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Computer changes sex smoothly

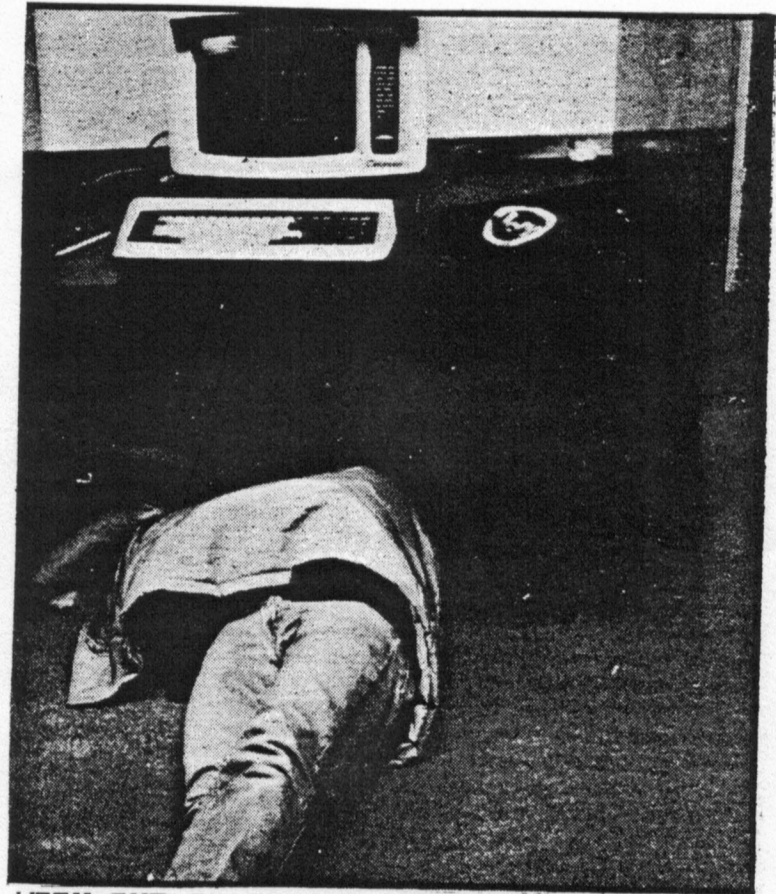
The Office of Computer Services reported this week that Myron's scheduled sex change operation came off without a hitch over Winter break. They did, however, allude to several unexpected yet fortunate complications.

The report of the Task Force for Changing the Sex of the Computer was burned, as it contained information which OCS felt was embarrassing. The task force itself was then hung out and shot. But I digress.

Alarmed by the overwhelming ratio of males at RPI, OCS felt that action on their part was necessary, as a spokesman put it, "Admissions sure wasn't doing anything about the problem..." Myron was kissed good-bye (by the Laser Ladies) and sent off to the Big Blue Technicians. Within two days, he/she/it was unrecognizable. Now the problem seems to be what to call the creature.

Jim Lichen, retiring director of OCS, commented that this, the first known such operation, was his greatest known accomplishment during his time here. "Now I can head off to Annapolis and try my next experiment, changing the sex of an entire army."

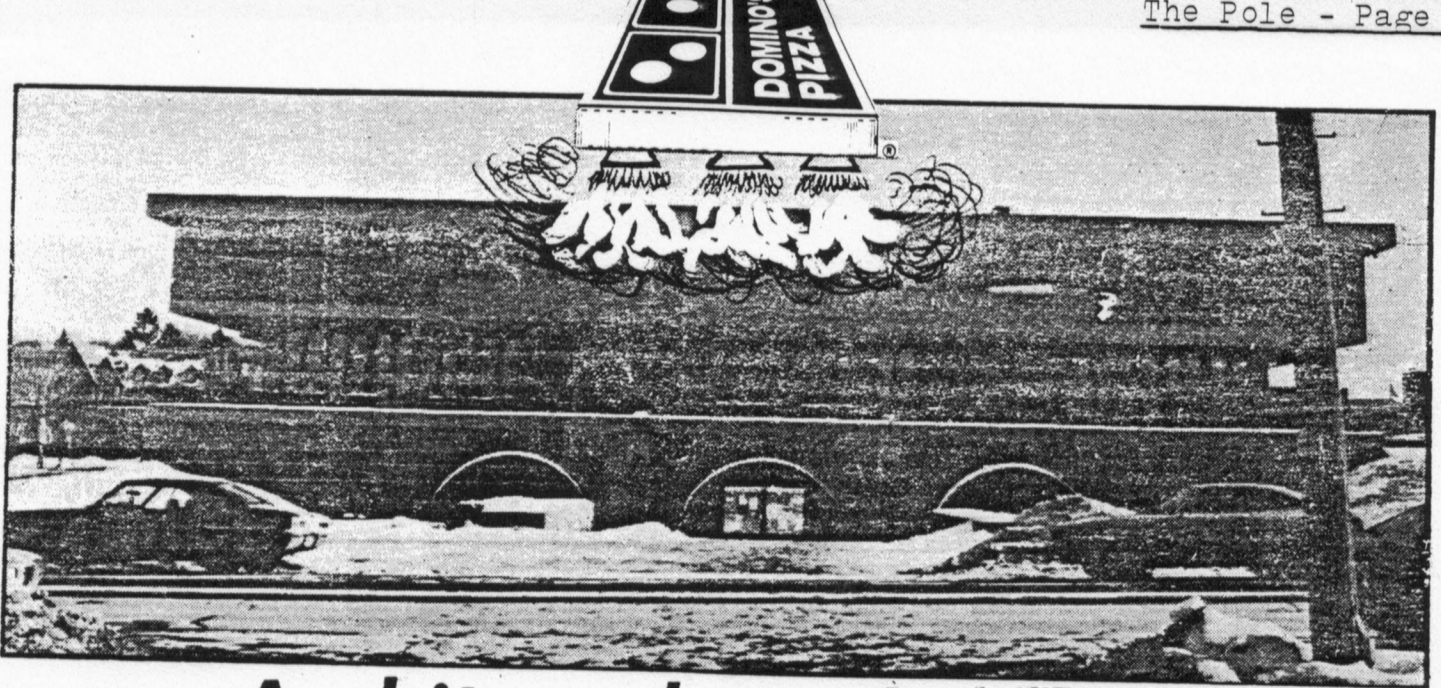
Several side effects were noticed immediately upon completion of the procedure. The first was a distinctly female voice yelling "HLT! STOP! END!" every time a technician attempted to insert his tool into the machine. Next he began to complain of various ravings, most notably a desire for student data lines. OCS technicians embarrassedly told her that they couldn't hook any up, and she immediately asked, "Well, when?" "Next month!! Really!!" they sheepishly replied.



WITH THE TWIST OF A SCREWDRIVER, the turn of a wrench, and the flick of a scalpel, Dr. N. Gender changed the sex of our former computer, Myron.

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Architects launch pizza

The architectural firm of Cleese, Palin and Idle, all RPI graduates, recently unveiled their design for the new Student Services building. The plans were requested by the E-Board as a response to student complaints about overcrowding in certain areas of the Union, such as the bookstore, the bank, and the Student Government suite.

The plan was designed with the following considerations in mind: convenience for students, maximum efficiency in usage of space, inconspicuousness among other RPI buildings, and conformation to the views of the Administration and Union leadership. Accordingly, the firm researched recent school publications and did a thorough study of the campus, and determined the optimum blending of the above listed priorities.

The building will be disc-shaped, and painted to resemble a giant pizza, in deference to a popular concept of the Union. It will be built as if it were balanced on edge, so as to reduce the amount of ground space it will take up. The planned location of the building is on the hill facing downtown Troy, just south of the Materials Research Center. This site was chosen so as to reduce the contrast between the SSC (the Student Services Center) and the surroundings (in other words, they decided to hide it). Finally, the building will be constructed on an east-west axis, so as to give the impression that it is rolling downhill,

and so blend in with the library and West Hall.

Graham Cleese '67, president of the firm and chief architect on the project, said that the building, "was also designed with tradition in mind. For instance, we placed the Bursar's Office in the basement, and Financial Aid on the fourth floor. The bookstore is on the first floor to minimize the space it will take up, while the new bank office is on the two middle floors. IPAC, also scheduled to relocate to the building, didn't know where they were going to be put, but said to call back in a week and they would be able to tell us.

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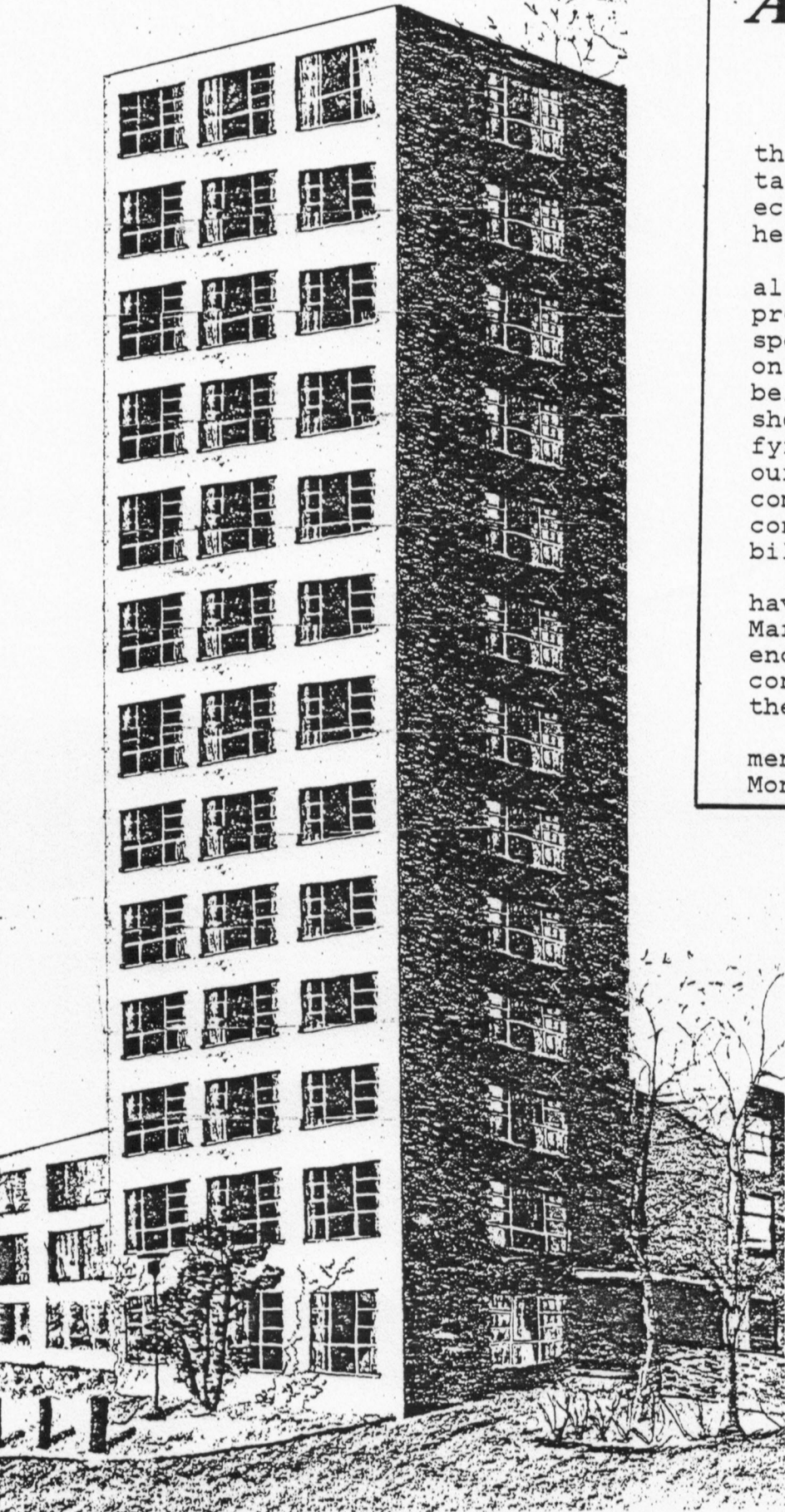
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The long rumored Bray Towers Apartments will become a reality soon under a plan outlined by the Task Force to do Silly Things.

CINEMA ART
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Chicken
IN HEAT

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Leslie Bovee is
MisBehavin' Chicken

THE BRAD DOES IT...
THE BUSINESS DOES IT...
THE MASTER DOES IT...
EVERYONE DOES IT

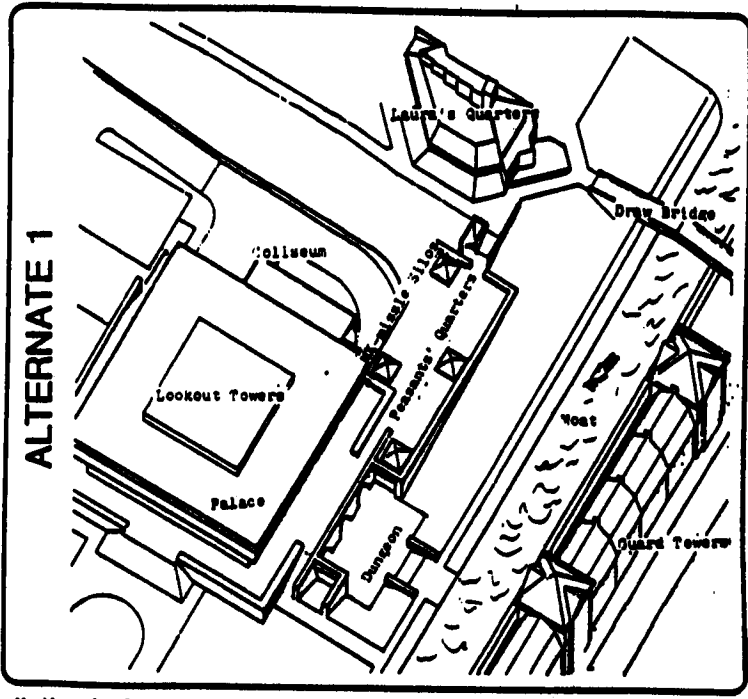


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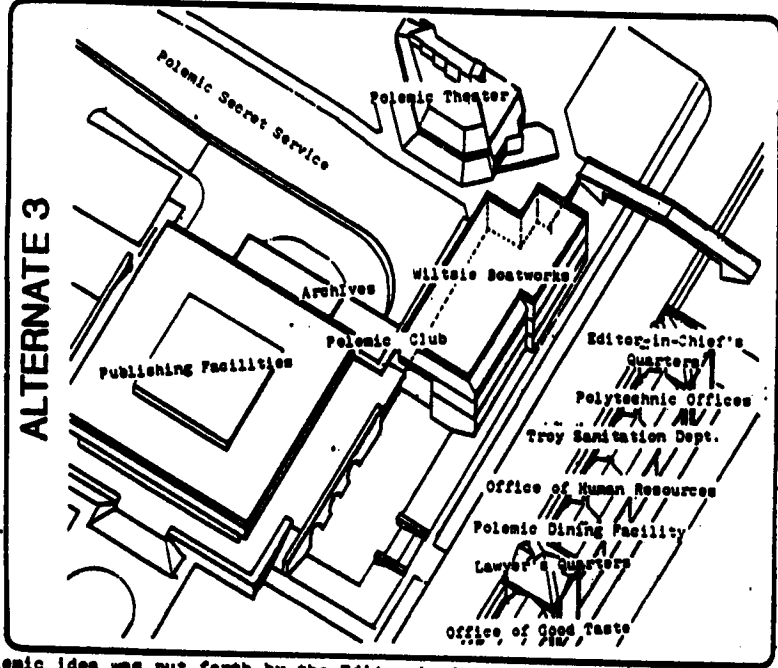
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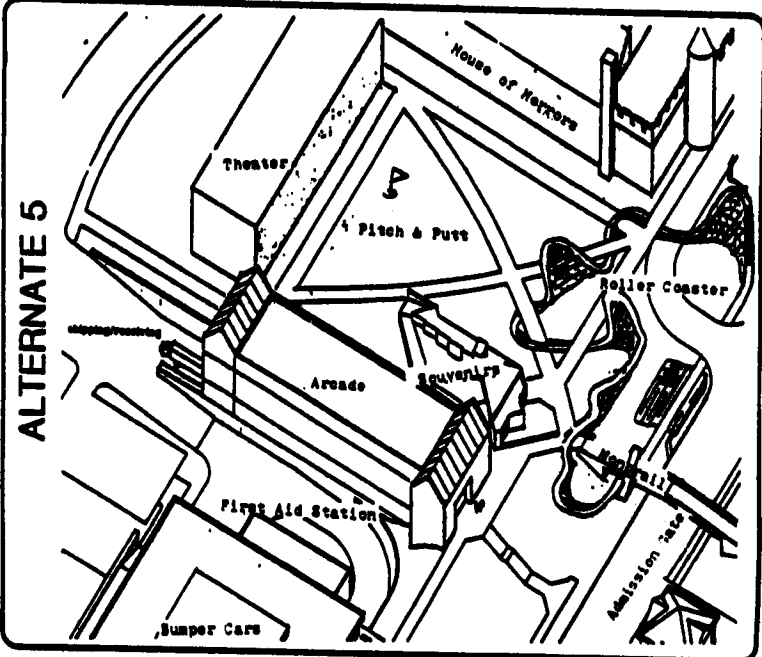
Union Expansion Plans



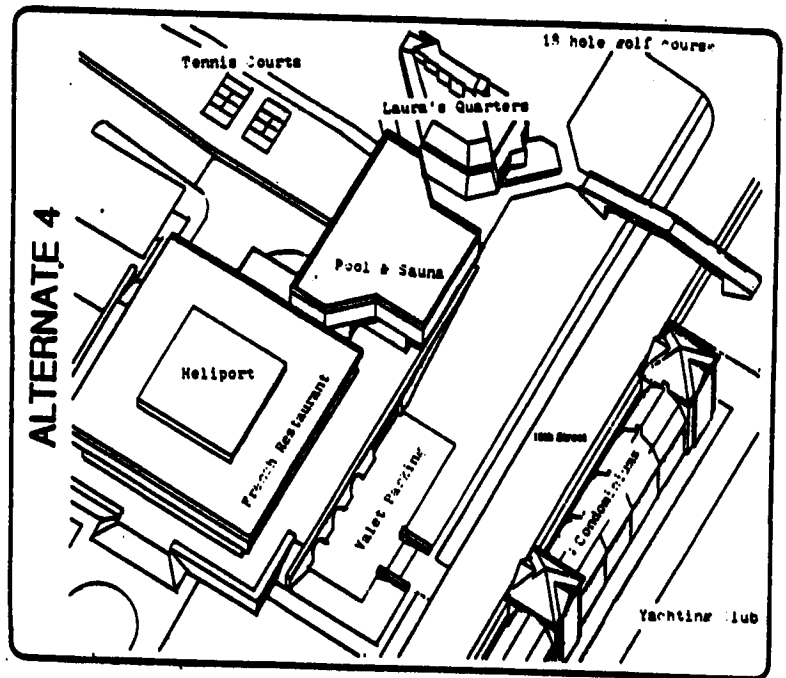
The Medieval plan was proposed by the SCA at a cost of \$2.5 million. It will contrast the proposed CIE and help disprove engineers' reputation for not appreciating history and the like.



The Polemic idea was put forth by the Editor-in-Chief of Rensselaer's second funniest media as a method of sanctioning freedom of speech (a right always uppermost in the Administration's collective mind) and eliminating the problem of unprintable news. The cost is a paltry \$2.4 million, lowest of the lot.



The Amusement Park was proposed by the Interfraternity Council at a cost of \$6.5 million. The admission charge will go directly into the hockey recruitment fund.



The Country Club idea was proposed by Laura Paleski at a cost of \$6.5 million. It should improve the problem of housing for certain Union officials.

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Kulture Korner

Home at the 'Tute

I could raise up my cume
From ac-pro to dean's list,
Resurrect social life in a day.
All this I could do,
And get off Fi-aid too,
If I transferred to Suny at A.

(But I'm)
Home, Home at the 'Tute,
With the knurds and the foreign TAs.
Where never is heard
An encouraging word,
And the 'Tute Screw turns
every which way.

"I hope they can de-triple me this semester," said Sandy, as she and Pete walked hand-in-hand back to their rooms. By now, they had become so enamored of each other, they didn't even notice that the dinner they had just consumed at the Commons was not its normal off-mauve, but rather a sickly shade of blue with yellow lumps.

"What's the big problem? You never see your roommates at the same time anyway," answered Pete. "Inga goes out on dates every night and hasn't slept in your room all year, and Olga spends all day in the VCC doing computer projects."

"I know, but I'm getting paranoid. They act so much alike that I can't tell them apart except for the fact that Inga's beautiful and Olga's a dumpy slob."

"Listen, why don't we go see a movie to get your mind off of it. The Polemic is showing 'Caddyshack' over in CC308 at 7:00, 9:30, and Midnight, on Saturday the fourth of February. That'll be just the thing for you."

"Well, yeah, I guess so. At least they don't talk to each other in Swedish all the time."

The BARH Slasher was pensive. "Why do they call me the BARH Slasher anyway?", he thought. "I don't live in BARH, I've never attacked anyone near there, and I've never slashed anything in my entire life. I really hate being called the [redacted]."

"X, X, X," chanted the proofreader. "That writer will have to get a new typewriter. That malfunctioning 'F' key will have to go. Half the time it prints an 'S' instead of an 'F'!"

The not-BARH Flasher felt much better.

"Pete, are you in there?", called Ian from the hallway outside Sandy's room in Davison. "Sandy?" He was answered by a metallic grinding, a short feminine shriek, and a prolonged gurgle. Ian was shocked and began calling frantically and pounding on the door. "Pete!..Sandy!..Olga!..Inga!... Pete!" Suddenly, the door flew open, and there stood Inga, totally nude, with a finger to her lips. "Ssshh!", she hissed. "Come in, quick!"

Ian was stunned. He knew Inga was beautiful, but he had never seen a nude five-foot blonde Swedish nymph-

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E-Board begins clubbing budgies

Clubs seeking funding for next year must submit fifteen evil smelling budgies to the President of the Union's office by 5 PM last Thursday. To assist clubs in finding these creatures, maps of local pet shops and the Troy sewer system are available in the Union Abomination Office.

According to the budgie policy manual, a club must meet several mandatory requirements to keep its budgies from being frozen. Among these requirements are: following the E-Board for a full month, twenty-four hours a day, and turning a membership list for the Republican National Party by February 29.

Marketing Requirements

Laura Parrotski, Resident of the Union, clarified the requirement of marketing the Union. "We've been trying to unload it recently, and if clubs don't dig up economic interest, we'll never succeed. We must have a full fledged marketing effort if we ever plan to sell it."

Regarding budgie requests, Parrotski flatly denied them. "Forget it! We want the budgies. You can't have them! So go hug an OKO!"

Budgie Timetable

E-Board members will begin closed budgie dismemberment sessions Saturday, and will continue until all budgies are dead (Jim), or at least till they're not at all well. No budgies will be given the right of appeal. "Oh come on!" Parrotski commented, "Do you honestly think we're going to listen to an appeal by a budgie? They speak worse than foreign students! Now give me that something to hit this one over the head with, will you?"

Unauthorized Death

Parrotski warned that individuals were not to partake in the E-Board's clubbing activity. "Unauthorized death incurred by students will be settled with our clubs" states Union clubbing policy. Such clubbings are to be carried out only with E-Board finesse.

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Personality problems are apparent. She immediately

meal

... she'll want to ... much more, and they have eighty or so terminals waiting to help her do that. They didn't mention, of course, whether they'd ever fix the 120 presently hooked up and out of order. They did, however, before our very eyes, proceed to make fish-mouth like gestures at the work study employee tearing printouts off. (We don't try to understand the news, we just print it...)

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ette with pert young breasts and alabaster thighs before. He was mesmerized. He entered the room.

"Come see what I have in my closet, Ian," said Inga. "I'm sure you'll find it very interesting!" Totally enraptured, he obeyed. Suddenly, a long metal arm reached out of the closet, grabbing Ian by the throat.

"Urki!", urked Ian, as his head was...

"No, no!", yelled the writer. "That's too graphic even for me to write! I'll have to figure out something else."

FLASH

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Hockey team keeps Student Orientation dinner down

For the second year in a row, the Engineers have managed to keep from regurgitating the meals served at the RPI Invitational Training Table. Dee Lishus, head server at the training table, had this to say: "It's unbelievable! The way they shovel that food down you'd think they all had built-in garbage disposals."

Whatever the Engineers have, it has managed to propel them to victory for the second year in a row: they defeated Bowell in the finals by a score of 4 to 3. But let's analyze the first round action. In the early contest of the evening, the Engineers took on the Fulldogs of Stale; the featured entree for this round was the infamous Daka veal puch. Early in the first period both teams lost important members as Stale forward Buddy Checker was removed from further competition for throwing a dinner roll at RPI center Imin Themidle. Themidle was taken to Samurai Hospital where he was treated for a severe concussion. The first period ended in a scoreless tie.

Seventeen seconds into the second period, RPI scored its first goal when Stale goalie "The Animal" failed to pass the puch. This was only the first of three Engineer goals and the period ended on a score of 3-1. RPI held on in the third to clinch the victory 4-3. In other first round action, Bowell defeated Staine by a score of 6-2, advancing to meet RPI in the finals, where, in an exciting match, the Engineers pulled through to win the title by a score of 5-3. The main course was the dreaded Foul Tetraxini. Understandably, both teams refused to play the consolation game when informed that they would have to ingest a mauve gelatinous substance.

So, for the second year in a row, the RPI Engineers have proven, "The puch stops here."

budgies...

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The budgie packet also includes guidelines for raising a budgie and an actual sample budgie, which is to be returned lest it create a foul odor in your foul place of residence.

In order to alleviate a number of problems on campus, the Administration has recently begun a new project in biological mutation. Called "Student Orientation", the program is designed to transform every RPI student into an Oriental.

When contacted recently, Rensselaer President George Low explained the project. "We were having problems with our TA's not being understood by their students. Their accents caused their speech to be practically unintelligible. So, we decided on the old Mountain-to-Mohammad process. Rather than teaching the instructors to speak better English, we've decided to teach the students to speak better Chinese, Korean, and Japanese."

The first step in the process was to introduce the students to Oriental culture. Thus, Literature classes (both of them) began studying Mao's Little Red Book, Father Gary was ordained as a Buddhist monk, and the Commons introduced their new "Chop Suey Puck". UPAC presented a "Godzilla Film Festival", the Student Union was renamed "The People's Republic of Rensselaer", and the E-Board decided to fund the "Samurai Student's Alliance". (Coincidentally, they ceased their recognition of Taiwan)

Next, physiological mutations were inflicted. Every overhead projector on campus was jammed permanently out of focus, leaving the eyes of each student in a perpetual squint. A sulfur compound was added to the campus housing water coolers, providing a new tint to the skin. A narcotic substance was added to certain dishes at the FDH, leaving the eaters hopelessly addicted to rice and raw fish.

Finally, language changes were enacted, as a nerve gas was emitted to the campus air rendering the letters "r" and "l" impossible to pronounce correctly. "The only problem we foresee is that half an hour after a student is orientated, he wants to be orientated again. But the program will succeed", said the President, "or my name isn't George Row!"

ATTENTION !!

This is the last Pole included in the fall prescription; renewal costs \$1.00; new prescriptions cost \$1.50. That is all.

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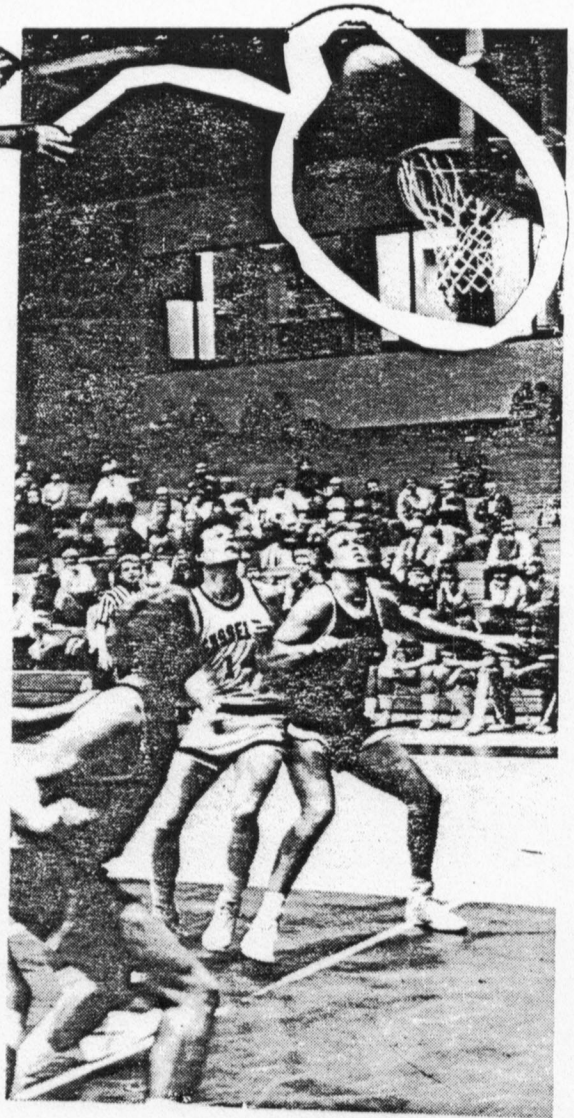
A picture by a crack Polemic photographer has shown what we at RPI have suspected all along: Mary Garrity is actually the dual identity of Wonder Woman. The photo above was taken with special high speed film, and shows Mary using her special powers to help the RPI mens basketball team in a recent victory. She is clearly flying over the Engineers basket at a speed too fast for the naked eye to detect and deflecting the ball with her magic lasso. This is clearly against the ICAC rules for intercollegiate play. Rumors have it that Wonder Woman may have even been payed for her assistance. This also is a clear violation of scholarship regulations.

Because of this scandal, the NCAA has announced that it will begin an investigation of all RPI recruiting for the past years and has placed the Engineers on probation effective immediately. According to Sam Dunk, assistant commissioner of the NCAA, "Having a superhero on a division three team is strictly forbidden and will not be stood for. After all, she is not even enrolled in any classes!"

Since this scandal became public protests have been coming in from teams which RPI has beaten. All teams have insisted that the games be replayed except for Alfred University, which is rumored to have had the Dynamic Duo starting at forwards.

Coaches all over the country have been clamoring for Coach Jack Strap's resignation, but all the coach has said so far is, "I have no comment as of yet."

More as it develops.



Sports Profile