

# the polemic

## Marine Midland receives student criticism

In a recent effort to attract more depositors, Marine Midland Bank, located in the Student Union, has been giving away stuffed baby harp seals. Several students have banded together to protest at what they call "this despicable practice." A student spokesperson for the group told the Pole reporter, "We are strongly opposed to this despicable practice. We feel that baby seals have rights, too. The senseless slaughter of young seals just because people will deposit a few dollars is insane."

When it was pointed out to the students that the seals were made from polyester, the spokesperson said, "Well, the senseless slaughter of young esters just because people will deposit a few dollars is insane."



LONG LINES was one of the few events that was able to go on as scheduled last Friday, as the blackout caused cancellation of most planned activities.

## Low moves into incubator

RPI president George M. Low will be moving his office into the basement of the Pittsburg Building, which has recently been renovated and converted into an incubator. President Low attributes his move to the lack of heat in his office lately. "Hopefully the incubator will take the chill out of my bones," said Low through chattering teeth.

Other members of the RPI administration have different views of the move. Some hope the move to the incubator will breed better relations between administration and students, while others hope it will assist President Low to hatch fresh new ideas.

# What is the polemic?

An unnamed campus publication was recently criticized for its feeble attempts at humor. This publication blamed its poor performance on lack of reader response.

The editors of the Pole want to know what you think about this publication. We want public feedback, so that we will not wind up like other publications, whose names will not be mentioned, since they too complained about reader apathy.

Please write us and tell us what you think.

The Pole Editors

# IT'S YOUR ID

(First of a series of psychology columns by Dr. I. M. Nutz, Ph.D., B.S., head of the Fruitekake Clinic in Newark, N.J.)

We psychiatrists have found that 8% of the population will always have problems with their id. I mean, everyone has an id. Who can honestly say that at one time or another they haven't felt sexually attracted? I know I have. That's the id talking. Of course, some people are drawn to the id's near-illegality. You've heard me saying, "everything I like is either legal, immoral or fattening." It's like a disorder; make it illegal, and it acquires a mystique. Look at arson. Who can honestly say that at one time or another they haven't torched some great public edifice? I know I have. The only way to bring the crime rate down is to reduce the number of offenses. Get it out into the open. I know I have!

(Next Week: Catatonic Schizophrenia)

## J-Board conducts Unicorn

Following last week's decision to sack all the Unicorn editors, the J-Board decided this week to run the magazine themselves. All the editorial positions in the Unicorn are now occupied by J-Board members. The first thing the editors intend to do is clean up the Unicorn's act. "No wet T-shirt contest, 'Fritz the Cat,' no controversy, no sex at all. That is our goal with this magazine," commented one new editor. Although there was some concern that such a magazine couldn't be funny, one former Unicorn editor pointed out, "If the trial last week was any indication, the J-Board members are true masters of farce."

This may be only the beginning. There is some talk that, as it gains experience, the J-Board may take over the Polygon, the Polytechnic, and possibly the Poly. In any case, the J-Board's takeover of the Unicorn is viewed as advancing

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## Suicide rates fall

(UFS) Dean of Former Students Mori Bundo reported recently that it now costs less to commit suicide than ever before. The price of guns has leveled off in the past few months, and rope is always cheap. Chemicals, the most common vehicle of suicide, are also very cheap, and they are readily available at Walker Labs. Of course, the old swan dive off the JEC costs the student nothing, although it takes Maintenance many hours to remove all traces of the former student from the pavement.

In short, any student can now commit suicide at virtually no cost at all, a comforting prospect in these inflationary days. So far, there has not been an increase in the number of suicides on campus, but this is sure to change as more students take advantage of these bargain prices. So, get your suicide now! Prices will never be this low again.

## Library will sponsor suicide

Due to the decreased cost of committing suicide in recent weeks, the Friends of the Folsom Library at Rensselaer are going to set up a fund for sponsoring suicides by members of the student body. They will pay one-half the cost of any method a student wishes to use for their suicide. Interested students should send a letter to the Features Editor at Box 414 for more information and an application.

However, if you want to take advantage of this fabulous opportunity, you should hurry and send to us for an application, or it may be too late. The E-Board is planning to start an investigation of what they are referring to as an example of "irresponsible sponsorship" and "not representative of the campus's taste in tasteful suicide." They are planning to take the case to the J-Board although they don't plan to actually prosecute anyone. Their goal is, in the words of Lee Wontcocks, Vice-Provost of Student Affairs, "to remove the entire staff of the Friends of the Folsom Library."

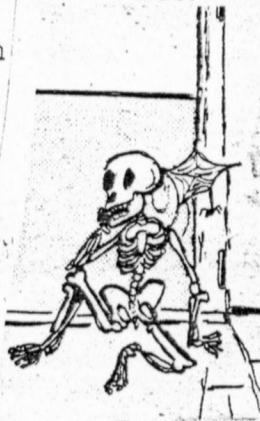
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# Sports



## Athlete of the Week

This week's Athlete of the Week does not play such a mundane sport as basketball or hockey. In fact, our hero doesn't play a sport at all, but he nonetheless deserves the award for his faithful attendance at all RPI sports activities. That's right, Endle S. Waite has spectated at every RPI sports event since he came to RPI as a junior four years ago. Pictured at left waiting in line for hockey tickets, Endle concedes that his hobby is time-consuming. "I've really been wearing myself thin trying to see everything," commented Endle to a Pole reporter. However," he continued, "I wouldn't be caught dead missing a game!" Well, Endle, keep up the good work!



## Sports This Week

Hockey, lacrosse, baseball, football, polo, handball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, squash, skeet, sailing, pool, roller skating, skiing, ice skating, mountain climbing, hang gliding, soccer, rowing, sex, and tiddley-winks.

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When asked to support or explain the actions the E-Board is taking, Roger Jen commented, "

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tageous for the beleaguered humor magazine. "At least," commented Easterdahl, Dean of Student Affairs, "the J-Board now can't possibly rule against the Unicorn in any future trial. That was the former editors' main concern, wasn't it?" Finally, one unnamed student commented, "Well, it will at least give the J-Board something to do."

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# the pole

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(Due to the application of the Truth-in-Advertising Act as it applies to other facets of everyday life, it must be noted that this editorial in fact has absolutely nothing to do with sex in any of its normal or totally perverted aspects. The only reason the headline read as it did was for the persons among you who think that we have not enough sex and assorted other tawdry subjects. The reason for this notice is that the headline was meant to catch the attention of you in particular.)

In this editorial, I would like to address the subject of spin-offs, and other cheap, low-class imitations of this newspaper. In particular, I would like to discuss The Folly, The Popik, and the Polytechnic. Of the previously mentioned newspapers, the Polytechnic comes closest to the high quality evidenced in The Polemic. The ability of those working on the staff of The Pole is always closely rivaled by those at The Poly (except Barry Popik.) The only thing we wonder about is why "sorority" seems to mean "brotherhood", when soror means sister in Latin. Other than some minor mistakes, The Poly seems to be an above average publication.

However, the other aforementioned publications do not show as much ability. The Folly always takes articles and headlines from The Polemic, and The Popik is so low class as to be ridiculous. Obviously, a line has to be drawn somewhere. This paper feels that it should be drawn right past the Polytechnic.

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