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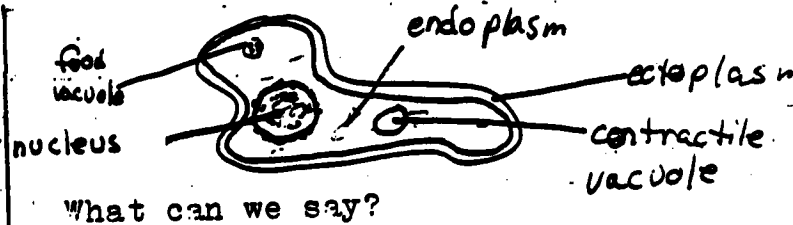
## Pole poll tabulation

Editors' note: E#. Surprise! You lucky pus-ridden bags of tuna-colored meagma, you got an extra Polemic (O joy, O bliss!). Yes, you are now holding, in your hot little hands, an extra-strength Polemic supplement, viz and to wit: the Pole Poll Tabulation (try to contain your excitement). In case you're curious, all of the following you will (hopefully) read were honestly (heh heh) tabulated from the poll we think we conducted earlier this year. If you don't like something in this issue, don't blame us, 'cause we'll just blame you.

By the way, diffused throughout the issue are many curiously-looking diagrams. What are they looking curiously at, you may ask? YOU, because you submitted them as free body diagrams of Sagies....

A few weeks ago, we at the Pole polled the pollable public pertaining to their perspectives in preparation for printing of a prime piece of progressive press. Well, here it is: the results of the Pole poll taken at the Activities Fair about a month and a half ago. For all you number-crunchers, we handed out 225 polls and got back 166, for a return rate of 73.778 %.

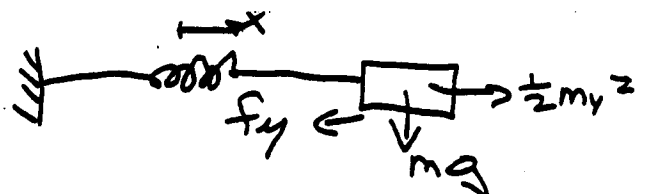
In the poll, we asked vital questions concerning campus issues, like the person's name, quest, and the Capitol of Assyria. We had the four categories of questions: Rush, Teachers and TAs, Around Campus, and 'Tute Life.



The pollees were mostly freshmen (since upperclassmen don't bother going to the Activities Fair) and showed varying amounts of wit and originality. The results are as follows....

NAME: While we mostly received false names, we got a few fools who actually wrote down their real identities. We also got two answers on the order of, "that by which one is called.

QUEST: By far the most popular answer was, "I seek the Holy Grail," which accounted for 34 of the responses. After that, the highest tally was 3, for "graduation", "to become ultimately satisfied" (boring), and from the trekkies, "to boldly go where no man has gone before." Other responses included: "for fire"; "the ultimate question" (from Hitchhikers' Guide); "for the one ring to rule them all"; "Nirvana"; "good-looking rich



No Sagies have LUMPS?

FFFD

MY GOD! THERE IS!  
THERE'S A HOLE CLEAN  
THROUGH YOUR HEAD!



YEAH, MY OLDER BROTHER  
DRILLED IT THERE WHEN  
I WAS FIVE.



YOU'RE KIDDING!  
WHY?



HE NEVER HAD A GIRLFRIEND,  
AND THOSE INFLATABLE  
DOLLS WERE TOO EXPENSIVE.



Rumsey (sic)



guy with a Jaguar"; "lay a Sagie" (so what else is new?); "follow a star"; "eat broccoli"; and "kill the President of the US" (hard to argue with that).

CAPITOL OF ASSYRIA: For those of you who didn't know, Assyria has not one but many capitols, including: Upper Volta, Moscow, London, Jordan, Troy (11 votes), Certainly not Troy, Newark, Quadaffi, Poland, Warsaw, Sodom, Hoboken (same thing!), "where the king is", Providence, New Guinea, "my room", and believe it or not, "yellow". Fifteen people flat out didn't know (What? I don't know that -- Ahhh!) and 11 people just didn't care. Babylon got 2 votes, Damascus got 9 votes, and the correct answer, Nineveh, got only 6. Our favorite, however, was "Assyriaville."

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Another boring response.

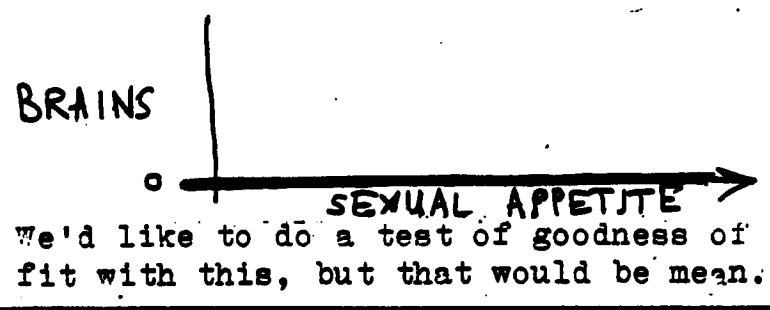
"All of the above", "four letters", "yes", "an inhalent" (hmmm); and "any of the various grass-like marsh plants of the family juncaceau." We'll take his word on it.

I 2) FRATERNITY MEMBERS ARE CALLED "GREEKS" BECAUSE OF THEIR SEXUAL PREFERENCES got 107 "True" responses and only 42 "False." Sorry, guys!

I 3) To the really pointless question, WHICH IS NOT ONE OF THE "STANDARD FOUR" QUESTIONS ASKED EACH RUSHEE BY A FRATERNITY BROTHER?, the responses were as follows:

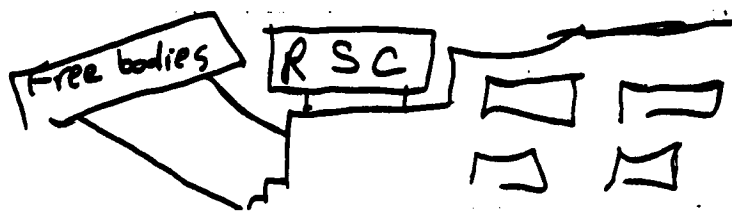
- a) what is your name: 40.
- b) what is your major: 9.
- c) what dorm do you live in: 6.
- d) where do you come from: 16.
- e) what is the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow (truly the definitive answer) : 88!

Twelve people answered to e) "African or European?" Other responses included, "too stupid to answer", "all of the sideways", and "wanna come over to my place and trade underware?" No thanks.

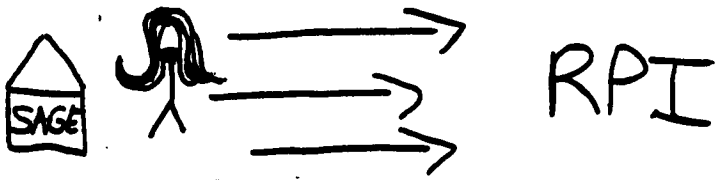


I 1) The multiple-choice RUSH IS was pretty fairly split between the four responses. The results:

- a) a rock group: 43.
  - b) fraternities trying to get members: 30 (and they wonder why rush went so badly).
  - c) when you're five minutes late: 34
  - d) none of the below: 54
- Answer rate: 161 out of 166 returned polls. The few write-ins included,



Vacancy.



This was a fairly common response.

II 1) Category II is "Teachers and TAs"; the first question was a multiple-choice CHOOSE THE CORRECT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR TAs SPEECH THAT IS REMOTELY INTELLIGIBLE. The results:

- a) My TA's not foreign (or southern): 20 votes.
- b) 40% : 13.
- c) 25% : 18.
- d) 10% : 23.
- e) 0% : 37.
- f) What's a TA? : 52 very confused votes.

Other responses included: "My TA is deaf mute", and "I'm a TA" (whoops!).

II 2) The answer to SPELL YOUR TA'S NAME varied widely, but we all agreed the definitive answer, with 9 responses, was Y-O-U-R-T-A--S-N-A-M-E. 16 people just couldn't do it, 44 tried to be funny and wrote something incomprehensible. Other responses were: "Tashema Yaba Dabadoo", "Mud", "S-M-I-T-H", "NO", "Starts with an F", and the one to which we're most familiar, "Hey You!".

II 3) Most people (49) placed Harry Meiner's death within the last 10 decades, 16 placed his death between 10 and 100 decades, and 10 more thought he died between 100 and 1 million decades ago, 8 thought he was never alive. Our favorite answer was Avagadro's Number(5 votes), but others thought "billions and billions of decades ago", "long enough"(for what?), "a lot of decades", and one respondent needed a calcium isotope test before giving an answer. One other person revealed that he was scientific advisor to President Lincoln, and there were answers like , 269 light-years (huh?), and a whopping 10E(10E10) decades.

II 4) TA can stand for many things; we discovered. 16 boring people said "Tits and Ass"; 17 thought "Total Asshole" was what TA really means. There were 7 other flavors of "Asshole" including Tremendous, Technical, and Trepid. We found TA's are Totally Asinine, Asian; Ambiguous, Average, Annoying; Asexual, and Anonymous, and that they are Terrible Aliens, Assistants; Actors, and Accidents. 10 people actually wrote Teaching Assistant, proving that at RPI sometimes imagination is impossible. Other fun responses include Tell us Answers; Tute Assain, True Agony, Terrible Accent, Transworld Airline; Tables and Chairs; To Avoid, Take A guess, and of course Tee Aay.



$K = \text{elasticity of the spring}$   
 $M = \text{mass of memories}$

How would you measure M?

III 1) The rumors of illiterate RPI engineers are not true, we found -- a whopping 32 people could spell chrintoid correctly. Of course, there were the other hundred and some who couldn't quite get it, but there were a few imaginative answers nonetheless, like : "Roloids"; "Chrysanthimum".

**Dean Eddie Knowles**

**Congratulates**

**THE**

**RENSSELAER**

**BLACK STUDENTS ALLIANCE**

**in his appointment**

**as**

**DEAN OF STUDENTS**

"Erini-toad"; "Sorry, I failed my SAT";  
 2 votes for "Diotinirhc"; "Waste of  
 money"; "The big silver thing that  
 turns"; and our favorite, "Two Rectan-  
 gles Vertical Gytratory Up."



A pear of what?

III 2) Upon offering to destroy  
 one building on campus, we at the  
Polemic got plenty of suggestions as  
 to which one to do in. It was a close  
 race between the Commons and West Hall,  
 but West Hall was the most (or least)  
 popular, 31 to 28. The next least  
 popular was the Pittsburgh Building,  
 netting 16 responses, then Wiltsie  
 House (we couldn't understand this!)  
 tied with the JEC with 10 votes apiece.  
 There were also votes cast for the CC  
 (5), the VCC (5), Church VI (somebody  
 has to do it) (3) and Ricketts (2)  
 because it's a disease. One demanding  
 fellow wanted Hall Hall destroyed,  
 except for Hall II. Another, who could  
 not answer the next question, destroyed  
 the Rowland-Jonsson Labs. Finally,  
 someone wanted to destroy "the one  
 where the guy with the pink hair  
 (alas now faded) lives."



Original idea. You and the other 20.

III 3) Now this was a real teaser.  
 The question was WHERE ARE THE ROWLAND-  
 JONSSON LABORATORIES? You wouldn't  
 believe the places those labs have been  
 spotted. Try: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.  
 South Africa. Green Island. Water-

rpi players presents

# The Night Thoreau Spent in Troy



8:00 pm  
 \$2.00 general  
 \$2.50 colonial  
 West Hill Auditorium

Reservations: Cherokee, Navajo, and Sioux

by Abraham Lincoln & Robert E. Lee

vliet (2). Rowland-Jonsson's bath-  
 room. New Jersey. The Moon. Ice-  
 land. Chicago. The Commons (3).  
 Troy (2). Not in Troy (2). MIT.  
 Behind Williams House. Alpha Centauri  
 Titan. Church VI. Milwaukee. West  
 of Assyria. In the country of Rowland  
 Jonsson. Nowhere. Near the CC. REK.  
 REC. JEC. JVC. In a galaxy far far  
 away. 12 people didn't know, 10 more  
 just didn't care. 7 put them some-  
 where at RPI. You're getting warmer!  
 Believe it or not, 7 people actually  
 knew the correct answer, which is  
 "behind the Proudfit cornerstone."  
 (It's the Science Center, dummy!)

Before RPI frat party



After RPI frat party



Thank you, Judy!

IV 1) We asked for a free body  
 diagram of a Sagie. Most of the  
 responses were unimaginative pictures  
 of female stick-figures. We got one

The Mind!



Space. The final frontier.

LUMPS problem, several "censored" diagrams, and a few bodies being irresistibly drawn towards RPI. For some inexplicable reason, someone included the following "poem" under this category:

"Poly girl, she's a Poly girl.  
OK fine, fer sure, fer sure,  
She's a Poly girl  
And there is no cure.  
Last idea to cross her mind  
Had something to do with  
Where to find  
A pair of jeans to fit  
her big fat butt,  
And where to get  
Her moustache cut."

Yes, well. At any rate, some of the more graphic responses can be found scattered throughout this issue.



Idea, good. Execution, poor.

IV 2) WHICH OF THESE EXPERIENCES IS THE MOST HORRIBLE was a multiple-choice question. The results:  
a) eating Commons "food" : 75  
(by far the most terrible).  
b) going to the infirmary : 18.  
c) reading the Polytechnic : 21  
(worse than going to the infirmary!)  
d) waiting for the Unicorn : 4  
(not so horrible).  
e) finally getting the Unicorn : 20  
(that's pretty horrible!)

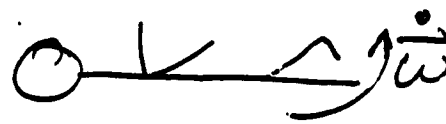
Reading the Polemic got 2 votes, all of the above got 14 votes. The lesson to be learned here is -- Stay away from the Commons, the Poly, the Unicorn, and the infirmary - in that order.



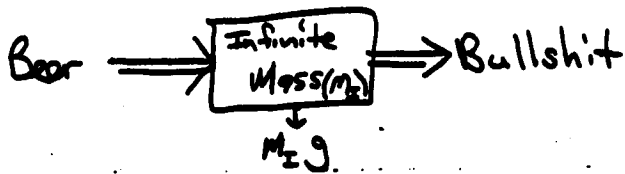
Sagie ← Pair.

Instead of flicking your bic....

IV 3) Our essay question was IS THERE LIFE AFTER 'TUTE? We got 30 "No"s and 17 "Yes"s (engineers have never been known for writing long essays!). "I hope so" got 16 votes, "Is there life at 'Tute" got 16 also, "Is there life before 'Tute" got 3. Other interesting answers were: "Fnord?"; "What's the 'Tute?" (obviously freshmen); "No, but there's insti before tute"; "No, not after LUMPS"; "Yes, money!" (that's what you think); "a banana this color )-----I"; "Life sucks. And so do Sagies" (Sorry, girls); "tuitsuit"; "Can't be sure because no one's come back"; and "If you're an engineer there is money; no life. If you're a science major there is no money but life." Finally, one student had this sad story to tell: "Yes. I personally know at least one person who has left the 'Tute for several minutes after graduation, and he reported a strange and wonderful world that he found himself transported into. He was, however, quickly brought back to graduate school to tell of his experience." We can only pity the poor soul.



Dynamics of a continuous deformable medium.



Not quite sure what this one means.

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Sit down. Remain calm. Prepare yourself. You are about to witness an historic event. Ready?

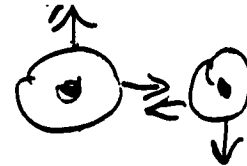
**WE ADMIT IT!!!**

Yes, we admit to showing up at the activities fair, wearing disguises, and handing out 225 sheets of paper which happened to contain opinion polls. The rest is YOUR fault.

We take no responsibility for the demented minds of our pollees, despite the fact that we probably helped them get that way. As usual all contributions become the property of the Troy Sanitation Department. (OK, so we read them first this time. Details...) And no, we will NOT respond to your responding to our responses of your responses. Kabish?? Kabish!!

IV 4) The question was DESCRIBE THE POLEMIC IN ONE WORD OR LESS. We got a lot of words. Like: Entertaining. Amusing. Yes (3). Vapid. Radical (2?). Trash (3). Uh? Chrintoid. Ha! Nasal. Different. OK! Unfortunate. Cimelop (2). Nausiating. Emetic. Orgasmic. Cosmic. Incandescent. Great (4). Why bother (nope, that ain't one word). Drivel. Vacuum at absolute zero (not one word either). Polemic (13 - the most popular response).

One person came up with this illuminating description: Polemic-like. The definitive answer, however, has got to be "less" (it got 12 responses) By the way, good comments outdid bad 2 - 1. So there.



An equal and opposite reaction?

Finally, we left some room for snide comments at the end of the poll. We got surprisingly few. Popular was "Snide Comments" (3). Included in two different polls was the joke: "What's the difference between a hot air balloon and a Sagie? Not everyone's been in a hot air balloon." (Sorry, girls). Also written were: "Please saw off my legs, all three?"; "Don't give me that; you snotty-faced heap of parrot droppings" (stolen!); "What a good idea to rip off the public" (we resemble that remark!); "No, I don't want a prescription"; and, finally **SNIDE comment, comment**

Thus ends our tabulation. After reading through this we decided, and we think you'll agree, that RPI's motto should be the following: RPI: Where Intelligence Breeds Insanity.