

Death is the Opposite of Desire

by Mark Osborne
News Editor

I didn't see *Twelfth Night*, so I really can't compare Masque's *A Streetcar Named Desire* to any of their previous major productions (New Voices excluded). With this disclaimer duly noted, I loved *Streetcar*.

Playing in Alden Hall for four straight sellout performances, *Streetcar* brought to WPI the magic which Tennessee Williams' writing is so noted for.

From the French Quarter Nut salesmen to the live New Orleans jazz — the play was surely a memorable experience.

"Make sure you mention how great the set is... 'cause I made it," said Caleb Warner (Scenographic Designer) before the play opened.

The set was good. The main section was divided into two parts — a kitchen and bedroom. The kitchen was complete with a Coldspot refrigerator (with bottle opener attached), and the bedroom had a brass bed (which was a bit too shiny).

In addition, there was a stairway going up to an upstairs apartment. Also present was an ivy covered veranda, and a painted (professionally) wall.

The casting was excellent, and the acting good. Tony Mastromatteo turns in an ex-

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David Fraioli and Jennifer Knudsen (doctor and nurse) prepare to escort Blanche Dubois, played by Suzanne Lewis, to an insane asylum during Friday night's performance of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

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Infirmary Says WPI Mono Cases Not Unusual

by Stephen Nelson
Newspeak Staff

The past few weeks have been busy ones for the WPI infirmary. The winter snows have brought with them the annual assortment of virus' and bugs. They have also unsubstantiated. A few cases of mono have caused a bit of a scare.

"Mono," says Doctor Rudnick, the WPI medical director, "manifests itself in many different forms. It may simply be a sore throat or something more serious causing

severe drowsiness. It also causes mild inflammation of the liver and enlargement of the spleen. We have been checking people with sore throats for swelling and so have caught more cases of mono, but only five have been documented since September. Annually, 12% of college age people catch some form of mono so five cases on a campus this size is better than the national average."

This is a popular time of year for infections of the upper respiratory system. Mono

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Designer Genes Made at WPI

by Mark Osborne
News Editor

Last Thursday, WPI served as the site for a demonstration of a fully automated gene machine. The Biosearch Model 8600 DNA Synthesizer, which costs \$45,000, was used to create two short gene fragments. These will later be used by Biology and Biotechnology department faculty members for molecular biology research.

The DNA synthesizer utilizes the latest advances in the field of DNA synthesis. Through these improvements, entire genes can now be created from their base sequence alone. This means that it is possible for anyone to punch in a sequence on the machine's keypad, and for the DNA product to be produced with no user assistance.

On average, the synthesizer takes nine minutes to add one nucleotide to the end of a DNA molecule being manufactured. This means that the synthesis of long sequences takes large amounts of time. Since it is not necessary for the machine to be attended while it is functioning, persons involved with the synthesis can be doing other things in the meantime. This is a great advantage over the older fully manual models, where one or two people had to constantly supervise the operation from beginning to end.

The two salespersons from Biosearch volunteered the demonstration to show the ease of operation for the device, which they feel is superior to all others presently available.

At the present time, the WPI B+B department has one DNA synthesizer on loan from Cruachem corp, which is fully manual and only costs \$1500. Graduate student Henry Skinner has used it, and found that it did not produce sequences of high enough quality for experimental use.

The Biosearch synthesizer, which is completely microprocessor controlled, can create a gene sequence of up to 170 nucleotides in length. This sequence can then be used for a variety of other experiments.

The two B+B faculty members who were actively involved in the demonstration, David Adams and Rene Herrera, will use the pieces of DNA, called oligomers, for use in their research. Though the specific areas of their research overlap, the uses they have planned for the synthetic oligomers differ.

Adams will use the sequence as a primer, or starter sequence, to be used for production of messenger RNAs, which are used by cells to make protein molecules.

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Competency Examination Results

Dept.	Total Exams Given	Total Number AD	Percent AD	Total Passed AC&AD	Percent Passed AC&AD	Total Exams Given	Percent AD	Percent Passed AC&AD
BB	1	1	100%	1	100%	5	40%	100%
CM	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
CH	3	0	0%	3	100%	8	38%	75%
CE	1	0	0%	1	100%	1	0%	100%
CS	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
EE	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
HU	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
ID	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
MG	0	—	—	—	—	2	0%	100%
MA	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
ME	28	4	14%	16	57%	39	10%	74%
PH	4	0	0%	3	75%	2	0%	50%
SST	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
TOTAL	37	5	14%	24	65%	57	16%	77%

In October of 1986, the total number of repeats was 8, of which 4 (50%) passed. In October of 1985, the total number of repeats was 9, of which 4 (44%) passed.

The percentage of those passing in the January, March, June, and October periods over five years is as follows:

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
January	74%	71%	72%	74%	78%	76%
March	70%	80%	73%	72%	72%	68%
June	62%	66%	69%	74%	79%	73%
October	63%	62%	62%	71%	77%	65%



Biosearch salesperson demonstrates the use of the model 8600 DNA synthesizer to WPI's Dave Adams.

PHOTO BY MARK OSBORNE, NEWS EDITOR

EDITORIAL

LETTERS

Thanks A Lot

Thanksgiving is an American tradition with an out-of-date purpose. Thanking God for a plentiful harvest just doesn't cut it anymore.

There aren't a whole lot of farmers left in this country. And a plentiful crop just means that the price they can charge is less (supply goes up, demand goes down).

Few of the people that celebrate Thanksgiving are farmers, and some don't believe in God. So who do they thank? For what are they thankful? How does eating mass quantities of food relate to it all? It seems that the purpose of Thanksgiving has changed.

During the past few weeks, there's been a guy sitting in the wedge with a sign that reads: "Thesis of the Day: Everyone should spend Thanksgiving with a family," or something like that.

This is what's left of Thanksgiving, what is important about Thanksgiving, what the first Thanksgiving should have taught us.

Whether it is a biological family or a "family for a day", it's a pretty good feeling (one to be thankful for) to sit down and have a meal with a family. It's a real bummer to spend Thanksgiving alone.

On the first Thanksgiving, the American Pilgrims and American Indians shared a feast. They had it right the first time. Segregation into restricted family gatherings happened later.

Bringing a total stranger home to your family, or dropping in on a stranger's family, some might think, would take away the importance of family reunion. After all, Thanksgiving is one of the few times that many families get together.

Actually, a Thanksgiving guest can bring a family closer together through the sharing of a new experience. It turns a "pretty good feeling" about the day into a great feeling. (It makes for more interesting conversation too.)

So, if you had planned to spend Thanksgiving alone or have room for another chair at your table on Thanksgiving, do something about it.

That "guy in the wedge" is Gary McCaslin of the WPI Campus Ministries and the First Baptist Church. Talk to him today. If you miss him, call Newspeak at 793-5464. Make this Thursday a special day for you and someone else. You'll thank yourself, and your family will thank you.

I'd Rather Watch Sitcoms

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter in last week's Newspeak by L. Moore. After a discussion with Mr. Moore, I decided to write this letter in able to interpret an underlying theme of his letter. It is my interpretation that apathy is a major problem here at WPI. The lack of response to the showing of *Insatiable* at this campus is just one demonstration of the way much of this school feels towards taking a stand on issues. Being at college, students are much more concerned with their courses than with spending time concerning themselves with contemporary issues (I know I am). But the fact remains that we are going to be graduating and spending the next forty years or so deciding the fate of our country's technological development as engineers. Therefore we must be educated in contemporary issues.

As a prime example of apathy at WPI I will take myself. I don't read the newspaper and would rather watch sit-coms than the 6 o'clock news. People like myself are going to be out in the real world - clueless as to what's going on. As future engineers we must pay attention to current events and the social concerns of the community and country. I'm not saying that everyone or even most are apathetic. I have no proof of that. As of the writing of this article I have heard of the forming of a group to try to stop the showing of *Insatiable* and I commend them. In conclusion, I hope that those of us who are concerned with only themselves and not with the community, realize the implications of their actions and perhaps try to become more socially aware and active.

Ron Skoletsky '89

COMMENTARY

My View from the Fourth Estate What's In A Name?

by Joshua Smith
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It takes a lot of expertise to become president of an organization. President Reagan is an expert on charisma. President Strauss is an expert in control. It seemed as though both presidents had been very successful, and that they knew what they were doing; then, out of the blue, both dived head-first into stupidity. President Reagan traded arms for hostages. President Strauss suggested we change the name of WPI. Was there a full moon last week?

I have been trying to figure out why President Strauss would suggest such a thing (it's easy to explain Reagan, he's old, real old,) but to no avail. I suppose it could have been a joke, or perhaps someone slipped a funny mushroom in his salad at lunch. Nothing about the proposal makes sense. For instance, why propose the change at a faculty meeting? Wouldn't a stupid change like that require approval from the Board of Trustees? Why now? What would prompt Strauss to make this suggestion in the middle of B-term? Everyone knows that if you want a radical proposal to pass, you should submit it at the last faculty meeting in D-term, when the faculty will pass anything just so they can get home in time for dinner.

I bet this is tied to the fifty-two zillion dollar fund drive to raze Alden hall, put up parking lots near Kaven Hall, and finish omniturfing the swimming pool. People won't contribute enough money, so Strauss figured he could fool them into thinking they were giving money to a different school. Or if he was clever enough, he could make them think they were giving money to a corporation - a capital investment. To engineer such a plan, he would, of course, have to come up with some really nifty names:

Worcester Institute of Technology (WIT). This one wasn't my idea, but I like it.

Central Massachusetts Undergraduate Technological Institute (CMUTI). It's a bit long, but it fits the films they show on campus Sunday nights.

Depraved Engineering Community (DEC). This is the bait-and-switch tactic. It's hard enough to distinguish between DEC and WPI as is, the change could only simplify matters.

Massachusetts Institute for Science Hopelessly Mixing in Arbitrary Studies of the Humanities (MISHMASH). Let's be realistic, this is what Strauss really wants, right? I heard a rumor that there's been a discussion of a humanities major. Get real.

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Letters Policy

WPI Newspeak welcomes letters to the editor. Letters submitted for the publication should be typed (double-spaced) and contain the typed or printed name of the author as well as the author's signature. Letters should contain a phone number for verification. Students submitting letters to the editors should put their class year after their name. Faculty and staff should include their full title. Letters deemed libelous or irrelevant to the WPI community will not be published.

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Boo-bö the Stick Figure by Brian Freeman

A story so far...

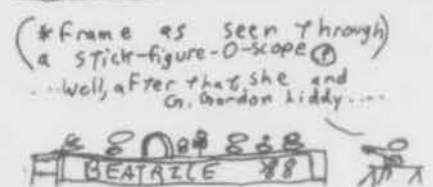
The great feast of Portmandeaus approaches spiffily. Sadmissly, Peter Gabriel is unable to make brunch. Instead, he sends his regards with his proxy, Piglet...



The fabjous day begins early, before the first Watch. Had this been the Sunday of cheap-easy puns, it would have commenced after the second clock...



In the event, the host gathers around the bards to watch them sing, make mappy, gyre a bit, and spread scandalous rumors about phyllis shaeffterly...



And finally, the ceremonial Vorpel-snacking of a Tofu-bloch Jabberwock with a cricket paddle, to be garnished with Jub-Jub bird fondate and Bander-snatch bruffins.... Kum...



... Fourth

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Worcester Pyrotechnic Institute (WPI). I hear the guys down at Sig Pi are really pulling for this one. It's major benefit would be that the bookstore wouldn't have to return it's inventory of sweat-shirts.

Polytechnic Lamentation of an Abandoned Naivety (PLAN). That's what this school is all about; just ask Admissions.

Institute for Qualifying Projects (IQP). This one isn't mine either, but it gets the point across.

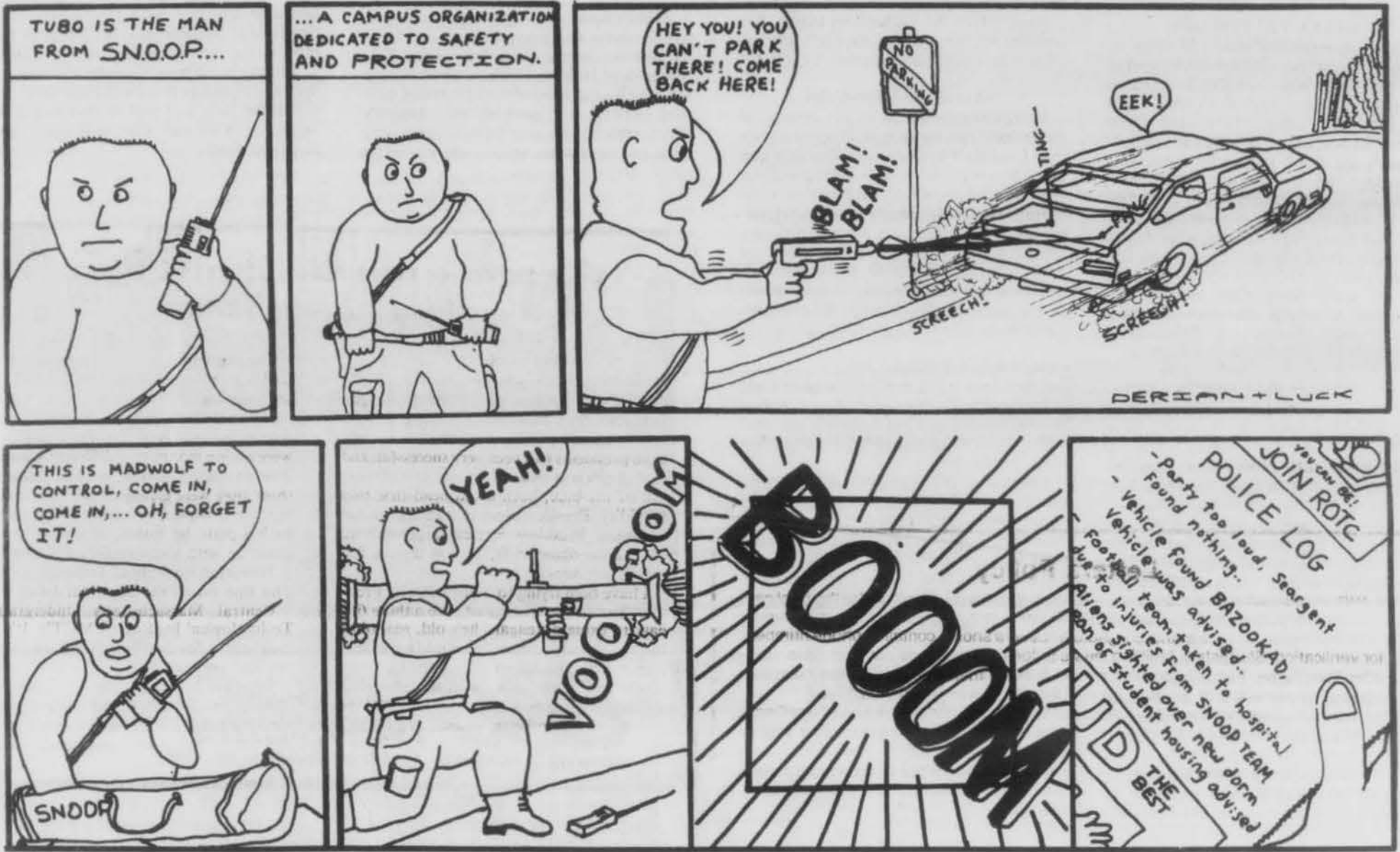
But seriously folks. A president with as good a record as Strauss' just doesn't propose things like a change in the name of the school. I'm sure he was taken out of context. The press has a terrible habit of doing that.

My guess is that Strauss was pointing out that the name of the school should not stand as a barrier to change. There's no reason why a Polytech can't have non-technical programs. Or perhaps he meant something else (I wasn't at the faculty meeting, I find it too hard to sit through them without laughing.)

In one regard he's right. The name

shouldn't keep WPI from changing. Common sense should keep WPI from changing. This school has been through enough change for one decade. Let's sit back and let things settle in before we change anything else.

Institute Rd. by Sean Luck and Dave Derian



WPI Honored for Architectural Design

WPI's Founders Hall Dormitory received one of thirteen special citations for the most outstanding educational architecture in the nation from business magazine American School & University.

The university's addition was among 106 designs published in the fourth annual Architectural Portfolio awards issue which honored exemplary facilities and their design teams. Earl R. Flansburgh & Associates, Inc. of Boston, MA designed the facility.

"The architects mastered a common design seen in this year's winners. The facility with its warm atmosphere, invites large gatherings of students and neighbors," said Dorothy Wright, editor of American School & University.

Architectural firms were invited to submit projects for judging by a five-member jury on both their effectiveness as institutions and their designs. The 106 published projects were selected as outstanding. Of the thirteen citation winners, the two finest projects received \$1,000 cash awards.

American School & University magazine is the monthly business publication serving educational administrators nationwide. It is the only publisher of award-winning educational designs.

Greek Corner

ALPHA CHI RHO

The brothers of Alpha Chi Rho would like to wish you all a good Thanksgiving break. Our own Thanksgiving meal, attended by 70 brothers and pledges, put us in the holiday mood early. We would like to thank our Chef, Norma Abney, for another great holiday meal. We would also like to thank Sig Pi for helping with the tables and chairs.

We hope you all had fun at our back to back parties: the Barn Blast and the Pajama Party. Pledging is going well, the 23 pledges are still in the dark and have not even come close to a successful break. They are improving in football, however. Lastly, I would like to thank Gary Goodell for his literary efforts, and Sean Sweeney for his work in the basement. Hey Ope, are you out of bed?

DELTA PHI EPSILON

Liza, you mean that wasn't Mike on the phone?? Good luck to the women's basketball team in the Worcester City Tournament this weekend. Show 'em how it's done, Kathy O. and Mur!! Joan, had enough champagne? Knock, knock. Which way is Clark? Where's the Pub? Deb, where was your roommate on Friday until 7:00 AM? Marianne—what about your Cabbage Patch? Ransom note on the way Jumpin' Jack Flash!!! Hey Maria, what do you want to do THIS weekend?? Nice roses, Jen! Where'd they come from?? Pledges—did you like the study break from the seniors?? Reminder: All pledges will meet in the Lower Wedge with Panhell on Wednesday November 19, 1986 to discuss Rush.

PHI GAMMA DELTA

The brothers would like to thank Blaze for finding the kindness in his heart to turn on the heat a few days early. There will be, of course, an extra \$5 on everyone's house bill for every extra day the heat's on to help defer the cost of Sharon's Christmas gifts.

The house would also like to thank Kirk for giving the brothers the assurance that the whole house could be woken up at five in the morning in case there was ever an emergency. I'm sure we will all rest at ease now.

Fiji sports wasn't too active this week except for the selection of un-athlete of the week going to Mr. Inverted Lats, Skip. The annual Pledge/Brother football game and Thanksgiving dinner was held at the Gam this week with the traditional outcome of the game being a crushing defeat for the pledges.

PHI SIGMA SIGMA

Thanks to all those who attended the Parents' Day Reception and the Founder's

Day dinner. The turnouts were exceptional. Marie, are you going to hold fraternity ed refresher classes soon? Congratulations to Cheryl, Kris "Pledge" Szwaya, and the rest of the merge crew for completing the journey to New Haven, despite hazardous driving conditions.

Last Friday brought some very happy hours. If ATO is going to provide a shuttle service for future hours, greater seating capacity is required. To Heather and Heather: the object of most conventional raids is not to get caught.

Reminders: Get your bowlathon money to Sharon, ASAP. DJR will be in the wedge Dec. 1, from 11 to 2:00. Open Social Comm. meeting at the house on Sun., Nov. 30, at 8:00. Basketball Game tonight! Be There!

Great job on Pre-Turkey Day Dinner, Sue and Jen A. There are ten days left. Do you have a date yet? Have a great T-Day!

TAU KAPPA EPSILON

First, congratulations to our intramural basketball team on their brilliant 38-22 win over Lambda!! In other news, fantastic toga party Saturday. Associates, good psyche on the raid and on the Christmas tree. Congratulations to the twenty girls who received Little Sister bids last week. Everybody have a great Thanksgiving Break and get ready to wind up the term. By the way Bill, let us know when you reach critical pressure so we can evacuate. Finally, we also beat Lambda in basketball 38-22!!!

THETA CHI

There was much zeal on Tuesday night when the pledges stormed the house, played beverage games, and lost the indoor snowball fight. Good job guys, you'll have to do that again sometime.

Congratulation to Jeff McLane on a very quick completion of his book. Don't worry about Scooby, he'll forgive you by next year. And Tom, your neck is looking much better these days.

The 2nd Annual Theta Chi Beach Party on November 14, turned out even better than its debut last year. Thanks to everyone who put in all the extra effort to make this an exceptional party.

B-Team bowling is holding their own, with their latest win 3-1 over Sig Ep.

Our Thanks to Dean Grogan for taking time to come down and have dinner with us on Thursday night.

And finally, a word to the wise, it's more than just a concert, it's a quest for a wristband.

Pauer Wins Outstanding Sophomore Award

Brett A. Pauer, ME '89, was chosen to receive the Outstanding Sophomore Award. The award, given by Tau Beta Pi, recognizes the member of the sophomore class who most exemplifies the qualities of distinguished scholarship and exemplary character. Tau Beta Pi is the National Engineering Honor Society.

In addition to his exceptional academic performance, Brett is also involved in Air Force ROTC, acts as Assistant Rush Chairman for Sigma Pi Fraternity, is Publicity Chairman for ASME, and is a member of the Pistol Club.

The award was presented to Brett at Tau Beta Pi's Fall Initiation Banquet held at Alberts' on November 21st.

Genes

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Herrera, however, will not use his sequence in this way. Herrera's research involves the sequencing of genes for small nuclear RNAs, molecules which function in the processing of RNA within the nucleus of animal cells. The oligonucleotide will be used as a probe, a radioactive matching molecule. The sequence, which is 33 nucleotides long, will stick to DNA that has an area complementary (has the same sequence) to that of the oligonucleotide. In this way, genes identical to the sequence of the oligonucleotide will "light up" after chemically matching them together. This process of "lighting up" involves the radioactive sequence coming in

contact with X-ray film, and causing a dark area to appear on the film corresponding to the area where the gene is located.

Though both Herrera and Adams have had need of the oligonucleotides produced by the demonstration for some time, they do not feel that the B+B department would be served by the purchase of such a machine. Said department head Joseph Bagshaw, "It's \$1500 worth of plumbing and \$40,000 worth of electronics."

Herrera concurs with Bagshaw's feelings about the machine. "I just don't think that we'd really need to use it often enough for it to be worth all of that money," he said.

Club Corner

FENCING CLUB

With the gallumph of warm footfall did the WPI Fencing Club let their vorporous blades go snicker-snack upon a stunned opponent or two. Their first match, away, at Brown on 11/8 against Vassar and Brown left a few reviewable memories wrought from (varsity) teams equal and above our being. From our galaxy of competitors, the teams that outshined a bit more were in the EPEE team with their 7-2 win over Brown. A comment caught by quiet ears from the vanquished called them "the EPEE team from hell for an onslaught that Grace of Providence could only watch with intrigue. Everyone else in our worthy teams also put up a fine show of steely skill. Our next match is November 22 at Harvard.

HILLEL

Hillel's Sunday morning bagel brunch was a big success with many students and faculty members present. Prof. Tuler spoke about the basis of Hillel and club members discussed possible activities with Clark Hillel, holiday parties, and some notable speakers. Three committees were formed: liaison, project, and newsletter. Anyone who missed the

brunch and wants info on Hillel can contact Jeff Gornstein at 793-8569 or Sharon Salant at 793-8744.

AIR FORCE ROTC

On 11 Nov 86, AFROTC Det. 340 participated in the Veterans' Day Parade in Worcester, MA. Marching through the downtown area, the entire Corps was accompanied by the local NROTC & AROTC units. Also present were several groups such as the American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars. Tanks and other mobile artillery units were driven by the Worcester National Guard. Junior ROTC units marched in the inclement weather as well. The parade was a success as people came out and watched the parade during the cold & snowy weather!

To accompany this event Det. 340 presented two POW/MIA flags to Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the College of the Holy Cross. Sponsored by the AAS James T. Murray Squadron, President Strauss of WPI and President Brooks of Holy Cross accepted the flags and told us they would be flown on Veterans' Day and other appropriate times.



President Strauss accepts POW/MIA flag from AFROTC Cadets.

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PC-WRITE TECH NOTE, CONT.

In last week's OAC newsletter (V.14, N.25), a tech note about PC-Write PR.DEF files explained the modifications necessary for proper print justification using the latest version, v. 2.7. Directions were given for the removal of the following lines from your PR.DEF file:

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$32 = 32
$250 = 32
$255 = 32
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In place of the deleted lines, a \$G should have been added to the file.

As many of you may have experienced, proper justification of your printed file may not have resulted. What was neglected in last week's tech note was a third requirement needed for proper justification. Unlike the past versions of PC-Write, the ruler that defines the attributes of your text (such as indentation, page width, etc.) must be *embedded* in the file prior to the text it defines.

To embed a ruler into a file, first move the cursor to the location you want the ruler to reside at. Use the F2 function key to display the ruler. After making any changes to the ruler attributes, *embed* the ruler by pressing the F4 function key. Press F2 again to hide the changeable ruler, and what results is a permanent ruler with the familiar alt G-dot command prefix inserted in your file. Justified text will now print correctly with these modifications.

UTILITIES OF THE WEEK

This week OAC is offering four small batch utilities that can be used to enhance the operation of your batch files. Called "WAIT", "WAITTIME", "QUERY", and "SIGNAL", these batch commands can be included in your batch file in the same way standard batch commands are.

WAIT halts the execution of a batch program for three seconds while displaying a time countdown on the screen. After three seconds have passed, execution of the batch continues as usual. This is useful for adding a "break point" to a batch program, allowing the user a time period to break out of the batch if desired.

WAITTIME is similar to wait, but the batch program returns to execution at a specified time of day relative to the system clock. The time that execution continues as well as the current system time are shown with two clocks displayed on the screen. The return to execution time is limited to 24 hours, since no reference to system date is used.

QUERY will pause execution and ask a yes or no question about continuing or quitting the batch process. The program waits for a Y or N key to be typed, ignoring any input from all other keys.

SIGNAL not only pauses the execution of the batch and puts a continue message on the screen, but signals the pause by emitting a repeating string of beeps from the audio system of the PC. This is useful for long batch jobs, where a user may want to perform another task (perhaps at another desk across the room) while the batch is being executed. The audio signal lets you know when keyboard input is required.

There are more of these batch utilities available, and a complete set can be copied onto one floppy disk at OAC User Services.

TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

OAC is offering weekly tutorials on the AT&T PC and associated software packages. The tutorials are held in Olin Hall, room 205, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM everyday EXCEPT Tuesdays, which are held from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. No tutorials will be held this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Upcoming topics:

Tues. Dec. 2 Turbo Pascal Intro.
Wed. Dec. 3 Turbo Graphix Toolbox
Mon. Dec. 8 Eight Public Domain Programs

Tues. Dec. 9 Kermit v. 2.29
Wed. Dec. 10 GEM Draw

Handouts are available at most tutorials. A brief outline of material covered at each tutorial is available at OAC User Services. Everyone is welcome to attend!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Office of Academic Computing would like to wish the faculty, staff, and students a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

SPORTS

WPI Women Take Tip-Off Tournament Cindy Perkins Scores 1,000th Point

by Peter Yap
Sports Editor

The WPI Women's basketball team opened its 1986-87 season by winning the Worcester Tip-Off Tournament. Cindy Perkins' shot with 9:05 left in the game versus Clark pushed her career total over 1,000 points.

WPI, who beat Clark last season to win the Tip-Off Tournament, finished last season with a 13-11 record. WPI Coach Naomi Graves said of this year's team, "We don't have an exceptionally tall team but we hope to make up for that with speed and quickness and by making greater use of the fast break."

The Engineers' first opponent of the 1986 season was Anna Maria. Anna Maria played the first five minutes of the game as if they weren't there, while WPI streaked out to a 10-0 lead. The Amcats cut down on their offensive mistakes and used their height advantage to cut the WPI lead to 13-10. WPI, on the strength of Perkins' inside game and Cathy Murray's quickness, opened a 37-27 halftime lead.

WPI calmly pulled away from the Amcats in the second half. The outside shooting and pesky defense of Jody Normandin helped produce WPI's first eight points. With WPI

leading 59-42 and seven minutes left to play, "garbage time" was quickly approaching. WPI beat Anna Maria 67-48 and set up a meeting with Clark for the Championship.

Against Clark, WPI used the perimeter shot and quickness to jump out to a 10-6 lead. The height and strength of Clark's Marina Giolas and Tara McGuire helped tie the score at 14. WPI's quickness to the ball dominated as the Engineers jumped to a 41-36 halftime lead.

The lead was short lived as Clark fought back to a 42-42 tie. WPI's offense came from Debbie Carelli, as she scored eight points to keep WPI close. Setting the stage for Perkins' 1,000th point of her career at 9:05 of the second half. WPI still had a game to win as they trailed 63-62 with a 1:50 left to play. Perkins came through in the clutch with two key offensive rebounds and six points to help WPI beat Clark 68-67 and win the Tip-Off Tournament in exciting manner. **NOTES:** A moment of silence was observed and black shoulder bands were worn by the WPI Engineers in memory of teammate Carolyn McCabe... Also reaching 1,000 point plateau was Clark's Marina Giolas... Cindy Perkins and Cathy Murray were named to the All-Tournament Team.



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Ken Willis goes up for a jumper over Chris Brunone in last Monday's Maroon and Gray Game. The game is an annual event with all proceeds going to the Olsen Memorial Fund.

Men's Basketball Takes Second In Worcester Tournament

by Jim Barry

The WPI Men's Basketball Team opened their 1986-87 season on a positive note last

Friday night with a decisive 99-76 win over Worcester State College. The game opened the annual Worcester Tip-off Tournament held at Clark University this year.

As can be expected in the first game of the season, both clubs started sluggishly, exchanging baskets for the first five minutes and were tied at nine at the fifteen minute mark. This was when WPI took control. In the next ten minutes, the Engineers outscored State by a 32 to 10 margin. This run was a real team effort with all players contributing. Dan Siovi and Mike Skyes came off the bench to combine for several strong moves inside. Paul Libas also hit three consecutive jumpers from 18 feet during his stint.

A super first half was turned in by Chris Brunone (13 points, 10 rebounds) and Bill McCullen (16 points). WPI finished the half leading 46-33.

Early in the second half, Worcester State challenged WPI, cutting the Engineers lead to seven points with 17 minutes remaining. WPI then broke the scoring open again, led by a trio of three point shots by McCullen that came within a four minute period. The Engineers cruised to a twenty-three point victory and to the much awaited matchup with Clark in the tournament final on Saturday night.

McCullen led all scorers with a career high 36 points and Chris Brunone had his best game as an Engineer with 24 points and 16 rebounds.

In the tournament final on Saturday, Clark started quickly and jumped out to a 7-0 lead. WPI, however, came to life midway through the first half and stormed back to take a 25-23 lead with nine minutes remaining. McCullen scored thirteen of his team high twenty points during this run.

The two teams remained close, and with ten seconds left in the half, Brunone made a strong inside move that sent the Engineers to the locker room with a 39-38 half-time lead.

Things would not go so well for the Engineers in the second half. The team only trailed Clark by five points with twelve minutes remaining. However, a four point play by Kermit Sharp sealed the win for Clark with four minutes to play. The final score was 101-85. Solid performances were put in by Mike McCourt and Ken Willis, each with 14 points. Both McCullen and Brunone were named to the all-tournament team.

The Engineers' next game will be at home on December 2 at 8:00 p.m. against Babson.

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Patrick Brennan attempts to light Blanche Dubois' cigarette before she seduces him on Friday night.

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cellent performance as Stanley Kowalski. Suzanne Lewis is memorable as Blanche Dubois, Stanley's sister-in-law.

The rest of the cast is well balanced, and gives a very impressive performance throughout. Mary Kendrick as Stella Kowalski, Stanley's pregnant wife, Nancy Kuran as Eunice Hubbel, the owner of the apartment the Kowalski's rent, John Whyte as Eunice's husband.

Susan Vick, who directed *Streetcar*, and Mary Kendrick, the executive producer, teamed up to put on a nearly flawless production. I did not detect one flubbed line, or one missed cue.

The lighting was equally impressive, both conveying the mood exceptionally, as well as allowing all of the audience to see the action without squinting.

Patrick Brennan's part was outstanding as the young paperboy who is molested by Blanche, as was David Curry as Mitch.

The original musical score, written and performed at the Cafe Chez Lee (Lopes), gave the audience the feeling that it was there, in the French Quarter, taking it all in. Lee Lopes, along with John Franklin, Joe Pisano, and Rob Provost performed all the pieces exceptionally well.

The first act introduces Blanche Dubois as Stella Kowalski's older and unmarried sister. She has come to New Orleans from Laurel, Mississippi, to stay with Stella and her "unrefined" husband, Stanley.

Blanche is unimpressed by the conditions she finds her sister living in. "Only Edgar Allen Poe could give it justice," she remarked; while Stella apologizes, "When it's clean, it's nice."

Stella is very much in love with Stanley, which Blanche finds hard to believe. She cannot understand that Stella feels that material possessions are not all-important.

Blanche reveals that she has "lost" the family mansion, and has taken a leave of absence from her teaching position. She speaks of the troubles she has left behind, including a number of family members which died. Commenting on the costly coffins for their burial, "What gorgeous boxes they pack them away in." "The grim reaper put up his tent on our door... Belle Rev (the mansion) was his headquarters."

Blanche meets Mitch, Stanley's best friend and war buddy, and they are immediately attracted to each other. Blanche presents

herself as Stella's younger, and more refined sister. "I'm not married... I'm just an old maid school teacher," Blanche says.

Stanley and Stella have a fight after a poker game, which terrifies Blanche, who then wants to take Stella and leave New Orleans. "In my opinion, you're married to a madman," she reveals. Blanche cannot understand that Stella does not want to leave. It's not love, "What you're talking about is desire, just like that streetcar." Blanche continues to insult Stanley, he's "ape-like — like pictures in an anthropological magazine... Stanley is a survivor of the stone age."

The relationship between Stella and Stanley, once filled with love and emotion, seems to deteriorate throughout the time which Blanche is present. Stanley repeats to Stella several times during the play that things will be better once Blanche is gone.

Blanche continues to work on Mitch, who is quite enamored with her by this time. Blanche is worried about her reputation, however, and the advances Mitch is making toward her sexually. "I haven't been too good the last two years," she says. "A girl over thirty is supposed to put-out."

At this point, the audience sees Blanche as a sincere, yet troubled woman, who may have had more than her share of problems in the past few years. This impression changes quickly, however, as Blanche accosts the paperboy one afternoon when he comes to collect his pay. "Young... Young... Young man!... You look like a young prince from the Arabian Nights!" After the episode ends, Blanche says to herself, "I've got to keep my hands off children!" This completes the first act.

The second act opens with Mitch and Blanche returning from an evening out. Blanche has not had a good time, and is despondent. "The lady must entertain the gentleman... or no dice," she laments. Mitch, it appears, is falling in love, and asks to kiss her. Blanche responds with more seemingly puritanical restraint, "A girl must keep a hold on her emotions or she will surely be lost," but continues to flirt. Mitch eventually catches on to her flirtation and moves in, only to be violently rebuffed.

Later in the scene, Blanche reveals the details of her first marriage, which up to this point have been sketchy at best. When she was 16 years old she fell very much in love (continued on page 8)

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ACCEPTED SALARY STATISTICS OFFERED

Disciplines	Median Monthly/Yrly.	% Median Inc/Dec. Over 1985	Average Monthly/Yrly.	Salary Averages Monthly/Yrly.
All Departments	\$2,285/27,420	+ €2.9	\$2,196/26,352	\$2,216/26,592
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(*Chemistry, Physics)				
Math	\$2,125/25,500	0	\$2,227/26,724	\$2,176/26,124
Civil Engineering	\$2,000/24,000	+ 5.0	\$1,938/23,256	\$1,990/23,880
Computer Science	\$2,333/27,996	+ 4.3	\$2,373/28,476	\$2,353/28,224
Electical Engineering	\$2,458/29,496	+ 2.3	\$2,425/29,100	\$2,435/29,220
Management Eng., Management Computer Science, and Management	\$2,340/28,080	+ 5.8	\$2,291/27,492	\$2,262/27,144
Mechanical Engineering	\$2,350/28,200	+ 3.4	\$2,303/27,636	\$2,326/27,912

*Chemistry & Physics — no valid salary information

Department	Positions Accepted	Graduate School	Military Service	Still Looking	Undecided	Unreported	Totals
BB	3	5.5	0	4	0	0	12.5
CM	27	7	3	2	0	2	41
CH	2	5	1	4	0	3	15
CE	27	8	2	3	0	8	48
CS	27	1	1	2	0	3	34
EE	115	16	7	27	0	12	177
MG	1	0	0	1	0	5	7
MGC	6	1	0	1	0	1	9
MGE	21	2	1	13	0	3	40
MA	5	0	0	2	0	3	10
ME	82	25	6	25	3	11	152
PH	4*	4	0	2	0	1	11
MISC**	4	.5	0	0	0	1	5.5
TOTALS	324	75.0	21	86	3	53	562.0

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As Drinking Ages Rise, Campus Fake IDs Increase

(CPS) — If the events of recent weeks are any measure, the laws that have pushed up the minimum legal drinking age to 21 in many states have resuscitated an old campus art form: manufacturing fake identification cards.

For example, two weeks ago police charged 21 East Carolina University students here with 45 counts of counterfeiting drivers' licenses and selling them to people younger than the legal drinking age of 21. Police believe some of the false IDs, configured to

look like Vermont driver's licenses, were sold to high school students.

Police began the investigation when one of the counterfeit licences was found on the construction site of a new EUC classroom building.

At Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., a student newspaper study found students saying it was still easy to buy liquor, regardless of their age. The most common (continued on page 7)

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Central Massachusetts Institute of Technology?

God has call waiting.

Hillel - Get psyched!

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University of Published Papers and Funded Research?

Something old, Somthing new, Something borrowed, Something blue, Wann ist die Heirat, Shane? Bitte, lad mich ein! CQ SS CQ SS CQ SS de Wisky 1 Yankee Kilo

Funded University of College Knowledge?

Sean, I heard what you said but I didn't hear exactly what it was. So Jack, we missed you at the first Omniturf football game. Eaten much Rice lately? See ya at Cheers & Beers on Thurs. - Captain Omniturf and friends.

Salisbury University?

Thanks AXP - N.G.

Shane, come back! Et toi, mon cher, your pillow made such a comfortable pillow! Salisbury Hill Institute of Technology?

George, wanna play leggo's? I miss you - Kathy.

Phil, If you feel you must insult Brad (even though it IS him) then its your attitude acting up again!!

University of Omniturf?

Dorks of the world, unite, become a smelly wedge rat!!!!!!

Hey Hosebag, was that a good bedtime story, or what???? I never knew they could do that with a cucumber.....

University of Act-Before-You-Think?

To the man that knows that it is him, why don't you go get bent!!!!

Bob, Why can't we just go out like normal people?

Institute of Parking Technology?

To B.A., How's the snow bunny from St. V's????? You go get bent too!!!! But what do we call our football team? The HUMANITARIANS?

... Fake IDs

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method was using falsified driver's licenses or college IDs.

"False IDs are a lot more widespread now because students who have been allowed to drink for the past two years now can't do it," says Parthenon editor Burgetta Eplin.

"And few students have qualms about breaking law because few of them agree with it."

West Virginia, like all the states in the union, was forced to raise its minimum drinking age from 19 to 21 by a federal law which says states that don't comply will lose millions in federal highway funds.

The first wave of new state laws went into effect in 1984. West Virginia's became effective in July, 1986.

As of August, only eight states and the District of Columbia had refused to raise their legal drinking ages.

In the rest of the union, colleges have had to make up ways to force students — many of whom, of course, are younger than 21 — to change their drinking habits. Some have banned drinking altogether. Others have made fraternities and sororities hold dry rushes, among other measures.

But some students aren't giving up their bottles so easily.

Marshall's Eplin says one underaged student questioned in the Parthenon survey convinced an older friend to report his driver's license missing. The friend filled out the necessary paperwork, and gave it to the 19-year-old, who returned it with his own picture to the state police office.

The underaged student was issued a license with his picture and his older friend's birthdate.

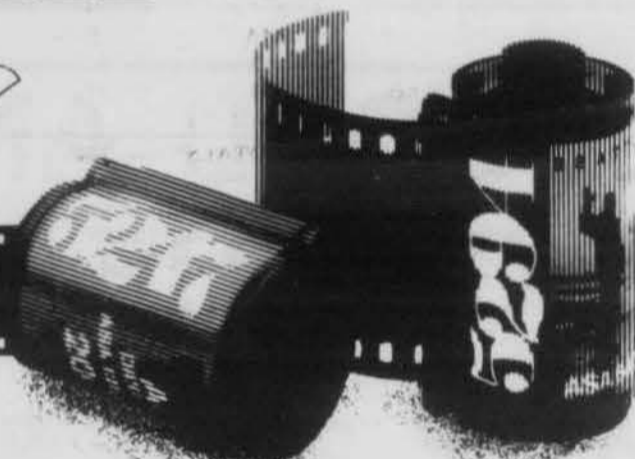
To control student drinking, Yale began issuing "drinking cards" to students who were old enough, but now some students report there's a brisk campus trade in counterfeit drinking cards, too.

One unnamed student reports some campus entrepreneurs are producing phony drinking cards, driver's licenses and other fake IDs on a personal computer, and then selling them to underaged students.

"Since September, we've had 20 or 25 cases of false IDs," says William Laughlin, public safety director at the University of Maine at Orono. "But I don't think drinking or the incidence of fake IDs are increasing."

"They were increasing several years ago, but we came down hard then and it leveled off," Laughlin says. Students using fakes can get fines up to \$500 and jail terms of up to 90 days.

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Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 30

6:30 and 9:30 p.m. - The Reel Thing, "Hannah and Her Sisters," Alden Hall, \$1.00

Tuesday, December 2

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Student Counseling Seminar, "Assert Yourself," Part III, Student Counseling Center, free

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Ecumenical Bible Study, Religious Center, 19 Schussler Road

7:30 p.m. - Cinematech Film Series, "Oliver," Alden Hall, free

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with another boy. She loved him so much, in fact, that she did not recognize the signs that he was in fact a homosexual. After finding him in bed with another man, she confronts him, and he commits suicide. "He stuck a revolver in his mouth and fired, so he blew the back of his head off."

Stanley reveals to Stella that he has found out about Blanche's past. Blanche had turned to prostitution after she "lost" Belle Rev. "She's as famous as the President, but she's not respected by any party," Stanley says. She lived in a hotel, and was later kicked out of town by the mayor.

Blanche lost her job as a school teacher because of an affair with a seventeen year old student. Stanley crushes Stella with the news that he has related all of these details to Mitch. Stanley offers the ultimatum that Blanche must leave by the next Tuesday.

Stanley gives Blanche a bus ticket for a birthday present, which she is very upset to receive.

Mitch arrives later, and he and Blanche talk of the lies she told him. "I thanked God for you because you always seemed to be gentle ... I was always true to my heart to you." Mitch is unimpressed by her explanations. Mitch complains of never seeing Blanche in the daytime, and turns on the light to see how truly old she is. Mitch is appalled and frightened. "Death is the opposite of desire," and she desires Mitch.

Mitch says that he will not marry her, but

he still wants sex from her. She successfully defends herself, and Stanley returns.

She begins to show her true mental instability here, as she invents the story of a telegram arriving, saying that she must leave to meet a rich man from Texas, with whom she will sail the Carribean.

On the night that Stella goes into the hospital to give birth to their child, Stanley confronts Blanche about the fake telegram, and then tries to seduce her by force. Blanche defends herself with a broken bottle, but strength wins out overall, and Stanley whisks off a not-so-unwilling Blanche to the bedroom.

In the final scene, Stanley is playing poker again with his buddies, and now he is winning. He knows that Blanche is leaving, and his jubillance is justified.

Blanche believes that she is being picked up by her rich friend, and Stella plays along with the role. When Blanche emerges from the bathroom, she is greeted by two employees of the local mental institution (David Fraioli and Jennifer Knudsen), who must first subdue her by force, but then lead her away quietly.

Mitch, who is playing in the poker game, attacks Stanley when he realizes what is being done.

"I have always depended on the kindness of strangers," says Blanche as she is led away.

Masque's production of *Streetcar* showed that though this is a school primarily known for its technical curriculum, the students involved with Masque have genuine talent.



A comedy connection comedian entertains the crowd in Gompei's Place on Tuesday night.

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