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## ATHLETICS

# RPI reveals baseball stadium plans

**David Raab**  
Staff Reporter

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, WORD BROKE ABOUT plans for a new baseball facility at Rensselaer. Right now, RPI is in the process of raising \$6 million for the new baseball stadium. The latest fundraising statistics published by RPI suggest that they have collected approximately 70% of their fundraising goal. RPI plans to select the architect and other necessary contractors for the project in the first couple of months of 2016. If all goes as planned, construction of the new stadium will begin in Spring of 2016. However, no definitive plans have been announced and everything is still very much on the drawing board.

As of right now, plans for where the baseball team would play home games for next year have yet to be determined. RPI's Athletic Director Lee McElroy named the College of Saint Rose as a possible location, but schedules for spring sports still need to be finalized. When asked about having to choose between multiple other college's fields, he said it is a "good problem to have."

The current home of the baseball team at RPI is Robison Field, which is located just off campus at the intersection of 17th Street and Eagle Street. Recently, the field has been renovated to have a synthetic turf surface and over 200 feet of new privacy fencing, according to facts published by RPI's Environmental and Site Service department.



Courtesy of RPI Athletics

**THE NEW BASEBALL STADIUM WILL SERVE as home for the baseball team upon its completion, tentatively scheduled for Fall 2016.**

The turf was added to alleviate challenges brought on by the fact that there is often still snow on the ground in the first couple of weeks of the baseball season. Presumably, the new \$6 million

facility would also alleviate any challenges that the Troy weather brings about in the beginning of the season. Stay tuned for updates as more information comes to fruition.

## RENSSELAER UNION

# Bookstore manager meets with student leaders



Jack Wellhofer/The Polytechnic

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNION NICK DVORAK '16 SITS with the new bookstore manager, Ken Palmer, at a forum for student leaders.**

**Justin Etzine**  
Senior Reporter

LAST THURSDAY, STUDENT LEADERS had the opportunity to meet with the new manager of the Rensselaer Collegiate Store, Ken Palmer. The informal meet and greet was scheduled by President of the Union Nick Dvorak '16 to discuss the current status and future plans of the Rensselaer Collegiate Store, and to answer any questions about the Follett change-over.

Some of the meeting attendees included members of the Executive Board, Student Senate, and Judicial Board, along with reporters from *The Polytechnic*, members of RPI TV, and Rensselaer Union administrative workers, including Director of the Union Joe Cassidy.

Palmer discussed his experiences introducing Follett into college bookstores in the past. He has worked at three stores in the past five years, two of which he helped start. He then explained how each store is different and described how he has gained valuable experience from the differences in each one.

On the topic of introducing new inventory into the store, Palmer explained that, in addition to many of the standard items currently found in the store, Follett will bring multiple new items that Palmer believes will be good fits for the students at RPI. Additionally, many more items will be available on the online store.

When discussing the opening date for the new store, Cassidy explained that the schedule had been changed from the original plan to accommodate additional unforeseen renovations, and is now scheduled to open by the end of September. A grand opening ceremony will be held after the temporary store has fully moved out of the games room and into the renovated space.

Palmer expressed interest in forming the Bookstore Advisory Council with the RPI Student Government, so that students can provide feedback to the bookstore staff on multiple fronts, including item inventory, bookstore services, and more. Palmer intends to provide the Executive Board with quarterly reports on financial data of the bookstore.

## Weather

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	91° 63°		75° 57°		77° 55°		79° 60°
Precip. 20%	Hum. 48%	Precip. 50%	Hum. 53%	Precip. 20%	Hum. 45%	Precip. 10%	Hum. 54%
Wind 10 mph	Clear	Wind 6 mph	Chance of Rain	Wind 8 mph	Mostly Cloudy	Wind 5 mph	Clear
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
	72° 56°		75° 55°		78° 53°		78° 54°
Precip. 50%	Hum. 77%	Precip. 20%	Hum. 66%	Precip. 10%	Hum. 50%	Precip. 10%	Hum. 47%
Wind 8 mph	Partly Cloudy	Wind 6 mph	Clear	Wind 8 mph	Partly Cloudy	Wind 5 mph	Partly Cloudy

## 8-Day Forecast

Subject to change Source: wunderground.com

## SENATE

Senate hears two petitions,  
RnE chairperson resigns

Jack Wellhofer/The Polytechnic

**PARLIAMENTARIAN JOSHUA ROSENFELD REVIEWS Senate rules of order procedures.**

**David Raab**  
Staff Reporter

GRAND MARSHALL MARCUS Flowers '16 started the meeting right with the approval of the minutes from the meeting on September 1. Immediately, the Senate moved into a discussion of two petitions that reached the 250 signature threshold required for Senate recognition. First, they discussed a petition called "Locked Tuition" by Zachary Smith '16. Smith was unable to attend, but the Senate motioned with his prior approval to take no further action because student tuition falls outside the responsibilities of the Senate. In discussion of this petition, Andrew Sudano '17 said that

he would discuss with the Union Executive Board the possibility of having the Student Activity Fee locked. Graduate Student Timothy Krentz suggested that the Senate send letters to alumni about rising tuition, but Justin Etzine '18 brought up how members of the administration might see that as going behind their backs and that it is important to maintain a positive relationship with the administration. Ultimately, Thomas Alappat '17 moved to delay the final ruling on this petition until next week. The motion to postpone passed 16-1-0.

Next, graduate student Emily Downs petitioned for transgender students to be recognized by their name and gender of choice. In her

presentation to the Senate, Downs told her story of how frustrating it was that Rensselaer refused to recognize her new name until it was legally changed. She remarked that legal name changes can cost thousands of dollars and that not all students have the resources and support to navigate that process. During the Senate's discussion it was brought up that the RPI TRANS should be charged with implementing preferred names with the full backing of the Sen-

ate. Etzine said that the Union could consider passing their own policy for all activities that fall under the purview of the Union. Downs clarified that all legal documents—the diploma and public safety reports—from RPI would still have the person's legal name on the document. A motion from the Senate in support of this petition passed unanimously 17-0-0.

The rest of the Senate meeting consisted of routine discussions from the various Senate committee

chairs. Most committee meetings are starting regular meetings by the end of this week or early next week. Freshmen elections were discussed, however no date was set because the Rules & Elections committee still needs its leadership situation finalized. Flowers discussed the Senate training meetings and how a goal of the Senate this year is to cut down on circular discussion and more closely follow the rules of order for meetings. Flowers then adjourned the meeting.

INCIDENT  
BLOTTER

INFORMATION  
PROVIDED BY  
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INVESTIGATOR  
TERRANCE BURNS

**Sunday, September 6**

**The Quadrangle**

Fire alarm: Fire alarm was activated on the first floor of Church V. Source was cooking smoke from attempted cooking of deep fried oreos.

**Monday, September 7**

**Nason Hall**

Injury: A resident assistant reported a resident experiencing a nose bleed and requested medical attention. The responding Department of Public Safety officer requested a clean up of blood. The dean on duty was notified and responded accordingly.

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## STUDENT LIFE

Activities fair provides students opportunity to explore clubs  
Organizations from the Rensselaer Union and across campus demonstrate to students

**Rex Hu**  
Staff Reporter

THE ACTIVITIES FAIR IS AN EVENT THAT IS HELD at the beginning of each semester to introduce incoming and curious students to the various interest groups and opportunities that are available to them around campus. It was hosted last Thursday, September 3, from 6:30–8:30 pm at the Armory, which is located in the Mueller Center. Each group had a table set up so students could wander around, talk to the spokesperson at a table for more information, and grab a pamphlet or some candy.

There was a myriad of groups participating in the fair. With activities ranging from hobby and special interest groups such as Dance Dance Revolution or Humans vs. Zombies, to club sports such as Fencing or Paintball, there undoubtedly was a table for every person attending to appreciate. Many clubs even had demonstrations of what they did. For example, the Game Development Club had an arcade machine, programmed by its members, which students could play on. The Juggling Club had bean bags and balls to juggle; the Bhangra Club had members dancing in costume with sapps; the Cycling Club had a member tirelessly cycling on a stationary bike; and the *Super Smash Bros.* Club had the game on a console for all to play.

Amanda Turner '15 said that compared to last year, the fair this year is "a lot better; it's more energetic." On the other hand, Nicole Nunez '15 suggested

that in the future it may be helpful if the Executive Board provides a projected map or guide on the wall to help students easily navigate the room and find the activities they are interested in. Jane Pao '15 mentioned that the reason she, Turner, and Nunez were attending the fair was because it was their fifth and final year at RPI, so they "have to join something before leaving." So on that note, it's never too late to join an activity—even upperclassmen can get involved in new activities by attending the Activities Fair.

When asked how he felt about the outcome of the event, Nick Dvorak '15, President of the Union, said, "I wish it wasn't as hot as it was, but otherwise it went well. On the E-Board side, everybody met with the clubs beforehand, and we started off on the right foot." In terms of hopes for the future, he says it may be a bit tricky, but the E-Board is trying to move the event to the East Campus Athletic Village. In ECAV, there is more space, as well as air conditioning to better accommodate the number of people attending. Anybody who was present can attest to the heat; every single piece of free chocolate in the room was melted, and therefore no longer worth the lack of a price tag. Dvorak also says to keep an eye out for the Spring Activities Fair—according to him, not enough people participate, but when you're selecting new classes for the semester, why not find a new activity while you're at it?



Chris Leong/The Polytechnic

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ATTRACTED new members by demonstrating club activities, including the UPAC Lights and RPI Weightlifting Team, shown above.**

# Editorial

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

## Involvement is key

RPI's campus offers a wide range of opportunities on a day to day basis. Although during the winter months it can feel like a desolate landscape, there is always a club or organization that has something going on. There are over 160 clubs and students organizations that offer activities for all interests, ranging from multicultural clubs to sports to video games. Clubs are a great way to make new friends and partake in new experiences. Fraternities and sororities are also a great way to find new friends. Currently, there are plenty of rush events happening, so you can get to know the different fraternities and sororities. By joining clubs, many people make lifelong friends while gaining valuable community and leadership experience that helps them later in life.

Even if joining a club or organization isn't your thing, try to make some time in your schedule to go to shows and performances that groups put on. Many organizations, including the Players, Sheer Idiocy, and our four *Capella* groups, among others, have shows and performances throughout the semester. They would love to have your support for all the hard work they put in, so go and appreciate what your peers are proud of!

Although it feels easier to hide in your room and exclude yourself from the world, we truly encourage you to put yourself out there, if only for just a little bit. If you can't find something that interests you, maybe it's time to start the Never Leave Your Room Club. Meetings are never and attendance is strongly discouraged. But in all seriousness, getting out there helps break up the often grueling grind that can be RPI academics.

## EDITORIAL NOTEBOOKS

# Food, *Smash*, and homework

## Random musings of a sleep deprived sophomore

YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M GOING TO write a notebook about several things on my mind. So here we go. Number 1, I like food. Who doesn't like food? I enjoy getting the white yogurt at Commons. Some people say it's Greek yogurt, some people say it's vanilla yogurt; I think it's just plain yogurt, and it's delicious with the granola offered to the right or left of it with some fruit on the side: cantaloupe, melon, pineapple, and grapes. Then if I'm really feeling like it, I'll add some mini M&Ms, coconut, and small oreo bits to the mix. It is so good, let me tell you. Another thing I like about Commons is the atmosphere, including the workers and students.



**Maria Kozdroy**  
Editorial/Opinion Editor

Secondly, last night while walking into the *Poly* office, I asked my friend if his fraternity was having a rush event that night. He replied, "yes, an eating contest." I turned to him

and asked if we could go. After he received an email regarding the team needing help eating 826 little hot dogs from World Famous Lunch, we left the office to go to the restaurant. I'd say I feel accomplished eating my 16 hot dogs, while others might say they feel ashamed. How could I turn down free food, especially hot dogs!

Going along with food, I love baking cookies, and the other night I wanted to mix things up a little. I attempted making fried oreos. The first try was not completely a success, but the second try was very successful! Just remember to keep the oil on low heat, and you're good. Trust me.

Switching it up, I love *Super Smash Bros: Melee*. I know how to grab and kick, but down "B-ing" and flicking down on the C-Stick using Peach or Kirby works well every time. My friends may think I'm spamming the same move, but I'm

just trying to win. But for real, who doesn't love watching Kirby suck up another character and drop them off the edge of the map or having a Kirby rock on top of you? I know I do!

Have you ever had a homework assignment of only eight questions, and thought "you know, this should be easy." Eight hours later, it's finally done. I look back at that, and wow, I took a long time on something that wasn't even that hard. I learned that I shouldn't over complicate things, and two nights later there I was doing some computer science work and over complicating simple concepts. All that matters is I finished it and had a good time understanding a completely foreign thing to me!

I have one more point for this. The weather this past week has been absolutely lovely; mid 90's, I love it. Why can't it be like this all year long?

I think that's it for now and if you ever want to have a conversation with me about anything at anytime, just stop me and say hi and let's get talking!

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# Organizing features content

## Hundreds of hours of binge watching into words

IF MOST READERS AREN'T AWARE, I'M KNOWN AS THE Features Guy on *The Poly*. I don't think you'll be able to find an issue in the past year and a half that doesn't have at least one review from me, with most of the Reviews focusing on television. The truth is, I'm a self-confessed complete media consumer. I don't just watch movies or shows, I consume them. They feed me, likewise with books and video games. And going off of this, I think I should discuss my process as an avid media-phile.

First, time management is a huge factor. How I work is usually by putting something on in the background that requires little distraction, but gives me something entertaining to listen to. This is where I usually use podcasts or a show I want to rewatch, like *The Office*. However, if it's a weekly show, I make some time to give it my full attention on the release date or at another point when I have time. Things are a bit trickier with whole series' or movies which require long chunks of time. I usually save them for when I have long stretches of waiting, like the two hours I have between classes or waiting for laundry.

Next, and probably the most important step for someone who likes talking about shows, is documenting them. I don't mean wall-to-wall shelves

filled with every single thing you've ever glanced at, just a Google Doc with them listed. Personally I sort them by color to signify cultural impact and then place them into categories based on my personal perception of the work. As well, a "To Watch List" helps you keep fresh content on queue rather than browsing Netflix like a wandering nomad. This list brings me into my final point...

You should find people with similar taste as you! Pretty simple, right? However, I usually find that when you have friends with similar tastes, it means there is a lot of overlap in terms of viewing, which is why I use my list for recommendations on what I've seen, or even offer to watch something together. I'm someone who enjoys re-watching a show with company in order to get a new perspective on a work, so this allows me to share an enjoyable piece with a friend.

I think media in general is seen as an incredibly insular activity: binge watching on the weekend, reading in bed, playing video games alone in your room; but the truth is, these aren't personal experiences. Everyone can watch, read, or play exactly what they want, but I find that the most joy I get out of these experiences is talking about and sharing mine with others.



**Geoff Rosenthal**  
Associate Features Editor

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HARK! A VAGRANT

by Kate Beaton

TOP TEN LIST

# THE INVASION OF CANADA



## Top Ten reasons the fire alarm went off

10. Quad needed some fresh air
9. Real Fire
8. Fire drills during a snowstorm
7. Randi Mogul's Cats
6. Handstands
5. You finally got to take a nap
4. Forgot about the popcorn
3. To avoid a test
2. Your mixtape
1. Maria Kozdroy

WORD FIND

by Shane O'Brien

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

### NFL Kickoff

T Q O Y S R E V O R T N O C R  
W H I I W W Z I X E C K M B I  
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| Appeal      | Edelman      | NFL            |
| Bell        | Eight Thirty | Overtuned      |
| Brady       | Foxborough   | Roethlisberger |
| Brown       | Goodell      | SpyGate        |
| Controversy | Gronkowski   | Suspension     |
| DeflateGate | Kickoff      | Thursday       |

ANSWERS

Here are the answers to last issue's cryptoquote and mondaypunday.

"I know that when the other boovs said "Oh," they were not happy to see me. The truth is, among boov, I don't fit in. I fit out."

-Oh

Home

mondaypunday answers:

1. Cross Dresser
2. Books On Tape
3. Log cabin

**CRYPTOQUOTE**

A Cryptoquote is a simple substitution code where each letter that appears may stand for a different letter. The substitutions are consistent throughout the puzzle. Punctuation is not translated.

For example: AMXBMAAYQ = ENGINEERS

“ Kar glzk zg kar  
xewrbs qrskurxts'g  
tbxelb. Kar Pzsqgxrs  
tbr kar srj pszqakg.”

-Atbbm Atbk

Pzsqgxts: Kar Grfbrk

Grbyzfr

**SUDOKU**

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Previous Issue's Answers

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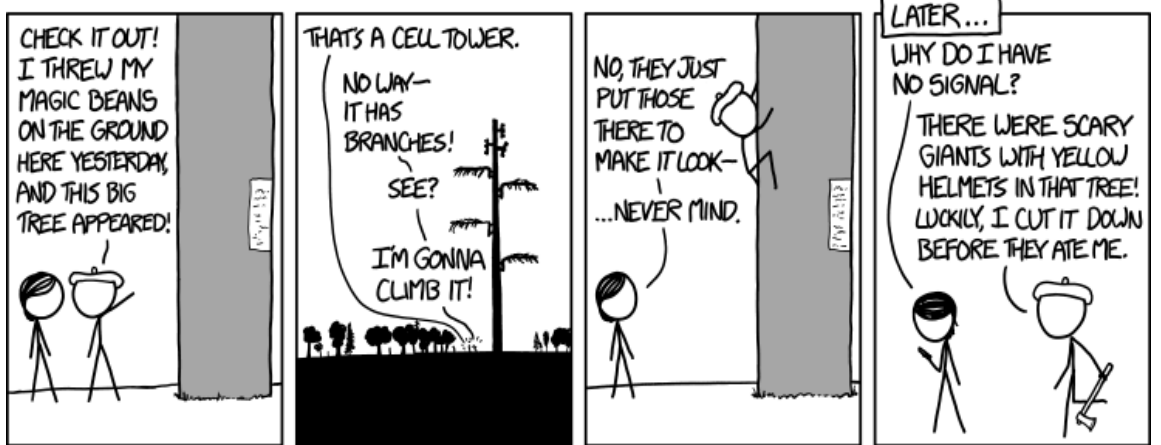
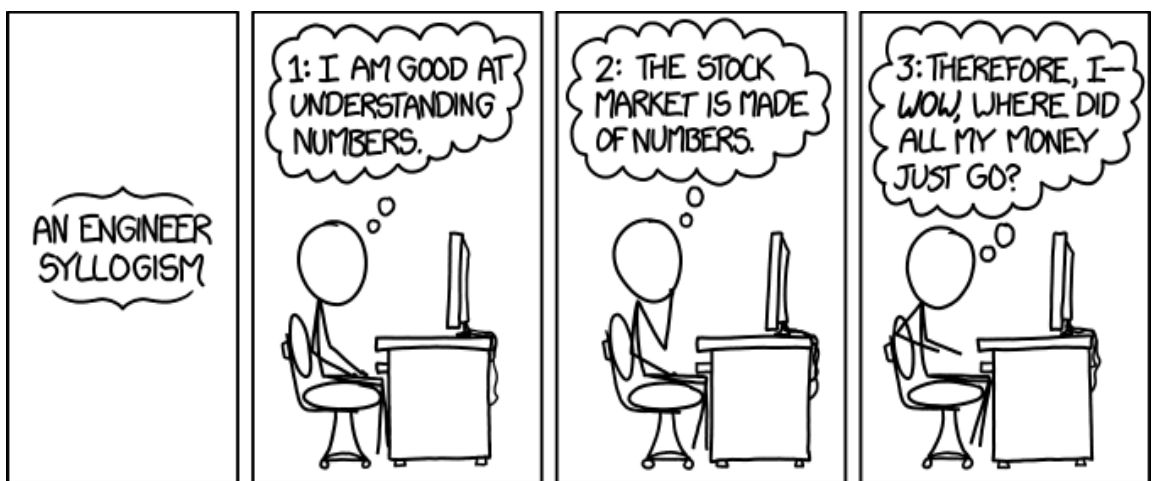
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**MONDAY PUNDAY** by Matthew Broussard



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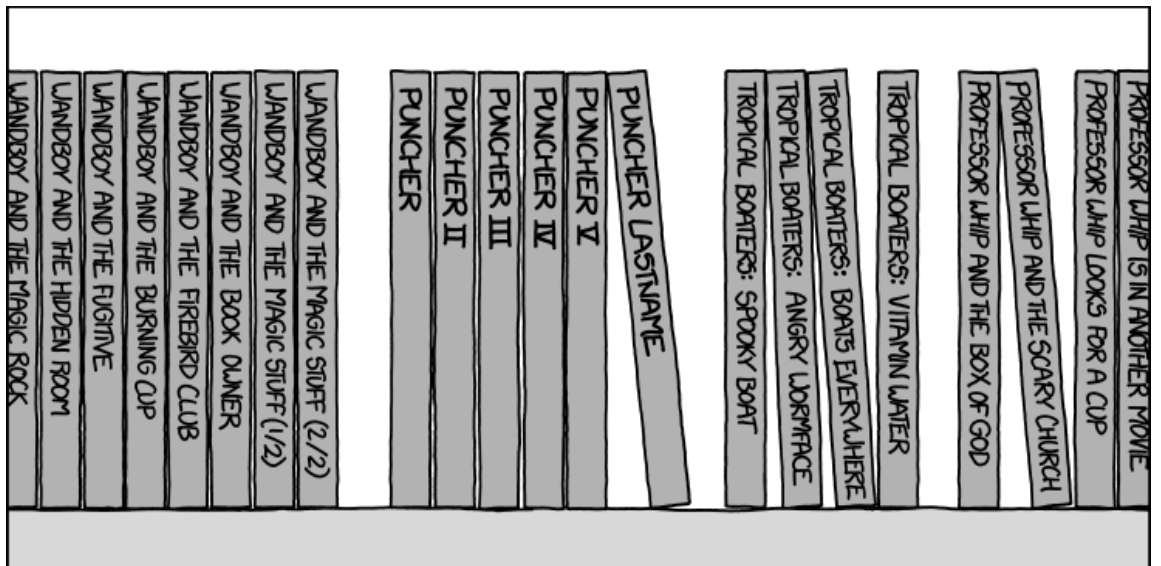
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mondaypunday.com



**UPAC CINEMA**

*Pitch Perfect 2*  
Friday • September 11, 2015  
7 pm, 9:30 pm, & Midnight • DCC 308 • \$2.50

**Headhunters**  
Saturday • September 12, 2015  
7 pm, 9:30 pm, & Midnight • DCC 308 • \$2.50

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# Events

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

## Wednesday September 9

The Isermann Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering presents Yaakov Nahmias. His seminar is titled "Transforming Predictive Toxicology: Real-time Monitoring of Metabolic Function in Liver-on-chip Microdevices Using Tissue-embedded Biosensors." It will be held in Ricketts 211 from 9:30–10:30 am.

Club financial workshops will be held in the Rensselaer Union 3602. Every Rensselaer Union funded club must send their president and treasurer to one financial workshop. If the club travels, the president and treasurer must also attend one travel workshop. This will happen from 3–4 pm.

The Douglas Mercer '77 ECSE Lecture Series continues with Professor Richard Radke. His lecture is titled "Computer Vision for Visual Effects." It will be held in the Darrin Communications Center 324 from 3:30–5 pm. Refreshments will be served.

The Department of Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy hosts Dr. Sukanya Chakrabarti. His colloquium is titled "Clustered Cepheid Variables 90 kpc from the Galactic Center." This will be held in DCC 337 from 4–5 pm.

Freshman Career Compass Kickoff starts at 5 pm and lasts one hour in DCC 318. Presented by the Center for Career and Professional Development & General Electric. Learn about the Career Center and what recruiting means.

HockeyLine comes to an end! The final day for HockeyLine runs from 5–10 pm. At 5 pm the HockeyLine pep rally takes place at the Union. After the pep rally is finished, the group will march to the Houston Field House to buy season tickets. There will also be free skate, pizza, ice cream, caricatures, and Mr. Twisty.

The Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center presents On Screen/Sound: No. 2. The second program of On Screen/Sound presents a series of shorts from the past five decades that use human movement to embody the connection between image and sound. Cost is \$6 to attend and will run from 7–9 pm.

The RPI dance team hosts their auditions in the last studio upstairs of the Mueller Center. Auditions are open to both undergraduate and graduate students. A student ID is needed. It will start at 8:30 pm.

## THURSDAY September 10

Club financial workshops will be held in the Union 3602. This will happen from 3–4 pm. Refer to Wednesday's event for more information.

A graduate social will be held in the Union Pub from 4–8 pm. Stop by the Pub for discounts and a chance to win door prizes! Must be over 21 to participate.

Sophomore Career Experience Kickoff Event takes place in the Biotech Auditorium. Presentations on making your sophomore year count will take place at 4 and 7 pm. Resume critiques will happen from 5–7 pm.

EMPAC presents Ant Hampton's "The Extra People." The Extra People is an immersive theater performance where 15 audience members sit and watch another 15 onstage. After half an hour, they find themselves replacing those onstage, only to discover that another 15 have appeared in the seats they've left behind. The theater building—dormant, empty, and unlit save for their flashlights—seems unable to be deactivated. And within this strange process, wearing headphones and a "hi-viz" vest, the audience is cast along with everyone else as some kind of extra. It costs \$6 for students to attend and will take place in EMPAC's theater from 7–10 pm.

## FRIDAY September 11

The American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council. Donors can give a pint of blood every 56 days. Walk-ins are welcome. To donate, you can register with the sponsors or call the Dean of Students Office office. It will be held in the Mueller Center from 11:30–5:30 pm.

September's Lunch & Learn will be held in the Folsom Library Fischbach Room from noon–1 pm. The presentation is titled "Solar Powered Cargo Boats—Design, Building, and Operation," and is presented by David Borton. There is no cost to attend.

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

## SATURDAY September 12

UPAC Cinema presents *Headhunters*. Screenings are at 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight in DCC 308. The cost is \$2.50.

## MONDAY September 14

The Biological Seminar Series presents Dr. Katya Grishchuk. Her seminar is titled "Powering chromosome movement in mitosis." It will be held in Bruggeman Conference Center in the Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies from noon–1 pm. Refreshments will be served at 11:45 am.

Last day for graduate and undergraduate students to add courses, change sections, or put courses on audit for the Fall 2015 semester. It is also the last day for completion of "NE" grade requirements for Spring 2015 courses.

## Tuesday September 15

Club travel financial workshops will be held in the Union 3602. This will happen from 3–4 pm. Refer to Wednesday's event for more information.

Chemistry and Chemical Biology Fall Seminar Series starts with Dr. Katherine Ayers. Her seminar is titled "The Science and Applications of Membrane-Based Water Electrolysis." It will take place in DCC 330 from 4–5 pm.

Residence Life hosts "Opening Doors... Linking Living and Learning." This dynamic Clustered Learning, Advocacy, and Support for Students program will be aimed directly at all freshmen in residence halls and is designed to ease and assist them with their transition to living and learning at college. It will run from 5–6 pm.

*The Polytechnic will be hosting special elections in The Poly Office on Sunday, September 13 at 4 pm.*

# Sports

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

## FOOTBALL

# RPI wins blowout game against Norwich

## Engineers start off strong and finish stronger leading to a 37-0 victory over the Cadets

Joseph Saulsbery  
Senior Reporter

THE ENGINEERS DOMINATED THE FIRST HALF en route to a lopsided 37-0 victory over visiting Norwich University last Saturday. RPI amassed 298 yards from scrimmage in the first two quarters while Norwich managed only nine.

RPI senior quarterback Jeff Avery played efficiently, completing 14 of 19 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns, including a 39-yard beauty over the top to striding junior wide receiver Joey Giacone. The pass to Giacone set up a one-yard run by Rensselaer senior running back Nick Schlatz.

Later in the first quarter, after two three and outs for Norwich, the Engineers moved the ball down to the Norwich 16 yard line with five straight running plays, including a

24-yard scamper by sophomore running back Mike Tivinis. RPI scored soon thereafter on a five-yard run outside the tackles by junior running back John Costello.

While the Norwich offense continued to sputter in the second quarter of Saturday's game, the Engineer offense kept rolling. On the first drive of the quarter, Schlatz ran five times for 24 yards to bring the ball down to the Norwich six yard line. Then Avery hit sophomore running back Johnny Ramsdell on an out-route for the touchdown to complete the 11-play, 53-yard drive, giving Rensselaer a commanding 21-0 lead.

The next drive saw Norwich move the chains for the first time that afternoon, but the drive came to a crashing halt when senior linebacker Mark Grimes popped the ball loose from the grip of Norwich running back Sam Chaves with his helmet. The fumble



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THE ENGINEERS START the 2015 football season strong, with a blowout game against Norwich.

was recovered by sophomore defensive back Bryan Hayes. Two and a half minutes later, RPI scored on a five-yard option run by senior running back Austin Amery to give them a four touchdown lead.

To cap off the scoring in the first half, Avery found senior wide receiver Logan Gaddar open in the front corner of the end zone for a 19-yard touchdown. The fifth score of the half was set up when Norwich punt return Trystan Colaire fumbled at the Norwich 19 with 1:38 remaining in the second quarter.

Tivinis tallied 120 yards on seven carries for RPI, while Schlatz bullied his way to a sum of 80 yards on 17 runs. Giacone led Engineer receivers with 66 yards, while Amery caught two passes for 44 yards. This included a 32-yard wheel-route out of the backfield in the first quarter.

The only score of the second half was a safety for RPI on a tackle by junior defensive

back Ryan Buss at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Buss had four tackles and broke up two passes in the game, while sophomore defensive back Sam Garrett led the RPI defense with six tackles. Grimes had five tackles, a sack, and a forced fumble. Senior linebacker Anthony Pilla led the Engineers in sacks with 1.5.

Linebacker Jack Agthorpe led Norwich with 11 tackles, while linebacker Benjamin Hummer had eight. Offensively, quarterback Philippe Bazinet completed five passes for 84 yards for the Cadets, including a 37-yard strike to wide receiver Pierre Noel. The Cadets rushed for 110 yards on 38 carries, with 42 of those yards by Chaves.

Next up for Rensselaer is a road game against 1-0 Alfred University next Saturday, September 12.



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RENSSELAER HOPES to perform just as well next week, against Alfred University.

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Men's and Women's team both place second

## RPI cross country finishes second at the Ronald Stonitsch Invitational on September 5

Michael Baird  
Staff Reporter

RENSSELAER MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS RACING seasons debuted on Saturday at the Ronald Stonitsch Invitational in Poughkeepsie, NY. Both the men and the women garnered second place titles at the meet.

The Vassar Brewers hosted the meet at Vassar Farm, a 527 acre ecological preserve. Eleven teams competed on the women's side and ten on the men's.

"Many of our girls had big personal records despite the heat and the [grassy] course conditions," said junior girls team co-captain Maddie Dery, who placed sixth with 19:18.1 in the women's 5K race. Sophomore Jamie Lord took second place in 18:53.9 to a girl who ran unattached, and senior Shannon Trant came in fifth in 19:16.4.

Landing five women in the top 15, the RPI women scored 34, but were narrowly nudged out of victory by Stevens Institute of Technology, scoring 28.

"As a whole, we have really ramped up our training this summer," said Dery. "The majority of the girls increased their mileage from last summer, and we saw a lot of people running 7 days a week as well as adding in

doubles. Some of our highest mileage girls were hitting 65+ miles per week at the peak of summer training."

Dery has high confidence in her team and many aspirations for the girls as the season progresses. "As a team we are really excited and determined to show the region what we can do," she said. "This is going to be one of our most competitive seasons yet, and we have a really good chance of beating out rivals like St. Lawrence University. Our goal is to get a bid to compete at Nationals at the end of the season, but for now we are going to take it one race at a time. With all of the hard work that has already been put in, and the dedication and commitment of all of our girls to the sport, this is looking to be one of our best seasons and I can't wait to see what it brings!"

Senior girls co-captain Loki Rasmussen complimented Dery's optimistic attitude towards the quality and direction of the girls' team. Rasmussen remarked, "it's clear that the program is just getting better year to year, and I'm very impressed with the work all our girls did over the summer to come out looking like they did."

Vassar barely escaped with the win on the men's side, with RPI taking second 47-44. Freshman Grant

O'Connor and junior Garrett Davis came in second and third with 19:48.6 and 19:52.4 respectively.

Reflecting on his first collegiate racing experience, O'Connor remembers maintaining a positive mentality throughout the 6K race and acquiring the confidence to move into second place and head for the leader around the two mile mark.

"I went into the race with open expectations, not knowing what to expect of the course or competition," said O'Connor. "My goal was to get in a good race effort and start adjusting to collegiate racing, and I think I accomplished that well. I stayed relaxed in the first two miles then moved into second place and maintained my position and composure until the finish at 6 km. I am pleased with the result and my current fitness, and I think it bodes well for future races where we will race 8 km."

This Saturday, September 12, RPI will host its cross country meet at 1 pm at Saratoga Springs State Park in Saratoga Springs, NY, where nationally ranked contenders including Williams College and St. Lawrence University will be amongst the competition.

Congratulations to Andrew Franks '15 on making the Miami Dolphin's roster as a kicker!

# Features

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

## FILM REVIEW

# Outta Compton and onto the silver screen

New film chronicles rise and fall of N.W.A.; rap group inspired movie draws critical acclaim

David Raab  
Staff Reporter

*STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON* IS A cinematic rendition of the meteoric rise and fall of N.W.A., one of the first rap groups to make it big in the world of music. It tells the story of how Dr. Dre, Eazy-E, Ice Cube, DJ Yella, and MC Ren formed the group that is so well known well outside the confines of Compton, California. In the opening scene, Eazy-E realizes he needs a life that revolves around more than just slinging dope after getting cheated in a deal and almost getting busted by a police SWAT unit. The other members of N.W.A. find each other under similarly hard circumstances and seem to share a special bond that can only be forged in the streets of Compton. This opening was the first of many dramatic scenes in the movie that were almost convincing enough to make the audience believe they were experiencing Compton of the late 80's and early 90's alongside the members of N.W.A.

Surpassing the doubts of any haters, N.W.A.'s first single *Straight Outta Compton* becomes a runaway success and receives plenty of radio airtime despite concerns that listeners wouldn't



Courtesy of Universal Pictures

**STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON** FOLLOWS the story of the hugely influential rap group N.W.A. and their struggles in making the big time.

be able to identify with the rough upbringing of the group. The movie does a great job of covering the many obstacles N.W.A. encounters on its way to success, including racial profiling and intimidation. At many points throughout the movie, police officers treat the group as nothing more than gangster thugs and fail

to acknowledge the raw talent it takes to make it in the rap game. The police are portrayed as being their own gang of mostly white middle-aged men in blue, the ones who really run the streets of L.A. Non-compliance with their capricious demands or even a spirit of gritty defiance is met with overwhelming force and brutality. When N.W.A. refused to obey the directive of Detroit Police not to perform their classic "Fuck the Police", the DPD incited a riot during their song in order to shut the concert down.

Another theme that occurs throughout the movie is the juxtaposition of N.W.A.'s Compton roots with the realities of music industry. When Eazy-E was beat by Suge Knight for failing to release Dre, N.W.A.'s manager, Jerry Heller, had to talk Eazy-E out of killing Knight, saying that music industry problems are settled using armies of lawyers and not clips of bullets. Ice Cube goes on a violent rampage when his solo agent doesn't give him an advance on his work, claiming that artists aren't paid immedi-

ately in the music industry. The breakup of N.W.A. is fueled by greediness and the realization that Heller was siphoning a large share of the profits for himself.

*Straight Outta Compton* ends with Eazy-E's death from HIV/AIDS but not before Eazy-E and Dre had reconciled their differences over the breakup of N.W.A. In a nightclub, the two of them were able to reminisce about growing up in Compton and how Heller was not as good for N.W.A. as they originally thought. Shortly thereafter, Eazy-E collapses due to weakening from HIV, which he is rumored to have contracted during Knight's shakedown. On his deathbed, he spreads awareness of HIV/AIDS in hopes of preventing his brothers in Compton from suffering the same fate.

One has to remember that *Straight Outta Compton* is a movie and was not designed to be a documentary. The producers took many liberties with the facts in order to present a more compelling story. For instance, Dr. Dre has been accused of assaulting many of his girlfriends through-

out his times as part of N.W.A. That part of Dre's life is ever so conveniently left out of the plot of the movie. However, there are some strong female roles in the movie including Dre's mother and the struggles she went through to provide for him and his brother as a single mother.

Ultimately, *Straight Outta Compton* is a movie that I would recommend to all. It tells a timeless story about the road from rags to riches. The members of N.W.A. are some of the greatest rappers of all time and the supporters of the current generation of rappers. Towards the end of movie, Dre's start-up support of Eminem is highlighted. Even the 90's greats such as Tupac and Snoop Dogg were supported by the same label Dre was on, Death Row Records. If you are looking for something to do, *Straight Outta Compton* is a movie that you need to experience.

David's rating: 9/10

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Beirut brings lil' Lebanon to Troy

Geoff Rosenthal  
Senior Reviewer

TROY HAS ALWAYS HAD GREAT FOOD, AND ANYONE WOULD BE HARD PRESSED to argue against that. It doesn't just have incredible choices in the American classics either; it provides a variety of diverse cultural foods, with the greatest example for me being Beirut.

The small Lebanese restaurant sits unassumingly at 184 River Street. The place is no large scale operation; it's a family run business created with a home-cooked ideal in mind. With this home-cooked ideal also comes home made hospitality. The owners are husband and wife Elias and Hala, who are always warm and welcoming. Their ability to be incredibly accommodating to their customers is a great addition to the fact that they also provide great food.

Having lived in the northeast my entire life, I haven't had many opportunities to eat good Middle-Eastern food. After having experienced the culinary excellence of the region, I can barely stomach frozen falafel or some of the other cheap and butchered copies. Having finally found a place that can do authentic and delicious Eastern Mediterranean food, it's hard to pass up, especially when it's so close to home.

While talking about the food, I should probably discuss the actual menu. It has all the classics done right; shawarma, falafel, grape leaves, and I was even pleasantly surprised to find baklava and even halva for dessert. However, the highlight of the meal everytime I go are the garlic fries. The fries are cooked in vegetable oil, then a paste of garlic and mint is used as a "dipping sauce," and let me tell you, I don't think I can describe the taste and do it justice. The only word I can use to express the sensation is "refreshing"; the fries with the paste have a fresh feeling of mint with a mild taste of garlic, which allows one to savor the fries while not being overwhelmed by the garlic.

There's really nothing to complain about; if you like Eastern Mediterranean food it's a must try, and if you've never had any before, it's a good place to start with. Beirut, like its namesake in Lebanon, is the beating heart of the city we live in.



Courtesy of Universal Pictures

**JASON MITCHELL AS EAZY-E RAPS** in a club at the beginning of the epic biopic *Straight Outta Compton*. Mitchell portrayed the rapper as he sought to revolutionize the music scene with N.W.A.