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Bridgewater senior Judi Devin to veto SCEC money

"You are precedented," stated the president.

SCEC's 1988-89 financial aid forms available.

Devin warned that funding for SCEC was allocated and the second motion for the 66th annual SCEC trip to Washington D.C. divided the subjects of transportation, hotel fees and other costs.

Junior Be Aware - the faculty and students at Bridgewater State College are warning their fellow students that the library has been hit with a wave of thefts and vandalism.

College Scholarship Program - applications are now available at the College's Financial Aid Office and awards are set to be presented to students.

Bridgewater State College Student's Theatre will be performing a version of the play "The Playwright" by Eugene Ionesco.

Don McClellan Comes to BSC - the campus comes program announces singer Don McClellan on Thursday, March 18 at 8 p.m. in the university's Campus Center Auditorium.

Bridgewater English majors are applying for scholarships to attend the 1987-88 Minnesota State University Alumni Scholarship Program.

Devin to veto SCEC money

Judi Sherman was having a wonderful day that radio station WVBF, 105.7 FM, called to congratulate her for winning the Wedding Fantasy.

Bill Foley of Pembroke, were chosen from a group of twenty-five couples to be married in a ceremony on March 11 featuring the winner of an all-expense paid wedding.

The wedding package costs $12,000.
SGA Congress unanimously approves SADD program

By Ed Ward
Converse staff

A Hanover Mall "Wedding Fantasy" representative helps Judi Sherman with her gown moments before the wedding is set to begin. (Staff photo by Bill Bilodeau.)

Student's wedding held at mall

held March 4-6.

Judi is excited, but has had to change all of her plans. They had planned to wed in August.

She went on to explain the couple's only problem with the wedding package, which was that they would rather honeymoon in Palm Beach, as the package originally called for, than in Fort Lauderdale during spring break. Included, among other things, was a $1,200 wedding gown, from Diamond's Bride Shoppe in Plymouth, a reception at the Pembroke Country Club, and a honeymoon trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. All of the prizes were provided by local merchants involved in the three day bridal show, which was sponsored by the mall.

SAEC funds to be vetoed by Devin

By Devin Fournier, p. 7

State budget cuts to affect school

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The congress approved the SADD program unanimously. Nanette Teveres, SADD president, said that they wanted students to realize that you can't drink and drive. The congress also approved the constitution changes for the SADD club.

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Devin, a member of the SGA Congress, said that he would veto the filing of the SCEC constitution changes. He stated that the Congress would not freeze the funds and that's why this is happening now.

State budget cuts to affect school

The state budget cuts will affect the school in many ways. The cuts will result in the school running in the red. The cuts will also affect the school's ability to operate the way it currently does.

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SGA should pay more attention to content, less to presentation

Super Tuesday's ticket toppers

The Right Idea

By Jeff Tikalski Special to The Comment

On March 8, throughout the state of New Hampshire, the nation was held captive as the results of the first-in-the-nation primary were released. Millions tuned into their televisions or checked in with friends and family to learn the outcome of the contest. The result was clear - former Sen. John McCain emerged as the winner.

This is the logical prediction to make. With the Republican primary now in full swing, there are only a few candidates left standing. After the debates and campaign trail, it is clear that McCain is the best choice for the party and the country.

McCain has proven himself to be a strong leader with a clear vision for the future. He has a solid record of accomplishment in the Senate, and his campaign promises have been consistent and realistic. His policies are focused on creating jobs, reducing the deficit, and securing our borders. He is the best choice for the Republican nomination.

Now is the time for SGA to consider this reality in their decision-making process. By focusing on the candidates and their policies, SGA can ensure that they are making the best decision for the students of W&L.

Students don't need a mentor

By John Burns

The idea of having a mentor seems like a good one. It provides students with someone to turn to when they need guidance or advice. However, the concept of mentoring can be problematic if not done properly.

Mentors are supposed to help their mentees in any way possible, but this can lead to a dependence on the mentor. It is important for students to develop their own skills and abilities, rather than relying solely on the mentor.

Additionally, mentors can have ulterior motives. They may want to see their mentees succeed only for their own benefit. In this case, the mentor is not truly helping the mentee, but rather using them as a tool to achieve their own goals.

Therefore, while mentors can be helpful, it is important to be cautious when engaging in this relationship. Students should be proactive in their own learning and development, rather than relying solely on others for guidance.

We don't need saving from rock'n'roll

By Brian Hughes

Comment Staff

The idea of saving rock'n'roll has been a popular one for many years. It seems like every few years, someone comes up with a new plan to save rock'n'roll. However, the truth is that rock'n'roll will always be around, and it will continue to evolve and change.

Rock'n'roll is a music genre that has been around for decades, and it has gone through many changes over time. From its roots in the 1950s, it has evolved into various sub-genres, such as punk, metal, and indie rock.

It is impossible to save rock'n'roll. The music industry is constantly changing, and it is impossible to predict what the future holds. However, we can continue to support and listen to rock'n'roll, and help it to thrive.

Presidential race has being disappointing

In the Middle

By Christopher Fors

The Democratic race has been a disappointment. The news coverage has focused on the fact that former Sen. John McCain is the frontrunner, but this has not been the case. The race has been very close, and the candidates have been pulling in similar numbers.

We need to pay more attention to the candidates and their policies, rather than just the polls. By doing this, we can ensure that we are making the best decision for the country.

No tenure for Heap

Students request meeting with board of trustees

By the Editor

After sending the BSC comment into the week of 2/25, I have received some response from our students. I have come to realize that the Board of Trustees (administration) needs to consider their actions of mid-term. The Board's decision was not well-planned.

The Board has a long history of making decisions without consulting the students. This is unacceptable, and it is time for the Board to start listening to the students.

We, the people of the press, are very interested in these changes and we would like to have a meeting with the Board. We believe that the Board should consider the students' perspectives as well, and we would like to have a conversation about the future of the school.

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To the Editor:

On March 8, throughout the day and the night, we saw voting booths and candidates being held in 14 of which lay in the state. The result is that the U.S. Congress is providing a means for the people to vote in the presidential elections. The results are from a combination of Vice President George Bush and Michael Dukakis, who ran in 16 out of the 57 Republican contests. Not Robert Dole, who ran in 23 races but failed in 14 of them. W. J. Clinton, who ran in 8 races and won 8 of them, failed to be elected to the presidency. But he was a clear winner in his role as the leader of the Free World. Dukakis is still leading in that role.

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By John F. Plummer

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The professor-

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I was sitting in class today when Professor Frederick came to the front of the room and announced that he was going to make a change in his course. He said that we were going to have a new textbook and that the course was going to be entirely online. I was surprised by this news, as I had always enjoyed the way that he taught in a traditional classroom setting.

No tenure for Heap

Students support meeting with board of trustees

The professor answered a question from me that I had been curious about. I wanted to know if he had been considering a change like this before. He said that he had been thinking about it for a while, but had not wanted to make the decision until he was sure that it was the right thing to do.

We don't need saving from rock'n roll

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I have never been a huge fan of rock'n roll. I find it to be too loud and aggressive for my taste. However, I do enjoy listening to some of the classic rock bands from the 1960s and 1970s. I think that their music has a timeless quality to it.

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This is the first presidential debate of the year. It is the first time that the candidates have had to face the American people. The candidates are currently discussing their platforms and their policies. Dukakis and Bush are both trying to win the presidential election. Dukakis is currently leading in the polls, but Bush is a strong candidate.

Presidential race has been disappointing

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This year's presidential race has been disappointing. The candidates have not been able to generate much excitement or enthusiasm. Neither Dukakis nor Bush has been able to capture the imagination of the American people. The candidates have been too focused on personality traits and not on the issues. This has made it difficult for voters to make an informed decision.

Election exercise your voting rights as a citizen

Register to vote before November

Commentary

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Commentary Staff

I urge all eligible voters to register to vote before the November election. It is important to have a high voter turnout in order to ensure fair and democratic elections. By registering to vote, you are exercising your democratic right and participating in the political process.
BSC students reply to Comment AIDS poll

By Christine Howard

"Not so," has become the word of the eighties. It is difficult to pick up the newspaper or turn on the TV or the radio without seeing something on AIDS. How has the recent publicity and warnings affected the dating habits of the BSC community? Do students have enough information about AIDS? The Comment polled 100 students-Sophomores and Juniors-asked to determine the general knowledge and attitudes habits of the BSC community. There were nine males and fifteen females polled; of these, 60% are Catholic, 14% Protestant, 6% Jewish, 9% other religions, and 11% had none. 59% are 19 to 20 years old, 36% are 21 to 24, and 5% are over 24. 65% are resident students and 35% are commuters. 20% are Massachusetts residents.

What is AIDS?

AIDS is acquired immune deficiency syndrome. It attacks the immune system, making even the slightest cold life threatening. According to the Public Health Service in Washington, the majority of people that have been infected with the virus have been homosexual or bisexual men and intravenous drug users.

The disease has begun to spread into the heterosexual community. The Public Health Service says that the number of heterosexual AIDS cases is about 4%. However, they stress that anyone who engages in unprotected sex, or shares needles is placing him or her at risk.

Research has shown that AIDS can only be transmitted through semen or blood. There has been no definitive findings on the possibility of transmission through saliva and tears. It cannot be contracted from donating blood or through kissing. However, research has shown that AIDS can be transmitted homosexually, heterosexually, and through intravenous drug users.

Question one asked if AIDS could be transmitted homosexually, heterosexually, and through intravenous drug users. 58% said yes, 3% said false, and 1% did not answer.

Question two asked if they felt condoms should be distributed at Health Services. 93% said yes, 7% said no. Part a asked if they should be available in vending machines around campus. 71% said yes, 25% said no, and 4% had no opinion. Part b asked, why or why not?

Most students said that making condoms more available at Health Services was a good idea, citing it as an opportunity to purchase them in a store, and the convenience of the machines would encourage people to use them. Students also cited the high prices of condoms in drug stores, saying that machines would be affordable. A few students suggested that they feel vending machines were a good idea, if they were placed in inconspicuous places, such as Coke and candy machines, computerasi and so forth.

Do you consider yourself at risk?

No response. 4% said yes, 34% no. 93% did not answer.

Are you sexually active?

No response. 3% said yes, 97% no. 97% had no answer.

Do you practice safe sex?

No response. 4% said yes, 96% no. 96% did not answer.

Should Health Services distribute condoms?

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SAO President Tom Devin said that condom machines are a good idea. "We've got to take our heads out of the sand and take a real look at this, it's not going to go away." One student commented, "The more they are available the better. If people use them around campus they will feel strange or uncomfortable about using them.

The people opposed to vending machines said that they were opposed to them because they were gross and tacky, and promoted sexual promiscuity. One student commented, "Sex should be thought of hush hush and respectable. Having condoms in vending machines would be too easy." This student commented, however, that having condoms in Health Services would show responsibility. Another student said, "It feels tacky and too out in the open. Drugstores are within walking distance; vending machines are simply unnecessary."

Question 13 asked if AIDS can cause a change in your dating habits. 2% said yes, 66% no, and 32% had no answer.

Analysis:

It is interesting that students who feel they are at risk for AIDS was a serious problem, while some students did not seem to concern themselves. 98% said that they practice safe sex, 19% said they do not, 11% did not answer. 50% of respondents said that they believe condoms should be more available to them.

Do you feel you are at risk?

No response. 6% said yes, 94% no. 94% did not answer.

Are you monogamous?

No response. 6% said yes, 94% no. 94% did not answer.

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**Arts, entertainment and features**

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According to Dr. Gene Fitzpatrick, this is because young adults are not assimilated into the student subculture until the end of sophomore year. Until they are assimilated they do not learn the norms of the culture. There was also a 10% difference in the amount of upperclassmen to underclassmen who practice safe sex that could also be attributed to this factor.

The high number of students who feel that they are not at risk for AIDS can be attributed to what Susie Nyenhuis, of the University of California, San Diego, calls the “immortality complex.” Students “have a tendency to believe that things will always be as they are now. It’s short range thinking. It’s difficult to educate people on things that they don’t think affect them,” she said, in the National College Newspaper, February, 1988.

Several students stated a need for more AIDS information. One stated, “There is so little known about the AIDS virus that it makes me very uneasy. I probably couldn’t deal with someone that has AIDS.” Another student wrote, “I am very careful about who I date and I hesitate to ask if they have AIDS, but I do.”

Another woman responded, “I am involved in a monogamous relationship. I feel safe from AIDS as long as I have no reason to think otherwise.”

Statistiks George Seage, from the State AIDS Epidemiologists and Statistics office said that there are 1344 cases of AIDS in Massachusetts at the present time, 604 people have died of the virus. In the United States there are over 55,000, and approximately 26,000 people have died.

Seage said that people should know their partners well, and should be monogamous. If they are unsure that their partner is uninfected or is going to be faithful then they should use a condom.

Nurse Judy Deep, of Health Services, said that students have been requesting more information. “I think it’s been the basis for 150 speeches,” she said, adding that the interest in the information is purely for educational purposes. She said, “They aren’t concerned about themselves. They think, it can’t happen to me.”

Deep said that Health Services does not give out condoms, because they have none to give out. The companies are so backlogged that they do not have any giveaway.

Deep’s advice is to “be careful, know your partner, use condoms.” She said that Health Services does have AIDS information available for concerned students.

I know a little about AIDS through reading the newspapers and TV. I think most people are aware of AIDS because of the media. I don’t see how they can’t be. I think everyone is at risk to AIDS.

**Campus Conversation**

**with Deb Willis**

How much do you know about AIDS? And do you think you could be at risk?

I have a friend dying of it now, so I probably know more about it than the average person because I hear about it from my friend.

Christie Ledwein

I think I am well aware of the AIDS problem. I think everyone is at risk to AIDS.

Michael Craig

I know a lot about it from watching newspaper articles, magazines and books. I think that everyone could be potentially exposed to AIDS.

Stephanie Kennedy

**BSC students reply to Comment AIDS poll**

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**Analysis:**

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How to choose a lawyer

Christopher Smalley reports from London

A. Be wary whenever an insurance company offers to resolve your case easily. Give away money and if they are seeking to pay you may mean that your case has little or no worth. A lot may depend on the extent of your injuries. It is a mistake to resolve a claim before you know what the diagnosis and prognosis is for your back. Remember, time is money and if you do so your recovery may come to your cause.

B. Don't like to attend court, be sure you hire an attorney with trial experience and who is experienced in the area of law you need. Research the attorney's record for specific cases, clientele and the results reached. You must be able to work together to reach a fair result. Remember, taking time to do your homework before hiring a lawyer will pay off later on. Changing lawyers after a case has begun is time consuming and detrimental to your cause.

C. By Christopher Smalley in The Conceavorer Reports: Insurance attorneys are not supposed to advise policyholders that their claims may be settled by an insurance company. Make sure that the attorney represents you and not the insurance company. If you sign a release, it is nearly impossible to go back for more money. Once you have signed a release, you have given up your right to sue. Be sure you are comfortable speaking with your future counsel. You must be able to work together to reach a fair result.

D. To your cause.

Rise to the Occasion

The spring ball will be held this year at the Mansfield. Tickets will be $42 a couple, and will be on sale in advance at the bookstore.

ON THE WEEKEND

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Calendar of Events

Art

The Newman Art Center, 61 Washington Park, Newchurch, will present "Art in Craft Media" created by Daisy Brooks. March 11 through April 3. Media represented will be wood, fiber, clay, and handmade paper. Some of the artists include: Sharon Carolin, Emma Stone, Sherry Brandow, Wayne Jenkins, Bonnie Gordon, John Heller, Linda Lewis and Tony. Newman Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 2-5 pm. Call the Newman Art Center Gallery at 964-4342 for further information. A gallery workshop in fiber dyeing and ceramics will be given by several women and their families on Saturday, March 10 and 12. from 1-3 pm.

Music

Of the common, the performing arts forum of the First Parish Unitarian Church, Ridgefield, will present "Reach for the Sky" by The Boston Symphony Orchestra in concert Saturday, March 12 at 8 pm in the Parish Church, 50 School Street. The orchestra under the baton of John Barbirolli of the Boston Symphony Orchestra will include a variety of favorite 20th century pieces.

Spring Events

The spring ball will be at The New Owner's Club on May 10th from 9-11 pm to midnight. Tickets will be $40 per couple and will be sold outside the bookstore on March 21st and 22nd. The proceeds from this event will be used to support the SGA for next year.

The New England Spring Flower Show will begin March 5th and continue through the 17th at the Bostonian Exhibition Center. Presented by the New England Horticultural Society, the Spring Flower Show's theme this year is "A View from Your Window." Get excited for springtime: go to the Spring Flower Show at the Bostonian Exhibition Center. The show hours are 10 am to 10 pm weekdays and 10 am to 11 pm on the weekends. The show runs from March 5th to 17th.

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by Christopher Smalley

Christopher Smalley reports from London

It might be difficult to see the school system in England, but it is established that administration of the system is the county of London, where primary schools, secondary schools, and special schools are all run by the local government. The system is characterized by a strong emphasis on teacher training and development. Teachers are expected to have a strong understanding of English law, and are required to pass a series of examinations before they can teach in the system. Despite the challenges, the system is highly respected and considered to be one of the best in the world.
Sports

Highlight of BSC winter sports

By Angela Comacchioli

The winter sports season has been an overwhelming success. There was much talent present at BSC this year. After the winter season, the athletes are looking forward to the spring season. The teams have all been working hard and are looking forward to the upcoming season.

Men's Lacrosse team tough and rough

By Lori Lendh

The Men's Lacrosse team takes on a intimidating look on the field. Their rough and tough play style is intimidating to their opponents. The team has been working hard this year and is ready for the upcoming season.

Visigoths ready themselves for a successful season

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Intramural News

Men's Volleyball

Rosters:

Coach for Men's Volleyball is Steve Carlucci. Men's Volleyball is due in the Oceanview Rink on April 5.

11. Season will begin the first week of March.

Kansas City

On Saturday, March 27 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., we have a training session with other New England Collegiate Teams. The event at the event will be the Heart of States, the Spanish exchange of manners.

Men's Rugby team set for season

By Sarah Duggan

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