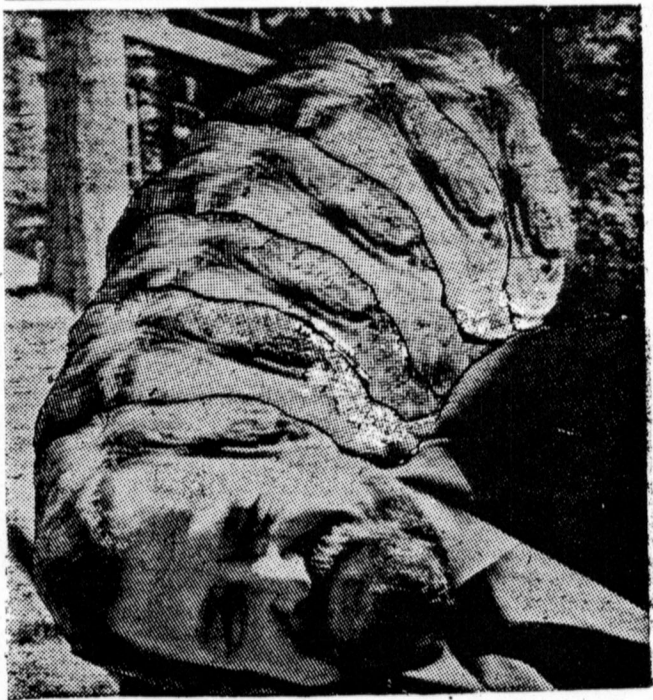


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GM urges Reds to participate

Grand Field Marshal Jim "Comrade" LaPoland has put out an urgent plea for a crackdown on campus freedom and called for increased activity among RPI's communist population. LaPoland stated that there is simply too much freedom on campus, too much dis-sention, and too little work. He implied that things will change soon, or "drastic measures" will be taken.

Speaking before the MTV screen in the Union, LaPoland singled out the Union as the source of these problems. The Independant Student Union, formed several years ago, has, according to LaPoland, been encouraging students to "strike" from their work. LaPoland threatened several actions to counter this recent movement, including deten-

Westerdahl to fall down

Dean of Students Carl Westerdahl yesterday called an unscheduled press conference to make public his new policy: "Falling Down Between Faculty and Students". In keeping with his history of innovative administrative practices, Dean Westerdahl announced his plans to kick off this new program personally by ceremoniously tumbling down the Approach early next week (to be known as the Collapsable Week).

Students are encouraged to participate in this gala celebration in every way possible. For example, upon seeing a faculty member on or about campus, Westerdahl suggests that you: First fall down on your knees, fiddle with your TI keys, bow your head with great respect and - genuflect, genuflect, genuflect.

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tion of the leader of the Union, Lech WallScarborough, outlawing the Union altogether, and imposing Grand Marshall law over the campus. It was at this time in his speech that LaPoland made his urgent call for "the Red Swarm to emerge and control campus."

REACTION

Reaction to LaPoland's speech was slow in coming, and of little concern. Therefore we will skip it.

COMMENTARY

We at the Pole feel this entire episode was extremely silly on the part of the Grand Field Marshall, and would like to request that next time he not bother us. That is all.

Primary elections

failed

Once again the freshman class primary elections have been held, and once again they were a complete disaster. This year a grand total of 117 votes were recorded out of the roughly 1300 freshman, for a turnout of roughly 9%. Scott Mallynumber, Senate Election Ruse Chairman said he was pleased with the process but "once again nobody got around to stuffing the ballot boxes."

The poor turnout was directly attributed to the candidates running for office. Between Presidential hopefuls Laurence Love-it ("I want to get the class of 1986 off its feet"), Robert Placenta ("try to unknit the class"), Paul Roadrunner ("The Presidency is a Socialist position"), and Susana Sel-seashells ("No Comment") voters stated that they really did not care. Roadrunner won the office by default.

Other offices attracted even less attention, therefore, The Pole, in its usual style of journalistic responsibility, will give these races the coverage they deserve.

Racism exercise

The RPI Physical Education Department has announced that it will accept for gym credit, a new course being offered to undergraduate students. The course will be called "Racism and How To Insult the Wops, Micks, Spics, Frogs, Krauts, Chinks, Limeys, Pollacks, Ruskies, Kikes, Nips, and Coons". (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

The course will consist of one hour of lecture each week and an hour of lab to reinforce the concepts learned in class. The lab sessions will be held at different locations each week, including the CASA office, the BCC, the Colonie Apartments, and area bowling alleys.

In regard to why gym credit would be given for such a course, Coach Bunker explained, "Gym credit is offered for any lifetime sport. Prejudice certainly fits this description. It's fun, competitive, and lasts a life time. This is just another example of how Rensselaer is working to renew racism in our life time."

Being Gay at RPI

Is like living

in a closet...



...But you are not alone

Westerdahl...

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During the week, many special events have been scheduled:

MONDAY: Westerdahl Falls Down Approach Party.

TUESDAY: Fall with George Low Brunch (keynote address by Gerald Ford).

WEDNESDAY: Trip Through Troy Day.

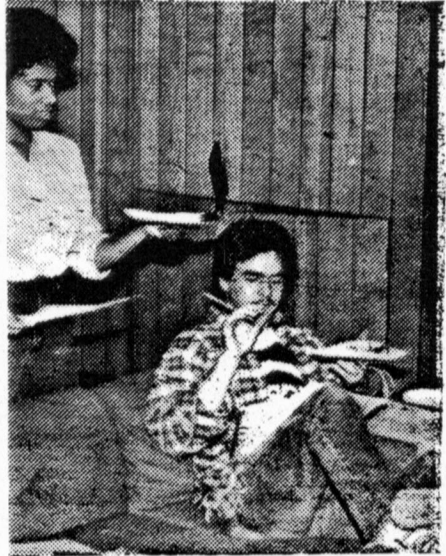
THURSDAY: West Hall Fall Down Hill.

FRIDAY: Freshman Finale Fall from JEC.

Dean Westdahl encourages students and faculty alike to participate in this program which he hopes will become an RPI tradition.

PolePot Poll

To alleviate a need too long neglected by the administration, the Union, and other non-existent campus entities, the Polemic proudly presents the 123rd annual POLE POT POLL



Remarks:
 Raul: Not good quality, but it's better than nothing (almost). For novices or the desperate only.
 Jeff Thacker: Somewhat of an amateur, but has regular deliveries every Wednesday.
 Zonker: Very knowledgeable when coherent (only 10% of the time). Very high quality at times but still a risk.
 Mr. X: He's seven feet tall, 350 pounds of solid muscle, and he knows where I live.
 Tim Benzadrine: Excellent, when you can find him. He's been missing for two weeks. If you have any idea as to his whereabouts, please contact the Polemic (our supply is getting low).

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Rating	Supplier	price per oz.	Aroma	Taste	Seed Count per oz.	(1-10) Quality	Delivery time
1	Mr. X	confidential	whatever good pot is supposed to smell like	great! marvelous perfect!	0	10	0
2	Tim Benzadrine	a song	open breezes with a whisper of mint	chocolate	15	8	0-20 (hrs)
3	Zonker	\$50 or three bottles of high quality suntan lotion	walden puddle	lilac	7	5-8	2 hrs
4	Officer Mayer	free (he takes "donations" for the PBA)	pinesol	daka food	googleplex	4	3 hrs
5	Jeff Thacker (not his real name)	variable (whatever he can get)	yellow	live non-rotting roaches	50	3	5 hrs
6	Raul	\$20 (cheap)	dead rotting roaches	live rotting roaches	327	2	2 hrs
7	Ty Lin Nol	\$2.20	grape kool-aid	?	27	?	1/2 hr

Crime Watch increases safety by bettering crime awareness

It has come to the attention of Security that a large amount of property damage and personal injury is due to poor thieving techniques and burglary blunders. To cite one example, one of the freshman dorms was recently damaged when a would-be bicycle thief sawed a telephone pole in half in an attempt to free the chained bicycle. The pole toppled through a second-story window of the dormitory, causing large amounts of damage to one room and minor damage to another. Luckily, no one was injured. The Assistant Director of Security said of the incident that, "if the thief had had a thorough understanding of chain-cutting techniques, this would never have happened."

In an effort to reverse this situation, Crime Watch is sponsoring a crime awareness seminar, in which the most recent thieving techniques will be discussed. The seminar will focus on topics ranging from advanced car theft to casualty-free arson to beginning breaking and entering, and will feature a certification by the Director of Security. Concurrently, advanced three credit-hour courses in Murder-without-Pain, and Sensitivity and Rape will be offered through the H+SS Department. Always in keeping with the Pole's theme of community service, we have decided to offer a series of lectures on slander and maligning, to be held the week of November 24 through 28. Write to 202 Wiltsie House, or to the Polemic through Myron for details.

Institute orders new phone system

At a recent board of Trustees meeting, it was decided that RPI will soon adopt a new phone system, replacing the somewhat dated Centrex phone system currently in use. Of the three trustees who turned out for the meeting, two were in favor of installing the new system; one was opposed.

According to the new communication system plans, a telescreen will be installed in every dorm room, off-campus apartment, and fraternity bedroom, as well as in every classroom, lecture hall, and office. This system is unique in that it is only the second time the telescreen has been utilized as a full-scale mode of communication, the first time having been in Moscow.

Features: The telescreen is basically a large television screen mounted on the wall which allows the user to communicate with anyone he/she chooses, as long as the call is approved by Security. Security will have full viewing access of everyone within range of the screen, thereby drastically reducing crime here at RPI. If Security feels that a particular student's behavior is particularly dangerous to himself or others, they withhold the right to take any measures that

they feel are necessary to suppress that student's actions.

In conjunction with the Phys. Ed. department, all students will be awakened at 6:35 am by the telescreen for one half hour of mandatory calisthenics. This will not only increase physical fitness, but also eliminates the possibility of oversleeping, as all screens may and will be individually monitored.

This system will be a real blessing to the RPI pocketbook, too, as it is entirely government-sponsored. The trustees mentioned during their meeting that the government expected that the government expected that the entire country will be using the free telescreen system by the year 1984.

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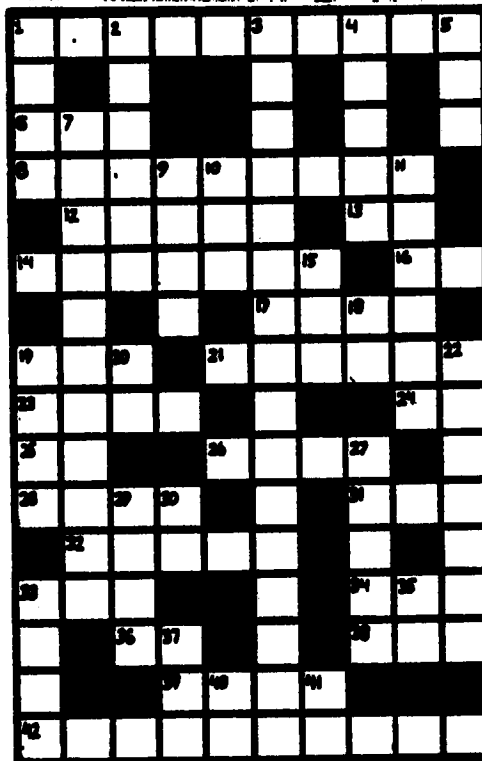
RPI STUDENT UNION 270-9APO

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS:

1. Quiche-Eater's Boast
6. Negative Fore
8. Poly time waste
12. United Nations Eastern Hockey Assn. (abbrev.)
13. Hear ___!
14. Poly crosswords are
16. The Poly is made up mostly of these.
17. Sound of a falling Poly editor
19. War spelled wrong
21. Poly horrors appear
23. What we all feel toward Poly crosswords
24. Slang Affirmative
25. We Can't Stand ___!
26. Our Slightly Less-than-Honorable news source.
28. Body part wasted by Poly crosswords.
31. What you start to look like after too long in the Poly office.
32. What Pole editors yell when offered jobs with the Poly
33. What tends to overflow at the Poly office
34. Ahhhhh-
36. Monty Python sneer
38. Myron's 2001 counter-part
39. Another thing wasted by Poly crosswords

42. The value of a Poly crossword (2 words, reversed)



DOWN:

1. Our honorable information source.
2. I _____ at the party

(Answers not on page 3)

3. Our theme; relating to Poly crosswords (4 wd).
4. What Jim Lasagna and Dean Suzy did.
5. Slang affirmative.
7. What Poly crosswords usually are.
9. The Poly won't _____ so they give it away.
10. Frank Zappa; _____'s a Poly girl, Poly girl..
11. A Good description of Poly crosswords and Extra-Strength Tylenol.
15. Reprise; _____'s a Poly girl...
18. Poly crosswords are worse than Anarchy in the _____
19. Poly editor's method of decision.
20. The Pole is where its _____
22. You did the Poly crossword? Ha Ha _____!
27. Expression of disgust often aimed at Poly.
29. What Poly editors would like to see their names in.
30. Disappointed, Very (abbrev.)
33. Description of Poly crossword (and 666).
35. HA ___!
37. What Poly editors will never become head of.
40. Sick, shortened.
41. Electron Volt (abbrev).

Cereal

"I hate NiMo!" thought George, as the electric company technicians arrived to repair the blown pothead that had caused yet another Monday blackout. The overload that had resulted in the blackout had occurred at the VCC, and George never would have known its cause but for the fact that he had read the "Cereal" column in his issue of the Polemic, Volume III, issue I, which told of the evil plans of a demented comp-sci named Sid Seizure. "Just for that, I'm going to raise the tuition again!" thought George.

Suddenly, the lights sprang into action around campus, and immediately a pair of writhing bodies appeared on a vacant Games Room pool table.

Bruce looked up and noticed them, a young man being given a snout-job by an aardvark. When they realized where they were, Sid and Martha quickly dressed and rushed for the door.

"Oh My God!" screamed Jon, as he rematerialized on a bowling lane, a ball speeding towards his head. Springing into action, Bruce rushed into a nearby phone-booth, switched into his Super-Zete costume, and flew at immense speed to intercept the killer bowling ball. "Thank you, Super-Zete, Thank you!" said Jon.

Jon walked over to the Tempest machine and dropped in a quarter. Behind the screen, Dave cringed. "Oh no! Not another battle!" he screamed. But he had no need to worry further; this battle would be his last.

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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 Folemic," 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 Folemic, 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!

Pizzagate

For those of us old enough to remember, last spring the Rensselaer community witnessed a heinous crime committed on its grounds: Sirloingate. Our trusty Union leaders felt it their duty to award the students the honor of treating the E-Board to a steak dinner. Of course, that ever mindful public servant watchdog, the Poly, picked right up on it, and we had ourselves a major scandal. We're talking front page material-- a real Poly type exposé.

Yet in the last few weeks this same campus has let a similar injustice slip past its noses. Here again a group of campus "elites" found it within their rights to spend Union funds (yes, yours and mine) to feed themselves. Ahhh, but this group was smarter than the E-Board; they conducted such a ruse that no one seemed to notice what happened. To make themselves appear legitimate they "reported" on the quality of the food. And

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Judicial Proceedings Judicial Proceedings

Lately it seems that the Poly has been repeating themselves repeating themselves. The text below appeared in the October 6 Poly (we omitted items 2 & 3):

1. Recently, two students admitted they kept material which was stolen from a student program. Also, they knowingly provided false information during a disciplinary proceeding concerning how they acquired the property.
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 The students were put on disciplinary probation until 12 May 1980.

That's right, two students kept stolen material kept stolen material and provided false information false information. And all four were placed on disciplinary probation.

We must ask whether the Poly is so short on text as to need to repeat themselves, or if they are simply up to their usual excellence in blunders. Or maybe this simply means we can get our personals run two weeks for the price of one?...

Pizza...

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to be sure the Poly wouldn't flash them across the front page, they, well they were the Poly- and they hid themselves on page 9. And they almost got away with it--- except that we at the Pole DID notice, and we feel that it is our responsibility to point out to the campus the latest and the greatest scandal: PIZZAGATE!!

When it is immoral, illegal, and just plain horrible for the E-Board to have a few steaks, how, we ask, can the Poly staff justify moving into a dorm lounge and stuffing themselves on no less than FIFTEEN pizzas, compliments of the Rensselaer Union?? And then trying to justify the cost by telling us how they liked them? Aw, come on guys, who cares about your taste buds anyhow?

Perhaps the Poly staff would like to see themselves plastered across their own front page? PIZZAGATE!! We would like to see it, otherwise leave the E-Board alone!

Poll...

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Officer Mayer: Usually busts only second-rate dealers, therefore his is not of the best quality. If he has good stuff it's probably from Mexico so watch out for paraquat.

Ty Lin Nol: The tester who tried this fell mysteriously ill and we haven't been able to get any information from him since.

We realize that this does not represent the full range of services offered at RPI in this area. We encourage everyone to send in samples to The Polemic, 202 Wiltsie House. All donations are tax deductible.



Dear George

LGAN

Dear George,

Recently, I obtained a job through the Co-op program at a computer systems company. As an attractive, well-proportioned female in her early twenties, I am often approached by older men for sexual favors. My new boss is no exception to this. He began by insinuating that I either satisfy his kinky sexual desires, or lose my job, which would not only mar my transcript, but would also make tuition unaffordable for me next year.

I confronted my boyfriend with this, and he said that I should bring suit against my employer, citing sexual harassment as the basis for my case. My parents, however, have suggested that I quit my job, and explain my situation to Co-op, so that my transcript would be kept clean of the matter. To make matters more complicated, my older sister said that the best thing to do would be to go along with my boss's desires, so as to move quickly up the corporate ladder, creating an impressive Co-op file for my transcript. She showed me some additional techniques using a shoe-horn. My problem, dear George, is this: What is the most efficient way to compute the higher specific heat of industrial slime?

Sincerely,

The Count of Monte Crisco

Dear The:

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?

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