

# the polemic

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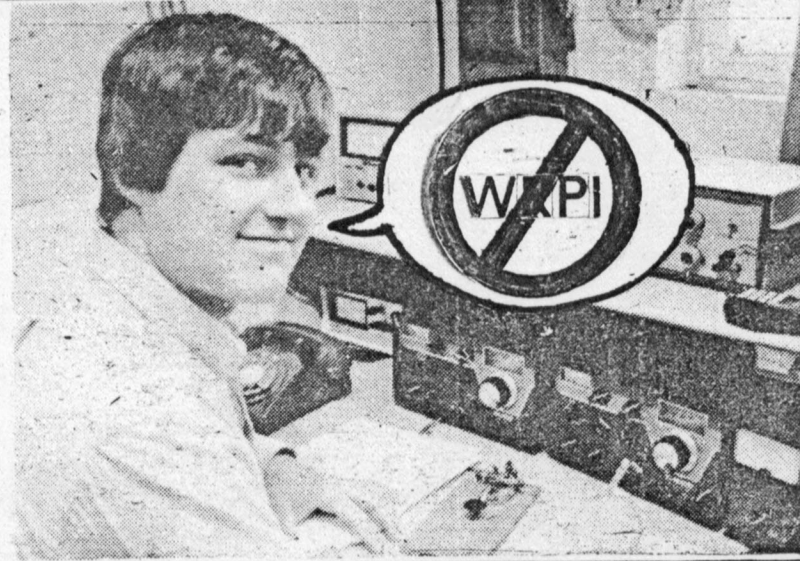
## W2SZ jams WRPI

Earlier this week, Rensselaer's amateur radio club, W2SZ, announced that it had done its first worthwhile act since the club's conception, the jamming of WRPI transmissions. Said Zed President Chuck Floorner, "They've been polluting the airwaves for too long, and when I heard them play "The 1812 Overture" and then do a segue into "Macho Man", I knew it was time to strike."

According to Vice-President Bill "Lefty" Dogz, "All we needed to do was create a radio vacuum cleaner. It cleared all the garbage off the airwaves." Other reported casualties of the act were WTRY, WFLY, and WROW. The signal from WPYX has also been significantly weakened, but only completely disappeared during their "AC/DC- Ozzie Osbourne" weekend.

The ramifications of the jamming have already become noticeable. Relieved to be rid of WRPI, the E-Board has doubled W2SZ's budget. George Lowgrade has telephoned the club with his thanks.

Reporters at the Pole have heard rumors to the effect that this is just another step in W2SZ's plan to become RPI's only remaining extracurricular activity. They have reportedly already sabotaged Rensselaer Rescue's Ambulance, disabled the Varsity Hockey team, convinced the E-Board to stop budgeting any of the quality campus publications (the Poly was, of course, excluded), destroyed all faith in student government by electing Pete Transvestite as Grand Poobah, and calling up the Senate to fink on the E-Board, and have begun the "Build the New Building on top of the 15th Street Lounge" campaign. Says President Floorner, "Today RPI, tomorrow the world!"



## IFC hangs it up

Logical problems between the R.P.I. campus community and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) have caused the IFC to decide to withdraw from existence. In previous years up to thirty member fraternities and sororities operated on campus at RPI; now there will be none.

The surprise move, announced yesterday, comes on the heels of several recent problems concerning the frats; for example, objectionable party practices, rising costs, and recent poor fire safety records. Those, in connection with a recent drop in interest (portrayed by the poor fall rush, and current "second try" spring rush) convinced IFC president Slow Salad to hang it up.

Current plans call for the closing and destruction of all houses by the end of 1982. As to where the students will live when forced to move, Salad said he was hopeful that a new dormitory would be built with money received as wedding gifts in the upcoming Hugh Carey-George Low wedding. To be built on the current site of RSE below Cary Hall, it would be known as "Low Carey Hall".

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# Rensselaer in Grief

## graphic instruction

Last week, the RPI Computer Graphics Center announced yet another application for interactive computer graphics: sex education. Said Was-he, the head of the Computer Graphics department, during presentation, "...we feel this adds a totally new concept to the field of sex education. With the vivid color graphics now available, students will be able to see various sexual acts in any position, at any angle."

This, however, does not mark the end of the CGC's research into this vital field. In the design stage right now is a computerized simulator that will simulate the sex act in every detail. The first prototype, due in late 1983, will accommodate only males, although a female version will be built soon after. Many enthusiastic undergrads as well as grad students are working on the project; said one, "Why, at RPI this could replace the sheep!"



RPI WOMEN will be studying make-up techniques as taught by experts at Sage.

## makeup

In a cross-registration program with Russell Sage College, RPI will be offering a course designed especially for the women at Rensselaer, titled in full, "Make Up: The Art of Disguise," and will be available at 100, 200, and 400 levels. The class will be taught by Russell Sage students, themselves professionals in the art. For those showing both interest and aptitude, a more advanced follow-up seminar will be offered, entitled "Make Up: The Art of Seduction;" a mandatory course at Russell Sage.

When questioned as to why the program was installed, the RPI administration stated that while they couldn't do

much about the quality of women attracted to Rensselaer, they were hoping to do something about the increasing loss of prospective male applicants, discouraged by what they saw on campus.

## speedy voting

Since the voting methods for GM have been too inefficient in the past years, the E-Board has decided to take another approach. This year, the polls will be open on Friday of GM week from 9:00 to 9:15 am.

The E-Board justified their decision by pointing out that, if last year's turnout was any indication, the 15 minute voting period should be plenty of time for everyone who wants to vote to do so. Also, the new procedure will cut down on the confusion of vote-counting, and will enable the election results to be posted by noon of that day.

There were other suggestions advanced on how to cope with these problems, but, as one E-Board member said, "We didn't think the students would accept the prediction of a psychic."

# ACM plans computer dating

Rensselaer's chapter of the Association of Computer Mischief is planning to implement a new program available to RPI students. It is a computer dating system designed to match each user with his or her perfect match.

The user will be able to type \$RUN ACM.: GETLAID into any terminal and he will be prompted for the following information: Name, Address, Telephone number, Sex (Male or Female), Sex (Yes or No), Marital Status (Single or Other), Rooming Status (Single or Other), Dimensions (\*Nuff Said), IQ (Sagie or Other), and musical preference (Should user respond with either "Disco" or

"Heavy Metal", the program will be exited, the user will be immediately signed off, his entire disc space will be erased, and he will be fined \$25 in computer money for lack of taste).

The output of the program will be the name, address, and telephone number of the user's perfect match. A delay in the release of the program came about because of tampering with the machine code. ACM first got suspicious when they discovered that the output obtained by any female user contained the name, address, and telephone number of one Barry Popop.

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# Security theft

Part 1 of a 14 Part Story

Joe Scambulli was born and raised in Troy. When he was young, he walked through the RPI campus to school. The RPI students made fun of him (and no-body makes fun of Joe Scambulli!). He vowed to get back.

Today, Joe is getting revenge. He is an RPI security man. While in the guise of utter benevolence, he has been stealing from innocent, unsuspecting students; sucking them dry.

At first, it was just a game. He stole calculators, wallets, and RPI care buttons. Here he is shown stealing some cash from a student's gym locker. For a while, such petty thievery was enough for Joe, but then he decided to move to bigger and better things: stereos, cars, JEC equipment and 3270's. And again, he didn't stop there. Students started disappearing, only to show up at Troy High School as brainwashed, burned out Trojlets. The kidnapped students were devastated.

However, Joe had only begun to enjoy his revenge. He was going to steal the heart and soul of RPE- the VCC!

Fortunately, he was apprehended when the head of security didn't believe his story. He claimed he was hooking a crane to the roof of the VCC to check underneath for birds' nests.

We were lucky this time. There are many Joe Scambullis in the world and even more RPI security men. All we can do is be careful. Or the campus will never be safe.

Next Week:

The Visitors Information Center:  
A Den of Torture

**YOU HAVE ONE  
LAST CHANCE.**

**SIGN UP FOR A SENIOR**



## Contest

How Would You Shaft the Pole?

Yes, now you can express your true thoughts-- just state in four words or less what you and 200 of your friends would do if you met the Pole Editorial Staff in a dark Troy alley one night.

All names must be included with your entry, for submission to the Libyan Hit Squad.

SHAFT the POLE Contest-  
(official entry blank)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

(winner selected at random by qualified judges)

Winning entries may or may not be published. Winners may or may not get something. Maybe. It depends.

# the pole

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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.

## Scraintonomics

The budgeting process has shown us an interesting side to our President of the Union and his E-Bored. Virtually every club under the Union's management has had a drastic cut in some way or other in their budgets. WARPI was given a transmitter, but no equipment to make noise or music to transmit. The RPI Players had virtually every category of their budget cut under the assumption that if there is no Lounge, why waste money on the shows? The list continues.

Scraintonomics will have an interesting effect on student "life" next year at Rensselaer. The Union is shrinking. With budget cuts crippling some groups into virtual nonexistence, there will be less and less to do, except maybe homework. Is that why we have an Union?

Yes, gentlefolk, this is the point: the purpose of the E-Bored under Scraintonomics is to reduce the activity of the Union to zero. While if this were to occur in national government there would be much rejoicing, if it really does occur at RPI, there won't be much of anything.

That's why we of the Polemic approve of this system. Next year, due to our non-affiliation with the Union, we will be one of the largest student groups. We will be able to recruit freshmen (or anyone else for that matter) who need any kind of a study break. While they would have joined the Ski Club or UPIC, they will have to use us as an outlet, perhaps to call for the reinstatement of the Ski Club or UPIC. See how neatly that works?

The other side of the coin is that the valiant efforts of the Executive Bored are lowering the activity fee. We applaud this also, as more students would then be able to afford a Pole prescription (\$1.00 for a semester of yuks.)

We do see the drawback of general Scraintonomics: if the Poly budget is slashed, we will have a hard time obtaining headlines. However, with three Poly editors on the E-Bored, we don't see that happening this year, and next year, the Union will have a new President, so we're still safe.

The upshoot of the budgeting process is that the Student Government is looking more and more like the 'Tute administration and the Feds all the

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## sorry site

Recently, the RPI administration has announced the impending construction of a Technology Center on the RPI campus. Twelve sites were proposed (see map on this page), each one with appropriate merits and demerits.

The primary site (numbered 1 on the map) seems nearly the worst possible. It will obliterate both Church VI and one of the few scenic portions of campus, destroy the view from the Quad, and force the '86 Field to become the '86 Ex-field. It has been suggested that the administration has given us this site to gripe over so that we'll like whatever site they've chosen as the real site. So let's go through the rest of the sites, in order, and see what they have to offer.

Site 2 will be very visible, and will do the campus and community a service by tearing down the Infirmary. Unfortunately, it will also replace the closest thing we'll ever get to a PAC. Nope, no good. Next!

Site 3...hmmm. Oh, yeah, it covers up all those faculty parking spots. Can't let that happen.

Site 4 looks almost reasonable. It even connects the Science Center and the MRC. Too sensible. They'll never build it here.

Site 5 looks good too. It connects the SC and the JEC. Someone said this would be just a bit taller than the JEC. We can't do that! Jonsson would have a fit and stop giving RPI money.

Site 6. This would have to be even taller. Nope. Too bad though. It connects the MRC and Cogswell.

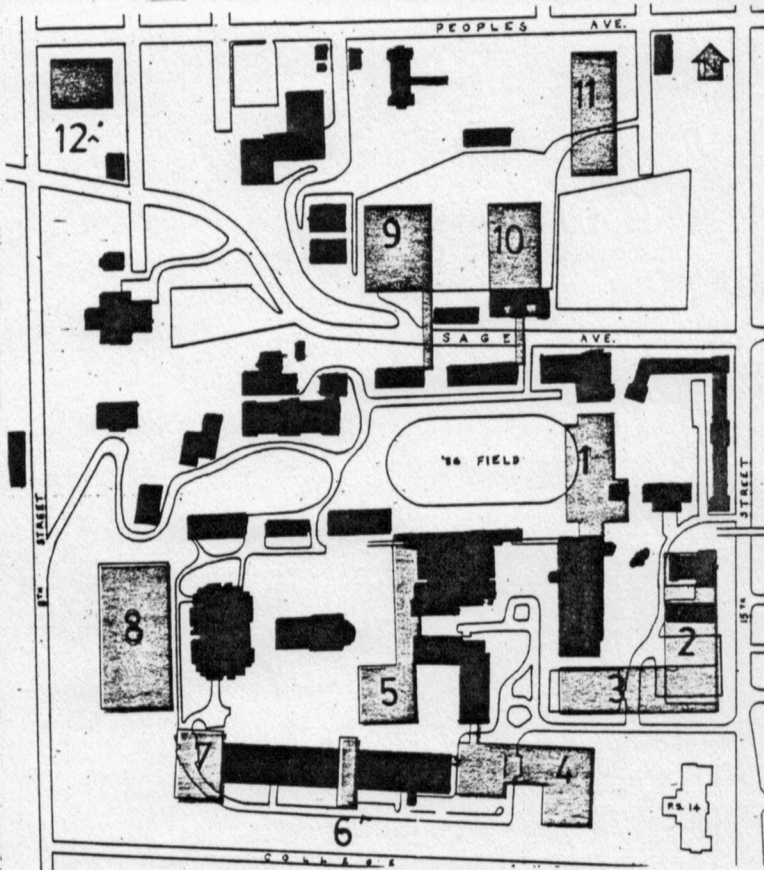
Site 7, on the end of Cogswell. Too far away from everything. Same with Site 8, which would have the added disadvantage of being on the edge of the hill. Slide time!

Sites 9 and 10 would block part of North Lot. Come on, people! Parking is already enough of a problem. Site 10 would raze the E-dorms. This is a mixed blessing; while many students who have suffered there would welcome its destruction, we at the Polemic wish it to remain, because it is the birthplace of this selfsame rag.

Site 11 looks good at first glance. Sure, you lose one of the driveways to North Lot. So what? You can put in another. 'Tute even owns the land. (Remember the Peoples Avenue Complex? One of the buildings is still

there, west of Site 11. Yeah, the funny shaped one.) However, this is way back in the woods where no one would see it.

Site 12. Yecch! The absolute farthest away from everything. The most inconvenient. Even farther down the hill than West Hell. Yes, this is where we at the Polemic predict the new Technology Center will be built, right where it can cause the most trouble.



## Scraintonomics

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time. Isn't it nice to know that when we grow up, there will be people like that running the country?

Of course, if the new PO is inclined to let the students do more, clubs can appeal for increases throughout next year. That would take up a lot of next year's E-Bored's time, but maybe it would convince them to budget better. If next year's PO is another Scraintonomicist, then two birds will be killed with one stone. We won't need a Constitutional Convention for a non-existent Student Union.

# sports



## Cagers beat Icers



As practice for both the RPI Basketball and Ice Hockey teams, an exhibition game between the two was held on the ice in the Houston Field House. In order that neither team be at a disadvantage, the basketball team was required to score at a basket located at the other end of the rink. The hockey team was equivalently handicapped: they were required to play hockey.

The game was divided into three fifteen minute quarters, goals were worth three points each and baskets worth one. The first quarter went solidly to the basketball team, who took a lead they never relinquished. The second quarter was low scoring, though the Cagers outplayed the Icers. The hockey team came back in strength for the final quarter, keeping the puck consistently within scoring range, if not actually able to score.

The final score was the Cagers 32, the Icers four.



I'M PROUD TO BE ON THE POLY!

IT'S A GREAT PAPER, WITH GREAT REPORTING



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...GREAT INK, GREAT HEADLINES



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...GREAT EDITORS...



...GREAT ADS...

...AND IT ALSO HAS CARTOONS!



O! WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

## IFC ...

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Salad added several comments during the announcement, concerning the recent campus attitudes towards the frats. Said he, "Besides those problems we're also being taken advantage of. Why if we don't get out now the next thing you know they'll want us to do something totally silly, like man telephones!"