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Navy captures Moon

UPS The U.S. Navy, plagued by poor retention rates, has captured the Reverend Sun Myung Moon so that he can employ his techniques for keeping people in the Navy. The Navy had tried to recruit Moon in the past, but recruiters local to Moon's area had been consistently unsuccessful; in fact, five officers, including a full Commander, have resigned from the Navy to join the Unification Church since trying to recruit the Reverend.

According to Captain George C. Hugo, NROTC Commander at RPI, several RPI students participated in the abduction of Moon, which almost had to be cancelled due to engine failure on the helicopters being used to capture Moon at his estate in Tarrytown, NY. "The fighting was fierce! The Moonies kept coming, wave after wave, and we would just mow them down. The bazookas worked well, but the napalm was best. It was terrific!" said one Marine Option student enthusiastically. He continued, "I can't wait for the next SLAM rally!" Despite such commentary, things did not go all well for the Navy forces, which ran two ships aground on the reverend Moon's estate, and lost 76 men in the melee.

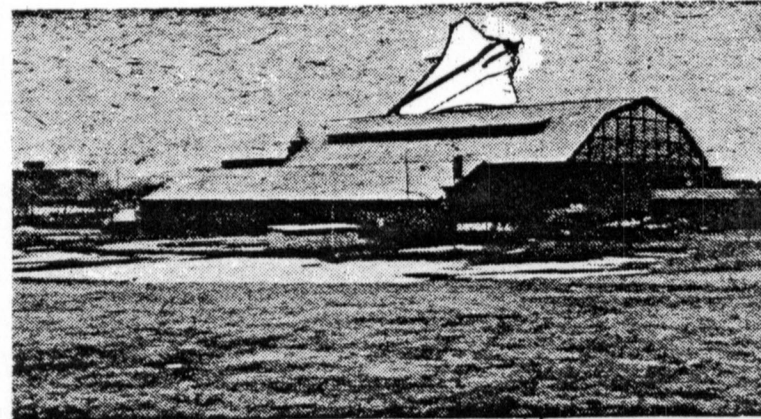
There is considerable concern, however, whether Moon will cooperate with the Navel authorities now that he has been captured. That concern, however, appears to be unfounded, as Moon is hard at work using his methods on the Navy enlisted men. Given the raw material he has, he reportedly expects to have the entire service converted to zombies by 1984.

Students petition to 'charge Low'

In opposition to the administration in general, not to mention its plans to spend extravagant sums of money to defoliate the Quad hillside, thousands of students and many others have signed a petition calling to "Charge Low". The petition was presented to the administration recently by members of the Silly Little Up-rising Movement (SLUM), and contained well over 75,000 names, amazingly more than the entire population of Troy. The administration was understandably suspicious.

The petition calls for a multi-point plan to improve the situation on campus, all along the general lines of "Charge Low". Among them:

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Last Sunday, due to inclement weather at White Sands, the Space Shuttle Columbia was forced to land in North Lot. In doing so, one of the wings was ripped off the E-Dorms, but nobody noticed. The E-Dorms will now be known as the F-Dorms.

Dishonesty policy found ineffective

The RPI Administration has announced a change in its policy, which will effect the procedures it uses in dealing with the student body. The predominant aspect of this change is in the gradual elimination of their Dishonesty Policy, in which information given students will, by the target date of 1985, be 75% honest. Currently, only 5-10% of this information is true.

According to an Administration spokesman, over 75% of the presently disseminated information is extremely optimistic prediction, and the Administration refuses to be held to those figures when they are impossible to meet. He refused to say in exactly which areas the new "Honesty Policy" will be enacted, but did indicate that there were some areas which would intentionally be left unaffected.

This change in procedure is directly resultant from the large amount of protest put forth by the student body over recent administrative decisions, in an attempt to prevent full-fledged rioting. When asked why they would withhold information and deceive students in the first place, the spokesman commented, "We want to calm the students; we know what's best for them. Besides, too much honesty can be very harmful. For instance, what do you think students would do if we told them where we're really going to put the NYSCII, or what Daka really uses to prepare its meals?"



Dog ravages student

Although long suspected of illicit activities, the RPI Care Dog has finally been caught in its nefarious deeds. As shown above, the evilly grinning mongrel recently attacked an RPI student with a huge question mark, beating him into moronic submission, and then taking advantage of him. As might be expected, the beast favored "doggie style". Having had its way with the student, the dog loped off, wagging its tail in anticipation of its next victim.

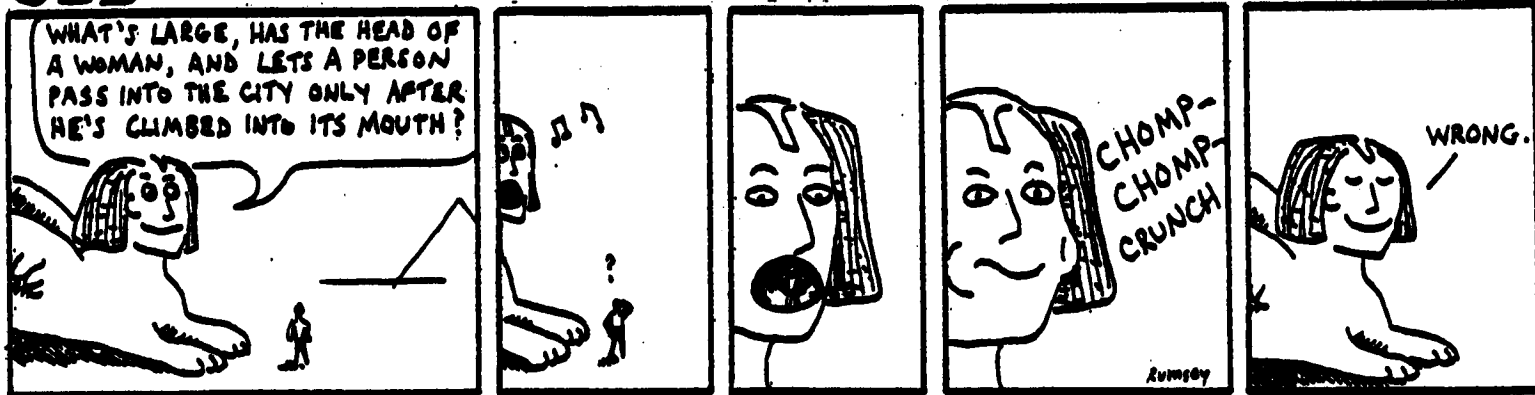
When questioned, the hapless victim could only answer, "Powff?"

The monster is now being searched for by Security, which means it will be on the loose indefinitely. So, if you happen to see anything even vaguely resembling this dog, make sure it's not an RPI coed, and then get the hell out of there.

But does it really "care?" Of course . . . for tasty young men with able countenances!

HOBIN IS COMING.
So's Brad

The Answer is 42.



Palsynomics

As you probably already know, your medical fee is going to increase dramatically next year. When asked for the rationale behind this increase, Dr. Joseph Palsy cited the following reasons:

- 1) Customization of the new Health Services Van. This is to include AM/FM stereo, tinted glass windows, mag wheels, and a sunroof. Said Palsy, "I've always wanted one of those."
- 2) Increased airfare to the Carribean Islands. Palsy commented, "The yearly convention of physicians from technical colleges who name their infirmaries after someone whose name starts with "J" is held there. When told that "Gallagher" in fact starts with a "G", Palsy said that he and physician's assistant Pricked Fanny would look into it. Palsy also stated, "I don't really want to go, but it's my duty to RPI, God, and country."
- 3) A mirrored ceiling is needed for the gynecological exam room.
- 4) Increased bribe demands from the New York State Health Commission to allow the Infirmary to remain open. Said Palsy, "If we don't remain open, I can't go to the convention."
- 5) Increased research grants to the Biology department. Fanny stated, "They really do fascinating stuff. Yesterday they hooked Joe and me to a machine. Then they gave us lolly-pops."

When asked what the Moronical Advisory Committee would have to say about this, committee chairman Neil Infavor said, "I don't know. Dr. Palsy hasn't told us what to say yet."

In a related story, Dr. Jane Kornfritterz of the biology department announced the results of research studies

'Charge Low'...

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1) Charge Low tuition: REALLY LOW \$9.95/semester was suggested, but the administration cited legal problems with using such a common price, and suggested \$9,950.00.

2) Charge it to Low: The ultimate in financial aid. The administration: "His charge plate would wear out- can't do it..."

3) Charge Low (Head On): To resolve frustration with the Tute Screw, President Low would be available to be tackled. Only acceptable to the administration if the students purchase the football pads.

4) Charge this place Low: To save money and electricity, lower the charge used in all academic buildings. Recent experiments by Niagara-Mohawk have proven this to be feasible.

5) Give Low A Charge: The President would become open game for anyone armed with a Physics Lab transformer. The administration requested a humane limit of 10,000 volts.

6) Arrest and Charge Low: Random frame-ups allowed. The administration claimed they would allow this only if APO would guarantee to bail the President out.

Other minor points were included in the petition, all of which brought silly comments from the administration. Meanwhile, a spokesman for SLUM said the drive to gather signatures would continue, despite the fact that they would be ignored.

conducted at the Gallagher Infirmary. She stated, "We didn't think it was possible, but we found that brainless life does indeed exist." Palsy and Fanny had no comment.

Sage, Field House, Lounge star in new revue

WE the Wee Theatre has announced its first show of the fall semester. It is an original musical variety revue which will star the Russell Sage Laboratory, the Field House, and the 15th Street Lounge.

Entitled "All This and Physics II", the show will feature the buildings singing, dancing, and crumbling their way into the public's hearts. Featured will be pieces from the Broadway musicals Sweeney Low: The Demon President of Tibbitts Ave.; Peteymania (The rise and fall of the Travesty Empire); A Bore-us Line (The songs of Halliday & Pesnick); O Chemistry! (The life of Stanley Bunce); Something's Ameter; Hello Poly; Annie Get Your Ton (RPI women); Cadavaret (The bio-med department); The Phys; The Sound of Meiners; Billy Scrunt, Superstar (An autobiography); Bye Bye Knurdie; Man of La Myron (The lament of the Comp. Sci's); and The Best Little Whorehouse in Troy (co-written by Russell Sage students).

A special guest will be West Hall, which will sing a heart-wrenching rendition of "Slip Sliding Away." The finale will consist of the buildings

dancing The Nutcracker, which will be dedicated to Martin F. Looney.

The prospect of all the money taken in by the revue being used to renovate the buildings has met with considerable praise from students. Said one student, "It's about time they started paying their own way."

quite-a-quote

"AFRR RSLNP"

- QFRR TSETMPSFELN

Caption Contest

When one of our crack Pole photographers snapped this priceless shot (✓), we were overwhelmed by the number of caption suggestions that we received from our staff members. We were so

overwhelmed, in fact, that we've decided to allow our readers to give us their suggestions. (Now that's overwhelmed!) If your response is chosen as the definitive caption, it will be printed below this picture in the next issue of the Pole, and you'll receive a Polemic prescription for the rest of the entire semester. (You lucky person!) Entries should be sent to: The Polemic, 202 Wiltsie House. (Order before midnight tonight and get a free ic crusher!) Some suggestions are shown.



- "O.K. How many of you want steak?"
- "We put Right Guard under this arm..."
- "Who wants a date with Vicki?"
- "Which way is up?"

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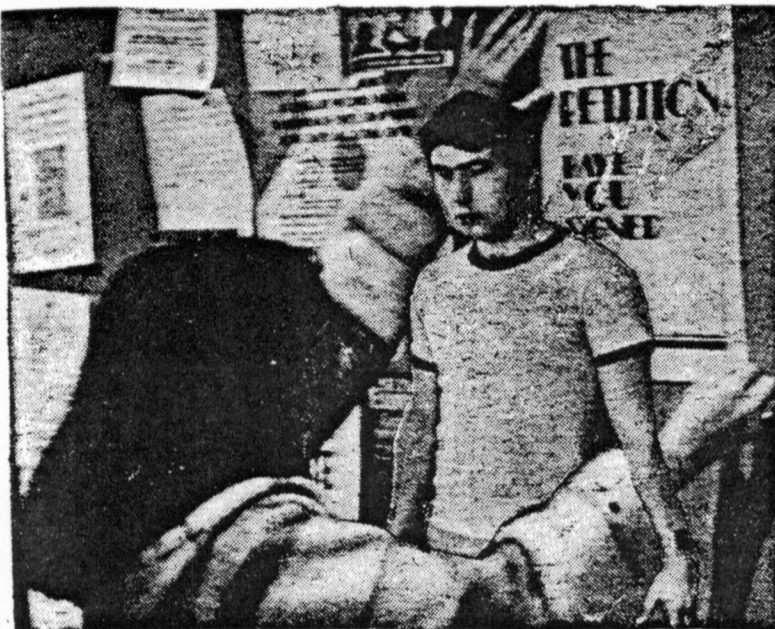
From: Gorge Leow, President, RPI
To: All University Presidents
Re: Building on campus

I recently completed an in-depth study on how to build a building on a university campus to the university's specifications with the full cooperation of the students. I have broken the process into several steps, with the underlying theme being: build the facility the way you want it, while causing the students to think they are having a say in the building process. I am now in the process of applying this method in the building of the New York State Center for Innovative Idiocy, with a high success rate so far.

The following steps, with minor modifications, will enable any university to build on campus with no student opposition whatsoever:

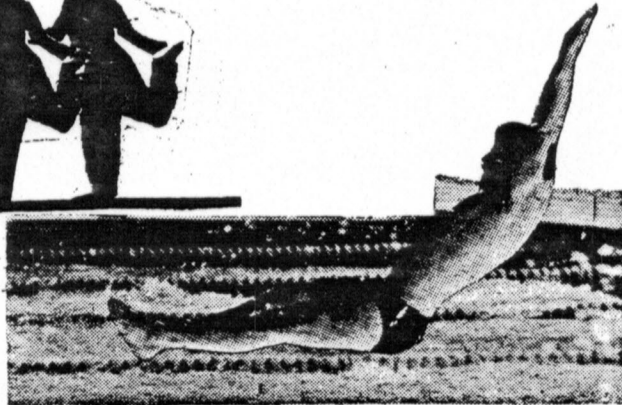
- 1) Choose a site, an architect, arrange funding, and complete all preliminary planning.
- 2) While the final plans are being arranged, meet with student government leaders to tell them --- in confidence, of course -- of your "tentative plans" for a building. This makes the student leaders feel important.
- 3) When you announce these "tentative plans", preferably over a vacation period, initiate an extensive public relations campaign, including articles in the campus newspaper, interviews, local television coverage, etc.
- 4) When announcing a site, one must be very careful. Initially, one must announce a number of possible sites; if possible they should all be worse than your chosen site.
 - a) If your chosen site is likely to be favored by the students, work closely with student leaders to narrow down the possibilities until they recommend the site you've already chosen.
 - b) If your chosen site is likely to be unpopular with the students, a good tactic I am using for the NYSCII is to publicize an even more unpopular site as the one to be used, then "compromise" on the site you've already decided on.

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Bill Sunscreen Dolls - now available in the Union Bookstore.

sports



Cereal

Sid smiled as his finger plunged downward on the "T" key. The screen flashed "TELEPORT". Sid quickly entered the final destination of his victim. Myron responded quickly, informing him that the task was complete. "I've done it!" he cried, "I must now go to find my victim..."

Meanwhile, Martha had been disappointed by the results of ACM:GET-BAID. Although none of its earlier "popped up", the program had politely informed her that even at RPI, aardvarks were not in great demand. But wait-- suddenly another message jumped up on her screen: "STAND BY..." Martha stared in amazement. "Could it be," she thought, "that finally I have fou"--WHOOOP-AARRGGHHH-SCHLURPP!!

Her terminal stood empty.

Deep in the tunnels of the Nuclear Accelerator Lab, Sid spotted what he was looking for. Off in the distance, far down the underground corridor, a figure sat waiting. He approached, bursting with anticipation at his newly captured prey. His RPI career had been building up to this, and now it was time to examine the fruits of his work.

In the dim light of the accelerator channel, he was unable to as yet get a clear view. He walked closer. And closer. And yet even closer. He came yet still closer. And finally, he came very close.

A scream of terror filled the damp air of the corridor. "Oh my God!" he shrieked, "of all I could have had! My life's work, and I get an, an AARDVARK!!! AARRGGHH!!!"

Suddenly the eerie silence was broken by the sound of awakening machinery. A dull roar, a high whir, more and more equipment sprang to life. Sid, not being a knurd or a Nuke-E, was bewildered. But Martha, being both, realized exactly what straits they were in. "The accelerator has started! There is no escape now!!!"

The RPI Swim Team & the RCC have joined forces to create a "Moses Technique of Waterwalking" class. Here, Dove Mulberry is shown warming up.

memo.

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This tactic I borrowed from the Russians, who have been using it successfully against the United States at the SALT talks.

- c) Another way to get the students to agree to your unpopular choice is to appease and divert them, say, by offering them some highly publicized tidbit while quietly sneaking your site choice past them, only to claim later when they complain, "But when we announced the site N months ago, nobody complained then!" With the NYSCII, I pulled what I consider my coup de grace: allowing the students to renovate the old broken-down campus theatre with their own money.
- 5) Finally, the most important item: construction should start on June 1. This way, the building is an accomplished fact by the time the students come back in September.
- 6) One final note: you should make sure your sources of funding are certain, so that, say, the New York State Assembly doesn't put your appropriation on hold.

ATTENTION

As per April Fool's Day tradition, we have included with this issue a hilarious parody of the Polemic, which can be found on the next page.

Assembly delays NYSCII proposal

By MARK MUELLER
Associate News Editor

Plans for the New York State Center for Industrial Innovation (NYSCII) on the Rensselaer campus have been put on hold by state lawmakers, according to an article in last Saturday's *Troy Record*. The proposal will not be included in the state budget being voted on this week, the article said. Dottie Reynolds, Director for Planning Operations, said although she hadn't read the article, "there are a lot of things still happening," and this "may not be the final word."

Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, D-Brooklyn, removed the proposal from the budget after failing to convince enough legislators to support it, the article stated, quoting Frank Mauro, Fink's director for program development. Mauro added that at least several Assembly members viewed the proposal as a "local economic development" measure, and refused to approve it without promises for similar projects in their own districts.

Mauro said Fink is still in favor of the plan, and expects the legislature to approve it in the next few months before it recesses, the article continues. "I think there will be a bill," Mauro added. "It just won't be done now."

Not final

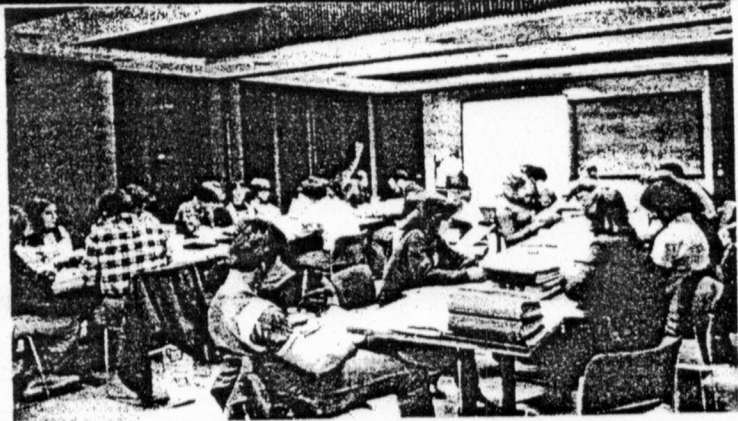
President George Low admitted although he hadn't read the article, "it's not final whether this will be in the budget or not," adding that as this week is the last for budget negotiations, it "will be a decisive week" in determining whether Rensselaer will receive state funding for the \$65 million project.

Governor Hugh Carey had proposed to give the Institute \$5 million in cash and loan the rest through the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) to finance the \$30 million in construction costs. The principal of the loan would be repaid at a rate of \$600,000 a year for 50 years. Low has promised \$35 million in equipment and support for NYSCII.

Quoting Mauro, the *Record* article said "had more been said about the center's potential for business research throughout the state, the legislation may not have run into trouble. The local newspapers ballyhooed the thing as a local economic development effort... when it wasn't," Mauro said. "This is a boon to the entire state. It can be sold that way, and should be sold that way," he added.

Charles Dumas, Senate Majority leader Warren Anderson's spokesman, said, "I don't think there's any serious opposition to it. In fact, I've heard people speak warmly of it." Ronald Tarwater, Carey's press aide refused to comment, saying "until such time as we have seen the (budget) proposal in writing... we're not going to have any reaction to it."

According to the article, Fink has other plans for financing the project. Mauro said the speaker wants the state to borrow the entire amount through the UDC. With this arrangement, the legislature would not vote on the plan as a part of the budget, but rather authorize the sale of low-interest bonds by the UDC.



THE STUDENT SENATE passed a proposal last week setting next year's activity fee at \$164.00. Included in this fee is a \$3.60 "tax" to fund a new ambulance for Rensselaer Rescue. (Photo by Blake Howell)

Senate approves Activity Fee

By TOM HARDER

In a tie vote that had to be broken by the Grand Marshal, the Student Senate set next year's activity fee at \$164.00. Much of the debate on the activity fee proposal dealt with a \$3.60 tax which would be used to fund the purchase of a new ambulance for the campus ambulance service run by Rensselaer Rescue (RR).

Other than the ambulance tax, there was little difference between the activity fee motion the Senate passed last Wednesday and the one they considered before Spring break. The base fee of \$159.00 set by the Executive Board (E-Board) for undergraduates, a 15% increase over last year's, was not changed. The graduate fee of \$111.00, as well as all class dues, also remained as they were in the earlier proposal. The only two changes were the removal of the \$.50 tax for the Independent Students Coalition (ISC), and the addition of the ambulance tax. The final vote, requiring two-thirds of the Senate for approval, was 16-6-0 - a tie vote - forcing Grand Marshal Jeff Langan to cast his, which passed the motion.

John Howard, chairman of the Senate Fiscal Policies Committee, said that his committee "met with the chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee and Rensselaer Rescue. Discussion centered around the fact that there would never be an ambulance purchased from monies obtained through the medical fee." Therefore, continued Howard, "with the anticipated benefits to students, and over 1500 signatures on a petition in favor of an ambulance tax, the Fiscal Policies Committee decided to set up a separate ambulance fund as part of the activity fee."

Some senators and several E-Board members present at the meeting questioned whether the Senate should be the group to provide funding for the ambulance. Joe Makowicz, graduate senator, commented, "I don't think it should be funded this way. This is something the Institute should pick up." Others stated that financial support for the ambulance might better be under the E-Board's jurisdiction than the Senate's. Prabodh Goel, E-Board member, said that, "The E-Board was never even presented with the concept of buying an ambulance."

Precedent

Chip Botti, President of RR, said the idea that the Senate fund the ambulance arose in discussions with the Senate, and that RR did not purposely avoid taking the matter to the E-Board. "When the idea came up, budgeting was over, (so) we thought the E-Board was out of the picture." Langan noted that "there is precedent for other capital projects, such as the Performing Arts Center, the pool, and fields" issues. "Traditionally, finding funding has always been the job of the Senate."

In the past, the ambulance has received funding from the Infirmary, but as Richard Many, Physician's Assistant at the Infirmary, explained, "The Infirmary has purchased a van for the transportation of people and specimens, which takes care of most of these problems." The Infirmary could not justify the expense of funding a campus ambulance service, so the funding was dropped. When an ambulance is needed the Infirmary makes use of local community ambulance services.

Another criticism of the ambulance is that because of its licensing it cannot provide service to any off-campus student residences. Botti stated that off-campus is not serviced but fraternities and sororities, as well as Institute-owned housing is. RR is not currently operating their present ambulance 24 hours a day, but, said Botti, "We are covering all the peak trouble periods, from four or five at night until the next morning."

Luxury

Howard remarked that the ambulance "is a luxury, and is not intended to be a cost-effective item." Langan commented, "It is difficult to put another tax on the activity fee, but I think it was justified. The service is of benefit to students and is one that students should support."

Removal of the ISC tax was carried out because of doubts of what benefits students were getting from the lobbying group. Howard said that "the Senate did it (removed the tax) because we felt the ISC was not working for us."



Sue Lasdin



Jay Nagel



Dean Roth



Joe Salo



Martin Abraham



Chris DeLise



Paul Scarbrough



Seven candidates start campaigns

By MARY A. BRIGHT

Grand Marshall Week 1982 begins April 16th, and students running for student government have begun preparations for their campaigns. Four students have indicated they will run for the office of Grand Marshall (GM) and three students have expressed their desire to run for the position of President of the Union (PU).

Major concerns of the GM candidates include increasing student involvement in student government, increased communication between the Administration and students, and focusing student government goals on the wants of the student population of Rensselaer. Jay Nagel ('83) commented, "I'd like to see more areas of student government used to a stronger capacity, an example of this is the UC (Undergraduate Council), I think a lot more could be done by this organization."

Dean Roth ('84) commented, "in the two years I've been on

the Senate, I've seen what has been done and I'd like to make the Senate more effective in accomplishing students' actions." Joe Salo ('83) remarked "the Senate should serve the students' wants more, efforts by groups like SLAM (Student Life Action Movement) should be more concentrated in student government." Sue Lasdin ('83) added "there should be a restructuring of the responsibilities of groups like the Class Councils to encourage more involvement in student government."

Displeasure

A common issue discussed by all the GM candidates concerned the New York State Center for Industrial Innovation (NYSCII). They all expressed their displeasures with the Administration's actions on the proposed building. All felt the students should have been consulted before the proposed plans had reached the advanced stage. Nagel pointed out that he