

# Lambda Chi Alpha to return to WPI

by Chris Freeman  
News Editor

WPI has agreed to conditionally reinstate the fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha in the first week of February. Lambda Chi Alpha is the third largest fraternity in the United States with 225 chapters and colonies with 204,000 initiates since its founding in 1909 at Boston University. Lambda Chi originally came to WPI as a Pi Zeta chapter. On June 3, 1912, it officially became Lambda Chi and it operated continuously until 1988. In that time, the chapter initiated 1223 men at WPI.

According to Kim Philipps, president of the Panhellenic Association, this return will have a positive impact on the campus. The re-opening of this chapter will "bring back a part of what's missing on campus," stated Philipps. She also stated that this fraternity provides leadership and academic support as well as services to the community both on and off campus. She feels that the reinstatement of Lambda Chi will improve alumni relations and create more support for WPI. Philipps also thought that because the fraternity had no stereotype associated with it like many other fraternities, it would be a good outlet for individuals

interested in joining but have not yet found one that meets their needs.

According to Nancy Hunter Denney, retiring Assistant Dean of Special Programs and Greek Life, the chapter was closed down by WPI in 1988 because "The chapter was not willing to change its behavior and hold itself accountable [for its actions]." Lambda Chi Alpha was banned from campus after a series of violations. One such incident involved the hazing of a pledge. The students involved were expelled from the fraternity and suspended from WPI for a term. It was decided that the students involved acted on their own volition and the fraternity took no part in it. After passing a ban on alcoholic parties, the fraternity still violated several laws that included serving to minors and collecting funds for alcohol. These parties resulted in several minor injuries and one major accident where a student was severely injured. The student involved in this accident attended a pledge party the evening of October 1, 1988 that included a keg with "self-service" cups. On the morning of Sunday, October 2, 1988, at 4:30 am, this student fell from a third story bathroom window. The stu-

dent was admitted to the UMass emergency room with a fracture to one of his lower vertebrae, a tear to a cardiac artery, and a blood - alcohol content of .240. Upon investigation, members of the fraternity stated that they would not change their practices. This final incident, along with their failure to cooperate, resulted in the banning of the fraternity from campus.

Because of the reputation that the

*"The chapter was not willing to change its behavior and hold itself accountable [for its actions]."*

*-Nancy Hunter Denney, retiring Assistant Dean of Special Programs and Greek Life*

fraternity left the campus with, concern has been raised as to whether or not the fraternity will return to the problems that it left behind five years ago. Philipps stated that those involved with the fraternity at the time will not be allowed to participate in it in any way. The fraternity will be started "from the ground up," according to Kevin O'Neill, Associate Director of Chapter Services at the National Headquarters of Lambda Chi

Alpha. Philipps stressed that this chapter of Lambda Chi will be "under new management."

Recruitment for the fraternity will start February 1st and continue through the 9th. The system of pledging is very different from most fraternities. O'Neill states, "We don't have pledges. Instead, our new members are called 'associate members.' Associate members have full rights of initiated members including voting on all chapter issues, attending meetings and holding office." The WPI Greek system is also heavily supporting the re-colonization. All three sororities are helping and lending their support during the ten day recruitment. The fraternities, according to

Philipps, are also fully behind it. IFC has agreed to create a special case for the 10 day rush that Lambda Chi Alpha is holding although this type of rush is against IFC rules.

All during recruitment week, there will be an informational table in the Wedge from 8am - 5pm. After a reception for the leaders of the Greek organizations on campus, there will be an informational session in the Lower Wedge on Monday at 7pm. Informal

and formal events are planned throughout the week. On Saturday, February 6, leaders will be selected and associate members and new members will be inducted. The rest of the ten day period will be spent on intense educational programs, committee formation, and the election of more leaders. Tuesday, February 9 will mark the first official colony meeting.

Currently, there are no plans for a fraternity house. Instead, the meeting place will most likely be at an off-campus apartment. Next year, group housing may be allocated to the fraternity. To reach chapter status, the colony must first meet 12 chaptering standards that have been established to assure that the group has a healthy base of operations. Normal colonization periods range from one to two years.

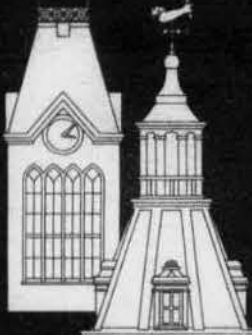
Kim Philipps stated that she would like to "urge any freshman, sophomore, or junior to take a look at it." O'Neill adds that "starting a new fraternity will be a lot of work, but for those who accept the challenge I can guarantee that it'll be worth it." Anyone interested in learning more about Lambda Chi Alpha should contact Kevin O'Neill at the fraternity's Indianapolis headquarters by calling (317) 872-8000.

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# NEWSPEAK

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## Gannon injured in Goddard Hall accident

by Joeseph Schaffer  
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On January 19, 1993, at 3:25 pm, an accident occurred in the stockroom of Goddard Hall. A student, Thomas J. Gannon, 21, was injured in the acci-

### SGA recommends social fee increase for 1993-1994

by Kevin Parker  
Editor-In-Chief

At its Tuesday, January 19 meeting SGA voted (24 - 0 with 2 abstaining) to recommend that WPI implement a fifteen dollar increase in the social fee for the 1993-1994 school year. This would represent the first social fee increase in four years.

The motion, brought by Ray Bert on behalf of Cory Jobe, who was unable to attend, supports an increase in the fee from \$75 to \$90 to raise

dent, which was due to an unexpected reaction of nitric acid and chemical contaminants in a glass bottle. The reaction caused the capped bottle to burst, launching shards of glass. Gannon received lacerations to the abdomen and some burns on the hands.

more money for WPI Class III organizations. SGA, Newspeak, SocComm, Peddler, Pathways, Lens and Lights and SMART/SADD are designated Class III, as groups which provide a major service to the whole WPI community.

The money from the Social Fee currently makes up a percentage of the funds used for Class III. The balance for Class III, and funding for the remainder of SGA-funded groups, comes directly from tuition. Cur-

(See Social Fee page 9)

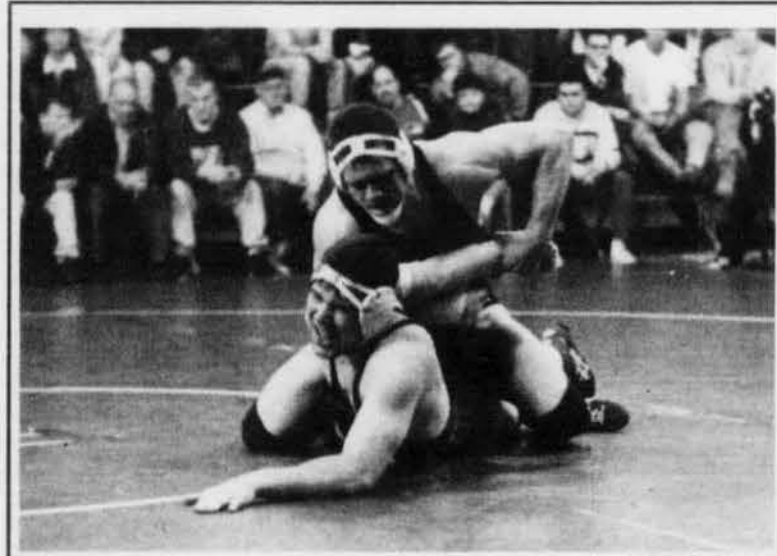
He was treated and released from Hahnemann. Gannon, senior chemistry major, is doing well and should make a full recovery.

Gannon was in the process of disposing nitric acid, which was contained in a 600 ml beaker. He placed the beaker, which contained about 200 ml of acid, in the vent hood, intending to dispose of it as hazardous waste. He found a 4 liter glass jug on a table next to the hood. Seeing that it was labeled as an organic solvent and that it ap-

peared to be empty, he funneled the acid into it. After putting the cap on the bottle, he removed his gloves and goggles. Looking for a pen to write the hazardous waste label with, he backed away from the hood about five to six feet. He then saw the reaction taking place within the jug and he turned his face away from the hood. The jug ruptured from the pressure of the gas produced in the reaction. He then ran into the restroom to wash his face, not noticing that glass shards had cut him.

Dave Messier, WPI safety officer, was coming down the hall towards the stockroom. He said, "It [the "explosion"] sounded like a shotgun blast." When Messier reached Gannon in the restroom, the blood had started to soak through his flannel shirt. The other stockroom worker called EMS as Messier started first aid by applying pressure to the wound. EMS personnel continued pressure and administered oxygen. Gannon was hospital-

(See Goddard page 6)



BYRON RAYMOND

John Roy pins his opponent on January 23 in a meet featuring WPI, Trinity/Williams/Wentworth. Wrestling news page 3.

### Open Blue Ribbon Task Force meeting not reported to students

*Ed. note: Once again we must print a letter addressed to the "WPI community" that was not sent to students. While we do not mind printing letters such as this, we do hope that those who send these letters would remember that the "WPI community" is composed MOSTLY of students. While an ad for the meeting does appear in this paper, there is no reason to make us wait two weeks after this letter was dated for the information.*

TO: WPI Community

January 12, 1993

FROM: Blue Ribbon Task Force

Provost Diran Apelian, (Chair)  
Vice President Robert W. Gailey  
Dean Emeritus William R. Grogan (Secretary)  
Prof. Raymond R. Hagglund  
Trustee Peter H. Horstmann (Vice-Chair)  
Mr. Cory R. Jobe

Trustee M. Howard Jacobson (Ex-Officio)  
Prof. Robert L. Norton  
Trustee John M. Nelson (Ex-Officio)  
Prof. Albert Sacco, Jr.  
Prof. Helen G. Vassallo  
Ms. Margaret G. Wismer

The Blue Ribbon Task Force started its deliberations in the Spring of 1992 and, after the summer recess, many of our colleagues - faculty, staff and students - have worked arduously in sub-committees to gather and analyze data. For example, some subcommittees undertook an extensive bench marking analyses under the leadership of Prof. Helen Vassallo, while other subcommittees addressed a variety of financial stress points under the leadership of Prof. Ray Hagglund. The Task Force itself is discussing a visionary projection or megatrend view of societal needs 15 years downstream and WPI's future academic role.

We would like to report our progress to date. More importantly, we have reached a point in our discussions where we need you[r] ideas in the development of future plans. ACCORDINGLY, A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1993, AT 4:30 PM. IN KINNICUTT HALL, SALISBURY. PLEASE RESERVE THIS DAY AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

Joger gets #!\*\$?ed  
over in commentary

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## IN THE NEWS



In the News Compiled by Erik Currin and Tom Sico from the Boston Globe and the Worcester Telegram and Gazette

## World

U.S. warships launched Tomahawks missiles at an alleged nuclear related facility in a suburb of Baghdad Sunday, January 17. Meanwhile, investigators into Iraq's nuclear activities discovered that the country was far along the path to developing a nuclear bomb before the U.S. attack. Also, U.S. jets bombed an Iraqi radar station after it locked onto a French plane, signaling it was going to deploy missiles at it. France and Russia denounced the unprovoked US cruise missile attacks that occurred Monday, saying that

they were beyond actions called for in the UN Security Council's resolutions.

Leaders of fourteen factions in Somalia agreed to stop fighting and turn over their heavy weapons Saturday, but scattered firing still goes on. Also during the week, 556 marines returned home from Somalia, the first troops to return since the relief effort began. The U.S. does not know when the rest of the 24,715 troops will be withdrawn, but in the end over 70,000 troops from 40 nations are expected to participate in Operation Restore Hope.

The U.S. set up a naval barricade around Haiti to block the massive exodus of refugees fleeing by boat. Officials say it is necessary to block a "massive loss of life at sea." Last week's elections in Haiti had a very low voter turnout for Senate elections, with most boycotting because of the military's involvement. The Italian "Mafia boss of bosses," Salvatore Riina, was captured last Friday after 23 years of hiding. He was Italy's #1 fugitive, accused of heading the mob's drug trafficking business and ordering more than fifty murders. The worst earthquake in a decade struck Japan, centering 12 miles off of Hokkaido, injuring 400 hundred people. UN relief convoys headed for Zepa in Bosnia was forced to turn around by fallen trees blocking the road. Bosnian Serbs backed the Geneva peace plan last week in a 55-15 vote, but the next day violated it by attacking mounting an air attack on enemies. Colombian drug king Pablo Escobar, once again a fugitive in hiding, vowed to resume an armed struggle against his government, and demanded for his people to be treated as politi-

cal guerrillas, in a letter released last week. Actress Audrey Hepburn died on Wednesday at home in Switzerland. She had recently been an ambassador for the United Nation's Children's Fund.

## Nation

A Colorado judge delayed the passage of an anti-gay law until a lawsuit against it is decided. The judge stated that in all probability the law would be declared unconstitutional, since it removed restrictions on discriminating in job and housing practices based on sexual preference. Minnesota suicide doctor Jack Kervorkian aided Jack Miller, a 53 year old suffer of bone cancer and emphysema to kill himself by inhaling carbon monoxide. Kervorkian plans to ignore Minnesota's new anti-suicide law, which goes into effect in April. Alaska passed regulations Wednesday that strictly prohibits Medicaid funding of abortions, except in cases necessary to save the woman's life, or maintain her mental or physical wellness.

## Politics

Bill Clinton was inaugurated as the 42nd President of the United States. In his self written 14 minute inaugural address he spoke of the need for new investments, massive deficit cuts, sacrifice, and citizen service, while 11 times calling for change. Poet Maya Angelou then recited a piece that Clinton asked her to write for the occasion, "On the Pulse of Morning." Clinton did some house cleaning when he took office, dismissing

most of Bush's top aides. Most of Clinton's appointments for cabinet positions were confirmed. Zoe Baird, his choice for attorney general withdrew her name from consideration. She would have been in charge of enforcing immigration laws as part of the attorney general position, but she had hired two illegal aliens knowingly and not paid their social security taxes.

## Environmental

Two oil tankers collided in the open sea of the coast of Indonesia in what officials are describing as a totally avoidable accident caused by human error. One of the tankers had a ruptured tank, spilling millions of gallons of crude oil into the ocean. Fortunately, both the winds and sea were calm, so the environmental damage has not spread far.

## Sports

Bill Parcells, former coach of the Giants and owner of two Super Bowl rings, became the Patriots head coach Thursday. Parcells, a known leader and tactician, thought of the team as "a challenge." On Friday, over 200 season tickets were sold, showing that the fans are looking forward to a successful season next year.

## Local

Governor Weld plans to give tax breaks to students paying tuition and senior citizens paying health insurance. A rabies strain is spreading throughout Massachusetts mostly by raccoons. Health officials warn that any wild animal could contain rabies and should be avoided.

## NEWS

## WSC student Newspaper up from the ashes

by Ray Bert  
Associate Editor

"Student Voice 1949-1992 R.I.P."

So read the inscription on a tombstone which served as the front page of the December 9, 1992 issue of the Student Voice, Worcester State College's weekly. The issue was expected by many to be the last for the stu-

dent-run newspaper, officially succumbing to staffing and apathy problems which had plagued it throughout the previous year.

The death reports were apparently a bit premature, however. A group of students has come together with the intention of reviving the publication into a more respected and widely-read forum for student concerns. Led by newly-appointed co-editors Chris Sobiech and Nick Hewitt, the group is now gearing up

for the first issue of what they hope will be a "new" Voice on February 3rd.

Asked what changes he felt the Voice would undergo, Hewitt said "We'd like to focus more on issues," referring to the previous lack of news coverage. He speculated on the elimination of the "One to One" feature, a personals column that had come to dominate students' perception of the paper. "We'll also hopefully do a better job of allowing people to express their views, and to pay more attention to the cultural diversity at Worcester State."

Sobiech, a sophomore media major, remembers his initial impression of the Voice being very favorable upon his arrival at WSC: "It seemed very versatile, one of the best organizations on campus." Both new editors would like to restore that reputation.

The Voice had problems for much of 1992. After the Spring semester, and the graduation of many seniors, the staff was severely depleted. Then-poetry page editor Karen Cunningham stepped forward and assumed the duties of editor-in-chief along with Christine Paszuk.

"I knew that there wouldn't have been a paper unless someone stepped forward to take over," says Cunningham. "And I quit my job because I was aware that there'd be a lot of administrative work." Cunningham worked with a skeleton crew for most of the semester, including a less-than-complete editorial board. Efforts all semester to integrate new staff members were largely unsuccessful.

Cunningham noted that the largest problem was a lack of staff reporters, a problem the new editors will also likely wrestle with initially. She indicated that she will serve as a consultant if necessary, but will otherwise not be actively involved in the production of the paper, preferring to concentrate on graduating in May and allowing the new staff to find its own direction. She has "nothing but the best wishes" for the new editors.

The resurrection of the Voice began shortly after the "tombstone issue", in which Cunningham announced in an editorial, "there is no incoming staff to take over and plan the newspaper's production in 1993...It may be too late for the Voice." Confronted with the possibility of a dead, rather than merely dying, student newspaper, a group began a Save The Voice campaign which resulted in a meeting on the last day of finals. Several other meetings have been held since and Sobiech estimates that there are now about fifteen people interested. The staff is still getting to know the job and each other. Most are entirely new to the Voice and many were strangers less than a month ago.

The group seems determined and enthusiastic, and are just beginning to see the work that lies in front of them. Worcester State has an enrollment near 6000, but has only 700 or so students living on campus. The college has a large proportion of non-traditional students and commuters who largely do not get involved in campus life.

What has been an obstacle, Hewitt wants

to turn into an asset: "There's so much to offer here, so many people with ideas and different perspectives, but right now it's so divided..." he said, shaking his head.

But optimism is still the order of the day. They speculate that possibly the Voice needed to die completely and then be re-created. New writer Keesha Jolly, on the staff for just two weeks, feels that "people seem more open, you feel that your opinion matters." And new business manager and pre-med major Bob Gurry sums it up with conviction, "We're going to get this paper together."

## The quality of education

by Jamie Greelish  
Class of '96

## All night study rooms open

To increase the quality of late night studying options, President Strauss and his cabinet have opened two study rooms in Fuller Labs open from 10pm until 6 am. Room 320 will be used as a quiet study area, while room 311 will be used for project or group study discussions. New tables and chairs have been ordered to facilitate studying in these rooms.

The success and continuation of this service will depend upon the amount of usage, and the student population's cooperation. Students are asked to leave these rooms clean and tidy, as they are used for classrooms during the day. For your security a watchperson will be present in the building during all hours of operation. An emergency phone is being installed next to the CCC lab.

## World news available

Another new feature to Fuller Labs is the SCOLA news program. Funding for this program was coordinated by Penny Turgeon (Instructional Media Center), and Hossein Hakim (Global Perspectives Program).

The SCOLA programming shows news from around the world in its original programming and native language. Although not many of the world's news programs are in English, foreign students, foreign language students, and students preparing to go to foreign project centers will all benefit from this new valuable resource. In addition this program will provide a fresh outlook on the world as we know it.

Viewing of SCOLA news is available in the third floor lounge of Fuller Labs, Monday through Friday, 10 am to 12 midnight. To view an on-line schedule of news programming Log-in to WPI, type "gopher", then select "WPI services", then select "Instructional Media Center". For further information, or to recommend additional times for the programming to be available, contact Penny Turgeon at the Instructional Media Center (831-5810).

# Passport Films

Presents

## A Great Wall

Directed by Peter Wang



WHEN: Jan. 26, 1993

WHERE: Perreault Hall

TIME: 8 p.m.

Admission: \$1.00

## Sport's Snipits

### Weinwurm CAC Player of the Week

Worcester Polytechnic Institute senior Chris Weinwurm had a career week for the Engineers basketball team, highlighted with an ECAC Honor Roll nomination and Constitution Athletic Conference "Player of the Week" selection.

Weinwurm, a 6-6 forward and tri-captain had team highs in scoring and rebounds in victories over Salve Regina (75-62) and Western New England College (81-52). Against Salve Regina, Weinwurm scored a game high 29 points and pulled down a career high 22 rebounds. Against WNEC, Weinwurm again scored a game high 18 points and was one of four Engineers with four rebounds. In a 100-87 loss to Worcester State College, Weinwurm grabbed a game high 11 rebounds and was one of two players to lead the Engineers with 23 points.

Weinwurm, a biotechnology major, has recorded 740 career points, and is the team's and conference's leading scorer, averaging 18.1 points-per-game. He is the conference's second leading rebounder with 8.7 per-game.

### Golden score's 1,000th point

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Senior Jason Golden recently recorded his 1,000th point in basketball. Golden, a 6-7 center tri-captain hit the mark midway through the first half of the Engineers 81-52 victory over Western New England College. Golden now has 1,005 points and is the team's second leading scorer averaging 17.3 points and 7.2 rebounds per-game, which also puts him as the second leading scorer in the Constitution Athletic Conference behind teammate Chris Weinwurm. Golden, is now ninth in WPI all-time scoring

# Amherst College steals Coach Siedlecki from WPI

by John Grossi  
Sport's Editor

One of the things that happens most often in the college football world is successful coaches moving to better schools. On January 21st Head Football Coach Jack Siedlecki tendered his resignation to Athletic Director Ray Gilbert after five successful years to take the head coaching job at Amherst College in Amherst Massachusetts. Amherst is one of the premier programs in Division III, has fallen on hard times the last four years (1-22-1) including 4 losses to WPI.

Coach Siedlecki leaves WPI as its most successful football coach in the 102 year history of the program. He compiled a 36-11-1 mark over five years, including WPI's first ever ECAC and NCAA bids. He is the most successful coach in WPI's history and the current seniors are the winningest ever.

Coach Siedlecki noted that he is "really proud of what we've done here. We have established WPI as one of the premier Division III schools in the New England." He noted that he is very happy "WPI gave me the chance to be a head coach." In his opinion he leaves the program in good shape with recruiting intact. He noted that while the head coach will change the commitment from the staff, school, and the players will not change. He expressed a sincere happiness that Amherst's Lord Jeffs no longer play against WPI as he would not want to have to come to that juncture.

WPI football had a 9-2 season that included the championship in the inaugural year of the Freedom Football Conference as well as WPI's first ever berth in the NCAA division III national play-

offs. Coach Siedlecki attributed this to having stabilized and improved WPI's schedule. He mentioned that with the Engineers' current strong schedule, nothing like the 1990 (8-0-1, nowhere) season will happen again. An example of this is that even though the Engineers lost to Union this year they moved up to #1 in New England as a result of this game.

Coach Siedlecki is one of the true coaches of

football. He likes to be down there on the field with the team. He noted that he does not like the idea of being a politician which often happens in Division I schools like Notre Dame (South Bend, In.) and Ohio State. He likes the game and wants to be a hands-on coach. Athletic Director Raymond Gilbert now has the task of finding a new head football coach that he hopes to finish by March 15th.



WPI football coach Jack Siedlecki

NEWSPEAK STAFF PHOTO/SUE MACPHERSON

# Scoreboard

## Wrestling

Wednesday, January 20th

University of Massachusetts at Lowell

WPI	29	UMass-Lowell	12*
Minh Pham	(21-6)	Nate Nicholson	WBTF
Mark Simon	F		
Pete Hanson	F		
Pete Grabowski	10	Mark Dubois	1
Jason Papp	2	Todd Ducharme	3
Stan Farrell	5	Jim Harrington	12
Matt Wassell	13	Toby Ducharme	5
Joe Laskowski	4	Sean Harrington	6(S.D.)
John Roy	WBTF	Hugh Fitzpatrick	(17-1)
Rich DeStephano	16	Dennis Braillette	5

\* -2 points unsportsmanlike conduct

### American International College

WPI	35	AIC	12
Minh Pham	13	Mike Robinson	5
George Chu	21	Matt Brulotte	10
Paul Hammerstrom	4	Derrick Tessoff	6(S.D.)
Tom Pike	6:51	Mark Paglia	WBF
Jason Papp	F		
Dave Yudichak	10	Scott St. Jean	5
Lionel Bella	3	Ricky Sesso	6
Matt Shedd	F		
Vinnie Ceceri	F		
Rich Regan	F		

WPI goes to 8-1, ranked #19 in NCAA Division III

## Basketball

### Men's season thus far

Player	g	gs	fg	fga	3fg	3fga	ft	fta	pts	rebs	ast	to	bk	stl
Weinwurm	13	13	91	193	0	2	58	87	240	114	16	27	20	26
Golden	13	13	92	165	0	0	47	73	231	89	11	24	31	8
Richards	11	11	50	101	10	18	36	48	146	39	42	41	2	34
Hawley	13	13	58	125	13	39	34	46	163	42	40	29	2	27
Naughton	13	1	24	57	5	14	33	39	86	45	17	23	5	10
Kijak	7	5	19	38	0	6	8	13	46	11	24	25	0	9
Hamel	13	4	12	23	5	12	15	20	44	17	21	21	0	16
Casey	8	1	12	18	0	0	3	5	27	7	2	4	1	2
Ennis	9	2	5	21	0	4	10	17	20	15	7	14	1	8
Chase	12	0	7	20	0	0	12	18	26	16	2	6	2	2

### Women's season thus far

Player	g	gs	fg	fga	3fg	3fga	ft	fta	pts	rebs	ast	to	bk	stl
Buzzel	11	9	57	115	0	0	18	29	132	72	7	21	9	4
Pigone	11	11	47	160	0	2	16	25	110	67	44	45	5	17
King	9	7	28	99	0	0	24	39	80	25	23	29	2	11
McCabe	11	11	34	73	0	0	20	38	88	90	5	27	1	7
Plog	11	0	17	42	0	0	30	42	64	52	1	12	0	3
Plante	11	10	23	48	0	4	5	11	51	38	37	49	1	14
Lovin	7	1	16	48	0	0	0	5	32	43	0	7	4	8
Moser	10	4	18	56	0	0	8	17	44	43	10	16	1	9
Jones	8	3	9	23	0	1	7	13	25	21	20	20	1	12

## 1993 intramural swim meet

TRIALS: Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 pm warm up - 8:00 pm start.

FINALS: Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 pm warm up - 8:00 pm start.

### ENTRIES:

All teams or individuals must submit a list of eligible contestants by 12 noon on Friday, February 5, 1993. The list must also include the signature of each person named. All entry lists must be submitted to the athletic department office by the deadline, with entry fee.

Each individual is limited to three events, including relays.

\*\*\*\*\*REMEMBER: The entries for each event must be submitted by the DEADLINE: 12 noon on Friday, February 5th.

### Eligibility:

All WPI faculty and full-time students are eligible EXCEPT those who have been awarded a varsity swimming letter or who were mem-

bers of the 92-93 swim team.

Each team is limited to two individuals per event: One relay team per event.

### Scoring:

The first eight finishers in each event are scored. Advancement to the consolation finals or finals is solely determined by the time achieved in the trials on Tuesday. No swimmer in a consolation final can displace a swimmer in a final by faster time or disqualification.

Points are to be scored as follows:

Championship finals: 12-9-8-7

Consolation finals: 5-3-2-1

Places in the Relays: Score double the number of points.

### Order of Events:

1. 160 YD Medley

2. 40 YD Freestyle

(See Intramural on page 5)

## Join the winning team

by Steve Vassallo  
Class of '93

With all the force they can exert onto the oar handle there is a sudden surge as the boat races forward. The eight oars release smoothly and seem to hover just above the water's surface as the oarsmen recover and approach the next stroke. With a rhythmic "ka-plunk," the eight blades simultaneously catch the water and suddenly snap against the oar-locks. The coxswain feels a sharp kick in her back and fires up

call it symphony of motion ... others call it Crew.

If this sounds like something for you, consider joining the winning team. This past fall the WPI Men's Novice Crew Team had its best season in years ... a third place finish at the Head of the Connecticut, first in the Snake Race, and first in the highly competitive Wesleyan Freshman Invitational. Crew is a challenging team sport that requires both physical and mental intensity from the individual rowers. Yet despite all of the demanding training, rowing opens a door to some of the greatest rewards a sport can offer.

With our new 1 million dollar boathouse, positive coaching atmosphere, and committed oarsmen, we are looking forward to our best Spring season ever. If you are willing to put in some intense training while having a great time and makingsome enduring friendships, come to the Crew Room on the Third Floor of



PHOTO COURTESY WPI MEN'S CREW TEAM

The WPI Men's crew team hard at work. We're looking for a few good men.

the rowers as they finish the last stroke of a "Power ten."

Poised above the water's glossy surface, the boat glides out as the oarsmen set the shell with mental focus and physical discipline. Some

Alumni Gym Weekdays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm!!! Even if you have never even seen a rowing shell or maybe even confused it for a big canoe, or if you are in the off-season of another sport—Come Join the Winning Team.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

# Germany's place in the new Europe

by Paul Szymkiewicz  
Class of '93

January 11-15, 1993, Germany and the EC were on the debate table at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. I had a unique opportunity to attend this most interesting seminar. In the peaceful shade of the Berkshires, one of the most controversial themes of modern history was discussed — "De/Constructing Europe?": Germany, The European Community and Beyond."

A diverse crowd of fifty-three students, including a few pre-college teachers, from various New England universities was confronted with an almost overwhelming wealth of topics concerning Germany and its position within Europe. Extremely well organized, the seminar assembled a group of eloquent speakers, experts in the field from Harvard University, University of New Hampshire, Howard University, and Johns Hopkins University, to name a few. The students represented fields clearly related to the seminar's topic: Political Science, History, German Studies, Economics, International Studies, Government, and German Literature. Now, add my Computer Science and it will be a complete blend — well,

not quite. Being the only "technical" major represented, I felt like a stranger, yet I opened my ears, I listened carefully, and I was reaffirmed that what was being debated pertained to the future of all of us, regardless of our noble commitments to engineering and technology. How? Let me share with the Newspeak readers some of the observations, problems, and opinions presented during the seminar.

The opening evening hosted such a prominent speaker as Dr. Thomas Kielinger, editor-in-chief of the "Rheinischer Merkur", together with the "Spiegel" one of the most reputable political magazines in Germany. The audience was also honored by the presence of the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Walter Gerhardt.

Dr. Kielinger concentrated on what he called "Gegenwartsschrumpfung" which translated into English means "shrinking of the present." You may care or not, but history is happening as you read this sentence. Said Dr. Kielinger, "demons have gone loose that were kept in check" by which he meant the spreading acts of strong rightist nationalism in Germany that were more or less incidental before the wall came down. He also tried to fit a quote from Victor Hugo, "revolution is a return from the

artificial to the normal", to the current situation in unified Germany. This hypothesis fails abruptly when one looks at the extent of the problems that Germans face. Or does it? What is normal for these peoples who are "a collection of German tribes, not a nation" - nowadays still a valid statement? Germans are gun-shy today, their regular military is a Monday-through-Friday business, yet why all that hate crimes and anti-foreigner violence? As a possible reason, Dr. Kielinger suggested lack of family values and youth guidance, unemployment, which leads to scapegoating, disenchantment with the modern state — do not all of these factors sound familiar? Germany does indeed have problems in promoting the traditional family scheme, but it is not alone. Said Dr. Kielinger, "can you think about a language less conducive for love making than German?" He suggested however, that history was not repeating itself since there were to many arguments against this theory. The most important one, he said, was the fact that Germany is a democratic country today.

The stage was set for a week of lectures and polemic, lunch-time chats with the invited speakers, and evening movies. The substance of the discussions naturally shifted back and

forth from German to Pan-European topics. Historical background was presented and concepts of "Reich" [Empire], "Staat" [State], "Nation", and "Volk" [folk] were defined. German so-called "Sonderweg", which means "a unique way", was debated and question was raised whether one can speak of a "Sonderweg" in case of Germany or just every nation. It was further argued that Germans now possess a dominant cultural sense of identity, in their literature, music, art, and everyday culturalization, as opposed to governmental display of power. Therefore there is no basis for fear, Germans have transformed, they have undergone changes. Or did they? Historically, there existed openness to refugees in German states within some diversity, but it was limited by practicality of those accepted. Is nowadays tolerance still not an ethical, but merely a rational decision? Last week the Discovery channel brought a documentary about the case of German euthanasia in the late 1930's. Numbers are unclear, but even before the Holocaust, there were tens of thousands of non-jewish Germans exterminated. This is how "rational decisions" turn into a tragedy.

## Music Review

*The Screaming Trees*     *Muppet's Sound Track*  
*Ned's Atomic Dustbin*

by  
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and  
Tim Mentzer Class of '95

"Sweet Oblivion"  
The Screaming Trees

There is really nothing special about this CD. As many things are, it is good in portions and abysmal in others. The sound is very unchanging, giving the album a kind of monotonous feel, but there are bright points like "Nearly Lost You", "Julie Paradise", and "Dollar Bill", which are more memorable than the rest of this CD. While it may not be worth any money, it is worth a listen. GRADE: C+

"The Muppet Christmas Carol"  
Soundtrack

You have to take this album with a bit of salt. Sometimes the voices of Muppets can be grinding to the ears, and this album is sometimes too cute and pat for comfort. It is, however, cleverly written and cleverly con-

ducted. The performances are good and it really does have a high quality sound, but lets face it, you have to like this type of thing in order to like this. If you have liked Muppets in the past, and think Kermit is cute, get it. If not, don't. GRADE: B

"Are you Normal?"  
Ned's Atomic Dustbin

"Are You Normal?" is a small departure from the former album (Ned's debut, "God Fodder"). The sound is less heavy and the 2 basses in the band seemed to have risen to the surface more, whereas in "God Fodder" the one guitar drowned out the sound. The resultant sound is albeit softer, but somehow more pleasing to the ear. Although some may view it as a more Dancy trend (with "Not Sleeping Around" placing on the dance charts), the band is just furthering their musical development. They are slowing things down a bit and discovering what they can do by exploring new techniques and sounds. What they lose in energy, they gain in excellence. GRADE: B+

## Music Review

*Michael W. Smith: "Change Your World"*

by Tim Doherty

Last autumn, Michael W. Smith released his seventh album, yet many people still have not realized the talent he has. As of now, only four of his songs are played on the radio and very rarely. Three out of these four songs are cuts off the most recent two albums *Go West Young Man* ("Place in this World" and "For You") and his latest, *Change Your World* ("I Will Be Here For You"). The other song, "Friends," was originally recorded on his 1987 album *Project*, but a remixed version can be found on *Change Your World*. All four of these songs made the top ten on the billboard chart hits, and "I Will Be Here For You" topped the contemporary charts for a couple of weeks.

Before the release of *Go West Young Man*, most of Michael's music was religious, pertaining to Christianity. The remainder of his music focused on strong themes such as human love, pain, and hope. Both his older albums and the more recent releases provide a balanced combination of slow, relaxing tunes and more upbeat songs. He even raps a little in a couple of songs.

*Change Your World* contains eleven

songs, all of which have strong themes that apply to the world today. "Picture Perfect" emphasizes the fact that what is on the inside is more important than what is on the outside. "Color Blind" stresses that the world would be a nicer place if there were only one race - the human race. One of my favorite cuts is "Give It Away" (no, this is not a remix of the hit song by the Red Hot Chili Peppers). In this song, Michael tells us that we must show openly the love we feel for others, and sometimes sacrifices must be made to keep that love alive.

Last fall, Michael was honored in his hometown of Kenova, West Virginia. He was presented with a key to the city, and the street he grew up on was renamed after him. Michael and his wife Debbie, who writes some of his songs, were invited to spend Christmas at Camp David with George Bush and his wife.

Now, he is preparing for his *Change Your World* concert tour of the United States which commences on January 29 in Pensacola, FL. He is saving the best for last as he closes his nation-wide tour here in Worcester at the Centrum in early May. I hope to see you all there. In the meantime, I encourage you to add *Change Your World* to your collection.

## Nobel Prize Winners 1992

*Alfred Nobel and the Nobel Prizes*

by Frank Hodum '94  
James Li '94  
Chad Schools '94

The Nobel Prizes for Chemistry, Medicine, Physics, Economics, Literature, and Peace are awarded to those who accomplished extraordinary achievements in their fields. An IQP conducted by the authors of this article will investigate the lives and works of the Nobel Laureates of 1992. In addition, the IQP will investigate Alfred Nobel's life and the establishment of the Nobel Prizes.

Alfred Nobel was born to Immanuel Nobel, an industrialist, and Caroline Andrietta Nobel 1833. Alfred was chronically ill from birth. This prevented him from leading a normal childhood. His education was therefore structured around private tutoring. His instruction in chemistry led him to study this field abroad as an apprentice to many famous chemists. Upon return he began to help his father in the research of explosives, the family business.

At this time there was no stable form of nitroglycerin. During the 1860's Alfred and his father began to conduct experiments to improve the explosives they were manufacturing. This was a very dangerous endeavor which took the life of his younger brother Emil. The distressed Immanuel soon had a stroke leaving him incapable to continue the research. This left Alfred to continue their efforts on his own.

Nobel eventually discovered a stable explosive. It contained a mixture of nitroglycerin and an absorbent substance. His invention of dynamite found many uses in military and construction applications. Its versatility created great demand. As the main manufacturer, Nobel amassed his fortune. This wealth allowed him to become a philanthropist in

many other areas such as the burgeoning oil industry.

Upon his death on December 10, 1886, Nobel was worth nine million dollars, an enormous fortune at this time. In his will Nobel provided for the creation of five prizes to be awarded in various disciplines annually. These areas were: physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace. He gave very few directions on the selection and awarding of these prizes. He merely set up the categories, and named the awarding committees. The rest was left up to the executors of his will, Ragnar Sohlman and Rudolf Liljeqvist.

This will was met with opposition from the Nobel family, and incredulity by the general public. The family challenged the will because they received only a small portion of the wealth. The public was surprised that the creator of dynamite, one of the most powerful inventions of their time could have donated his money to such a noteworthy cause. Through the tireless work of Sohlman and the stipulation that the Nobel family would approve the Articles of the Foundation, Nobel's vision was realized.

A sixth prize was added in 1968. This prize is for economics, and was introduced by the Bank of Sweden. Each year the bank provides an amount equal to the other prizes. It is called the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

This year the prizes were awarded to: Rudolph Marcus, Chemistry; Edwin Krebs and Edmond Fischer, Medicine; Georges Charpak, Physics; Gary S. Becker, Economics; Derek Walcott, Literature; and Rigoberta Menchu Peace.

## The Real Thing

"All the laughs were in the right place, for a Saturday night anyway."

Auditions for THE REAL THING, by Tom Stoppard, will be held next week in Salisbury Labs:

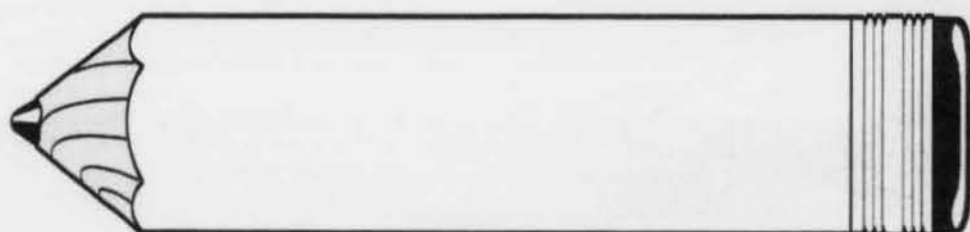
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Room 011 on January 28

each night from 6-8 pm. Anyone who is interested should be prepared to deliver a

short monologue. If you are unable to find something, there will be monologue material available at the audition.

This will be the first production for FTL Theater, in association with Worcester Artist's Group and schools of the Worcester Consortium. If there are any questions, please contact James D. White (jwhite@wpi) who will be producing the show, or Jeffrey D. Waldin (dewitt@wpi) who will try to direct it.

"You teach a lot of people what to expect from good writing, and you end up with a lot of people saying that you write well."



## Project Opportunities Night changed

*taken from WPI This Week*

Due to conflicts with other events, Project Opportunities Night, originally scheduled for Jan. 27, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The program, which drew more than 400 students last year, advertises IQP and MQP topics that are part of corporate project centers and special topic clusters. Corporate project centers are sponsored by Digital Equipment Corp., Raytheon Co., Norton Co., AT&T and the University of Massachusetts Medical Center/Saint Vincent Hospital/Tufts University Veterinary School. WPI faculty sponsored project clusters include the School-College Collaboration, Center for International Studies, Heifer Project International and the Advanced

Space Design, Living Museums and Advanced Aeronautics Design programs as well as some IQP (divisions (Economic Growth & Development, Energy & Resources, Health Care & Technology, Law & Technology, and Social Studies of Science & Technology).

Any faculty member responsible for a multiproject area, or with an interest in recruiting a large number of students for one project is invited to participate. Projects Administrator Chuck Kornik will begin the program with a general session from 7 to 7:25 pm that will be followed by "breakout sessions" at 7:30 (repeated at 8 pm) in which individual faculty members will present their project topics in classrooms. Faculty who wish to participate or would like more information should call ext. 5457.

## On campus housing options available next year

### World House

There's a cultural explosion happening on campus and it's happening in a house! Are you interested in learning about others from the cultural perspective? Do you want to broaden your horizons? Then consider living in the World House, WPI's only international theme house, for the 1993-1994 academic year!

The World House offers students with common interests an opportunity to share their experiences and ideas in international issues and cultural perspectives. Stimulating conversations and programs have included international cooking, alcohol use/abuse across the world, pro-life vs. pro-choice, sexism, outdoor adventures (ropes course), dances, music appreciation, etc. Strong friendships and greater understanding of each other becomes the focus each year of World House residents.

World House offers both American and international students to focus more globally in their studies and social activities. It's one of the few places on campus where you can learn a new language, eat new foods, and dance to music you never knew existed.

Keep an eye out for more information about the World House in future issues of *Newspeak*, posters, and at the upcoming Open House.

### Healthy Alternatives House

It's coming! The Healthy Alternatives Lifestyle option will soon be at WPI. For the 1993-1994 year, Residential Services is creating a wellness house on campus. Students selecting to live here will focus on developing the whole person.

The Healthy Alternatives program will be located in 25 Trowbridge House with the World House (international theme house) right across the street. It will house 16 men and women in double rooms and one resident advisor - all class years. The house offers a living room with television, a study area, vending machines, a sun porch and a wellness resource room! The students rooms are each unique - some with fireplaces, glass wall cabinets, and interesting decor. Residential Services is exploring the ability to build a kitchenette for the 1993-1994 academic year and a weight room for the 1994-1995 academic year.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming open house and application materials. Take a risk and be the first to live in the Healthy Alternative House.

## Entrepreneur's workshop to feature management forum

The WPI Venture Forum will present "Seeds to Success: Starting, Funding and Managing a Technology Company Today," at its third annual Entrepreneur's Workshop. This extensive full-day program will be held at Salisbury Labs on the WPI campus on Saturday, March 27.

The workshop will feature Gordon Bell, well known computer executive and former vice president of engineering at Digital Equipment Corp., and Paul Severino, CEO of Wellfleet Communications, one of New England's fastest growing companies.

Additional executives from local companies will lead breakout sessions that will focus on such issues as financing, marketing, sales, manufacturing, company structure, management methods, and legal issues. By interacting with these experts, workshop participants will get a first hand understanding of the issues involved in starting and running a technology based company in today's business climate.

"Our goal is to build on the successes of previous workshops," says Venture Forum Chair-

man Robert Creedon. "last year's program was a big success, and we expect this year's program to be even better. It's meant to reach a wide audience. We expect people to attend from throughout New England, and from all stages of companies; from the pre-start up phase through the ongoing and company growth phases."

Workshop planners have created sessions for entrepreneurs who: have an idea but aren't sure how to start a business; are in the process of starting a business and need some pointers; are already in business and want to learn more; are employed or recently unemployed and want to start a business; and those who are potential investors in new businesses.

One of the goals of the WPI Venture Forum, sponsored by the WPI Alumni Association, is to create opportunities for entrepreneurs, investors and others to share a benefit from others. The workshop will provide those attending with valuable information to help them achieve their business goals.

## SPORTS

### Intramural

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- 4. 60 YD Butterfly
- 5. 100 YD Freestyle
- 6. 60 YD Backstroke
- 7. 60 YD Breaststroke
- 8. 160 YD Freestyle Relay

NOTE: All NCAA rules will apply except where noted above.

Questions regarding eligibility will be made only by Coach Massucco, Intramural Director, or Whit Griffith, Swim Coach.

Entry Fee: \$1.00 (one dollar) non refundable per individual.

Special rosters must be picked up from Coach Massucco.

**WRITING ASSISTANCE:** Barbara McCarthy and peer tutors will staff the Department of Humanities Writing Resource Center located in Salisbury Labs 134. They will be available to tutor those WPI students requiring writing assistance in their course and project work during the following hours in C-term:

- Monday: 9 am - 4 pm
- Tuesday: 9 am - Noon and 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
- Wednesday: 8:30 am - Noon
- Thursday: 9 am - Noon and 1:30 pm - 4 pm
- Friday: 8 am - Noon

For more information call ext. 5503

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## COMMENTARY

## Demosthenes and Good Government

by Demosthenes

For as long as I, and most people in my age group, can remember we have been living in a country governed by the Republican Party first under Richard Nixon, then Gerald Ford, (Carter blip), then Ronald Reagan, and finally then the career diplomat George Herbert Walker Bush. Anyone (most) in my age group who remembers a Democrat thinks of bumbling idiots like Ted Kennedy, Walter Mondale, Joe Early, and honest Mike Dukakis. Republican Conservatism has come to be associated with sound financial policies (the debt is blamed on the House where the blame belongs), a strong defense and foreign policy, and after all it was the democrats that got us involved in Vietnam.

Some if not all of the last paragraph is bullshit depending on your opinions. Good government does not come from the personalities that run it or even the parties. Bush and all the elected representatives of the people have very little say in what effects the average person on the street. The career bureaucrats in the executive branches and the judicial branches of government come to the daily affect the common man.

How often are you affected by George Bush's policy on the importation of French Wines? Unless you are an importer or have an addiction to such products the effect on you is next to nil, the Fed's monetary policy, however

affects you everyday. Their interest rates affect whether or not you buy that new car or whether you try to see if your clunker can make it to 150,000 miles. Judges legislating from the bench, such as the Roe vs. Wade controversy, have caused no end of problems, such as being one of the chief reasons that the Third Harbor Tunnel in Boston that was supposed to have been opened in 1953, but has not even been started yet.

What worries me about the incoming administration is that they may have the Franklin Roosevelt syndrome that big government is good government. The time has come to get rid of overlapping offices, and the surplusage that has grown in the last fifty years from a government to a bureaucracy.

What I plead for here is that President Clinton reduces the cancer of bureaucracy that has invaded our government by down sizing the far flung and nearly impossible to keep track of offices of the executive branch. (10,000,000+ employees (about the size of Illinois)) President Clinton, I point out to you the line in the constitution that reads all powers not delegated to the federal government are reserved to the state governments or the people.

An example of this all pervading federal bureaucracy is the National Legislation on Seat Belts. Massachusetts is required to pass a seat belt law by 1994 or they will lose a large portion of their federal highway funds. The

Massachusetts General Court passed such a law and the voters of Massachusetts overwhelmingly repealed such a restriction of their freedom of choice. So basically we the voters of Massachusetts are somehow wrong because we fail to agree with 538 people in Washington and a few special interest groups.

The Federal Government has usurped the role of the state government and the people in creating offices galore that are supposedly for the common good of the people. They of course do not believe that the good people of the United States who elected them could actually know what is good for them.

Of course they don't! They have elected and re-elected the same jackasses to Congress for a better part of this century. The Senior seated member of the Senate has been there since 1946, and in the House since the 30's. A congressman from Florida who died several years ago had reached the sixty years of service mark. Seeing such figures makes one wonder if the common man actually has a chance at an office in this country. The last election in which almost 1/3 of the Congress did not return was very encouraging. Maybe, eventually, if the economy goes far enough down the tubes, Washington will be given back to the people and not be held by career hacks.

I would like all of you reading this to consider term limitations. They stop the members of Congress from getting out of touch with the

REAL world. Now if you down-size the out of control federal bureaucracy into something manageable and start paying attention to the clause of the constitution that states that the powers not given to Federal Government explicitly are reserved by the states and the people you will find that the situation of this country will start improving.

The Japanese and the Germans will no longer have their collective boots up our asses, our public schools will once more be the centerpiece of our country (Ask yourself why is Chelsea Clinton going to a private school? (three reasons, 1. fear, 2. Clinton's rich 3. city public schools and a good education not mixing in most places)

I have never seen an Office of Housing and Urban Affairs (a legacy of the "great" society) mentioned in the Constitution. The time has come to stop creating offices, that do nothing and to start looking for solutions. Several that come to mind are term limitations in Congress, Transferring large chunks of the Federal Bureaucracy to the states. If there are 50 different versions of something it becomes readily apparent what works and what does not. It is also much easier to control an agency that is smaller..... no more secretaries that took 8 years to get a college education usurping power. Then again let's asked our ten term incumbent congressman who is right now on a fact finding mission in Rwanda.

## NEWS

## Goddard

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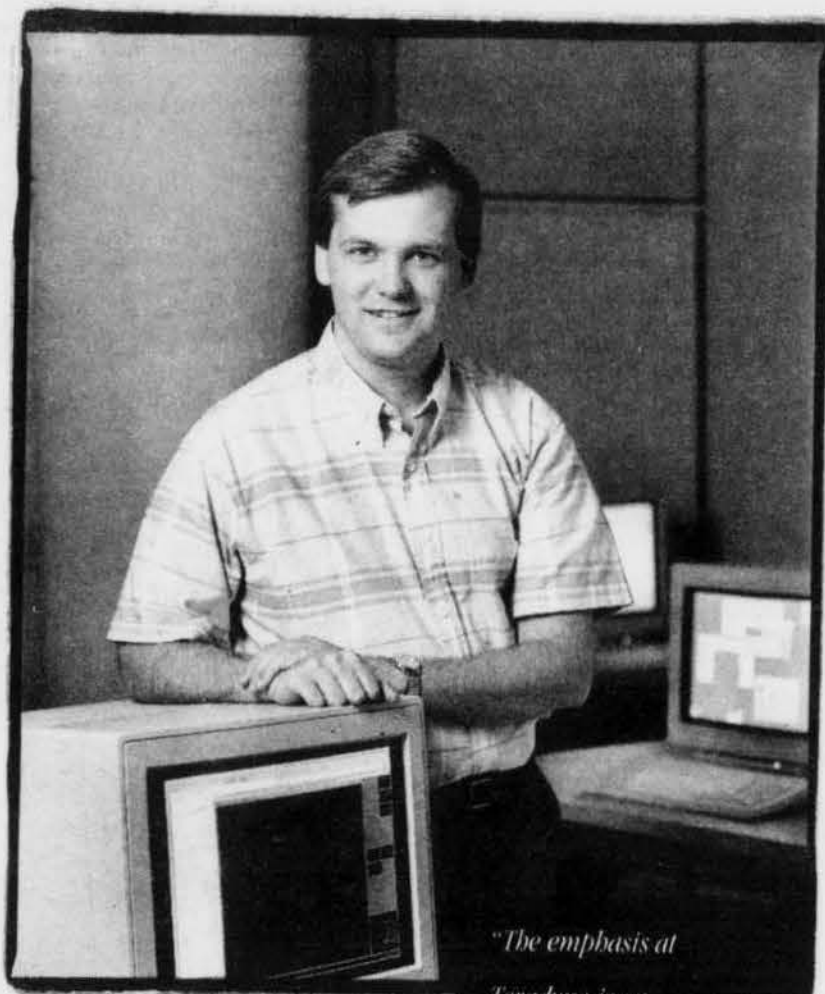
ized at Hahnemann for multiple lacerations to the lower right abdomen. After EMS started first aid, Messier started a cleanup of the spilled acid. A small amount of fumes were released when the jug burst, but not enough to pose a serious hazard. Messier said that such accidents are unusual.

WPI police Chief Hanlon was pleased with the response time and performance of rescue personnel. Campus Police called Worcester Police for assistance. Worcester police in turn called in their Detectives Bureau and BCI, Bureau of Criminal Investigations. Worcester Fire and Police personnel arrived shortly after EMS and campus police. Campus police controlled traffic on West Street, helped to control the crowd, and interviewed witnesses for the investigation. Worcester Detectives and BCI helped collect forensic data and photographs of the stockroom to help in the investigation. It is standard procedure for the Worcester Police to call in the Detectives and BCI to determine if an incident was criminal in nature.

The chemistry department does have safety regulations involving the disposal of wastes. Gannon did follow all of the safety procedures in this routine disposal of the waste. Students who are involved with dangerous chemicals are briefed on their dangers. Stockroom workers are trained in safety procedures. In addition, vent hoods are inspected twice a year and lab safety equipment is checked every year.

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# Life: A Review

## Oatmeal in Love

by Shawn Zimmerman  
Newspeak Staff

Well, it's the start of a brand new year. Full of promise and hope for a better future. A new president has entered the White House with fresh, new ideas. Nothing could possibly make this a better time. Except, maybe, for one thing: Spam recipes. Yes, we've been hearing all about wonderful new ideas about taxes, and the economy, and the environment, and social relations, and all sorts of great stuff like that.

But who will tell us about new ideas on how to prepare Spam?

I will. I know that I take a great risk here, but I think that your right to know is more important than any measly concerns of mine about my health. New Spam recipes are not well appreciated in this country. Oh, I know what we say. That every person has the right to prepare Spam in whatever manner he or she desires, so long as it does not interfere with anybody else's Spam preparation.

But, I am afraid that the days of being able to prepare, say, a Spamapple Upside Down Cake unmolested are long gone. No, nowadays you can't even whip up a batch of Spam chip cookies without some super secret Defense satellite taking pictures of it.

It all started back with the creation of the Pinkertons, of course. Prior to that, the kitchens were wild and free, unfettered by authoritarian, Big Brother claptrap. You could even create a seven layer, double Dutch fudge, Spam flambe, if the mood struck you. And no one would say you nay.

But then, one fateful Sunday, the President attempted to eat a peanut butter and Spam jelly sandwich, when he started coughing so hard that the entire thing got lodged in his nose. After a thorough medical examination, and a good hard whack on the back, the President was declared cured. But the mental trauma of the incident caused him greivous emotional turmoil.

He began to dwell on the danger inherent in Spam's very existence. Why, anyone could get ahold of some and give some nasty rashes to loads of innocent passersby. A Spam wielding maniac could conceivably bruise hundreds of people before getting caught. And the prospect of Spam tipped bullets was truly frightening beyond belief.

He became sullen and withdrawn. He stopped attending State functions. He refused to see foreign dignitaries. He began to sigh a lot, hoping that someone would ask him why, so that he could

tell them his plans for a space based defense against Intercontinental Ballistic Spam. But everyone knew what he was up to, so they didn't ask. Which just made him sigh even more. And more.

Finally, he was sighing so much that he didn't inhale. Clearly things could not go on like this, so the Pinkertons were formed. Their first act was to crack down on the Spam rustlers, who nabbed thousands of Spams every day for their own nefarious purposes. This relieved the President so much that he declared war on Mexico, which really cleared the air, and got everybody's minds off of things.

But the Pinkertons didn't just disappear. They continued their fierce, and deadly, war against Spam abusers. Blood was spilled and lard spattered across the newspapers as they succeeded in exploit after exploit.

But then, without warning, the Twentieth Century rolled around and Pinkerton sounded too much like Red Communists. So they changed their name to the FBI and started wearing shades and sticking their fingers in their ears. This was so that they couldn't hear people making fun of them.

And why were people making fun of them? Because there was no CIA to stop them. And so, quickly, the CIA was formed, and the FBI could get back to the important work; enforcing the newly passed Amendment prohibiting the consumption of Spam. It should have been the FBI's finest hour. They had finally made it illegal to sell, buy, imbibe, or wield Spam in any variety. But when the virile, young, suddenly limbless soldiers came back from WWII, they realized that they would never be able to survive the I Love Lucy Show unless they had enormous amounts of nitrites flowing through their veins. So Prohibition was repealed.

The FBI needed something to do, so they naturally noticed that incredibly, without warning, the Soviet Union had been created several decades ago. The true horror of the Spam Gap that money to train a crack team of mimes who were to be air dropped into Nicaragua and then pretend to peel bananas. This sinister plot was just about to be inflicted on an unsuspecting world, when everyone realized that George Bush had rather mysteriously been elected President.

Under his guidance, the FBI began to branch out and defoliate broccolli farms, and clean up after Millie. But they didn't sit on their laurels. They got Bush to declare a War on Spam. They cracked down on Spam houses and arrested Manuel Noriega for Consorting to Ship a Potted Meat Product.

But now we have a new president. One who

seems to be favorably disposed towards Spam, and who has brought a decidedly pro-Spam Congress with him.

Will Bill Clinton make it possible once again to unashamedly eat Spam in public? Will Al Gore prove that Spam tends to heal the hole in the ozone? Will Tipper finally win her sordid battle to

make ingredient listing arbitrary? And how long will it be before Playboy does a pictorial about Hillary? Only time will tell, but until then you could spend the time reading my book "Spam: 1001 Uses Around the Home" or its sequel "Spam or Power Tools: The Handyman's Dilemma". Look for them in fine stores everywhere.

# Joger's View:

## Oh Boy, now look what you have done...

by Joger

It seems that I've struck a sore spot on the campus, as evidenced by the size of the letters on the editorial page. Now, I am not, and never have been, fond of people putting words in my mouth, but in this line of work, people frequently do. I am also not fond of raging battles on the Letters to the Editor page, so if this continues, tough. This will be my one and only defense to what I wrote, which I still stand by. So, in lieu of the article on parking which I was going to write, I have decided to respond to the letters which have been sent. If you haven't read the two letters yet, please do so now so that this whole article will make some semblance of sense to you.

Overall, I would like to say to our two respondents that I have received many favorable comments, but no complaints besides yours. This indicates to me that there is a definite gap to bridge between how things are perceived by residents and the people who work for Residential Services, or WPI in general. Maybe we should do something about that, because as a resident, and as a person who talks to a lot more residents, I know that we generally don't feel that they're being listened to. Communication is a serious problem here.

I'll respond to the official view first. The letter says that we could have borrowed a plunger from Residential Services. My roommate maintains that when he went to the office to borrow one, he was told that he could not get one. The letter received from Ms. Jablonski and Mr. Miller states that we can. Who's right? I don't know. We can buy a plunger, and that has been discussed, but in all seriousness, we were unsure if it would be confiscated as a breach of union contract.

The letter goes on to state that in the case of a more serious problem to put in a work order, except that works orders for plumbing are backed up 2-3 weeks. If the problem is that serious, I and most other people I have talked to feel that a "serious" problem should be dealt with in a more timely fashion. How long, on average, does a plumbing call take to complete, and exactly how many work orders are in the queue?

The next subject covered is laundry, which I did not mention in my article, but is a very relevant issue. My roommate suggested that it may have been a good idea to have placed an announcement in Newspeak (I know they would have taken it) about the rate increase in the first issue of this semester. Incidentally, if we, at 75 cents per wash were well below market rate, how did the school manage \$5000 in extra commissions last year from the laundry machines? Wouldn't it be nicer for the students if the savings (in the form of a quarter per wash and dry) were passed on to the students immediately and take a smaller commission?

Also, the list of people from whom input is solicited contains, and I quote: "RAs, Building Councils, The Special Projects Task Force, and maintenance staff", there is one crucial element missing: The residents. Interesting concept, I know, but there it is.

Finally, in reference to the mural painting contest, my comments in last weeks column were based upon an article submitted to Newspeak, which stated that the contest was sponsored by the Building councils and Residential Services, and that "Residential Services will provide all the materials required to create the murals, from paint to brushes to dropcloths." Nowhere in that article did it mention, as the joint letter does, that Alex Johns & sons would be donating the supplies. The original implied that money was being put toward it, rather than all materials being donated. Maybe if the original article had stated such, residents like myself would not become upset. There's that word "communication" again.

As far as furniture. Thank you, although by bad luck and bad timing I haven't seen any: Stoddard got new lounge furniture and was renovated after I moved out. Ellsworth got new furniture when we went to Fuller, and Fuller will get new furniture next year, once I've graduated. As I said, this is no fault of WPI, but rather just the breaks. We did, however, get a new coffee table. It is very nice, we like it, and we have not gone sledding with it.

Thank you.

Now on to Mr. Klimek, who seems intent on taking sentences and jamming them down my throat. Relevance also seems to be a problem.

Fact: Nowhere in my article did I say that I was against efforts to build a sense of community, but rather that I felt that funds could be better spent. Turns out no funds will be spent. But, I'm not sure the Building Councils have done a whole lot for the apartment residents. Thank you, though, for apartment movie nights and the calendar events that you stick on our door every week, with tape. (In case you hadn't noticed, the tape takes paint with it when you take it off leaving lots of pointless marks, which I'm sure residents and not the Building Councils, will be charged for.) Last week the calendar was nothing more than a photocopy of Newspeak's "What's Happening" There is no reason, in my opinion, to make another copy of something which is already readily accessible to the WPI community. Furthermore, in a little over a semester, we have once talked to a real person from this group. Posting stuff and leaving a phone number to call someone is great, but how many people are going to actually go out of their way to call someone? Let's face it, this is WPI, things like that just do not happen here.

Fact: Nowhere in my article did I complain about the carpets, but again, nowhere were the residents asked for gratitude about the effort expended. Don't expect to be patted on the back if you don't tell people exactly what has gone on. Besides, many residents feel that for roundabout \$2500 a year we're entitled to a clean apartment at the start of the year, regardless of the effort.

Fact: Nowhere in my article did I complain about broken furniture. So why bring it up?

Fact: Nowhere did I mention that Residential Services does not ever respond to students needs, and in fact, very little of my arguments were aimed at Residential Services at all. I think that Res Services do quite a bit for students, but often obvious things are simply overlooked. And as far as study rooms, you have to assume that some students are intent on destroying furniture whether in residences or in study rooms. That happens, and you have to expect it.

Mr. Klimek, I will agree with you in one area: When we needed bulbs, we got them. (We had to replace them ourselves) We also regularly get a shower curtain, and we have not ever had a toilet paper problem.

On the subject of custodians: even though our former custodian has been reassigned, she is still around, a tribute to the union that due paying members get great benefits. Furthermore, just because a custodian is reassigned does not mean that the campus as a whole should not know what's going on. Just because Nixon resigned doesn't mean people shouldn't know about Watergate.

In retrospect, my general comment about people being lazy was uncalled for, but that is the impression that many residents get, especially after incidents like I described last week. And it cannot be denied that in some cases it is true. Those are the statistics.

In conclusion I would like to say that it was mentioned that I bring my complaints up to various people in charge before I present them to the campus in this Forum. My kind reply is that things seem to get a lot more attention if you make a stink about them, which is the purpose of this column. It should also be known that I do not hold any single person or people responsible, but rather look upon the departments as various entities which tend to very easily get caught up with the bureaucracy and inertia which runs rampant here. Also, having once been a union member, I know that while unions have a purpose, it is also very easy for a union member who does nothing, or next to it, to hang on to a job.

We need a good way to bridge the gap and communicate. Open meetings are ineffective, and one-on-one meetings are filled with "party line" this-is-what-we-do rhetoric. Something else must be done.

In a somewhat related thing: I'm sorry, Howard. I think you understand.

Seems like you guys know how to get hold of me, but anyway, if not, write Joger, box 2700.

# Just a thought: Reaping what you sow

by Stephen Brown  
Campus Ministry

An oft quoted verse of Scripture is "Whatever you sow, that you shall also reap." The meaning being that there are consequences to every action we take, even if those consequences come long after actions. We are all free to "sow our wild oats", but we need also to be mindful that at some point in our lives, we more than likely will reap some fruit, or weeds, from those wild oats.

A good example was played out last week with President Clinton's nomination for Attorney General, Zoe Baird. In case you slept through the news, Ms. Baird admitted that while working as a corporate attorney, for which she was paid a cool half million bucks, she hired two undocumented (or illegal) aliens and failed to pay their social security tax. This was a clear violation of Federal law.

Much of the flood tide of illegal immigrants into this country stemmed from the promise of work from employers who would wink at the immigration laws. Congress had worked long and hard developing laws that forbid employers from hiring illegal immigrants, usually hired at slave wages. Tough sanctions were mandated for businesses who violated the immigration laws.

Ms. Baird admitted that she had broken the law and apologized for her transgression. But she insisted during her hearings that she would not be compromised as Attorney General because of this act. She even went so far as to say that she couldn't understand why people were so upset over this, that her long record as an attorney and her potential as a good Attorney General should overcome this controversy.

Excuse me, I was dumbfounded by her state-

ments. How on earth could a person who was nominated to be the top law enforcer be so flippant about her actions. And I was even more mystified by the reaction of some feminists, including Ellen Goodman who I admire greatly, who wanted to argue that this was a "working women's issue" and that Zoe Baird was a victim of the child care mess in this country. To me, they just don't get the point.

My wife is and has been a working mother for 18 years. We have balanced work schedules, found baby sitters, paid for child care and made sacrifices so that we both could work and raise a family. It has not been easy, as it is not easy for most couples. But we are what President, then candidate, Clinton, praised during the campaign, "people who work hard and play by the rules." Most of us do that because we can not afford to do otherwise.

Zoe Baird could afford, or thought she could, to avoid. And that is the rub. Despite her denials, Ms Baird behaved as if there were two sets of laws, one for the rich and one for the rest of us. That belief was at the heart of the outcry against her nomination: we don't want a cop who breaks the law for her own gain. Listening to her this week, I struggled to find the difference between her reasoning and those of Oliver North or Richard Nixon. If you are a public official, especially one entrusted with upholding the Constitution, you are expected to not only enforce, but obey the law.

Which finally leads me back to the connection between sowing and reaping. Bill Clinton sowed the seed of expectation by praising people "who played by the rules," then nominated someone for Attorney General who did not. Now he has reaped the harvest of public rejection for his nominee. Let us hope his next political judgment will be better...and will be more fruitful harvest.

*But the Pinkertons didn't just disappear. They continued their fierce, and deadly, war against Spam abusers.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Student strikes back at Jogger

## Letter to the Editor:

After reading Jogger's article in Newspeak last week I felt that he was unfair to many of the employees of WPI. The article was filled with many broad based and vague accusations against both Plant Service and Residential Services. Although I do not express the official views of either of the departments mentioned, I do express the views of a student that has had a wide range of experiences with those departments. Furthermore, Jogger belittled the efforts of the Building Councils, a student organization, to develop a sense of community and pride between the students living on-campus.

My point of view is from that of a student who has attempted in several ways to enhance the living environment on campus. My contributions began in November, 1991, when I was appointed to the position of Housing Liaison of Residence Hall Council. In this role I worked with the Assistant Director of Housing, Howard Seidler, to ensure that the residents of on-campus housing were well represented at Residential Services. Later last year I was part of an effort to reform RHC into a more effective organization. This new group started this year and is known as the Building Councils.

Last summer I was hired by Residential Services as the Assistant Summer Crew Supervisor. The summer crew was a group of 15 students that spent the summer working for Residential Services to clean the residence halls and to provide housing services to a variety of conferences

that were held at WPI. The crew was also responsible for cleaning the Ellsworth and Fuller apartments. As a result of my position as a supervisor, I was personally responsible for the cleanliness of Jogger's apartment when he arrived at school in August.

My specific duties also included several special projects that were undertaken over the summer. One of these projects was to place special effort in the cleaning of apartment carpets. Through experimentation we found that an extensive process using two different machines and twice the normal man-power would improve the appearance of the living room carpets and the overall look of the apartments. This additional effort was justified because the E/F apartment renovation project which was scheduled to start last summer was partially delayed by circumstances that were not under the control of Residential Services. Instead of replacing the carpets as the project called for, we decided to use current Institute resources to clean them instead. Jogger didn't seem to notice or appreciate all the effort that was required to do all of this in his article.

Another summer project was to start replacing the Ellsworth and Fuller Apartment living room and kitchen furniture. Apparently, though, there were not enough funds to replace all of the furniture. I oversaw this project to some extent

as well. Myself and the Crew Supervisor inspected all of the Fuller Apartment furniture to determine whether it was still usable or not. The furniture that was broken was replaced with furniture that was still in relatively good condition from the apartments that were getting new furniture. I worked with the furniture company to place the new furniture as well. To make the project somewhat consistent, all of the Ellsworth Apartments were furnished with new pieces, and a few of the Fuller Apart-

self to his custodian and realize her concerns that she would have been much more responsive to his needs. For example, being an Ellsworth Apartment resident myself, I recently needed a u-shaped fluorescent bulb for my stairwell light fixture. I kindly mentioned this to my custodian and he replaced the bulb the same day. Thanks Bruce.

Furthermore, there were some recent custodial staff changes which I am sure Jogger will be glad to hear about. The custodian that was so fond of putting notes on the mirror has been reassigned. Unfortunately the transition was not very smooth because the new custodian needed to take a

couple of days off at the time of the change. That is not an excuse for slacking service for the last week and a half of the term, but hopefully the situation will progress positively from here.

This brings me to my current position as work study student for Residential Services. I have had many varied duties in this position. One particular task has been to monitor the recent investments that the Institute has made in the residence halls. For example, let's look at the study lounges. Residential Services invested a large amount of time effort, and money in providing almost every residence hall floor with a study area this year. Since the beginning of B-Term the only floor without a study area is Riley 4th (Institute Hall has a study room in the basement). Since that time some students have been working on the most interesting methods to destroy these study areas. Most of the study lounges were furnished with several pieces of furniture which some students quickly destroyed or stole. Oh well, it was a nice thought by Peggy and Howard.

While on the issue of destroying furniture, let's discuss what has been happening to the new Ellsworth and Fuller Furniture. Many students may have seen new, wooden, upside down coffee tables sliding down Institute Road during the blizzard just before break. Once again, it was a nice thought to purchase all of that new furniture Peggy and Howard, fortunately the tables don't slide very well.

Lastly is my personal interest in the Building Councils, and particularly in the Mural Painting Contest which Jogger cited in his article last week. I have been, for the most part, the student in charge of both of these projects. I am not paid for this, I just do it because I believe there is a need for student representation in the halls. I spent several hours in the first weeks of each September, October, and November organizing meetings in each

of the residence halls so that the students could talk about what they would like to do as a group, improvements that they would like to see made to the halls, and helping them resolve perpetual maintenance problems. A noticeable campus-wide activity was the All-Hallows Eve Bash which was sponsored by the Building Councils with support from SMART-SADD. Nearly 150 residents took part in that activity, a fairly good response to a WPI dance.

As other activities picked up, the residents somewhat lost interest in the Building Councils. As a result, we revised the format of the group a little. Now students who expressed interest in the group in the past get notices of meeting announcements. This group most recently decided to repeat last year's mural painting contest. Last year the contest involved six residence hall floors and affected nearly 140 students. We did that with material donated by our paint contractor, who other wise was going to dispose of them. Once again we hope to utilize left-over paint in order to reduce the cost of the activity and to leave more money in the budget for furniture replacement. In addition, we hope that the murals will help to increase the amount of pride that students have in their residence halls and particularly in their study lounges.

In conclusion, I hope that this letter has clarified some of the issues that Jogger expressed in his letter last week. More importantly, blame has been removed from the hard working staff members. Maybe in the future Jogger will stop stereotyping everyone on this campus by their department. Instead, he should point out discrepancies and faults to supervisors and to the union that protects some of the less conscientious WPI employees.

Sincerely,  
Joe Klimek  
Class of '94

## Winter Recess

Letter to the Editor:

According to the WPI Undergraduate Catalog for 1993-1994, Winter Recess begins on December 18. I would like to thank all of those people who helped to make WPI more aware of itself.

Zachary S. Sacks  
Class of '94

*Ed. note: The author wrote a Letter to the Editor, entitled "Call it Winter Recess," in Newspeak's Sept. 1, 1992 edition asking for the name change. It does appear that WPI now calls the break between B and C terms "Winter Recess" instead of "Christmas Holiday Recess," which had been the case.*

*"As a result of my position as a supervisor, I was personally responsible for the cleanliness of Jogger's apartment when he arrived at school in August"*

*-Joe Klimek Class of '94*

ments got the remaining new merchandise. Maybe Jogger has seen this new furniture, it is really quite a bit more attractive than the old stuff. Jogger, if the old furniture in your apartment is broken, then I suggest you fill out one of your favorite forms, the work order, because there are some extra old pieces that were set aside for just such a situation.

During the summer I also had the opportunity to regularly work with many members of Plant Services, particularly the custodial staff. Many of these people are diligent, hard workers that actually care about their job and the quality of work they do. Unfortunately there are a few exceptions. I am sure, however, that if Jogger took the time to introduce him-

ture over the next few summers. We have received positive feedback from those students who do have new furniture, and we apologize that all of you couldn't have seen new pieces when you moved in this Fall. There is still time to suggest projects in any residence hall for the 93-94 year. Please send any ideas to Residential Services as soon as possible. In terms of the mural painting contest; the supplies are donated by our painting vendor, Alex Johns & Sons, and the project is a good way for students to work together to personalize their space. We hope many students find the painting contest enjoyable.

We would like to know if you have any other needs that an open meeting, or a building council meeting for a private meeting with one of our staff may help with your questions or concerns. Let us know how we can be of service to you.

Margaret Jablonski, Assistant Dean  
for Residential Services, 831-5308  
John Miller, Plant Services, 831-5130

## Administration defends housing policy

## Letter to the Editor:

We read Newspeak weekly and try to take the opportunity to respond when we think clarification may be helpful for students. In a recent column, several issues related to maintenance, cleaning, and funding for projects were discussed. In terms of a specific cleaning problem in the apartments, Terry Pellerin at Plant Services is more than willing to share with residents the schedule and duties for custodians in apartments. As the custodian is entering your private living space he/she is probably uncomfortable taking the liberty to move personal belongings in the bathroom. However, we agree that all bathrooms should be cleaned on a regular basis, and will follow-up if that is not happening.

The maintenance issue is a bit more complex than the article portrayed. A simple plumbing problem needing a plunger could have been dealt with by borrowing a plunger from Residential Services during the day, or using one of your own. We do provide wastebaskets for each apartment, and think it could be the residents responsibility to provide items such as plungers, mops, brooms, etc. In the case of a more serious maintenance problem, a routine work order should be filed with Residential Services, or if an emergency, called into Plant Services/Campus Police, depending upon the time of day. At the present time, the work orders for plumbing are backed up approximately two-three weeks. Our staff services academic buildings, residence halls, the gyms, and all other WPI property. We do want to respond to the resident students on a timely basis, and ask that if your problem is not fixed in a reasonable time frame to bring that up to one of us. Should you feel a response is not adequate, then we suggest you let us know that. Our staff do work very hard to provide services to our resident students, but we also know sometimes a problem is not addressed properly. We hope we can help you resolve any issue in a timely fashion.

Another situation that developed over break regards the laundry machines. Last year our laundry vendor approached us about an increase in rates, as we were below market rate

at \$.75 per load (most Laundromats are \$1.00 - \$1.50 per load). The request to increase rates came after students moved in last August, so we suggested we wait until "later". A few days before Winter Break we received a letter indicating that the rates would be increased over break. We regret not informing you of this decision, but students were already off-campus at that point. The money received on our laundry commis-

*We do want to respond to the resident students on a timely basis*

sions funds the programming you see on a regular basis by the RA staff in the residence halls. Any resident student can suggest a program to his/her RA that would utilize these funds. If you experience a problem with a machine, or loose money in a machine, please report that to Residential Services so we can fix the problem. Often times weeks go by before someone reports a problem washer or dryer.

Finally, we would like to share with students the process we use for determining what to fix, what furniture to buy, and in general how we decide to spend our (your) money. Every year we spend time in B and C terms soliciting input from a variety of groups (RAs, Building Councils, The Special Projects Task Force, and maintenance staff) to develop a list of projects we would like to see funded. For example, last year we ran a contest on how to spend \$5,000 we received from extra commissions on the laundry machines. You gave us many wonderful ideas including computer terminals in Morgan, Riley, and Founders; lounges in Riley Hall; a safety program for students and many other ideas, all of which were implemented. Some of the larger ideas that required more money - new furniture for Ellsworth and Fuller - are being phased in over several years. This past summer we spent \$47,000 on living room and kitchen furniture in Ellsworth apartments and plan to spend about the same this summer. We know you need better furniture, and our plan is to completely change the apartment furni-

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# SGA notes: Social fee increase, Classification

Treasurer Michelle Giglio distributed material to inform senators where SGA spent money for last semester. She then asked the Senate for feedback on specific leadership programs which were run. Giglio also solicited suggestions on how money could be better spent for existing expenditures and on what else may be necessary to add to next year's budget.

**Old Business.**

The only piece of old business was

## Social Fee

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rently 1% of a student's tuition money goes into a fund for student organization budgets. Raising the fee will decrease the percentage of the tuition money needed to fund Class III organizations, freeing up more of that money for the rest of the SGA-funded groups.

It is hoped that this increase, and future ones, will eventually bring in enough money to separately fund Class III organizations allowing the 1% cut from tuition to go solely towards the other clubs. The increase in the social fee to \$90 would still leave WPI's fee lower than other area colleges.

voting the second and final time on a Constitutional amendment for a wording change. Since the legislation packet was not available, the vote was put off until the next SGA Senate meeting.

**New Business.**

The first piece of new business was the motion made by Ray Bert, on behalf of Corey Jobe, to support an increase in the social fee. This motion included a \$15 dollar increase for the 1993-94 school year, and another \$10 increase the following year. The money would go into the pool which partially funds Class III organizations. This would free other funds for organizations in the toher classes, benefitting all groups. After discussion among senators about whether to completely strike out the monetary request for the second year, or ask for the implementation of an annual percentage increase, it was decided by friendly amendment to strike the second year increase. The motion passed by a vote of 24-0 with 2 abstaining.

The next piece of new business was discussion about the informal sugges-

tions made to change the Student Government from a Class III organization to an independent class.

The argument for this was that as long as SGA remains in Class III (along with groups such as Peddler, Newspeak,

simply because there are not enough funds, rather than being based upon "want" or "need." As the governing body, SGA's budget should be based on what is needed.

A large debate then ensued about the budgeting process which SGA would then have to follow if they were removed from Class III. Concerns were raised by Senator Joe Parker about the lack of checks and balances in the informal suggestions, stating that under the current proposal, the Senate alone would have sole power deciding its budget. Treasurer Giglio stated that this proposal was in no way final, but rather a rough outline, and that any suggestions were being taken.

Because time was running short, the Bookstore Naming and Residence Hall Closing Policy was put off until the next meeting. President Rick Daigle did ask for two members to volunteer to go through the list of proposed Bookstore names to narrow the field down to three finalists.

The last order of new business was a request for special funding for Peddler. Peddler, WPI's yearbook, began the year with a debt of \$10,000. Last year's SGA

funding would not be enough to cover the debt and the two payments for the yearbook to the publishing company. The expected income from last year's advertising and the funds raised from charging for the book this year would still not be enough to offset this cost. Class III Assistant treasurer, Senator Michael Pereira stated that the requested funds, originally \$10,000, but reduced to \$4630.00 upon review, would only cover the accounts payable to this point, and that another large bill would be forthcoming. SGA does not, however, have the funds to cover the upcoming bill. The funding request passed by a vote of 14-1, with 5 abstaining.

**Agenda: January 19, 1993**

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- X. Adjournment



Smart/SADD, Masque, and Pathways) it will be seen as a "club" rather than the Student's governing body. By removing SGA from Class III, the Organization Class Finance Committee (OCFC) deciding on SGA's budget would not consist of members of the Class III groups, and the SGA Budget would not be decided in the same way as budgets from other clubs. Under the current system, the Class III OCFC still decides the final budget, and items can sometimes be cut

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

# GSO ELECTIONS - Get Involved!!

by Jim Wilkinson  
GSO Vice-President

Now that the Constitution and Bylaws have been officially amended, we can start work on instituting these changes. One of the main changes is the new committee and officer structure of the Organization as well as the new Executive Committee officer election date. The elections will be held on 18 February at 11:00 a.m. at the GSO General Meeting in AK108. The current executive officers will be looking for nominees to fill the 8 available positions. We hope to receive all nominations by 4 February so that official nomination announcements can be made at the 4 February General Meeting, however, nominations will be accepted up until the election time.

If you are interested in a position or would like to nominate an individual for a position please contact Jim Wilkinson at the ME Dept. or jwilkie@wpi. Also, please review the new GSO Constitution and Bylaws so that you are familiar with the Organizations philosophy and function. A summary of the Executive Committee positions as taken from the GSO Bylaws follows:

**President**

The President is the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Organization and is responsible for overall coordination of voting procedures, finances, and budget. The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation of meeting agenda and delegation of duties not falling under the realm of other committees. The Executive Committee is liaison to the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS.)

The Executive Committee is also responsible for sending members of the committee, as representatives of the GSO, to the following WPI Committees:

- Academic Planning & Student Affairs Committee (APSA)
- Blue Ribbon Task Force Community Council
- Executive Staff Meetings
- Institute Budget Committee
- Student Government Association (SGA)

In addition, the President shall be moderator at meetings of the Council, Organization, and Executive Committee and shall oversee the operations and activities of the Organization and all committees.

The following Vice-Presidents shall be Chairpersons of their respective committees and are responsible for conveying the acts of that committee to the Executive Committee, the Council, and

to the Organization members.

**Vice-President of Policy**

The Policy Committee will discuss and recommend to the Council actions to be taken on policy issues, including changes and amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. The Vice-President of Policy retains overall responsibility, but may establish subcommittees to address short term projects.

The Policy Committee is also responsible for sending members of the committee, as representatives of the GSO, to the following WPI Committees:

- Campus Hearing Board
- Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR)
- Committee on Student Advising

The Vice-President of Policy shall also oversee the voting procedures and perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall be responsible for interpretation of the Bylaws and Constitution of the GSO at General and Special Meetings.

**Vice-President of Activities and Graduate Life**

The Activities and Graduate Life Committee is responsible for the promotion and provision of graduate student extra-curricular activities.

## GSO constitution and bylaw changes

by Jim Wilkinson  
GSO Vice-President

The Graduate Student Organization provides many services and social activities for the full-time graduate students of WPI. This year, the Graduate Student Council has been hard at work revising the Constitution and Bylaws of the Organization so that the Organization may function more efficiently to accomplish its goals. These changes have been made so that the Organization functions more as a representative group with committees accomplishing the majority of the work instead of individual officers being responsible for large tasks. The officers are now responsible for chairing the individual committees and delegating responsibilities to the members of the committees.

Major changes have also been made to the voting procedures so that all members attending General Meetings are eligible to vote instead of just Council members. These changes also more clearly define the categories and procedures for voting as well as vot-

The Activities and Graduate Life Committee is also responsible for sending members of the committee, as representatives of the GSO, to the following WPI Committees:

- Social Committee (SOCCOM)
- Worcester Area Graduate Students

**Vice-President of Orientation and Department Representation**

The Orientation and Department Representation Committee is responsible for the welcoming of new graduate students to WPI. This committee must organize and schedule activities to take place immediately prior to the start of the fall and spring semesters. These activities will serve four main purposes:

- 1) Introduce first year graduate students to graduate school and help them adjust to the differences between undergraduate and graduate education.
- 2) Introduce new graduate students to WPI and the surrounding area.
- 3) Introduce international students to various cultural and societal aspects of this country and provide them with any necessary assistance.
- 4) Provide training sessions for the graduate students who will be funded as teaching assistants for the first time.

This committee is responsible for the recruitment and election of Department

ing schedules and budget voting procedures. The GSO's schedule or calendar has also been more clearly defined. General meetings are now held on the first and third Thursday of every month, and elections have been moved to the second meeting of February. This earlier election time will make for a smoother transition from the retiring Executive Committee to the newly elected Committee.

We hope, now that these changes have been made, more graduate students will take an interest in actively participating in the Organization. The Organization will function more efficiently with more active members and all of the Organization's members will benefit. Remember, if you are a full-time graduate student, you are automatically an Organization member. Take an interest in the Organization, and benefit from its many activities!

For more information about the GSO or for a copy of the new GSO Constitution and Bylaws, contact Jim Wilkinson, ME Dept. (jwilkie@wpi) or look in ~gso/pub/info on the wpi computer system.

Representatives as well as general correspondence to the Representatives throughout the year.

**Vice-President of Public Relations**

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for conveying the activities and intentions of the Organization to all members of the Organization and when necessary, the community.

Specifically, this committee is responsible for:

- 1) Providing a means for, and publishing information in Newspeak, the WPI newspaper, including at least the coming General Meeting agenda and past General Meeting minutes.
- 2) Publicizing all upcoming GSO functions, including General Meetings, by means of posters, flyers, mailings, advertisements, WPI cable television, etc.

**Vice-President of Seminars**

The Seminar Committee is responsible for providing seminars for the Organization members and the WPI com-

munity. These seminars should be held at least twice per semester, but may happen as often as once a month if suitable topics and means exist.

**Treasurer**

Shall be responsible for the coordination of all budget and financial matters of the Organization and its activities. Shall present a written report of current finances at each regular meeting of the Council. Shall submit to the council for approval, a budget for the next administration to act upon in the following fiscal year. Shall have direct responsibility and be the signatory to all GSO accounts. Shall be the GSO Representative to the Institute Budget Committee.

**Secretary**

Shall preside over all General and Special Meetings of the GSO. Shall be responsible for recording, posting, and filing of the minutes of all Organization meetings. Shall be responsible for maintaining the files of the Organization.

## GSO pluralism representative needed

by Jim Wilkinson  
GSO Vice President

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is looking for a representative from the graduate student body to serve on the newly formed Pluralism Awareness Program Planning Committee. The goal of this committee is to institute an ongoing campus-wide program that furthers the ideas reflected in the WPI commitment to pluralism statement. A copy of this statement can be seen on page 1 of the 1993-94 Undergraduate Catalog. As a representative from the graduate student body and GSO, your responsibilities will be to serve on the committee by the guide-

lines set down by the committee and report to the GSO on your participation in this committee. This is a great opportunity to get involved in WPI's evolving educational and social philosophy. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact either Jim Wilkinson, ME Dept. (jwilkie@wpi) or Ronald Macon in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

## GSO logo design contest

by Jim Wilkinson  
GSO Vice President

The Graduate Student Organization would like a logo or icon for use as an identifier for the group. This logo will be used on meeting notices, letterheads, etc... The GSO is having a contest open to all members of the WPI Community for the design of this logo. The winner will be determined by the GSO Council and the prize is \$50. You may submit as many designs as you would like. The formal version of the design should include at least the text "GSO", "Graduate Student Organization", and either "WPI" or "Worcester Polytechnic Institute". Please send submissions to Jim Wilkinson, GSO V.P., GSO Office, Olin Hall.

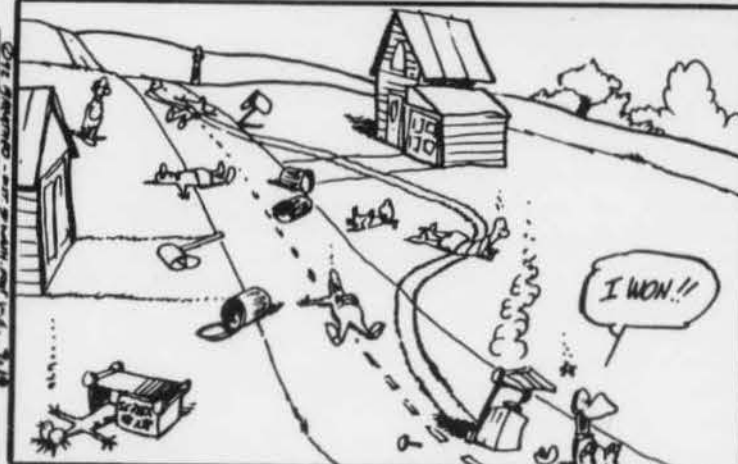
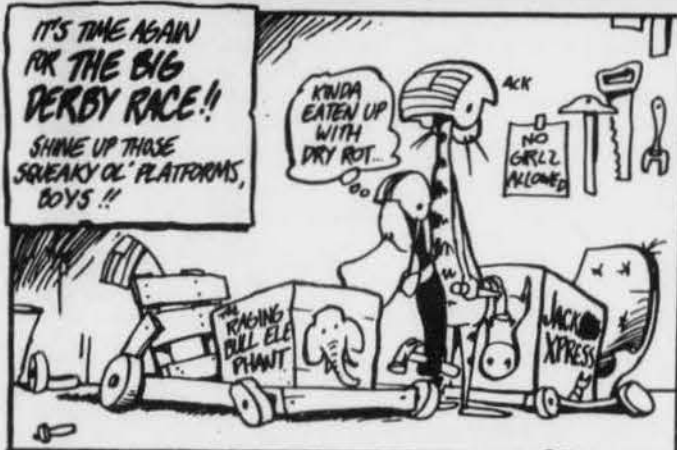
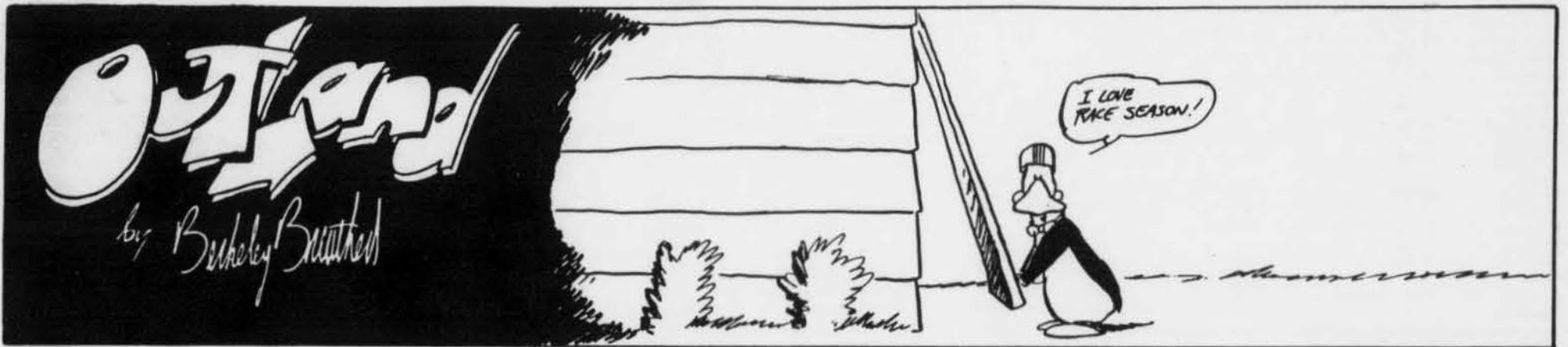
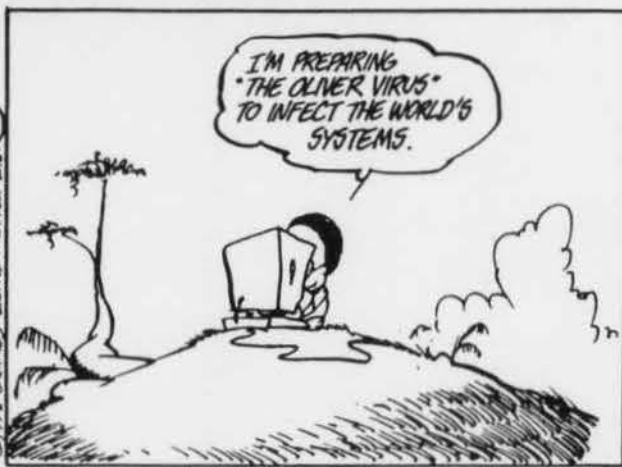
Please include your name and box #. Second round submissions are due by 4 March 1993.

## Announcements

The GSO is going BOWLING this Friday, Jan. 29, from 11 pm till 2 am at Auburn Ten-Pin Bowl. Three hours of bowling and rental shoes will be \$5.00. Meet in the Wedge at 10:00 pm. BYOB if desired. RSVP to Ruth Shy by Thurs. Jan. 28.

Do you like to read? Now is your chance to enhance the education of youngsters by volunteering to read to students in fourth grade and below. It only requires one hour a week of your time, reading in the Worcester Public Schools. If you are interested, contact Mike Shipulski in the ME Dept. or e-mail him (ship@wpi), for more information.

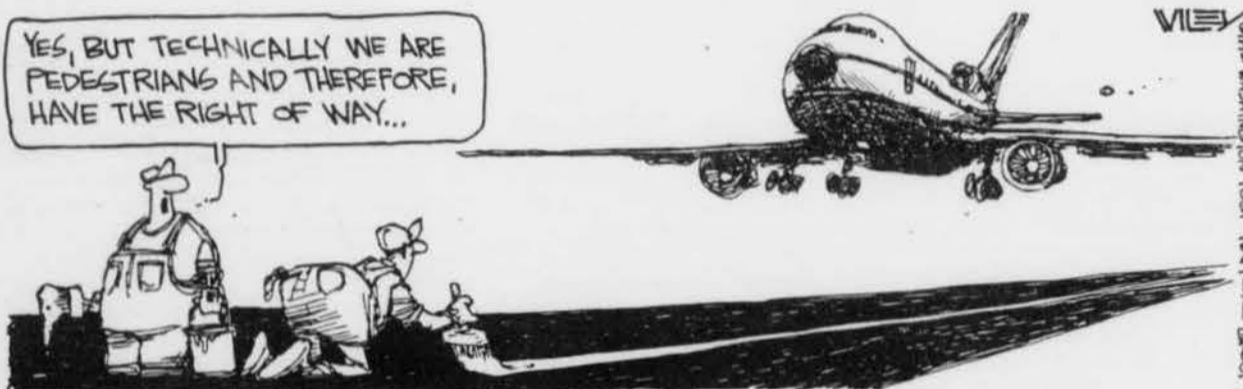
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-128.

BURN VICTIM. American Heart Association logo and text.

HEART DISEASE. We're Making a Difference. American Heart Association logo.

Answers to Super Crossword grid.

## CLUB CORNER

## AICHe

Hi! Welcome back everyone! I hope break was enjoyable for everyone. So how was B-term? I can't say I'm sorry I missed it, but I hope you all did well in your classes. So back to the unfortunate reality of taking classes again. Good luck everyone! This term we've got a lot going: We just had the social on Thursday (Thanks to all the Phi Sig Kaps for letting us use their house as a special thanks to Scott for playing/singing for us!) In the future we have the volleyball game against the civil's the "help session" for lower classmen's schedules (that's this Wed at 8:00 in GH 311), and elections speeches and elections are coming soon, too. Don't forget, you must be member to vote (or run). Dues for the end of the year at \$5 so if you'd like to join, just pay dues to Greg. And don't forget about the tours you can go on - GE and Pfizer and P+G, they're really interesting and at least you don't have to write a 5 page report on it! Well, I must go for now, but see you all tomorrow. P.S. Don't forget: the double diaphragm pump can "pump slurry or tennis balls, but not very fast."

## Alpha Phi Omega

Hello folks! The Roadtrip express rolls on to UConn

Well in Club news:

January 30 Project for Prespectives (Gundy is still playing phone tag) Bowlathon with Alpha Gamma Beta coming up as soon as I call Stacy

Info-meeting for Prospectives January 28th Lower Wedge 7pm (If you can not attend talk to Carol Quinlan, quinlan@wpi)

Pasta Fest/Super Bowl Party January 31st Granddads (Joe C.) (at the moment) (Go Dallas Bills! ;))

Dorm Storm Wednesday talk to Carol Quote of the Week

Jenn E. - I am still hobbling from foot surgery me- So they finally removed your foot from your mouth? Joe C.-\*snicker\* Kerri-\*laughter\* Jenn- (comment deleted)

Movie of the week: La Femme Nikita (weird stuff) Song of the week: St. Stephen's (Grateful Dead) Group of the Week: Sand in the Vaseline

## American Society of Civil Engineers

Welcome back Civils, Happy New Year. Hope all of you had a good holiday season. Several things are going on to kick off C-Term. Have you ever wanted to see the inside of a brewery? Sign up in Kaven Hall for the trip to Harpoon Brewery on January 30th. Just for fun there will be a volley ball game with AICHe on February 4, look for details. If you didn't get your ASCE "COED NAKED SURVEYING" t-shirts at the end of B-term, they will be on sale in the mail room from 10 AM to 3 PM all this week. If you are interested in helping pour the concrete canoe this week, contact Chris Elliott, box 951, for the time of the pour. Coming events include a trip to Deer Island (sign up in Kaven), Spaghetti Bridge Contest and Timber Bridge Competition. Don't forget that on April 4th we will race the canoe. For those of you interested there are many scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate civil engineers available through ASCE.

## American Society of Mechanical Engineers

There will be a short general meeting tomorrow (Wednesday the 27th) at 6:30pm in Salisbury 104. The committees formed at the last meeting will also be getting together to begin projects. If you signed up for a committee last time, please try to attend this meeting. If you would like to get involved or have some ideas for new committees, stop by and share them with us. The meeting will be important but brief, so please BE THERE!

## Alpine Ski Team

The 1993 ski season is in full swing for the WPI Alpine Ski Team. Our annual training camp was held over semester break. Skiers of all abilities were given the opportunity to improve their skills during the five days of intensive coaching. Everyone worked hard at this condensed camp and skiers and coaching staff alike should be commended. The Satur-

day after camp concluded, time trials were held. Congratulations for being selected to a traveling team: Tori Pesek, Beth McGee, Patty Hill, Kylie Schoenrock, Grace Buzanowski, Nisa Tristano, Amy Bowman, Rachel Butland, Karl Chandler, Victor Glenn Virball, John Webster, Jon Kruker, John Chapdelaine, John Harrington, Scott Griffiths, Jeff Richman, Chris Patstone, Mack "Flounder" Sullivan, Tobjorn Bergstorm and Ken Mongcon.

Sunday Jan 17 was the first race of the year. New snow was a psych-up for the women's team that placed second in the slalom event. Special note should be given to the performances of Tori Pesek, 2nd, Beth McGee, 7th, Kylie Schoenrock, 10th, and Grace Buzanowski, 13th. Keep up the good work. The men's team finished a disappointing fourth, with two of their top five racers not completing the second run. Exceptions to the mens team's bad luck were V. Glenn Virballs 9th place finish and Karl Chandler's 13th. Better luck next time guys. This weekend the team will be racing at Cannon Mt. in Franconia.

## Fencing Club

This is a note to all you present and past fencers out there. Even if you missed some practices last term, we would still be very pleased to see you at the club meetings. We especially need Epee and Saber fencers. This term we will be fencing some matches against other teams — the more fencers the merrier! Just a reminder that we meet from 4:30 'til 6:00 behind the bleachers in Harrington. See you all there.

## Lens and Lights

Hey man, we are out of here. Game over! >Knock it off Hicks! Hey maybe you haven't been paying attention to current events, but we just had nominations! Yes, that's right, you too could be a part of the fun LnL executive branch. This includes such exciting executive privileges as sharing 1/6 of the best events, and, if you are lucky enough to be Treasurer, you can ponder the question of being bonded. (No, not with your teeth!) But wait, that's not all! If you are nominated now, you will feel the thrill of an LnL election or the agony of the eraser!

In other news, the AT is back on line and should be able to be used for various events. The Aux sends of the Soundcraft have also been repaired. Note: It has been deemed bad to spill drinks into sound equipment. This message was brought to you by the council of better mixing.

Quotes: "She would look better out of scope" -Dude "How were they?" -Mangiarelli "Can we shoot Bonehead?" -Jeremy "I missed" -Jeremy "I'm logging in on the overhead projector." -Dude "Oh, so UNIX is bad?" -Anon "They are all the same faders." -Rich "I dislike manual labor. >Don't we all." -Ski "I'm doing my MQP on audio. >All audio? No, just the part with sound. >That is going to be one hell of a report." -Some kid attempting to figure out the invert button on a tek scope. "CRUNCH!!! Ohhhhhhhhhhh shit...." Jeremy "It's amazing how much free space there is when you take EVERYTHING out of the projectors." Jeremy's Subaru: seats 5, holds 12. "Neat wire stripper." Jeremy

## Machine Shop Club

The machine shop club gives students a chance to learn how to use machine tools. We are looking for people interested in learning how to machine metal. No experience needed, although people with previous training who are interested are especially needed call or write Justin Neutra: box 367 or call 756-1931 evenings.

## Masque

Hey Gang. You'll never guess what is coming up.... FOOLS!!! It's a hilarious comedy by Neil Simon, and opens February 4. With shows on the 4th, 5th and 6th, at 8pm in ALDEN. You won't want to miss this show. You'll find out the best way to milk a cow. You'll learn the difference between yellow and blue. It will be the time of your life. So, GO SEE FOOLS. Also, the set will be under construction, so if you can spare a few moments, please assist... Contact Jim O'Connor for more information. MW is doing RECKLESS Feb. 25-27, contact Michael Lance

Gunderman (gundy) for details on help they need.

It is once again that time of year. Officer elections are coming up. According to our illustrious president, Stott, nominations will be opened this Friday at the Masque meeting....so if you are thinking of running for a position, it would probably be a good idea to make sure you get nominated. What am I forgetting? I always forget something. I think. Just rememebr, when the going gets really tough, then it's probably all due to C-Term. And for those special people out there... the EYES have it. And as MAMF has been told... "Perfect men are for marrying, not for fooling around with."

## PME/Math Club

Hello everyone, welcome back from break! I hope that C-term is going well for you. Math Club members: There will be a short meeting on Tuesday 26th January in SH203 at 4:30pm. We will discuss a number of things. Try not to miss it! Math majors/double majors: PME/Math Club will be co-hosting a Department open house on Friday 5th February from 4:30pm-6:00pm. We will have a deli dinner bar. Prof. Servatius will speak for about a half hour on her current research interests. If you are in the dark about MQP it would be wise to attend. This presentation will be the beginning of the MQP-miniseminars that we will have on a bi-weekly basis. Each will last about a half hour and an informal discussion will follow. Freshman, sophomores, and juniors should take advantage of this!!! There will be another club corner next week with more details about the schedule for the mini-seminars, as well as the topics.

## Men's Glee Club

Well, so much for sledding Friday. Remember we have a mass to sing this Saturday. Looking through some old music in the glee club office, I found a stack of music that was similar to what we are singing now. The funny thing was, these works of music were all parodies of music in our repertoire. Here are

the top 10

10. Wake, Sleepy, Wake
9. Laura's Knee
8. Orally
7. Ching-a-Ring Chow Mein
6. Nostrodamus, Hey!
5. Don't Drink It From the Fountain
4. Soon Ah Will Be Done with Mrs. Rubble of de Flintstones
3. Von Weber's Gas in Me
2. Whose Child Is It?
1. Brothels Scream On

Oh, one last thing. Are you working on your questionnaires, Freshman?

## Newman Club

Welcome back everyone, and hope you had a blessed Christmas break. I wish I could have sent you all Christmas cards with ultra-cute reindeer on the front, but alas, I only have so much money for postage. Too bad I'm not a member of Congress, eh?

The long wait is finally over. The retreat is in the final planning stages, and will be ready to go on Feb. 2nd. Despite the obvious temptation to have the theme be, "How to be a good groundhog," we settled on this theme, "Heaven, it just doesn't get any better than this." This is sure to be a night to be enjoyed by all, and maybe you'll even leave the retreat with a different idea on what heaven is. Dinner at the religious center will begin at 5:00 and the retreat should end at roughly 9:00. If you plan to attend, please give your name and box # to either me, Steve Sousa, box 224 or Nick Mollo, box 2670. We hope to see all of you there.

The Christmas mass was, as usual, the event of the year. All of us who were there have the honor of saying we attended mass on a Sunday that no one else in the entire diocese did. Doesn't that make you feel special?

The highly anticipated hayride was unfortunately snowed out. Instead everyone went back to the religious center and sampled some of Father S's cuisine, which I'm sure was superlative as usual. I wonder if they got

**OPEN MEETING**

The Progress Report  
of the  
**BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE**  
and a discussion of our  
future.

Thursday, February  
4th  
4:30 PM  
Kinnicutt Hall (SL 115)

**CLUB CORNER**

the fire going in the fireplace as they said they would. I wonder if any videotapes got thrown into the fire. That would have been a shame.

**Pershing Rifles**

Pershing Rifles is accepting new pledges for our Spring 1993 class. Any interested civilians (or weird Zoomies and Squids) are invited to our meetings on Wednesdays at 19:00 hours in the Army ROTC office.

I'd like to extend congratulations to the new initiates who made it through initiation without their beloved Ewoks.

P/R with the help of our own Sergeant Jewett, is trying to put together a drill team. WE will be doing swanky, amazing, and death-defying movements; none of this "left wheel" and "right wheel" stuff. This drill team will do parades and benefits for the community, thus allowing the Worcester public to marvel at our talents. Those interested (10 are needed) should contact ISG Hower.

Speaking of D+C, the Worcester Arthritis Foundation sent the school a letter thanking our troop for the time and effort we put in to make their 1st annual walk-a-thon a success. A lot of money was raised and we got free T-shirts.

Those helping out with Boy Scout inspection this week are reminded to bring their class A uniforms, beret (hopefully it will be formed), and boots early on Wednesday because the inspection is at 18:15 hours. Please come looking all sharp and groovy.

Donuts and coffee go out to McTague, Holley, and Burkholder, who are leaving us. We will all miss you. Well, maybe.

**Philosopher's Circle**

Welcome one and all to the very first club corner of The Philosopher's Circle! We are a fledgling organization dedicated to the search for new thoughts and ideas through the advent of constructive argument. Enough with the vocab words; now to our club news:

Our organization consists of students from all corners of WPI - graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and staff. All are welcome at our group discussions (which met on Wednesdays in the Wedge from 3pm to usually 5, though that is subject to change). There are no dues; the group is still very tenuous at the moment. Our officers currently consists of a Moderator (Mike Caprio, myself), a VP (Vaughn Gross), and what is currently an opening for the Secretary position (So if you're interested, stop by and we'll take a vote!)

What does the Philosopher's Circle do? First, I must say that to truly know you have to come and see for yourself, but here are some highlights from this past week's meeting....

The dialectic began with a discussion of Relativity (for all you PH1130 people out there) and it's philosophical implications - from this topic our talk shifted to what reality was, and a decision was made that it must be based on individual perception. From there we moved on to the basis of language and how it relates to thought and the question of what communication is (we described it as an inter-crossing of individual realities). Later this term a newsletter will be produced that covers in detail all that we discussed during the meetings. Watch out club corner for more info on this as it comes!

If think this stuff is beyond you, just look at our membership - not a single Philosophy major! We're just a group that likes to discuss these sorts of things in a slightly organized informal arena. Stop by and check us out!

**SocComm**

Hi everyone!! It was great it see so many people at the Pub and Coffeehouse shows last week!! They both were a great success!

Tonight the Films Committee starts their Passport Films Series with the comedic/dramatic film, "A Great Wall." The Films Committee will be showing cultural films such as this throughout the rest of the semester on

various Tuesday nights. Check one out! Tonight's film is being shown in Perreault Hall at 8pm.

The Coffeehouse Committee is starting their comedy shows with local comedian Geroll Bennet this Thursday. Take a break from your work and go down to Gompei's for a laugh. Don't forget that this Sunday's movie is "Unlawful Entry" in Perreault at 6:30 and 9:30 pm. Don't miss it!!! See you at a SocComm event this week!!

**Student Alumni Society**

Welcome to C-term. The term that seems like it will never end. And to cure this problem SAS has **SURVIVAL KITS FOR SALE!!!!** Your parents should have received an order form in the mail, so make sure you remind them to send it in. And new this year, SAS is allowing you the student or faculty member the opportunity to buy your own survival kit right here on campus. Now you can get something for that roommate, friend, girl/boyfriend or ex-boy/girlfriend to show them that you care. Not to mention that if you buy one for your roommate you can eat most of the candy for yourself. Keep your eyes posted for order forms in an upcoming Newspeak.

In other SAS news, the Community Service Committee is planning a community service project in April with the Worcester County Alumni Club. The Traditions Committee is planning tow new **FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RIVALRY** advents for this semester. The first one, a snow sculpture contest, will be announced bending the arrival of the white stuff. The second event is a jeopardy game between freshmen and sophomore classes, be watching the classified ads in Newspeak for hints!!!

The Alumni Relations Committee is still working hard and doing a great job, keep up the good work Becca.

**Women's Bowling**

Hey, team! How about those super cool T-shirts, hmmm? Let's get psyched for Boston! We had officer elections (um...sort of) at practice Wednesday and our new co-presidents are Heidi Groves and Amy Plack! Hooray! Also, a possible new addition to the team has arrived, so let's show Lisa (and Mel, if she comes this Wed) some team spirit!!!

Heidi - need help with the budget?!! (heh, heh)

Shell - It's all going to be ok, really! Trust us!

**Women's Chorale**

We're back...bagels and all! This term looks to be a load full of music, all from one piece. Verdi promises a challenge to us all. Hopefully everyone had a nice break, and is now ready to hit the books again. But, are we ever truly ready?

Group #2 is on this week for bagels. THURSDAY IS BAGEL DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Women's Mentoring Program**

There will be a general meeting for all interested in becoming involved with the Women's Mentoring Program. Your input regarding future events and goals of the WMP is school year. It is hoped that new committees will be formed to head events for the 1993-1994 school year. This will be a great opportunity to meet and work with other female students at WPI.

The meeting will be held, Thursday, January 28 at 4:30 pm in the Riley Conference Room. Hope to see you there!

**AXP**

Hail! Cheers! Greetings! and all that other stuff to the brothers; to the postulants, not a bad first attempt on your raid. With the help of Postulant Pane, you almost managed to catch the brothers off guard. Keep at it, guys, you're getting warmer...

Speaking of postulants, not a week could go by without hearing from the laziest one, Schnappsy. It seems that he and his big brother grew weary of sharing, so they decided to settle things with a duel, Moore armed with a dart gun, and Karness with a holster full of kitchen cups. The outcome, you guessed it: Lazy K took a dart in the chest and broke his wrist, and also re-hashed an old neck injury he had seven years ago.

Our first Around the World party was fun as usual. Although I wrote this column before the party actually happened, I'll try to summarize it ahead of time: Kmiec was satisfied, Lush was liquified, Roe was occupied, Bob imbibed, Schnappsy was denied, and "Vanilla Ice"; after drinking eight gallons of beer in thirty-five minutes, passed out in Reuben's room. Was I close?

While talking about the unconscious, congratulations must go out to Ian, who temporarily broke the sleep spell that was cast on him and went to a class or two. Don't worry, though, 'cause he was back to his old ways later that afternoon, and not even John's 150 decibel nuclear attack siren could break his trance.

Finally, with our pool balls due back shortly, maybe we won't have to resort to breaking bones to get what was rightfully ours. Thanks for your cooperation, ladies! Later...

**ΑΓΔ**

Hi everyone! Ok, so the column's been a little screwed up lately, but hopefully everything's the way it should be now. Well, I've been a little behind lately, so I've got a lot of catching up to do. First of all, I want to give a big CONGRATULATIONS!!! to Jen Hodge, who was pinned to Brad Dufour of ATO, oh, about a month ago. (Sorry it took so long!) That made a total of 10 for '92. What's happening here?! And now, to start off 1993, CONGRATULATIONS to Beth Newton for getting pinned to Jeff Tubbs from Kap. My, wasn't the circle big Tuesday night! Happy (very belated) Birthdays to Holly, Cyndi S., Lynn, Kim Q., Carrie, Patti, Gilda (sorry I didn't call), Chris F., and Angela. Happy 21st to Karen and Jen Lord. And finally Happy Birthdays to Michelle, Anne, Kristen and Tanya.

Roses to Kathy P. for her great job with the pledges Tuesday night. Pledges — You've lost that lovin' feeling. Roses to Holly for the ceremony Tuesday and to Laurie for the pizza party Friday. Thanks to SAE, TKE, and FIJI for the socials this weekend. We had a great time! Oh, and I'm sure the pledges (especially Kristin) would like to thank ATO for that interesting evening Wednesday.

I'd like to end this column by welcoming back Lambda Chi Alpha. Good luck with rush!

Last, but not least, Hi, Mom! —I miss you! KS. AGD Pledges: It was the first week of C term al through the campus not a creature was stirring except the Alpha Gamma Deltas! Well the pledges were stirring at least. We were quite, the night prowlers, I need sleep! Do you think everyone appreciates all that hard work - no they tear it down.

**ΑΤΩ**

Glad to finally see everyone back, excluding Harrington. We have seen many changes in such a short time. For instance, Duper took on the ruggish coal miner look with his new facial hair. He's trying to complete the full picture by working out in the gym. Too bad your girlfriend is tougher. I am speaking from experience!

Congratulations to Matty K. on the pinning of his girlfriend. I hope it will be multi-religious service. Don't be an Ezo, get good beer next time. We also found out that Craig has a special talent as a crash dummy. Contrary to popular belief Cory and Rick have not been taking advantage of Bangkok's #1 commodity.

A belated thank-you to Billy, thanks for your girlfriend decorating my sports coat with all those neat colors. Next time tell her: Don't eat so much before a formal.

Good luck to all the civils in the house with their rock lab. Remember when you sift sand, use the larger sieve first. You don't want to ruin your project and have big rocks mixed with small ones.

The pledges did a good job cleaning up the house, it looks great. Wrestle-Mania was a great time. Remember it took a lot of you to subdue us. Thanks to Terry, your whole floor loves us.

**GREEK CORNER**

The blazing fire in the carport was handled efficiently guys! good thing we called you instead of 911.

It seems that Pete Travers has had some dull moments lately. don't worry Pete, I hear that a new Star Wars Movie is coming out. Hey Miller! Roberta owes \$35.95 for her first week's rent. Its overdue.

**FIJI**

Welcome back everybody, hope your break was enjoyable and prosperous but unfortunately it is once again time to enter the realms of hell. I'd like to begin the proceedings by congratulating the few who took part in this weekends pathetic festivities. First of all, congrats John and Jay for hooking up with the foreign legion. Apologies to Chris for getting burnt by yet another chickie. Also "big" Eddie deserves an apology for losing a pledgedon. Of course there is a bright side to this unfortunate news - ONE LESS VLADIAN. \*\* NEWSFLASH \*\* Rumors have been flying around campus about the lovelife of one "Schneider", I would like to take the time to confirm that he is in fact single and invites any young woman to take a shot at the title

Well enough slinging the crap. On a more serious note, welcome back Pee Wee (the cradle robber), it's to bad the party had to end. Welcome back to the pledgeclass of 93' and I would like to remind you that in fact your appearance is welcomed down at the ranch. Good Luck in the following weeks/months and with your Parent Dinner.

Finally, I hope everyone is ready for a kick-butt quarter with some kick-butt parties. (I know you are E.K.) Til' next week as a great FIJI once stated "God Luv Ya"...

**ΦΚΘ**

Welcome back brothers. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. With a new year upon us, a new president in the white house, and our own new house council we should see great changes in the near future, but its good to know that somethings never change.

- Like:
1. Bennet the puppeteer will always pull your strings
  2. Being unavailable to the WPI community for so long
  3. Dana: High Priest of the born again Virgins
  4. Murph's Betrayals
  5. Toni's Southern Aroma
  6. The Bad Decisions of our pledges
  7. Bosco still thinks he's president
  8. Guz still thinking this will be the weekend
  9. When Davey Hammond comes around there drinking to be done
  - 10 Its good to see that Sulli and his drinking buddy still come to party's
  11. Yergeav's homosexual tendencies

This week Brown Skid Sheet award goes to Pete Hanson and we give pity to the innocent victim Rachel

Manzi haven't you seen you lately, how are things in the hood?

To the pledges: Keep up the good work and hang tough.

Good luck on Wednesday to the J.V. Wrestling team and this Saturday to the varsity wrestling team. Also good luck to the rest of the sports teams on campus.

Brothers remember to pay the rest of your bills as soon as possible, and to sign up for the blood drive next Tuesday.

Boy thanks for inspiring the troops. There's a good chance I'm going to take you upon that deal.

Now that my better half is back I won't be as moody and tense.

There will be a house meeting this Wednesday at 8:00 and a house council meeting at 7:00. (There will be a note in your box if this changes.)

**ΦΣΣ**

Welcome back Phi Sigs! I hope everyone is having a good term and is looking forward to spending even more time with our awesome pledges.

I hope everyone is ready to rock for our annual Rock-a-thon for the National Kidney Foundation starting today. It's a great time to get to know everyone better so come down to the Wedge, hang out, and have a good time. All of the proceeds go to charity, so have fun

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Time: 8 PM

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Admission: \$1 (wpi), \$2 (general)

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING... UPCOMING SocComm EVENTS

"IF YOU LIKED 'FATAL ATTRACTION,'  
YOU'LL LOVE 'UNLAWFUL ENTRY'"



Sunday, January 31, 1993  
6:30 & 9:30 PM  
Perreault Hall  
\$2.00 Admission

## PUNCHLINE! The Comedy Gameshow

FEB. 3, 1993  
8 PM  
PERREAULT HALL  
\$1

### Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity "Starting a Tradition of Excellence" Recruitment Events

**Monday, February 1**

**MONDAY NIGHT  
MADNESS**

Come Find Out About  
Lambda Chi Alpha  
Lower Wedge - 7-9 P.M.

**Tuesday, February 2**

**DOUBLE VISION**

Meet the Sororities  
Gompei's Place  
7-9:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, February 3**

**GAMES NIGHT**

With the Sororities  
Gompei's Place - 7-9 P.M.

**Thursday, February 4**

**PIZZA FEST**

Meet the Alumni of  
Lambda Chi Alpha  
Gompei's Place  
7-9 P.M.

**Friday, February 5**

**SPORTS DAY**

B-Ball and Volleyball  
with the Brothers  
Alumni Gym  
3-6 P.M.



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### COMMENTARY

## Just the Twelve of Us

by Deana L. Day  
Class of '93

Have you ever, as an English speaking American living in the good old U. S. of A., been in a crowded place and heard a group of people speaking in another language? In all honesty, I always stare at them, don't you? Well, just recently twelve of us, from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, found ourselves to be the foreigners in the foreign land. When we spoke many people stared at us. You could say that the shoe was on the other foot! The places that we visited were: Prague, Czechoslovakia; Berlin, Munich, Karlsruhe and Mittenwald, Germany; Lauterberg, France; and Salzburg, Austria. We did a lot of sightseeing and, although most of us didn't know the language, we made it through with only a few minor scrapes on our egos.

While in Germany, we were hosted by two universities: the Technical University of Munich and the Technical University of Karlsruhe. Not only were we hosted by them, but we also worked for them here at WPI. The main reason for this journey was to give a presentation for our hosts to show them the work we had been doing for them. The presentation was on the development of scientific

software, including software reliability and portability, three dimensional visualization and mathematical modeling. These techniques are being enhanced, specifically in the field of electromagnetic fields, by students working for Peter Levin in the CFL Lab in Atwater Kent. If you are interested in learning more about any of the above information, please contact Peter Levin at x5494 or send email to pete@ee.

### CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"So, what'd they 'fix'?"



# What's Happening

**Tuesday, January 26th**

6:30 PM Women's Swimming vs. Regis College, Weston, Massachusetts  
 7 PM Women's Basketball vs. Amherst College, Harrington Auditorium  
 8 PM Passport film: "A Great Wall" Perreault Hall, \$1  
 8 PM Hockey vs. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northstar Arena, Westborough Massachusetts.

**Wednesday, January 27th**

2:30 - 3:30 PM Women's Seminar: Self-Esteem/Self Confidence. Counseling and Student Development Center, 157 West St. Free.  
 6 PM Men's Swimming vs. Clark University, at Clark  
 7:30 PM Men's Basketball vs. Trinity, Harrington Auditorium  
 7:30 PM Hockey vs. Connecticut College, at Dayton Arena, Groton, Connecticut  
 8 PM Wednesday-Sunday Holy Cross Play: Rogers and Hammerstein's musical "Carousel" by the alternative college theatre group at Fenwick Theatre. \$8 General Theatre

**Thursday, January 28th**

4 PM Concert: Paul - Andre Bempechat, piano Fenwick Chapel, Holy Cross  
 7 PM Women's Basketball vs. Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts  
 7 PM Women's Swimming vs. Simmons College, Alumni Gym

8 PM Two Towers After Hours, Geroll Bennet; Gompei's Function Room \$1 WPI students, \$2 general admission Doors Open 7:30 PM

**Saturday, January 30th**

1 PM Men's & Women's Swimming vs. Salem State College (MA), Alumni Gym  
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 1 PM Wrestling Invitational Dual Tournament at Wesleyan(CT)  
 1 PM Men's Track vs. the United States Coast Guard Academy, New Haven, Connecticut  
 2 PM Play at Holy Cross Rogers and Hammerstien's musical "Carousel" by the Alternate College Theatre Group, Fenwick Theatre, \$8 general admission  
 2 PM Women's Basketball vs. Smith College at Harrington Auditorium.  
 2 PM Hockey at Navy Tournament, Annapolis, Maryland  
 3 PM Men's Basketball vs. the United States Coast Guard Academy, New Haven, Connecticut

**Sunday, January 31th**

3 PM Hockey at Navy Tournament, Annapolis, Maryland  
 6:30 & 9:30 PM Film: "Unlawful Entry" Perreault Hall \$2

**Monday, Febraury 1st**

5 PM Deadline for submission to New Voices 11. Professor Vick, Salisbury Labs 19

**POLICE LOG**

**Friday January 1st, 1993**

1:50 AM 3 Individuals reported leaving field house area for quad  
 2:10 AM One Suspect brought to station  
 2:35 AM Noise Complaint Ellsworth  
 3:09 AM Officers Arrest two more suspects  
 7:00 AM Three suspects charged with breaking and entering nighttime with intent to felony, larceny, disorderly conduct, and trespassing.  
 9:55 PM Report of Foul Odor emanating from Basement of Stratton.  
 9:59 PM Carpenter Shop in Stratton Hall found to be full of steam emanating from a manhole

in West St.

**Saturday January 2nd**

11:27 PM Malicious Mischief reported. Several road signs missing in and around campus.

**Friday January 8th**

10:21 PM Flood in Goddard hall from overflowing sink in janitor's closet on first floor.

**Saturday January 9th**

9:22 PM Assault with Weapon; Becker Campus Police report 4 to 5 males assualting 2 other males on West St. Worcester Police and

Rescue Squad dispatched to scene. Minor Injuries. Suspects fled in Pleasant St. direction.

**Wednesday January 13th**

2:43 AM Fire Alarm Goddard Hall. Traced to faulty piping in Mechanical Room

**Friday January 15th**

12:09 AM Weapons Violation. CO<sub>2</sub> gun confiscated from Institute resident.  
 1:15 AM Noise Complaint Institute

4:45 AM Ground Crews called in to deal with severe ice conditions

11:52 PM Malicious Mischief Founders. Broken fourth floor window.

11:57 PM Malicious Mischief Founders. Discharged fire extinguisher, first floor.

**Saturday January 16th**

7:22 PM Alarm; Newspeak. Editor forgot code.

10:21 PM Loitering/Trespassing. Local youths ejected from Alumni Gym basketball courts  
 2:15 PM Car Theft Boynton St.

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