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Despite all we say about it, students can usually depend on the *Polytechnic* to bring to light all the news around campus worth knowing about. Usually. This week, on the same day the *Poly* came out, one of our crack investigative reporters conducted a full scale investigation into the parking situation in the Armory lot (he called Security). It seems it is now legal for students' registered vehicles to park in the Armory lot. Once they officially announce it and get the paint, the lot will be divided between student and faculty use, but for now you MAY park in the Armory parking lot without getting ticketed, if your vehicle (be it wristwatch, blender, or whatever) is registered. Call Security yourself if you don't believe us.

For reasons of its own, however, the *Poly* chose not to tell us. Furthermore, they also left out Bloom County - an unforgivable sin. So we, in the interests of all students (and to say nyah nyah nyah to the *Poly*) are telling you here. **YOU MAY NOW LEGALLY PARK IN THE ARMORY LOT.** And remember, you read it first in RPI's true quality(?) publication - the *Polemic*.

challenge. Any time, any place. I'll grind that slimy character into the dirt. Fighting dirty won't help because when I finish with him, even his eyes will be brown. I mean you, Knowless."

At this point, Lilcox leaped onto a table, snarling, and began to cuss and beat his chest.

More next week.

In a related story, Phi Mud has offered to host this bout for reasons unknown to this reporter.



Lilcox a mud wrestler

Last week, as you may remember, Dean Eddie Knowless revealed to the RPI public that he was once a mudwrestler. He went on to explain that he was a champion mudwrestler.

Well, the mudwrestler saga continues. In an interview today, Dean Wee Lilcox made a similar revelation. He, too, has wrestled in the mud. As a matter of fact, he announced that he is the current holder of the WMC (World Mudwrestling Council) middleweight title. "I'm surprised I kept it secret this long," said Lilcox, "I've been wrestling with the assumed name Swamp Thing. I'm, as yet, undefeated."

"I had not planned on making this public, but I read in the *Polemic* that Mr. Knowless claims that I'm a bum and that he could take my title from me. Well, I'd like to announce that I will accept his



Crime Watch

Security: 266-6611

Troy Police: 270-4411

The following are selected incidents reported to Campus Security within the past month:

- **Larceny**—An electronic balance was taken from the stockroom at Walker Laboratory valued at \$155.
- **Larceny**—A bicycle valued at \$160 was stolen from the Union.
- **Larceny**—At a recent Quadrangle Party, a purse containing \$59 was removed from a pocketbook.
- **Grand Larceny**—Persons unknown took a General Electric Range from Cary Hall. It is believed that the persons also made an unsuccessful attempt to remove a microwave. Students living in the dormitory reportedly were aware of unusual activity at the time of the incident but did not report anything.
- **Larceny**—Two Gandolf LDS modems valued at \$175 each were stolen from the Voorhees Computing Center.

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Security causes blackout

The *Polemic* has uncovered a major cover-up regarding the nature of the recent blackout in the Union. It now seems apparent that the power failure was engineered by some members of RPI Security.

An unidentified source told this reporter that the purpose of the blackout was to draw attention away from their action on the women's tennis team. The source stated, "they said they wouldn't cooperate unless the lights were out."

RSE upsets Phi Tau

In an unseemly interfraternity squabble, the Rensselaer Society of Egalitarians has badly upset the Phi Alpha Tau fraternity (known as Phi Tau). It seems RSE was on the verge of publishing an article in their humor publication, the *Polymick*, calling into question the sexual preferences of the Phi Taus.

RSE, believing the idea of Phi Taus being gay was laughable, saw no danger in printing the story. Phi Tau, perhaps less macho than thought, protested and actually took it to the Dean of Students, even though they (like the field hockey team) hadn't a leg to stand on. Despite this, and in the interest of good interfraternal relations, RSE changed the story, leaving Phi Tau mollified but with a somewhat tarnished reputation.

If this story is somewhat difficult to understand, read between the lines. Hint: RSE has nothing to with it.

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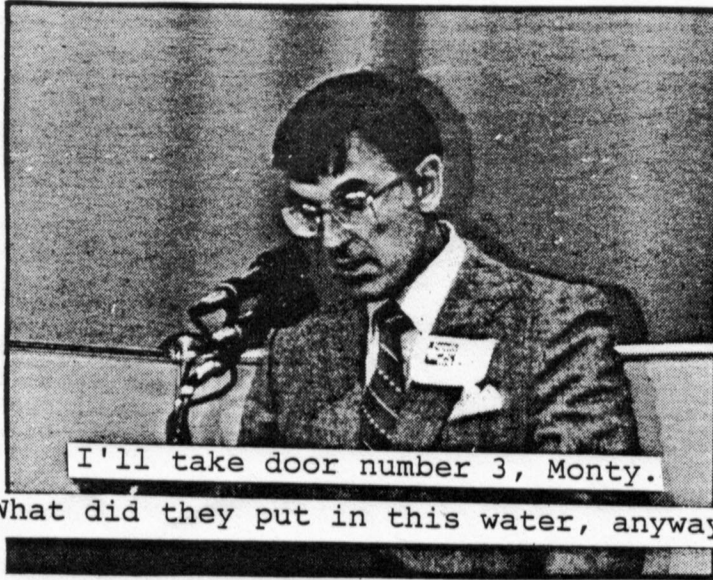
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CAPTION CONTEST!



I'll take door number 3, Monty.

What did they put in this water, anyway?



I'll see you after the game.

Turds in the field; 10 yards

It was THIS BIG!

I want to suck your blooooood.

Yes, that's right, you too can write for the Polemic. These pictures are just asking for some sort of comment. We came up with the ones shown, but we know you can do better than those.

Send all entries via the \$MESSAGE system on Sybil to "The Polemic", or to The Polemic, 202 Wiltsie House, RPI via the FREE intercampus mail service. Be

sure to note which picture goes with your caption. Enter as many times as you like!

All entries should be in by Nov. 15, 1984, and the best will be published soon after. The winner(s) will receive FREE a Polemic perscription for the entire spring semester - a \$1.50 value! So send in those captions - we love 'em.

Learning Center sees

The annual budget for the RPI learning center was approved last week and then allocated yesterday. The \$24.67 budget will be primarily used to buy learning center director Alan Mettler new glasses which he will be able to see through.

Previously the professor relied on his strong sense of smell to find his way around the campus as his previous budget did not afford him the luxury of cleaning his glasses and they have since become crusty and black.

"I haven't seen in over two years," said Mettler, "and this will be quite a surprise...like a birthday present or something. Maybe we can even get the Physics experiments to work on the first try now!"

The learning center hopes to use the remaining funds to stock up on Cliffs Notes as humanities aid is in great demand here on RPI.

"If there's anything left, we'll buy a new dictionary and even let the Poly-technic editors use it...even make them use it!"

power causes blackout

It has been proven conclusively that power corrupts. The Polemic has learned that Richy Glassplus, Grand Marshall of the Union, recently went berserk over the personal in last weeks' Poly about his special permit allowing him to park anywhere. He gave the Senate a Sunday off by cutting off electricity to the Union. He was disciplined by the Polemic in due course.

Humanities & Social Sciences

Literature and Communication

41.4961 German Romanticism
Führer

A very short course, we'll study the one documented case of romance in German life. Meets once every 4 weeks. (2 credits, 3 if you play hockey)

43.6351 Style

MKFJGK

A study of the most classy of RPI's publications, the Polemic. Its wit, humor, and charm will be discussed, as well as fitting punishments for those slimy pus-ridden little leaches who steal the free copies off the bulletin boards. (3 credits, meets late at night, 10 minutes late)

43.6770 Style, and the Lack Thereof

Bowers

A study of the most uninspired of RPI's publications, the Polytechnic. Mindless editorials, boring headlines, and misspelling Rensselaer will be studied in depth. Meets in Union 231B late Sunday nights. (1 credit)

The Arts

42.0000 Underwater Basket Weaving

Cousteau

This challenging course teaches several exciting skills, including holding your breath for an hour at a time, gathering seaweed and weaving baskets out of it, and avoiding boats and objectionable clumps of pollution. Bathing suits optional, meets at the bottom of the Hudson (next to the Marines' last HRC try). Offered in conjunction with Russell Sage lease. (6 credits)

Science and Technology Studies

51.4949 Goldbricking

Vacant

Taught by the Poly Features Editor, this course aids students in making the difficult transition from college to the outside world, where such skills as cutting classes, copying homeworks, and cheating on exams are no longer applicable. Extending coffee breaks, claiming credit for others' work, clawing your way to the top, and appearing busy are all covered in this course. Seniors only. (3 credits)

51.2961 The Slums, A Trojan Experience
Phalen

A study of the local slum area and the strange life forms that breed within them. Many field trips; there is a lab fee to help pay for weapons. (3 credits + hazard credit)

51.2963 Decision-Making
Corporeal
We haven't quite determined what this course is about, and we can't decide on a room either. Hopefully we will have this straightened out before the course starts, but we haven't decided on that either. (? credits - we'll decide later)

51.4969 Inept American Presidents (1776-1980)

Carter

This course will study the ineptness of American presidents, starting with Washington's decision to use wooden false teeth, to the mistakes of the instructor's reign. First of a two-course series. (3 credits)

51.4970 Inept American Presidents II (1980-1984)
Reagan

Second of a series, this course contrasts the first by studying how one president can be more bumbling than all of his predecessors combined. Taught by the expert in the field. (3 credits)

51.4971 Fraud & Misconduct in Computer Science

Hacker

A course on the laws and ethics of computer usage, and how to avoid them. Password-seekers, breaking the supervisor, and accounting files will be discussed, with particular attention on MTS. No computer accounts will be given, as students are expected to be able to break into the system themselves. (3 credits)

Philosophy

56.0666 Philosophy of Devil worship
Mephistopheles

Such basic skills as avoiding exorcists, raising the dead, eclipsing the moon, and the ever-favorite hairy palms course will be covered. Prerequisite: Hell Week (3 credits)

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from the editor

As you fondly remember, there was no October 3 issue of the *Polytechnic*. This was due to a power outage in the Rensselaer Union. I, talking the Editorial Board into it, made the decision not to publish. There were several reasons for the decision. We left all our pencils in the office. Of course, our typewriters were there too, but they're always broken anyway; and what good is a darkroom that's dark? Besides, the Union smelled funny. It would have been impossible to spend the 15 minutes that it takes to put the *Poly* together in such an environment.

The decision not to publish was by any means an easy one. The *Polytechnic* has an undeniable responsibility to the campus to provide ready material to the *Polemic*; and it has been many years since the *Poly* has reported on an issue. Also, by not publishing, I was able to study for my test the next morning.

Needless to say, the decision was not taken lightly, and from the happy smiles and relieved faces I could tell the *Poly* was sorely missed. However, my four years experience with the paper dictated that there has never been a justifiable cause to print. I hope that, even though you may not support my decision, you will still respect me in the morning.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at the *Poly* office, 266-6770, and be sure not to ask if this is the Gay hotline.

Randy J. Bowwow
Editor-in-Chief

Albany State causes blackout

In a fit of extreme nastiness, the administration of SUNYA totally cut off power to the Union recently, the *Polemic* has been informed. No reason has been determined.



Netwomen lose virginity

The *Polemic's* inside sources have revealed the results of an interesting wager between the members of RPI's rugby team and the women's tennis team. It seems that during a lull at a Tau Phi party two weeks ago, a slightly soused ruggar challenged the manhood of the netwomen. The standard arm-wrestling and hairy chest contests proved inconclusive, so the two teams agreed that the first group to be deflowered would be declared RPI's most macho bunch. Well, our sources say that drooling Security personnel finally succumbed, and in a hectic episode during a home match, had their way with the netwomen.

Meanwhile, the rugby team had had little luck. Captain and spokesman for the ruggers, Boo Boo Dubois, had this to say: "Well, our strategy was maybe to catch a ref while we were in the scrum, but we waited and waited for a female ref and never got one." This whole wager has not gone completely without controversy, either. Some grumblings among other rugby players seem to indicate that the tennis team may have used illegal methods to win. Another ruggar said, "They shaved their legs, armpits, and chests to make themselves more enticing, and I noticed that, during the matches, they were dropping balls and rackets every so often so they would have to bend over."

The matter is to go before the J-board, which, of course, has nothing better to do.

Noise causes blackout

It has been disclosed to the *Polemic* that the Union blackout was really caused by noise. Two people were having a quiet discussion on the second floor of the Union when someone living in Lansingburgh was woken from a sound sleep by what he considered to be RPI-generated noise. The person grabbed an axe and destroyed the transformer in the basement of the Union. He escaped the clutches of Security, and is still at large.

NOW THERE'S A FARE FOR PEOPLE WITH MORE MONEY THAN BRAINS



Security tackles Netwomen

In a shameful announcement, security representative Madge Axeman revealed that the shocking occurrence at the last RPI women's tennis game was indeed the campus security "letting off a little steam."

In the game's final period the security on duty mysteriously ran onto the field and pushed the team off the court and on to the ground. A cloud of dust resulted and the team's coach, Ami Virgin, called more security to the scene who then joined the fracas. The crowd of thirty-two and a half was shocked for the most part except for an unidentified woman who joined the fray.

When the dust finally cleared the security men were noticeably panting and weak. The netwomen were primarily in a daze, and the union staff was aroused. Finally the area was cleared and the netwomen, with increased vigor, continued the game to victory.

"It appears as if our men were just couped up a little too long and wanted something different," said Axeman. "We do not approve of what they did, but Coach Virgin said not to take any definitive action or let it leak to the press. And that's what we've done."

"Our men do seem less cagey lately, and have taken it upon themselves to enforce every rule in the book. So maybe this was a good experience."

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A week of horror, brutality, and inane violence finally came to a halt last Friday when the last of the marauding football players was halted by his irate mother, who insisted he stop raping, pillaging, and plundering long enough to spend the weekend with his parents. The team began their rampage on the heels of their defeat over Union, 38-0.

Although the defeat was expected, the team was terribly upset, and spent the week terrorizing the RPI campus to get psyched for their next game against the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Coach Dave Caucasian explained, "We feel terrorizing computer knurds and Sagies can have a positive effect on the team. This embodies our new 'Genghis Kahn' approach to football. Raping and plundering got Ghengis as far as he got, and it can do the same for us."

When asked if perhaps the Engineers were overmatched against the Division I Cornhuskers, he replied, "Yes, but RPI needs the television coverage. I understand we're getting aired on both Candid Camera and Ripley's Believe It Or Not. Besides, with our scoreboard, they can't win by more than 28 touchdowns and a field goal, which is something the whole team can be proud of."

Netwomen cause blackout

The crack investigative team at the *Polemic* has discovered the true cause of the recent Union blackout: it was deliberately caused by the members of the women's tennis team.

One of those involved, who asked not to be identified, said that it was part of a hastily conceived plan to get the netwomen away from the RPI Security personnel who were pursuing them. She said, "we figured, correctly as it turned out, that most of them are afraid of the dark."

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