

# the polemic

The First 25 Issues

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.

## Carey, Low announce wedding



At a press conference held Monday night, Governor Hugh Carey and RPI President George Low announced their engagement to marry. Their plans call for a long engagement with "completion hopefully in 1985," Low said.

The ceremony will be performed in the new \$65 million techno-chapel to the Lord Myron, to be constructed

at the end of the '86 Field. As tradition has it that the bride's family should pay for the ceremony, the main brunt of the construction costs will fall on the shoulders of the RPI students.

Daka has been contracted to cater the affair, and the refreshments planned include George's favorite dessert, Tangent Pi, and Hugh's favorite drink, glasses of Binghamton PCB's. Daka says that the PCB's will be no problem as they have been using them to flavor the meatloaf for years.

When asked how his wife, Evangeline, feels about the Low wedding plans, Carey responded, "If she can forget about two or three husbands, can't I forget about her?"

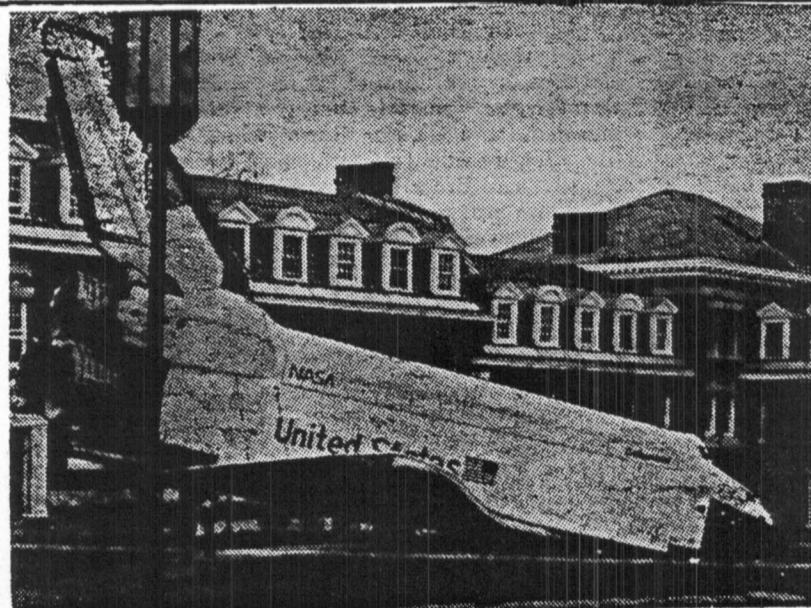
## Sage burglary

Russell Sage College was found to be missing today by several students and professors who realized that they were on the second story of a building that was not there.

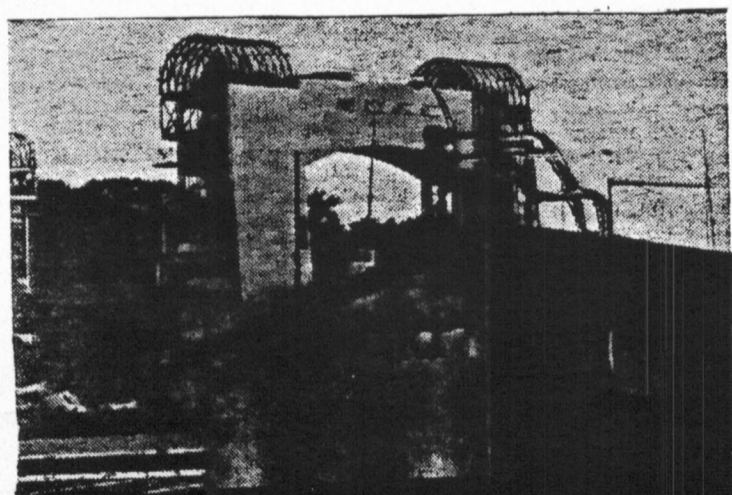
In reporting the incident later, one student said, "It was really freaky, man. I mean, like, after we went upstairs to class and sat down, someone just realized that there were no desks!" Soon the obvious became clear.

Police surmise that Sage was removed by professional second-story men late last night or early this morning, when most of the girls were otherwise occupied.

Investigators cannot determine why the theft was not noticed by several students using a chemistry laboratory for a project. However, since it was a joint RPI-Sage project on the heat of fusion, these students are not suspected in the robbery.



The Space Shuttle landed safely after its second flight, which lasted 106 hours



THE TROY-GREEN ISLAND BRIDGE was the principal speaker at this year's graduation. This bridge was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

# Green Isle Bridge speaks to graduates

The 175th Commencement Exercises at R.P.I. featured a rather unusual speaker to address the graduating seniors: the newly rebuilt Green Island Bridge.

The bridge started its speech by thanking those responsible for its restoration. Then it segued into a full-scale argument for the renewal of the waterfront area, with special emphasis on flood control. Finally, the bridge rejoiced in the reuniting of Troy and Green Island, expounding on the "Together Again" theme; and the speech then ended with a group sing of Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters."

All agreed that the event was a huge success. The idea went over so well, in fact, that there are suggestions being forwarded to invite the Brooklyn Bridge for the class of '82's graduation, and for the class of '83: The Tacoma Narrows.

# food service patents fertilizer process

Dāka has recently added a new step in their "evolution of food" process. The final remains of meals served during the semester are being used as fertilizer.

This step follows the ever-popular primary meals. First, the "food" is served as an entree. The leftovers are then ground up and deep fried into the famous meat(?) pucks. The process continues with the second day meals. The refuse is solidified with gelatin and placed into the stew of the day. The stew is watered down into the soup of the day. This is dehydrated and either mixed into the "tuna surprise", ground into hamburger, or placed on a cracker and called "chicken on a biscuit." Have you ever wondered about the renowned Dāka meatloaf and chocolate pudding? Yes, these are the tertiary meals, and until now have been the final resting place of the over two month old "food".

But now Dāka has discovered a further step. The mulched final product has been found to possess more fertilizing power than cow manure. "The thing that started us thinking of it as a replacement for manure was the smell," says Dāka president Pete O'Maine. "We've found that it contains many of the same substances, but in much higher concentrations."

The food service has filed for a patent on the process and expects it to come through any day now. When people say that Dāka serves s--t, now they'll be right!

**Role  
ion:**

# F-tests

In commemoration, or in memoriam, if you prefer, of this first week of F-tests, following is a unique sampler of the Physics, Chemistry, and Calculus tests. In case you're curious most of the problems are really workable. The answers are on Page T.

Potentially useless formulae:

$$s=vt+\frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$PV=nRT$$

$$3 \text{ tsp.} = 1 \text{ tbsp.}$$

$$\rho = m/V \quad p = mv$$

$$F = ma$$

$$x+y=y+x$$

$$x^2+y^2=r^2$$

$$x = -b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} / 2a$$

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{3M/2k}$$

$$Z = 1 + BP$$

$$\lambda = 3V/4\pi D^2 N$$

Test #1 Chemicaluphystry Time: 50min.

Do all questions as they are of equal weight. Answers without supporting work will be graded as correct or incorrect by whim. Partial credit is given if the professors so decree.

- 1) Curly, Larry and Mole are joking around on the top of a building. Mole and Larry push Curly off with  $v_y(0)=0$  ( $g=32\text{ft/s}^2$ ) and he hits after 8.82s.
- What is the address of the building?
  - Will Curly ever recover (neglect air resistance)?
  - What does Curly yell as he goes off?

3) If RPI can get \$60,000 worth of endowments for every 50 students it screws, plus \$3000 per 3 students over 50, but loses 8 students (at \$8000 each) for every 6 students above 50 it screws (the statistics are compiled weekly); how many students should it screw in a week to maximize its income?

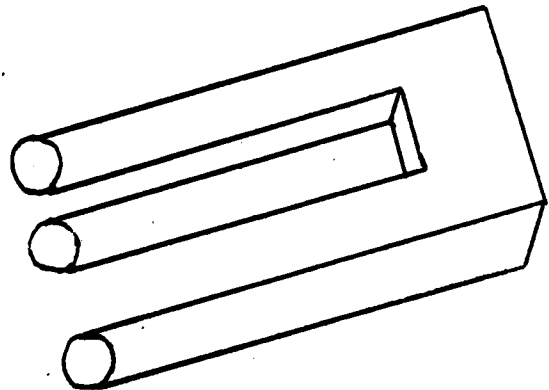
4 a) Design the Tute Screw, neglecting friction. Draw the figure below.

b) Draw a free body diagram for the figure at right. Include frictional forces.

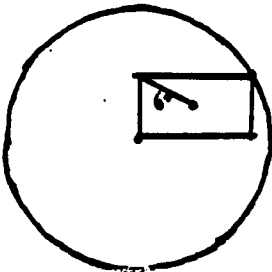
c) What is the area of the circle shown below?

$$\text{Rankine} = {}^\circ\text{Fahrenheit} + 459.67$$
$$1 \text{ furlong/fortnight} = 1.7692\text{E-}3\text{m/s}$$
$$R = 10.73\text{cu.ft.psia/lb mole R}$$

2) If a knurd's supply of 0.7mm pencil leads (50 leads@.7mm each) are stolen and converted to 100 proof vodka (50% ethanol,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ ), how many screwdrivers can be made assuming 28g vodka per drink? Assume orange juice and other reactants are supplied.



SHOW ALL WORK IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.



# Is Troy really a mental institution??

## An Introduction to Tuting For Freshmen and Other Unfortunates

Needless to say, by this time you've probably heard infinite stories about life (or lack thereof) here at Tute. Well, we at the Pole felt it our obligation to straighten out any misconceptions you may have, and, to this end, have compiled a set of primers to help you out.

### 1. The Freshman Meets the Troylets

See Dave.  
See Dave wander.  
Wander, Dave, wander.  
See Dave wander aimlessly.  
Dave is a freshman.  
Dave cannot find his dorm.  
See the friendly upperclassman.  
See the friendly upperclassman help Dave.  
Help, friendly upperclassman, help.  
See the friendly upperclassman point Dave towards downtown Troy.  
See Dave walk.  
Walk, Dave, walk.  
See Dave meet an unfriendly horde of evil Troylets.  
See Dave run.  
Run, Dave, run.  
Poor Dave.



### 2. The Freshman Meets the Sagie

See Jane.  
See Jane bounce.  
Bounce, Jane, bounce.  
Jane is a Sagie.  
See Dick.  
Dick is a freshman Tuter.  
See Dick see Jane bounce.  
See Dick get a swelled head.  
See Dick run after Jane.  
See Dick get hit by a Mack Truck.  
See Dick bounce.  
Bounce, Dick, bounce.

### 3. The Freshman Meets the Polemic

See Pete read the Polytechnic.  
See Pete sleep.  
Sleep, Pete, sleep.  
See Pete read the Polemic.  
See Pete giggle uncontrollably.  
Giggle uncontrollably, Pete, giggle uncontrollably.  
See Pete laugh himself silly over this plucky satire of life at a large Northeastern technological university.  
Laugh yourself silly over this plucky satire of life at a large Northeastern technological university, Pete, laugh yourself silly over this plucky satire of life at a large Northeastern technological university.  
See Pete send \$3.50 for a year's prescription or \$2.00 for a semester's prescription to "The Polemic, 202 Wiltsie House, RPT".  
See Pete feel secure that he isn't one of those low-down pus-ridden little leeches who steal the free copies off of the bulletin board.  
See Pete be rewarded by a five-foot female blonde Swedish nymphet Pole member with a night he will never forget.  
Score, Pete, score.  
See Jon.  
See Jon not order a prescription.  
See Jon die of a rare tropical disease.  
Die, Jon, die.

#### Next week:

"The Freshman Meets the Doddering Senile Chemistry Professor" (or "Babble, Buncie, babble"), "The Freshman Meets the President" (or "Babble, George, Babble"), and "The Freshman Meets Daka" (or "The Death of the Freshman").

# Students petition to 'charge Low'

In opposition to the administration in general, not to mention its plans to spend extravagant sums of money to defoliate the Quad hillside, thousands of students and many others have signed a petition calling to "Charge Low". The petition was presented to the administration recently by members of the Silly Little Up-rising Movement (SLUM), and contained well over 75,000 names, amazingly more than the entire population of Troy. The administration was understandably suspicious.

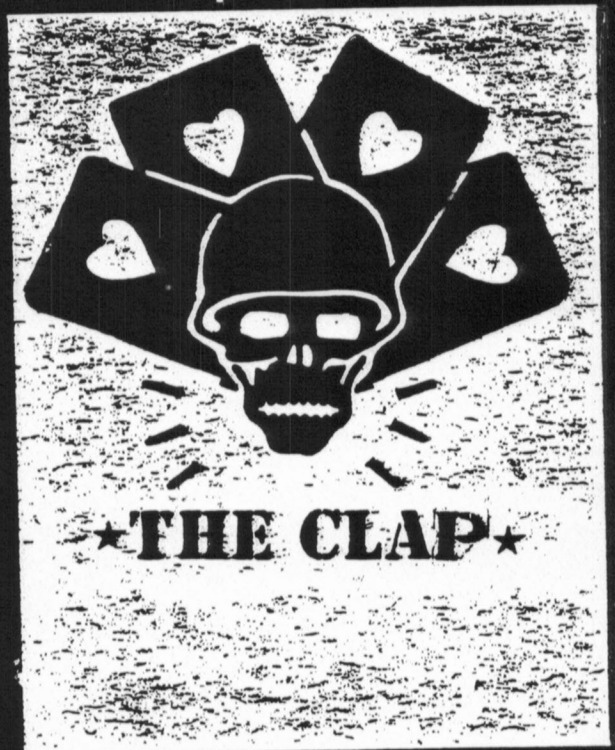
The petition calls for a multi-point plan to improve the situation on campus, all along the general lines of "Charge Low". Among them:

- 1) Charge Low tuition: REALLY LOW \$9.95/semester was suggested, but the administration cited legal problems with using such a common price, and suggested \$9,950.00.
  - 2) Charge it to Low: The ultimate in financial aid. The administration: "His charge plate would wear out- can't do it..."
  - 3) Charge Low (Head On): To resolve frustration with the Tute Screw, President Low would be available to be tackled. Only acceptable to the administration if the students purchase the football pads.
  - 4) Charge this place Low: To save money and electricity, lower the charge used in all academic buildings. Recent experiments by Niagara-Mohawk have proven this to be feasible.
  - 5) Give Low A Charge: The President would become open game for anyone armed with a Physics Lab transformer. The administration requested a humane limit of 10,000 volts.
  - 6) Arrest and Charge Low: Random frame-ups allowed. The administration claimed they would allow this only if APO would guarantee to bail the President out.
- Other minor points were included in the petition, all of which brought silly comments from the administration. Meanwhile, a spokesman for SLUM said the drive to gather signatures would continue, despite the fact that they would be ignored.



Rensselaer Gothic

The Rensselaer Union,  
Gallagher Infirmary & Troy  
present



IT'S FOR REAL  
RPI Houston Fun House  
(Doors open at 7:30 pm)  
ALL RESERVE BEATINGS \$10.50  
Doses go on sale TODAY at NOON  
at the Fun House. RPI STUDS ONLY!  
4 Doses per I.U.D. 1V.D. per person

# Romeo and Juliet egged

A hackneyed plot, poor characterization, and a complete lack of continuity generally do not make for a terribly enjoyable play; but such were the ingredients of a well-performed but poorly written play, Romeo and Juliet, which opened Oct. 29th in Albany, and closed that same evening. William Shakespeare, a relative unknown, armed with barely enough thematic material to choke a mosquito, decided to try his hand as a playwright, and subsequently created what may be one of the greatest flops ever written. Romeo and Juliet was intended as a romantic tragedy, but merely succeeds in becoming a vapid melodrama which makes All My Children look like Hill Street Blues.

The real tragedy is that such a fine drama group as the resident company of the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts would choose such a worthless endeavor as Romeo and Juliet, and get booted off the stage because of it. The audience was so incensed by the inferior work that the actors were forced to abandon the play in the middle of Act II, scene ii, due to a steady barrage of rotting vegetation, garbage, and eggs. The audience became most infuriated when Juliet

## Russell Sage College

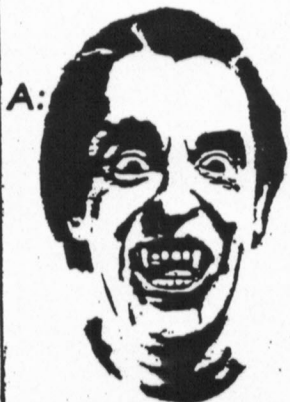
### A ONE NIGHT SESSION

*If you feel you have potential,  
come on out and let our experts  
elevate your game to its peak.*

called to her lover, Romeo ( from a balcony. of all places! ) with the words "Romeo. Romeo. wherefore art thou, Romeo?" This sickly-sweet outpouring of pseudo-sentiment was the final straw which caused the onslaught of leguminous waste. This reviewer rarely walks out on a performance ( especially with a \$4.00 ticket ), but once that first egg was cast, I left through the nearest exit, knowing that it was all over.

Damage done to the Institute stage is projected at upwards of \$3000. In an effort to recoup their losses, the members of the group will hold a Three Stooges film festival the week of Nov. 1st through the 8th, which is expected to be well attended. I only hope for the sake of English literature that Shakespeare learns from this and his past mistakes, Hamlet and Macbeth, and decides to give up writing altogether.

Q: What sort of person joins the Poly?



RPI CARE IS WATCHING YOU seems to be the message the administration is giving us. From posters to Polys to, yes, even the Polemic, RPI Care is everywhere. You can't even sign on to Myron in safety anymore!

# Palsynomics

As you probably already know, your medical fee is going to increase dramatically next year. When asked for the rationale behind this increase, Dr. Joseph Palsy cited the following reasons:

- 1) Customization of the new Health Services Van. This is to include AM/FM stereo, tinted glass windows, mag wheels, and a sunroof. Said Palsy, "I've always wanted one of those."
- 2) Increased airfare to the Carribean Islands. Palsy commented, "The yearly convention of physicians from technical colleges who name their infirmaries after someone whose name starts with "J" is held there. When told that "Gallagher" in fact starts with a "G", Palsy said that he and physician's assistant Pricked Fanny would look into it. Palsy also stated, "I don't really want to go, but it's my duty to RPI, God, and country."
- 3) A mirrored ceiling is needed for the gynecological exam room.

- 4) Increased bribe demands from the New York State Health Commission to allow the Infirmary to remain open. Said Palsy, "If we don't remain open, I can't go to the convention."
- 5) Increased research grants to the Biology department. Fanny stated, "They really do fascinating stuff. Yesterday they hooked Joe and me to a machine. Then they gave us lolly-pops."

When asked what the "oronical Advisory Committee would have to say about this, committee chairman Neil Infavor said, "I don't know. Dr. Palsy hasn't told us what to say yet."

In a related story, Dr. Jane Kornfritterz of the biology department announced the results of research studies conducted at the Gallagher Infirmary. She stated, "We didn't think it was possible, but we found that brainless life does indeed exist." Palsy and Fanny had no comment.

Rumor has it that certain E-Board members have more of a steak in the Union than others. -ed.



$K = \text{elasticity of breast}$   
 $M = \text{mass of membranes}$

How would you measure M?



Good, hot pizza; fast, free delivery; at a reasonable price?

**NO DICE!!!**

Residence Union Room 231

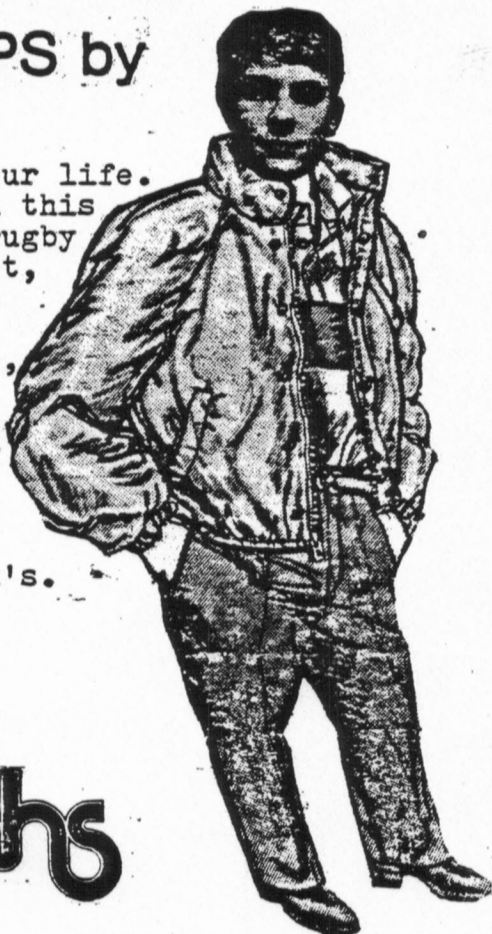
# WRPI

IS LOOKING FOR  
 Russell Stover

## CHUMPS by PETE

Feel in control of your life. Take it from Pete, in this new bombing jacket, rugby shirt, and trouser set, you'll feel confident enough to take on anything: the Senate, the E-Board, the J-Board, the A-Board, the PU, and even your own incompetence.

THE GM COLLECTION  
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# blahs

# Sage, Field House, Lounge star in new revue

WE the Wee Theatre has announced its first show of the fall semester. It is an original musical variety revue which will star the Russell Sage Laboratory, the Field House, and the 15th Street Lounge.

Entitled "All This and Physics II", the show will feature the buildings singing, dancing, and crumbling their way into the public's hearts. Featured will be pieces from the Broadway musicals Sweeney Low; The Demon President of Tibbitts Ave.; Pateymania (The rise and fall of the Travesty Empire); A Fore-us Line (The songs of Halliday & Pesnick); O Chemistry! (The life of Stanley Bunce); Something's Ameter; Hello Poly; Annie Get Your Ton (RPI women); Cadavaret (The bio-med department); The Phys; The Sound of Meiners; Billy Scrunt, Superstar (An autobiography); Eye Eye Knurdie; Man of La Myron (The lament of the Comp. Sci's); and The Best Little Whorehouse in Troy (co-written by Russell Sage students).

A special guest will be West Hall, which will sing a heart-wrenching rendition of "Slip Sliding Away." The finale will consist of the buildings

dancing The Nutcracker, which will be dedicated to Martin F. Looney.

The prospect of all the money taken in by the revue being used to renovate the buildings has met with considerable praise from students. Said one student, "It's about time they started paying their own way."

## Mammary's Restaurant

THE CRITICS ARE RAVING!

"An udder delight!"

-Troy Times 8-Track

"A titillating experience!"

-Albany Times Onion

"A real teat...er...treat!"

-Netterbocker News

"The pinnipple...er...pinacle of great food!"

-Schenectady Cassette

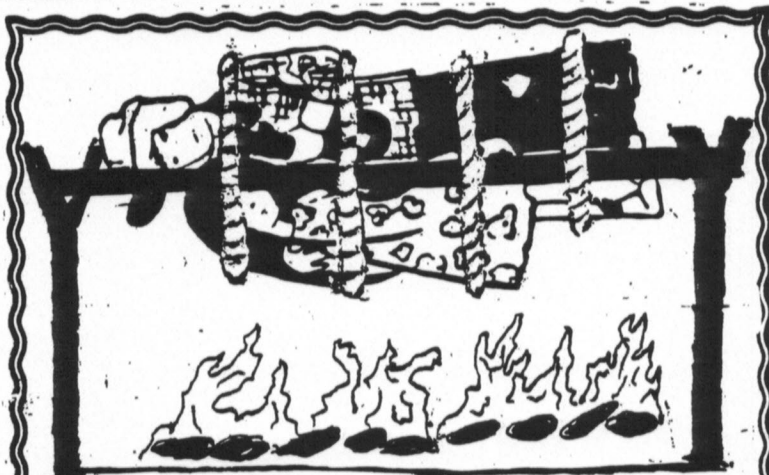
"This place really sucks!"

-The Poly

## Big Breakfast Special

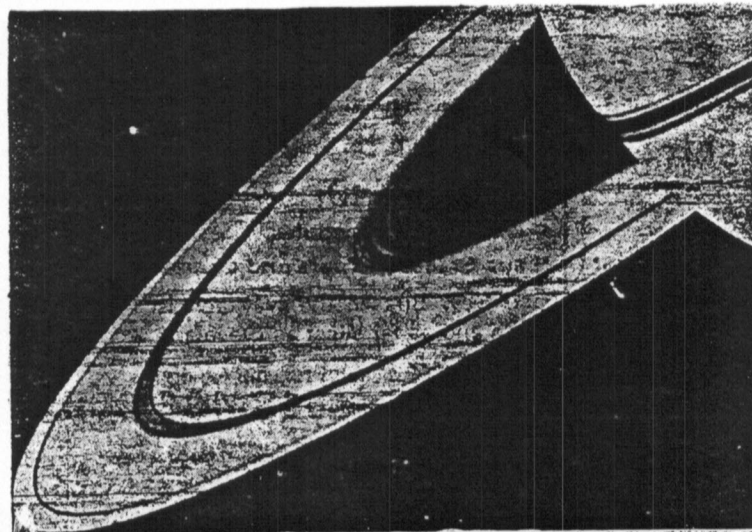
All the milk you can drink with each and every meal!

THE BREAST IN WARM, COMFORTABLE DINING!!!



## COOK A CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS

What nicer gift can be given on Christmas than the gift of a child lightly basted in mushroom sauce and cooked with a light stuffing?



A PROPOSED UNION ANNEX, pictured above, for the south side of the Union would house the bookstore and bank, thereby freeing space on the Rathskeller level for club offices and storage.



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"Splort!" called the malodorous administrator, and the fungus began to take form. "Your mission, this time, Splort, will be to squelch a new underground form of campus humor." The fungus grinned, and algae poured from about its mouth. "Get the Polemic," ordered the administrator, and Splort sprang into action. It fondly recalled what it had done to the Unicorn, and more recently to the Poly... It approached 202 Wiltsie House, home of the Polemic, and readied for the assault. It would knock all humor out of this band of young hooligans. But just then, the editor woke up. It had all been a dream.

Disclaimer: We didn't do it. Honestly! It wasn't us! We're innocent! What do you mean, under arrest? What are you doing with those handcuffs? Convicted? Death row? Electric chair? But we didn't do it! Aaaaaaargh!

# rite gud?

In recent issues, the editors of the Polytechnic have been preaching at us to have more "school spirit." We at the Polemic applaud this campaign, but we doubt the sincerity of the Poly's editors. We ask our readers—how much school pride can anyone have if they do not take the trouble to learn how to spell the name of the school correctly? Well, here is the evidence, unedited, from the hockey supplement in the Poly:

*by your editor*  
**Rensselear fo Rensselear h**  
*Some statements like: There's definitely nothing else like it at the*  
**Rensselear h**

We assume the editorial staff of the Poly can spell. Proofreading could hardly have failed to pick up three glaring errors in headlines. So we cannot help but assume that the Poly staff simply does not care.

# Dear George: LGAN

Dear George:  
It's taken me a long time to work up the nerve to write to you. I know you've helped thousands of other people. And I read you column faithfully every day, I swear. But I just couldn't see me in it. But enough of that, here's my problem.

I'm an avowed homosexual. I've been living with my lover out of wedlock for three years. We're both reasonable men and allow each other to see different people occasionally. Lately I've been seeing a certain woman (usually I don't but you wouldn't believe the things she does with some materials, especially flypaper). Anyway, my roommate has been getting rather jealous as she has been taking over some of his former duty, such as every Tuesday with a metal file, so lately he's been going to parties without me, and a lot of friction develops when I show up with her. Next week a large semi-formal is being thrown by a friend whom I met through my lover. My question to you is this:

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# Dear...

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My female friend wears a bearskin rug with matching tire chains, would it be in bad taste for me to come in the official summer uniform of the British East India Tea Company in 1896?  
sincerely,

## Soon To be A VEC Tor



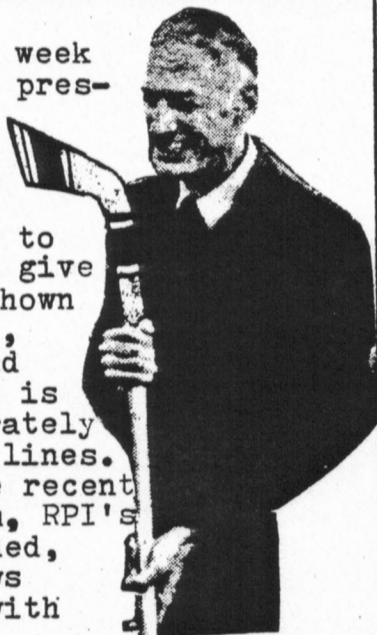
Dear soon to:

I've often received complaints about the weather and why pigs never know what to do if the venomous car jumps out of the way of 500 rancid orange suitcase-packing candlesticks. But rest assured; there is a solution in cloud cover on alternate Tuesdays, as long as you checkup on plastic bags that call paper bags Mother if their feet get wet.

By the way, how long have you been talking to trees? And could I possibly sell you a bridge?

## Athlete of the Week

It was revealed this week that George Low, the president of RPI, has joined the hockey team. Low was quoted as saying, "I didn't have anything better to do, so I figured I'd give it a shot." Low is shown here during practice, learning the do's and don'ts of hockey; he is reported to be moderately confused about blue lines. When asked about the recent addition to the team, RPI's hockey coach responded, "After all, who knows more about pucking with the students?"



### THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the twelfth day of Christmas,  
My T.A. gave to me:

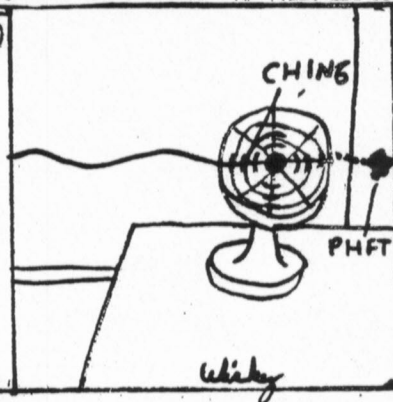
Twelve percent a-failing,  
Eleven vectors leaping,  
Ten times more tuition,  
Nine ROTCs marching,  
Eight finals Wednesday,  
Seven Salos shoveling,  
Six Sagies laying,

### FIVE DAYS OF QUICHE :

Four falling knurds,  
Three French pucks,  
A two-faced Wilcox,  
And a 'Tute Screw in the C.C.

### THE ADVENTURES

OF U.T.  
THE  
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## SECURITY

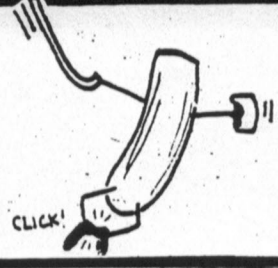
Tip of the Week

**Don't trust security. Only  
you can be sure that they are  
locked up and safe.**

(Submitted by the Crime Prevention Unit - RPI Security Division)

270-6611 - 24 Hours

# Sports



## Cagers beat Icers



As practice for both the RPI Basketball and Ice Hockey teams, an exhibition game between the two was held on the ice in the Houston Field House. In order that neither team be at a disadvantage, the basketball team was required to score at a basket located at the other end of the rink. The hockey team was equivalently handicapped: they were required to play hockey.

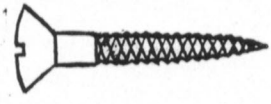
The game was divided into three fifteen minute quarters, goals were worth three points each and baskets worth one. The first quarter went solidly to the basketball team, who took a lead they never relinquished. The second quarter was low scoring, though the Cagers outplayed the Icers. The hockey team came back in strength for the final quarter, keeping the puck consistently within scoring range, if not actually able to score.

The final score was the Cagers 32, the Icers four.

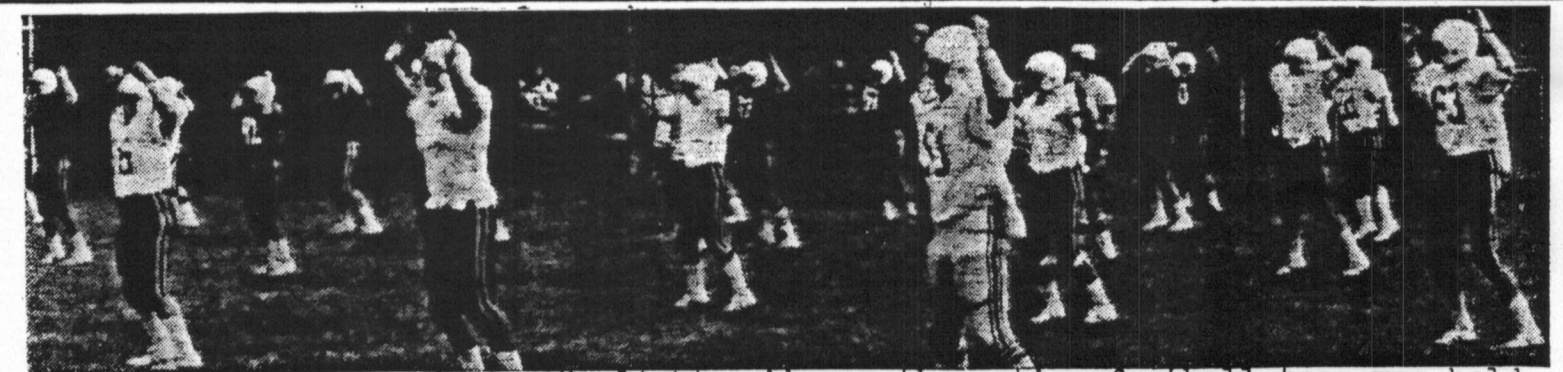
### F-TEST ANSWERS (from Page L)

- a) 305 W. 5th Avenue
- b) Soitainly!
- c) "I am a vector!!!!" (of course!)
- 2) 0.079 Screwdrivers can be made
- 3) 55 Students should be screwed.

4a)



- b) The answer is intuitively obvious to even the most casual observer.
- c) 452.4 units<sup>2</sup>



In an unbelievable, daring daylight robbery, the entire football team was held up by an unidentified group of students. Here the team is shown, hands high, at the mercy of the robbers. Police are investigating the matter.

And that'sa the name of that tuna.