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the polemic

Students pay for increased vandalism

Union studies new addition

The Rensselaer Student Union, in its tradition of pioneering frontiers important to the students of RPI, this Friday will take up the subject of new addition.

New Addition, an offshoot of the late 60's new math, has been found very effective in reducing the abilities of the intellectual elite of society to the same low level as everyone else. It is very effective in tallying box scores, laying odds on the ponies, and finding whether one has three of a kind or 2 pair.

news feature

Due to recent lack of interest and originality, the E-Board has set aside \$10 out of each student's activity fee for next semester to promote new and exciting performances. These performances will be choreographed by some of New York City's outstanding vandals. They will appear each weekend with a supporting body of apprentice vandals.

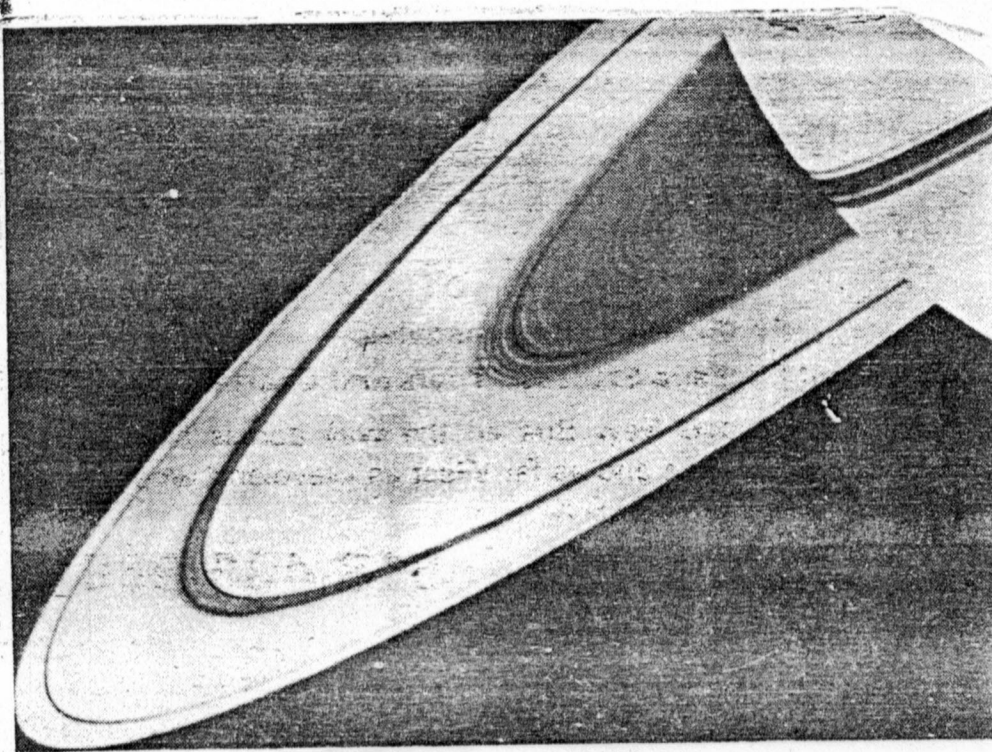
One of the first scheduled exhibitions will be given by Rocky Horowitz, one of New York's finest. His show is predicted to include painting swastikas on the C&CC, stripping down the Mars Rover, and forcing random employees of dāka to consume their own food.

Mother's Wine Emporium and UPAC are going to sponsor an Amateur Campus Vandal Talent Contest with the winners going on to perform some weekend in March.

news analysis

Contrary to its name, New Addition contains more than just plain addition. For example, this proof that $1=1$ is one of its basic theorems:

$$X = Y$$
$$X^2 = XY$$
$$X^2 - Y^2 = XY - Y^2$$



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A PROPOSED UNION ANNEX, pictured above, for the south side of the Union would house the bookstore and bank, thereby freeing space on the Rathskeller level for club offices and storage.

Up Heads

In a move towards serving more interesting and exciting meals, Daka also to cut down on the amount of silverware which has been disappearing from the H recently, daka has begun a program of serving the shrunken heads those caught in the t. The daka people say that this has caused a marked decrease in the instances of silverware displacement."



Up until now, serving various appendages of persons' bodies has been used only as a last resort at daka. Early on, they would only serve occasional fingers and on rare occasions the right ear of persons found in the possession of illegal silverware. This was found to be much more effective than the older practice of relieving perpetrators of their meal cards. Serving body parts not only discouraged theft, but it also stretched daka's food budget more than usual.

Daka says that they will continue this practice until silverware theft has ended completely. Until then, they say, if anyone is caught, heads will roll.

new addition ...

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$$(X-Y)(X+Y)=Y(X-Y)$$

$$X+Y=Y$$

$$X+X=X$$

$$2X=X$$

$$2=1 \quad \text{qed}$$

The Union is studying New Addition to find out why the intellectual elite of RPI are so opposed to this way of thinking.

—letters to the editor—

Dear Sirs:

This is obviously a joke! How can a publication have letters to the editor in its first issue? Well, I propose to do it anyway. Here is my contribution to the "Letters to the Editor" column:

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Sincerely,

Tim Holcomb

To the Editor:

I agree totally with the previous letter. Another thing that bothers me is how people write letters that refer to another letter in the same issue of a newspaper. How do they do it?

I would also like to give some letters to your column:

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Yours truly,

Sandra Keppler

sports

Low on NASA team

In a move that shocked the aerospace community, NASA today named George Low as fallback on NASA's flag football team.

Low, former head of the Apollo program, was also given the status of team captain. Low promptly instituted several new safety measures, including heavier padding, improved helmet designs, and new escape rockets to help avoid injuries during accidental tackles.

Athlete of the Week



T.R. Key has been chosen by the Pole as this week's Athlete of the week. He was named most valuable fowl of the week by the Turkey Farmers of America, for his outstanding performance in gaining rank in the pecking order.

From his relatively unsafe position, T.R.'s performance

Football squad knots eyes

In one of the most puzzling strategic decisions this reporter has ever witnessed, the RPI football team decided to use a play that had been on the drawing board for several months. Each player of the offensive front line, after weeks of training, has a pair of lightning fast hands. These hands were used Saturday in a swiftly executed play in which the offensive line reached out quickly and tied knots in the eyes of the defensive line. The ensuing confusion of untying eyes allowed a 31-yard touchdown by the half-back.

The opposing coach, seeing this tactic, quickly issued lab goggles to each player to prevent another use of this offensive play. It has been rumored that all teams playing RPI will now wear goggles to prevent this painful, offensive strategy.

kept him alive well after most other turkey keys had been beheaded. He gained 500 yards rushing against Farmer James Steel Turkey Farmers' leading fowler, last night.

Unfortunately, this award is being given posthumously, as T.R. lost his head on his last outing. May he rest in peace on the platter of a Salvation Army banquet.

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**Student Discount
Recycling**

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December 7, 1980

**Christmas Recycling At
A Discount For Students**

CAMPUS NOTICES should be typed. For next semester's course will take place in 233 of the Union. The March issue of the Pole will discuss a constitutional amendment and the business meeting for the semester. Information available in the box outside the Union. A Florida trip will be discussed. Also a case study of hazardous waste at Para Falls — a case study of hazardous waste on students on Friday, December 5.

Details next week.

Think Snow!

Well, folks, here it is! The first issue of the Polemic, or the "Pole", as we affectionately call it, is here. This newspaper, true to its name, is dedicated to the digging up of controversy and argument everywhere it can be found on the campus of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

For our charter issue, we have an article on the questionable practices of dāka. Also, a report about the new addition that the Union is studying. Our feature is an article about student-paid vandalism which I'm sure you all want to read. And, finally, we also have what we hope will become regular sections -- the letters to the editor and the sports section. Hope you enjoy this week's Pole.

The title of this editorial is "Think Snow!" I'm running out of room, but let me give you this advice. Save some of the snow that fell on RPI this past week. Put it in your dorm freezer, or whatever. When finals week comes, put some on your head. This will keep you from frying your brain. However, your hair may become slightly soggy. Meanwhile, enjoy the snow. Go skiing or whatever.

If you have suggestions, letters, articles, or contributions, send them to the addresses on the left. If you don't have any of these things, too bad. You just will have to spend your time reading this week's Polemic.

JPM

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