

... "The Wheaties" ...

Alright, not this year. You're supposed to vote on these, see, so instead we'll just introduce the categories...

Possible nominees selected by Randy Mack and Emily Sachs, with staff
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MOST IMPROVED ORGANIZATION

ROC-U, um, XRCU, went on the air this year (95.1 FM). Quite an improvement!

This category, and the next, recognize significant changes in campus groups (not just student ones) between one year and the next. This year's candidates might have included MassPIRG, for their ceaseless activity, serious change in attitude, and welcome public events such as Earth Day; *the Scarlet*, for shifting focus toward issues affecting students and trying to minimize the administrative propaganda; XRCU, for staying a great organization to work for and for going on air; Student Council, for winning one more fight than Lorraine Garcia's administration; and VARC, for booking four good bands and having a successful rally at McDonald's— more VARC activity than in years.



LEAST IMPROVED ORGANIZATION

The StudCo Budget Committee could have won a Golden Sophistry Award

This goes to groups that have taken a palpable step backwards. Possible candidates may have included... The UAC, for bungling the empty Specialty Store space issue for months, prompting StudCo VP Tom Roy to resign, and eventually allocating it to... the idiot box. SAB, for being bloated, redundant, and offering increasingly sterile and uncreative activities. OIS, for destroying the IRC, trying to ban students from their offices, considering replacing the Macs, and letting Bulletin become corrupted. And *the obvious*: SEA, the ISO, CCN, the Indian Association, and Track Club, none of whom submitted budgets for next year because they are effectively dead this one. Let's hope this is temporary, guys.

THE GOLDEN SOPHISTRY AWARD

(HU)MAN OF THE YEAR

A Clark tradition that faded out in the 70s, this award goes to the community member who made the biggest public gaffe, usually by saying or doing something profoundly contradictory or illogical. Examples from last year: Denise Darrigrand for mass mailing about the ineffectiveness of mass mailing, Harold Wingood for public squabbling in *the Scarlet* and his insagascious apology, the Budget Committee for their justifications of this year's budgets, Dick Traina for saying 'Life would be madness' if students felt they could approach him with problems, and *The Scarlet* for its hard-hitting editorials about partying.



Emilio Delia's activism makes him a potential candidate for the (hu)Man of the Year Award

Sort of like Time Magazine's version, this award goes to the student whose actions, ideas, and/or personality contributed most heavily to the character of this last year, for good, bad, or indifferent. Usually this Wheatie rewards diverse activity of significant proportions, in addition to memorable personalities or people symbolic of year-long issues that have faced the school. Candidates could have been: Abou Fall, for his integrity as Treasurer of StudCo during the Fall, and his grace and modesty while the school rallied around him during the Spring, Mike Coles and/or Emilio DeLia for their selfless work leading the fight against the sophomore meal plan requirement, and Bill Evans for putting ROC-U on the air, holding a Monster Truck Rally featuring the Toasters, founding the Rape Crisis Center and the Multimedia Center, building a studio for the Music Department, and putting together the Michael Moore/P.J. O'Rourke debate (next fall!).

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT

BEST SURPRISE

For things that we expected a lot more from; ie, the Excellence in Service Awards passing up Linda Connors and Vic Berzins; Hal Petersen, new Director of OIS, who has turned OIS not just anti-student, but anti-Macintosh; Chelsea picked Stanford over Clark; Grind Central's miserable year without coffee, bargains, or customers; Bon Appetit's descent from gourmet to garbage; a winter minus significant snow; the University fires most of its student-oriented employees: Engram, Lonstein, and Cahillane; Linda Connors & Dave Milstone finally allocate space in coordination, but only give themselves an hour and wind up compromising the Multimedia Center.



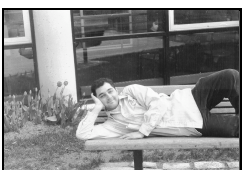
Spree Day was better (and cheaper) than expected.

For dubious things that ended up winners in the end: Spree Day was focused, minimal, and had attitude, Denise Darrigrand turns out to be the best Dean of Students in more than a decade; Darrigrand's midnight breakfasts attract over half the student body and half the senior administration; the embryonic Multimedia Center hosts a Monster Truck Rally, the biggest band of the year comes (The Toasters), and for once Grind Central is packed; Mark Vanderzee's Cougarpalooza brings back Battle-of-the-Bands, and everyone's a winner; Vic Berzins saves our computer labs by finessing the deal of the year and scoring all those nifty new PowerMacs.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

BEST PRACTICAL JOKE

AKA "Freshmen to watch out for." For first-years showing special promise or potential for making a difference here. Possibilities may have been Jesse Paddock (Speakers' Forum, From the Basement, XRCU, The Agrarian Society, Peer Advisors, fixture of the General Store, future liaison to Planning/Development Trustee Committee), Bob Sweet (Student Council rep, Scarlet Key, SAB, Spree Day Committee, FOC), Sean Prager (senior technician for XRCU, *WheatBread*, PEC), Josh "PJ" Duksin (remember the Student Council debate? Ask someone).



Nathan Kleinberger poses near the spot where Dean Wingood threw out 500 copies of *WheatBread*.

Criteria: cleverness, number of victims, absence of malice or destructiveness, amusement value. Possibilities: Chris Condon's freshmen-only Spree Day in the snow on April 1, getting 75 students to show up for ice cream at the Traina's on Spree Day, Bill Evans' Academic Spree Day exhibit on dream analysis of bricks (see photos starting p.34).

BIGGEST SCANDAL

BEST SIGNS OF HOPE

Recognizes the scandals and controversy that gave us all something to talk about. Could have been: Harold Wingood's actions (trying to destroy student work), *WheatBread*'s counteractions, and the Administration's lack of action; the lack of working laser printers during finals; the Sophomore meal plan requirement and the counter-attack; the fight to get Professor Ventura tenure; the pornographic movie made with CCN equipment & Clark stars; the surprise charge for toll-free calls and its defeat before StudCo; Abou Fall resigns as Treasurer due to international financial trouble, and students rally while Clark looks on; the Specialty Store is vacated and groups fight for the central UC spot (and all lose).

To commemorate things that made us feel like there's still a chance to make this world a better place. Possible candidates may have been: SIN (Students in Need), formed by Ryad Mouline to help Abou Fall and students in similar financial trouble; the lightning-quick community support for victims of the Lloyd's building fire; students refuse to stop fighting the sophomore meal plan requirement, even after Student Council does; *the Scarlet* does actual follow-ups to important stories (ok, just for a few, but it's still a good sign).

Next year, you will receive a ballot in the early Spring, so you can vote for your favorite candidates in the above categories. Award someone a Wheatie today!

We mean, "next year."