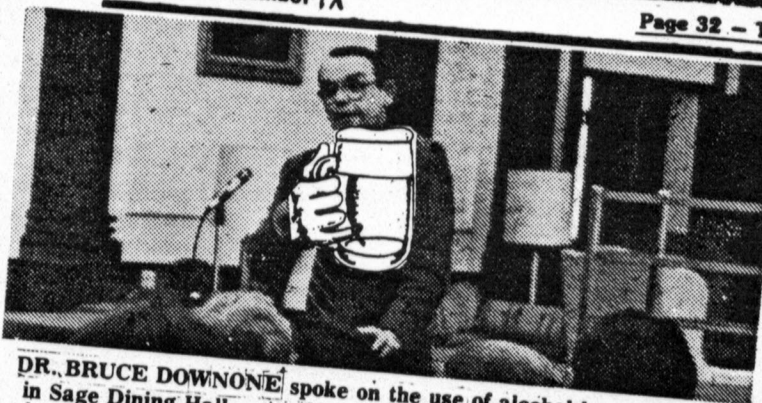


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DR. BRUCE DOWNONE spoke on the use of alcohol last Thursday in Sage Dining Hall.

Speaker addresses alcohol

In a surprise news conference two years ago, the Counseling Center announced the formation of the Committee to Coordinate Drinking Services. The goals of this program were to coordinate drinking on campus and to bring professionals together to work on specific concerns. One such concern is the low quantity of alcohol available on campus. In an effort to increase awareness of this problem, the Committee held its first meeting last Thursday, with a keynote address by Dr. Bruce Downone.

Downone, a graduate of the Acme Alcoholics Among Us Bartending Program, and the night man at Troy's only 24-hour liquor store, addressed current concerns about alcohol use and abuse. By using a multitude of statistics from varied sources, he portrayed the epidemic problem of the unavailability of alcohol across the country and, in particular, on college campuses.

"People who don't want to drink don't drink and there is little you can do about it," noted Downone. "Nevertheless," he remarked, "it is still very important for a campus to have an

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Students demand bigger tuition increase

Students all across the Rensselaer campus demonstrated this week in protest of the miniscule size of the administration's recently announced tuition hike for 1983-4. Demanding a much larger increase, roving bands of sign-waving protesters wreaked havoc from Stacwyck to the Pittsburgh Building. Although no one was injured, violence flared on several occasions.

In the most organized of the demonstrations, over four-hundred students picketed the Pittsburgh Building for 5 straight days, toting signs with slogans ranging from "Why Keep Our Money?? It's Not Worth the Paper It's Printed On!" to "Lambda is Gay, But We Wanna Pay!". RPI Security was called immediately when the protest began Monday morning and arrived just as it was breaking up late Friday.

A spokesman for the group echoed the obvious dissatisfaction with the increase. "They call that a hike??" he exclaimed, "They gotta be kiddin'!! How do they expect us to keep up our image against Cornell and MIT with that?" He too complained about the manner in which the students were notified, saying "We are used to finding out the big news in the New York Times, like the CII. What are they, proud of this? They were so open about it-- the average RPI student doesn't expect that from the administration and just can't handle it!"

Other groups of protesters staged rallies outside the JEC, Amos Eaton, and for an unknown reason, Neba Mike's in Latham. This last group was taken immediately to Albany Medical Center for observation and to keep George company.

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Neighbors voice nose gripes

Once again, the perennial tension between fraternities and their neighbors has reached a crisis level. This Thursday a meeting was held to discuss the olfactory horror of frat parties.

Previously, most neighborhood complaints had dealt with the noise at fraternity parties, but this was a new problem. It had been believed that due to the constant bombardment of music in the past, most of the neighbors had either died, moved away, or mutated into "Heavy Metal Heads". Because of this, both the frats and "Vice"-President of Student "Affairs" Wee Lilcox thought that the problems were over, but it was not to be.

In frenzied states, the neighbors, dressed in gas masks, fins, and sporting various weapons, made their complaints known. "I don't want to smell a frat party before, during, or after it occurs," said a resident near Phi Stigma Stigma.

While the problem is not serious, all the parties concerned have agreed to be as pig-headed and stubborn as possible, and to avoid any compromise. Due to the serious nature of the problem, each RPI department has decided to help solve the problem. The Engineering departments have created plans for a container of Ban Roll-On 22 feet high. (Roll-On was chosen over aerosol to avoid ozone layer depletion.) It has also been suggested for use under the arms of the Chrintoid. The Psychology Department has decided to test mouse behavior under olfactory-stress conditions, and the Management Department wants to find an economic use for the essence, while the Music Department will schedule parade practices in the danger zone, to acclimate the band to marching through Troy.

All in all, the problem is well in hand, and the answer will soon be forthcoming. Now all we need is the question.

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occupancy

According to recent reports, Rensselaer has gained another occupant for its technology park in North Greenbush. Rumors had been circulating for several weeks that a major deal was coming.

In a surprise news conference last week the announcement came. International Business Machines announced from its corporate headquarters in Armonk that it plans to close every one of its plants worldwide within the year and move entirely to the Rensselaer park. The company did say, however, in a major blow to the park, that it would not move all its sales offices in.

RPI President George Oh, while obviously happy about the development, had sharp criticism for the company due to decision to maintain its worldwide sales network. He called the move "a lack of commitment to R.P.I.", "an insult", and "wimpy". Oh then went on to say that he personally was working on what he called a "really" important deal. Although not officially announced, we have learned it involves several major manufacturers of "shift" keys for teletypes.

Poly Elections

Following Positions Open:

- EDITORS BEER DRINKERS
 - STAFF READERS
- Tomorrow, 6 p.m. Union Rm. 231B

Piano Blue sings the Reds

For those of you who have always been influenced by propaganda, the Union Politicians Against Capitalism group (UPAC) will present a weekend of great music by the world-famous "Piano Blue". This man, originally from the USSR, has performed throughout Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Some of his better-known songs include his reworkings of John Lenin's "Back in the USSR" and "Working Class Hero", "Moscow, Moscow", the theme song from the movie of the same name, and the classic "I Left My Heart in Stalingrad". He does, of course, have many other hits to his credit.

UPAC hopes that the turnout will be large. Said one member, "It is the patriotic duty of every comrade to attend, and we will provide our superiors with a list of those not attending this important event." Most students don't seem to be worried, though. They feel that with the bureaucratic administration we have here, none of that will ever get done. The event takes place this Friday at 8:00 PM in Mother Russia's Vodka Emporium.

Being Gay at RPI Doesn't Have to be in Drag



Tuition...

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By week's end the situation had quieted, but the groups pledged to fight on until "a respectable hike could be effected." Administration officials refused to comment, but were seen leafing through several Mercedes catalogs.

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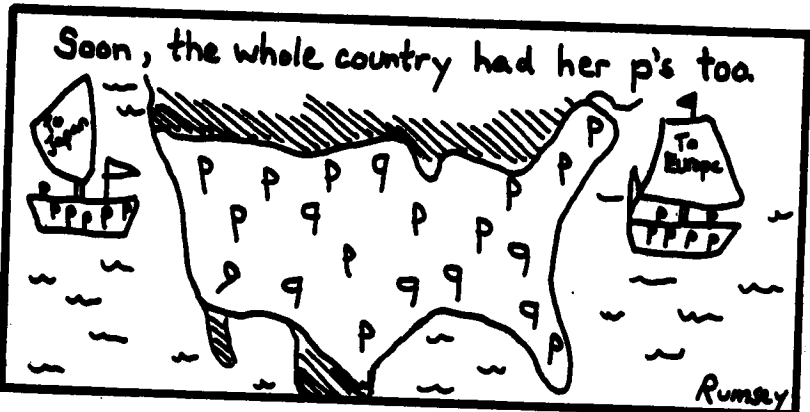
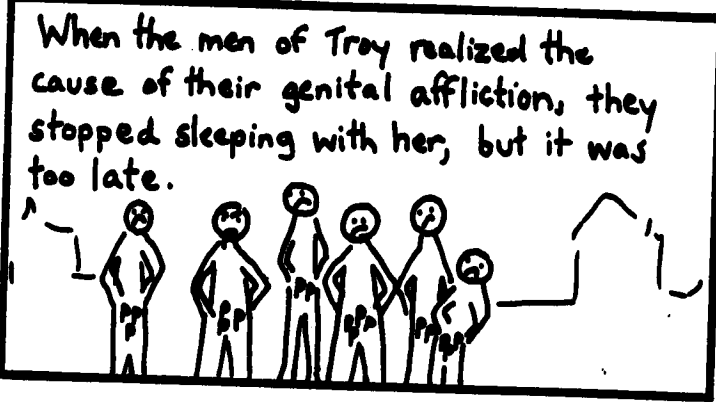
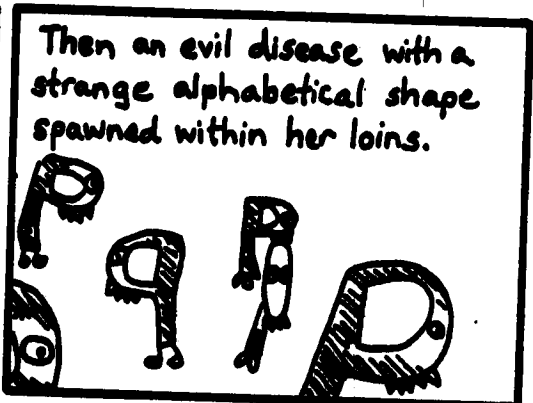
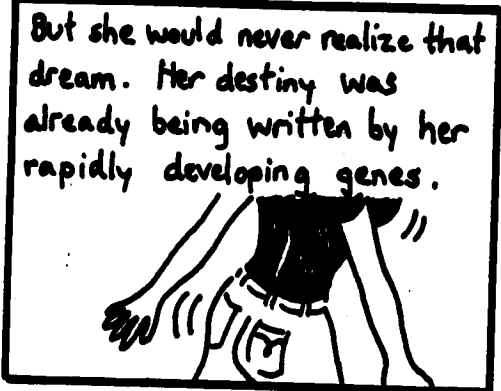
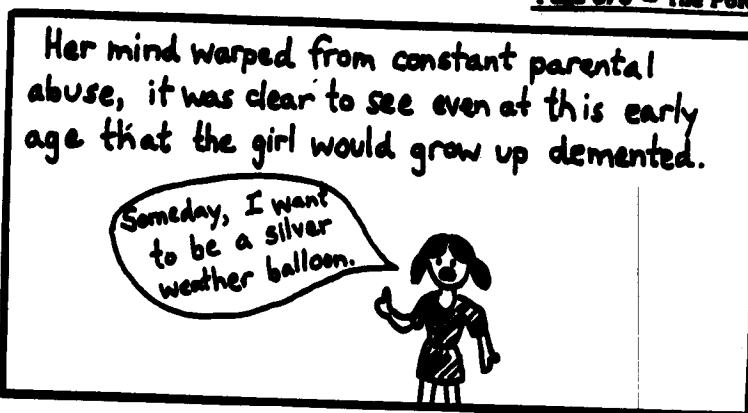
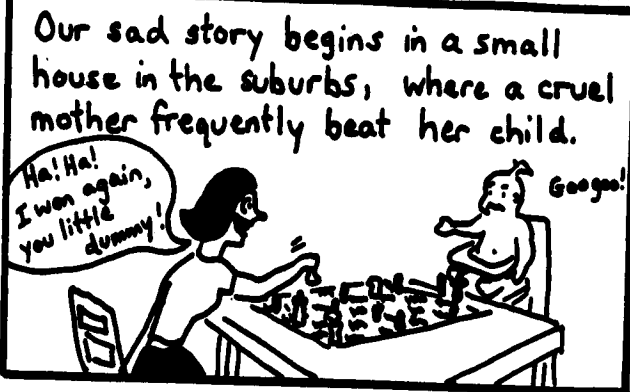
Cary beds on fire

In response to Cary Hall's "verbal harassment" of Hall Hall residents during their recent fire, RPI Security set aflame all of the beds in Cary Hall Thursday night. "They had to be taught a lesson", said one of the torch-carrying Security officers. "And besides, we all love the pretty colors. Why, we could stare at the fire for hours at a time."

When asked why such drastic action had been taken, Security officers replied that, in fact, several more-radical plans had been narrowly voted down. "Originally, we wanted to blow up the mother. We decided that wasn't very feasible, so we suggested installing video monitors in all of the second-floor bedrooms. Finally, we decided to fight fire with fire."

At last notice, the Troy Fire Department was still "on the way". They are expected on campus within the week.

BAD START



Cereal

When Doctor Palsy arrived at the Infirmary, he discovered Sid, Martha, the duty nurse, and something else all asleep on the waiting room floor. Upon close inspection, summoning all of his medical skill, he determined that the strange creature was, in fact, a baby, although it bore a remarkable resemblance to a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Martha, having resumed her aardvark-like form, awoke, spun around, clutched her child, and caressed it. "I think I'll name him Oddie!", she cried. At this, Sid rose, turned to Martha, and spoke. "Quick," he said, "We'd better get out of here before Doctor Palsy tries to treat us!" But it was too late. The pseudo-physician

grinned maniacally and began his "treatment".

Meanwhile, Jon and Dave had spent the night wandering the labyrinth that could only be the back of the VCC. Dave turned to Jon and said, "We'd better find a way out, my Data Structures project is due."

They entered the next chamber and found it to be full of switches and boxes echoing with 60-cycle hum. Jon grinned and said, "If we can shut off Myron, the whole campus will grind to a halt. Someone will have to look for us." The pair began to flip switches indiscriminately, until the lights went out and silence fell.

Myron was asleep.

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Fire

We all know how funny the Poly often makes the truth sound. (We all know just how funny the Poly is anyway.) But often the truth itself is just too funny to ignore. Or maybe too true. We refer of course, to that bumbling force of incompetents roaming our campus supposedly in the name of Peace and Safety, RPI Security.

The story in the Poly on the recent Great Hall Hall Bed Fire reported that the residents safely evacuated their dorm with no injuries, while two security officers received smoke inhalation and required medical treatment. While we must laugh heartily at the Poly's description of the mildly toasted room as "gutted", we must laugh even harder at good ol' RPI Security (??). Yes, folks, over 160 students, R.A.s, and whoever else happened to be around managed to get out safely when the smoke became too thick. But not Security! Oh, no! They are too tough for that kind of stuff! In they went, cavalier and daring, and out they came, coughing and choking.

Come on, guys! We weren't impressed with you before, we're not impressed now either. Leave the fires for the fire department. Tuition is high enough, we don't need the 'Tute paying for your funerals. (Then again...)

Oh, and while we're on the topic, we at the Polemic would like to commend the Troy Fire Department on their preparedness and skill. We're sure that they really needed FIVE fire trucks to put out a mattress fire. Thanks guys.

— editor to the etter —

Dear Sirs,

We would like to commend you on the fine quality and excellent humor of this issue of the Polemic. We can recognize top-notch parody and wit when we see it (even though we don't print any), and would like to take the time (which is hard to find in our busy production schedule) to publicly express our admiration for the work you have done (like putting out more than one issue a year and making them funny, too). All kidding aside, you guys are the greatest.

The Unicorn

Beergate

In our never-ending quest for truth, justice, and dirt to print about whatever we can dig up here at the 'Tute, the Polemic's investigative reporting staff has uncovered yet another insidious plot conceived and carried out by the corrupt and evil dastards who have infested the entire upper echelon of the 'Tute Student Union with their insipid schemes of debauchery and all possible misuses of their positions and the funds available to them. (Editor's Note: Don't you think he's laying it on a bit thick? KGJ. Yes, but you know what type of temper tantrums he throws when we edit his stories; he's like Spike is whenever he sees a Poly! MKC).

Those of you who have actually read the entire Vol. CII No. 19 issue of the Polytechnic may have noticed the advertisement on the back page for their (Union-funded) general meeting. Hidden in a fiendishly clever spot (out in the open) was the line: "If you are interested in news, sports, ... or JUST FREE FOOD stop by..." Our eagle-eyed staff picked this up after scrutinizing the ad eight times.

Acting on a hunch, several of us went to investigate. Carefully disguised in our Polemic T-shirts, we in-

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filtrated the meeting, where our worst fears were realized. Not only was there food in abundance for anyone to take (we merely walked in and started eating), but there was also liquid refreshments of soda and BEER! That's right. Not only were they getting themselves inebriated, but they were even trying to get other students drunk as well, on the students' own money. What R.P.I. student would want to pay to get drunk on beer? Well, ... ah, ... Let me rephrase that. Would you want to read something published by a bunch of beer-guzzling editors? But then you've paid \$2.00 for 1 semester's worth of this waste of a tree, aw, ... Forget it.

“Excuse me, but aren't you with
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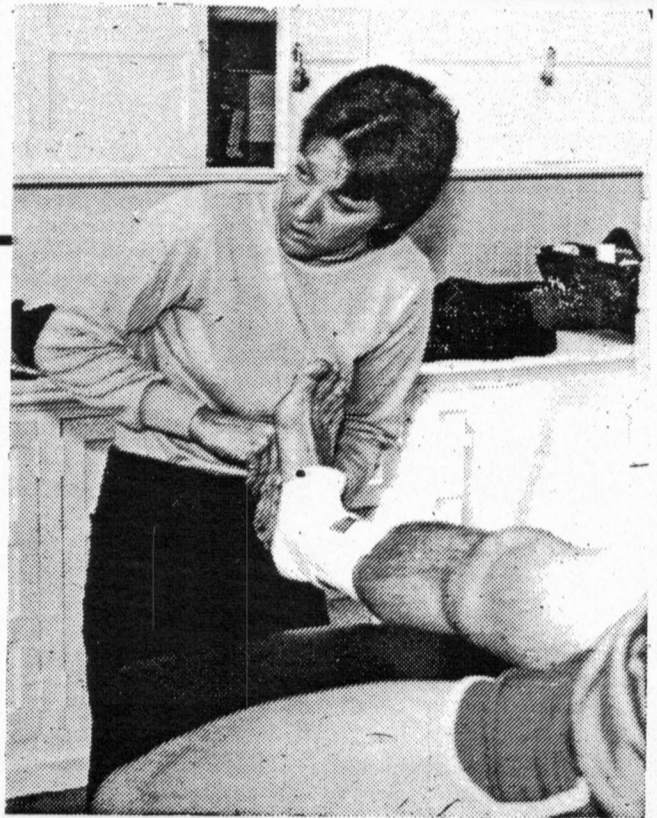
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institutional statement about alcohol consumption."

Media has a function in increasing alcohol awareness on college campuses, according to Downone. "Anything you do to inform students...is a service to them."

"Most non-drinkers have never had anyone say something to them," Downone indicated. He feels that a person should try drinking no matter how unpleasant it seems. He would like to see more drinkers take drinking seriously and not discharge it as a weekend pastime. Most of all, people should make those around them aware of alcohol.



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