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STUDENT SENATE

Senate goes about normal agenda

Jay-kwellin Goodhoffer
Senior Reporter

AS THIS WEEK'S MEETING OPENED, GRAND MARSHAL Kyle Keraga '15 reflected on the progress of the Senate. Since February, the Senate has slogged through the *Union Annual Report*, multiple *Union Constitution* amendments, and a petition site praised for its recent attempt to "bring sexy back" to the RPI campus. "We've set a concerning tone for our Union," Keraga said. "We've just gotten too much done in too little time, and involved too many people. People are starting to expect things from us." Vice Chair Tina Gilliland '15 agreed, citing that politicians have a sworn duty to make false promises and minimize progress. "In this time of misfortune, we think back to the wise words of Eugene McCarthy," concluded Keraga, "The only thing saving us from the bureaucracy is its inefficiency; So, let's be inefficient."

The first and only item on the Senate's agenda was a motion to immediately adjourn. Interfraternity Council Senator James Whelan '16 immediately called the question, motioning for an end to discussion. In the Senate's first vote of the evening, this failed 1-25-0, and discussion continued.

Michael Han '16 felt that it was important the Senate continue to having a long, boring, dragged out meeting, offering to reintroduce his thoughts on picnic tables. Spencer Scott, Graduate Senator, re-



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KYLE KERAGA '15 RUNS the meeting in hopes of avoiding any Judicial Board disputes

torted by requesting to postpone the current motion until next week so they could adjourn early, citing a concern that Keegan Caraway '18 had fallen asleep in his seat. Rules and Elections chairman Paul Ilori '17 agreed that circular discussion could be boring. He offered to "make it interesting," turning around and punching Judicial Board Chairman Anthony

Barbieri '15 directly on the nose. Barbieri, shocked more than the Senate, left the room clutching his nose and declining to comment.

Keraga declared he would take matters into his own hands via executive decision, citing the fact that committee chairs could be removed at any

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STUDENT LIFE

ResLife bans door use

New policy protects residents

Kellsea MicWheellie
Senior Reporter

THE FALL 2015 SEMESTER WILL SEE MANY changes to on-campus living from the Office of Residence Life in an attempt to improve campus security. Following the confusion caused by locking all doors but one in each residence hall during the Fall 2014 semester, the Office of Residence Life has decided to ban the usage of all exterior doors.

Dean of Interior Security and Strategic Disorientation Michael Michaels stated, "Prohibiting the usage of all exterior doors will eliminate any confusion students have as to which doors are locked or unlocked. We want students to know we're listening."

A trial period for the new security policy began in Barton Hall during spring break. Students, who had not been notified of the new security policy, were flabbergasted when their IDs could not open the doors. "I got back from spring break on Sunday night and all of the doors had 'emergency exit only' signs. I walked around the building multiple times and couldn't find an open door," claimed Barton resident Drew Nicholson '18.

Many students were confused as to how they will access their rooms. Michaels explained, "Students can use rope ladders to climb up to their windows. Rope can be purchased in the bookstore and rope ladders with steps can be purchased at an additional cost. This serves two purposes: improving campus security and increasing the physical fitness of the student body." Alexandra Schultz '17 wanted to know

how handicap students such as her were expected to access their rooms. "How am I, a wheelchair-bound student, expected to climb a rope ladder up to my room on the third floor?" questioned Schultz. The Office of Residence Life has set up a camp of tents on the '86 Field for disabled or injured students. According to Michaels, this is a huge improvement for disabled students' housing, as it allows disabled students to be even closer to their classes.

Some Barton residents have developed methods to circumvent the rope climbing challenge such as pulley systems or catapults. Physics I professors have praised the recent security changes, claiming that they've never seen test averages so high. "Students have been forced to apply the physics principals they have learned in class to real life. It's this type of out-of-the-box thinking that enables RPI to produce world-class engineers," raved Doctor Professor Patrick Jones.

Michaels reminded students, "Public Safety officers will now be checking for unlocked windows. Any windows found to be unsecured will be locked and an orange "Gotcha!" tag will be stuck to the window."

The new security policy will be tested in Burdett Avenue Residence Hall and Polytechnic Apartments later this semester. Michaels is optimistic that students will respond well to the policy change and expects the residence hall door ban to expand to the remaining residence halls by the start of next semester. If campus crime decreases during the upcoming semesters, the door ban may be expanded to include all campus buildings.

SODEXO SHENANIGANS

Father's to be replaced by Arizona factory

Justinian the Great Etzyne
The Most Senioresst Reporter

RENSSELAER WILL BE SEEING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE in Arizona Iced Tea found on campus, according to a joint press release from the Student Senate, the Union Executive Board and RPI Hospitality Services. The release, which was leaked through the Flagship documents service onto RPI Reddit by /u/OpaqueTitanium this morning, details a new, comprehensive collaboration between the Rensselaer Union and Hornell Brewing Co., Inc., which will take

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety relocates to roof

Officers locked out by ResLife, finds "Gotcha!" tag



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A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER FINDS himself locked out upon his return to the Public Safety Office.

Jack-Jack Attack
Senior Reporter

IN A SURPRISING TURN OF EVENTS LAST Monday, a Public Safety officer returning from a call found himself locked out of the the Public Safety building. A "Gotcha!" tag, previously used by the Office of Residence Life to encourage students to lock their doors, was found on the main doors to the building.

In a statement released to the community, Public Safety stated, "we operate 24 hours a day, seven days a

week, 365 days a year. Since we never close, we have never had a use for the locks on our doors. We also keep the only keys to the building inside the main office." This has never been a problem before because Public Safety always has multiple officers on duty. However, a scheduling mistake left only one officer on-duty Monday night. At approximately 1:43 am, when returning from a call, the only on-duty officer found the doors locked.

Residence Life has come forward to say that they were the ones who put the

"Gotcha!" tag on the door of the building. "Gotcha!" tags were once a Residence Life solution to students forgetting or neglecting to lock their own doors. "Students didn't respond well to our 'Gotcha!' tags," said Associate Dean of the Student Experience Venient Notcom, "but we just had so much fun locking people out of their rooms that we had to continue." After some careful thought and planning, Residence Life determined that the best target would be Public Safety, so as to get some cheap points with students. "Mostly, though," said Notcom, "we just think this is hilarious."

Another moment of bad luck hit when Public Safety discovered that all of the locksmiths in the Albany area were on vacation to attend the International Locksmith Convention in Copenhagen. Without use of their main office, Public Safety has temporarily relocated to the top of their building. Officers have set up a variety of colorful beach chairs and umbrellas. An old flip phone is currently being used to receive 911 calls, and a megaphone is being used to dispatch calls to roaming officers. In the conclusion of their statement, Public Safety has asked students and faculty to "please avoid any and all emergency situations in the foreseeable future. We really don't know when we will be able to return to normal operations."

Senate: a normal meeting with business as usual

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time, and that he intended to take that meaning quite literally. He brought down the gavel, his eyes began to glow red, and blue lightning akin to Palpatine's shot out of his fingertips, striking Ilori. After the blinding light had faded, Ilori and his chair were gone. Jenna Freedberg '18 quickly asked if Keraga had killed Ilori. "Worse," replied Keraga, "I've sent him to Union College." Justin Etzine '18 immediately began a completely unnecessary explanation of how this should be handled according to Robert's Rules of Order, and the room broke out into side conversation. Whelan called the question again. It failed.

Some time later, the Senate voted on Scott's motion. It passed 5-3-19. Senators questioned the accuracy of Keraga's vote count, and so he pulled out his abacus to demonstrate its correctness, explaining that a recent J-Board ruling allowed him to vote "whenever politically convenient." Then, in a short recess, Keraga bought everyone pizza! The food was mediocre at best, and no drinks were provided, but all was forgiven.

With the motion to adjourn postponed, the Senate had wrapped up its agenda, and was prepared to adjourn. However, the Grand Marshal brought his gavel down once more. As lightning crackled around his fingertips, Keraga stated he had been given a bylaws amendment by the Student Life Committee, and it had to be brought up during new business.

The motion, citing overwhelming bureaucratic inefficiency in the Senate, the Senate's inability to defeat the E-board in broomball, and Keraga's Sith powers, would ordain Keraga "Supreme Emperor of the Union." He would be considered a voting member of all student government groups, and would preside over the newly instated Imperial Council, voting only in the event of a tie. The Imperial Council would consist of all officers of the Union as non-voting members, and could veto any action of any student government organization by majority vote—overridable only by a unanimous vote of the Senate.

Etzine expressed support for the motion, citing its alignment with the vague language in the current Constitution and his belief in a firm policy of blind trust for Keraga. Joe Venusto '17 questioned whether this was an overreach of executive authority. Edward Qiao '18 asked to amend the whereas clause in the motion, complaining about "overwhelming" inefficiency to instead read "insufficient" inefficiency: without opposition, this change was made immediately. Former Rules and Elections Chair Paul Ilori skyped in, asking the Senate to "search their feelings" and urged them to remember their failures with the Activity Fee. His speaking time expired, Ilori stated "Help me Joe Venusto, you're my only hope."

Senate-Executive Board Liaison Shoshana Rubinstein '16 proposed to change the words "Kyle Keraga" to "Erin Amarello." Etzine questioned whether this was against Robert's Rules. Ilori declared her an Executive Board traitor and "rebel scum." Parliamentarian Joshua Rosenfeld '16 opened a queue on Rubinstein's proposed amendment, and then opened a queue on opening a queue that is already within the original queue.

Discussion moved in agonizing, recursive circles, eliminating any pretense of productivity. When Caraway was called on by Rosenfeld, he woke up with a yawn and moved all previous questions to end all discussion. The Senate erupted into raucous cheers, and passed his motion unanimously. Rubinstein's amendment failed 4-22-0, and the main motion passed 20-5-1. Rubinstein, Ilori, Marcus Flowers '16, and Graduate Senator Mike Caiola voted no, while Mason Cooper '17 abstained.

As Keraga had now been appointed to a higher office, Gilliland presided over the remainder of the meeting as Acting Grand Marshal. Rather than adjourning, the Senate agreed to follow succession procedures and choose a new GM on the spot. Rubinstein nominated Gilliland, who accepted, citing her experience in student government. Etzine self-nominated, citing his interest in joining the dark side as Keraga's Sith apprentice. Other nominees included the Helix Fossil, the Moose, and the Inflatable Whale. Etzine and Helix were eliminated due to a lack of experience. Controversial remarks by the Moose during previous election cycles raised the question of whether he was prepared to serve in a professional matter. Citing the Inanimate Objects Party's long history of persistence, transparency, and object permanence, the Inflatable Whale was honored with the distinction of serving as the 150th Grand Marshal. The marathon meeting adjourned as the sun finally rose. This reporter, surprisingly well rested, retired in peace. I'm pretty sure this is what Frodo felt like at the end of Lord of the Rings—except Sauron won this time.

STUDENT SCANDAL

Sheer Idiocy caught in scandal

Possibly largest controversy since Postergate

Geff Exposenbrawl
Senior Reporter

BREAKING: THIS PAST week, in a joint investigation with RPI TV, *The Polytechnic* caught Sheer Idiocy, RPI's beloved improv group, rehearsing a show using a written script on hidden camera footage. "You'd be surprised the depths they go to for a show," our anonymous source within the group, who helped sneak in the camera, stated. "Usually we spin the wheel for a TV sitcom and find a script from one of the episodes and just use it. I was scared that someone would catch on after the fifth 'Big Bang Theory' show in a row, but no one has."

Prior to this, *The Poly* and some of the student body suspected something funny—pun intended. "I went to one of their shows; it seemed off when one of them walked on stage in a suit and screamed 'Legendary,'" declared Stefan Colonel-Ollie '18. "No one at this school is funny, so I knew immediately that something was wrong." And right he was. After reports of unusual activity at the improv shows, like people being there and laughing, *The Poly* decided to investigate.

This brings us to our anonymous source, who, with just



Me /The Polytechnic

EVIDENCE STOLEN from the set of Sheer Idiocy includes repurposed scripts from popular television shows, such as Sex and the City.

a small amount of monetary coercion, gave us all we know now about the group. "It's great when we're at the top; the money, power, fame, it's intoxicating. Someone once told me 'good job' after a show and I nearly fainted," admits Timothy—wait, I mean the anonymous source. "But when we don't perform, the higher ups threaten to pull our scholarships." As many are already aware, Sheer Idiocy members are recruited out of high schools across the nation, most members receiving full ride scholarships. "Most of them would make fun of

me since my scholarship only covered 90% of my tuition, but I can't help it if prop comedy isn't my strong suit."

We reached out to the director of Sheer Idiocy, Brandi McLier '15, for comment. "I don't care what Ti-mouthy told you, we're innocent," she wrote in an email response. "Perhaps we did write a few scripts, we just misinterpreted the way improv works. Obviously, it's not a show, it's just practice."

We at *The Poly* are shocked and angered by this betrayal of trust, and how they never even gave

Geff Exposenbrawl a fair chance during his audition. They should have made it clear beforehand that it was going to be a "PC" tryout, and that no nudity was allowed. Nevertheless, we asked some of the student body if they believed Sheer Idiocy is still deserving of their title as the best and only improv group on campus. "Absolutely not," argues Jackie Tellcougher '16. "They should give the honorific to a group more deserving."

Arizona: *The future of Rensselaer*

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Arizona's presence on campus to levels never previously believed to be possible.

The Polytechnic contacted members of the bodies involved in the report for comment. No members of the Executive Board responded to comment; however, an individual close to the Board, who requested anonymity, shared that, had Arizona declined, the Executive Board was prepared to create a Seattle's Best Coffee distribution facility instead. Grand Marshal Kyle Keraga '15, said the proposal was "a time consuming but necessary addition to the RPI community." He continued to explain that the vote to approve the proposal took three months to complete successfully due to student government's inability to decide on their favorite flavor of Arizona. Sodexo was very satisfied with the progress made on the proposal and cited that past incidents involving black ooze seeping from the roof of Commons Dining Hall were the unanticipated results of trying to create a Sodexo-branded Arizona alternative.

The cornerstone of the program is a state-of-the-art Arizona bottling factory to replace Father's Marketplace. Due to the quantity of iced tea that will be produced in the facility, the McNeil Room will be partitioned to create the largest tea storage room in a 6-mile radius and the Patroon Room will serve as the gift shop, where students will be able to purchase the iced tea.

Many new RPI-branded programs are planned to accompany



Magic Jack / *The Polytechnic*

AN ARTIST'S RENDITION OF THE LONG-AWAITED NEW ARIZONA FACTORY WAS released alongside the state-of-the-art proposal.

the factory's release. The most prominent addition is the creation of the School of Arizona Studies, which will have majors focused on the production, management, and sale of Arizona tea products and will mandate that every course number ends in 99 to match the pricing strategy of Arizona (i.e. ARIZ-1099 instead of ARIZ-1100). All students will be required to take four courses

within the School of Arizona Studies before being permitted to graduate. General Arizona Studies majors will be permitted to operate the factory as part of their Capstone project. Other Arizona programs to be brought to RPI include the Arizona Bridge Program, the Arizona Honor Society, and the introduction of Alpha Rho Iota Zeta Omega Nu Alpha (ARIZΩNA),

a new co-educational social fraternity that promotes service and brotherhood through Arizona.

Student opinion on the announcement is currently unknown, as no posts to YikYak that mention the change have arisen yet. Members of student government have already begun posterizing around campus about the proposal; however, students who prefer Brisk Iced

Tea and enjoy the competitively-priced products of Father's Marketplace have been tearing down these posters. RPI TV has been contacted to record the teardown of these posters and, according to Judicial Board Chairman Anthony Barbieri '15, a Judicial Board case is pending "to penalize anyone who dares defy the sign policy to hurt the great Arizona."

INCIDENT BLOTTER

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Friday, March 20

Rensselaer Union

Injury: An RPI employee was injured by a tree while the tree was stripped of branches and cut down. The employee was transported to Samaritan Hospital by Troy Fire Department.

Wednesday, March 25

Darrin Communications Center

Attempted Larceny: Two individuals broke into the Darrin Communications Center in hopes of stealing the world's largest working Rubik's cube. The Department of Public Safety had already arrived on scene when the burglars realized that the cube did not yet exist. The suspects were arrested by Troy Police Department.

Thursday, March 26

Rensselaer Union

Sabotage: Two candidates for Grand Marshal and three candidates for President of the Union were caught attempting to ambush members of Senate Rules and Elections Committee. The motive was believed to be retaliation for poster takedowns by R&E for alleged poster violations. A grounds for disciplinary action form was submitted and the Institute banned all signposting by students until a safer alternative is found.

Saturday, March 28

Freshman Circle

Fight: Five parents got into a physical fight over a disputed parking space in Freshman Circle. One reported getting hair torn out and another reported eye pain following the incident. Two parents were arrested by Troy Police Department and three parents were transported to Samaritan Hospital.

Sunday, March 29

Barton Hall

Injury: A student was critically injured after falling off the rope ladder leading to the fourth floor of Barton Hall. The student was transported to the Student Health Center by TFD. The Dean of Student's Office was notified.

Monday, March 30

Blitman Residence Commons

Larceny: The caller reported seeing two suspicious individuals leaving his room as he returned from class. The first item was a silicone plastic device; the physical dimensions of the device were believed to be 11 inches by 4 inches. The second item was an ornate, glass object with a flared base and a circumference of 3 inches. The distraught student was transported to Samaritan Hospital by RPI Ambulance. DOSO was notified about the traumatic incident.

Pi Lambda Upsilon

Drugs: The caller reported drug overdose in Union 3418. DPS and EMT were on scene. The subject consumed 8 kg of Fanta purple drank and 5 kg of Italian-style circular consumables, which were illicitly taken from Pizza Bella. Subject was found unconscious on a couch. EMT performed first aid upon arrival; subject was then transported to I Love Pizza of Troy for full authentic pizza rehabilitation.

Events

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Wednesday

April 1

Professor Boe Ringly reads the thermals text book on the '86 field. Ringly is known for his incredible monotone voice, so this is sure to be a special occasion. The event will be held from 11:32 am—6:01 pm. Cost to attend is \$0.32 in pennies.

The transfer from LMS to Reddit finishes. From now on, all classes will be represented in their own sub-reddits. Students are encouraged to voice their opinions through the use of upvotes and downvotes. Only posts that make it to the frontpage are enforced so vote on what you actually want to do! Accounts are already created, just use the same information as LMS.

RPI celebrates the merging of the New York Stock Exchange, IBM, FedEx, Medtronic, and the Smithsonian with RPI. The celebration will be held in the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center at 1 pm.

Vice President fired at 3:45 am for sneezing too violently.

New Vice President transferred in from the New York Stock Exchange to fill the recent void at 6:24 pm.

Shane holds a chest and triceps day. Get ready to hit your chest harder than a cheap hooker. It will be held in the Denny's parking lot at 3 am. Take five scoops of pre-workout prior to arrival and bring a flashlight.

RPI Ballroom invites all to attend their newest performance titled: "Hip-hop". It will simply be the dancers dancing in the hip-hop style to hip-hop songs. It will be held in the Mueller Center at 4:44 pm.

The Troy building will be raided by the Securities and Exchange Commission at 8:58 am—9:02 am.

The brothers of Pi Lambda Upsilon sponsor a philanthropy event to raise advertisement money for *The Poly*. It will be held all day everywhere.

President Obama arrives. Campus will be under intense security today. Metal detectors, attack dogs, and helicopters will be some of the precautions. It is rumoured that the dementors will be patrolling the grounds. He arrives at 13:37 military time.

THURSDAY

April 2

GM order goes into effect. Executive order 99 cents fully rolls out. Any students not abiding by the order will receive punishment from the Supreme Emperor of the Union.

Blitman will suffer another robbery. It will happen between the hours of 2 and 7 pm. Students are recommended to be on the lookout for suspicious persons.

S&W burning session. The recent S&W issues will be burnt to combat the persistent cold of Troy. It will be held at 11:30 pm all over campus.

The men's lingerie football team holds its second inaugural game on Harkness Field from 8:23—11:47 pm.

FRIDAY

April 3

Commons Dining Hall floods again. The flooding will start with a slow trickle at breakfast and peak at 2 pm. Sodexo thanks you for your understanding.

Union Programs & Activities Committee Cinema presents *Troll 2*. Screenings are at 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight in DCC 308. The cost is \$2.50.

New Vice President fired at 8 pm in favor of a much better looking candidate.

Shane holds a back and biceps day. We're hitting deadlifts today baby. Make sure not to carpool as we will each be lifting our own cars. It is recommended to bring at least five scoops of protein powder. Don't forget, when curling: eighties for the ladies, eighty-fives for the guys.

Vice President #3 fired at 9 pm for being an airhead. Turns out he was in fact an extremely lifelike blow up doll.

North Hall will be razed. Come enjoy the explosions as North Hall goes out in a bang. Register online to be the lucky one to push the plunger online. Explosions starts at 11 pm and last until 11:10 pm.

The tap in the pub will break. Free beer will be provided to all RPI students free of charge until this issue is fixed. It is expected to break at 6 am and be fixed at 6:10 am.

SATURDAY

April 4

UPAC presents *Airplane Instructional Video on Loop for 10 Hours*. Screenings are at 7 pm, 5 am, 12 pm, and midnight in DCC 308. The cost is \$2.50.

MONDAY

April 6

The Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center hosts nothing.

Sheer Idiocy invites all to watch their not-so-secret anymore script readings. It will be held in Mother's from 4—6 pm.

Classes start at 8 am and end sometime later in the day. Students are encouraged to attend, but considering it is Monday, I don't feel confident in some of you.

Shane holds a legs and shoulders day. Just kidding. We're only doing shoulders. Nobody does legs these days. Be prepared to drop a bomb on your shoulders harder than in Nagasaki. The event will be held in the hospital parking lot due to last year's unfortunate incident involving the hamstring machine.

Tuesday

April 7

College tours will be visiting RPI. They will be blocking all major avenues of travel so plan for five to ten minute delays during 6:30 am—11:30 am.

Due to the college tours, students will receive an email if they are part of a class with more than 30 students. The lucky ones will not be required to attend or do any work. This is to fool prospective students into thinking that there are only small class sizes.

The brothers of Pi Lambda Upsilon invite students to a public party on the third floor of the Union. The party begins at 7 pm.

Also due to the college tours, student will be randomly selected to have their rooms shown. This is mandatory and nothing can stop the tours from barging in when you're in your underwear. It is recommended that you stop complaining about it. Possible tour times are at all inconvenient times of the day and tours are held every single day of the week.

TOP TEN LIST

Top Ten Numbers

- 10. Ten
- 9. Nine
- 8. Eight
- 7. Seven
- 6. Six
- 5. Five
- 4. Four
- 3. Three
- 2. Two
- 1. One

DOLAN COMICS

by Walt Disney



WORD FIND

by Shane O'Brien

Words might be found forwards, backwards, up, down, and in both diagonals.

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The Poly Plays Pokemon

The Poly is going to be playing Pokemon Red version through the community. Post your response on the board outside of the Poly office. The Poly staff has gotten the game started and has plans to complete the game by the time most of its staff retires.



Features

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

EVENT REVIEW

Timeless game becomes life of the party

Leaf Roseyfall
Senior Reviewer

AS A MEMBER OF *THE POLY*, AND AS A MEMBER of the Features team, I feel remiss in having little knowledge of one of the most important aspects of this section: video games. In order to gain an appreciation for the medium, I decided it would be my duty to learn everything I could, starting at the beginning with the most groundbreaking video game of history: Pong.

Unfortunately, at the start, I did not know anyone with a Pong console, until I overheard some people on campus discussing the game, and that they would be playing it this weekend at someone's house. I was blown away; not only was this game decades old, but people were still talking about it and meeting up to play it today. I decided that it would be better to try the game for myself in a large group setting where I can observe a few games before trying my hand.

When I arrived at the arcade, I was a little shocked. It featured the name "Pi Lambda Upsilon" on the front, and then I had to wait in line to finally get in. But wow, when I did, I was super impressed. There were about three consoles set up, and they looked almost like tables. Imagine something the size of an air hockey table or a ping pong table, very large consoles, but that's the only way they could squeeze all the processing power into these primitive machines. Each was set up with multiple plastic cups in a pyramid shape on either side of the machine, with one competitor on either side. Then, the opponents toss a small ball, which I assume must be magnetized to activate sensors within the machines, and try to land them within the cups. If they make it in, the opponent must remove the cup from the board and empty the liquid within it, which I assume is used to weigh down a pressure switch



Jalapeño Whatpepper/*The Polytechnic*

PONG IS BROUGHT back as one of the favorites by college students. Reviewer's first attempt at playing the game from the early 1970s was overall a learning experience, although a bit hard to remember in the morning.

on the board. However, I do not yet understand why the person consumes the liquid, perhaps as a tradition at the arcade or to stay hydrated from such a physically intense game. After one person has all cups removed, the victor is decided and another round begins.

After viewing a few matches, I tried my hand at it, and although I had my reservations as a non-gamer, I have to say I was pleasantly surprised by the old game. The

first few games I did quite poorly, but after getting incredibly hydrated with what I can only assume is tap water from the funny taste, I felt fantastic and managed to hold my own. At least I think it did, as it all got a little blurry after several games. And here's a tip for any would-be players: I woke up with an awful headache the next day. I didn't see any screens on the machine, but I think I got really bad eye strain that caused my head to hurt, so word to the wise.

Overall however, I think this is a game that has stood the test of time as a classic, and I can see why it spawned such an impressive medium. The consoles were reliable and incredibly durable; not one featured any malfunctions, even when people flipped them in their victory fueled stupor. I'm seriously impressed, and for those thinking of trying it, just skip the next frat party for once and try this game out for yourself.

ART REVIEW

Performance art brings reviewer to tears; must-see

Clef Drumincall
Senior Reviewer

WHILE MANY OF THE FEATURES ARTICLES WEEK TO WEEK REVIEW RECENT ACTS ON CAMPUS OR INFORM readers about new content, this review will be a bit of both. For the past couple of months, I've been experiencing a wonderful street performance artist, the senior Joey Stein. And while his art may not be everyone's cup of tea, I'm sure everyone should at least give his act a try.

My first experience with Stein, or as he likes to be called, "The Steez," was in my freshman year on campus when he pushed me to the ground and requested my lunch money. I was shocked and appalled at first. "Excuse me?" I asked him at once. He answered me with a swift kick to the gut and a repeat of the demand. It was then I realized, that this was obviously some form of avant-garde performance art by an experienced older student, who was honoring me with an example of his work. I soon gladly gave into his command, and I bid him a good day while he sauntered away.

After this, I seemed to start to build up a rapport with Stein. It would become a daily occurrence to take my lunch allowance, then he began waiting for me after class to use me as an accomplice in his public demonstrations. Usually these acts involve some form of shame, such as "pantsing" me, or giving me a "wedgie." Stein's work seems to transcend modern audience-artist relationships into an art I have coined "Textural Harassment." The way in which he works with his audience is built in layers of interwoven ideas; for example, here is a breakdown for the latest stunt we pulled. First, he corners me in the hallways after my lecture. Then, he brings me forward to a circle of people. After knocking my school work out of my hands, he then verbally asks loaded questions, topics of which range from my sexuality to my parents' sexuality. And after a final bout of physical confrontation, he takes my glasses and uses one of his classic quips, "Great, I could use a spare pair."

Obviously, this type of art is not for everyone; I've even found myself visiting a therapist after the total mental breakdown his work has caused. This isn't the kind of work you would see at Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center or a museum, but it's worth experiencing nonetheless. The Steez has even stated himself, "I'm available 24/7 to give some good poundings to wanting individuals."



Jackaffrey Walkhopper/*The Polytechnic*

CLEF DRUMINCALL WEEPS at the beauty of the art that he experienced daily from world-renowned performance artist Joey Stein.

MOVIE REVIEW

Internet overrun by cute cat videos; entrancing

Kitty McMeowly
Senior Reviewer

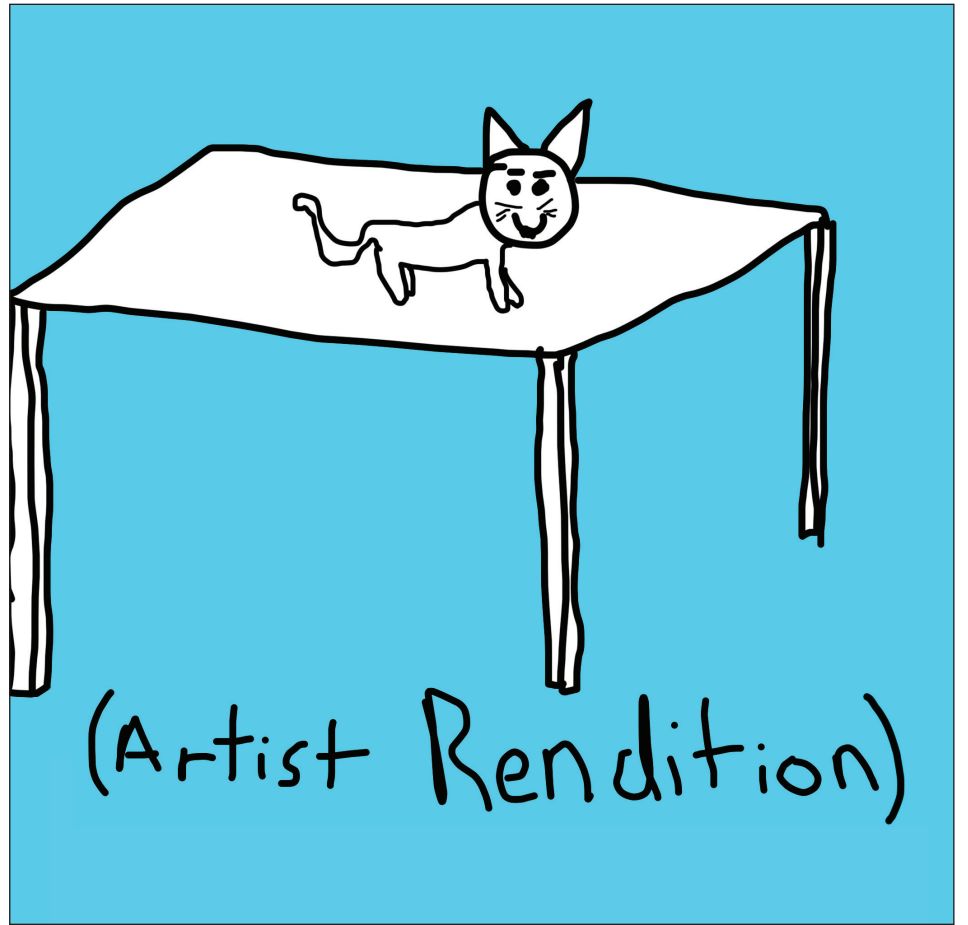
AVID REDDIT AND IMGUR USERS SHOULD know that both Redditors and Imgurians alike have a particular fondness for cat videos in their day-to-day activities. I have never understood the appeal of these feline films, but I decided to give them a shot. I decided to start my venture into viewing feline cinema with a video titled “My cat being a jerk.” The video was uploaded to the YouTube channel “Mumbo Jumbo 2” on March 29, 2015.

“My cat being a jerk” features a spotted cat and a woman. The video starts with the cat perched on the edge of a bathroom sink and a woman placing the cap to a mouth-wash bottle on the edge of the sink. The cat responds by promptly knocking said cap into the sink with its paw. During the next 75 seconds, this process was repeated 12 more times, with the owner growing increasingly frustrated. About 50 seconds into the video, the cat appears to lose interest and instead turns its attention to a bowl of potpourri on a shelf above the sink. After being shooed away from the bowl, the cat returns to knocking the cap into the sink.

“My cat being a jerk” has received over 17,000 views since it was uploaded on March 29. Why, I can’t understand. The

cat’s actions are highly repetitive and there is a distinct lack of a well-structured plot. The video skips an exposition entirely and jumps straight into rising action. What is the relationship between the cat and the woman? Viewers are left asking this question for the entirety of the video’s 76 second run time. No background information or setting is provided for the viewers. Moving on to the rising action, there is an obvious conflict between the cat and the woman, but throughout the video it remains unclear who the antagonist and protagonist are. The cat and woman are locked in a heated battle for 60 some-odd seconds with no end in sight. Viewers are tricked into believing the cap conflict had been resolved when the cat turns its attention on the camera and appeared to have forgotten about the cap on the sink. However, the cat regains its focus and takes one final swipe at the cap before the filming ends. There is no resolution! How can a movie end without the conflict? Every good writer knows a solid plot requires a build up to a climax and a resolution of conflict.

As I am not a connoisseur of cat cinema, in my inexpert opinion, I believe this feline film deserves a pitiful rating of 2/10. The actors’ repetitive actions, combined with a complete lack of a plot earn this film a spot on my personal list of terrible movies.

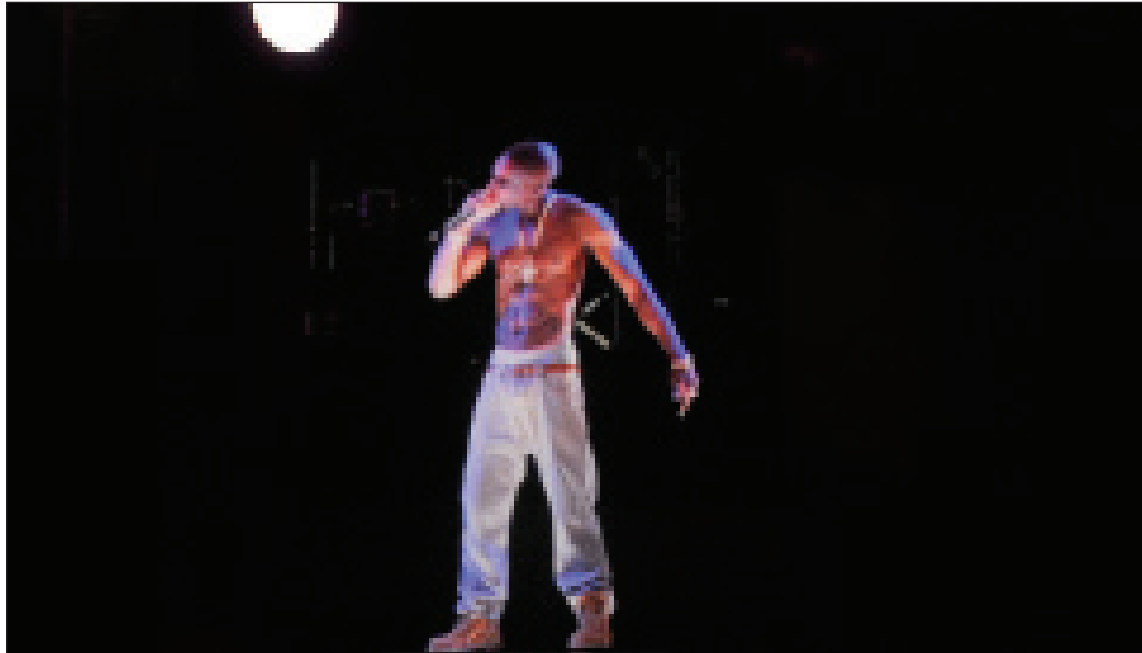


Spelling Curses-Alltheway/The Polytechnic

INTERNET USERS FIND feline videos on the internet very appealing to watch. One such video being “My cat being a jerk” featured a spotted cat and a woman.

EVENT REVIEW

EMPAC meets hologram



David Giesbrecht/Netflix

TUPAC’S HOLOGRAM’S HOLOGRAM APPEARS at EMPAC to the delight of older ladies and the Troy community. The hologram brought his unique passion to the stage for the audience.

Stefan Colonel-Ollie
Senior Reviewer

ON SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2015, ONE of the most iconic and renowned rap stars made an appearance on RPI’s very own Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center’s main stage. Well, at least it sort of looked like him. Former rap sensation Tupac Shakur stood on stage with the help of some of the digital age’s newest technology, the hologram. You may recall the Coachella festival in 2012 where the Tupac hologram made its debut, but Saturday night saw a holographic image of the artist never before seen.

Tupac’s hologram’s hologram rocked the not-so-packed house with some of the dead artist’s classics. The faux figure didn’t start the night out too well, however, something I know the hologram of Tupac finds very important. Unfortunately, the concert began about an hour late due to the impressive amount of time it took to set up the projectors and screen to

bring Tupac back to life a second time. However, despite the delay, Tupac’s hologram’s hologram tried to ramp up the crowd with some of his greatest hits, starting out strong with “All Eyez on Me,” which got the crowd of mostly Troy residents and old ladies belting out the fast paced lyrics along with him. He then kept up the energy with a fan-favorite “California Love,” which that featured some great stage presence as the tiny little projection bounced around and really took over the small horizontal space it could occupy. The rest of his set had the audience really feeling the vibe as the hologram seemed to spit out lyrics furiously, with digital slobber from the ferocious passion that the artist was known to have for his music. Or it could have been static in the video from the projectors or flaws in the projection screen.

After the show, Tupac made a flashy exit from the stage after thanking his fans for coming. The projec-

tion that vaguely resembled the artist with its 20-pack abs, beefy arms and two times as many tattoos as the original, definitely had a great night with such a fueled granny crowd. I even felt hyped after the set, although it was awkward every time the disk skipped and the hologram would freeze. However, I heard little criticism of the show and truly enjoyed myself. Afterwards, I talked to some of the staff behind the scenes, since the star was turning in for the night and wouldn’t be available to comment anything but “That’s riight, West Side!” However, when I spoke to some of the staff, they grumbled later that the superstar seemed to look down on them all, like he was untouchable, and wouldn’t listen to them when they were giving safety and security briefings. We all have our faults, though, and Tupac’s may just be in the film that we’re viewing him on. However, in all, I enjoyed Tupac’s hologram’s hologram’s hologram set.

EVENT REVIEW

Fraternity fun fills night with surprises

Topher “Freddy” Ming
Senior Reviewer

I WENT TO A PI LAMBDA UPSILON PARTY THIS PAST MONDAY NIGHT, AND IT was dope. It was a crazy rager. I know a couple of the brothers there, so they let me in. I’m Greek too, part of Kappa Epsilon Gamma, so you know I’ve got some cred. I’m not a freakin’ geed or something. The theme for the party was journalism. A little weird if you ask me, but it fit the bill. Everybody wore news reporter clothes, business casual, carrying around notepads and tape recorders. The president of Pi LUps changed his position to Editor in Chief for the night and the rest of the executive board became his “senior board” members. Different parts of their house were dedicated to different sections: News, Features, EdOp, and even Comics. They even had computers around running Adobe InDesign and Microsoft Word. It was like I was in an actual newspaper office.

The Pi LUps house is on third floor of the Rensselaer Union. Their letters are lit up on their windows, and you can see them pretty clearly from freshman hill at night. The rooms at Pi LUps are huge; they’ve got three whole rooms: a living room—which they called the front office, a family room—called the composing suite lounge, and the bedroom—that they called the composing room. What I found odd, though, was that they share the family room with two other fraternities, Sigma Alpha Eta (they go by their nickname, S&W) and Τρανοστ (also known as Transit). I haven’t heard too much about them, since they don’t throw weekly parties, like Pi LUps does, but I think that their once a year ragers are respectable. But I mean, I’ve never been to one, so I wouldn’t know.

Moving on to the beverages, Pi LUps served mixed drinks of Pepsi, root beer, and purple drank. I really enjoyed the “serve yourself” atmosphere that they had; I just kept pouring myself drinks from the two liters that they had at the tables. The drinks were so good I couldn’t even taste the alcohol in them. But the best part is that they also had free pizza! It was from Pizza Bella, though, so average, but I’ll take it. It also seemed like the pizza was just for brothers, but I helped them take down for the party, so they gave me a few slices. I’m telling you, the bros there hit. Unfortunately, I think someone had too much purple drank and had to be taken away by the paramedics. I hope they’re alright.

Overall, I think the Pi LUps brothers are dope. Remind me of me, back in the day; I mean they’re no Kappa Epsilon Gamma. But they’re a bunch of respectable people that throw a great party every Tuesday. Just imagine how much money that takes. It’s a service to the community and they don’t expect anything back.

Rating: TFM

Editorial

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Obama named RPI President Considers RPI his greatest challenge

My fellow citizens, I am proud to announce that I will be assuming the responsibilities of president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in addition to my position as President of the United States. I am humbled by the daunting tasks that the presidency of RPI presents. I believe that my experience as the leader of the free world will help me bestow upon RPI academic excellence and glory. In addition, I believe that I can pull this once exalted institution out of debt.

RPI is currently in \$700+ million in debt to various businesses in Troy. How the situation occurred is not of concern at the moment; we need to swiftly alleviate the compounding interest on RPI's bonds. To that extent, I am enacting the *Rensselaer Recovery and Reinvestment Act*. This act will be a comprehensive stimulus package that will stop RPI's plunge into wallowing debt. The idea of the package is to help RPI reinvest in itself; the Institute will not only pay back Troy, but also recover RPI's public reputation. More scholarships can be given out, incentivizing prospective students to attend the school. This, in turn, increases the exposure that RPI receives.

The package will be funded by government mandated donations from RPI alumni. Following up, to assist in collections, Red&White will transition into a donation revenue service, auditing alumni that do not pay their yearly donations. The organization will be rebranded as the RRS, the Red & White Revenue Service, in order to affirm its authority. It is my hope and will be my pleasure, to once again see RPI at the forefront of technological education.

In addition to RPI's near insurmountable debt problem, RPI's health center website was hacked by the cyberterrorism group Anonymous, over winter break. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is tracking the offenders and see that they are punished to the full extent of the American legal system. The FBI affirmed that Edward Snowden was responsible for leaking administrative credentials and are working on bringing the expatriate back to the states to bring him to justice. The health of RPI students are of the utmost importance to the administration and any treasonous actions against the Institute will not be tolerated.

On a more somber note, it is with a heavy heart that I announce the unfortunate disappearance of former RPI president Shirley Ann Jackson. According to sources in the FBI, she was last seen in the Washington D.C. Metro. Any person providing information to the location of Jackson will be rewarded \$25 million.

Rensselaer. Metaphorical child of Stephen van Rensselaer. As a visionary, he sought to associate himself with those likeminded and intelligent. He sought to improve their lives. He sought change. To that end, I am changing Rensselaer's motto from "Why not Change the World?" to "Change RPI can Believe In." We are on the upswing. We are pulling through. And in a couple of years, you'll be saying, "Thanks, Obama."

Thank you. God bless you and God bless Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



Barack Obama

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EDITORIAL NOTEBOOK

A picture is worth a thousand words

Jack Mehoff
Imaging Chair



IMPERIAL DECREE

Supreme Emperor covers CUP, Order 99 Cents

STUDENTS OF THE RENSSELAER UNION. AS OF today, I have been chosen by your Senate to serve as Supreme Emperor. The Jedi Board and their Chairman dared challenge me: Anthony Barbieri '15 has been exiled. He will live a life of shame at Clarkson University.

We in the Sith believe strongly in focusing on the real issues that actually matter. As such, I am hereby announcing the formation of the Committee for Unreasonable Projects. A standing committee of the Imperial Council, the Committee for Unreasonable Projects shall be responsible for handling projects that most truly and directly affect the lives of every single person on campus. Its first order of business: finding and constructing a permanent, student-oriented solution to the campus security crisis. All Activity Fee dollars for the next 20 years shall be directly funneled to Project Unite and Achieve, the creation of an intergalactic space-station with a primary cannon capable of destroying the planet, in addition to any suspected Residence Hall burglars. In order to ensure this tool is used properly

to maintain the safety of our campus, our construction team shall ensure that a six-square-foot exhaust pipe is maintained leading directly to its reactor core, allowing us to maximize student input.

In order to hasten production, sacrifices must be made, funds must be levied, and more Arizona must be purchased. I hereby execute Order 99 Cents: henceforth, the Union shall mandate a minimum two daily purchases of Arizona from every Activity Fee-paying student. These funds shall contribute to the efforts of the Committee for Unreasonable Projects in securing the safety of our campus.

In addition, the Senate's work toward an on-campus pharmacy shall be abandoned and redirected toward the development of a massive Arizona-oriented storage facility and education efforts, allowing students to earn degrees in Arizona-oriented marketing, development, and facility management efforts.

The Rensselaer Union Imperial Council supports future efforts to expand Arizona profits and new proliferation.

We have entered into a new era for the Union. All events have led to this; *The Polytechnic* has played its part, casually overlooking the word count of every single Top Hat article I have submitted—pre-copy edits, of course—and allowing my power to grow. The Executive Board has surrendered its power to the Senate, conceding its role in the future of the Union by removing its budgeting authority. Now, the Senate has embraced the power of the Dark Side. To instill a greater sense of order, discipline, and unity among Union members, our broadcast bells will now be reprogrammed to play the Imperial March at 11:53 am each day. In other news, the Office of the Emperor and Imperial Council will be holding a meet and greet event on Thursday, April 16, in Union Room 3202.

On evening of April 16, student representatives are to be chosen by the Rules and Selections committee, so the top members of student leadership will be available for you to meet, discuss upcoming issues, and share your thoughts on our glorious, bright future. All celebrations currently scheduled for the 125th Anniversary of the Union shall be reformatted as appropriate to display the birth of our new empire.

Now, Erin Amarello '15 and the Whale shall serve out their predestined terms. The Inflatable Whale will remain an annual contender for the Top Hat, ensuring the student body remains connected and informed. In his reign, he shall make absolutely clear the consistent, formal, easily-exceeded standard for student leadership that has existed for time untold. Moving forward, always remember: just as the Institute's jurisdiction extends throughout the universe, the power of your Emperor shall extend throughout time, guaranteeing that you, as ever-loyal members of the Union, will have universal access to his power. Long Live the Empire!



Kyle Keraga
Supreme Emperor of the Union
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Vote: Senate to manage Union budget

HELLO RENSSELAER,

As I am sure you are all aware, the Executive Board has the power to distribute a budget of over \$8 million, funded through the businesses we have in the Rensselaer Union, as well as the Activity Fee paid by each student. Since the creation of the Union Executive Board, there has been a long standing debate about whether the Senate or the Executive Board has the real power. There are constant disputes over who does the most work and is more valuable to the student body. The Senate always rambles on about how easy it is to be on the Executive Board, how simple budgeting is, and how we should never have separated the bodies because the Senate can simply do it all by themselves. Recently, after their embarrassing 3-0 defeat in the annual Student Government broomball game, the Senate accused the Executive Board of not having any real responsibilities besides training for broomball all year and that is the only reason we always (I mean always) win. That my friends, was the last straw.

We are tired of all this chatter and trash talk. As you can imagine, budgeting can be quite the

burden for even the most dedicated students to undertake. After the controversy this year over the Union's budget, leading to weeks of extra meetings, rewriting the *Union Annual Report*, and many late nights, the Executive Board has decided that we will no longer take this enormous task on ourselves while receiving no appreciation from the Senate for our hard work. Therefore, there will be a special vote this GM Week on your ballots. It will read, "The power to distribute the Rensselaer Union budget shall be transferred to the Senate for the 2017 Fiscal Year only."



Erin Amarello
President of the Union
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I hope the Senate is prepared to put their money (well, all of our money) where their mouth is. This year, by giving the Senate all the power they think they need and deserve, and in turn all of the added responsibility, hard work, and long days they refuse to acknowledge, senators will finally learn to appreciate their cohorts in Student Government. Maybe they will finally learn who does all of the real work in the Union, and I am sure that after one year of having our responsibilities, they will be begging us for our help and to take over again. On the flip side, al-

leviating the Executive Board from all of their budgeting duties for a year will allow them to put extra focus on helping our students create new and exciting clubs, put on amazing events for the student body, and develop our leaders to help make this campus a better place. Sheesh, with so much spare time, we might even finally roll out Club Management System 2. The Executive Board can also put extra effort into running our businesses and food operations so that they truly bring only the best quality goods and services to students. With this being the 125th reunion year for the Rensselaer Union, there will also be tons of extra events to plan, and so the Executive Board will have plenty of extra work on their hands to keep themselves busy. Even with all of this, we will still have some extra time to sit back, relax a little, and watch the Senate flounder under all of the pressure and time constraints of budgeting. It will truly be a year to be remembered.

We hope this GM Week you get out there, get your commemorative mug, and vote to give all budgeting powers to the Senate for the 2017 Fiscal Year. I promise that when December rolls around and the Senate begs for the Executive Board's help with budgeting because it is too much to handle, we will not let them suffer... for too long.

RUSH DAY

WE HAVE COOKIES*

*Not any more, we ate them. Sorry.



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PAPER FOOTBALL

RPI to add paper football and chair racing

Slow-Moe Willis
Senior Reporter

THIS FALL, THE RENSSELAER Athletic Department will introduce two new sports to its athletic ledger: competitive office chair racing and paper football.

Competitive office chair racing originated in the legal offices of Schmidt, Schmidt, and Schmidt in downtown Manhattan as a way to relieve tension during long winter evenings of trial preparation. After word got out, other firms, seeing Schmidt, Schmidt, and Schmidt's overwhelming success, soon adopted the practice. Today, more than thirty colleges in the northeast have teams that compete in regional meets.

RPI will join the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference, which includes teams such as Rutgers University, Villanova University, the University of Connecticut, and top-ranked Syracuse University. Similar to track meets, chair racing meets have several different distance and relay events. The meets are held in either indoor tracks or converted classrooms for the short distance and obstacle course events. Furthermore, like auto racing, teams are allowed to alter the mechanical designs of their chairs to give themselves an advantage. Each team must meet several specifications (wheel diameter, chair height, and etc.) in order to qualify for competition.



Captain Jack Sparrow/The Polytechnic

KICKER STARTS the drive during a paper football game between Richmond and Coastal Carolina. Next year, RPI will have its inaugural paper football and chair racing seasons.

The sport is co-ed and, similar to world team tennis, has both men's, women's, and mixed events. Each team consists of a maximum of eight members, who each specialize in different events. Out of the 25 events that occur during each meet, no member is allowed to participate in more than five.

RPI has reached out to several experts in the sport in hopes of filling its newest head coaching vacancy. Among these people is Angela Schmidt, formerly of Schmidt, Schmidt, and Schmidt, who

was one of the inaugural participants in competitive chair racing. Schmidt is credited with the bump and run and sitting duck offensive strategies, which are still both widely used today.

The Engineers will compete at 12 conference meets during the winter months. The athletes will also have the opportunity to qualify for the individual state, conference, regional, and national championships, which will occur in successive weeks at the end of the season.

In addition to competitive office chair racing, RPI will also introduce

a Division I paper football team to campus next fall. Like tennis and volleyball, matches are broken into a best of five sets format; however, the point scoring within each set more closely resembles basketball than either of these two sports. The farther the football is kicked from, the more points a made kick is. At the end of each set, the team with more points wins; the first team to three sets wins.

As in football, a coin is flipped at the start of each match to determine who gets possession first. Each set

is timed, which means that the team who gets possession first has an advantage, due to the frequent disparity in the number of possessions each team gets. The offense must drive the football down the field and get in position for a field goal in order to score. To advance the ball, the offense must kick the ball to a target that is selected before each play. The defense is allowed to designate one player to block the shot with their hand; however, this player cannot move their hand once the ball is kicked. Therefore, they have to determine what position of their hand will best throw off the angle of the kick before the play begins. When they believe they are close enough to score, the offense tells the opposition. Field goals cannot be defended by the defense.

The points for field goals of different lengths are as follows: one point for a kick less than five feet, two points for a kick between five and ten feet, four for a kick between ten and twenty feet, and seven for a kick longer than twenty feet. In the game's ten-year history, only one kick longer than twenty feet has ever been made.

Paper football will take place in the spring so it doesn't interfere with the regular football schedule. RPI will host games in the East Campus Arena this season, but has plans to build a paper football training facility within the next few years.

BASEBALL

Jeter to become new assistant coach

Maria Rodriguez
Senior Reporter

CURRENTLY STANDING AT .500, THE RPI MEN'S BASEBALL team looks to shoot for a more successful season with the assistance of new coach, Derek Jeter. He retired in September from the New York Yankees and is now looking forward to advancing the RPI Baseball team to more wins. After recently purchasing a residential home in suburban upstate New York, news spread throughout the area.

Upon hearing of his residency change to Albany County, Coach Karl Steffen reached out to Derek Jeter's agent and discussed the advantages of the assistant coach position for the RPI Engineers. Union College Varsity Baseball Coach Paul Mound made an offer that was personally denied by Jeter himself, according to sources. One advantage setting the college offers apart is that RPI is offering a hefty sum of two million dollars for the rest of season, the cost of over 40 students' tuition!

"In my opinion, I've had the greatest job in the world," noted Jeter at the end of his last season in 2014. He is looking forward to continuing his passion for baseball, yet with a different "job." With his social life in the search for the perfect woman, he plans to attend select practices and games, with the goal of training the varsity baseball team to a Division III NCAA title, the same way Jeter has earned five World Series titles.

The Poly Staff has reached out to RPI students to hear what baseball fans have to say about this happening. Maria Kozdroy '18 believes, "This is awesome news and hopefully more students will come out to games to see the boys play under the legend."

On April 14, 2015 at 4 pm, the Engineers take on the Williams College Purple Cows. There is no guarantee as to Derek Jeter's presence at this game, but come out to Robinson Field, Troy, NY to support the baseball team!



Jack Black/The Polytechnic

THE INFIELTERS AND COACH OF THE RPI BASEBALL TEAM MEET at the mound to discuss strategy. The Engineers will add recently retired Yankee great Derek Jeter to their coaching staff.

RUSH MAY 2015

Sports

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

QUIDDITCH

Engineer Quidditch taken to the next level

Jeff Knowsanthrall
Senior Reporter

THIS SPORTS SEASON WILL be a special one for the RPI Remembralls as they are finally getting the equipment and fielding needed to be considered a full fledged Quidditch team. "It's more than we could ever ask for, we're very excited for what the future holds," head captain Luigi Nasty '14 stated during a press conference. "Of course, it will be a little tricky getting used to flying broomsticks now, but I think we'll get the hang of it quick enough."

While East Campus Athletic Village is being converted to a Quidditch pitch, the players are familiarizing themselves with the new equipment. "I'll be honest, it's been a rough couple of years playing without the fancy wizard stuff these other schools have, so ground based Quidditch has been more than a bit tough," Nasty admits. "But with the new advances in science, we can finally play on their level." The new technology offered to the team is part of the Institute's new

program, "Magic and Machines," led by Professor Rudinia Smith-Kettlegrum. "Clarke's Third Law is that any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic," she explains. "So

why not take the 'looks like magic' part and add actual magic? I mean, we're engineers, we're just one step away from wizards."

The new equipment has helped the team enter the new century of

Quidditch; no longer will they have to use small yellow birds known as snidgets as a replacement for the snitch. Snidgets, as we all know, are costly in terms of upkeep, as

repel charms to keep the bird in play during the game don't come cheap, and are otherwise obviously philistine and inhumane. With the new state-of-the-art snitch, it will be a more intense game than ever, especially with new bludgers that can seriously harm players. "We take safety very seriously," Nasty proclaims. "But we take winning even more seriously. If you can't take a few cast iron balls to the face, then you don't have the cast iron balls to be there in the first place."

The future's looking bright for the Remembralls; with a new facility and equipment, there's little anyone can complain about. In an email to the Institute, Smith-Kettlegrum writes, "We've worked tirelessly to create these wonderful machines, made possible by a generous grant from International Business Magic. With this, and their donation of one of the Deathly Hallows, you can expect bigger and better things ahead for RPI." When asked for a response to this message, Nasty replied, "I mean, that's all great, but really all we wanted were new jerseys."



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EAST CAMPUS STADIUM GETS converted from a football stadium to a Quidditch pitch. The stadium will be home to the RPI Remembralls starting next fall.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Top prospect to play for Rensselaer

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THIS PAST FRIDAY, TOP EUROPEAN BASKETBALL prospect Ivan Troicki signed his letter of intent to play for college basketball powerhouse Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Troicki is a 7'3", 275 pound power forward from Loznica, Serbia.

Last summer, Troicki led the Serbian national team to the European Youth Basketball Association Championship. In a tough, back and forth battle with top-ranked Spain in the quarterfinals, Troicki led Serbia to a 79-78 overtime victory, scoring 48 points, grabbing 22 rebounds, and dishing out 15 assists. In addition, he tallied 11 blocks and eight steals. That game marked his fifth quadruple-double of the international season.

After dominating Russia in the semifinals, 87-48, Serbia faced a gritty Italian team in the finals. Troicki started out cold, missing his first six shots, and Italy jumped out to a 39-24 halftime lead. As was his custom all season, Troicki took control of the game in the second half. In a prolific eight minute stretch, he shot 11-11 from the field and amassed 29 consecutive points to propel Serbia to the title.

College recruiters say Troicki is the best prospect out of high school they have seen since Kwame Brown. "He has no serious flaws in his game. He can handle the ball, body up in the middle and grab rebounds, shoot the perimeter jump shot, and defend both guards and forwards," Steve Wilson of ESPN's *Future Greats* said in an interview last month. "If it weren't for the rule forcing high school players to play one season in college or abroad, this guy would be the first pick in the draft this June. He's going to be the next Jordan...only better."

While Troicki is listed as a power forward, he plays all five positions on



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INCOMING FRESHMAN IVAN TROICKI LOOKS on as junior forward Billy Whittier takes the ball in for a layup. The addition of Troicki bolsters an already imposing frontcourt for the Engineers.

a regular basis. Professional scouts in the region say he has the touch of Steve Nash, the power of Shaquille O'Neal, and the hard-nosed intensity of Scottie Pippen. He doesn't shy away late in close games, either. In addition to his outstanding performance against Spain in the EYBA quarterfinals, Troicki hit five game-winning shots and scored 25 or more second half points 17 times. During the international season, Troicki averaged 42 points, 19 rebounds, 18 assists, and 8 blocks over the span of 28 games.

On being asked about choosing RPI over U. of Kentucky, UCLA, and U. of Kansas, Troicki responded by saying the beautiful weather and winning tradition were too much of a draw to ignore. "I think this environment will be the best for me to improve my skills and get ready to play at the professional level." In addition, to playing basketball, Troicki intends to major in architecture and write news for the school newspaper. Troicki made no comment on what he would do in his spare time to keep busy.

Men's basketball head coach Eric Floyd says Troicki will be a valuable addition to an already talented starting lineup. "We have Whittier, who is 6'9" and was second in the conference in blocks and fourth in rebounds, and Vernon, who is 6'8" and was fifth in the conference in blocks and eighth in rebounds. Now we have Troicki, who is the best player his age I've ever seen. Teams are going to have a difficult time matching up with us this year, even Kentucky and Duke. We should be a tough out come next March."

The Engineers will travel to Durham, NC on November 8 to face Duke University in what will surely be a highly anticipated pre-season exhibition game. The game will mark Troicki's first as a member of the Institute.