

The Polemic

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Daka claims it can cook

Daka, in cooperation with the administration of RPI has started yet another campaign to convince the students that the substance served in the Commons and other campus dining halls is not only edible, but actually tastes good.

This campaign was a result of growing alarm on the part of school officials about the students' attitude towards the food service company. A subcommittee, appointed by the administration last May, is still at work on this seemingly impossible task. It seems that no idea that has been brought before the committee has been agreed on. The most popular idea so far has been along the lines of changing the Daka logo to one that might be more appealing. The new logo--a crossed fork and knife under a full plate of food--which was to be posted throughout the school's dining facilities, was almost passed when someone pointed out the resemblance between the new logo and the skull and crossbones found on bottles of such poisonous liquids as strychnine and Drano.

We at the Polemic wholeheartedly support this attempt at brainwa...er... trying to redirect the students from thinking about what they are digesting.

spirit attacks Quad

Last week several dorms in the Quad were attacked by an unidentified ghost. The spirit has hit White 2 and 3, Buck, Purdee, Cooper, and Hunt 2, so far, rattling windows, keeping students awake at night, pulling fire alarms and even penning people in on occasion. Quad residents are up in arms over the matter, but so far housing has been unable to cope with the problem. It has been noted that none of the Church dormitories have been spooked yet, and a suggestion is pending to name all of the Quad Church, from Church 1 to Church 18. However, Housing is not too hopeful; after exorcising all the normal methods of exorcism, it seems housing has given up the ghost.

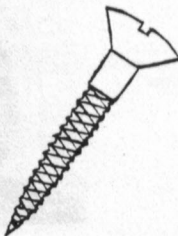


Would You Buy
A Used P.A.C.
From This Man?

F-TEST ANSWERS (from last issue)

- 1a) 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) see diagram at right
- b) The answer is intuitively obvious to even the most casual observer.
- c) 452.4 units²



Reagan plans for end of students

President Reagan declared at a press conference this week that the next step in his educational budget cut program will be the elimination of the student body. "One of our biggest budget problems is the large number of tax dollars which must be set aside for student loans," Reagan said. "Without students, the government will have that much more to spend".

When asked how positions which have traditionally been filled by recent college graduates will be filled, the President responded that the campus faculties will now be entering the work force. "The companies will be getting more experienced and better qualified workers for the same wages".

Rumors have it that the President is prepared with a further step should he fall behind in the Election '84 polls. He plans to expand upon his highly popular tax cut program with the elimination of all school taxes by abolishing the elementary and secondary school systems.

When confronted with the point that America, under this program, would eventually become a country of senile workers and illiterate unemployed, Reagan stated that in his experience, he has found illiteracy and senility to be definite positive qualities.



Want A Date?



wheels run away

The Rensselaer Union van was stolen weekend before last by an unidentified group of students. It was then entered in SAE's road rallye. The van was found several hours later by RPI security, overturned on Lower Renwyck field. Several suspects were questioned and released. PU Bill Sanclemente was quoted as saying, "Uh...well...it was about shot, anyway..."

Hockey line members hit in keg throwing incident

Early Saturday morning, members of the Hockey Line were victims of a keg throwing attack. One suspect was apprehended after the incident by R.P.I. Security.

Security reports that no injuries were sustained because of the incident, although one Hockey Liner was hit in the head. There was however some property damage as several sleeping bags were stained by leaking kegs.

The suspect, a member of the Kappa Epsilon Gamma Fraternity, is being held at the Dean of Students Office pending action by the I.F.C. The student is most concerned for the fraternity's reputation, says Assistant Dean of Students Susie Kantmanage. Said the suspect, "I wouldn't want people to think we give away beer all the time."

"We aren't taking things lightly," said Jim Cookandski, a member of "Acquaintances", the first group on line. "Throwing half empty kegs of stale Genesee was really in poor taste," Jim remarked angrily. "The least they could have done was thrown Molson."

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'Tute got you down? The Pole prescription is for you. To prescribe to the Pole, write for details.

You want to contact us? Really? If you really want to, you can reach us by writing thru Myron-mail to Polemic. Or by intercampus mail to: Polemic, 202 Wiltsie House, RPI, Troy, NY, 12181. Or come to Wiltsie and see us. Or, don't.

WARNING: LARK'S VOMIT!!!

USA?

It has recently come to the attention of the Pole staff that there are absolutely no organisations dedicated to the large Ukrainian population on campus. To remedy this situation, the Polemic is in the midst of a feasibility study which will include the following proposals:

- 1) The establishment of a Ukrainian Students Alliance (USA) to be headquartered in an obscure, hard-to-find campus facility called the Ukrainian Cultural Center (UCC).
- 2) The establishment of a professional organisation for Ukrainian engineers to be called the Society of Ukrainian Engineers (SUE).
- 3) The holding of a Ukrainian cultural weekend, to acquaint R.P.I. students with Ukrainian artwork, folk dances, food, and traditions. This proposal is on the agenda for the next Senate meeting. If you support this proposal, show up at the meeting and lend your support, or write to us here at the Pole. Give the Ukrainians on campus a chance!

bells

Does anyone remember the chimes in the Union? They used to ring out hourly until three years ago, when they took ill. Finally, they were supposedly repaired in mid-September, and sounded their clear voices for three whole days before they broke again. We at the Pole feel that the chimes brought a sense of dignity to the campus. If they can't be fixed responsibly, then we should consider replacing them. How about glasses filled with water to different levels? Or perhaps tuned bottlecaps?



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sports



Icers practice standing



"YOU HAVE TO STAND before you can skate," as icers went through conditioning drills.

Paul Sinscent, one of the new coaches of the hockey team, has brought some revolutionary new practices to R.P.I. hockey. One of these is standing upright. He explains that by standing up and skating up and down the ice instead of crawling on their knees, which has long been the tactic of the Engineers, the team will move faster, hit harder, and may even be able to take shots on goal.

The practice of this skill has been rigorous, as many of the players have never stood on skates before. "We're really making progress though," says Sinscent. "Some of the players can actually get from one goal to the other before crashing into the boards." The training has taken its toll on the players, however. Said one aching Engineer, "Usually we're Big Red, but this year we're Black and Blue."

spirit loses

In a dramatic battle between Quad residents and the ghost that has been attacking the Quad, the spirit was captured by 7 students dressed in flowing robes, who pinned the ghost under a huge cross. Upon interrogation by his captors, the spirit revealed himself as the ghost of Quad parties past. It seems that the idea of restricted Quad parties with less consumption of spirits haunted him so much that he felt he had to do something about it. Now that he's been captured, he says he will no longer bother Quad residents, but he does hope everyone gets in the spirit to resume Quad parties as they used to be.

Q: What sort of person joins the Poly?



A:

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