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Bookstore remakes magazines

The removal of Hustler and Penthouse magazines from the shelves of the RPI Bookstore has caused quite an uproar. Students all over the campus have been screaming that it is censorship. But reporters at the Pole have discovered the true story behind the removal. Contrary to their statements in the Poly, the bookstore did not remove the magazines so as not to offend people, but to make room for a new line of magazines, The Tute Collection.

The new line will consist of three different tabloids: Bookstore Babes, Tute T & A, and Rensselaer Raunch. They will all consist of photos shot on and around the RPI campus. Bookstore Babes and Tute T & A will consist of nude photos of all the beautiful women here at Tute. Bookstore manager Dyke McFirmitt said, "We realize we are taking a risk trying to squeeze two magazines out of such a small choice of subjects." Rensselaer Raunch will feature pairs of RPI and Russell Sage students displaying the most popular sex positions throughout campus. Depicted will be the "Cary III" (man on top), the "Nason III" (woman on top), and the "student government" (none on top).

The bookstore has asked certain publications to help them choose models. Being the resident experts on the male difference", the Unicorn will be in charge of selecting the male subjects. All prospective female models should send a resume and suggestive photograph, or apply in person to Polemic, Room 202 Iltsie House.



Drinking cures professor

In yet another indication supportive of the RPI way of life, it recently surfaced that alcoholism was the major factor in the cure of professor Callback. Callback, the coach of the basketball team at RPI, was suffering from severe depression brought on by his team's dismal performance. An independent analysis of the team concluded that the disease would be terminal. However, the moodiness, listlessness, melancholy, and severe palsy that accompanies this sometimes fatal disease was miraculously cured by a "liberal treatment" of Seagram's 7, Smirnov's, and Yukon Jack taken internally (1 glass of each every four hours, or as needed).

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Bank lacks interest

Complaints have been increasing exponentially on campus that the Marine Mudland Bank, located on the basement level of the Union, has insufficient interest in students' needs.

Evidence of the increasing dissatisfaction was presented in a "bank statement" issued by an unidentified female student. She apparently conducted an "informal survey" on campus, made a collection of the opinions she received, and presented them to the manager of the RPI branch of the bank.

"I tried to tell'er she should cheque her figures again, at which point she deposited the statement on my desk and stalked out," stated the branch manager, Ira A. Count, in a telephone interview with the Pole. Continued Count, "I really believe she has overdrawn her conclusions; the issue doesn't lend itself to hasty analysis."

Nevertheless, a Senate subcommittee was convened to audit the bank's position in the Union. Said one vocal member, "On account of this mismanagement of public relations, we'll have to decide whether the bank has a place in the Union. We'll balance the issue carefully." Dean went on to say that the incident may result in the bank's eventual withdrawal from the Union.

Compounding the confusion, some of the E-board members have expressed their desire to cash in on the bank's office space for their own pet projects at their weekly secret E-board meeting last Tuesday evening at 9:00 in Union room 214. Said one member, "Think of the savings we could generate by making a wise investment in that space! Besides, getting rid of the bank would solve the problem of long lines at the Moneymasher."

Luckily, the rest of the board bonded together and bounced that idea, and resolved to forget the entire transaction.

Meanwhile, the Institute administration presented the bank with an idea for an image change, complete with a new bank mascot and dorm discussions on student investments. The bank has made no commitment on the plan yet but says their interested.

Mid-East preferred for school site

At a meeting last Friday, the RPI administration decided to relocate the Institute elsewhere, in order to diminish the problems of lack of space for fields, pools, PAC's, and more new technology centers. After sifting through many possibilities for a new school site, the Middle East was overwhelmingly agreed upon as the most likely general location.

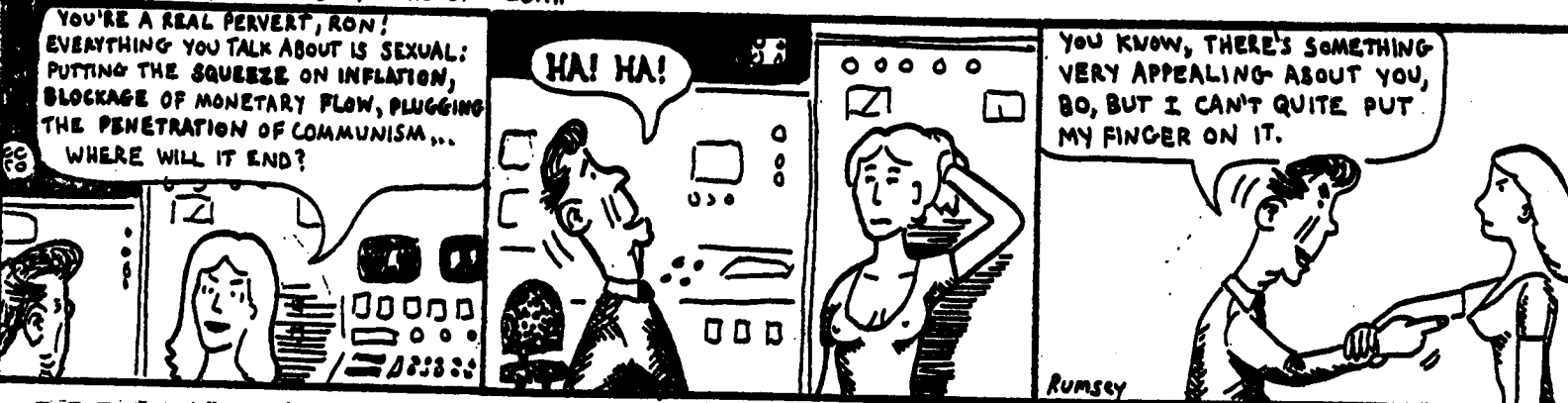
The exact location will probably be Tehran, Iran. When asked the reasons behind this choice, an upper echelon administrator replied that "the primary reason is it being the area with the most active and highly motivated students."

Another administrator added that the new location would be decidedly cost-effective. To clarify this, he explained that due to the average income of families of local oil sheiks, there would be no need for financial aid and no complaints about any subsequent raise in tuition.

The secondary site possibility is Cambridge, Massachusetts. This location has been frowned upon by most of the administrators, primarily because they find the very thought of constructing a quality technological institute in Cambridge laughable.



Would you buy a used Unicorn from this man?



WRPI zaps W2SZ

In retaliation for W2SZ's (known as "Zed") jamming of WRPI's signal, the student radio station stopped Zed's "fascist radio vacuum cleaner" short by grounding their power supply. Such was accomplished in a daring commando raid on the Zed building (unoccupied at the time) led by WRPI station manager Froyd Chapel (no relation to the Computer Center). Said chapel after the raid, "We had to prove, once and for all, that such authoritative measures as what Zed employed will not be tolerated."

Chapel then described the raid, "We attacked with soldering irons, staple guns, and a coke machine. In the end, all we needed were the staples." The band of WRPI engineers reportedly fired several salvos of staples into Zed's main power transformer, until one staple connected the main power lead to ground. "When the smoke cleared, there was nothing left but a puddle of steel."

Bill "Lefty" Dogz, vice president of W2SZ, told a Pole reporter, "I've surveyed the damage, and it looks like we're out for the semester -- unless we can find a new transformer somewhere." He refused to elaborate, but his eyes gleamed whenever they lit upon the WRPI transmission tower in the distance.

Meanwhile, the club was considering asking the E-board for an emergency appropriation. But they abandoned this idea, said Zed president Chuck Floorner, "When we realized that all the new toys we wanted to equip the radio shack with came without batteries,"

Of course, the WRPI staff is pleased to have defeated Zed, so they can continue to play their normal musical fare unimpeded. Froyd's victory speech to the radio station staff read in part, "...with this threat to student government out of the way, we can

Low rearranges furniture

In a meeting with Troy city officials to discuss the latest developments in NYSCAM (New York State Center for Academic Mercenaries), RPI President George Low unveiled some new proposals that would call for, "a few minor changes to Troy." The city was concerned with Low's earlier proposal to annex Sage Avenue, and demanded concessions for traffic.

Low's solution begins with the Kennedy Towers. A "big helicopter" will lift the building and set it down in the Quad because "it fits. We might have to squish it a little to form an oval, but I feel it will be just right for the NYSCAM." When asked about the displaced elderly tenants, Low suggested they enter the Lottery for rooms in School 14.

Low was then questioned what all this had to do with the annexation. He replied that with the tower out of the way, the new Green Island Bridge and Federal Street could be turned 20° to link up with Peoples Avenue. Low claimed that this would solve the traffic problems and make it a lot easier for the preppies to find the Field House.

The final step to Low's proposal would alter Troy to Oklahoma. Suggesting that the weather is much more boring in that state, Low offered to allocate funds from the PAC drive. He would hire "a big plane" to airlift the city to Oklahoma. Low refused to comment on the inconvenience to the Ivy division.

look forward to liberal budgets, uncorrupt student government, happy students, life, liberty, and the American Way. Thank you."

the EL HORAZO BORBELLO



rebate

GET A POLE,

GET A CHECK!

The Polemic is now offering a rebate. Here's the scam: You send us \$1.01 for a Pole prescription. We send you a check for 1¢ (almost 1%). You get Polemics for the rest of the whole Spring semester, we get your money to play Qix and Defender.

And it's a good investment, too. We're sure to be in existence long after the reign of P.U. Build Sandcastles, because he can't cut our budget.

If you want to make it a load easier, just send us the dollar and we won't send you any money back (just like Chrysler).

Harvard joins United Nations

The new administration of Harvard University has announced its plan to become formally affiliated with the United Nations. This news followed on the heels of its surprise declaration of secession from the United States, with the intention of forming their own country. The flag will be hot pink, emblazoned with a lime green alligator, in honor of their temporary insurrectionist banner: one brave revolutionary's Izod, sacrificed in the cause of liberty for Preps. The alligator will serve as their national mascot.

The Prepdom will be run as an aristocracy; those allowed to run for office must meet exacting standards of speech, descendency, appearance, and summer vacation locales. A dress code has been established for Preps of lower ranks, and those violating it will be immediately disenfranchised. The inhabitants of Harvardland have petitioned to join the United Nations, feeling that that austere body is currently lacking in representation of the Prepdoms of the world. Said one citizen, "There are many advocates for the Save the Alligator Funds, and we feel it essential that we have a voice in the matter."



RPI CARE IS WATCHING YOU seems to be the message the administration is giving us. From posters to Polys to, yes, even the Polemic, RPI Care is everywhere. You can't even sign on to Myron in safety anymore!

Cereal

Suddenly, Jon's mind went blank. Why was he here at the computing center? Was it fate? Was this all a strange figment of his warped imagination? He looked back to the column "Cereal" in the Polemic, Volume 2, Number 8, and suddenly it all came back to him. He, himself, was a strange figment of one of the writers' warped imaginations.

He had come here to do a Data Structures project which was due tomorrow. He sat down at the terminal and typed in "SIG BDED", wondering why he had been given such a stupid signon ID. Prompted for his password he typed in his lucky word, "SPLOFT", and Myron rose into action.

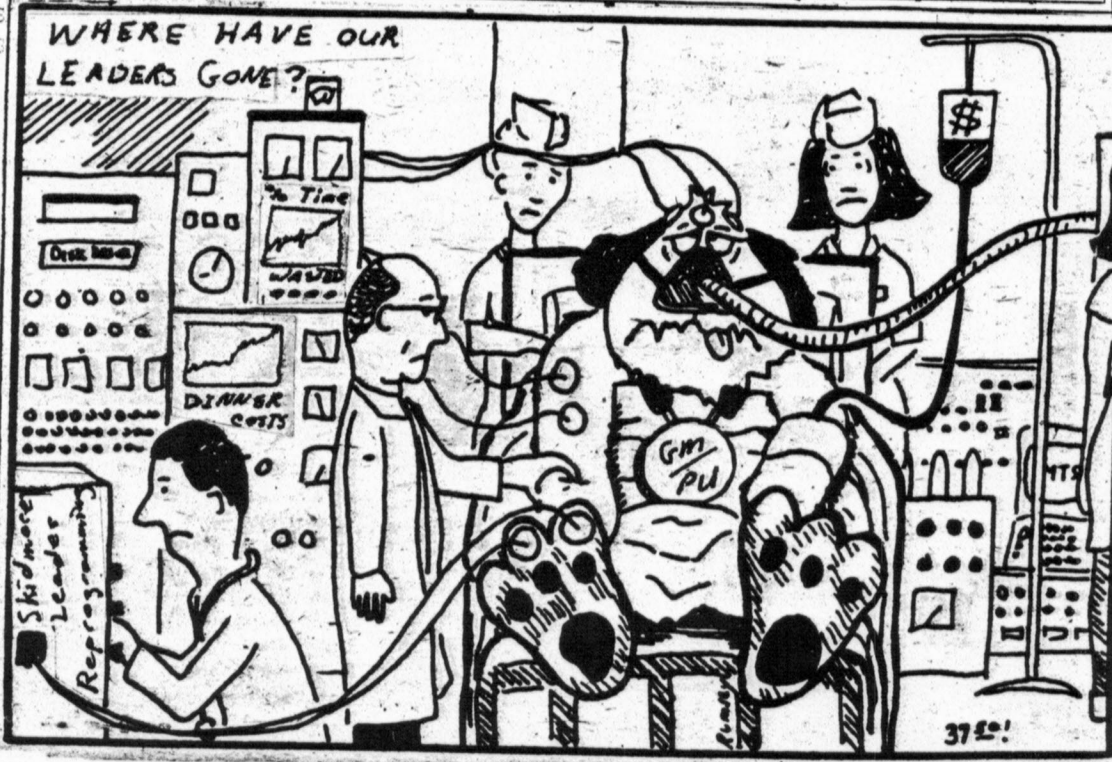
Sid cackled deviously. His chance had finally come. After waiting patiently for hours, someone had signed on to the terminal he had chosen as his target. Its user was a rather homely-looking girl named Martha. She had come to RPI because she had heard that even a girl who had the looks of an aardvark could get a boyfriend here. But even aardvarks had more personality than Martha. She had come to the VCC to run her favorite ACM program and see whether they had fixed the problem that had popped up. So here she sat, the unwitting brunt of a satiristic practical joke. Sid cackled once more, and, poised over the keyboard, began his vicious assault.



P.A.C. MAN

quite-a-quote

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"Who us? What's a Polemic? They must be using our initials and room number to frame us!" That's just what we'll say if you take us to the J-Board and complain. And we're almost all members of the International Thespian Society (that's Thespian) so they'll probably believe us (they're not too swift). Hell, the worst thing they could do to us is censure us. (Heaven forbid!)

We are not pawns of the imperialist Union pigdogs, but we do have as large a Union budget as any other campus humor publication (Oops, I forgot the Poly and the Gorgon). If you like something you read here (unlikely as that is) or if you want to submit something, send it here: Room 202 Wiltsie House by campus mail or go to Myron and \$RUN ACM.:POST and send it to POLEMIC. If you don't like something you read here, we don't want to hear it.

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT!

We at the Polemic are dedicated to our readers and try to bring you the finest in satire. However, when a parody of something is carried off with more precision than the original, people begin to question whether it is, in fact, worth it. Case in point: How many quality parodies of the Gorgon have you seen around campus?

Until recently, the Polytechnic has maintained a reasonable level of quality, high enough that we didn't make them look too bad. However, this past issue of the Poly revealed the fact that they have taken yet another giant leap downward. They have stooped to a low that even we have never reached: mixing typefaces in a single headline.

Yes, here is the proof:

Lady hoopsters end with loss Shull discusses Rensselaer

from the Poly to the Pole to you. Come on, Poly people, if you need our help with layout, we'd be only too happy to explain the basics to you. Some typefaces are big and some are small, some are straight and some are slanted. You have to decide on one typeface per headline, understand? No mixing! If you're having problems choosing, flip a quarter, don't compromise on a little bit of each.

Also, your spelling isn't getting any better. Look at this:

Shull's Corner

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Clean up...

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"Club's Corner"? Well, I guess "Corner" is a difficult word to spell. We at the Pole didn't learn how to spell it until first grade, so you guys should learn it any day now.

In addition, though you are finding more innovative ways of covering up empty space, it's filler all the same. Printing a second story on the same road rallye or two remarkably similar pictures of the same UPAC concert don't represent responsible journalism. Poly, clean up your act or we'll start some other, higher-quality publication. Do you think people would enjoy the En-generic? How about the Uniporn or the Transidiot?

Filler of the Fortnight



Top Hat

Jeff Langan, GM

inspired

Being Grand Marshal is, for the most part, a thankless job. For that matter, any leadership position on campus involves putting up with a lot of complaints and criticism, some of which is justified, a lot of which isn't. However, there are a few times, however few and far between, that makes putting up with all the crap worthwhile. This past weekend was one of those times.

At 7:30 Friday evening, 150 student leaders from across the state met for the first time in a large lounge on the campus of Skidmore College. At noon on Sunday, 150 friends left to put their new leadership skills to work in their various schools. What happened in between can only be described as incredible.

The weekend was broken up into several segments. Part of the time was spent in discussion of what leadership is; identifying important characteristics, how they should be applied, as well as evaluating others' leadership ability. This was the most important part of the weekend, and was of inestimable value to me. Many weaknesses in my leadership ability were pointed out, and

suggestions were made as to how I could improve them. Similarly, strengths in my ability were pointed out as well.

Another part of the weekend was spent discussing common campus problems. Again, talking to students from other schools with problems similar to ours was invaluable. One thing we found out from this session was that, bad as Rensselaer's administration might be, we are head and shoulders above almost all the other colleges and universities in the state. This doesn't mean that we should become complacent about pushing for change, only that we should all appreciate what we do have.

Words can't really be found to express how truly inspirational this past weekend was. Everyone came out of that conference on an emotional high that none will come down off for weeks. The result will be better student leaders and more effective student government for those colleges that attended. It was truly one of those rare times that makes this job as enjoyable and worthwhile as it is.

Jeff Langan
Grand Marshal

Drinking...

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A presentation demonstrating this effect, sponsored by the biomedical department, was held last night, but unfortunately was received somewhat coolly by the students. Remarkd one disgusted spectator, "They're not telling us anything we don't know! After all, when the team loses, what does it do? Goes out and gets drunk! If the coach had followed suit, he never would have gotten sick in the first place!"

Despite the feelings of such students, the biomedical department is initiating a study of the curative powers of C₂H₅OH. When asked how such a study would be conducted, Dr. J., head of the department, told us, "Usually in such a study the compound being examined is administered in vast amounts to rats by the students. In this case, however, we plan to administer vast amounts of C₂H₅OH to students in the Rath." As of this morning, 347 biomedical students (95% of the curriculum) and 17 professors have volunteered to participate in the study.

Prince of Wales joins C&CC staff

In an unexpected announcement from their hide-away retreat in the outskirts of Troy, the royal couple of Wales have officially acknowledged Prince Charles' acceptance of an advisory position at RPI's Chapel and Cultural Center. Their royal highnesses have been residing outside of Troy for several months, Princess Diana commenting, "The air here is not quite as clear as at some of our other country homes, but we find privacy; who would come to Troy to look for us?"

The staff at the C&CC welcomes the addition of Prince Charles, and hope that Lady Di will also be of assistance, lending her expertise to floral arrangements, food selections, and color coordination at social functions. Prince Charles looks forward to beginning work at the C&CC, hoping that he will have a positive influence on the native inhabitants of the Troy region. Said the Prince, "It's the least I can do; they have sunk so low as to mug our hired help and deface our gazebos. We are safe from reporters in Troy, but if we don't actively do something, we'll never be safe from its residents."

sports



RSCA rally in Washington



This past week, 101 Rensselaer students, organized by the RSCA, joined a nationwide student protest against OPEC's pricing policies. Andy Zeke, a member of RSCA, was quoted as saying, "If gas and oil go up any more, we won't be able to afford tuition."

(If this story's headline looks like it's in two different typefaces, it's because it is. We're getting more like the Poly every day!)

Cagers finish in sump

A season that showed great promise ended up as an even greater disaster last Wednesday, when the basketball team lost to Onion College, 59 - 70.

As a result of a poor 9-14 season and the shortage of athletic facilities, the Cagers were told they would play next year at an area fitting the team's athletic prowess--the People's Avenue Sump.

"It was inevitable," claims Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Wilklutz. "Because of the shortage of athletic fields and we're soon to lose the '86 Field to the New York Center for Incompetent Innovation, we must sacrifice the poorer teams to the next best facilities."

Coach Klobba of the Cagers says that the team hopes to work its way out of the sewer. Says Klobba, "With such talents as Eric Hamberger and Jim Kant, I hope to have a truly enjoyable season next year working with these good-looking young men."

The Cagers are a very close-knit team and enjoy working together, which should allow them to improve in future seasons. If the team does improve by midseason next year, the administration is making arrangements for the team to practice on the playground at PS 14, where, according to Coach Klobba, "we can knuckle down, get to the nitty-gritty, and play athletes at our own level of ability."

We at the Pole wish the Cagers luck against the PS 14 Tigers next season.

POLE TRIVIA:

What was the name of the announcer on "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In"?

RSCA rallye in Washington

This past weekend, Bill Dogz and Mike Carrot easily won RSCA's "Duke-a-Rallye", earning a record low of one point at 7 of the 13 checkpoints on the 100 mile course through Washington, D.C. The rallye was named after the CBS series, "The Dukes of Hazzard," for two reasons: one, to attract crazy drivers; and two, to point out that driving in D.C. is a real hazard.

(If this story's headline looks like the last story's, it's because it is (almost); if the Poly can write two stories about the same road rallye, can't we write two stories with similar headlines?)

MORE FILLER