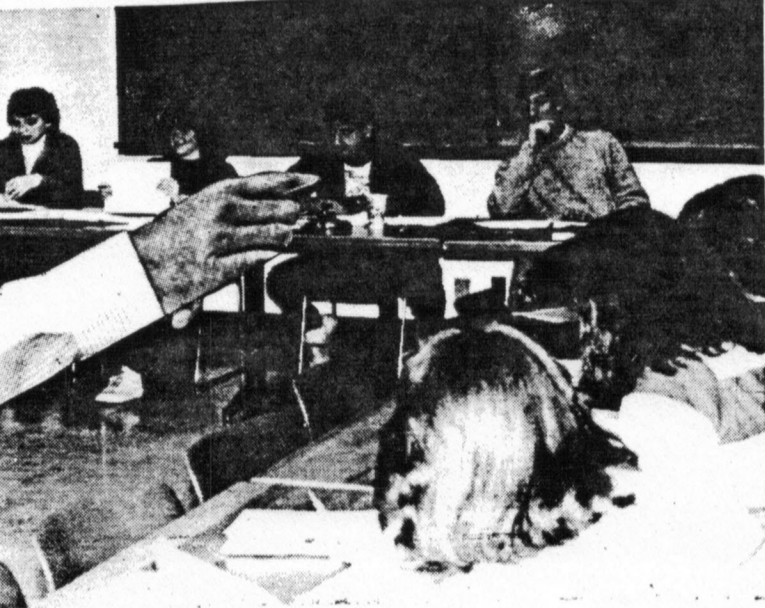


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Ms. Opdreadisano appeared at last Sunday's Senate meeting and ordered the group disbanded. Shown here gesturing at the group, she was reported to have yelled, "Be gone, Nazis!"

Senate disbanded

Director of Inhumane Resources, Jeanette Opdreadisano, overacted again recently, leaving the Rensselaer Union without a Student Senate as a result.

The situation arose when the *Polemic* used an "objectional" word meaning "to forceably have one's way with another." Ms. Opdreadisano took strong offense to the light vain in which the word was used and complained to the President's Council. The Council, which presumably had other more important (or at least relevant) issues to consider, informed her that they would consider forming a fact-finding committee to investigate the problem and report on the possibilities of action and retribution.

Frustrated and desperate, as well boiling over with inner compulsion to cause trouble and get her name printed in the *Polytechnic*, she

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IFC disbands everything

Right on the heels of the IFC-sponsored move to disband the Constitutional Convention, news has leaked of an IFC plan to do away with much of Student Government. The plan has been widely hailed as "a landmark step" by both students and Administration.

The plan, as outlined by Lock-boy Walton (IFC Senator), will work to eliminate the E-Board and the Senate much as the Constitutional Convention was eliminated. As Lock-boy explained it, "Early next semester I will initiate a review of the E-Board's functions by an impartial independent group of students. Their report (which I've already written) will find that the E-Board is unnecessary and will recommend its dissolution, its duties to be assumed by the more responsive ELECTED Senate.

"Then after I'm elected Grand Marshall in April (a cinch given my IFC connections) I'll form a new task force to examine the role of the Senate. It will find that the Senate needlessly duplicates the work of the IFC. After all, it has already been determined that the IFC really represents all students by last year's E-Board (the schmucks), and the task force's report (that one I'll write next week) will be a logical extension of that E-Board decision.

"In the same manner I'll do away with the IC and the Grad and Undergrad Councils, leaving us a tight, efficient student government consisting of the IFC presided by the Grand Marshall. And the best thing and is, I'll no longer have to share my 'Top Hat' column with that stupid 'Derby'!"

In a related story, the E-Board is now considering having the Bursar handle club dues, as well as club funding by the Institute. Vice President In Charge Of Keeping An Eye On The Students Lee Grillcox favors the idea, commenting, "This will allow us to better keep an eye on --er, cooperate with the students. Closer ties with the Union is just what we want."



The former site of the CII, now an empty hole in the ground, after the building left the area. Did it leave voluntarily, or did it really flunk out?

CII moves ahead of schedule

Unbeknownst to most students, but not to the badly-oiled information-creating machine we call the *Polemic*, the Center for Internal Investigations was completed last week, 18 months ahead of schedule. This herculean feat was accomplished with the aid of a magic hard-hat worn by F. Rosty, the head foreman. Apparently this hat was accidentally placed in the internal structure of the building which promptly caused it to become an intelligent life form and to sing and dance around. It was made smarter than the average 'Tute student, since it became promptly disgusted at the sight of Troy in general (and the infirmary in particular), pulled itself up by its foundation, and left, saying goodbye and calling, "Don't you cry, I'll be back again someday."

Said W. Home, chief engineer on the project, "The fact that it is able to withstand this type of stress shows how well we built it. We are therefore charging the Institute an extra \$15 million."

The Institute is resisting this on the grounds that, if the building should leave New York State, the interest rate on the loans used to build it will double.

At last sight, the CII was at Saratoga, placing the last \$5 million in its construction money on the fourth race Quinella.

GM WEEK PLANS

Amid the ice and snow of the Troy winter, thoughts of GM Week are far away...except for the GM Week Committee members, who are already hard at work planning next spring's gala activities. A list of the proposed activities happened to fall into the hands of the *Polemic*; among the more interesting of their ideas:

1. JEC room party
2. Male Strippers (sponsored by LAAR?)
3. Dean of Students Mud Wrestling
4. Faculty roast (or maybe faculty fondue?)
5. Polish strip contest (put it on!)
6. Jeanette roast (Sounds like a good argument for Pepto-Bismal)
7. Fill the new pool with jello (kinky!)
8. Pudding party with Bill Cosby
9. Park wherever you want day/week (that way we'll all be like the GM)
10. Marshmallow roast at AXP (what a nasty GM Week Committee!)
11. Greased pig contest (by Phi Sigma Sigma?)
12. Student teacher switch (no way, the teachers might learn something)
13. Skinny dipping in the new pool (in jello? Really kinky!)
14. Spelling contest (Poly-sponsored?)
15. Beer Bong (hey! how about a "Drug Awareness Week"?)
16. Female strippers (to keep Jeanette off our backs we'll invite her to take part!)
17. Playfair (by the RPI Hockey team?)
18. Alternate snow ball fight (with discussion group afterward?)
19. Orgy on the '86 field or Quad or Playhouse (you bring the Vasoline!)
20. IFC dog show (or was that by the Panhellenic Council?)
21. Bonfire at AXP (OK, enough of the Alpha Pi Rho jokes!)
22. Mural painting on the water tank
23. Cow milking contest (udderly disgusting)
24. Best toad on Campus (sponsored by ACM, voting is with money, proceeds go towards developing his social life).

Well, given this fine list of choices, GM Week will definitely be one to look forward to. Lobby the GM Week Committee for your favorite event - with your support this can be the best GM Week ever!

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Labs study snow

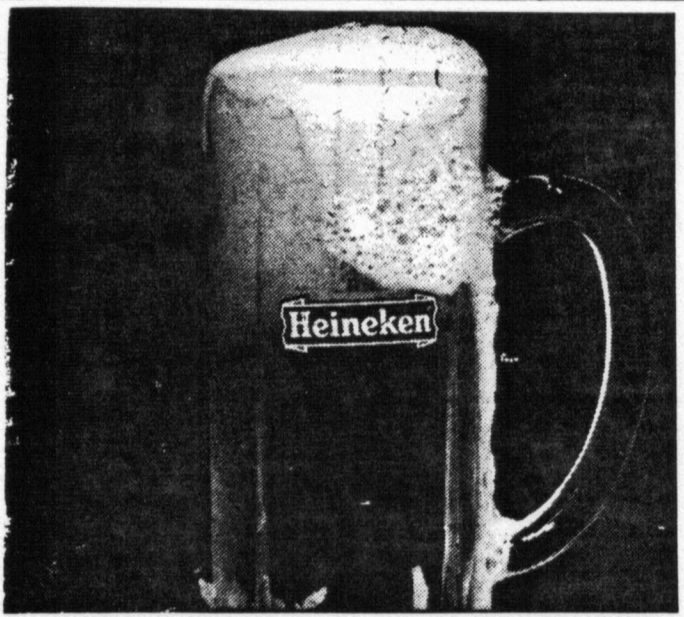
RPI has recently been awarded a \$250,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Transportation for the study of the impact of 'the unique phenomenon which is crystalized precipitation (snow) on (on) the socio-economic patterns which exist within populated regions upon which said precipitation descends (people)."

The grant money has already been earmarked for the creation of the Crystalized Precipitation Department (CII). The purpose of this department is twofold -- first, to conduct research related to the study requested by the DOT, second, to provide the groundwork for a series of courses that teach the relationship and mutual responsibilities between man and his natural winter companion - snow. The department, under the School of Management, will offer courses such as: Snow Removal : Ethics and Practicalities, Snow Sculpture, Physics of Packed Snow Projectiles, and the graduate level Yellow Snow : A Historical Perspective .

Using the amazing journalistic process called, by those in the trade, "fudging it", the *Polemic* has unearthed the first draft of the yet to be released report to the DOT. Quickly summarized, the report states that "snow, in general, tends to improve business for ski resorts, increase sales of anti-freeze and snow tires, decrease those of sun tan lotion and bathing suits, and make things slick, wet, and most noticeably, cold." (not continued on page 5)

Some Sage Grads May Lack What Reports Calls "Basic Knowledge"

No kiddin'



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Senate ...

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recalled the fact that the Student Senate had declared the *Polemic* its official humor publication, and therefore taken some responsibility, in her mind, for the *Polemic's* actions.

Opdreadsiano took action early in the morning, before the students had a chance to see their representatives, ordering Security to seize the Senators on her authority. Later she decreed the club disbanded for irresponsibility and tastelessness.

The *Polemic* investigative reporting team has discovered that, in a temporary lapse into niceness, she allowed the Senators to choose their own place of confinement. They may now be reached at the Hoosick St. Beverage Warehouse.

Greeks sponsor

Alcohol Awareness Week

It's been a long time since Playboy Magazine rated RPI as a "professional" drinking school; alcohol consumption is lower now on campus than ever before in the Institute's 160 year history. The IFC, in the interest of all students, is doing something about this; and through their "Alcohol Awareness Week" proposes to increase irresponsible use of alcohol at RPI.

IFC President Alexis White Wine outlined the problem. "Basically, students aren't going out drinking as much, and when they do they're stopping long before they reach the 'totally wasted' level (IFC bylaws define 'totally wasted' as seeing nothing wrong in walking down the middle of Broadway nude). By promoting alcohol awareness and providing guidelines toward getting totally wasted, we *belch* hope to reverse this disturbing trend. With the cooperation of all students, and the Senate and the E-Board (while they last), I *hic* think we can lick this yet."

To that end, the Senate last week declared "The Moral Equivalent of War" on sobriety, and declared Pabst Blue Ribbon (yeech!) the official beer of the Senate. Also getting into the act, the E-Board has adopted the following IFC guidelines as official club policy; any club not adhering to the policy will have their budget not only frozen, but baked, pickled, and flambéed:

Here are some tips to help keep you out of trouble

Know your limit, and stick it.

Decide on the number of drinks you will have in one night, and don't stop until you retch it.

Never drink on an empty stomach. It's not recommended that you stand on anyone's empty stomach - give him some food first. High protein foods like cheese and nuts are best.

Don't be pressured to drink more than you want, but want more than you drink; and don't do the same for others.

Finally, don't drive, and don't let your friends. Over 50% of all fatal accidents result in death.

Dealing with a drunk

Deal from the bottom with a stacked deck; he probably won't notice.

Do not give the person food or drugs; sell them to him at a the substantial profit.

Keep the person still drinking.

Remember that alcohol is only a means toward her end, and not her end in itself.

Characteristics of a Problem Drinker

Beer stains on shirt.

Liquid running down chin.

Mug marks on forehead.

Misses mouth with liquid.

Ice in lap.

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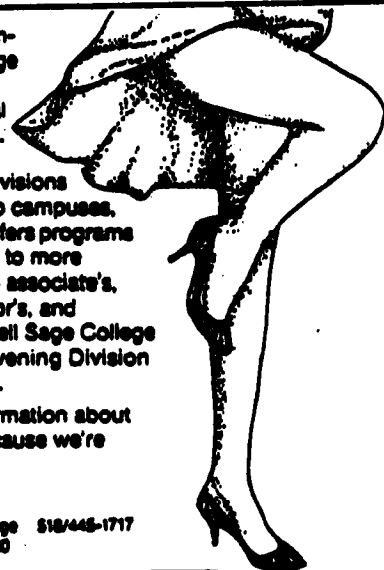
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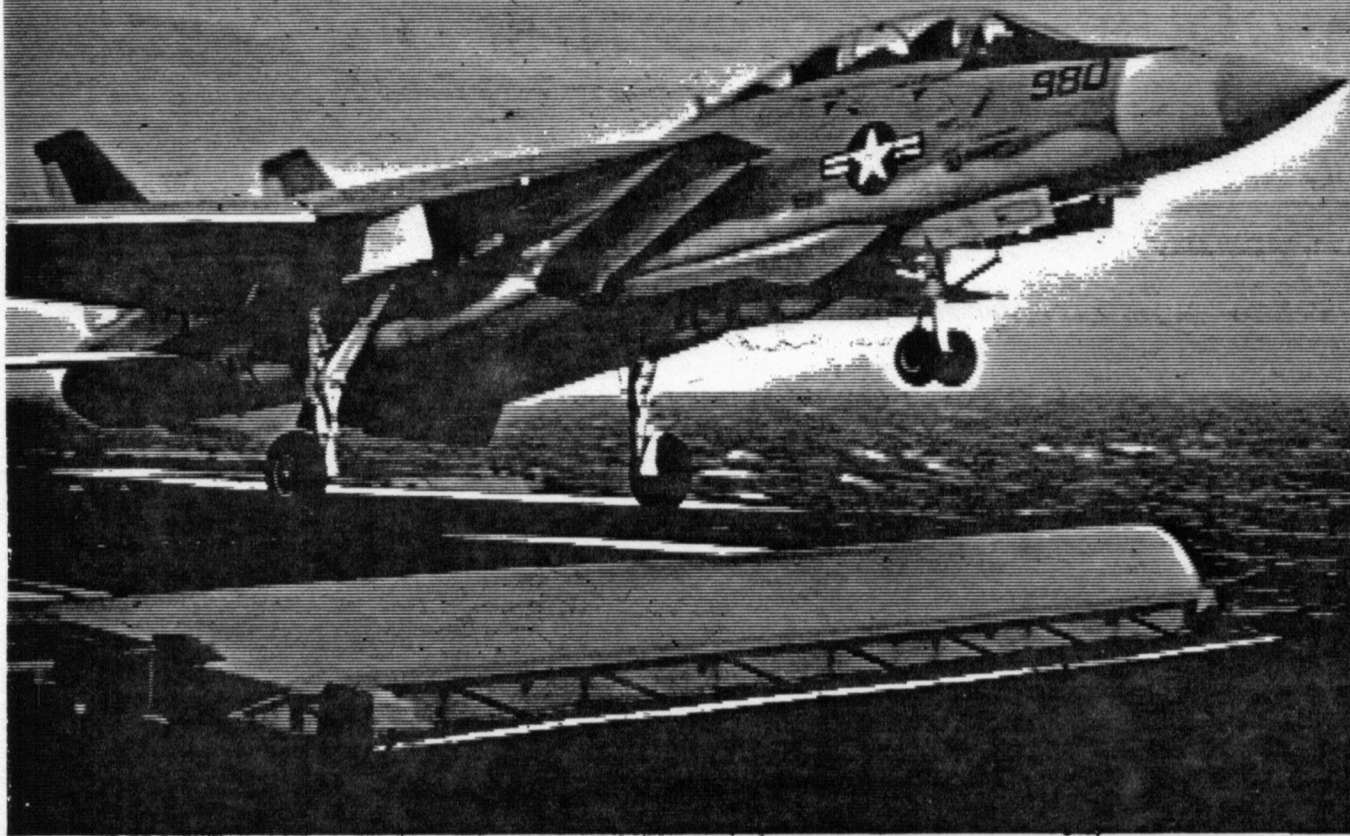
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video astronaut birthday appeal recognition

In a surprise move this week, the Office of Alumni Fundraising (OAF) announced that it would officially recognize the massive fundraising drive currently being run by the estate of Buster Crabbe -- the first video astronaut.

While this move was a surprise, it was not totally unexpected. The drive, commemorating the 75th birthday of Crabbe, who is in fact an RPI graduate (BME -- class of '30), has already donated \$10,000 to the Alumni office.

Said head of Alumni Relations, Carl Westhall, "The donation, while expected, came as a surprise to us." When asked what the Alumni Department would do with the money, Westhall said, "We'll use it to hire more phone-a-thon callers so that this year we will be able to contact those alumni who haven't had the opportunity to graduate yet." (possibly continued on page 5, but probably not)

Lauper bops frenzied crowd

It was with a great deal of hype and enthusiasm that singer Cyndi Lauper made her first concert appearance at the RPI fieldhouse. She was in top form, sporting her usual chrome makeup and characteristically frantic behavior on stage. All in all the crowd was really enjoying the show, but the highlight of the evening had to have been her performance of the hit song "She Bop". Near the end of the song, her eyes seemed to become glazed, and lustful thoughts about Lou Albano were probably racing through her mind, because she leaped off the stage into the mob and bopped each of the 5,374 spectators individually over a period of only 30 minutes.

When she climbed back up to the stage and wearily brushed her multi-hued hair to one side, the audience roared with a rousing standing ovation for her amazing performance. The *Pole* was there to interview a few audience members as they exited. "Wow!" one man said, "What a finish!" Another had this to say, "She was good, but a little too fast for me, if you get my meaning . . . nudge nudge say no more, say no more!"

Apparently, this sudden outburst of lust has not gone without consequences. The infirmary reports a sudden influx of pregnancy tests being requested, and time is already being allotted on Sybil to match up the identities of any unwitting prospective parents.

Our first line of defense



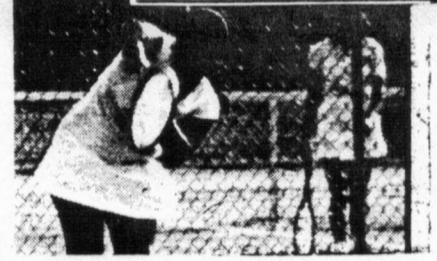
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Engineers beat Saints, 13-10

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Engineers defeated the National Football League's New Orleans Saints last week, by the score of 13 to 10. While the victory was much needed at the end of the season, the reasons for the game even taking place still remain sketchy.

The Saints, who have had a rough time early into this NFL season, were looking for an ego boost so they decided to play a college team. The Engineers, who recently played Division I Cornhuskers, felt they should advance even more, not having any luck in Division III.

After the game the *Polemic* cornered the Saints' coach Bum Phillips to ask him plainly, "Why?"

"Well, uh . . . I don't want to do this . . ."

"Aw, c'mon."

"Well, we really needed somethin' new. The boys were gettin' a little edgy, losing and such, so we decided to try this. It ain't that bad. It ain't as if we joined the USFL. We have some pride."

Finally Bum told us about the money. He offered no explanation for it. The Engineers plan to play more NFL teams next year, possibly bringing a franchise to Troy.

"Anything's possible here"

Netwomen beat batter

Fresh from their sound flouncing by Security during the Great October Blackout, the RPI Netwomen have come out strongly in favor of women at RPI becoming more domesticated. The *Polemic* questioned whether this had anything to do with the recent post-election fervor, but the Netwomen denied this.

"No," we were told gently, "we just don't want to do engineering anymore. It's so, you know, icky. We just want to press flowers and do crewel work," said the Netwomen. "We just want to amass Angoras, bake bread, color our cuticles, deceive our dates, eviscerate eggs, flail flour, gross out on Guccis, hoard Halstons, love Cyndi Lauper, make mouths at our makeup mirrors, never know Nyquist's Theorem, order omelettes, paddle pancakes, query the possibility of quiche, randomly cruise the Rath, shave our shoulders, tickle the Taus, unzipper the upperclassmen, varnish our vurnets, whip up wicked waffles, and zap zucchinis. In short, we just want to beat batter, and have fun.

Ubeend En, shown here beating batter, said that now beating batter is much easier than it used to be before RPI put up the high new fence. "Before that our dough just used to fly up in the air floppity flop and drop out in the pathway. I'm very happy they put up this new fence," she tittered.

