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## Knowless a mud wrestler

In a news conference planned out well in advance yesterday, Eddie Knowless, RPI's Dean of Students, made a startling, if not shameful announcement. It seems that before Knowless became dean he made his living as a mudwrestler. That's right, he used to roll around in the mud with members of his own sex in public for money. Even more embarrassing is the fact that he was once good. Dirty Eddie, as he was called in the puddle, was at one time the holder of the World Mudwrestling Council's (WMA) middleweight crown.

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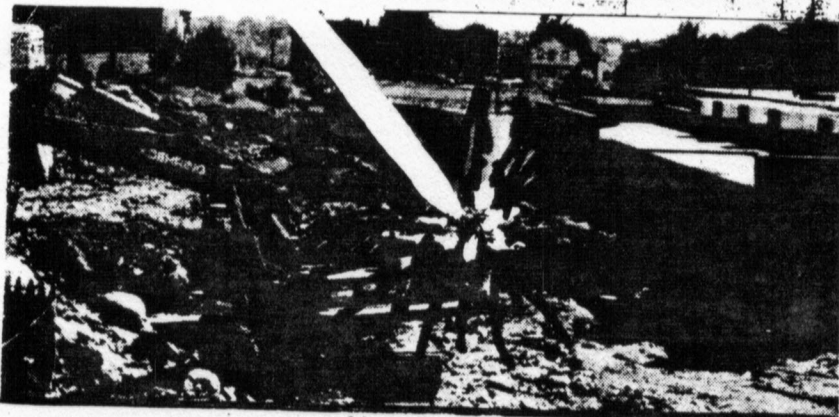
## Housing Office 'burns' Nason Hall to stress fire awareness

In an attempt to curtail some of the recent abortive tries by students to set fires and pull fire alarms, the Housing Office has decided to produce a film on dorm fires. This film provides many helpful hints for the serious arsonist. For example, how to bind and gag witnesses, how to disconnect smoke alarms, how to avoid your RA (Housing will be making a sequel to this movie telling students just how to find their RA), how to block hallways and doors, and how to build smoky fires.

The film entitled "A Hot Time in the Old Dorm Tonight", sub-titled "Learning About Burning", sub-sub-titled "Heat of the Moment", sub-sub-sub-titled "Take Your Dorm by Firestorm", sub-

sub-sub-sub-titled "Burning Down the House", sub-sub-sub-sub-sub-titled (for Cary II) "Hot Girls in Love", sub-sub-sub-sub-sub-titled "I'm Burning for You", contains actual footage of pyromaniacs and an incisive interview with an arson investigator telling the do's and don't's.

Although some critics panned the film, this reporter found the movie to be a sizzling description of the bright side of arson, combined with a watered-down description of the hot side of it, and a somewhat smoky picture of the danger involved. Overall, it had its bright points. I'll give it three alarms.



## Knowless..

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But why did Knowless go public? "Considering the popularity of the sport and the fame which I achieved in it, I realized that it was only a matter of time before news of my past would reach RPI. As a matter of fact, I'm surprised that I've gone this long unnoticed. I was a legend. I won forty six straight bouts. I was Sport's Illustrated's Athlete of the Year in 1974. Check your back issues - that's me on the cover."

The other reason that Knowless went public is because he's considering a comeback. "The man who holds my title now is a bum. I could beat him in less than a minute."

Campus reaction to this announcement was mixed. According to a rank official in the Office of Human Resources, "It's a travesty, an affront to the good taste of the students. I think Knowless should be disbanded. As a matter of fact, I've ordered campus security to have him seized and thrown in irons. I'm in charge now." At this point the official, who later requested anonymity, began frothing at the mouth and humming "Hail to the Chief". On the other hand, a certain Student Union staff member appeared visibly aroused when this reporter told her of the news. But she refused to comment.

More as it develops.

A powerful laser blast hit campus last week resulting in a loss of electricity in the Union Building for a few days. Although this meant that the Union services were unavailable for a time, students didn't seem to notice. Especially unaffected were the Naval Midland Moneymaybe machines which don't work too often anyway. The most annoyed people were the toads who inhabit the Game Room and the vegetable who watch MTV on the Union television. Both groups complained that their social lives were unforgivably interrupted for a few days.

Sources claim that the shot came from just north of midtown Boston. MIT is certainly a suspect in the attack, but made an official statement of "Nolo contendere." An unnamed graduate student at MIT claimed that their Physics Department was trying out the new Laser Cannon and thought that they should try it out on RPI's experimental Force Field. Apparently no one thought to call the Tute and find out if it was turned on at the time.

The 100 megawatt blast hit the campus right in the middle of the construction site for the CII (Center for Internal Investigations). The impact was not particularly noticed, since the students have become accustomed to small earthquakes. The only indication that anything was amiss was that the quake came at 10:30 at night, long after the workers had gone home. However, being Friday night, most students were either away or partying, and the damage wasn't noted until the power in the Union failed. The full cause for this was not determined. The construction company was overjoyed with the crater left by the shot, claiming that "we're way ahead of schedule now."

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# Security restricts parking ... again

In a surprise news conference, RPI Security unveiled a slick new brochure outlining multitudes of rules, regulations, and strangulations concerning cars, trucks, and many other surprising things on campus. The highlight of the new policy was clearly the regulation requiring all non-digital alarm clocks, blenders, stereo turntables, and vacuum cleaners to carry registration stickers.

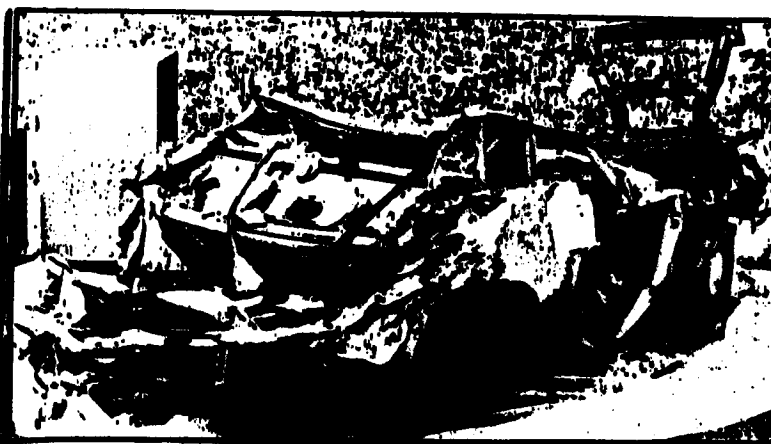
Quick-eyed students zeroed in on the brochure's section X (that's really 10, but Security went all out on the frills), labeled "Definition of Terms." Here, the term "Vehicle" is defined as, "All motorized devices of any type." No kidding! If you're thinking what has already been thought (what a waste) you'll note that "Vehicles" now include clocks, garbage disposals, power drills, fans, printers, and any "motorized devices of any type."

Of course we already know that all vehicles must be registered with Security and have a proper sticker attached to them. Lucky are those who live off campus! They will still be able to read their watches, while the rest of us having analog watches will have them wrapped up in huge registration stickers.

But wait, there's more! Also defined in the brochure is "Grass - any non-paved area not specifically designated for vehicles." Your dorm room is grass. The classroom is grass. And RPI has the only ice-hockey team in the nation which plays on grass.

Hold it, though, it's against RDOT (Rensselaer deviates On THC) rules to operate any vehicle on grass! Leave your watch in the parking lot, and be sure it's registered, or Security will tow it away! Don't use your blender in the kitchen, in fact, don't even park it there! And certainly never operate your alarm clock next to your bed! Not only is it grass, but you might get run over by such a vehicle while you sleep.

These rules and definitions are real (honest!) and have already taken effect. Protect yourself from unnecessary fines and towing by being sure to register all motorized devices with Security and operating them only on roads and parking lots. And don't trust Security - only YOU can be sure they're locked up and safe!



Security is really cracking down on illegally parked cars on campus. From now on instead of booting or towing, illegally parked cars will be destroyed on site, as this one was, to set an example for others.

- 1) The practice of letting the phone ring more than once before picking it up.
- 2) The sensation of having your shoes stick to the dried soda and candy on the floor of a movie theater.
- 3) Those annoying little subscription cards that fall out of a magazine when it is opened.
- 4) Those little shards of paper that remain when you rip a stapled piece of paper off a bulletin board.
- 5) Any piece of rogue food that slips off your fork and onto your friend's nicely-polished rosewood table.
- 6) Any readily-identifiable piece of anatomy on a steak.

- 1) Phonophobia
- 2) Gunkish
- 3) Flaplet
- 4) First
- 5) Glassop
- 6) Gristmally



## Senior class finds Troy sucks

In a surprise move, the class of '85 recently cast aside the accumulated caution of three years at RPI and, as a group (since there's safety in numbers), actually went into the city of Troy. One of the few survivors, who asked not to be identified, related this tale:

"It really sucked, more than you can know. After we made our way down the Approach, we immediately became aware of a foul odor, somewhat like a chicken in heat. Then the Troylets set upon us; barely alive, we escaped as a group into an old theatre house, where we saw some really interesting movies (this is where the sucking began). The first was about this girl and her doberman pinscher; boy could he pinsch! Then there was this Director of Human Resources

## PU lives in sin

The eagle-eyed staff of RPI's real voice of journalism, the Polemic, has uncovered the startling truth that the Person Undressing, Whim Froshall, in fact lives in sin, as he has broken or is in the process of breaking all ten commandments. Whim, who is generally a grim and determined figure, has been secretly followed to his home where he worships a large statue of Idi Amin. When we cornered him on this all he could say was "God came in a close second." He always works on Sunday, generally at the unknown, yet union-funded, horse track. We secretly uncovered the real truth of last year's E-Board massacre over the misappropriation of some funds, and now have evidence that Whim is responsible, as after the investigation, Froshall S&M folded in a cloud of mystery. He does not covet his neighbor's ox or wife, but his neighbor himself, John

## Tau Phi goes straight

The R.P.I. chapter of the Tau Phi fraternity has decided to go straight after listening to the last Eddie Murphy album, Comedian. Previously, the once proud fraternity had decided to try the opposite side of the straight line, and have since reconsidered, seeing what they were possibly in for as Murphy repeatedly harassed the homosexual population. "Being gay was an experiment, much like skateboards and physics, which we now realize was a detriment to our reputation," said one member last week. "The parties were pretty dull, and none of the guys trusted each other. The porn flicks weren't as good, either. Well, I guess I don't regret it maybe sheep are next for us

## Vendasheep system started

In lieu of the success of the library's vendacard photocopying system, the Institute has decided to use the concept in other areas of student services. In particular, the administration has decided to attack the problem of inavailability of women on campus with a new Vendasheep system.

Problems have already arisen, however. Russell Sage College is complaining of unfair competition with its students, and the Lambda Institute At Rensselaer (LIAR) claims its members can fill any

## Thief breaks wind

Last Sunday night, the scent drifting into the freshmen dorms was not the usual one of Daka preparing it's "food", but evidence of a most heinous criminal in action. Manny the Malodorous struck again.

Manny, who is also suspected in several flashing (slashing?) incidents around BARH, immobilizes his victims with a blast of flatulence. Deriving his power from Daka cuisine, the force of the blast has been felt around the CII construction site, and if untreated will turn a victim into a rotting mass of

# Rensselaer should offer Spelling

"Columbia Scholastic Press Silver Medalist Winner." Yes, that's what the Poly is (and from the masthead, I can tell they'll never let us forget it). Well, take another look, Columbia Scholastic Press. How many points do you take off for misspelling the school's name?

I'd give them a minus 200. Most of the Polytechnic staffers have been here 2 or 3 years at least (it's common knowledge they've been having trouble recruiting freshmen) and if they cannot spell Rensselaer by now, perhaps they belong at Brown. At least it's easy to spell.

Two years ago the Polemic launched a "Buy The Poly a Dictionary" fund to help them on those tough multisyllabic words. This time perhaps more drastic action is called for. A three credit-hour class in spelling, perhaps. Maybe paying each Poly writer \$50 per article to encourage high quality journalism. How about cutting off a finger for each misspelled word? No punishment is too tough to uphold the standards of journalism on this campus.

## bullshit

Approximately 15 tons of bovine manure were recently unearthed during the blasting for the new Center for Industrial Innovation. Fortunately, no students were injured, but several workmen were overcome by the odor. Several passers-by, when later questioned, mentioned that they imagined it to be a Chemistry I lecture demonstration gone awry, and there were several reports of long, drawn-out, sarcastic cries of "Paullll...."

From where the large amount of odorous excretion came is the main concern of the contractors building the new structure. One was quoted as saying, "Blasting all that <expletion deleted> doesn't do much. It just sorta slides around and the explosion is pretty useless. We're gonna have to find another way to get it out of there." Rensselaer officials are debating several solutions to the problem of removing the waste, and where to put it.

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sig bndf
@type password
?zipperhead
@Terminal, Normal, University
@Last signon was at 16:46:49, Thu Sep 20/84
@Slave bndf signed on at 17:19:25, Thu Sep 20/84

) To obtain a printing of your first project,
) kneel before terminal and recite the computer ethics
) code. I will then consider your feeble request. If
) you show any signs of resistance, the program will
) be printed on the WRONG paper and your pickup number
) will be altered. May NTS have mercy on thy soul.

@edit project!
  invalid NTS command
@edit project!
  it'll cost ya
@what
  invalid NTS command
@help
  NTS helps those who help themselves
@edit project !
  file does not exist
@it does!!
  so I lied
: print /f
  illegal argument
: display argument
  no
: display argument dammit!
  swear again and your account will be wiped out
: please display argument
  I refuse to argue
: stop
  but why
: stop
@ sig
  I guess you don't want the $10.75 left in your account
@ sig
  alright crybaby
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@ signoff cost         $12.02
@ Approximate remaining balance: -916.63
@ Interest due         96.65
@ Overdrawing cost     93.00
@ Misc. charges        97.00
@ Just-for-the-hell-of-it charges 95.23

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@ NOTICE:
@ Pay up or I will publically post your answers to the
@ Parity test.

Have a nice day

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The Polemic you are about to read is real. The initials are mostly unchanged. The editors walked into the Dean of Student's Office. It was 10:38. Eddie glared sternly at them. "You people are in alot of trouble," he growled. "I haven't received my prescription over 3 weeks." He turned to his cowering secretary. "Disciplinary Warnings for them all!" he roared.

The Polemic, 202 Wiltsie House, RPI.

### — letter to the poly —

To the Editor of the Polytechnic:  
Since the Polemic is a spoof of the Poly, we always assumed your staff would appreciate our efforts at satire and take them in a humorous light, as they are obviously intended. Therefore we have always provided free of charge a copy of the Polemic to your office.

It recently came to my attention that your office copy was viciously vandalized by a member of the Poly staff. It seems we overestimated the maturity, not to mention the sense of humor, of your staff. Apparently some Poly staffers take the Polemic as some sort of insult, and have vented their petty angers on the paper the Pole is printed on; certainly the Polemic has received no communication from any Poly staff member expressing dissatisfaction.

## Low no phoney



Much has been heard in the last few weeks about George M. Low, the late president of RPI. Low has been commended for his energy and his attention to detail, for his knowledge and his thoroughness. We at the Polemic knew George (as we always referred to him) in a different light.

George became a prescriber to the Polemic after seeing a copy hanging in WRPI. The banner headline read "CAREY, LOW ANNOUNCE WEDDING"; and George liked it so much he just had to prescribe. Since that time the Polemic has revealed that George was a hatchet murderer, an alien, a neanderthal, and a transvestite. He has even been named Athlete of the Week for his hockey skills. And George loved every minute of it.

Quite simply, George Low recognized the value of satire. Able to laugh with us at the ludicrous positions we put him in, he never got uptight over our stories about him. This was the quality of George's we really appreciated and admired.

The Polemic mourns with the Low family and all of RPI the loss of President Low. We shall keep in mind what he once stated, for slightly paraphrased it is our credo: "...and of course, the fun is ALL of the reason for doing it."

In light of the Poly's actions this is the last gratis copy of the Polemic you will receive. When your staff gains the maturity and self-assurance required to comprehend true satire, this paper will consider resuming delivery. Or, you may pay the regular prescription price of one dollar, in which case you can do with your copy anything your mean little hearts desire.

Love and kisses,  
The Polemic



# sports

**Gay!**  
X6770 the only way to go

## Four tennis stars tell how to do it

In a surprise move to increase campus awareness on the process of human reproduction, four of the world's top tennis stars were called in for a campus wide "rap session." Stars John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova presented a variety of descriptions and commentary, along with a series of pictures and educational films. Afterwards, a variety of demonstrations were offered, directed by McEnroe, who provided expert commentary such as, "Noooooooo...that's not right!!! #\$\$%&\*!! students!!! No, that's not in!" Likewise, King and Navratilova provided their own unique demonstration.

Asked why the tennis pros were called in, Dean of Students Eddie Knowes told the Polemic, "We felt they had the experience. They are worldly people...and besides that, they ARE tennis players....whacking balls around all the time." When pressured for the real reason, Knowes could only hint that RPI really had no idea who knew anything about the subject, since most of the administration appeared and took notes.



## Netwomen defeated

In a surprise news conference, spokesperson for the field hockey team Ann Pewtee announced that the RPI stickwomen were recently the victims of a flagrant mutilation of the rules. According to Ann, during a recent game against Podsdam, several RPI team members' feet were mysteriously severed from their bodies.

At first, game officials were stumped by this occurrence. Later it was found that the Podsdam team was playing with unduly sharp sticks. The team was promptly disqualified because their sticks were, "non-league-approved instruments used for the severing of opponents' limbs." This is specifically forbidden in the rules (pg. 42 of Hoyle's Rules For Everything).

Asked whether it was difficult to just walk away from this macabre incident, Pewtee said, "This is just another example of the agony of defeat. We were thinking of suing the Podsdam team, but our lawyers tell us we haven't a leg to stand on. But I'm not trying to seem too callous about it; we've just got to try to keep our shins up and remember that we've still got sole."

In a related story, the field hockey team will be sponsoring "Footloose" in the Communications Center, admission free.

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