

but people do get smarter. Only 3 sophomores admitted it, 1 junior still hadn't learned, and there were no seniors admitting their class. Ten silly ROTC types gave their genuine (?) ranks, including 3 Admirals (one of Starfleet), a Colonel Lieutenant General, and a retired Lieutenant Colonel. Right. Modesty was the mood of the day, as 9 people rated themselves #1. We at the Pole consider them #2.

CEREAL NUMBER got hordes of responses, 69 of them blanks. 'Muff said. 21 silly people gave their social security numbers; they will find charges totaling \$3,740,269.12 on their bookstore bills. That's a lot of rubber cement! 24 people gave apparently meaningless numbers; one person wrote 8:00 AM. The remainder of the responses resulted in a rating of breakfast cereals. Cap'n Crunch, a perennial favorite, swept with 22 mein votes. Froot Loops pulled a mediocre second with 15 votes. In a tie for third place was Rice Krispies with 6 votes. Raisin Bran and Wheaties each milked 5 responses. With 2 votes each there's an n-way tie between Lucky Charms, Trix, Cheerios, Crunchberries, Cocoa Krispies, and Life. And pulling up the rear (ahem) were Porridge (porridge?!), Honey-Nut Corn Flakes, Honey-Nut Cheerios, Total, Kaboom, Pac-Man, Chex, Nutra-Grain, Shredded Wheat, 100% Bran Flakes, Special K, Frosted Flakes (they're GRRRRRRREAT!), Corn Flakes, and in a quintessential quarrel over quality, Quisp and Quake.

Oh, in case you were wondering, the definitive answer, combining cereal and number, with 6 votes, was Product 19.

Now on to the real questions. WHY DO FRATERNITIES USE GREEK LETTERS?, we asked. Having little faith in the frat boys' verbal abilities (why should they be any different?), the most popular answer, with 60 big responses, was "because they don't know English". Apparently, they are also less than fluent in: Russian (3 responses), Hebrew (2), Polish (1), and Sanskrit (1). One person claimed "Latin is too erudite". The sexual preferences or habits of our esteemed Greek community were questioned by 18 perhaps knowledgeable respondents. Also popular, with 15 tallies, was the "to confuse" answer. Four people observed "Greek rhymes with Geek", exercising

SNIDE COMMENTS:

*I hope your
stupid hockey line
mattress gets soggy!*

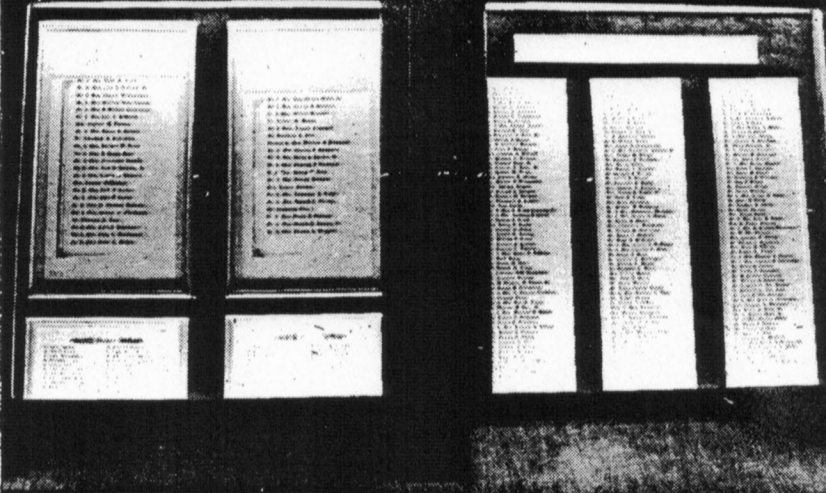
their verbal abilities to their maximum. Eight wits (or is that 16 half-wits?) rejoined "It's Greek to me". Moving on to the imaginative responses, they included "They can't spell the name, same reason as RPI", "To identify sheep", and the ever-popular "Greek letters don't want to be respected in the morning".

Next under "Fraternities" was HOW MANY FRATERNITIES HAVE GOTTEN YOU ILLEGALLY DRUNK? Sixty-one respondents, either boring individuals or willing to lie to damage their reputations, answered "none". 18 perhaps more truthful respondents said that all 26 fraternities have intoxicated them at some point. 16 people had no response. Some students were kind enough to name those responsible for their hangovers. The Pikes took the dubious honor, with 7 votes, of being the frosh's favorite gin-joint, with TKE and RSE losing their reputations at 4 votes apiece.

Always known for their "party-hardy" ways, APO racked up 3 responses, leaving Sig Ep and Deltas in the dust. Among the ruined reputations (no responses at all) were: Chi Phi, Delta Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Theta, Phi Mu Delta, Pi Lambda Phi, Psi U, Theta Chi, and, incredibly, Theta Xi (Zoo).

A logical next question, and one we thought would be very informative, was WHICH IS THE MOST OBNOXIOUS FRATERNITY/SORORITY YOU'VE EXPERIENCED? It was a close race, and indeed the worst frat won. Actually, they all won: "All" received 14 votes. Countering this were the 8 "All Great" fantasy votes cast. To save our asses, we'll cut out the snide comments on this one and just report the results. The envelope please:

Patsies of Rensselaer



- Theta Chi: 13
- Alpha Phi Omega: 12
- Delta Tau Delta: 11
- Pi Kappa Alpha: 11
- RSE: 9
- Tau Kappa Epsilon: 8
- Phi Kappa Tau: 7
- Zeta Psi: 7
- Wiltzie House/Polemic: 6 (ouch!)
- Chi Phi: 6
- I Felta Thigh: 5 (huh?)
- Lambda Chi Alpha: 5
- Alpha Chi Rho: 4
- Lambda Alliance At Rensselaer: 4
- Sigma Phi Epsilon: 4
- Theta Xi: 4
- Alpha Epsilon Pi: 3
- Kappa Phi: 3
- Alpha Gamma Delta: 2
- Alpha Sigma Phi: 2°
- Delta Phi: 2
- The Polytechnic: 2 (!)
- Psi Upsilon: 2
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon: 2
- Acacia: 1
- Air Force ROTC: 1
- Phi Gamma Delta: 1
- Phi Sigma Sigma: 1
- Pi Kappa Phi: 1
- RPI: 1
- Sigma Chi: 1
- Tau Beta Pi: 1

If anyone has ever heard of Sigma Gamma Chi, which received 1 vote, let us know. Honorable mention must go out to Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Kappa Theta, Phi Mu Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, and Pi Lambda Phi, who were either all great guys or weren't worth mentioning, for getting no "obnoxious" votes at all. Better luck next year.

And now on to the more scholarly questions. We've always wondered WHAT THE "F" IN F-TEST STANDS FOR. On the poll we got many answers. The most popular (and least imaginative, we believe) is "Fuck" (can we print that?), with 41 responses. "Fail", with 38 responses, shows only a little more imagination than "Fuck" (can we print that again?). With 13 responses, " " was next on the list and, believe it or not, showed even less imagination than the previous two responses. Even less imaginative were the 11 people who answered "Freshman". From this low you'd think answer quality would have to go up. But these were RPI students, and here again is proof that here at the 'Tute, lack of imagination can achieve the impossible. Yes, "Censored" was all 7 poor schmucks

(now that one I know we can't print) could come up with to answer this question rich with promise. At this nadir of creativity, the responses had no choice but to get better, but they did so at an alarmingly slow pace. "Frustration" received 6 votes, while "Fool" scored 5. At this point, we get to the responses of a group of students who are suffering a deep delusion. They think F-Tests are "Fun" (5 votes) and "Fantastic" (4 votes). Rounding out the field were: Flatulent, Forget, Flagellation, Stupid, Fucking Hard, Forgery, Frances, Fertility, 15 in Hex, Early, Fellatio (hey, this is a respectable publication), Fallout (total nuclear bomb), Frightening, Fony, Foul, Fiddle-dee-dee, Fine and Dandy, Fake, Rabbit, Highest grade possible, Irrelevant, Despair, Freak, Fried-out-of-mind, Famine, Frantic, Frenzied, Futile, Sex, Phraternities, Frankfurter, Foolhardy, and, of course, Iguana.

A deep concern on campus is advisor office-hour time. In order to properly assess the problem, we asked our readers to write down their advisor's office hour length. To be realistic, we had them answer in seconds. To our surprise, a whopping 56 people had advisors who held office hours for between 1 and 100 seconds. Almost as many (41) were given on the order of microseconds to see their mentors. Twenty had entire milliseconds to consult their advisors. 18 unfortunate (or fortunate) souls had advisors with no office hours at all. Eight had minutes of

time, 15 had negative time to see their advisors (for professors with faster-than-light schedules). The knurd bloc responded with their typical (half) wit: π , 1, and Avogadro's number (we've referred these people to the Phoenix to assuage our worries of competition from that magazine). Although with 10 responses it was not the most frequent answer, we feel the following is most indicative of conditions at RPI: "What advisor?"

Wrapping up our questions for you academia nuts was one on physics, to wit: DOES IT TAKE LONGER TO GO UP OR COME DOWN and WHY? By far (67 vs. 62 responses), the most popular response was "Up". The reasons were varied, including: "Because it's harder to climb up stairs", "Not much chance to 'get it up' at RPI" (4 people had this problem), "To confuse the hell out of you", "It's a long way to Sage", "I'm not at liberty to tell. Security.", "The chemicals are or inferior quality", "Because Mr. Meiners says so", and the not-really-but-it's-the-best-we-can-do definitive answer: "Because (I'm a management major)".

The "Down" respondents had this to say: "You're up in a few drinks, and down the entire next day", "Staying power", "You can drink as fast as you like, but your liver can only process 1 ounce per hour", "Some administration person is always there with a push", "I've got a waterbed", "Once it's up it doesn't like to deflate" (nudge nudge, wink wink, say no more!), "The stairs are out of order", from an expert: "Mind-expanding drugs carry lasting residual effects", "Obvious to the casual observer", and (finally) the definitive answer: "That's what my girlfriend told me to write" (she ought to know!).

"Depends on how cute the girl is" received 13 responses, while "Yes", with varied responses like "Because we like you" and "It depends on the guy", netted 12 responses. "Neither, what goes down never comes up and vice versa", "Neither, I have too much to study", and other "Neither"s received 9. There were 4 "Both"s and 7 "Same"s, including "Same, getting it up just seems to take longer" and "Same, Batman never tells lies". There were multitudes of other answers not really worth printing. Oh well.

We asked a few questions about the Administration, just so they wouldn't feel left out. The first question was "WHICH ADMINISTRATION FIGURE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AN EXPOSÉ OF IN THE POLEMIC (OR A PHOTO SPREAD IN THE UNICORN)?" Standing alone at the top of the field were 3 well-known administrators. You will find our exposé of the top vote-getter, "Blank", with 67 responses, on the backs of the pages of this very issue. Tied for 2nd place were George Low, George Lowe, Uncle George, Low Lifeless, Boy George Low, and George Dull, with 45 votes. Incredibly, there was also a tie for third, between Jeanette Oppedisano, Oppenisaido, Opedisano, Janette Opediane, Oppindismia, Jeanett Opp-mumble, Ms. O., J. Opredearmo, Oppesima, and "The bitch who held the Unicorn" (sic). She (they?) received 37 responses. Due to the obvious need and desire for more information about these campus luminaries, look for additional exposés on Low and Opedi-whatever in our next issue.

SNIDE COMMENTS:

Work with the J-Board.

Join the Unicorn

Other "popular" figures included Dean Dave (14), Lee "Short Shorts" Wilcox (13), Harry "Knock'em Dead" Meiners (13), Head of Engineering Doris Davis (6), Vicki "Want a Date?" Baum (6), Laura "'Nuff Said" Tanski (4) and, contrapositively, Mary Garrity (3), the Bursar (3), Don't Care (3) (Who?), Prof. "Rectilinear Coordinates" Voytuk (2), John "Wanna Help Me Layout?" Kivvela (2), Mary Anne "George Who?" Low (2), and You (2).

The Dean of Students Office was particularly popular, with Dean Dave's 14 votes, 1 for Dean What's His Name, one for Dean Bonnie, 2 for "Dean of Students", and one for "Eddie Knowles' Bonded Past".

Not-so-popular not-so-honorable mentions who also received one vote were: Idi Amin, Doc "I'm Not Retired Yet" Pahl, Polemic, Willie Stanton, Frank Czine, Dottie "Turning Japanese" Reynolds, MKFJGK/2 (why do you think we call it the Pole?), Rick "A Waste of Vinyl" Hartt, Lucy "the Blonde Goddess", Henry "Piece-Plan" Kissinger, "Captain" WMK, Martha McCormick,

Spole

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and lastly (and inexplicably) Gary "Gagaroo" Cattarin (sic) (really sic). Noticeably absent were: Dave "Oops" Gossage, Pope Obnoxious Gelfenbien, Lauck "Guilty!" Walton, Prof. Gandhi (the man who inspires war in all of us), and the one we shouldn't mention.

Remember way back in those sexist days when the Unicorn was in the hot seat and Jeanette was controlling the thermostat? All that may seem far in the past (except for certain "suits pending" that we're not supposed to know about) but at the time there seemed to be a small lapse of memory in the office of human resources, so we included the following question to jar Jeanette's recall: THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES HAS MISPLACED AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. NAME THAT AMENDMENT! The choices were: A) FIRST AMENDMENT; B) FIRST AMENDMENT; C) FIRST AMENDMENT; D) ALL OF THE ABOVE; and E)

By far, D) was the favorite with 138 responses. Fourteen people preferred A) over the other choices, while 12 liked C) and 11 B). Twenty-one people liked the E) choice as it was; luckily many others were able to ascertain that they were supposed to write in their own answer.

Four people chose F), and 5 wiser souls skipped the question altogether. Three answered "First", while 2 answered "All". Some people really differentiated the answers: "A) or C)", "A) and B) but not C) and D)", "A) thru Z)", and "A), B), C), and D); not A) but B), sometimes C) but under no circumstances D)". When it came to the First, one person plead the Fifth, another the Sixty-ninth. One aware student answered, "We have a Constitution?" The 3rd, 13th, and 4723rd amendments were all cited. They are to appear in court next Thursday. We came up with the true definitive answer to this question, however it was censored by the office of human resources.

The third question in this category was real deep, man. Like, philosophical. Mein. Ya know, WHY IS A RAVEN LIKE A WRITING DESK? Like, wow. Too much. Too much for 61 people. They left the question blank. Seven souls, up on their Poe, answered "Nevermore". Five people just didn't care; four asked "Why not?" After this, people were moved in various ways. "Yes", "It's not", "No", "Because it is", "They're evil", "Neither are greek", "V-57", and "Syntax Error" were among the least imaginative answers--we suspect the Transit was stuffing our polling box (Transit (tran-zit) 1: RPI yearbook. Hasn't been seen since they condemned the approach. 2: The way a pimple gets around).

Most people either posed other questions or analogies, made irrelevant comments, and, in general, ignored the question. "The same way a wall is like a donut." "Where else would one aim?" "Naturally." "All of the above." "Both are orange with blue stripes." "Neither one works at the office of human resources." "What bearing does this have on the poll?" "Because shit comes out of both." "Both look great under black light." Some even suggested "Go ask Alice. I think she'll know."

Then there were the wits that actually tried to answer the question. Silly them. They came up with answers like "Because a raven has a beak and a writing desk is made of wood", "The both have large bills on them", "Both begin with the 'r' sound", "There is a 'b' in both", "Neither can write (so why do they

call it a writing desk?)", "They both have legs", "If it's a black desk they're both black", and "It shits".

Of all the answers we received, there was one we liked the best. It's kinda Buddhist in nature; it gets right to the soul. It's, like, deep. Deep, like the '86 Pool. Deep, like what comes from the Pittsburgh Building, like what Troy has enough of already. Real deep. Think about it. I know it hurts, but do. Here it is. "Because neither one can clap."

At this point the poll was getting too serious, so we decided to ask a few light questions under the narrow category "Et. al.". We hear a lot around here about the 'Tute doing this or the 'Tute doing that--we were wondering just what is that 'Tute thing? So we asked: WHAT DOES "TUTE" STAND FOR? The consensus, with 87 responses, was a blank line, and, who knows?, they may be right. There were a number of slightly more sensical answers. Like:

T	U	T	E
Totally	Unnecessary	Technical	Engineers
Teaching	Us	To	Educate
Thousands of	Undressed	Thick-headed	Engineers
Too	Unkind	To	Exist
Total	Unfusion	Takes	Everything
Terrible	Unbearable	Teasing	Experience
The	<u>Unicorn</u>	Takes	Ex-Lax
Time	Undergoing	Tough	Education
The	Unending	Torture of	Education
Totally	Useless	Technical	Environment
Twisted	Undergraduate	Training	Estate
Total	Union	of (?)	Engineers
Technology	Universally	Taught	Erroneously
Totally	Undesirable	Tuition	Expense
Tute	tUte	tuTe	tute
Trivial	Usage of	Trash	Effectively
The	Usually	Tacky	Exposé
Totally	Unstable	Technology	Education
The	Unwanted	Troylet	Engineers
The	Utterly	Trashy	Environment
Throw	Up	Today,	Every day
Totally	Ubiquitous	Titillating	Exhibition
Tuition	Used	To	Expel
Thinking	Under	The	Effluence
The	University	Takes	Everything
To	Utterly	Transmute	Everyone
Teach	Us	To	Eat
This	University	Tortures	Engineers
Rensselaer	Polytechnic	Institute	(?)
The	University	That's	Everything
The	Ugliest	T	Everywhere
Totally	Unearthly	Toads and	Ethnics
Truly	Understanding	Technical	Education
beat me	abUse me	hiT me	make me feel cheap
Toadish	Understanding of	Tuna	Education
Totally	Unconscious	Thoughtless	Experience
The	Unquestionable	Terrible	End
Total	Understanding for	Technical	Eggheads
Totally	Understandable	Trashless	Enigma
Trap	Us in	Troy	forEver
Throwing	Up	Today's	Entrée

THIS WAS AN ASININE WASTE OF TREES - A PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE

MONEY! (why else would I be putting myself through this?)			
Tactless	Useless	TAs	Everywhere
The	Underwhere	That's	Elastic
This	University	Totally	Eats
Testes	Under	Total	Exultation
Thoroughly	Ubiquitous	Terminal	Exam
Tough	Undergrads	Teaching	Existentialism
Tough	University	To	Educate
Tied	Up	Tooling	Exams
Totally	Uneducated	Terminal	Engineers
Too	Unusual	To	Elucidate
The sound a tugboat makes	(?)		
Totally	Useless	Technical	Educators
Trapped	Under	The	Elephant
Tooling	Until	The	Eternity
Total	Understanding	Tomorrow	Explained
The	Ultimate	Torture of	Engineers
The	Unified	Torture	Experiment
TAs	Use	Terrible	English
Tself-contained	Underwater	Telephone	Eggs

Obviously, the best thing to do at this point is to see which answers were the most popular--so here it is:

The University Technical Engineers Pretty boring, right? Well, the next one will (may) draw a smile.

And the question is: WHICH SONG BEST DESCRIBES LIFE AT THE TUTE? The choices were: A) DANCIN' WITH MYSELF, B) IT'S A MISTAKE, C) STATE OF CONFUSION, and D)

Twenty-five people were foolish enough to skip this gem of a question. One-hundred-thirteen people took the easy way out; fifty bewildered people chose STATE OF CONFUSION, forty-one wrong people chose IT'S A MISTAKE, and twenty-two frustrated people chose DANCIN' WITH MYSELF. The most popular write-in was SHE BLINDED ME WITH SCIENCE, with five votes. Also popular, with three votes apiece were (I CAN'T GET NO) SATISFACTION (they should have gone to Vassar), WHY ME?(good question), and TOO DRUNK TO FUCK (just as well around here). DANCIN' FOOL and LOLA each inexplicably received two votes, along with our favorite: TURNING JAPANESE (double entendre, anyone?).

Other good songs were WHAT'S THE USE OF GETTING SOBER (WHEN YOU'RE GONNA GET DRUNK AGAIN), BEAT IT (see TURNING JAPANESE), WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, SINGIN' IN THE RAIN, IT'S HARD, IMMIGRANT SONG, and ALL OF THE GOOD ONES ARE TAKEN. All very apropos.

Speaking of new telephone systems, rumor has it that Myron is

somehow connected to the new phone system. We were wondering what would be the result of such a union. WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS MYRON WITH THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM?

For this question, thirty-eight people (like ourselves) didn't know and left it blank. The next most popular answer, with a whole six responses, was "a mess". Two people thought you'd get "Tute screwed", while two more responded "State of Confusion". Some of the better single responses were: "A phone that doesn't speak English", "A Mutant", "Myra-phone", "life" (?), "MTV", "Charged for it", "A phone system with hang-ups" (get it--hang-ups--ha ha ha tee hee.....ahem), "My phone or a duck", "A dead ringer", and many more, most of which indicated something which doesn't work.

At this point we'd like to state that these are not OUR answers, and that we have the highest respect for the Office of Telecommunications. So what if they install a few phones wrong? Green wire to green wire, red wire to red wire, white wire to white wire.....those things get complicated! And so what if they screw up a little and overcharge a few cents on long distance calls--you're paying ten grand a year to be here. And if Telecommunications wants to lose \$84 worth of our long distance calls...but we digress.

There was no doubt in our knurdly minds that the best, truest, and most complete answer was:

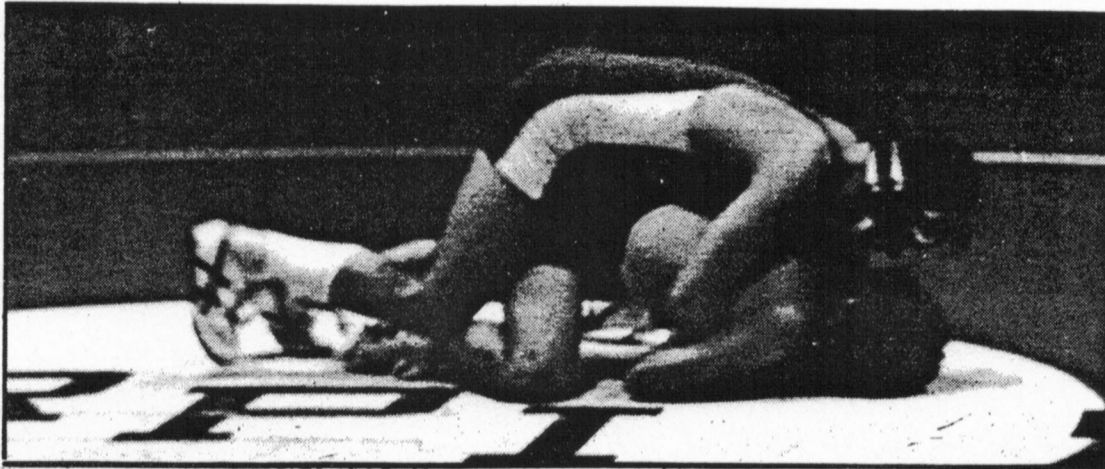
(MYRON*Telephone)*sinθ

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BYE
BYE

Greek Column



I never!
once mentioned a balanced budget.



Mary Garrity, GM

Last year we asked this question, and not yet having had enough, we asked it again this year. DESCRIBE THE POLEMIC IN ONE WORD OR LESS. Needless to say, the answers varied.

Twenty-nine people left this one blank, which we'll take as a compliment. The next in popularity (and most obvious, and definitive) was "LESS", with eighteen responses. "Polemic" received mehn five responses, while "cimelop" got two tallies. And believe it or not, three people actually wrote "funny"! That sounds good until you realize that we had seven staff members filling out the polls too.

In addition to the above, the Polemic is also: huh, yecch, vacuum, argumentative (a prize for the man with the Webster's), short, great, pontifical (in Zorro masks and Groucho glasses?), totally unbelievably incredibly screwed-up (one word? must be a geology major), better than the Unicorn or Poly or Engineer but not as funny as the Quill, strange, interesting, foul but worth it, dynamic, ooff, awesome, oops! (we'll agree), yuch, cryptic, conservative (HUH?), flatulence (we're flattered), blech!, fantastic, grok, one word (how original), sexu y violencia, idiocy,

poley, different (I'll say), word, sexy, good shit, hole-in-one, not necessarily serious (really?), funnnnnnnny, crazy, Unicorn (now THAT hurts), irresponsible (see previous answer), perfect, smegma, mauve, turdball, no, loose, amusing, no idea I'm from Idaho, pusillanimous, dumb, brilliant, and, of course, supercalifragilisticxpialidocious. You don't say! And, for the second year in a row, the good comments outnumbered the bad. (Then they bought prescriptions!)

Our SNIDE COMMENTS section was once again mostly blank. The usual response, when there was one, was "snide", in one form or another. Some other SNIDE COMMENTS were: "I hope your stupid hockey line mattress gets soggy!", "Why the hell am I filling this out?" (silly you!), "Work with the J-Board, join the Unicorn", "A parrot talks much but flies little - Wilbur Wright", "a snide could not be reached for comment", and several comments about Gary Cattarin.

And a poem: "Twinkle, twinkle, little Tute / It's by you that I've been screw't / My grades were once up in the sky / Now I've kissed them all goodbye...."

So there you have it! What you've all been waiting for the entire semester! And wasn't it worth it? MELN!