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After the tremendous response to the ad in the last issue of the Pole, GM Pete Travelogue and PU Bill Sansgrunt unveiled the next step, the "No-Rensselaer 2000 Plan", which calls for the abolition of the entire Institute by the year 2000.

Institute to acquire Troy

In a surprise move last Friday, officials of the Bursar's Office announced plans to annex the City of Troy. This plan, offered as "the logical outgrowth of our plans for P.S. 14 and the North Greenbush Technological Center," would create a much-needed increase in the amount of space available to the Institute. Although definite plans have not yet been formulated, it is theorized that the new land could be used for a classroom facility, for office space, for a dorm, or even as an athletic field, or for a pool or for a performing arts center.

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food service

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fertilizer process

Dāka has recently added a new step in their "evolution of food" process. The final remains of meals served during the semester are being used as fertilizer.

This step follows the ever-popular primary meals. First, the "food" is served as an entree. The leftovers are then ground up and deep fried into the famous meat(?) pucks. The process continues with the secondary meals. The refuse is solidified with gelatin and placed into the stew of the day. The stew is watered down into the soup of the day. This is dehydrated and either mixed into the "tuna surprise", ground into hamburger, or placed on a cracker and called "chicken on a biscuit." Have you ever wondered about the renowned Dāka meatloaf and chocolate pudding? Yes, these are the tertiary meals, and until now have been the final resting place of the over two month old "food".

But now Dāka has discovered a further step. The mulched final product has been found to possess more fertilizing power than cow manure. "The thing that started us thinking of it as a replacement for manure was the smell," says Dāka president Pete O'Maine. "We've found that it contains many of the same substances, but in much higher concentrations."

The food service has filed for a patent on the process and expects it to come through any day now. When people say that Dāka serves s--t, now they'll be right!

Last Wednesday, we at the Pole had an idea as yet unseen in R.P.I. publications-- a public opinion poll. We wanted to find out what Joe Q. Student really thinks about some question relevant to R.P.I. Unfortunately, we couldn't decide on a question, so we decided to consult our public on this matter. This was our question: "If you were going to do a public opinion poll, what would you ask?"

The first place we hit was RAHP. The unusual thing we found at RAHP was that the people there are very trusting; more than a third of them shouted "come on!" without knowing who it was. Not only are they trusting, but also some of them aren't too swift. Out of 23 responses, there were 8 answers like, "What will I ask? Oh gosh..." and, "I don't know."

Other answers were: "Are you guys serious?" (We got many of these); "I couldn't do public opinions."; "Have you had sex with a cow recently?" (Well, looking at the girls on Davison II...); "How many loads of laundry do you do in one night?" (Yes, she was doing her laundry); "How many times do you let the phone ring before you answer it?"; "Would you like to see more girls on campus?" (Boy, is that a stupid question!); and, "What's your favorite Rock artist?" from the Domino's Pizza delivery man, who incidently was carrying more than \$10 with him at the time.

We only got six answers at BARH, including: "Why are you here?"; "Why are you here?"; and "How many pairs of underwear do you have?" We also got our own question back once.

At Crockett we got 14 answers. Among them: "How long?" (We're not going to touch this one!); "Why a crow?" (Our answer: y); "What do you think of Derek visiting R.P.I.?" ("Ten" was on that night); and, "Ask her first, let her think about it." There were significantly less "I don't know"s here, and in all the frosh dorms, than there were in RAHP.

Among the 14 responses in Bray were: "Do you believe in premarital sex?"; "That's cute."; and, "Do you believe that Reagan's promises of socio-economic status in 1984 will be similar to the attitudes and feelings of mid-century Rome?"

In Cary we got 19 responses. Some of the serious were: "Should we continue to develop nuclear weapons?"; "Does R.P.I. make alcoholics out of people?"; and, "Why does R.P.I. have shitty food?"

to this). Among the ridiculous: "Wow...wow ...that is a good question."; "Are you serious?" (again); "Where are the white women at?" (Sorry, B.S.A.); and, "Beats the living shit out of me!" (This particular girl we found in front of Cary 222; she kept mumbling about F=ma as being "All you need to know" (There was an F-Test the next morning) and pulling vs. pushing mops).

Among the 72 responses we solicited, this was our favorite: "What are you talking about? Out of the way!" However, we feel that we must answer the demands of our public, so our next poll will ask the most popular response from this poll. Our public's favorite? "If you were going to do a public opinion poll, what would you ask?"

Speaker attacks WRPI

Studio A of WRPI was taken over for an hour last Wednesday by one of the Advent monitors. The speaker demanded broadcast time. During its broadcast, the monitor said that it was "sick and tired of having to play all that weird stuff that gets sent out over the air here." It went on to complain about certain pieces of "music" that it was continually having to play, and expressed contempt for the station's format. "And no one even listens to all the things I have to suffer through," said the monitor. The station staff managed to overcome the speaker after an hour when the monitor admitted that no one would have heard its plea for help anyway.

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IFC holds hazing seminar

As long as there have been fraternities, there have been initiation rituals. In days gone by, these rituals included ordeals pledges had to go through, for their own good, they were told. In these modern times, however, such hazing is frowned upon and is even illegal. But the old days are coming back, and hazing is being revived.

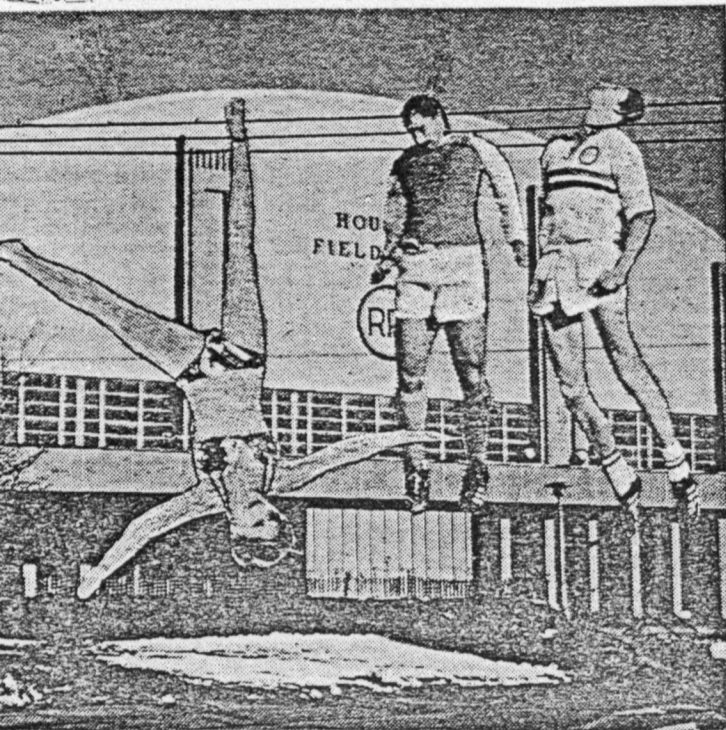
The first step in this process occurred last week, when the IFC invited Dave Westhall to speak on the do's and don't's of hazing. Westhall, a brother of the Cheta.Thi fraternity, has had much experience with hazing at his Alma Mater, Michigan State University, and has been captured at many universities on the subject of public disapproval of hazing. In the words of IFC President Ed Hurt, "Westhall knows the whole problem from all angles, from the outside as well as from the inside."

Specific topics discussed at the seminar were: Paddling pledges while leaving no marks; Keeping pledges awake all night using shifts of brothers to harrass them; Creative calisthenics; How to publicly embarrass your pledges; Methods of psychological warfare; and other methods of showing brotherly affection.

While the fraternities seemed receptive of Westhall, some seemed disappointed with the lecture. "I think that everything Westhall suggested, we already do," stated a sophomore brother of Cheta Thi, Robert Massacre.

Many hope that this is the start of a new trend for R.P.I. fraternities. "Hazing is something fraternities can do together; it's a unifying thing," remarked Dean of Students Carl Westerhall. More such seminars are being planned right now. The next one: The Fine Art of Beer Chugging.

PRANK OF THE WEEK



Apparently some fans were hung up about the soccer team's unvictorious season, for this was the sight that greeted Sunday morning churchgoers in front of the Fieldhouse on November 1. The two soccer players and one cheerleader were surprisingly unhurt in this bizarre practical joke, but they did report that they felt a bit hung over.

Institute..

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The plan is similar to that used in the Armory annexation: a swap, in the best interest of both parties. Until a new Troy can be built, however, the population will be housed in a series of specially designed relocation camps, offering the best in mass accommodations.

However, sources close to President Low suggest that this takeover is just one more step towards the final completion of his Rensselaer 2000 campaign. In fact, by the end of the century he plans to control all of New York State. Even so, this is only one facet of his vision for an ever-expanding learning environment.

In our Leader's own words, "Efan as through mein own struggles, ve will establish a unifersity zhat vill last fur ein Tausend Years!"

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rite gud?

In recent issues, the editors of the Polytechnic have been preaching at us to have more "school spirit." We at the Polemic applaud this campaign, but we doubt the sincerity of the Poly's editors. We ask our readers--how much school pride can anyone have if they do not take the trouble to learn how to spell the name of the school correctly? Well, here is the evidence, unedited, from the hockey supplement in the Poly:

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There's definitely nothing else like it at R

Rensselear ho

We assume the editorial staff of the Poly can spell. Proofreading could hardly have failed to pick up three glaring errors in headlines. So we cannot help but assume that the Poly staff simply does not care.

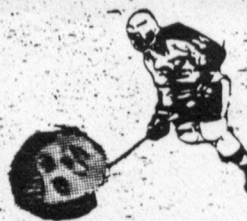
Voters rewarded

Recently I read in the Poly that free beer mugs will be distributed to all those who vote during GM Week. PU Bill Spamscrainte claims, "We need to foster and encourage student participation in the election process," and while this may be true I somehow doubt that the gift of a cheap plastic thin-walled "mug" will motivate students. The way to go is to give out high quality gifts. Door prizes for voters is just one idea. How about the usual bank approach? Award a calculator to anyone who casts over 50 votes. Better yet, why not sidestep the entire gift idea entirely and give out cash to the voters instead; say \$10 per vote. I know my vote is worth it.



Vicki, did you say you wanted a date?

sports



RR ambulance on ice



Rensselaer Rescue's ambulance has experienced total transmission failure and cannot move. Unfortunately, this happened while the ambulance was on the Fieldhouse floor to pick up an injured hockey player. Health services not only cannot pay for repairs, but also it cannot afford to have the vehicle towed from the ice. Dr. Pahl has attempted to get the A-board to provide funds, without effect.

The current plan is to let the ambulance remain in place until the Fieldhouse renovations are started, at which time the construction crew will be forced to move it. Until then, the hockey team expects that the ambulance will provide a great home ice advantage.

finals

Below is the official exam schedule for Fall 1981. Conflicts in examinations should be reported to instructors involved.

Physics

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| 0781010 | Natural Science I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 0781100 | Physics I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 0781280 | Physics II Special | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 0781300 | Physics III | Wednesday, p.m. |

Architecture

| Course Number | Course Title | Exam Time |
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| 101310 | Fund Arch Techs I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 102010 | Survey Arch History | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 102320 | Structures Tech I | Wednesday, p.m. |

Chemistry

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| 721120 | Chemistry I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 722130 | Analytical Chemistry I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 722210 | Organic Chemistry I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 722250 | Intro Organic Chem I | Wednesday, p.m. |

Mathematics

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| 651100 | Mathematics I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 651300 | Mathematics III | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 652400 | Intro Diff Equations | Wednesday, p.m. |

General Engineering

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| 201020 | Dynamics | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 201140 | Computing Fund. Engr. I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 202050 | Mechanics I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 202060 | Mechanics II | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 202100 | Thermodynamics I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 202200 | Lumped Parameter Systems | Monday, a.m. |
| 202211 | Engr Laboratory | Wednesday, p.m. |

Computer Science

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| 661131 | Computing Fund. Engr I | Wednesday, p.m. |
| 664050 | Int-Comp; Form Lang, Auto | Friday, p.m. |
| 664100 | Assembler Language Prog | Wednesday, p.m. |

A-Board mugs prof

"They attacked (wheez) me!", claims Dr. Harry Meisers. This is just one example of an increasingly common incident on campus. The A-Board has been reportedly harassing "unphysically fit" professors.

Since Aerobics has been made mandatory for all students, it's been the A-Board's policy to make the faculty an example for the students, whether the faculty wants to be an example or not.

"I...I (wheez) was approaching Sage Dining Hall, when all of a sudden (wheez) they came out of nowhere and started stretching me and threatened to break my bifocals if I didn't (wheez) run." The

A-Board then reportedly chased Dr. Meisers onto the '86 Field.

"We literally make them run for their lives", said Yolinda Coldsore, chairman of the A-Board. "We have to teach those commie computer knurds to take care of their bodies, and we don't want some decrepit old professor stumbling around campus, setting a bad example."

Since the A-Board plans to continue its muggings, the faculty is taking countermeasures. Many professors are now carrying police whistles and are demanding that the union change its athletic policies.