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Dorm fires strike universities and colleges across US

by Joe Frawley
 Newspeak Staff

On January 19, a fire broke out at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. The fire broke out around 4:30 in the morning, in a six-story residence hall that houses about 640 people. Three students, all freshmen, died in the fire, and several students remain hospitalized in critical condition.

The investigation into what caused the fire at Seton Hall continues, with a grand jury having subpoenaed fire inspection records and engineering plans for the dorm, which did not have a sprinkler system.

On January 22, another fire occurred, this time at Heidelberg College, a small private college in Ohio. The dorm at that college is a three-story building housing 63 students. The dorm has a sprinkler system. In that fire no students were injured.

One of the issues surrounding these fires is the lack of a sprinkler system in the residence hall at Seton Hall. The residence hall at Seton Hall was built before legislation required that any new construction of residence halls have sprinkler systems.

A congresswoman from New York plans to introduce legislation that will require sprinklers in all college dormitories.

According to Philip Clay, Associate Dean of Student Life and Director of Residential Services, here at WPI only Stoddard and 26 Hackfeld do not have sprinkler systems. However, he added that 26 Hackfeld would get a sprinkler system this coming summer.

One of the other factors that has been brought up concerning the Seton Hall fire is that the dorm had several false alarms in the days preceding the actual fire.

Clay compared the problem with false alarms to "crying wolf." He was saying that if an alarm goes off several times in the course of several days, students might ignore it because they assume that this alarm will turn out to be a false alarm, like the previous ones.

He said that here at WPI, "We don't have that kind of situation where people don't take fire alarms seriously." He also said that, "both a false alarm and the alarm if there is a real fire sound the same."

A third factor that could have caused problems at Seton Hall is the fact that the residence hall in which the fire occurred is six stories. WPI does not have large high-rise dorms. Our biggest dorm is Founders Hall, which houses 220 students.

Clay says that one advantage to



The New Academic Building as it will be seen from a plaza that will be built midway up the hill. Washburn Shops is visible on the right.

Planning for new academic building continues

by Joe Frawley
 Newspeak Staff

In the early spring of 2001 groundbreaking is scheduled on a new academic building here at WPI. This building will be completed before the beginning of the 2002-2003 academic year. When the groundbreaking occurs for the academic building, WPI will also begin to construct a parking garage adjacent to this new building, which will be completed in early 2002.

The new academic building will be situated on the hill that is on the south side of the Gordon Library, with the parking garage replacing the parking lot at the bottom of the hill below the li-

brary. The academic building itself will cost approximately \$19 million, with some of that cost being an elevated walkway to the new parking garage and a plaza that will be built midway up the hill. Fundraising has already begun for the construction of the building through the Campaign for WPI. This building is being constructed to ease the overcrowding that exists in WPI's academic buildings, especially the overcrowding that exists in Salisbury Labs.

The architectural firm Einhorn, Yaffee, and Prescott, is designing the project. The academic building will have six stories. All six will be visible from the bottom of the hill, however only three of the stories will be visible from the top of the

hill at Washburn Shops. The Humanities and Arts department, the Management Department, and Continuing Education will have their offices in this building. Continuing Education will have its offices on the first and second floors, the Management Department will have its offices on the third and fourth floors, and the Humanities and Arts Department will have its offices on the fifth and sixth floors. The Humanities and Arts Departmental Office, however, will be on the fourth floor. The entrance to the building from the brand-new plaza will be on the second floor.

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WPIE-Cards send humor, nostalgia, beauty via internet

Courtesy of
 WPI Communications Group

WORCESTER, Mass. - You've got e-mail! That's no big news for computer geeks. But there's a new twist, according to the Web wizards at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. It's called a WPI E-card, and while it comes via electronic mail, it looks like an old-fashioned post card.

WPI is one of the few universities offering E-cards, which allow students, alumni and others to log on to the WPI Web site and send these unique electronic postcards with personal messages.

Just go to <http://www.wpi.edu/About/Ecards/>, and you'll find a picture of a postal mailbox. "Welcome to WPI E-Cards, a free electronic greeting service, showcasing WPI's attractive New England campus and rich traditions," reads the accompanying message. "From here you can send WPI-themed postcards to your friends, or pick up a postcard that someone has sent you. Share your WPI pride - send a WPI E-Card today!"

Senders then can choose among a wealth of images to attach to a personal message.

"We have about 100 individual cards, featuring photos of the WPI campus, both recent and some taken from postcards from the turn of the century," said WPI Web Coordinator Amy L. Marr. "There are cards for our fraternity and sorority members to send to one another and to friends at other chapters, and cards featuring WPI's Goat's Head, subject of the fierce Goat's Head Rivalry between the freshman and sophomore classes."

The Goat's Head is a tradition -
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having smaller dorms is that it is easier to keep track of the residents in the dorm. Clay mentioned "community awareness" in the dorms as being a tool to prevent loss of life in a fire.

Clay said, "Could it [a fire] happen here, sure."

If a fire were to start in one of WPI's residence halls, the important thing is that everyone must get out of the building if the alarm sounds. The RA's would knock on the doors to make sure everyone heard the alarm, especially if it sounded at night. The other residents on the floor are encouraged to do so as well, especially if you are aware of a deep sleeper on the floor. The residents should evacuate using the nearest stairwell.

While everyone is evacuating the building, the alarm automatically goes to Campus Police and the Worcester Fire Department is called.

The nearest fire station is on Grove Street, about two minutes away from campus. The fire department and campus police would then investigate by looking at a panel in each hall that shows where the alarm went off, and checking what is in that area. As soon as the situation is shown to be fine, students are let back into the hall. The last step is that students who either did not leave the building period or left too slowly would be talked to.

Clay said that, "You cannot control if a fire will happen." "But," he added, "we do everything we can to minimize the risk."

Professor earns research innovation award

Courtesy of
 WPI Communications Group

WORCESTER, Mass. - A great idea may be its own reward, but it is especially so when it brings \$35,000 in its wake.

Germano S. Iannacchione of Waltham, Mass., Worcester Polytechnic Institute assistant professor of physics, has won a Research Innovation Award in support of his "original, innovative scientific research." Given by the Research Corp., a foundation for the advancement of science, the award honors Iannacchione's project titled "New Approach for Calorimetric Spectros-

copy." The funds will be used for equipment, supplies and research stipends, among other uses.

"High-resolution measurements of a material's heat capacity - the amount of heat or energy something can hold per degree temperature - reveals a material's property, information an engineer finds useful," Iannacchione said. "However, it also shows something that scientists find extremely useful as well. When a material undergoes a change of phase, like from ice to water, the heat capacity of the material shows an unmistakable feature. Some materials, like glasses

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"There's nothing more thrilling than watching middle aged men battle for the most publicized government seat. Money, buses, speeches, and commercials; nothing is spared, except enthusiasm..."

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NEWS

■ ACADEMIC

When you enter from the plaza, you will enter an atrium that will be three stories tall.

There will also be an entrance from Cosine Alley on the fourth floor. An elevated walkway will lead from the plaza to the parking garage, which will have approximately 525 parking spaces.

The new building will add a total of eight general use classrooms to the campus.

The first floor will contain two computer classrooms with seating for 28 people each, a third computer classroom with seating for 18 people, and a seminar room with seating for 25 people.

The second floor will have another classroom with seating for 45 people as well as a lecture hall with seating for 86 people. The third floor will have a classroom with seating for 40 people and also a computer lab will be on the third floor.

A state-of-the-art distance learning room with seating for 45 people will dominate the fourth floor. Another distance learning room will be on the fifth floor with seating for 50 people.

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These classrooms will be in the center of the building, so that the offices on each floor can be on the outside, which means that the offices will have windows.

At this point in the process, the architects are talking with the Humanities and Arts Department, the Management Department, and Continuing Education, to determine specific needs for the building.

The architects are also talking with Information Technology to decide on computer hook-ups and other factors in the classrooms.

John Carney, the Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, has said, "There will be some disruptions."

When the parking garage and academic building are being constructed the parking lot at the bottom of the hill below Gordon Library will be closed.

To make up for the lost parking, WPI will have some off-campus parking available.

This parking will be about a five-minute walk from campus in good weather. There will also be shuttles to take people from this off-campus parking lot to campus.

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and the recent advent of 'smart' polymers, change their phase so slowly that it is sometimes hard to tell if the material has finished changing its phase. This proposal will develop a new experimental approach that would not only answer this question but also give insight as to how these slowly changing systems reach their new phase."

Iannacchione, at WPI since 1998, is also a research affiliate at the Center for Materials Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He completed postdoctoral research at MIT and Kent State University and earned a 1993 Ph.D. in physics at Kent State and 1990 M.S. and 1987 B.S. degrees in physics from the University of Akron. He was awarded the 1991 David B. Smith Fellowship as the outstanding graduate student in physics at Kent State and was named the 1988-89 Morton-Thiokol research associate in physics at the University of Akron.

A member of the American Physical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the International Liquid Crystal Society, and the American Association of University Professors, he lives with his wife, Dee, and daughter, Alisionna, in Waltham and is the son of Domenico and Lina Iannacchione of Ak-

ron, Ohio.

WPI, founded in 1865, is renowned for its project-based curriculum. Under the WPI Plan, students integrate classroom studies with research projects conducted on campus and around the world.

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and a relic - of WPI's original mascot. WPI E-cards have fun with the Goat's Head, posing it in the shower, in a cooking pot and even sporting Groucho glasses.

If your taste runs more to WPI's scenic New England campus, there's plenty of beautiful pictures to choose among, including an artist's drawing of WPI's soon-to-be constructed campus center. Or combine nostalgia and science by sending a card featuring WPI alumnus Robert Goddard, father of modern rocketry.

WPI E-Cards also come with your choice of four "postage stamps," all WPI symbols, including its seal and its two famous towers. However, unlike real postcards, WPI E-cards are free.

When sent, the cards offer electronic links to more information on everything from the Goat's Head to Goddard. So far about 250

Beer drinking among college freshmen hits 34-year low

By Irene Hsiao
Arizona Daily Wildcat

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — Freshmen may be less drunk than ever before - at least according to new research.

Alcohol consumption has decreased among freshmen college students, according to a study by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California Los Angeles. This year, the annual study shows the lowest level of freshmen beer drinking in the 34-year history of the survey.

Additional findings of the survey were an increase in stress among college freshmen and a high percentage of freshmen who reported being bored in high school.

The number of freshmen who drank beer frequently or occasionally was down to 50 percent in 1999, compared to 75 percent in 1981. Liquor and wine rates were 67 percent in 1987, when the question was first asked, and have now fallen to 54 percent.

Koreen Johannesssen, University of Arizona director of health promotion and preventive services, said UA fresh-

men drinking has dropped by 20 percent in a survey done last year. This figure is based on five or more drinks in the last two weeks in one sitting, she added.

"Drinking has been declining in the last several years, so it would make sense that freshman (percentages) would be going down, too," she said.

The UA does not distinguish between different alcoholic drinks in its surveys, but considers one drink to be 12 ounces of beer, four to five ounces of wine, or one ounce of liquor.

However, some students don't feel that they see less of their peers consuming.

Renae Macke, a psychology freshman, said it's a common practice.

"Considering we live in Tucson, the cheapest thing is to go to a party nearby and drink," she said. "I find it normal."

Matt Wight, a junior majoring in Spanish, doesn't believe less students are drinking.

"I don't think that is, maybe people are just trying to keep it a secret nowadays," Wight said.

people have sent a WPI E-card.

The university is breaking new ground in this venture, designed especially to attract the interest of alumni and admission prospects.

"While anyone can send a card to anyone else, we're seeing that this site is becoming increasingly popular with our young alumni," Marr said. "The admissions office will use the cards to send messages to prospective students, and E-cards are also a fun way for students to send each

other e-mail."

The idea is catching on around the globe. Other schools offering their own electronic or virtual cards, as they are called, include Virginia Tech, Chaminade University in Honolulu, Georgetown University, Mississippi State, Pace University, Radford University, Sweet Briar College, University of Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada, and Sweden's Uppsala University.

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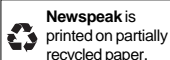
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WEST STREET HOUSE

Dating



WPI

by *Charlie Morse and Kelly Boyle*
*Student Development
 and Counseling Center*

How do you meet people at WPI? Where do you find them; how do you introduce yourself? Are there places where you shouldn't meet people to date? What are the warning signs that you are incompatible with the person you're meeting? How do you navigate WPI's 3-1 male-to-female ratio? How do you handle running into your ex on campus? Can you rebuild your self-esteem after a breakup? Let's say you're in a relationship...how do you date when you have no money? How do you keep a relationship alive when you have no time?

Dating can be wonderful, challenging, optimistic, deflating, and uplifting all at the same time. Few dating issues are clear-cut and easy to understand, and even the best communicators can find themselves having difficulty when trying to navigate these roads. And for those who do not count "interpersonal skills" as one of their strengths, dating can be a real enigma. West Street House would like to help you try to fit the pieces of the puzzle together.

West Street House would like to give you the opportunity to discuss your thoughts about dating at WPI and hear the opinions of other students. Charlie Morse and Kelly Boyle will be hosting two open discussion groups on two consecutive Fridays (February 4th and 11th) from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. The discussions will be informal and you may attend either or both meetings. Pizza and soda will be provided, or feel free to bring your own lunch.

Adam El-Kashin

Assalam Aliykum (Peace belongs to you)

He was everywhere. His ties with professors, friends and community were exceptional. Everybody has this vivid picture of him smiling, working hard and gesturing with his hands. He was blessed with wonderful morals that made him loved by everyone. For those people who knew him well, he definitely added a unique touch in their hearts and a good memory in their lives.

His truly tragic death occurred after he finished his first semester as a medical student at Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri, and a few months after his graduation from WPI. His death was two days after his 21st birthday.

The death of Adam El-Khishin in a car accident was shocking news for his family in Australia who were waiting for their son to come back glorified with the highest academic distinction honors from the US. Unfortunately, they received their son's body to be buried in a cemetery near the farm where he grew up. His death was alarming news for the Muslim, Arab and International students at WPI and the Muslim community in Worcester. The Muslim Student Association (MSA) of WPI was fortunate to have Adam as its secretary for one year and its president for two years. He was one of the most reliable, organized and committed presidents of MSA. Adam devoted lots of his



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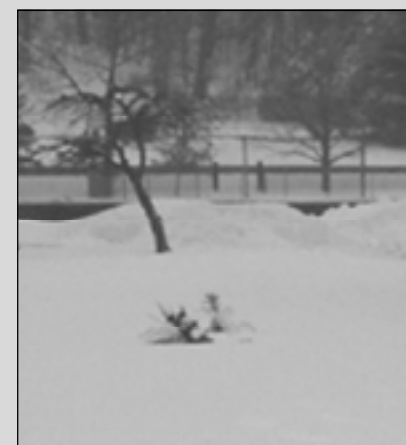
time for his community by participating in different philanthropic activities and charitable organizations. His openness to the world and international perspective was signified by his involvement with the International Student Council as he was its Co-Chair. His dedication and academic credentials associated him with Alpha Phi Omega and Skull.

It is with great sadness that we write this article. The WPI community, the Muslim community and humanity lost one great spirit and a cheerful memory.

We all belong to Allah and to Him we all shall return.

May Allah have mercy on Adam's soul and grant him a place in Al-Firdaws, and bestow peace, patience and perseverance upon his family and all his friends who held him dear to their hearts....

Against the backdrop of fresh snow, bouquets of flowers remind passers-by of Adam El-Kishin, a recent graduate of WPI, who died in a tragic car accident.



Courtesy of MSA

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

FILM REVIEW: 'Angela's Ashes' inspires with message of optimism

By Trevor Bleedorn
Iowa State Daily

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — Under the overcast, rainy skies of Cork, Ireland, along with disturbing images of infant mortality and alcohol abuse, you will find a tale of optimism.

Director Alan Parker, whose library includes "Pink Floyd: The Wall" and "Mississippi Burning," presents his latest drama, "Angela's Ashes," author Frank McCourt's autobiographical account of a 17-year struggle ending in success.

The story begins in New York Harbor in 1935, deep in the American depression. The McCourt family is welcoming its newest to the family, baby Mary Margaret.

The young baby Mary, four young boys, Frank, Malachy Jr., twins Eugene and Oliver, mother Angela (Emily Watson) and father Malachy (Robert Carlyle), make up the family that strains to feed their hungry stomachs and warm their naked bodies.

The downward spiral begins with the loss

of Mary Margaret, who is taken by malnutrition and cold. The loss of his only daughter stuns Malachy, who goes out for cigarettes, and doesn't return for three days.

During this time, the twins also succumb to malnutrition. Seeking help, the family moves back to Ireland, where there was no work and people are dying from starvation and the damp.

The family arrives in Limerick and receives a sour greeting from Angela's Catholic mother, who resents that her daughter married a Protestant from Belfast.

The boys begin school where they are ridiculed because of their uncleanliness and their shoeless feet. At the same time, the boys' father struggles to find work, only to drink all the family's money away, losing job after job, overcome by hangovers.

Despite Malachy's pride, Angela begins to beg and borrow money for food and coal. The family finds a place at the end of Windmill Street, where the feces from their neighbors' latrines fill their living room and kitchen.

Malachy leaves for London, seeking better employment. After weeks without word or money, Frank, who excels in classwork (particularly Shakespeare), gets a job delivering coal and is stricken with a terrible case of conjunctivitis (swelling of the eye that causes blindness), and is forced to quit.

Malachy returns and leaves for England again, this time for good, which leads to the deepest valley of the McCourt saga.

Angela moves the family in with the abusive and gluttonous cousin Laman Griffin, who forces Angela to be a sex slave for his minimal services to her family.

Finally, Frank finds a good job as a delivery boy. This leads him to Theresa Carmody, a lovely girl who has consumption (a common disease like the plague). The two fall in love, but when she dies, Frank feels as though he is being punished for their sexual activities.

One of Frank's professors inspires him to travel to America and leave the dreadful Ireland. The remainder of the film shows the

result of Frank's persistence to find his dream. "Angela's Ashes" includes all the little things that make a quality film.

The setting, costumes, music, genuine acting and an inspiring true story all point to cinema success.

The cinematography and musical score produce an overwhelming feeling of desperation for the movie patron. Composer John Williams (Star Wars, E.T., Schindler's List), provides an almost subliminal dismal mood that sinks into you as your eyes pick up the sorrowful images.

The film uses three actors respectively in Frank's childhood, Joe Breen, Ciaran Owens and Michael Legge. This flawless depiction of Frank McCourt's development and growth, from young boy to young man, sells the movie's victory.

This true story of overcoming diversity and inspiring optimism will leave you fulfilled and have you talking to your friends for hours afterwards.

COMMENTARY

Snap and snowstorms don't mix

Sarah Walkowiak
Associate Editor

C-term is definitely in full swing — midterms are in progress or coming up, stress levels are skyrocketing, people are suffering from colds and the flu, and it's freezing outside. When you live off campus, the last thing you want to worry about in the middle of all this is how you're going to get home, especially after a late night meeting with a project group or working on a tedious lab assignment. In my experience, SNAP has always been a dependable and trusted way to get home, but recently that has changed.

During the last couple snowstorms, I called during SNAP hours and was informed that they were not running due to the snow. I was lucky enough to get a ride home from a friend, but what if I had gotten stuck on campus and couldn't get hold of

anybody I knew?

My options would have been either to stay on campus overnight (if that's even realistic), or to walk home alone after dark and in bad weather.

What is the best solution to keep everyone safe? I can see why not running SNAP would make sense — they've got student drivers and probably a couple potential lawsuits if someone gets in an accident.

However, I don't understand why an officer from Campus Police couldn't have offered to provide an escort instead in such an event, especially if someone was really stuck. The least they could do would be to ask the caller to call back if they couldn't find another way home.

I would also like to see SNAP hours officially posted and updated, and perhaps some tips on what to do if they aren't running etc. I don't think it's a lot to ask for a little more peace of mind.

women's facts

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Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin

The work of biochemist Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin (1910-1994) changed the face of modern biology. Some of her major contributions to the science include the following:

Photographs of single crystals of pepsin (digestive enzyme that breaks down protein) with colleague J. D. Bernal in 1934. **The determination of the structure of a complex bio-organic molecule** by X-ray diffraction (1942) in three-dimensional (3-D) detail, a particularly difficult task at the time. **The determination of the molecular structure of penicillin** in 1944 (also in 3-D detail), which was of great importance as an antibiotic during and following World War II. **The determination of the structure of Vitamin B-12** in 1956, using one of the first IBM analog computers which aided her in complex X-ray calculations. Dr. Hodgkin's work with Vitamin B-12 earned her the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1964. **Determination of the structure of insulin** in 1969, which was a study she pursued for nearly 34 years. Her work provided invaluable information into the function of this hormone that has many important biological functions, including the regulation of blood sugar, production of cholesterol and triglycerides, and the production of body fat.

Dr. Hodgkin was also known for her strong stance concerning world peace, disarmament, and national liberation struggles.

by Garrett Surron ('00)

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MW Rep shocks audience with "Well of Horniness," "Clit Notes"

by Catherine Raposa
Features Editor

These are the dreams of the everyday housewife. This would lead anyone to believe that being a housewife was quite a good occupation. Falling into the Well of Horniness never sounded better! The performance of M.W. Repertory Theatre Company (M.W. Rep) once again guided audiences through complete insanity, and this year, it was the world of playwright Holly Hughes. Another spectacular performance as a pair of plays, *Clit Notes* and *The Well of Horniness* kept the entire crowd on their feet with raunchy jokes and crude body language. Extra praise goes to the directors, Kim Belli and Helene Andersson, with Producer Jeremy Hamond, for turning Riley Commons into a gay performance.

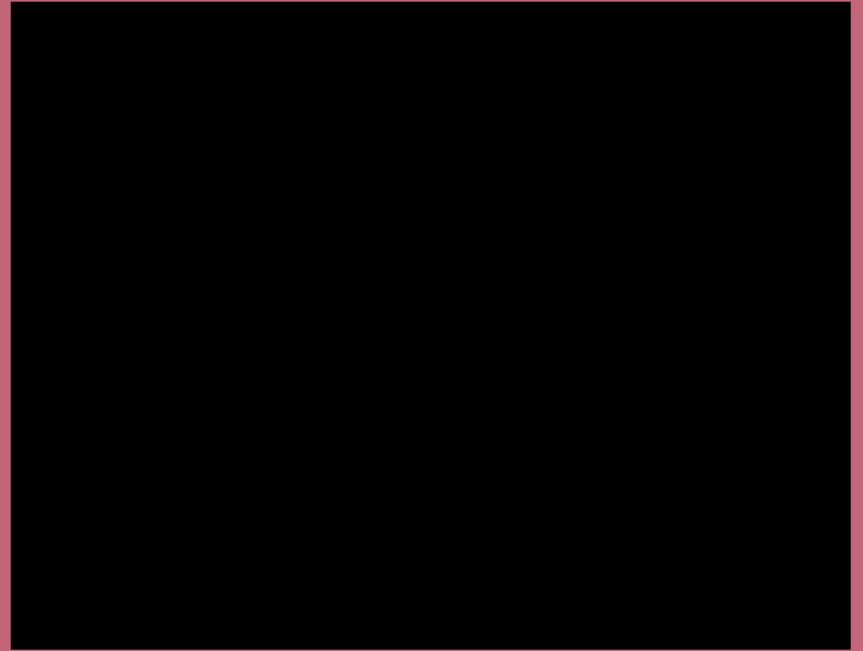
Although the names might have scared away some viewers, the performance acting certainly shouldn't have. *Clit Notes*, the opening show, featured a monologue of a lesbian coming to terms with an oppressive past. She explains, often through analogy, her plight with a conservative father and with dissenting neighbors in her small Michigan town. How can she express her feelings when everyone around her feels there is something wrong with her sexuality? With vivid detail, the story-telling was hearty

enough to receive laughs, but sober enough to convey the serious message of the playwright.

Balancing off the first play was *The Well of Horniness*. Old radio theatre never looked so good, especially live on stage. In a small New England town, "a town like any other," the play ransacked every sacred sexual act in order to bring a modern, average, every-day housewife to her knees (literally) in a lustful play on words. No line was left unturned, no scene unbecoming for the actors. This set features some pretty sexy dames dressed in the-never missed eighties fashion; curls and waves covered in hairspray, a few outrageous colors and even more outrageous outfits! And to top it all off, was our own personal narrator, who strips down to a lovely red and black corset for the audience's amusement. Hidden pasts and hidden lives will leave you stranded in the Well (ahhhh...) of Horniness.

Of course, there were those students who stayed away from these lovely but risqué plays. To those who weren't able to catch the performance, I highly suggest reading the plays. They were finely written, but like many plays, only a good performance can make an audience understand what's really going on. This was more than a good performance. This presentation made the plays reality.

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ELECTION 2000

going to the polls

an analysis of the decline in young voter turnout

by Katherine Wheeler

"The message that needs to be spread to new voters today is more far-reaching than the topic of elections itself and involves awakening to a greater sense of connection..."

It's a nailbiter. With each mouse click, frantic electronic submissions surge through fiber optic superhighways, locking in the choices from today's youth all over the country. In a matter of moments, the truth will be revealed—can Jennifer Lopez break into MTV's top ten this week, displacing those incumbent heartthrobs, the Backstreet Boys, whose faces gleam from 12X24 wall hangings in the bedrooms of teenagers and preteens from Boston all the way to Los Angeles?

One cannot help but wonder why more and more of these very same voters (those of eligible age, anyway) and many other young citizens are leaving the polls vacant on election days when it comes to determining who will fill the offices of the local mayors, governors, congressmen, senators, even the President.

In analyzing the declining percentages of newly legalized U.S. voters who are taking advantage of this democratic liberty, a complex web of reasons and solutions arises.

In the first place, it is natural to suspect that today's younger generations are disconnected, so to say. Like the aforementioned scenario, the case can be made that popular culture and consumerism represent large sources of distraction.

Briefly looking back through history, it seems that the voting pattern of older generation U.S. citizens has been deeply rooted within the contexts of the time periods during which they came to age.

In the eighteen hundreds, males voted as the heads of their respective households to assert the newly established colonial independence and to promote the foundation of a democratic republic. Through the turn of that century, immigrants sought freedom in the states and women demanded equal rights as full-fledged citizens. Both groups flocked to the polls to ratify this hard-earned civil liberty.

In later years, eighteen-year-olds signed

draft cards and registered to vote in the spirit of nationalism, while many African-Americans fought for justice and civil rights, including that of voting, in spite of so-named "Jim Crow" laws which continued to plague their full and rightful participation in U.S. society.

College students found their voices in the sixties and early seventies to question the government; ballots thus became an important mechanism to initiate the changes they wished to see in public policy and foreign affairs. Yet the rise in economic prosperity through the eighties and nineties has most likely influenced the shift in interest to big business and consumerism—from collective to individual gain.

Furthermore, the majority of today's young adults are no longer largely connected to stories of struggle for the right to exercise democratic freedoms and in most cases there is no burning motivation to vote.

This is not to say that upon registration, new voters need aimlessly rush to election booths to cast their vote in the name of fulfilling some martyr-like responsibility to the freedom in question. Like all citizens, young voters also have the inherent right

to choose to do so, or to in fact abstain.

For example, consider the students who are fortunate enough to have been taught not to view one-sided textbooks as demigods but rather to seek the truth from differing perspectives.

Ask an average high school senior to define "ideology" and it is likely that a disturbing majority will have no idea how to respond. However, those who have been taught to be open-minded and understand the meaning of the term will also most likely feel restricted by the two-party system to which the United States subscribes.

In the spectrum of political persuasions, Democrats and Republicans are as close, for example, as the Earth and the Sun on the scale of the universe. Nevertheless, this unconstitutional system the country has devised continues to grow unchecked as many new voters simply register under either party for fear of being excluded from various election privileges allocated to self-proclaimed Democrats and Republicans.

The persistent limitation in choice is disturbing but not surprising -- it is easy to submit to the dominant paradigm.

No wonder today's youths can be found

voting for pop-artists online where a Latin American can reign in the top ten charts, whereas no woman, minority, or non-Christian has ever presided in the Oval Office.

The message that needs to be spread to new voters today is more far-reaching than the topic of elections itself and involves awakening to a greater sense of connection — to earth and community, to country and planet. In the development of such a conscience, an interest in policy, government, and society will naturally follow. For this reason it is vital that today's students and young citizens are open to all sources of information from a variety of perspectives and it is likewise incumbent upon the country's hard-working educators to encourage this attitude.

When Americans complain that they are tired of being fed only the interminable details of politicians' personal lives rather than the substance of policies, programs and decisions they make for the citizens they represent, the blame belongs to no one but those who choose to buy into this type of media rather than seeking out and promoting other sources.

Probing further into the issue of political corruption, again the fault belongs to society alone for allowing the process of campaigning for office to be limited to a select group of people. Here again lies the danger of treading the waters of status quo.

Democracy was not designed for lack of participation, and the diminishing voter turnout is simply one indicator of the failure of young Americans to assert their role in shaping the future of the U.S. government.

In conclusion, the most important means to eradicating this display of indifference is to reintroduce and foster the idea of community as well as the notion expressed in the words of Mahatma Gandhi "you must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Battle of the senators: debates lack spark, interest

by Catherine Raposa
Features Editor

There's nothing more thrilling than watching middle aged men battle for the most publicized government seat. Money, buses, speeches, and commercials; nothing is spared, except enthusiasm. To most Americans nothing is more boring than a political debate or the media's version of what went on. This campaign is no different. Dynamite men like Steve Forbes, Al Gore, and Bill Bradley electrify audiences filled with senior citizens and press to publicize the "highlights."

So what is the fascination with these stoic and Washington-experienced men? Did we not learn anything from 1992? The country told D.C. politicians that it wasn't interested in Federal and International experience, but instead in personal-driven legislature in the most controversial issues; healthcare, education, and campaign finance reform. Of course, none of these ideas came to realization, but certainly Clinton was willing to stick his neck on the line for his beliefs.

Eight years at the helm of the Senate should have lead Gore to stand up for some powerful issues of his own. Yet the height of his television coverage was attending some environmental conference, shaking hands with Kermit the Frog. How could someone so close to the President, knowing full well that he wanted to be Commander in Chief, not have done something more than grinning with the green Muppet? Even Hillary has had more influence on congress despite Gore's high position.

And what about his contender, Bill Bradley? Does anyone know what he stands for? That he was a senator from New Jersey for 3 terms? I can mention Jesse Ventura, and everyone conjures up the image of the WWF wrestler who "appeared" in the State House of Minnesota last election. Of course, Ventura was a mayor before he ran for Governor. Bill Bradley played basketball for the New York Knicks for ten years before being elected senator. Does that change your perception of him? Bradley wants to simplify the tax code, and has had a history of tax reform legisla-

tion. Education? Remember not doing much senior year because of senioritis or reaching your teacher's knowledge of a subject? Bradley promotes alternative teacher certification to hire talented mid-career professionals for high schools. He's certainly been busier than Gore these last few years.

What about the Republicans? Yes there are a few of those too. George W. Bush has received the most press, although his platform has been swallowed up into a did-he-inhale investigation of his past. As previously stated, it's quite obvious no one has learned the lesson from the 1992 and 1996 elections. What does matter is the action of his governor's office. What went on there? That's been quite a debate. According to everyone else it was corruption, mismanagement and wasted tax dollars. Bush points to improvement, though not necessarily to success. He improved reading test scores in Texas, though they are still below average. For those conservative voters, Bush cut

Texas business taxes in order to spur economic growth. He abolished parole for violent felons; most serve 90% of their sentences while sex offenders serve 100% of their sentences. He certainly has had a track record of strong positions on social issues.

With such a hard core conservative on the docket, the Republican Party was likely to come up with a few other candidates. Although the media focuses on Steve Forbes as a close second, I personally see Senator John McCain enjoying second place. He's expected to win the New Hampshire Republican primary (first in the nation). In the current Senate session, McCain has authored a bill, Educating America's Children for Tomorrow (Ed-ACT), which would reduce federal requirements on education standards and support states that enact and efficiently enforced their own standards. In addition, parents will be encouraged to save for future education by increasing investment options. He's been the accessible candidate who even

courts around the news staff of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

Although these aren't the only candidates, these are the top contenders according to U.S. polls. Of course, those who answer the poll's questions aren't necessarily the ones who vote on Election Day. The majority of those who vote are the elderly and middle age Americans, who grew up believing that their votes still count, which they do, mainly because no one else is voting. In 1996 only 40% of Americans brought their butts to the polls; 54.2% of eligible voters actually pulled that lever down. The other half could have easily determined the election, but alas, you can't force someone to use his democratic privilege. Maybe this time, you, the WPI student, will meander your way to the polls and have your voice heard. Of course, you could always just watch your parents vote. They always know what's good for you, right?

Dartmouth students express little interest in primary

by Ritika Nandkeolyar
The Dartmouth

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — Despite the national media coverage of the New Hampshire primary and visits by many Oval Office hopefuls to Hanover, most students contacted by the Dartmouth Thursday said they were not closely following the race.

With the strategic importance of this state's primary, Dartmouth students have been able to see most of the major contenders during campaign visits to Hanover, with the notable exception of Republican frontrunner Texas Governor George W. Bush.

However, many students interviewed yesterday said that they were not impressed by the political show, nor have they had much personal involvement with the campaigns.

Of the 30 students interviewed, only two were planning to vote in one of the upcoming presidential primaries.

"This is an average presidential election and there are a sorry lot of candidates,"

Constantine Vetoshev '03 said.

"Politics isn't my thing," said one sophomore, "In fact, who exactly is [Democratic contender and former Senator] Bill Bradley?"

Still most students said they planned to vote in the national elections in November and predicted that, most likely, the presidential race would be between Democrat Vice President Al Gore and Bush.

In the short run, most students predicted that N.H. Republicans would vote for Bush, while state Democrats would nominate Gore.

"Bush and Gore have name recognition," Allison Lange '01 said, adding that they were both most likely to win the actual party nomination.

"Gore is competent and hasn't really made any major mistakes. The Democrats aren't going to deprive him what they see as his right," Allison Schumitsch '02 said.

Other students said that Bush's immense fundraising success and his recent win at the Iowa caucus would give him the edge.

Only one student predicted a primary re-

sult that was not a Bush victory.

"[Arizona Senator John] McCain has visibility and dedication and commitment to New Hampshire," Mark Stein '00 said. However, Stein said, the national Republican nominee will still be Bush.

In October, the College was host to the first major debates of the primary season — one night featured the Democratic contenders Gore and Bradley, while the next evening, McCain, Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah — who dropped out of the running following the Iowa caucuses Monday — former Ambassador Alan Keyes, publisher Steve Forbes and former Reagan administration official Gary Bauer took the stage for the Republican debate.

Since then, Dartmouth students have also had the opportunity to speak with Tipper Gore, the Vice-President's wife, Dave Debuscherre, a former teammate of ex-basketball player Bradley and Senator Rob Portman '78, a Bush supporter.

Dilbert Mania! Get out of that mid-winter rut.

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By Scott Adams

CLUB CORNER

SGA

The Student Government Association held its second official meeting of the year on January 25, 2000. The agenda included a report from each committee chair outlining specific goals to be accomplished by the year's end. Also on the table was a special funding request from the Leadership Conference Committee of SGA. The special funding request was in regards to funds needed for the Leadership Conference to be held on February 5, 2000 on WPI campus. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2000 at 6 pm in the lower wedge. All are welcome to attend.

For more information regarding SGA, please email sga@wpi.edu. Also, if you would like to attend the Leadership Conference sponsored by SGA on February 5, please email sparhawk@wpi.edu or rara@wpi.edu.

Newman Club

On this past Friday we had a great time listening to the Trappist's evening song and sampling their preserves. As always the pasta and company were great. Coming up we have a trip to Wright's Chicken Farm - sign up at mass or email priest@wpi.edu. Don't forget to also sign up for the retreat on February 19th. Newman Club Officers there will be a meeting on Feb 9th with faith and discussion led by Father at 7:30, 8:30 Holy Hour and 9:00 meeting. As always everyone is welcome to come to mass at 11:30 am on Sunday.

Send your club updates to newspeak@wpi.edu

www.wpi.edu/academics/depts/milsci
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The Crimson Clipboard

Leadership for the new Millennium

For those of you who do not know me, I am Ernie DiMicco, President of the WPI Student Government Association for 2000. I am writing to you to tell you about an amazing opportunity for your organizations on Saturday, February 5th.

The event I am speaking of is "Navigating a New Millennium," the first-of-its-kind leadership conference for all colleges in the Worcester Consortium. This year, it will be hosted by WPI. The event will be all day, from 9am to 9pm. Featured events will include:

- Two motivational speakers (Mr. Ed Gerety and Mr. Robert Lewis, Jr.)
- Two meals
- A hypnotist
- Workshop sessions and discussion groups
- Entertainment, lights, sound, and music
- Lots more!!!

This event is going to be a great deal of fun for everyone. It has been in the planning phases for the entire academic year with the help of representatives from Holy Cross, Assumption, Worcester State, and other schools. My personal goal is to see that WPI makes as strong a showing as possible at this event. The cost per person is only \$20, quite low for an event of this type. This conference will give your organization the opportunity for (a) leadership training, (b) networking with other Consortium schools, and (c) a good time.

If you are planning on taking advantage of this opportunity or have questions, please contact me at 831-6741 or sparhawk@wpi.edu for further information. Alternatively, you can contact Rachel Bowers rara@wpi.edu. We are looking to have numbers finalized by Monday 1/31. There will be over two hundred student leaders in attendance, and slots are "first-come first-served" and filling quickly. Help make a difference for your organization and for WPI!

GREEK CORNER

Alpha Tau Omega

The house of Alpha Tau Omega would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude to Professor Len Polizzotto for becoming our house advisor. Professor Polizzotto is a WPI alumnus from the class of '70 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He also obtained his Masters from WPI two years later in '72. He received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Visual Sciences from Tufts University in 1982. He is a member of the ETA KAPPA NU and TAU BETA PI honor societies. He is a new addition to the WPI department of Electrical and Computer Engineering staff and since his arrival, has already assumed a very active role on the WPI campus. He is currently the assistant WPI wrestling coach as well as a drummer in a classic rock band named Crisis. So on behalf of all the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega, Thank you!

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sean Landrette and his partners on their tremendous accomplishment. Sean recently won the presidents IQP award for his project on Wheelchair prescriptions completed in London, England at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disabilities. We would also like to recognize Chris Bitzas, our house president, as he was recently "tapped" to be inaugurated into Skull, the senior honor society. Lastly we would like to congratulate Jeff Moore, our house treasurer, on his recent induction into Tau Beta Pi.

FIJI

Brock Ehnert, a brother of Fiji fraternity was awarded a 1999-2000 Patrick W. Halloran Scholarship by the National Order of Omega. Brock is a senior, majoring in MIS from Devils Lake, North Dakota and is currently the President of the WPI chapter of Order of Omega. Past officer positions that Brock has held include IFC Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer in Fiji and SGA Senator. He is currently involved in LEAP and Tau Beta Pi.

The Scholarship Program was established to recognize scholarship ability, participation and leadership in campus organizations, citizenship and service to Order of Omega and the campus Greek system. Brock has been active and successful in all of these areas. Congratulations Brock!!!

Your weekly horoscope

For the week of January 31- February 5

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) Timing seems to be very good, so it's best to take advantage of promoting a business ideas or career advancement. Devote a majority of your efforts to job interests and you'll be amazed at just how much is accomplished.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Misleading news about those close to you may arise. Be on guard and make no decisions until you have all the facts straight. Self-interest will motivate you, although you may be torn between wanting to excel in a particular matter, or share the spotlight.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Travel is in the works, make sure to plan your itinerary carefully, creating some time for pleasure. You'll come up with an idea concerning business or relationship interests that may sound great, but don't expect everyone else to share your interest.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) Your view of the immediate future will benefit your ability to firm up romantic ties, and encourage supervisors at work to have added confidence in you. This dependability you portray inspires faith into those who surround you. Guard against poor judgement.

LEO: (July 24- August 23) Try to modify your views, if necessary, to ensure peace on the homefront. Displaying a defensive attitude may produce actions that may be regretted later. You may have to deal with a few headstrong individuals, and an argument is inevitable.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) You may be in the mood to have things your own way, but it may not be the best of times to insist on it. Back off if someone seriously challenges you. Some inside information may make it possible to put a few extra dollars in your pocket, possibly real estate.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) A few of your ideas are impractical, but that doesn't mean you need to give up completely on them. It's time to capitalize on your gregarious nature and push ahead with any projects involving your career path - the more supporters you can gather, the better.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) There may be an unexpected message coming your way that may momentarily throw you off balance both emotionally and financially. Make sure to keep the lines of communication open with family members. Financial advice is suggested regarding any new investments.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21) If you use your imagination, there may be a delightful romantic surprise just around the corner for you. There may be confusion in regards to a social or romantic date that may cause frustration earlier in the week. Good vibes are developing for future career goals.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) You have a chance to strengthen an important relationship which signals success for any long range dependability. Try to keep a tight rein on your temper and reactions to others. If you speak before you think, feelings may be hurt and explanations will be difficult.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) Your timing seems to be off, and it may be difficult to reach someone you've been trying to get ahold of. If you do, the conversation may not be what you expected. You may also have to readjust your thinking or re-evaluate your goals, a major decision is close at hand.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) Now is as good of time as any to learn to become thrifty. Think before you part your hard earned cash. You have a few far out ideas and opinions, and if pressed on others will only cause confusion and maybe hostility. Don't push your luck by saying or doing anything foolish.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Everything seems to be such a big chore lately. It may be because you are physically and mentally rundown. Start taking better care of yourself and you'll discover a whole new you. There may be a lot of pressure on you at work, learn to delegate tasks and leave the work behind while you are at home.

By Miss Anna

COMICS

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Want to win a palm pilot or cash? 2/14,7-8:30 Riley Commons. For chance to compete email name,ID#, and email address to loomis@wpi.edu. Topics will include sex, drugs, drinking, sleep, exercise, and nutrition.

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message in Newspeak. You can choose from a number of graphics to sweeten the heart of your loved one. The sweetheart messages will appear in the Valentine's issue of Newspeak. You can drop off your message in the wedge next week and the week after at the Newspeak table.

13 Days 'till Valentine's Day!!

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

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POLICE LOG

Thursday, January 20, 2000

4:41am - Intrusion Alarm: Higgins Labs.
 1:27pm - United Way: Student parked in United Way spot, car was tagged.
 1:56pm - Medical: to Memorial EA from Health Services.
 10:09pm - Lockout: Founders 2nd.

Friday, January 21, 2000

12:30am - Report: Vehicles driving recklessly on the quad.
 1:30am - Report: Possible fight in Stoddard C.
 4:45pm - Jumpstart: By Football Field.
 7:32pm - Lockout: Stoddard B.
 9:02pm - Lockout: Lab student locked keys inside Atwater- Kent Lab.

Saturday, January 22, 2000

6:51am - Intrusion alarm: Higgins House 1st floor/basement
 8:13am - Intrusion Alarm: West Street.
 11:01am - Report: Water leaking from second floor of Elbridge.
 12:08pm - M/V Jumpstart: Quad by Daniels Hall.
 6:20pm - Welfare Check: Parent hasn't heard from student; student notified, will call home.
 7:05pm - Lockout: Riley
 8:24pm - Lockout: Morgan
 8:38pm - Suspicious Person: Behind Power House, all set.
 10:35pm - Disturbance: Students causing a disturbance in Founders, parties advised.

Sunday, January 23, 2000

12:52am - Steam leak: RA reports burst radiator in Daniels Hall, advises smoke coming from same and large steam leak
 12:56am - Powerhouse operator advised of steam leak in Daniels Hall.
 12:58am - Custodial emergency call-in personnel notified. Water clean-up in Daniels Hall.
 3:38am - Lockout assist: Riley
 3:47am - Medical response: RA reports intoxicated female, Daniels 4th floor.
 4:13am - Attempted armed robbery: Student calls from WPD reporting 2 subjects with stun gun had attempted to rob him in front of Boynton Street. (Note similar attacks to students at Clark and Holy Cross within past few hours.)
 10:25am - Report: Water flooding in Washburn Ground.
 8:32pm - MV Violation: Excessive Speed, Quad.
 2215 Escort: Library to 26 Cedar; SNAP.

Monday, January 24, 2000

12:43am - Medical response: Daniels female with flu-like symptoms..
 2:23pm - Missing: Mother in library lot requests officer. Reason: she is missing Mass Academy student.
 11:00pm - Medical response: Harrington Auditorium, ankle injury.

Tuesday, January 25, 2000

12:38am - Fire alarm: Boynton Street. Phone call reports alarm activation due to cooking
 4:50pm - Complaint: Gas odor coming from Daniels Hall.
 5:05pm - Clear: There is a snow blower running in the basement of Daniels Hall.
 7:37pm - Note: Student in Founders hall informed of the snow removal in the morning to have their vehicles moved.

Wednesday, January 26

7:30am - Lockout: Founders Hall.
 11:26am - Medical: From Becker College, female student who fell down the stairs, she is on the floor complaining about back injury.
 1:21pm - Car Blocking: Washburn Dumpster, Waste Management can not return dumpster as a car is in the spot. Student in Salisbury, officer checked lab and there was no one there, call in to tow vehicle.
 7:30pm - Report: Watchperson fell down outside the gym
 8:28pm - Report: No heat Elbridge.

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What's Happening: February 1 - 6

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Art Exhibit. "Synthetic Vision: Goethe as Poet and Scientist." Gordon Library. For info call 831-5410.
 Exhibit. Creative Writing by WPI Students For info call 831-5410.
 7:00pm - Wrestling vs. Coast Guard
 7:00pm - Men's Basketball at Springfield
 7:00pm - Women's Basketball at Mt. Holyoke
 7:00pm - Men's and Women's Swimming at Brandeis
 8:00pm - Concert. The Jazz Mandolin Project. Palladium.
 8:00pm - African Percussion Ensemble. Every Tuesday thru 3/2. The Lower Wedge

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3:00pm & 8:00pm - Film. "The Insider." Holy Cross, Kimball Theatre.
 6:30pm - Workshop. "Interviewing Skills." Higgins Labs 116.
 Concert. Travis, Paradise, Boston MA.
 Concert. Macy Gray. Avalon, Boston, MA.

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7:00pm - Wrestling vs. Wesleyan
 8:00pm - Theatre. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Holy Cross, Fenwick Theatre. For info call 793-3536
 9:00pm - Concert. The Soul Commandos. Gilrein's, 802 Main St.
 Concert. Rustic Overtones, Gran Torino. Paradise, Boston MA.

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10:00pm - Concert. Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights. Gilrein's, 802 Main St.
 Concert. They Might Be Giants. Avalon, Boston MA.

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2:00pm - Women's Basketball at Wheaton
 4:00pm - Concert. Bane, In My Eyes, One King Down, The Hope Conspiracy. Palladium.
 10:00pm - Concert. Bonedance. Gilrein's, 802 Main St.

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11:30am - Catholic Mass. Alden Hall.
 2:00pm - Theatre. Grand Opening of "Little Shop of Horrors." (Thru 2/27). Foothills Theatre, Worcester.
 6:30pm - WPI Black History Month Event. Black Student Union Performance Night. Riley Commons.
 Concert. Marc Anthony. Orpheum Theatre, Boston MA.
 6:30pm & 9:30pm - Film. "Three Kings." FLAUD.