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Hello? Ah, yes, it's you again, you lucky little leeches. Now I don't know if you remember it, but a long time ago (*how long was it?*) (*it was so long I don't even remember being there*) (*shut up you idiots--ed.*) (*now back to the overly hyped-up story ...*) the piddly staff of the Pole showed up at the so-called RPI Activity Fair to drum up some support (ridicule?). Yet we were thrown out on our asses just because of slight technicalities (so what if they didn't want us there--who needs 'em). In the freezing sun of the outside, the brave staff fought off gusting 3 mile-an-hour winds and a monsoon to conduct this little poll that you are now reading about. You say (like many who took the poll) "who cares." Well ~~hsc~~!! you, you unappreciative little (*stop him ...*) .. aaagsdag hjsdf hds ... (*Editor's note--the previous writer had to be terminated but his work remains. Let us grieve his sad loss and pray that more capable writers of his quality(?) will appear. Now get that body out of here boys ...*).

Patience, pilgrims, the pulsating Pole pollsters previously prescribing to pushing a poll on poor piss-ants, presently have prepared this pervacious yet purposeful pile of pundits in the purpose of prolonging our prescribers' plans to pose problems pertaining to the poignant point that our printing is primarily poorly planned. Presently the public will pleasingly find this prime piece of petty perverseness.

Son of pole poll II tabulation

Well, this year's poll did not have too many responses compared to the previous years', primarily because we threw out all the ones written by ROTCs and LAAR members, which whittled the total from 1,096 to 161 ± 3 (you can tell the competence of the Pole staff). Well, next year we may let those groups participate, but we'll have to think about it. We asked important questions categorized by identification, geography, entertainment,



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Freddy the 4th

And now, the somewhat long-awaited, not too-celebrated, lowly-rated, pyrite-plated, pleasantly-fated, much-hated (conga roll please)

history, the arts, science & nature, sports & leisure and a snide comments section. Throughout this literary masterpiece you will find random scribblings that represent the kind of creativeness (if this is true we better pray) that seeps from this school. And, by the way, if you are offended in any way by anything expressed, implied, printed, scratched, etched,

transcribed or defined in this issue, tough luck because you wrote it (some of you, and we know where you live ...). So if you have any complaints, send a complaint with Sybil correspondance to everyone on the system. It may cost you mega-bucks, but at least you'll be satisfied that your narrow-minded opinion has reached the disinterested public. And now that we got THAT BS out of way ...

First, two particular polls need special attention for their uniqueness. One fool decided to answer the entire poll true/false. Must be a Comp Sci: all binary. We're sure he'll do great here at the 'Tute. The other, obviously an upper-classman, responded with "sleep" to all the questions. Wonder how he feels now? Oh well, we digress ...

Name : Zaphod Beeblebrox Jr. III

The first category of questions was for identifying the victims of this devilish poll: NAME. First we asked for a name, and a whole 98 fools wrote down their real names. Just wait until the student directory comes out ... 16 people didn't want to be identified, so they left it blank, while two bright people said they didn't know. A total of 13 celebrities showed up, including the *Polytechnic*, Ayatolla Khomeini, Chevy Chase, Napoleon Bonapart, Bill the Cat, Jack Daniels and Zaphod Beeblebrox Jr. III. 11 people tried to be funny by answering with names such as: "Dick Hertz", "withheld to protect the innocent" (and the guilty), "Bartholomew Whiplasher", "that by which you are known" (2), "that tune" (name that tune--get it ... sheesh), and "yes" (3). Finally one fool gave his name but said he would deny it. We believe you Randy Borgersen, and won't print your name.

Next we asked for A DRESS. 55 people gave their addresses, and we will be pounding on their doors very, very soon. 27 lost people had no idea what they were doing. 50 people responded with something to do with clothing, including: "mini skirt" (2), "skimpy dish towel", "no, pants" (3); "wedding dress" (2), "dior flower print", "Halston" (2), "calico", "strapless evening gown hanging in 405 Davison" and "tunic with black boots and green hat". 9 people denied having a dress or an address, 6 people claimed RPI. 5 attempts to be funny included: "a la Klinger", "outgrown mine" and "a cloth garment usually worn by women." Finally, two wierd responses were "warm" and "Russian dressing" (I have no idea).

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Favorite Sterile Instrument :

Pole-Dior's penis

Next we asked for the poll victim's FAVORITE STERILE INSTRUMENT. 46 people left this baby blank, while one said he didn't know. 15 said "scalpel", and another 3 misspelled it "scalple". Other popular responses were: "condom" (2), "soldering iron" (2) and "band-aids" (2). 6 people find cleanliness in music and responded with musical instruments including "bassoon", "autoclave tuba" and "roland guitar synth". 7 slasher-flick lovers responded with some of the favorite devices used in kiddie massacre movies including "hatchet", "chainsaw" (2), "150 lb. sledge hammer" (this guy did his research) and "jack-hammer". 5 people decided their favorite device was connected to or was a person, including "Lee Wilcox's 'Wango'", "RPI women", "Comp Sci majors", "my girlfriend", and "Pole-taker's penis" (not funny). Finally, three bizarre responses included stereo, index-finger, and a phone number. We don't know what to do with that last one, but we'll think of something.

Moving right along to the category of geography, we asked WHAT DO THEY DO IN BLAW KNOX I AND II? 24 people were asleep at this point, another 14 professed ignorance. The most boring responses were "whatever they want" (3) and "the same thing as in Blaw Knox III and IV" (4). 3 people thought they did "nothing" there, 6 said "mating" while 1 responded with "building" (building what? The CII?). 2 people said "hold" while the apathetic finally crawled out of the woodwork with a big 3 responses. 6 people responded with "animal abuse" (these were closest to the truth as they kill dogs there), "torture", "racking" and "executing". Finally, one person said "something kinky relating to gelatin polyethylene sheets" (we know where this person's mind is).

Next we inquired WHERE IS WILTSIE HOUSE? 21 more blanks and 9 more "don't know" cropped up. 9 people who actually know what they're talking about said Stackwyck while the real know-it-all finally uncovered the truth that the *Polemic* is located at 160 Pennsylvania Ave. 5 people replied with "a lan far, far away" (snooze), and 9 said something to do with Wiltsie such as "Wiltsie west" and "above Wiltsie basement". However, we also learned that Wiltsie house absorbs the map being located in such spots as Troy (4) (how dare you, you slime), Texas (2), Oklahoma, Tralfamadore (someone can read), South Africa

Oz (we're off to see the wizard), and Russell Sage (like wow man, what a trip). Finally, the apathetics threw in 6 ballots.

Moving on to the entertainment category, we asked WHO REALLY DID PAY FOR THE POLEMIC'S SHOWING OF CADDYSHACK LAST SPRING? 21 blanks and 3 "don't knows" showed up, as RPI students continued to show their willingness to respond and their awesome intelligence. 8 boring people said "not me", while the "Student Union" got 2 votes (some people actually tried to get these questions right?) and "UPAC" 6. Rodney Dangerfield put some of the bucks in according to 4 victims, and the students did too, witnessed by 6 more.

Other responses included: "the gopher" (3), "Mark Bickford" (2) (huh?), "God" (3) (divine intervention), "US Defense Budget" (let's find this Democrat); "Mike Garyantes" (he's only a carrot to me), "LAAR" (2) (now wait just a minute ...) and the "Poly" (3) (now you're getting nasty). Finally, one person defaced us by saying "Paid?!? That print was bootleg--stolen!" You who did know who you are and why you did and are. I felt it had to be said.

Next we asked WHAT DOES UPAC STAND FOR? 38 people weren't up to the challenge, while 2 more professed ignorance again. Lots of responses showed up, including:

University	Politics	Against	Communists
Under	Paid	Alcohol	Consumers
Unfortunate	People	Around	Campus
Underwear	Producers	Against	Crap
Ugly	People	At the	Commons
Unenlightened	People	Acting	Cool
United	People	Against	College
Useless	Pathetic	And	Clumsy
Unlucky	People	At	Caddyshack
Ugandan	People	Are	Cocks
Unified	Problematic	Association of	Carrots
Undead	Persons	At	Cohoes
United	Pricks and	Assholes	Committee
United	People	Against	Comics
Us	People	Are	Crazy
Undressing	Polish	Actresses	Conglomerate
Usually	Polemics	Are	Cwaint (???)
Under	Privileged	Asshole	Corporation
United	People	Against	Corruption
Ugly	Pedestians	Accumulating	Cash
Utah	Penitentiary	And	Cattle Dept.
Upside down	Penises	Are	Commonplace
University	Pornographic	Action	Committee
Undercover	People	Against	Candid Camera
United	People	Against	Committees
Underpaid	Perverts	Against	Comp Scis
Ugly	Prisses	And	Cutthroats
Unbelievably	Poor	Audio	Control
Uninspired	Perverts	Attempting	Cinema
Under-sexed	People	At	College
Underwear	Panties	And	Cups
Unscrupulous	Pachyderm	Amphigory	Composers
Underwear,	Pacifiers	And	Corinthian Leather
Union	Perverts	Arts	Club

Probably the best of the bunch and the most accurate was "Unbelievably Poor Audio Control."

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over seen*

*Here is it
broken - heared
came to fill out a pole poll,
and couldn't think of a
rhyme.*

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The following questions were included as a late addition to the Son of Pole Poll II. They are presented with the best answers we got.

1. What do they do at 202 Wiltsie House? "Work on boats and publish Polemics."
2. Why won't the Rensselaer Union or the Institute have anything to do with what the Polemic publishes? "Because the Troy Sanitation Dept. got to it first."
3. Why won't the Pole have anything to do with the Rensselaer Union or the Institute? "They publish the Poly. 'Nuff said."

I wanna be in the Polemic



The next category was history. First we asked WHAT IS "TWO RECTANGLES VERTICAL GYRATORY UP?" 30 people bowed out of that one and 11 dummies were puzzled. 14 people claimed that whatever it was it wasn't there. "My favorite sex position" got 4 endorsements. The Chrinitoid, the correct answer, got a total 18 responses with a variety of spellings, proving the flexibility of the Engineer's grammar and spelling: Crynitoid, Chrinitoid (3), Crinitoid (3), Crynatoid, Krynatoid, Crinatroid, Grinitoid, Krintoyd, Cyrnatoid, Crin, and finally Chrinitoid (3). Well, 3 out of 18 ain't that bad. Some boring responses include: "painful", "very kinky" (dirt on the mind), "the 69 position", and "the Polemic". Hardy har har guys. Finally, some better ones were: "hard to say five times fast", "DNA" and "½ a sentence". Apathetics scored 3 more answers.

Next in history we asked WHY DO THEY CALL IT THE "MAGIC SHOW?" 27 people dozed through this one, and 7 more displayed their ineptness by stating their stupidity. 11 people said "it's magic" (these students ARE bright?) and 7 said "because magic is the only thing that could be keeping Meiners alive" (unoriginal). More snooze responses include: "it's magic if it works" (6), "it's fake" (3), "Physics" (3) (???) and the ultimate sleeper "Why not?" (4). One aware person answered "call what 'the Magic Show'?" One person with some ounce of creativity unlike the rest of this motley bunch claimed that "after two hours the \$16.50 ticket price is magically removed from your wallet." Finally 2 people felt the need to curse through acronyms with: PFM and TMS. Well, maybe we should have kept those LAAR and ROTC responses after all.

Next we moved on to the arts and asked the victims to DESCRIBE THE POLEMIC IN ONE WORD OR LESS. 30 people ignored this gem and 1 person still didn't know. Popular responses included the uninspired "LESS" (8), "Different" (5), "Polemic" (4) (guess they didn't understand the question), "No" (4) (demanding, aren't we), " " (3) (more drivel), and "Bullshit" (2) (what's the Poly then?). Some others were "Supercalifragilisticexpialodicious", "Antidisestablishmentarianism" and finally "Antidisestablishment". One person insulted us with "Unicorn" and another literary whiz said "oxymoron". Some strange responses rounded it out with: "ZTKNPWL", "Avant-garde", "banned" (inside information?), "dickless" (look : whose talking) and "Slitherflit".

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Just because we couldn't think of anything else we asked WHY IS THE POLEMIC UNDER THIS CATEGORY? 26 people were dying for this and left it blank while another 24 hadn't the faintest. Boring and standard responses included: "because" (7), "because it isn't under any other" (4), "typo" (4), "can't think of anything else" (3), and "the Pole defies categorization". A lost person asked "What's the Polemic?" The standards at RPI

showed in another response which stated "only one left after the Unicorn." "Because 4 letter titles aren't allowed", "the Tralfamadarians said so" and "bloated egos and delusions of the creators of this poll" were other inspired responses. Some joke responses include: "The Engineer is God's gift to mankind" and "painless death is an art". Finally an apocalyptic response stated that it "was the next to get the axe".

Why is West Hall sliding down the hill?

Beethoven & other musicians are buried in West Hall. As students try to learn about music, they spin in their graves, rolling WH down the hill.

Moving away from the arts to science and nature, we asked WHY IS WEST HALL SLIDING DOWN THE HILL? The biggie here was blank again, followed closely by the boring "gravity" (12) and "Troy sucks and RPI blows" (10). More woe-filled responses included: "because it can't slide up" (8), "Troy sucks" (7), "so Freshmen have further to walk" (2), "students are pushing it" (2), "to get to the other side" (2), "because it's there" (2), "because it wants to cross the street" and "shit always flows down the hill". More accurate were that it "was designed by an MIT architect" and that "it was designed by an engineer". The knurds finally surfaced with $F=MG$ and $[ax^2+bx+c] \cdot \text{gravel constant} > 0$.

Next was a stumper as 31 people left blank WHAT DOES A PERSON SUFFERING FROM DIPHALLIC TERATA HAVE? 2 people professed their ignorance. 21 people answered with the correct response, "two dicks," with additional comments such as: "and big doctor bills", "I play Trivial Pursuit too" (whoopie for you), "Mr. Happy's", "two, well, um, ah, you know"; "a siamese twin connected to the groin", "--is that suffering?", and "lucky bastard". "No balls" (2), "diphalllic terata" (5), "one hell of a good time" (2), "no luck" (2) and "Polemic" (3) were uninspired responses. Others included: "a) a true conversation piece or b) more luck with cheerleaders", "twice as much fun at an orgy", "an inconveniently joined siamese twin" and "Suffering? I should suffer so." Boy are the sickos out tonight ...

The last category was Sports/Leisure, where the first question asked WHAT IS A "PUCK?" 23 people felt compelled to keep their mouths shut just in case, while another 18 took their life into their own hands with "Hockey player". Others suggested this, too: "a round piece of black rubber that goes to management classes", "a round, rubbery, dead object lodged in a hockey player's head (also known as a brain)" (2), and "a Canadian with a 0.732 Qume, who's not on probation". Others identified the puck as daka grub: "daka mystery meat" (13), "dinner" (4), "Common's pattie" (4), "BARH dinner pattie" (2), and "Common's pancake". 10 more said it was an object used in hockey (show offs) while 2 said it was a character in "A Midsummer's Night Dream" (who do you think you are, a scholar or something?). Some uninspired responses included: "sex in Poland", "a word that rhymes with fuck", a "misspelling of an obscenity" (get your mind out of the gutter!) and "Tongue of Troylet". Finally, my favorite, "the noise of someone popping a zit".



SPORTS



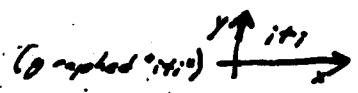
There once was a something or other
 who had neither father nor mother
 when he went to pee,
 said "What should I be?"

I guess I'll just something or other."

For leisure we asked WHAT'S THE BEST BAR IN TROY AND WHY? 29 people took the easy way out and left it blank while 2 didn't know. Elda's took the trophy with 12 supporters who gave it kudos for its good people; the fact they serve anyone and that it has alcohol. Holmes & Watson followed close behind with 11 because of its name, that it is too classy for Sagies and that you can hear (what?). 6 people claimed that there wasn't one in Troy while some others disagreed and gave their addresses: "Bray 321" because "they have everything", "Bray 107" because "they don't check ID", "my refrigerator" because "it's free" and "101 Rousseau, Stacwyck" because "I doesn't have to walk to get there". In the battle of the candy bars Snicker's took the prize with 4 because it's got nuts, followed by Hershey's (2) and Mars bar. The bar that holds up the sign saying "You are now leaving Troy, come back soon' got a vote, as did the bars on the prison windows because they hold the Troylets in. Finally a toad who remained said "t" because he loves Physics.

In the essay section we plainly asked WHY? 77 people didn't care and had had enough with the poll and had given up. 25 uninspired souls stated "why not?" while another 20 original people said "because". The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy fans responded with "42" six times. One person covered all bases with: "a)why not b)because c)I said so d)sex". Believe it or not the toads still remained and provided such gems as $E=MC^2$ and $e^2 - 1 = 0$. Finally, "because there are five lemon gumdrops speaking at this year's surrealist convention".

Space for graffiti!



made up one drunken
 night by
 D. Griffith and
 Glenn Getfner

Finally, the snide comments section was generally blank as usual. 5 people wrote "snide" (what originality!). Some more bizarre responses included: "There are smiling cookies hanging upside down from icicles", "Beam me up Scotty, there is no intelligent life on this planet", and "I quit! No, I wanna be editor! I like Amy's leg. No, I've got other commitments. But I quit. He's a carrot!" Finally, to wrap this all up:

Life sucks and then you die.

