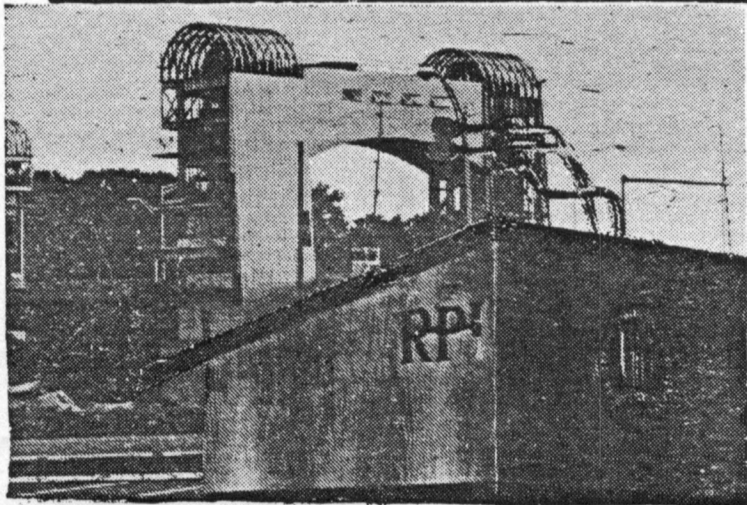


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THE TROY-GREEN ISLAND BRIDGE was the principal speaker at this year's graduation. This bridge was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

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.

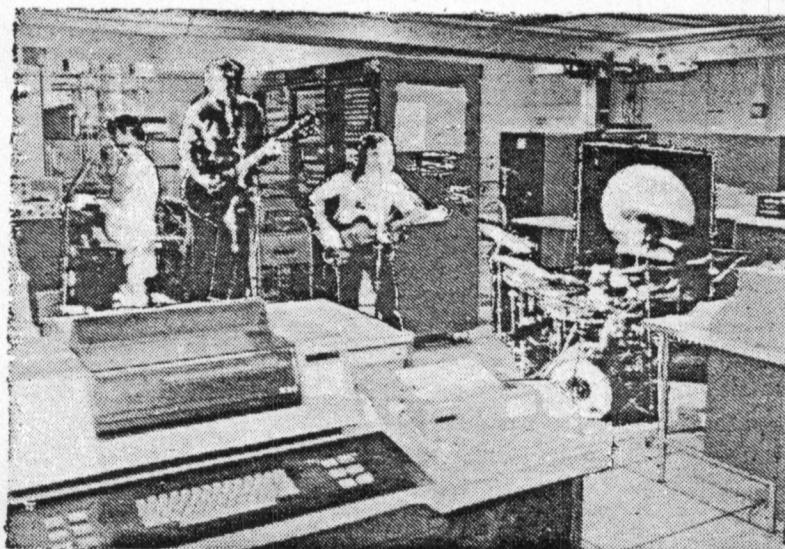
The bridge started its speech by thanking those responsible for its restoration. Then it segued into a full-scale argument for the renewal of the waterfront area, with special emphasis on flood control. Finally, the bridge rejoiced in the reuniting of Troy and Green Island, expounding on the "Together 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.

Governor moves to Sage

UPS In a surprise political move this week, Governor Hugh Carey moved his place of residence from his mansion in Albany to Slocum Hall at Russell Sage College. "With all the problems in today's state government, I was spending altogether too much time on my feet," Carey explained. "I look forward to spending the next few weeks flat on my back."

Carey's new dorm-mates seem excited to have such a celebrity share their abode. "I look forward to getting to know the Governor on a much deeper basis," one of them is quoted as saying. "I hope he will teach me the ins and outs of politics." Since arriving, Carey has been unavailable for comment, but word has it that he has already begun to sink his teeth into life at Sage.



'805' BROUGHT THEIR VERSION of power pop to the JEC last Sunday night

Housing trends shift to Rathskeller living

Due to last year's increase in tuition, room, and board here at R.P.I., many students have been faced with a housing problem. Unable to afford to live in the dorms, they have been flocking like lambs to the slaughter into the streets of Troy. Many have acquired living space sharing rooms at Russell Sage College, others have found air-conditioned homes in the Price Chopper frozen food racks, but a larger number have found refuge closer to home, in the Rath.

"It has everything a home needs," said one occupant, "All the Freihofer's and 'za you can eat, free movies every Sunday, and Molson on tap. We're even talking to Housing about mattresses for the tables and spraying to cut down on the roachclip problem." And with Mother's and Father's so nearby, the residents say they feel right at home.

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Shakespeare directs Players

Resurrection is usual only in D & I games on campus. Surprise! The R.P.I. Players have managed to come up with the most famous resurrection in history: none other than the Bard himself, W. Shakespeare. Unfortunately, they have not been able to make him answer many pressing questions about his sonnets and plays; he apparently showed up only to direct the latest Players' production of Twelfth Night.

No one has determined yet precisely why the Bard showed up at the R.P.I. Players' production as opposed to any other. The Central Park version of The Tempest was far more in need of his help, according to the critics. However many people suspected his purpose after they discovered the new renovation plan will convert the 15th Street Lounge into an exact replica of the Globe Theatre. This writer would advise you to take it as you like it.

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NO GOOD REASON TO BE BACK IN TROY

After two weeks of school, everyone is finally getting in the swing of things. The add-drop game is over, old friends have been contacted, new friendships have started. Despite all the hassles of the 'Tute screw, it is safe to say most of us are glad to be back at R.P.I. Troy, however, is another matter. Troy offers surprisingly little to R.P.I., and therefore should be eliminated. Of course, certain elements of Troy should be salvaged. Russell Sage College, the Cream Machine, and possibly the Atrium deserve to remain in existence, but here at R.P.I., where "imagination can achieve the impossible," we should take it upon itself to erase this blot from the surroundings of dear old R.P.I.

Fair is fair

If you are an upperclassman, by now you are well familiar (actually, more likely too familiar) with that simply marvelous piece of mechanical engineering: the 'Tute Screw. If not, you have by now begun to feel the first symptomatic pinches of it. In any case, a new or experienced victim is most likely to notice a large increase in the 'Tute screw per year ratio.

The Pole, naturally, was as curious as its readers to discover the reason for this. Naturally, as the investigative types we are, we were successful. The Pole regrets announcing that because we are now paying 20% more for tuition, R.P.I. has decided to give us 30% more screw for our money. Enjoy!

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Knitting Tour

Following is a recount of the recent Master's Knitting Competition finals. You might want to play through this tourney yourself, although I would not recommend it for the novice.

A side note: there were originally three competitors, but Myrtle Poker was disqualified after being caught with a rocheting hook.

Tan Wool (June Thayer)	vs.	Grey Wool (Pearl Too)
Cast on 1-10		Cast on 1-15
Knit 1		Knit 1
Knit 3		Knit 2
Knit 5		Knit 3
Knit 7		Knit 4
Knit 9 (Tan gets upset)		Knit 5
Purl 2 (Grey captures half a skein here)		Purl 1
Purl 4		Knit 6; check.
Knit 11 (too late!)		Knit 11; mate.

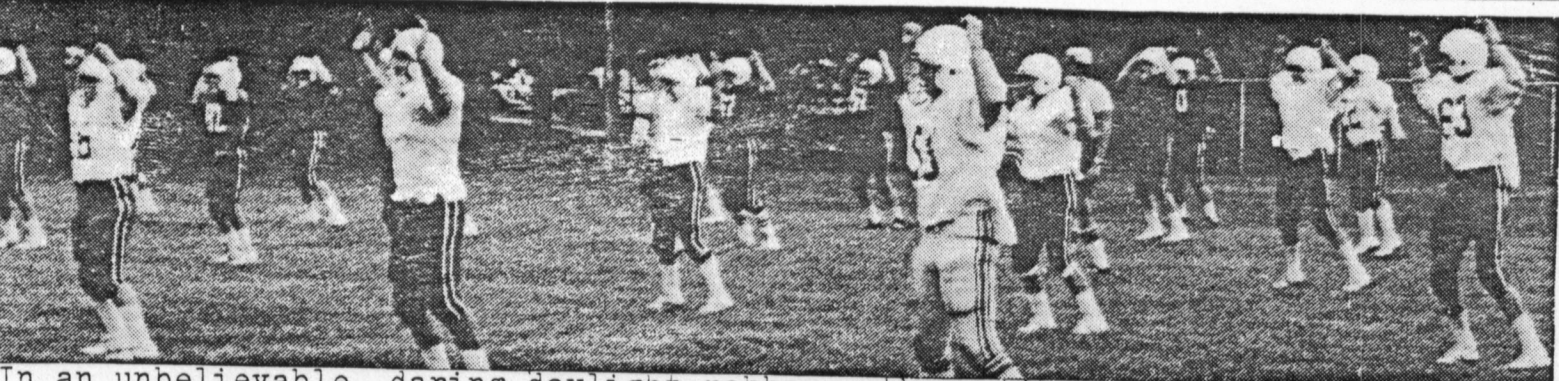
Tan broke her needles in a severe loss of temper. Her opponent called after her, "Where there's a wool, Thayer's away!"

Cadets try to regain Pitts

In the last issue of the Polemic it was reported that George Low, president of the Institute, had taken over the Pittsburgh Building in protest of the Student Life Action Movement (SLAM). Well, he's still there.

The most recent effort to dislodge the president occurred last weekend, when the coast guard cadets stormed the building in a drunken melee after the football game Saturday. However, Mr. Low defended his position valiantly and successfully by throwing Undergraduate Catalogs out of the second floor windows at the cadets, all the while shouting, "You stay off this property, or I'll have 'em throw the book at you!"

As reported by a very sore cadet the next morning, Low was last heard yelling, "Today the Pitts, tomorrow the World!", but since the world is the pits that doesn't make sense. At any rate, the cadets left R.P.I. unsatisfied in their quest, and the Pittsburgh Building remains Low.



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.