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Cheers

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Spot the nuke

Yes, you guessed it. It's time once again for the Polemic, in its infinite wisdom, to give you the only unbiased fair view of all the candidates running for the GM and PU position.

The field is a diverse and multi-talented one this year, with many fine possibilities (unfortunately, none of them are running). In fact, considering the ROTC vs. Peacenik debate raging about now, we decided to rate the candidates in "Nuke-Value". If you're ROTC, the more nukes, the better. If you're a Peacenik, the less nukes the better. And now, with only a little more further ado, here are the candidates....

Grand Marshal Candidates

Jim Moredirt

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A member of the Grubworm Party, Jim feels that no students should ever be compelled to bathe. He firmly believes in the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of filthiness. If elected, he promises to remove all showers from athletic facilities ("Right now, the only people on campus who don't have the right to be as grungy as they would like"), and bring all-pro mud wrestling to the Field House during GM Week.

Rating: **UU**

Mark Sherbet
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A member of the Cherry Vanilla Party, Sherbet predicts a rocky road for student government in the coming year, and i-sees himself as the cream of the GM candidates. He would like to see malted liquor served in the McNeil Room, and if elected would try to bring the Coneheads and Banana Splits to perform at RPI. He feels his main qualification for GM is the large amount of time he spends in the cold and snow.

Rating: VVV

Matt Terrible
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A charter member of the Not-Accepted-Into-Any-Other Party, Matt has never been elected to any official or administrative post. He doesn't think he has ever been inside the Union, and hasn't found his dorm room in two years. He is not even sure if he is currently enrolled. He claims his main qualifications are the sense of continuity he feels he would give the Senate, and the large squad of ruffians prepared to murder on command that are presently holding a machete to this reporter's chest.

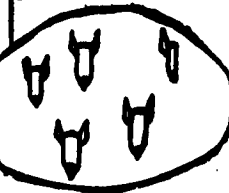
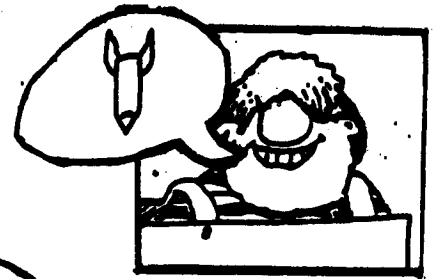
Rating: V

Richy Glassy-eyed
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Richy, the founding lush of the When-is-the-next Party and frequent frontrunner in the race to the nearest keg, stands for a decrease in all alcohol prices when he can stand at all. He feels he can best serve the campus by making additional copies of the Mr. Worcester's Bartenders Guide available in the Union bookstore, and by obtaining a liquor license for the Folsom library cafeteria. If elected, he would also work to convince the Interfraternity Council to ask that fraternity parties have no cover charges, and that each fraternity also have safe transportation available to the Samurai Hospital Emergency Ward for the unfortunate few that can't tell when to quit drinking the alter-native punch.

Rating: (really bombed!) VVVVV

GM



President of the Union Candidates

Dim Fresnel
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Fresnel, a member of the Cast Party and one of the few bright spots in the campaign, has stepped onto center stage in a blaze of light. "I really shine in government work and I'm prepared to put the spotlight on some of the shady stuff that goes on here. Don't listen to those who say I only focus on light issues."

Rating: VVVVV

Don Perished
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A member of the Dead Party and a co-founder of the Dead Students' Alliance, Perished would like all of campus government to become as dead as he is. "If I am elected, I will do my best to make this great student organization as inefficient, useless, and dead as possible; it will be very difficult considering how bad it is already."

Rating: VVV

PU



Jason P. Schlemeil
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A member of the Schmuck Party, Schlemeil admits to having no qualifications whatsoever. "The people who are elected to this office are usually fools who have no idea what they're doing. Therefore, I think I have an excellent chance of winning."

Rating:

Old Grey Mare
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A member of the Equine Party, Mare claims, "I am not ready to be put out to pasture yet. It's been said that I ain't what I used to be, but I'm really as frisky as a colt and chomping at the bit for a chance to win this race."

Rating:

J. R. DeJaneiro
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Running without a party, DeJaneiro is willing to promise anything in order to win this race. "I'll swear to anything that the students want me to swear to. Just so long as they elect me and allow me to get my hands on the Union's four-point-six million dollar budget (and a one-way ticket to Brazil)."

Rating:



Lame duck

The Lame Duck award is a special honor given to the student government official who is best at putting off until the end of her term important student government actions (editor's query: are there important student government actions?). The award, a plucked rubber duck, can be picked up at the Polemic offices, if the recipient so dares.

This year, the award goes unanimously to Laura Tanski, who now is filling the Graduate Student position on the E-Board Lucy Henderson vacated last November. The appointee, Joyce Hyde, will serve a grand total of one E-Board meeting before the new PU is elected, probably only to replace her.

Honorable mention must go to the entire student senate, for putting off until their last meeting making a decision on the student activity fee. That is, unless they table it again (or lose quorum, or whatever) and let the new senate decide. 'Way to be decisive, guys!



TO ENTER . . . BUT NOT TO WIN !

A fine bunch, aren't they. Now, in traditional fashion, the Polemic gives its endorsements. This was a really hard year, given the quality candidates available. Unfortunately, we are only too aware of the power of the Poly endorsement, and know that our feeble opinions can't compare to the vast resources and intellect the Poly draws upon. Therefore, to eliminate the middleman, we decided to skip endorsing the candidates altogether, and endorse the POLY EDITORIAL BOARD for leadership of Student Government. They've got it anyway (at least this week), so why not?

Rensselaer has been handed a golden opportunity and we feel that they should take full advantage of it. Those lousy pinko Atheist Commies who want to help Moscow continue its world takeover have offered to identify themselves. Now is our chance to seek out and destroy those vermin.

Computer voting is the key. Have the computer record the names of everyone who votes for the so-called Nuclear Arms Free Zone (Faggot Zone, I say). Then let the hard-working, God-fearing, good-ol'-boys of the U. S. of A. at'em. We'll take those Commies and make them Red with their own blood.

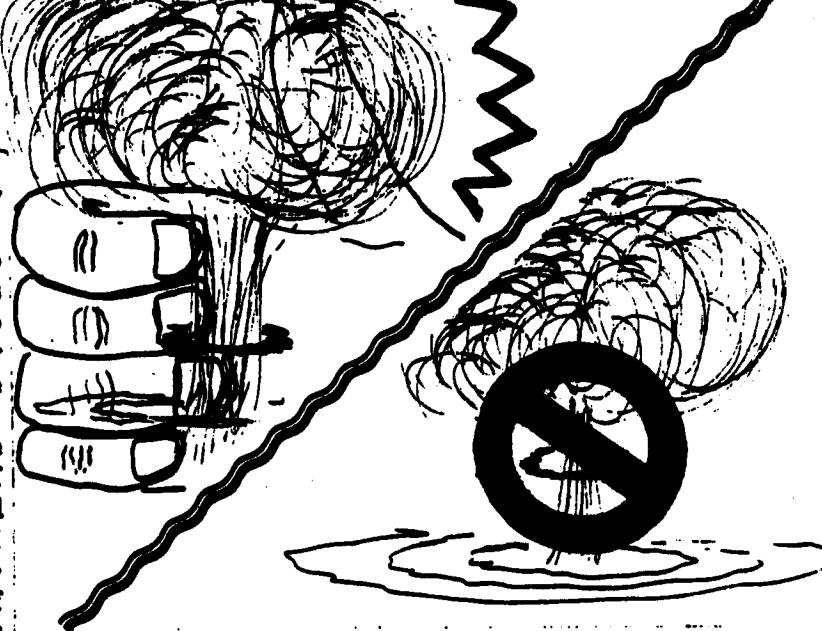
We'll finally rid ourselves of those pesky Pinko devils, the same ones who forced our great President Nixon to resign and made us remove our troops from Vietnam before we got a chance to whip Russia's ass. Eugene McCarthy tried to do it in the '50's, but the spineless Democrats had too much power. Now's our chance.

These are the kind of people who didn't want us to blow away Grenada, to wipe out El Salvador, or to vaporize Iran. They'd prefer we sit around and twiddle our thumbs rather than go out and nuke some Reds.

Think about it. All of mankind's greatest civilizations have been kick-ass no-nonsense killers. Were the Romans pacifists? Did Attila the Hun teach ballet? And what about Napoleon? He didn't just sit and eat pastries all day. These people were vicious. They killed, they raped, they looted, they pillaged, they murdered women and children. And not only that, they had fun doing it.

If America wants to survive, we've got no choice but to go for the jugular right now. Enough of this 'START talks' shit, if we bombed Russia now, they probably wouldn't realize it until they were dead. As we all know, Commies are dumb.

But back to the vote. If you don't like the idea of the US on top and Russia a barren wasteland, vote for the Faggot Zone. But we'll be watching. Maybe we'll only get the lousy pinkos at RPI now, but once it happens here, nothing can stop us. Today the 'Tute, tomorrow the world.



Hey peace lovers! Here's your chance to declare RPI a nuclear free zone. This means that evil, sadistic professors - who are just pawns of the military, anyway - will not be able to conduct diabolical, avant-garde experiments in the development of nuclear weapons, hitherto performed only on insects and other small, meaningless creatures. These researchers are just waiting to get their hands on grants that will let them develop methods of doing what they love the most - killing innocent people. In fact, some are already plotting projects for the fall.

This means that all you seniors and grad students will be forced to work on projects that these fiendish, nasty, militaristic, warmongering, wicked professors (ick! ick!) have cooked up. Just think - you get to help them cook up more efficient ways to cremate Communists. On top of that, you get credit for doing it! Do you really want this?

That's where the free zone idea comes in. A bunch of peace-loving, clean-cut, saintly, honorable, and just all-around good guys have come up with the idea of stopping all this Satanistic research before those sick people start it, even before they think of starting it. This means that you never have to worry about being forced to work on technologically advanced baby killing machines, even if you want to.

It is our mission to stamp out this menace to our well being, to stop those evil, wicked, mean, and nasty researchers who threaten generations yet unborn (pretty poetic, huh?), and above all, to let you sleep easy, knowing that if the bombs do start dropping, you had nothing at all to do with it.

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EDITORIAL SECTION

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Mein:^s

- 1) Mein: a word stated by the illustrious RPI Phone^s System when you dial #*214.
- 2) Phone: a strange object found in many forms at the Student Union.
- 3) Student Union: a place that 202 Wiltsie house^s has absolutely nothing to do with.
- 4) 202 Wiltsie House: a place where the offices of the Polemic^s do not exist.
- 5) Polemic: a newspaper that is perfectly good for your local bird cage or kitty litter^s box.
- 6) Kitty Litter: small pebbles which are not used to make Box Girder Bridges^s.
- 7) Box Girder Bridges: what the E-Board^s jumps off of when its term has ended.
- 8) E-Board: a small circle of people who are considered special because they used to work either for the Troy Sanitation Dept.^s or the Poly (I have not figured out which).
- 9) Troy Sanitation Dept.: where all of the articles submitted to us finally end up.

INVITATION

The Senate and E-Board cordially invite all students to a reception, featuring beer, soda, munchies, and your favorite student leaders.

UNION ROOM, 241-243 Sunday, 4:30pm

What the poly says... goes

(Editors' note: the following is a proposed addendum to "Campaigning Tips", a pamphlet distributed to all candidates prior to GM Week)

There are many ways to gain campus-wide exposure. Posters are most popular, although WRPI radio spots, appearances at GM Week events, and the famed RPI/Sage gossip network are also quite effective. There is only one way, however, to win a GM or PU election. This is through the Polytechnic.

Every candidate gets to answer written questions in the Poly; in addition the Poly interviews certain candidates and reports these also - this makes for 3 - 4 pages of closely-written text in the Poly GM Week issue. Inquisitive concerned students read these pages carefully in order to make an informed decision when voting. The other 90% of the students turn directly to the endorsements.

These endorsements are key, for they reach virtually every voting member of the student body. The GM/PU debates compete with other GM Week events; needless to say, attendance is low. Your posters and leaflets look just like the million other posters and leaflets littering campus during the Week. Not one in 100 students care to talk issues with you during GM Week parties - not when the band is blasting and the beer is freely flowing. But the Poly endorsements are well-read, for it is here the dirty laundry is aired and Poly (All-American, remember) recommendations are made.

How important is a Polytechnic endorsement to a GM or PU candidate? Since 1973, 11 of the 14 Poly-endorsed candidates were subsequently elected; in the last 5 years 6 of the 7 Poly-approved candidates won their elections. Now, you might have to compromise a little to gain the Editorial Board's favor, perhaps overlook the thousand dollar "Poly Personal" slush fund. Is it coincidence the Poly has the largest suite of offices in the Union of any club, that they

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OLYMPUS

Can't you
do this?

RICHY GLASSBERG

TIM FROSELL

*Really chummy with
the Administration, aren't we?*

*Can an E-Board
member of 2 years come
up with any new ideas?*

Student Representative to RPI Board of Trustees
- Physical Facilities Committee
- Financial Planning Committee

Vice-Chairman Executive Board - 1982-1983

One of ^{four} ~~two~~ Student Observers to Institute Red ^{Day} ~~Letter~~
Budget Hearings

Executive Board Member, Class of 1985 - second yearly term
- Constitution Committee Chairman
- Buildings Committee
- Staff Committee
- Financial Planning Committee
- Committee to Develop Inventory of Union Assets

so where's CABS?

Presented the RPI Institute-wide budget to Student Senate

Member of Capital ^{Programming} ~~Planning~~ Committee of the Institute - 1983

President of WRPI - 1983

One of ^{four} ~~two~~ Student Observers to Institute Red ^{Day} ~~Letter~~
Budget Hearings

Member of WRPI Advisory Board

meet Mr. WRPPI!

Play-by-play Announcer and Sports Director WRPI

Member Ski Club ^{you and 200 others!}

Captain, RPI Rugby - present

J.V. Baseball - 1982

J.V. Lacrosse - 1982

PARKING/BUSING

- 1) Vastly improve busing service as per Senate recommendations.
- 2) Expand Student Parking - more spaces. -- *WHERE?*
- 3) Extend authority for the Parking Review Board in dealing with faculty/staff parking tickets.

being done

HOUSING

- 1) Renovate current dormitory space.
- 2) Increase lounge space in dormitories/apartments.
- 3) Continue low interest loans to Fraternities/Sororities.

*Parking Review Board
already has the authority!*

being done now (in Quad)

already proposed

*for safety improvements
only right now.*

INTRAMURALS & SPORTS

- 1) Increase support for fields and activities.
- 2) Maintain ICA Funding. -- *what about for League hockey?*
- 3) Commitment to Varsity and Club Sports. -- *what commitment?*

*where are you going
to get the field this?*

DEEMPHASIZE THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

- 1) Improve Food Service. -- *over on Food Service Committee.*
- 2) Generate revenue in the Union. -- *you want food or book sales subsidizing Model UN, or LAAR?*
- 3) Establish a full service Pub.

*by eliminating one of the finest coffee shops
on the east coast -- Mother's?
And if drinking age
like 21?*

SUPPORT for STUDENT OBSERVERS TO THE FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

the poly says...

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have their own MTS terminal? You know what I mean. Of course, the Editorial Board, in their closed meetings, will carefully deliberate and choose their endorsees based solely on the candidates' qualifications and views on campus issues (like club appropriations).

There is the possibility that the Poly's power to endorse may be curtailed in the near future. In the outside world, newspapers endorsing candidates that support that newspaper's special interests have competing newspapers with other special interests - not the case at RPI. The Poly may lose its "right" to encourage its special interests through Poly endorsements. THIS REPRESENTS EXTREME DANGER TO ALL CANDIDATES, AND MUST BE FOUGHT AT ALL COSTS! If this happens the students would have to read the interviews and/or meet the candidates to make any decision at all. Having informed voters electing the best candidate

Kulture Korner

I think that I shall never ski
Again against so hard a tree,
A tree whose rugged bark is pressed
In bas-relief against my chest.
A demon, who with smuggest air
Sports my poles in tangled hair
Of naked branch, and seems intent
On interrupting my descent.
Upon a kick with battered boot
Laughter shakes him, branch and root.
I've learned my lesson, fools like me
Ought never try to shove a tree.

hinders the political learning process, since United States politics doesn't work that way. In addition, such an election would be unfair to all the candidates by slanting the election in favor of the most qualified candidates.

Remember, when the only source of information on campus is the Poly, you must cultivate that source in order to win, and to keep a good image after you win. This is a valuable lesson in politics that will aid you long after you graduate from RPI. Good campaigning, and good luck.

Grand Marshal Week 1984

	DAY	NIGHT
FRIDAY	9:30 am: Get Wasted 3 - 7:00 pm: Kickoff Party, 35 yard line, '86 Field, by NEAR 3-- 5:00 pm: Salinger Hunt, Science Center, by The <u>Polemic</u>	9:30 - 1:30 pm Opening Rash featuring "PUS" at the Gallagher Infirmary
SATURDAY	0600: ROTC Nuclear Free-Sample Zone, in the Armory 9:30 am: Stay Wasted	7,9:30, Mid: "Duck Soup", Commons 11:30 - 2:15 am: LAAR body-building Contest, Frankenstein Labs Midnight - 2:00 am: Rick Shaw, CASA
SUNDAY	9:30 am: Stay Wasted Noon: Preach Party, C+CC, by RCC 1 - 4:00 pm: Salinger Hunt, Science Center, by The <u>Polemic</u>	7 - 11:00 pm: Passion Show, C+CC, by RSC 8 - Midnight: Human Chess Game, Union, by Office of Human Resources
MONDAY	9:30 am: Stay Wasted 10 - 4:00 pm: Feel Day Part I (meet the outgoing GM and PU) 10 - 2:00 pm: Bar Exam, Lally M.C. RPI Management Department	7 - 9:00 pm: Meet the Candidates where?, by LAAR 8:30 - 10:30 pm: 1st Amendment Comedy Troupe, McNeil Room, by the Office of Human Resources
TUESDAY	9:30 am: Stay Wasted SECONDARY ELECTIONS vote early, vote often, watch the svstem crash.	8:00 pm: The Movies, by Phallyx 8:01 pm: Alternate Porno Flicks, Sage 3303, by You-Know-Who 9:00 pm: Alternate Square Dancing, --discussion session afterward
WEDNESDAY	0600: Army Retreat 9:30 am: Stay Wasted 10 - 4:00 pm: Feel Day Part II, Slocum Hall, RSC 12 - 2:00 pm: CASA Egg Drop Competition, JEC	7 - 9:00 pm: Platform-Building Contest, by the candidates (see how easily they collapse)
THURSDAY	9:30 am: Stay Wasted 2 - 3:00 pm: Bridge-Rebuilding Contest, Congress St. Bridge, by the Civil Engineering Dept.	8 - 11:00 pm: Rhombus Dancing, Quad 8 - ???: AFROTC Air Banned Contest, at the JEC Vacuum Labs. 9:30 - Midnight: KØ Mascara Party
FRIDAY	9:30 am: Get Sick FINAL ERECTIONS! (get'em while they're hot!) 12 - 4:00 pm: Scavenger Feast, Union Patio, by The <u>Polemic</u>	3 - 7:00 pm: IC Quad Party, featuring "The Silicon Chips" 9 - 2:00 am: The Grand Tomale, LSA, south of Houston Field House.