Bob Fair collecting 6 goals, Warren Deshon 2 goals, and Ron Chan and Tim Scavone each with 1 goal.

Against New Haven, WPI got stung with 1 early goal, however, then came back with three excellent goals, 2 of which came from Roger Rowe. However, penalties and some poor judgement by the referees left the score tied at 5 by the half. In the second half WPI played some of the best defense it ever has, with an excellent job in goal by Rick Dew. Working the ball well and keeping New Haven moving WPI outscored its opponent 2-1 in the second half to emerge victorious 7-

6. This victory came from a good New Haven team who has played 14 games already. The scoring ended up with Roger Rowe and Bob Fair each with 2 goals, and Tim Scavone, Ron Chan, and Greg "Custer" Hostetler each scoring once.

Unfortunately, due to inadequacies in the present scheduling system, the University of Rhode Island forfeited to WPI on April 30 and the University of Southern Connecticut cancelled its May 3rd game. These were both home Saturday games and enabled the school to miss out on some fine lacrosse as these two teams promised to be close opponents.

No figures have yet been published, but Bob Fair is burning up the nets with 20 goals and 17 assists to be one of the strong contenders for the leading scorer in New England, as these statistics are for only 6 games.

The remainder of our schedule sees us play at Assumption Mon., May 5th and at Brandeis, Wed., May 7th. Next Saturday, May 10th, we will host Westfield St., and on Thursday, May 15th, we finish the season at home against Colby. These games promise to be good match-ups and we encourage fan support, to help us achieve an 8-2 season.

N.E. Open preps crew for Dad Vails

by Warnock

The annual New England Intercollegiate Open Regatta, held Saturday, May 3, on Lake Quinsigamond saw the Worcester area schools again racing each other as well as nearby Coast Guard, UNH, URI and Connecticut College.

W.P.I.'s women's eight beat qualified in the morning's qualifying heats as the first race of the day featured the second women's eight for non-qualifiers. By virtue of their third place finish in the heats, WPI raced in the final women's eight race. Their time of 3:25 for the 1000-meter course earned them a fifth place behind winner Connecticut College, although the winning time of 3:12 indicates how close the finish was.

Tech's freshmen eight came into the first men's race seeking revenge against two earlier victorious opponents, Amherst and Holy Cross. Although losing to Holy Cross, the freshmen clocked their best time ever for 2000 meters: 6:45 to defeat Amherst by two boat lengths. Coast Guard won their first of the day with a time of 6:34.

Two four-boats from Tech, composed of the crew from the former varsity heavyweight eight, found themselves versus University of Rhode Island. The "A" boat rowed the course in a time of 7:16 beating URI by two lengths and the "B" boat beat by several more, to win the J. Henry Meagher Memorial Cup.

Tech's lightweight eight saw themselves crossing the finish last as the fast boats of Coast Guard (winner: 6:11), URI and Connecticut College all glided across the line in under 6:20.

Coast Guard was the only double winner of the day while Holy Cross and Amherst carried home the Higgins Cup and Norton Cup, respectively, for their efforts in the second varsity heavyweight and varsity heavyweight eight races.

A freshmen and varsity four, along with a lightweight eight will travel to Philadelphia Thursday to represent WPI in the prestigious Dad Vail Regatta, the small college national championship.

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ESS — 4-0
SAP — 3-1
BOD — 2-3
104+5 — 1-3
PTG — 1-3
SPE(B) — 0-4
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"B" LEAGUE
SP — 4-0
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