



Arrest of Mexican students sparks international concern

by Katherine Wheeler
Newspeak Staff

Certainly the yearly rise in tuition and other costs has simultaneously raised an eyebrow or two (or several thousand) among the community of WPI students and their families.

For high-school graduates today, the cost of obtaining a higher education, both public and private, is, for the most part, astronomical and it doesn't look like the trend will change any time soon. Though WPI students undeniably hold individual opinions on the matter, they have collectively taken these price increases in stride.

However, international attention has recently turned to the situation in Mexico where approximately 86

former university students now face sentences of up to 40 years.

The arrests were prompted by the outbreak of riots several weeks ago during the nine-month strike that began in opposition to the imposition of tuition at the previously state-funded National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

This past Monday, February 14th, local students and community organizations gathered in Boston to rally against the imprisonment of 264 UNAM students.

The arrest of 632 strikers followed a court-ordered federal and city-led police raid of the University on February 6th. The cause for discontent arose last April when UNAM proposed raising the cost per student from what USA Today calls

the equivalent of "just a few cents...to one-hundred and forty dollars."

Protest immediately erupted after this proposal, which was apparently repealed, though strikes continued on campus in the name of greater student empowerment at UNAM.

The state cites one reason for the forced intervention carried out by police as a means to counteract the surmounting violence between groups either supporting or opposing the strikes.

One image that has set the tone for the debate over how to handle the current situation is that of the bloodshed caused during the 1968 strike in Mexico where several hundred lost their lives. Exact figures of that particular death toll, are

in fact still impossible to locate for political reasons, and investigations of the massacre have generally resulted in ambiguous or conflicting results.

An article that appeared in the February 16th edition of Mexican periodical The News quotes the Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez Center for Human Rights (Prodh) for bringing to light the "deplorable conditions" of the prisons where UNAM strikers are being held.

Despite outrage expressed by families of these students and other strikers, in addition to both national as well as international human rights organizations, the government intends to prosecute 86 of the aforementioned prisoners of the charges of terrorism.

Deputy Attorney General

Everardo Moreno asserts "[they are] facing prosecution not for what they think, but for what they did...in no way can we speak of political prisoners." USA Today further notes, however, that the police raid was met with cooperation, and that the strikers "offered no resistance" toward their arrests.

Moreno has personally asked for the charges of terrorism to be dropped, but as of Wednesday the 16th, Mexican officials still had not made a decision.

Protests continue worldwide on behalf of the jailed strikers and the latter group shows no indication that the current lull in activity will persist. It is clear that efforts are being made on a global level to ensure that the tragedy of 1968 will not be repeated.

Professor receives National Science Foundation award

Courtesy of WPI
Communications Group

WORCESTER, Mass. - Lok C. Lew Yan Voon of Holden, Mass., an assistant professor in Worcester Polytechnic Institute's Department of Physics, has received a prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award in support of a proposed project.

The project is titled "CAREER: Topics in Electronic and Optical Properties of Semiconductor Nanostructures." The award, which comes with initial funding of \$115,000, is part of the NSF's Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program, which encourages the growth of young faculty members as both educators and researchers. The grant has been approved for a total amount of \$225,000 over four years.

Lew Yan Voon's research involves the development of a new mathemati-

cal framework for understanding and modeling the behavior of electrons in semiconductor nanostructures.

Nanostructures are crystals with properties varying on a submicron scale. Such nanostructures were first synthesized in the late 1970s and have found a number of applications including, for example, the lasers found in CD players.

"The main goal of this proposed research is to discover fundamentally new optoelectronic properties of the nanostructures by developing a mathematically more exact theory. Such basic research could lead to the development of novel photonic devices," said Lew Yan Voon.

Lew Yan Voon has already made contributions to this field of research known as "band structure theory." In support of the project-based curriculum at WPI and the educational component of the CAREER award, he is also involving undergraduates

in this theoretical exploration of the quantum nature of materials as an extension of their classroom learning.

His work has received further support from the Materials Research Society under the Undergraduate Materials Research Initiative.

An assistant professor at WPI since 1997, he has been a research associate at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio under the 1998 Air Force Summer Faculty Research Program. He served as a visiting professor from 1995-97 at WPI and was an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institut in Stuttgart, Germany, from 1994-95. He earned a 1993 Ph.D. degree from WPI, completing a thesis titled "Electronic and Optical Properties of Semiconductors: A Study Based on the Empirical Tight Binding Model." He received a 1989 M.Sc. from the University of British Columbia and 1987 B.A. and 1991 M.A. degrees from the University of Cambridge in England.

In addition to the NSF award, he has received numerous honors including a President's Teaching Development Award and a Provost's MQP Award for advising, both in 1999, from WPI. He earned an AFOSR Summer Faculty Research Award in 1998, an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship for 1994-95 and a Sigma Xi Doctoral Research Award in 1993. He was elected a Fellow of Cambridge Commonwealth Society in 1990 and received a University of British Columbia Graduate Fellowship for 1988-89.

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

Planning for 2000 - 2001

Tentative course schedule posted

by Chuck Kornik
Administrator of Academic Programs

A tentative LIST of undergraduate courses, organized by term, is now posted at www.wpi.edu/+schedules.

In addition, a hard-copy of these lists has been distributed, and can be found in your mailbox later today. Thursday, February 17, is Academic Advising Day. All undergraduate courses are canceled that day. Students are expected to meet with their academic advisor to make tentative course-selection plans for 2000/2001.

Sophomores and Juniors should also discuss IQP and MQP opportunities, respectively.

A more detailed, but still tentative, schedule of these courses will be posted by the end of next week. At that time, students and faculty will have the opportunity to provide feedback if they find conflicts between courses that they wish to take concurrently. On March 27, a final course schedule will be posted.

Watch for a notice from the Registrar about the opening of web-registration for 2000/2001 courses. That process is expected to begin the following week.

Project Directory available online

by Chuck Kornik
Administrator of Academic Programs

The Directory Of Available Projects for 2000/2001, including projects that can be done during E-term, 2000, is now OPEN. Students are encouraged to browse through the project proposals at their convenience, which can be found at www.wpi.edu/Academics/Projects.

Most projects are chosen by or committed to students, and confirmations made by faculty to advise a project, on a first-come/first-served basis. Faculty may continue to submit new project proposals via the Faculty Project Proposal form on the web. New pro-

posals are posted in the Directory immediately after being accepted. Externally sponsored projects are advertised on this web page as well. New externally-sponsored projects are also posted as they are received.

In addition to the Directory Of Available Projects found on the Projects Program web page, some faculty choose to post their MQP proposals on the web page of their department.

Students are strongly advised to make a commitment to a specific project, and to register for their IQP or MQP, before the end of D-term. By so doing, you will be able to finalize your course selections for 2000/2001 with your project plans in place.

Homeless couple indicted in Worcester fire

Courtesy of
The Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) - A homeless couple was indicted Friday on manslaughter charges for causing a warehouse fire that killed six firefighters.

Thomas Levesque, 37, and his girlfriend, Julie Barnes, 19, pleaded innocent in District Court last month to similar charges and are being held in lieu of bail.

They are scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in Worcester Superior Court.

A Worcester County grand jury

indicted each with six counts of manslaughter. A manslaughter conviction carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

The two knocked over a candle during a fight Dec. 3 in the vacant Worcester Cold Storage and Warehouse Co., where they had been squatting, prosecutors said. When they could not douse the flames, they fled and did not report the fire.

Defense lawyers argued the two were not obligated to report the fire, and they said prosecutors had not shown the firefighters' deaths could have been prevented if Barnes and Levesque had reported the fire.

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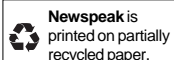
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The New England Metal and Hardcore Fest

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The palladium hosted the New England Metal and Hardcore festival. The event lasted two days, Friday February 12th and Saturday February 13th. Many record labels were represented such as East Coast records, Century Media, Dark Symphonies, Wonder Drug records, Lifeless records and many others. Some of the bands playing during this two day festival were Reach the Sky, Misfits,

Hatebreed, Machine Head, Cannibal Corpse, Buried Alive, Six Feet Under, 7th Rail Crew, Hope Conspiracy, Skinless, Blood Has Been Shed, Burial, Dissolve, Blindside, Indecision, Rain Fell Within, Dying Fetus, Haste, Himsa, Turmoil, God Dethroned and many more.

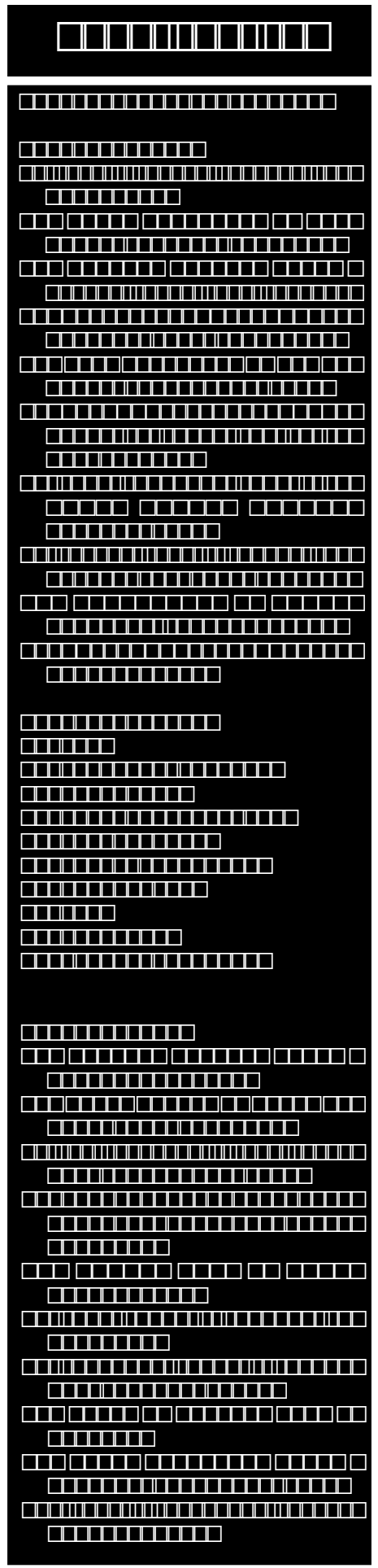
A few bands that were rather impressive were Reach the Sky, Rain Fell Within, Haste, and Burial. Reach the Sky is a local band from Boston with a fairly new CD out entitled "So Far From Home".

The CD is really good and if you're really into hardcore you will probably love it. They are a bunch of really good performers who really believe in music they perform. Also Rain Fell Within gave a really different and spirited performance at the metal fest. They are currently under the Dark Symphonies label. They added a different sound to the typical hardcore/ metal bands. They added the bit of Goth to their sound, which is appreciated. Haste and Burial also gave in your face high-energy performances. Haste is currently on the Century Media label and if you are in to hardcore/metal you might want to get a closer look at them. Haste has a CD that recently came out entitled "pursuit in the face of consequence". Lastly, Burial gave one of the best shows at the festival. The crowd got very crazy during their performance and you could tell everyone was enjoying themselves.

If you would like some more information on these bands/record labels here are some web sites you got to check out:<http://www.CENTURYMEDIA.com>, <http://www.darksymphonies.com>, <http://www.Victoryrecords.com>, <http://www.wonderdrugrecords.com>, <http://www.xmulletx.com/reachthesky>, <http://lifelessrecords.8k.com>, and <http://RevHQ.com> (the best Hardcore record store on the web).

SocComm Presents

Sunday, February 27th
6:30 & 9:30pm
at Perreault Lecture Hall
Admission \$2



SocComm Presents

Wednesday, March 18th
6:30 & 9:30pm
at Perreault Lecture Hall
Admission \$2



Some things are worth waiting for.

This year, the WPI Glee Club celebrates its Quasquicentennial Anniversary. We looked this up in Random House and it turns out that it's our 125th! Come help the oldest surviving organization on campus celebrate in true style at our annual Alumni Concert, April 2nd at 3:00 in the Great Hall of Alden. Admission is free, just bring your spirits. For one hundred and twenty-five years now the Glee Club has been entertaining with song and good will, embarking on fourteen international tours and countless others up and down the eastern seaboard. For more information on how to join the Glee Club or where to catch our next concert check out our website www.wpi.edu/~gleeclub or write us gleeclub@wpi.edu. To all the Brothers to ever walk this campus, here's to another 125 years of song.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Fratres
in Cantu
125

years of

Brothers in Song

Dear Readers,

In honor the 125th anniversary of the WPI Glee Club, Newspeak is running a series of articles chronicling the group's history. As one of the oldest organizations at WPI, the Glee Club has a long, rich history. The articles, written by Glee Club Director and Associate Professor of Music Louis J. Curran, offer an intimate view of the group in its early years. We hope that these stories give you a better understanding of our "Fratres in Cantu."

Sincerely,
Newspeak Editorial Staff



1999 WPI Glee Club performs in Alden Hall.

COURTESY OF WPI GLEE CLUB

WPI Glee Club celebrates quasiquicentennial anniversary

by Louis Curran
Associate Professor of Music

1966: a young associate professor - the first professor of music at WPI - arrived to make sense out of chaos. General Harry Storke, President of WPI, found the musical organizations dying in front of him, and decided something had to be done. The task was nigh-impossible; yet, there was a good spirit among the undergraduates. This was the time of Vietnam, and all the undergraduates in the first two years had compulsory ROTC. The band was a ragged group of individuals, but the military band was very strong, for obvious reasons. If you played an instrument, the band company was the best life. The Glee Club had come down to thirteen members. There was a grand piano in Alden Hall with three bottles of beer (quite empty) inside the piano. There were piles of music covered in dirt in the Tower of Alden Hall, some music stands, and wooden choral risers. That was it. There was no rehearsal space - everything was rehearsed on the stage of Alden. Chaos!

The glee club had a fine president: Roger Doherty (called "The Dodger"), who was in Sigma Epsilon and was on the football team. The first thing that had to be done was to organize everything, and Roger was good at it. The first concert was Christmas with Becker College. That year's schedule included colleges with which the club had sung in the past: the Elms in Springfield, and Leslie in Cambridge. The club went from thirteen people to forty-six in one year. The fraternities found a new outlet to meet women. The administration didn't know what happened to it.

As the club got stronger and began to mingle with other colleges, such as Clark then Holy Cross, the then-dean of students, called Chrome Dome (for obvious reasons), thought he had to manage everything. Of course, he got in the way. But the club prospered and included many of the instrumentalists. The first big main event was with a club of sixty-two, when they went to sing with the Worcester Chorus in a performance of the Sacred Service of Ernst Bloch in the then-concert hall Memorial Auditorium. The orchestra was the famed orchestra of Detroit, under Sexton Earling. The composition was in Hebrew, with which the men struggled; the Worcester chorus master suggested "very strongly" that they not sing two of the movements, as the Hebrew was excremental. During the performance, they completely ignored this polite suggestion, and sang the whole thing - much to my delight, and that of President Storke, who could be seen to beam with pride.

With the advent of a new president, the desire of the club to travel became a difficulty. The first tour was to Washington. We had to go through hoops to get permission to do this. We were the guests of Senator Brooke, one of the two Massachusetts senators of the time, but it fell on the unfortunate weekend that Martin Luther King was murdered. We were warned as we drove into Washington that the city might not be safe for us, but we were due to sing the same evening a service of Eveningsong in the National Cathedral on St. Alban's Heights. During the service, we could hear sirens - many sirens - going past the cathedral. As we left by the south transept, there was Washington in front of us, covered in smoke and bits and pieces of flame. The clergy had told us to go around parts of Washington on the way to the hotel, as it was dangerous. The hotel itself, on New York Avenue, was a garden of tanks. That evening, being confined to quarters, we gave an impromptu concert for the residents of the hotel. Not all the tours have been as exciting as this.

The next year saw our scope of women's colleges expand to include Regis and, eventually, Wellesley. The club had decided that a European trip would be in order and, as I breached the subject to President Hazzard, he did not look favorably upon it. He suggested that we go on a Midwest tour, to recruit students for WPI. That was a disappointment for the club, so I asked him to come and speak to the club himself, which he did. We went on that tour by bus, and began with a concert at Case Institute (it was not Case Western at that point), followed by a reception put on by the alumni. The music of the Case Glee Club had fallen into disarray, but their men hosted the club well. The bus trips were tolerable only by being able to sleep. One thin tenor took up residence with a pillow in the luggage rack; we often forgot him there.

The next year, President Hazzard agreed, reluctantly, to "allow" us to go on a tour to England. "Why do you want to go to England? Why don't you go down and sing in a fraternity?" That did not meet with great favor from the men, and to England we went. England, at that time, had a disastrous strike of the postal workers, which took in electric, telephone, telegraph, and all communications. I received a phone call from President Hazzard's office two weeks before we were to leave. His secretary said,

"General Harry Storke, President of WPI, found the musical organizations dying in front of him, and decided something had to be done. The task was nigh-impossible; yet, there was a good spirit among the undergraduates."

"There is a call for you from the British Embassy in Washington." So I said, "Fine, put it through." A pleasant British voice said, "We have received a note from the dean of Worcester, England, inquiring if you are still coming to England." (the diplomatic pouch seemed to be the only way to get a message out of England) I replied, in an equally pleasant voice, "Make to the dean of Worcester, 'Yes, we will arrive.'"

We took the brass choir with us. A new

professor of chemistry, Dr. Thomas Edwards, went as official chaperone, lest the men drink too much. As we got off the plane at the old Heathrow, John Manasian, president of the Club at that time, asked where the buses were to Oxford, as we were staying at Wadham College. I said, "How do I know? I just got off the same plane you did! But, we'll ask these two bobbies at the end of the escalator." When we got up to the seven-foot British cops, I said, in my best English accent, "I say, can you tell us where the coaches are to Oxford?" They mumbled, "Yes, yes, yes, they're over there." As we left, Manasian said, "How come you speak American to me, and British to them?" He survived the accent.

We went with all the regalia of the college: flags, mace, and all the pomp. Concerts were at Oxford, Worcester Cathedral, Suffolk Cathedral in London, and in London House. In Worcester, when we got off the bus, we were met by the dean and the choirmaster, who promptly said, "But where are the women?" To which I replied: "There aren't any!" We went into rehearsal because we were singing the Palm Sunday High Mass in the Cathedral. They didn't know if we could sing or not; they had never heard us; they just took my word for it. In a loud section of the Josquin Mass, the dean and organist looked at each other and nodded - we would do. The organist asked us if we would partake in the reading of the Gospel as being part of the crowd in the Crucifixion, so he handed us a pamphlet. I said, "Let's try it out." We got to the line "Who would you rather have? This man called Barrabbas," etc. The answer was to be, "Give us Barrabbas." The men said it very nicely. "No, no, that won't do," I said. "More energy!" We did it again. The line came, and the men made more sound on their answer. "No, no, that

still won't do! I want to hear it like you're on the football field!" The third time rang throughout the cathedral. During the Mass of the next day, we got to the line and Ralph Desmond grabbed hold of the choir stall in front of him along with the rest of the men and let fly with "Give us Barrabbas!" I think they're still hearing it in that medieval cathedral.

The bells! Those damned bells! We were asked by the dean to play a fanfare with the brass choir on the green for the opening of a sponsored walk for the cathedral. The Minister of the Interior was there to open it. I suggested, however, that we climb to the flat tower, which was the tallest structure in Worcester and play tower music. He thought that was a splendid idea, and so, an hour before service, we started climbing the medieval stairs inside the walls. I was last in line. As I passed the bell chamber, the peal of eight bells was ringing (a peal is when the bells completely swing in a full circle). Further up the stairs, I met an undergraduate headed down. He said, "Is this tower rocking?" I replied, "No, it's oscillating." It oscillated about five inches - enough to make one seasick. Because I had a baton in my hand and threatened to use it in an indelicate place on his person if he didn't go back up, we got to the roof. There, eight seasick brass players were clinging to the parapets. I felt queasy myself, and said, "I'll go down and tell them to stop." When I got to the bell chamber, I had a chat with the master bell ringer, who said, "Oh yas, we're going to stoppe in just a few. We know you're here." So I went back up. Sure enough, they stopped, and we got ready to play. After the first intrada was over, we stopped to turn the pages, at which point the bells started again. As a chorus, all nine of us shouted, "Oh, shit! There go those damned bells again!" I'm sure that people in Worcester wondered where that shout came from. The service went very well, and as the brass played the opening fanfare and processional, the dean leaned over to me and said, "The Royal Fanfare Trumpets were here last Sunday, but I didn't want to tell your brass players, lest they feel intimidated." They weren't. You have to have chutzpah to play brass.

On the way back from Worcester to London, the men and I agreed that the tour was a good idea, and we decided to go to California next year. Little did I know that this decision would affect us for the next twenty years.

Look for more about WPI's
Brothers in Song
in the next issue of Newspeak

WEST STREET HOUSE

Understanding Depression: learn difference between blues and illness

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Spring is just around the corner, but many people are feeling the height of the "winter blahs." After many months of winter, it's easy to start feeling a little down. The days are beginning to get longer, but things can still seem a little bleak. The American Psychological Association (APA) recognizes several different types of depression. It is important to be informed so that you can know when having "the blues" is normal and when you may need to seek help.

Depressed moods are often triggered by unhappy events: the death of a loved one; the breakup of a relationship; a failing grade; or even an illness, such as the flu. Recovering from these types of situations depends on their severity. You may feel bad for hours after failing a test, but a breakup can leave you feeling bad for signifi-

cantly longer. Situational depression is considered a normal part of life. Adjusting to new situations, positive or negative, can be a cause of stress. This could be moving to a new apartment, preparing for a term abroad, or changing your major. Sometimes we cope with this stress by overeating, sleeping more or doing less, all of which are indicators of a depressed mood.

At this time of the year, a type of depression known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is fairly common, especially in the Northeast. SAD is caused by the lack of daylight, a situation that is obviously a big part of winters in New England. SAD tends to be the worst in December, January and February. All of these types of depression are normal to a certain degree. When you notice that you do not begin to feel better over time; are unable to maintain your class and/or work schedule; have difficulty concentrating; or notice changes in your eating, sleeping

and exercise schedules, you should seek professional help.

There are other types of depression, which do not have an identifiable trigger. These include mild depression (dysthymia), major depression and bipolar disorder (manic depression). Dysthymia (pronounced dis-THIM-ee-uh) is a chronic depressed mood which is manifested by having at least four low-level symptoms of major depression. Symptoms include sleep problems (too much or too little); appetite problems (overeating or less eating); lack of energy; feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness or guilt; difficulty concentrat-

ing; and suicidal thoughts or attempts. A person with dysthymia will be very sad but still able to function. Major depression is the most serious type; it involves at least two weeks of deep despair and at least four of the above symptoms.

A person with major depression will feel unbearably miserable and have difficulty functioning on a day-to-day basis. Bipolar disorder involves depressed moods alternating with high-energy periods of wildly unrealistic activity. It is beyond normal mood swings; the depressed periods would meet the criteria for major depression. The

highs are out of control and can involve not sleeping for several days, spending large amounts of money on unnecessary items, or engaging in reckless activities. These types of depression are more serious, and trying to reason with your mood or talk yourself out of feeling sad is not possible. If you are feeling that your blue moods are out of your control, whether they be caused by an identifiable situation or not, it is important to get a professional opinion. The counselors at West Street House are available to help you understand your moods and how to deal with them.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Fiesta 2000: Building bridges the fun way

by *Hajira Begum*
ISC Publicist

What do WPI, Clark, Becker and Worcester State all have in common?

Well, yes, they are all colleges situated in Worcester and are all members of the Worcester Consortium. Doesn't that only concern students taking French at Clark? Apparently not, says Syed Asif Iqbal, Chairperson of the International Student Council. WPI hosts Fiesta 2000 this weekend on February 26th, Saturday at Alden Hall and it is open to any student from the Consortium colleges.

The ISC Chairperson says that the idea is an extension of the Student Government Leadership Conference held recently. One of the

themes was how to bring together all the colleges in a constructive manner.

And what better way to accomplish this than to work together towards bringing a new event to life. Actively organizing an event of this magnitude would surely create a true sense of community.

The ISC then initiated contact with the student organizations in the consortium in October 1999 and received a very enthusiastic response. Ever since then members of the ISC and other student organizations in the consortium have been working tirelessly to create an event that would be fun and exciting. That's when the idea of an occasion for interaction on a social and relaxed level was born.

But what's all the noise about?

The program of events reflects the diversity of students in the consortium—focussing on different nations of the world and their cultural uniqueness. A parade of multi-cultured dresses, music and dance: a feast for the eyes. If that whets your appetite for more, try some finger food-snacks from various cuisines.

Does this sound too formal for you? Well, that's where the show ends and the party begins with foot-tapping ethnic and popular music from the world over.

Now, how do you prepare for this event? Stop by the International House on Trowbridge Road or email isc@wpi.edu for tickets and more information. Come, enjoy, make friends, build bridges to your peer community!

COMMENTARY

Of mission plans and goals

by *Seth Johnson*
Class of '02

Class, turn your Campus Planners to page two and follow along with The Goal of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. If you do not have a Planner, you must have ran out of firewood or Kleenex. No loss, but I suggest more careful household maintenance.

The following is adapted from The Goal of Worcester Polytechnic Institute:

WPI is old, therefore it has tradition. Tradition is good. WPI also has changed with the times, therefore it can advance science. Advancement is good. In summary, WPI is both old and new and that is berry, berry good. Nothing has been said yet, so something big is coming, with a title like The Goal of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. It is even possible to hear the sweep of music that precedes it.

And so the WPI Plan appears, complete with fanfare, dancing girls, and midget waiters handing out fruity drinks. In case the drill missed your skull, the WPI Plan is a combination of Theory and Practice in project work. See us striving together as a team, hands clasped, faces uplifted, giving voice to a single clear note of pure Innovation. This is the noxious theory that corporate culture and WPI have dribbling from their collective teat. Who is swallowing, Class?

Suppose an MQP project team has been assembled. four students are adventuring at the 'frontiers of academic inquiry'. Further suppose the team contains two highly motivated students, to be generous. One is an

excellent writer and the other is a superb orator. The others in the group just call them Suckers. The Suckers get to do the fun work. The others get to do the fun relaxing. Everybody is happy and the mission is accomplished. The WPI Plan fails, but undetected. WPI propagandizes with platitudes; cold empty winds rush over the campus in winter and summer alike. Teamwork eliminates accountability in favor of high morale. The Plan is an insubstantial Madison Avenue gumdrop daydream. Delicious, right Class? Go ahead and play along, but be careful not to swallow.

Now that the undergraduates have been placated, The Goal of Worcester Polytechnic Institute produces the Vision for the rest of the campus. It is enlightening to learn that research discovers new things. Graduate students are more educated than undergraduates and might have real jobs. More empty wind.

The last paragraph is the one-sentence Mission Statement written by the Task Force that produced The Goal. Actually, it was written by the Sucker of the Task Force...

...Class, I have just been informed by a man dressed all in crimson and gray that all of the above is false. Except for the bit about the 'single clear note of Innovation'. He wants to work that into the next draft of The Goal of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. May God bless the WPI Plan and may He bless The Goal of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, which is neither a waste of paper nor contrived. Ahem. I mean, Amen. Class dismissed.

ELECTION 2000

Bush wins South Carolina Primary

by *Alex Knapp*
Newspeak Staff

Gov. George W. Bush's campaign was bolstered on Saturday by winning the presidential primary in South Carolina.

At the last report, Gov. Bush received 53% of the vote. His main rival, Senator John McCain, received 42% of the vote. The other Republican nominee, Ambassador Alan Keyes, received 5% of the vote. Although Gary Bauer, Orrin Hatch, and Steve Forbes have withdrawn from the GOP presidential race, they were on the South Carolina ballot and combined received less than 1% of the vote.

The South Carolina primary was

an important victory for the Bush campaign, which had been reeling after Senator McCain's victory in New Hampshire.

For the past week, Bush blitzed the airwaves with commercials that highlighted the governor's positions on reform issues and his position as a Washington outsider. The Bush campaign also ran commercials pointing out alleged hypocrisy by Senator McCain on the subject of Campaign Finance Reform.

Since South Carolina allows Democrats and Independents to vote in Republican primaries, Senator McCain attempted to appeal to them for votes. This strategy succeeded in getting him most of the

Democrat and Independent votes, but those voters counted for less than half of the total electorate. Despite the loss, Senator McCain has vowed to continue campaigning for the Republican nominations.

The next Republican primary will be held today in Michigan and Arizona. These states will prove to be tougher for Bush. Michigan has a history of voting for insurgent campaigners, such as Jesse Jackson in 1988. Also, Michigan voters tend to be less conservative than those in South Carolina, so the race should be closer. In the Arizona primary, Bush has to contend with both a less conservative electorate and the fact that Arizona is Senator McCain's home state.

These primaries will be followed by the so-called "Super Tuesday" primaries on March 7, which is when the Massachusetts primaries will be held.

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SCIENCE NEWS

Scientists draw up full genetic blueprint of fruit fly

*Courtesy of
The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists who hope to unravel the genetic blueprint of human beings say they have successfully tested out their methods on a much smaller subject — the fruit fly.

The achievement, revealed Friday, represents an important dry run of gene-sequencing methods that are aimed at tracking down all 70,000 or so genes inside every human cell.

It is an important discovery in itself, however, since the fruit fly — *Drosophila melanogaster* — is a favorite of scientists who study genetics. For almost 100 years, the bug has been the premier lab species for learning how the appearance and traits of living things are hard-wired into their genes.

In the latest project, scientists decoded the fruit fly's genetic blueprint from end to end. They translated both the actual genes and the less interesting bits of genetic filler that separate them along the chromosomes.

The project combined the expertise of Gerald Rubin's *Drosophila* Genome Project Group at the University of California, Berkeley, with the powerful gene-sequencing machines and computers at Celera Genomics Corp., the Rockville, Md., firm headed by J. Craig Venter.

Scientists from both groups announced the results at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

They said they have unraveled more than 97 percent of the fly's genetic code and more than 99 percent of the actual genes. In all, it turns out that every fruit fly cell contains 13,601 genes.

The scientists have lumped the fruit fly genes into broad categories, such as those that contain the code for enzymes or for

structural proteins. The duties of half of the genes are unknown, but the rest make proteins already familiar to scientists.

Although about 1,600 tiny gaps remain, Rubin said they are filling these in at a rate of about 100 a day, and most of these should be finished within a few months.

Rubin said three scientific papers on the work have been submitted for publication in the journal *Science*. Much of the raw data are already available on the Internet at the National Library of Medicine's GenBank site.

To those who have spent their careers studying the fruit fly, the data are likely to offer many insights as well as possibilities for new experiments. Among other things, Edward Lewis said it will mean scientists may spend as much time scrutinizing newly available genetic code on computer screens as they now do in lab experiments.

"We have been looking forward to this for a long time. It really is a big deal," said Lewis, a veteran *Drosophila* researcher at the California Institute of Technology.

One reason scientists study the genes of simple creatures like flies and worms is that similar genes often play important roles in the internal workings of people.

Rubin said his team looked at 289 genetic flaws known to cause diseases in humans. Using the new data, they looked for similar genes in the fruit fly and found that 60 percent of the human genes match up.

These include genes for such common human problems as kidney disease, Alzheimer's disease and cancer. In fact, 70 percent of the genes known to cause human malignancy were found to exist in similar form in the fruit fly.

Mark Adams, a scientist at Celera, said a longtime goal has been discovery of a fruit fly version of a human gene called p53. This gene ordinarily corrects genetic er-

rors, and defects in p53 are an extremely common contributor to cancer.

Using the new data, scientists found the gene. "It just jumped right out of the genome," Adams said.

Over the years, scientists have discovered many mutations that cause odd body shapes or unusual characteristics in fruit flies. Recently, a gene dubbed Methuselah was discovered that makes fruit flies live about one-third longer than usual. Adams said the new data show that the

Methuselah gene is actually one of a large family and has 10 close relatives.

The Celera scientists used a method called whole genome shotgun sequencing. They decoded more than 3 million fragments of the fly's genes, then looked for overlapping chunks so they could piece them together into a continuous strand.

"This is a test case for us in anticipation of doing the human genome," said Celera's Eugene Myers.

Researchers experiment with genetic liver therapies

*Courtesy of
The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new way of growing liver cells in the laboratory may eventually lead to renewed hope for millions of Americans who suffer from liver disease and are waiting for a transplant.

In a study published today in the journal *Science*, researchers report that genetically manipulated cells grown in test tubes were able to restore normal liver function to lab rats whose livers had been 90 percent removed for the experiment.

Researchers said their experiment involved growing millions of new liver cells, called hepatocytes, and then transplanting them into rats that had virtually no liver function. The injected cells took over the job of the failing organ.

"I have no idea when we could use it in humans" because the technique is still so experimental, said the study's chief researcher, Dr. Philippe Leboulch of Brigham and Women's Hospital. But he said it offers the promise of one day helping stave

off organ failure in patients waiting for a liver transplant.

Leboulch, an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, said transplanted hepatocytes have been used in patients with failing organs before, but the therapy had limited success because doctors were unable to isolate enough liver cells. Hepatocytes are very difficult to grow in the laboratory, he said.

The new technique uses a gene to solve this problem.

Leboulch and his colleagues inserted into laboratory liver cells a cancer gene that forced those cells to start reproducing without limit, a technique known as "immortalizing."

Although the cells multiplied by the millions, they could not be transplanted because in the body they would be like a cancer, growing out of control.

To solve this problem, the researchers treated the cells with an enzyme that acts like a "genetic scissors." It cut out and

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



A Night @ the Movies

Sunday afternoon was the matinee performance of "A Night @ the Movies," an annual concert by the WPI Concert Band. Postponed due to Friday's snow storm, the concert filled Alden with the sound of modern screenplays from such movies as Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace, The Wizard of Oz, and West Side Story. Director Douglas Weeks conducted his ensemble through numerous American movie classics, including Schindler's List which featured violinist Daniel Arecco ('02).



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SocComm Presents

Sunday, March 19 2000 @ 6:30 & 9:30pm
 Perreault Lecture Hall \$2 Admission
 Special 2pm Matinee for \$1

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FEATURES

Female computer experts help bridge technology's gender gap

*Courtesy of
The Associated Press*

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — In small groups, the girls pass around the palm-sized metallic brain, pinching it between thumb and forefinger.

The third- and fourth-graders ask about capacitors, network jacks and motherboards.

These girls banter in technology terms and freely speculate about what the different computer parts do.

The tour guide for their hardware journey, like all the other adult leaders in the computer lab, is a woman, a "TechnoSister" in the parlance of the carefully designed, all-volunteer, after-school mentorship program.

Each Thursday afternoon, just the girls gather in the second-floor computer lab at Fairmount Elementary School near Paine Field where the mysteries of technology are unmasked.

It is a time when 22 girls are not only allowed but are encouraged to explore the innards of the computer, when they can dabble in web page design and play for the sake of play.

The all-girl cyber-time is Mahnaz Javid's vision based on years of observation, first in her two sons' classrooms and later as research for her doctorate degree.

Javid, an Edmonds resident, sees an unreserved enthusiasm among the girls.

"There is absolutely no fear, no hesitation, no uncertainty when the girls are on the computer," she said.

That's a marked contrast to what she once observed. As a mother in the classroom, she witnessed "a huge gender gap" in technological competency and confidence among boys and girls.

That image stuck with her as she pursued her doctorate studies in educational

leadership with a focus on educational technology at Seattle University. Her research has been published in three magazine articles on educational technology and as part of a book on cyber-education.

Javid is convinced the technology gender gap can be plugged. The Fairmount classroom is her laboratory for a three-year study as she tries to determine what engages girls in computer technology. The project also include workshops for parents and teachers and a software learning library for the students.

"... After I finished my dissertation, I asked myself, what can I do?" Javid said. "I didn't want to just be an academic."

Today, she is trying to remove barriers for young girls interested in technology.

The research-based program allows girls to learn technology without boys around and from female role models who work in the computer industry. It offers an environment where there is no competition for time or attention and where the girls have a license to be creative, both important instructional strategies, Javid said.

The TechnoSisters program, a project supported by the nonprofit Mona Foundation, tries to reach the girls early in life before they form attitudes about their own technological competency. In a sense, it is an early intervention.

Javid has recruited an accomplished team of professional volunteers: a programmer, a graphic artist, a hardware whiz and an independent technology investor. Two mothers with children in the program also help, keeping the adult-to-student ratio low.

Patrice Molinarolo, group program manager for Tidemark Computer Systems in Seattle and former president of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Women in Computing, volunteers at the Mukilteo School District campus on Beverly Park Road. As a lifetime Girl Scout,

she sees value in letting girls learn from women and other girls.

"Technology is so important," she said. "I can't allow these girls to be without it."

Patrece Banks, a successful Bellevue-based technology investor, recently returned from a national computer technology show in Las Vegas. She was struck by how few women attended the show and the oftentimes nominal role of those who did participate.

"I can see how girls get discouraged," she said.

All the mentors believe that the girls have the interest and capability to master technology. They see the progress each Thursday.

Javid was surprised at how much the girls enjoyed cannibalizing the hardware of four broken computers earlier this year. With guidance, they still get to take the TechnoSisters' working computers apart. Only now the computers must be re-assembled and turned on.

Rhya Milici, a third-grader in the district's gifted program at Fairmount, finds the inside of the computer fascinating. So does her sister, McKenna, a fifth-grader from Endeavour Elementary School, who joins Rhya and their mother at Fairmount each Thursday.

"I have loved it that it's all girls because boys seem to be running everything," McKenna said.

"I loved the fact that we would see these girls with screwdrivers," said Kelly Milici, the girls' mother.

Cathy Hoffman, principal at Fairmount, said

she knew Javid from the days when her sons attended the school and was confident that she would provide a strong, well-researched program.

Hoffman's only concern was with gender equity. She was told boys could sign up at the beginning of the school year after it was explained to the boys' parents that it was part of a research project on girls and technology.

Today, there are 22 girls in the program.

Ultimately, Javid believes, the nurturing environment and different instructional strategies will even the playing field in the future.

The approach intrigues Jim Bassett, a calculus and technology teacher at Arlington High School, which was one of the first high schools in the world to offer a Microsoft NT training class on the company's leading network operating system.

Bassett, who now teaches a Windows 2000 server course, has long been concerned by how male-dominated the courses are and often wonders what the enrollment would be like if the class was offered at an all-girls private school.

One of Bassett's female students approached him early in the school year, concerned by the fact that the class was made up of more than 80 percent boys.

"Maybe I shouldn't be doing this," she told Bassett.

"No," Bassett responded, "that's the reason you should be."

Javid sees the TechnoSisters program as planting seeds. Three years from now, she hopes some of today's students will be mentors for other young girls.

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deactivated the inserted cancer gene, halting the rapid growth of new cells.

The cells were then injected into the spleens of rats, whose livers had been 90 percent removed surgically. About 60 percent of these animals lived normally after receiving the genetically engineered cells.

Control animals, which also were missing 90 percent of their livers, did not receive the manipulated cells and died within three days.

"This system may do away with the shortage of hepatocytes," Dr. Ira Fox, a co-author of the study, said in *Science*. "You could keep (the cells) in the freezer and take them whenever you needed, which is not possible with primary hepatocytes."

Fox is a liver transplant surgeon at the

University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Dr. Roy Chowdhury, a liver expert at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, said in *Science* that the study results were "very encouraging," but he questioned whether rats with 90 percent of their livers surgically removed represented a true model of human liver failure.

Human liver failure often involves a virus or a toxin that may persist even after the liver cells are transplanted, he said.

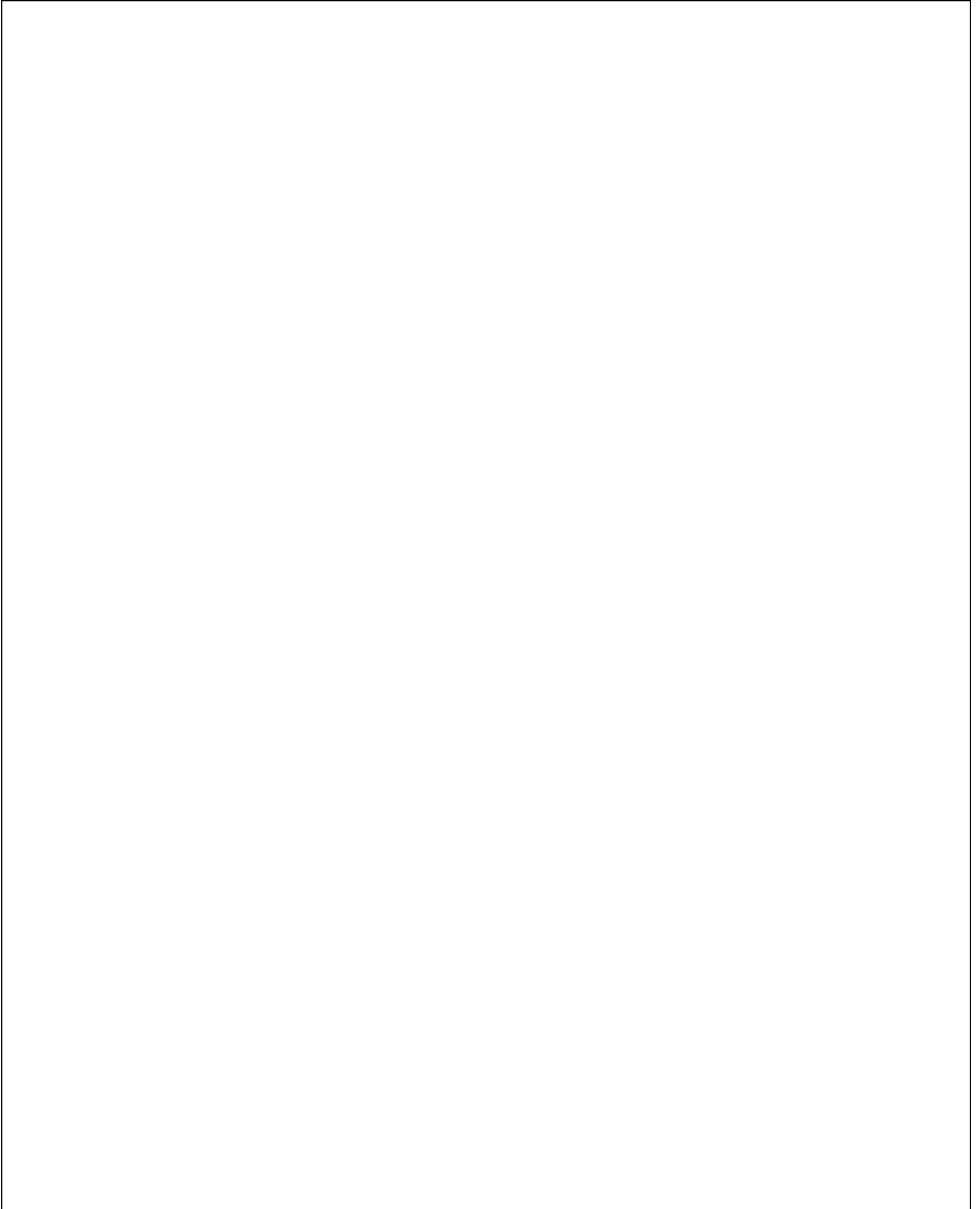
About 400,000 of the 20 million Americans with liver disease die annually. Liver transplants are the only hope for many of these patients, but there only enough organs to treat about 4,000 patients each year.



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Sunday, February 27, 2000
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COMMENTARY

SGA

This week SGA met on February 15, 2000 at 6 pm in the lower wedge. Matthew Lewis was appointed to the senate as an off campus senator. The Committee on Student Life Issues conducted a poll of various campus concerns and said they would have the results ready for the next meeting. The results will also be posted in this article next week. The Committee on Policies and Procedures is currently in the midst of revising the SGA Constitution. The Committee on Elections is currently working on web voting for the Campus Hearing Board elections to be held D term. The Committee on Appropriations recommended a special funding request for the International Student Council. The Senate unanimously approved the special funding request, and the proceeds are going to help the International Stu-

dent Council's winter carnival festivities. The next SGA meeting will be held on February 22, 2000 at 6pm in the lower wedge. All are welcome to attend, any questions please contact sga@wpi.edu.

SAS

This week in SAS we elected two people to fill some exciting new positions - Namely, Elisa Baker is now our Goat's Head Committee representative, and Matt Geiger is our Historian/Traditionalist. Congrats to them both! Our current project is the Survival Kits that we are preparing. We'll be stuffing them Wednesday the 23rd at 5pm in Higgins House, anyone who would like to be welcome to come help. At this point we have 116 orders! They will all be distributed Thursday and Friday. In other news, our very own Legrand Reynolds will be representing us in the "Mr WPI pageant," so stop by the

mailroom and donate some loose change so that he can be a contestant. As always, anyone who wishes to be on our regular mailing list can email elisab@wpi.edu to be added.

Newman Club

Saturday's snowy retreat at the religious center, Crayons for Christ, was a great time; good company, good food, good talks, and very important to us good worship. The next retreat is the overnight retreat in early D term - sign ups are still available. As C term winds down and finals start up don't forget to pencil in helping at the Youville House over term break - there just isn't like helping out those in need. As always mass is at 11:30 am on Sundays and Faith and Discussion is on Mondays at 8 and Wednesday at 8:30pm.



The Crimson Clipboard

Take a Stand for Democratic Justice, Worcester Area Teach-in

All are invited to attend presentations and interactive workshops on "Democracy and Globalization: from Seattle to Worcester," an event highlighting a variety of current issues including media, labor/human rights, and the ecological implications of biotechnology. This chance to participate with members of the Worcester community in order to become better informed in these subject areas and to take action in protecting our global community will be held on Sunday, February 27th at 1pm at the First Unitarian Church (90 Main Street, across from the Crowne Plaza Hotel). Come join other local college students, faculty, and community organizations to learn more about the forces that today threaten the rights and well-being of peoples worldwide and what YOU can do to prevent these violations.

American Antiquarian Society Seeks Talented WPI Undergraduates

In the upcoming fall of 2000, the American Antiquarian Society will host a seminar in American studies entitled "Romanticism Confronts History: Literary and Material Culture in the U.S., 1820-1876" under the instruction of Harvey Green, professor of history at Northeastern University and Ph.D. of Rutgers University. The course will examine the influence of European Romanticism on literature in the mid-nineteenth century in the U.S. and will also investigate the complicated facets of its connections to the material culture of that age. This challenging and unique opportunity is open to two students from each college in the Worcester Consortium. Last year, Stephanie Janeczko and Michael Los attended as representatives of WPI. Students selected for the program will meet on a weekly basis through the fall semester, discuss required texts and chosen novels, and will complete primary research culminating in a final paper utilizing the nationally renowned AAS library of historical collections. WPI students expressing an interest in this experience should contact Kent P. Ljungquist (kpl@wpi.edu), professor of Humanities and Arts, to obtain an application that will be due on March 20, 2000.

Your weekly horoscope

For the week of February 20-26

ARIES:(March 21-April 20) You are in a very practical frame of mind and unusually sharp in all your money matters. In your can-do-everything mood, no matter how busy, you will be more than able to take care of everything. Speak softly and avoid disagreements with a loved one.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) Family is highlighted for now. Heart-to-heart talks with children will prove advantageous. The financial goals you've had in mind are going to be realized in the very near future. Strive for fairness in all your decision-making.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Any problems in family or home life will finally be resolved. Keep your cool in the workplace, co-workers may be overly sensitive. There are changes, from a distance, which will stir things up at work for the next few weeks. Unreasonable demands may be made.

CANCER:(June 22 - July 23) You'll start the week in a dream world of your own. It may be best to take time alone and treat yourself better. A short trip may be the ticket to fun and adventure. Work runs smoothly for a change, but there are tensions in the home. Remember your mate.

LEO:(July 24- Aug. 23) Listen to a friend's advice regarding financial planning. Once you have your plan in order, take time to discuss it with your beneficiary. Others may accuse you of living with unrealistic expectations - don't let it bother you, your best ideas come to you this way.

VIRGO:(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) This week will bring passion and intimacy with your love. Business and household projects are favored, and you'll be surprised at how much you get done. There may be a bonus for your recent efforts. Take time for laughter, and make plans to further your education.

LIBRA:(Sept. 24 - Oct 23) The more you depend on your inner reserves, the stronger you are. Your actions inspire family members to strive for their best. There are some self doubts you have been wrestling with which only you can work through. Self-improvement efforts will succeed.

SCORPIO:(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Spend time with close friends and have some fun. Both your friendships and love relationships are very fulfilling. Keep your cool; someone is trying to undermine your position with flattery or outright bribery. There is a lucrative job possibility in the future.

SAGITTARIUS:(Nov. 23 - Dec.21) It's a pretty effortless and pleasurable week. You have the power to make changes for the better. Personal achievements and romance will be highlighted for the next few months. You need to resolve an old misunderstanding with an estranged friend.

CAPRICORN:(Dec. 22 - Jan.20) This week will start on a very upbeat note. Wherever you are, you are surrounded by luck and friendship. Unexpected money is most likely to come your way. Your work and family responsibilities are heavy, you have people relying on you from all sides, take things one at a time.

AQUARIUS: (Jan.21 - Feb. 19) There are many things that need your attention right now. Try to prioritize, and do the most important things first. Verbal clashes are unavoidable - both your kids and co-workers will challenge your authority. Check out any opportunities to increase your income.

PISCES: (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)Spend some time with your mate and family. You are both assertive and charming. It feels good to succeed at work and know your family's happy too. The week will be full of heavy mental stimulation and many challenges. Innovative and unconventional approaches may work well.

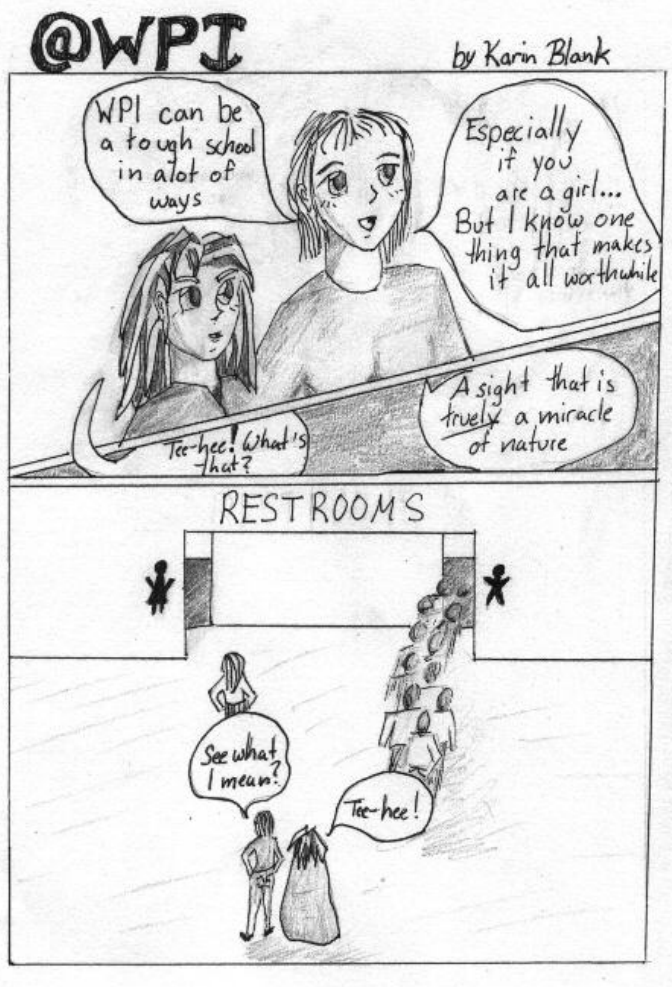
IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You tend to be overly optimistic or overly negative. Start seeing your partners and cohorts as they really are, not only as you want to see them. Both friends and close associates are going to be particularly important to you for the next several months. Choose your companions carefully, for they will either help or hinder your dreams.

By Miss Anna

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POLICE LOG

Friday 4 February 2000

8:35pm Alarm: Higgins Labs
 8:39pm Assisting: Disabled motorist Park/Institute;
 8:42pm Code 5: False alarm, reset
 8:45pm Code 5: Mcfee called at request of owner as well as red cab

Saturday 5 February 2000

12:32am Plumbing problem: Elbridge St. Plumber notified per on-call manager.
 1:10am Disorderly person: Officer reports disorderly person removed from vicinity of Institute Road.
 2:16am Disorderly persons: Officer reports disorderly persons removed from vicinity of Dean & Institute.
 2:17am Disorderly persons: Officer reports disorderly persons removed from vicinity of Dean Street.
 10:29am Medical: Student cut hand with pocket knife.
 10:38am EA Requested: AMR called re: 1029 per EMS.
 9:45pm Lockout: Daniels
 10:37pm Assist: Request to lock AK from Custodian.
 11:17pm Disorderly person: Report of disorderly person at Humboldt Ave.

Sunday 6 February 2000

2:37am Lockout assist: Stoddard C100.
 10:30am Alarm: Intrusion, Fuller Labs.
 10:43am Clear: Re: 1030, False Alarm, Set off by staff.
 12:36pm Alarm: Intrusion, Mass. Academy.
 12:44pm Clear: Re: 1236, Unfounded.
 7:42pm Medical: Female with injured ankle from a fall, Alden Hall
 7:44pm Arrival: Alden Hall; All Responding Units
 11:22pm Lockout assist: Morgan

Monday 7 February 2000

5:34am Malicious mischief: Alumni Gym women's locker room; Officer Westerman.
 5:16pm Lockout: Founders 3rd

Tuesday 8 February 2000

1:36am Lockout assist: Institute Hall.
 8:33am Medical: Riley Hall, foot injury.
 8:40am EMS arrival, Riley Hall
 8:48am EA, AMR called for Trans to Memorial,
 9:04am AMR arrival: at Riley for Trans.
 9:31am Lockout: Institute room.
 5:00pm MV Accident: Reported by students, on the corner of Einhorn and Institute, WPD's been notified.
 6:01pm MV Jump: On Salisbury St.

Wednesday 9 February 2000

5:51am Assist: Grounds crew vehicle broken down at Institute & West St.
 9:03pm Lockout: Riley.
 11:18pm Report: Student reports lots of black ice on campus sidewalks, grounds crew called.

Thursday 10 February 2000

1:00am Warrant Check: Came back clean, Becker PD.
 12:15pm Alarm: Goddard Hall, fire alarm, set off by elec workers in building.
 2:59pm Lockout: Morgan Hall 3.
 3:45pm Reset: Goddard Hall Fire alarm.
 8:21pm Lockout: Riley.

Friday 11 February 2000

5:46pm Lockout: Daniels 4th.
 8:13pm Lockout: Stoddard A.
 9:44pm Lockout: Daniels.
 11:27pm Suspicious vehicle: Out with vehicle at Regent St.

Saturday 12 February 2000

12:44am Noise complaint: Report of disturbance at Salisbury Estates.
 1:18am Noise complaint: Report of excessive noise coming from Ellsworth Apts.
 2:42am Assist/fire alarm: WFD reports fire alarm at Dean St.
 2:46am 7 WFD clear 32 Dean Street.
 3:27am Medical response: Female in bathroom bleeding, EMS.
 3:47am Call-in: Requests custodial call-in for clean-up on Morgan 3rd floor. No response from page of custodial supervisor.
 3:55am Officers & EMS clear.
 12:00pm Lockout: Student in Founders
 3:09am Lockout: Riley 3rd,
 8:43pm Lockout: Stoddard B.

Sunday 13 February 2000

4:27am Check on welfare: Sgt. Ring out with, Library Lot.
 4:31am Officers clear Library Lot.
 4:32am Intrusion alarm: Gordon Library level 2.
 4:38am Officers clear Gordon Library, all secure.
 1:56pm Suspicious Vehicle: Student reports a vehicle followed her home from campus.
 11:15pm Hazardous conditions: Complaint regarding icy conditions on Higgins Labs steps.
 11:48pm Lockout assist: Dodge Spirit on Institute Road.

Monday 14 February 2000

8:01am Medical: Salisbury Labs, lobby area, female abdominal pain radiating on the right side.
 8:02am EMS # 99, from Riley Hall, #69 from Founders Hall
 8:04am EMS# 99, at Salisbury
 8:05am Off. Parzych, Off Fontaine, EMS#69 on Scene
 8:08am EA Called
 8:20am EA on Scene
 8:29am Code 5, EMS#69, #99, EA to Memorial with student
 11:19am Alarm: 15 Regent St. Intrusion alarm, ongoing problem
 1:58pm Car Towed: Parked in admissions parking
 2:11pm Tow arrival, to Mcfee and Newton
 5:20pm Fire Alarm: Founders Hall first floor pull station
 5:21pm Arrival: Founders Hall; officer confirms smoke, Worcester Fire notified
 5:22pm Arrival: Founders Hall; Worcester Fire Dept.

What's Happening: February 22-27

22 12:00pm Lecture. "State of American Education Address." Becker Academic Center 210
 4:30pm Community Forum. "Interracial Relationships." Clark Multicultural Center
 8:00pm African Percussion Ensemble. Lower Wedge

23 4:00pm Poetry Reading. David Ferry. Holy Cross Library Browsing Rm.
 6:30pm Open Mic Night. Assumption College, Hagan Campus Center
 7:30pm Tony Vacca and the World Rhythms Ensemble. Clark, Higgins Univ. Ctr.

24 1:00pm Indian Music Workshop - Peter Row, Sitar. Holy Cross, Brooks Concert Hall
 7:00pm Concert. "A Night of Soul." Becker, Boutin Student Ctr.

25 Men's Basketball NEWMAC Semi-Finals at MIT
 6:00 & 8:00pm Women's Basketball NEWMAC Semi-Finals at Smith
 7:00pm Winter Carnival Event. Guerilla Improv. Kinnicut Hall, SL115
 7:00pm Winter Carnival Event. Res. Life Presents "Sexual Tensions." Riley Commons
 8:30pm Winter Carnival Event. Rustic Overtones. Alden Hall

26 Visit the SocComm Office for Full Listing of Winter Carnival Events!!!
 Men's Basketball NEWMAC Finals at MIT
 4:00pm Women's Basketball NEWMAC Finals at Smith
 7:30pm ISC Fiesta 2000. Alden Hall
 8:00pm Winter Carnival Event. Acoustic Girl Circle Concert. Riley Commons

27 11:30am Catholic Mass. Alden Hall
 6:30 & 9:30pm Film, "Dogma." FLAUD

5:41pm Code 5: Founders Hall, All units; Odor/Smoke appears to be from a damaged dryer belt in the laundry room
 7:02pm Medical: Morgan Hall student with abdominal pain; EMS 69,99
 7:03pm Responding: Morgan Hall medical; EMS
 7:10pm EA: Morgan Hall; AMR

Tuesday 15 February 2000

10:55am Accident: 2 cars minor damage in the middle of Boynton, one vehicle will not move before Worcester shows up. detour though the library lot.
 11:00am Code 5: Worcester PD at scene

Wednesday 16 February 2000

9:59am Medical: Custodial staff fell near Stoddard, lower back pain and shortness of breath from fall
 10:03am At Scene: Code 5
 10:06am EA called
 10:14am Engine #8 arrival
 10:16am EA at scene
 10:22am Code 5, EA going to St. Vincent's
 10:22am Access: Goddard Hall, sprinkler room for Astro Elec.
 3:58am Lockout: MV power locks, Mcfee and Newton
 5:32am Advise: Shoe company to move their van from parking lot at Morgan Hall it is blocking fire hydrant.

Thursday 17 February 2000

2:06pm Access: Goddard Hall sprinkler room, also taken out of service the 3rd floor hatch, off. will call when they need it back in service
 3:37pm Reset: Alarm panel at Goddard Hall.
 3:51pm Complaint: Stressed out student in the quiet lab in Fuller labs disturbing other students and staff.
 8:31pm Secured: East side academics and Kaven hall secured loading dock
 8:35pm Injury: At the RAD class, Officer requesting watchperson to bring ice.
 9:08pm Lockout: Fuller.
 9:18pm Backup: Requested from watchperson at Alumni to help assist 4 non-student males out of the gym.
 9:20pm Back off: Watchperson stated the non-students left on there own.
 10:36pm Report: Custodian heard an explosion behind Olin Hall near construction site.