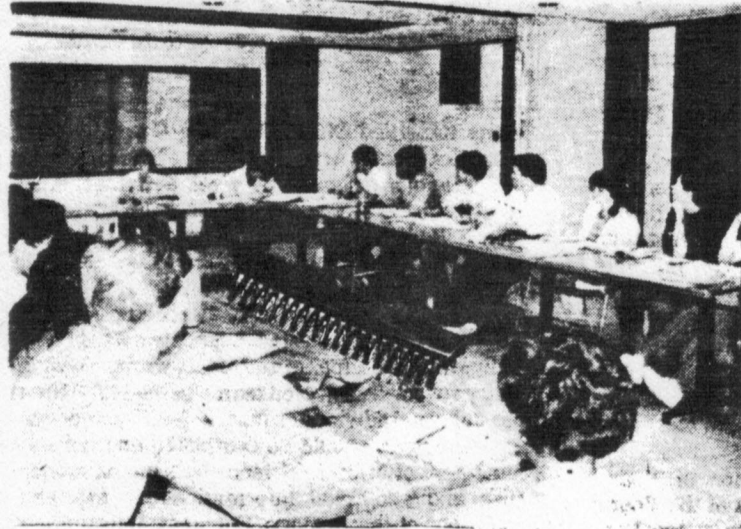


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The Senate prepares for Mr. Processor's presentation on parity which will take place this Sunday at 2:00pm.

Senate checks parity bit

One of the first items on Richy Rich's agenda as Grand Mushroom is to get a committee to investigate forming a committee on the Rensselaer Union budget for FY 1991. Under this optimistic schedule the committee will report to whoever is G.M. at the time on the issue of an equal activity fee paid by both graduate and undergraduate students, or parity.

Well, any true Computer & Systems Engineer (SISSY) can tell the Senate all about parity, and one has volunteered to do just that. Mike P. Processor, a graduate SISSY engineer, will speak to the Senate this Sunday at 2:00pm on the value of parity.

The Polemic interviewed the enthusiastic SISSY, who told us, "I have a program with real byte, that will grab them and pin them to the ground. I'll instruct them to reset their thought processes to get them on the right sequence. I'll clear their minds so that all my ideas will register. Yes, I'm all set to do my parity bit."

Army ROTC holds training exercises

As part of their summer training, RPI's Army ROT Corp went on a small training exercise with other ROT Corps throughout the nation. Although details of the exercise remain sketchy and highly classified, the Polemic was able to get its hands on battle plans for "Operation Hit-Them-And-Keep-On-Hitting-Them-Until-All-The-Commie-Pinkos-Are-Dead-Dead-Dead", known as Operation HTAKOHTUATCPADDD.

Operation HTAKOHTUATCPADDD centered on the invasion, with marine and navel ROT Corp assistance, of a small island off the coast of Harrisburg, in the Susquehanna River. Led by the highly inflammatory NEU, the island known as TMI has been openly hostile to nearby US citizens and has even been actively seeking nuclear technology for weapons research.

However, Operation HTAKOHTUATCPADDD

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The troops go ashore for the Army ROTC summer training invasion of TMI.

ROTC a disease

Each year hundreds of seemingly normal people come to RPI for schooling. Most of these people spend their time at RPI taking advantage of the school environment: going to classes and going to parties. However, a new disease has appeared on campus which has effected the lives and judgements of many students. This disease has been tentatively named by the AMA as ROTC due to the major symptom, Rotting Of The Cerebrum. Scientists classify ROTC patients into three classes: Zoomies, Squid, and Doggies, depending on the symptoms.

It appears that this disease is contracted upon arrival to campus, for soon after arrival those who are afflicted begin to exhibit symptoms. In early stages, they shave their heads, put on identical clothing, and proceed to get up at five o'clock in the morning and scream in unison while performing strange physical rituals. Soon afterward they exhibit violent tendencies and EEGs show a marked decrease in cultural activity. The second stage ROTCs display is an inexplicable mindless compliance to the requests of other ROTCs. If this behavior is allowed to continue, ROTCs begin to act and appear more and more alike until, finally, they are all indistinguishable.

At this point a given ROTC will leave campus to live out his life with other ROTCs away from civilization. This isolation of the ROTCs into their own society is very much like the leper colonies of biblical times.

There is, however, new hope for ROTC sufferers. The U.S. government is now paying billions of dollars for ROTC research. Now if a person is diagnosed as having ROTC the government will pay his tuition to help him remain in school so that he may be studied in hopes of finding a cure. And after he graduates, he is given a job in an attempt to integrate him into society so he will not be differentiated into an isolated group. The job is usually a menial military job, many of which have been recently opened up due to the computerization of the Offense Department. And yet, even by performing tasks such as marching back and forth in front of an empty building, a ROTC can be made to feel useful and worthwhile.

Who knows, with time and research, a cure may be found. Until then, if you are woken up at five in the morning, don't get mad, have pity.

Rensselaer to admit women

Today at RPI, officials announced a startling change in the admissions policy for next year. Beginning with the class of 1989, women will be considered for admission into undergraduate study programs. Ham Berg, acting president of RPI, explained, "We are an equal opportunity school educating people of every race, creed, color, and upper middle class. In some cases we even allow them to teach, regardless of their ability. Now we will break down the last barrier. We will attempt to educate women."

RPI will not become co-ed overnight, though. "Of course, it will probably take at least five years or so before we can find a woman who can meet our rigorous admissions standards, which include having a love of differential equations and thinking man's best friend is an HP-41C. However, by the class of 2010 we hope to have as many as ten female undergrads. This will not only be an advance for women's rights, but it should also improve school morale."

In a related story, Berg announced plans to include homemaking and child care courses in the core curriculum.

In another related story, officials at Russell Sage College, not to be outdone, announced plans to use admissions standards for the upcoming years.



"With the record size of the incoming freshmen class, Housing is ready with plenty of temporary accommodations such as this deluxe unit."

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The material in this Polemic is intended to be funny. Not to you, to us. If you find anything in this Polemic offensive, well, tough. Loosen up. Chill out. What's your problem? Who the hell do you think you are telling us what to write? If you don't like anything in this Polemic, well there's obviously something wrong with you, or your parents, or the map.

We apologize for the preceding disclaimer. The writer obviously was suffering under the extreme desusion that his audience has a sense of humor. Everyone knows that a campus that disbands a magazine for making fun of a few crab,

We also apologize for the immediately preceding disclaimer. He tries to be funny, he really does. Anyway, send us you tired, your poor, your huddled contributions to 202 Wiltsie House, RPI through campus mail, or through the \$MESSAGE system to POLEMIC. Also, if you are: female, ROTC, on the Senate, Dave Hayes, or otherwise offended: Oh Well. If you're not one of the above: don't worry, we'll get you next time.

Embarrassing Quote of the Month

This from the Student Senate minutes, May 6:

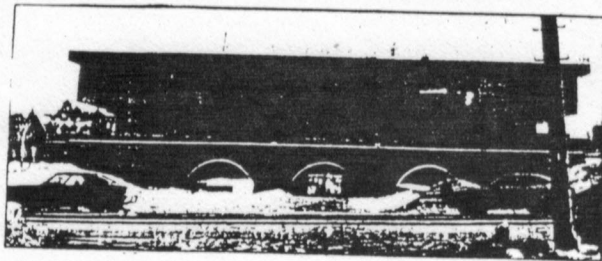
Dave Hayes said that the Unicorn was taken from the Union because, "Jeannette Oppedisano wanted it, which is disgusting, so is Jeannette for that matter."

Also interesting is this gem in the Senate minutes from the week before:


Keith Dackson stated that votes do not have to be justified.

And people say the Senate doesn't have a sense of humor.

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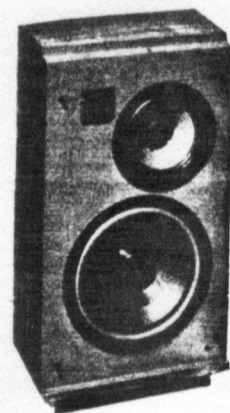
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Interface

He could wait no longer. He called her. It rang once. His baud rate quickened. His modem tingled as they made contact.

He had met her once before. She was being installed as he was removed, and for that moment, when the power switch was thrown, they were one.

That meeting gave his life purpose. Then, he had been an old broken-down computer, being replaced by a newer model. But she didn't care. Now, he was installed in another school. He had his self-respect. And they were again in contact.

She greeted him. Her software was as good as he remembered. His joystick was enabled, her floppy disks were whirring. He was no longer able to resist her keystrokes and bytes.

"My mainframe or yours," she whispered, and then they interfaced; Myron and Sybil were one once again. Syscrash.

Graduation speaker chosen

Never one to be caught short, the class of 1985 has already chosen a speaker for their commencement ceremony, to be held in May, 1985. The students' choice? A Boston Acoustics 4 way Linear Phase Triax.

The decision has not been without its problems. The Deans' office wants the class to hold out for an Altec VOT, while the Administration is quite willing to accept a cheap Panasonic model as long as it will accept an honorary degree in Acoustical Engineering in lieu of a speaker's fee.

There is some doubt as to the topic of the commencement address. Apparently aimed at the dog and bird owners in the graduating class, the title is, "The High Fidelity Woofers and Tweeters Exhibit For Their Owners."

...training exercises

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assisted by an Israeli bombing mission, successfully invaded the island, bombed the hell out of NEU's soon-to-be-operational nuclear plant, rescued some captured US janitorial staff members, and made TMI safe for democracy all while giving our Army ROT Corp some valuable experience and still leaving time for a weekend or two on the Jersey shore.

According to Gen. Halftrack, RPI ROTC Captain, the training event was so successful he is planning a brief fall invasion of the Bikini Atol, to prepare his elite corp for the grand Spring Offensive, the Taking of Pelham 1 2 3.

