

Editorial

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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.



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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!



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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."



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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.