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ADMINISTRATION

Ross addresses Assistant Vice President position

Jack Wellhofer
Senior Reporter

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THE SAVE THE UNION MOVEMENT RELEASED A statement saying that the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students position had the “responsibilities of the [Executive Director of Student Activities]... quietly added to the dean of students’ role.”

Save the Union says the role would “provide leadership for a broad portfolio of co-curricular programs including the Student Union, Student Government, and Campus Recreation.”

Similar language in the Executive Director of Student Activities role sparked the Save the Union movement and led to a protest outside the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center during the Spring Town Meeting earlier this year.

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Sidney Kochman/The Polytechnic (file photo)

DR. FRANK E. ROSS III ADDRESSES students during a forum. Ross has faced backlash for his plans to restructure Student Life.

RENSELAER UNION

Dresher responds to Save the Union poster issues

Jack Wellhofer
Sidney Kochman
Senior Reporters

JUST PRIOR TO 3 PM THIS AFTERNOON, Acting Dean of Students Cary Dresher sent an email titled “Sign Policy Violations” to the Rensselaer community. In it, Dresher said, “There are numerous signs currently displayed on campus that are in violation of the campus sign policy and they will be immediately removed.”

After receiving this email, *The Poly* discovered that posters related to Save the Union were no longer present on the Darrin Communications Center, the Center for Industrial Innovation, or the Quad as of 3:15 pm. However, many other posters in violation of the sign policy were still present. As of 5 pm, signs on the footbridge and some of the posters in the Rensselaer Union have been removed.

Many of the posters in violation that have not yet been removed violate article II, part C of the Sign Policy, which states that “Every sign must have a clearly visible and legible takedown date on the bottom right corner. For signs advertising events, this must be the day after the event. For all other signs, this must be at most 15 days from the date they are posted.”

The Poly reached out to Dresher to determine the specifics behind the sign policy violations. In an emailed statement, he responded, “There were numerous violations to the campus sign policy. We received input from various sources that the campus sign policy was not being enforced. Our goal is to consistently enforce the policy to the best of our ability. The signs were removed by staff members in the Division of Administration.”

When asked for comment, Save the Union said, “It is quite clear that Save the Union signs were targeted in this campus-wide removal in spite of our signs abiding by the rules of the extended sign policy, and in many cases normal sign policy as well.”

Save the Union believes that their signs fall under the extended sign policy because they refer to the active petition “Preserve the Student Union.” Under the Petitions and Referendum Handbook, the Extended Sign Policy is always in effect for petitions and referendum.

As of Tuesday, September 20, Save the Union posters have appeared on the pillars of the CII, but have not been posted on the windows.

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SENATE

Senate confirms E-Board appointments

David Raab
Senior Reporter

THE MEETING STARTED OUT WITH THE APPROVAL of President of the Union Chip Kirchner ’17 making new appointments to the Executive Board. Ananya Murali ’20 and Anissa Choinier ’20 were both confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Senate to the class of 2020 and member at large seats, respectively. Since neither of them could attend the meeting due to prior commitments, Kirchner presented to the Senate on their behalf. Both new members will have voting rights on the Board for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The next order of business was the unanimous appointment of Jenna Freedberg ’18 as the chairman of the Hospitality Services Advisory Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Senate’s Facilities and Services Committee. Freedberg was an elected Senator for the past two years but was not re-elected into a voting position this year. During her speech to the Senate to be confirmed, she mentioned how one of the most common

complaints on campus is centered around the food services provided by Sodexo. HSAC in the past has met with Alexandre da Silva, Director of Auxiliary Services, Parking, and Transportation, as well as top leadership in Sodexo on a bi-weekly basis and Freedberg said she intended to continue to do that. She has experience working with those people, so she said she would be able to continue the progress the committee made last year.

Freedberg presented on the fact that RPI shuttles to the Crossgates Mall will be running once again this semester. This project is now in its third semester of operation. The first shuttles are going to be running from the Rensselaer Union to Crossgates from 6 pm to 9 pm this Saturday, September 24th. This Saturday’s shuttle operation has been funded by Auxiliary Services, Parking, and Transportation. There are seven weekends this year that the shuttle is scheduled to operate. Three of them are being funded by the E-Board and the other four are sponsored by Auxiliary Services. The Senate Web Technologies Group is also working on

making an automated sign up system so that the shuttles are not over capacity but for this coming weekend signups will be done using a Google Form available at <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/t0hr2>.

Grand Marshal Paul Illori ’17 informed the Senate that Samantha Notley ’18 resigned as the chairman of the Community Relations Committee and also from her elected post as Independent Senator. He told Senators to direct any people interested in either of those roles to contact him at gm@rpi.edu and that he will be doing interviews to fill those positions soon.

Hannah Rabinowitz ’18, chairman of the Rules and Elections Committee, asked senators to sign up for times to sit at polls for the freshmen elections which are going to be all day on October 4.

Korey Prendergast ’17 from the Student Government Communications Committee reported that he has been working on making improvements to the student govern-

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ment Facebook page. Varun Rao '17 of the Academic Affairs Committee told the Senate that his committee is meeting with Biology Professor Lee Lignon and Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Linda Schadler in the SGS Library on Wednesday at 5 pm to discuss changes to the RPI Core Curriculum and that Lignon is looking for student input.

Chairman of the Student Life Committee Justin Etzine '18 gave updates on several

projects that his committee is working on. First, Etzine and Harrison Leinweber '18 are meeting with Vice President for Administration Claude Rounds to discuss the restoration of universal access to campus dorms. He was also planning on meeting with Kirchner, Associate Director of Union Operations Joe Campo and E-Board Business Operations Committee Chairman Rasika Ekhalikar '18 about SLC's project to suggest changes and improvements to food available in the Union.

Sidney Kochman '19, chairman of the Web Technologies Group, discussed that WebTech is working on an anonymous survey that only RPI students have access to in order to receive feedback about the Counseling Center of the Student Health Center. He also updated the Senate on his progress on restoring Flagship Documents saying that it has been a slow process to recover documents from the failed server they were previously hosted on.

Ilori ended the meeting by telling the Senate that Vice President for Student

Life Dr. Frank E. Ross III contacted him about openings for students on several Division of Student Life committees. Students interested in serving on the Student Sexual Misconduct Policy, Summer Arch Summer Programming, Summer Arch Semester Away, Core Curriculum Revision, or Performance Planning Process Committees are encouraged to contact Ilori at gm@rpi.edu for more information. ♦

FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate addresses newfound concerns

Maria Espinosa
Staff Reporter

THE FACULTY SENATE ASSEMBLED THIS PAST WEDNESDAY, September 14, to discuss several topics. The meeting took place in the Fischbach Room of the Folsom Library. Following a detailed agenda, the meeting commenced with opening remarks from Faculty Senate John Tichy and from Provost Prabhat Hajela. Tichy welcomed all the attendees and proceeded to express his hope of having a productive year and his goal of changing "little by little" the perception of the Faculty Senate to "important, without skepticism." Tichy plans to accomplish his goal by carrying out meaningful projects for the Institute.

In his opening remarks, Hajela reminded everyone present of Rensselaer's new ranking as the 39th research university in the nation. He mentioned that the improved rank came as a result of an increase in the number of positive peer evaluations. But regardless of RPI's advancement in rankings, Hajela showed concerns. Hajela's main concern is RPI's six-year graduation rate, which has recently dropped from 84 percent to 81 percent. Unlike the low six-year graduation rate, the first-year retention rate is a high 95 percent. Hajela explained that most students are lost between the second and third years, and therefore he asked a question to all faculty: "How are we losing students?" The question was not answered in the meeting, but was instead left to be thoroughly investigated and discussed.

After the opening remarks, the Senate continued to follow the agenda. The next matter of importance was the approval of new Faculty Senate committee appointees. Professor Nikhil Koratkar, of the Departments of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Nuclear Engineering, was appointed to the Committee of Honors until the spring of 2019. Associate Professor Shawn Lawson, of the Department of the Arts, was also approved, in his case, to the Committee of Academic Standing. With the need to elect a new member from the School of Architecture to the Planning and Resources Committee, the Faculty Senate chose professor and Lighting Research Center Associate Director Russ Leslie.

Next, a member of the Faculty Senate briefly reported on a visit to a recent Student Senate meeting. The topic of "saving the Union" was brought up and the faculty agreed that the best thing they could do was act as a support group for the students. They want to reassure the students that this is not about "empire building." Also on this topic, the faculty discussed Vice President for Student Life Dr. Frank E. Ross III's controversial email that was sent to the Rensselaer community. The Faculty Senate agreed that the email was inappropriate and contained misleading information; they are looking for an explanation.

Another important topic discussed was Summer Arch. Parents and students have expressed great interest in the new program, to the point of personally coming to RPI to find out more about it. The program is expected to start in the summer of 2017. Summer Arch was expected to have about 5,600 participants, but after the entrance of the largest ever incoming freshmen class, the program will have to expand its capacity. In preparation for Summer Arch,

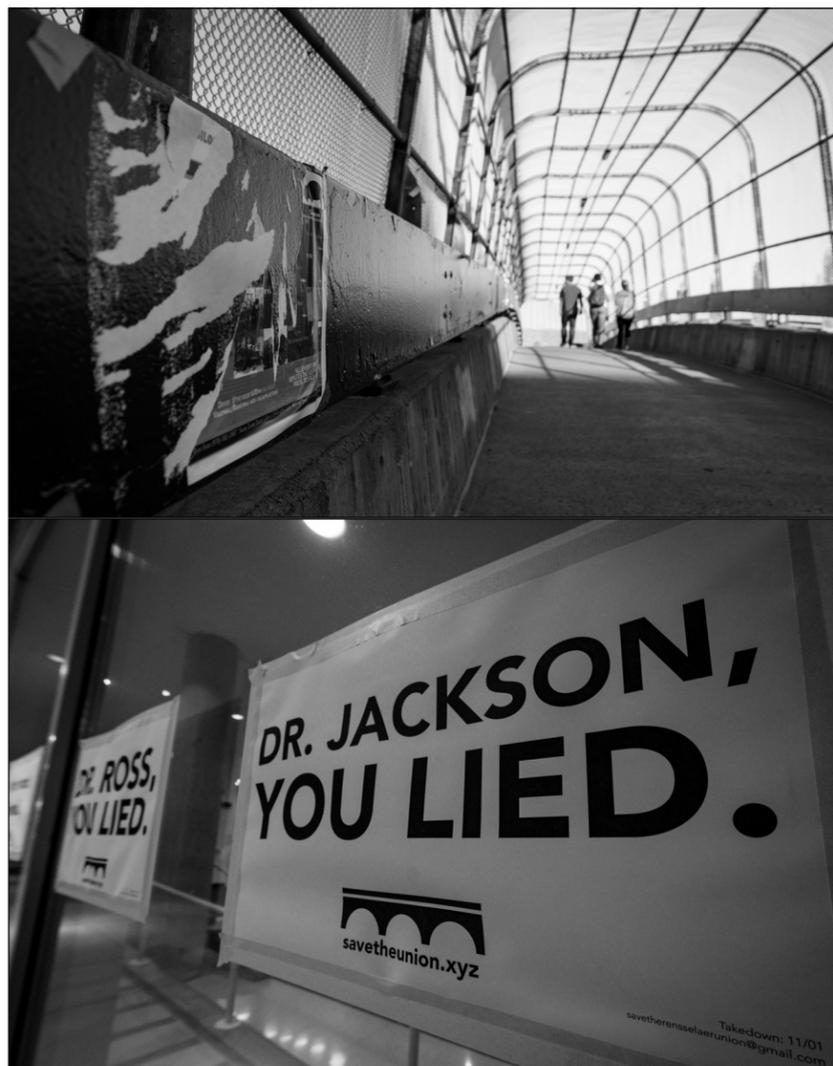
there are many things to consider. There are surveys planned to be given before and after Summer Arch which the Senate hopes will help them understand the progress of the program. The Senate, as well as the rest of the Institute, wants to evaluate the effectiveness of Summer Arch. They want to be able to answer questions such as: will the curriculum be covered in the shorter period of time? Does it help students find internships and co-ops? Is it a significant going-away experience? Are sports and clubs handled properly? Is a full fall semester too much after Summer Arch? How will financial aid cover the program? These and other questions regarding Summer Arch will be further discussed in a meeting scheduled to take place on September 21.

Following the discussion of Summer Arch came a discussion on graduate education. The representative from the Graduate Council expressed their lack of plans to expand. He explained that they are happy with current collaborations with both the Rensselaer Union and the faculty. The Faculty Senate has designed a survey for the faculty involved with graduate education. The survey is designed to acquire information in order to improve interactions between the faculty involved in graduate education and the graduate students, which will help them "achieve educational and administrative goals."

In their closing remarks, both Tichy and Hajela reminded all the attendees of their goals. Tichy wants to have a successful year and gain respect for the Senate by working on meaningful projects that will benefit the institution. Hajela wants to focus on increasing the graduation rate and finding the explanation for why so many students are lost after sophomore year. ♦

Signs: Posters allegedly in violation of policy

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Sidney Kochman/The Polytechnic

RECENT POSTERS HAVE been removed for violating Rensselaer sign policy.

Interview: Seeking dialogue

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On September 13, an email went out to the Rensselaer community from Vice President for Student Life Dr. Frank E. Ross III. "Recently, you may have seen misinformation related to the Director of the Rensselaer Union position," the email said.

"The purpose for restructuring the Division of Student Life is to strengthen the student experience, strengthen support for students, strengthen portfolio effectiveness, and enhance opportunities for personal and professional development for Student Life staff."

With the restructuring, new assistant vice presidents would be hired and given responsibilities under Student Life categories, including campus experience, student transitions, and student success.

The Polytechnic had the opportunity to speak with Ross on Wednesday about the position and its responsibilities.

Ross said that this position has been around since the initial creation of the Executive Director position as part of the Student Life restructuring. In May, student leaders were invited to interview training so that they could provide input on candidates for the new positions. At the training, the job description of the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students was presented.

Ross explained that the Student Life portfolio is quite large and in need of management, which the creation of these new positions will aid in. Student Life has been

broken down into categories headed by assistant vice presidents to provide more director support to their specific clusters.

Ross said it was "no way ever the intent to get in the way of the students and what they do" and never the intent to take away responsibility from the Director of the Union, E-Board, or Student Senate. "The Director of the Union is crucial," Ross said.

He emphasized that the role of Director of the Union would not change, and that the responsibilities of the Executive Board and work of the Student Senate would not change.

The Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students would be there to "serve as an advisor, give counsel, [and] be an enabler;" in order to help accomplish the larger goals of Student Life. He would expect this role to speak with student leaders about ideas and implementations. Once the role is filled, Ross expects it to present an outline of their plans for the next five years.

In regards to Save the Union, Ross said that there is a lot he would like to learn about the movement. He said that he would "welcome a conversation with self-identified leaders of the group," and stressed the importance of discourse. Starting a conversation and having a dialog with Save the Union are important to Ross.

The recording of this interview is available at <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/rossinterview>. ♦

The Polytechnic would like to congratulate RPISEC for their second-place win at the CSAW CTF Qualifiers!

Events

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

WEDNESDAY

September 21

Curling Team Slushie Fundraiser

Footbridge; 11 am–4:30 pm

Enjoy an ice cold slushie from the Curling Team! Stop by to learn more about curling and the team.

C & EE Fall Seminar Speaker

JEC 3117; 1–2 pm

Dr. Kishor Mehta presents a seminar titled “Natural Hazards Research at the National Science Foundation.”

Douglas Mercer '77 ECSE Lecture Series

DCC 324; 3:30–5 pm

Steven P. DenBaars presents “Recent Developments of InGaN/GaN Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) and Laser Diodes for Energy Efficient Lighting and Displays.”

Physics Colloquium

DCC 337; 4–5 pm

The Department of Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy host Dr. Deyu Lu, from Brookhaven National Laboratory. The lecture is titled “Local representation of the electronic dielectric response function.”

Freshman Elections Information Sessions

Union 3120; 6–7 pm

Mandatory information sessions will be held for any freshmen looking to run for a position in student government. For more information email rne-chair@union.rpi.edu.

UPE IO: Deep Learning

Amos Eaton 214; 6–7:30 pm

This seminar will be on Machine Learning and Deep Learning! This talk assumes no previous knowledge in machine learning and will introduce the basic concepts, various models, feature selection, and deep learning. A training demo for a simple deep neural network will be presented as well. Lastly, pizza and soda will be provided.

GCF Weekly Study

Union 2424; 6–8 pm

Join other graduate students for dinner and discussion on faith and learning through Bible study as we pursue relationship with God and others in an authentic community.

Mabel Kwan “Trois Hommages”

EMPAC Concert Hall; 7:30–8:30 pm

Performing on two pianos simultaneously, Mabel Kwan takes on “Trois Hommages,” the virtuosic opus of contemporary composer Georg Friedrich Haas. Haas dedicated the work to three of the 20th century’s most influential composers—György Ligeti, Josef Matthias Hauer, and Steve Reich—and each of the piece’s three movements are played in their respective homage. While one of the pianos is tuned in a conventional manner, the second is detuned by a quarter-tone, creating 176 different pitches. The cost of attendance is \$6.

THURSDAY

September 22

Biomedical Engineering Seminar

CII 4050; 2:30–3:30 pm

Marc McKee, Ph.D., from McGill University in St. Louis, will present “Organic-inorganic interfaces in mineralized tissue biology, implant osseointegration and bone wound healing.”

SUNDAY

September 25

CDTA Service Advisory

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Editorial

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOKS

Relating mundane actions to life's daily adventures

WALKING BACK FROM CLASS THURSDAY AFTERNOON around 3 pm, after being let out early, I passed the Troy Building, then strolled alongside the '86 Field as the light breeze made my ponytail sway back and forth. At this moment, there were a few other people meandering around, crossing paths with me as I continued up the staircase passing Quad and then back down a flight of stairs to cross the road while two cars coming from both directions slowed down and then stopped for me.

As I crossed the road, the typical thought came to mind of how I go up a bunch of stairs and down a bunch of stairs while passing through Quad. However, that wasn't the only thing on my mind: the fact that I finished my Thursday classes at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute came to mind.

This feeling of achievement and amazement of how far I've come to walk this campus comes to mind every now and then. It is a feeling like no other. It comes at random times, especially on beautiful days while strolling through RPI. I am writing a notebook for a college newspaper. I am going to be a civil engineer designing a bridge back in my hometown. I am going to build my own beach house someday. I am going to have my own beach house design and construction company. I am going to open a restaurant. There is so much ahead of me, and Rensselaer has put me in a great position to make this possible.



Maria Kozdroy
Editorial/Opinion Editor

Returning to the casual stroll the other day, the three key actions of passing, going alongside, and crossing were essential to the walk back from class that day. I passed different parts of campus and passed different people, I went alongside the field and Quad, and I crossed the street while there was traffic. These three actions are not only experienced after being dismissed from class, but experienced daily by all students, professors, working individuals—everyone. We all pass by places, go alongside pathways, and cross roads.

Looking more deeply into this idea, I am working hard to pass my classes. I am studying and learning alongside with very intelligent students, all with very propitious, bold goals. I am crossing out assignments as I complete them for a feeling of accomplishment.

Simple actions like these apply in different aspects of life and not just the ones experienced throughout the walk back to my room.

I ponder a little more often now on how my life is passing by as I go along this journey of life, making decisions, crossing paths, discovering new thoughts. I will continue to strive for success and enjoy life and be thankful for all that I've earned, and as the saying goes, "You only have one life, so make the most of it." ♦

Prepared, confident, proud

Total transformation of one resume to the best resume

AS A JUNIOR WITH THE CAREER FAIR coming up next week, it is about time I get serious about looking for an internship. I have never been to the Career Fair, and before last week I didn't have a resume. Well I had one, but it wasn't one I was proud of. Thanks to the Center for Career and Professional Development and Marie Dieffenbach, I feel ready to take it on.

I've been to three workshops already this semester, and each one has been helpful and informative. The first one really spurred me into action. It was a general overview of the Career Fair and some things related to that, such as how to dress, how to pitch yourself, I went straight home that night... and slept! But the next day I worked on my previously pitiful resume. I took it into the CCPD's walk-in hours and had it critiqued. I was worried it would be torn to shreds, but to my surprise it wasn't as

bad as I had thought. With the changes that had been suggested, I went and updated my resume to version two. This one I took to Marie Dieffenbach at the HUB. I had heard from a friend that she was the person to go to to get Mechanical, Aerospace, and Nuclear Engineering department resumes critiqued. She was great, helped me straighten up a couple of things and I was on my way with a resume I was proud of.

The second workshop was one focused on graduate school. I had bounced the idea around of attending grad school, but I wasn't so sure. This workshop showed me grad school wasn't the right fit for me. I wanted to do it for the prestige rather than the drive for research, so I plan now to go straight to industry after graduation.

The third was a smaller event held in Mother's for juniors and seniors. It was focused on finding a job or internship and some of the resources the CCPD offers.

For instance, there is a site that RPI students have access to that searches the web for any and all job listings. I haven't fully explored it yet, but from the demonstration it seems powerful. The presenter also went over LinkedIn profiles, which led to me updating mine and to start applying to places. So far, I've applied for summer internships at three different companies with more to come.

My next task is to prepare my thirty second pitch and use that to get an interview at the Career Fair, then probably do mock interviews to prepare for the real interviews. Both of which the CCPD can and will help you with. And I will continue to go to the workshops they put on.

In general, you should take advantage of the resources around you, whether that be the CCPD, the HUB, a faculty member, or anybody else willing to help. Be sure to take advantage of them early, having a general idea of what goes into things would have been useful to me earlier in college. ♦



Tyler Carney
Associate Composing Editor

TOP HAT

Past GM inspires Ilori reminisces about old leadership

STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS A WEIRD thing to get involved in. And this is coming from someone who's been over involved in it since he got on campus. With all the options you have as a new student, it's interesting to see what direction people go in. Some stay on the same trajectories, doing similar activities to those they did before, while others branch out to some new interest.

When I came to college, I hadn't made up my mind on what I'd do in the time my brother told me I'd have. I wasn't going to play sports and RPI didn't really have that big of a debate or Model UN program yet, so that ruled out my main hobbies from Qatar Academy. I hadn't been involved in student government until my senior

year, where I was student council vice president. So when they had stuff about class councils or getting to know the Student Senate,

during Navigating Rensselaer & Beyond I noted them down. And then proceeded to not show up at any of them since I decided playing pickup soccer or generally horsing around with my friends was a more pressing matter at the time. But there were two encounters that ended up selling me on getting involved in student government.

The first of these was when I attended an information session so I could run for a Senate position. I was still kind of on the fence at the time about whether I



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Grand Marshal

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Make time to relax and have fun in between studying and homework!

Top Hat: No prior thoughts on joining StuGov

Introduced to Student Government freshman year, now holds highest elected student position

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wanted to do it. I'd told a bunch of my friends that I was interested, which of course led to some of them talking about how I was going to be Grand Marshal a few years later. But at the same time, I had no idea what it was that the Senate actually did. During this info session, I was introduced to the different committees that the Senate has, and how they allow students to get involved with working directly on issues that concern them, ranging from getting water bottle filling stations and picnic benches on campus, to recommending alterations to the

Institute's excuse policy and getting Moe's on campus, the Senate has and continues to do a lot of work that directly affects students' lives on a daily basis. I wanted to be a part of a group that could do those kinds of things, and to a large part that's why I have stayed in Senate.

Not that long ago, I was in a forum where I was asked to name one of my favorite leaders, and why. The person I chose was Chuck Carletta '14, the GM my freshman year. I chose Chuck not just because he was a great motivator and balanced being GM and a normal person, but also, as you all know, he made some very public mistakes at

the end of his term (*Editor's note: our coverage of these events can be found at <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/7t74l>*). What most of you don't know is how much he owns the fact that it happened, that he made a bad decision, and accepts that. So aside from the fact that he's one of the people who got me excited about Senate to begin with, I still like the Senate because of how it allows and forces us to grow into adults and deal with things. So I guess that's why I chose student government. ♦

DERBY

Official statement from PU on poster outrage

Kirchner appoints four bold, new freshmen to the Executive Board for 2016-2017 year

HELLO AGAIN RPI! AS ALWAYS, A GREAT MANY things happened across campus this past week; I'll start on a lighter note. This past Monday, the Executive Board gained four new members: Ananya Murali '20 and Anissa Choiniere '20 will join the board as two regular voting members and Class of 2020 representative and member at large, respectively; Caitlin Kennedy will join the E-Board as a non-voting officer who is focused on providing initial funding to new and unfunded clubs in the Union; and Majken Rasmussen '20 will join the board as a non-voting officer focused on working with existing clubs and on E-Board projects. Murali, Choiniere, Kennedy and Rasmussen are all members of the Class of 2020 and the E-Board and I are all excited to begin working with these new

members and we are looking forward to a great year ahead for the team.

On a more serious note, I am sure many of you have received an email related to postering rules across campus. While Grand Marshal Paul Ilori '17 and I do not oversee the enforcement of these rules or take part in the decisions of when to enforce them, we do, however oversee the rules for hanging signs and posters in the Rensselaer Union building. Under Union sign policy, all signs must be brought to the Union Admin Office to be stamped. The administrative staff will then stamp up to five signs to be hung around the building. These five signs cannot be hung on bulletin boards reserved



Chip Kirchner
President of the Union

for use by specific organizations (like RPI TV, *The Polytechnic*, Photo Club, UPAC, etc.) These five signs also cannot be placed

anywhere besides bulletin boards. This means that any sign hanging on the exterior of the building, on a window or glass surface, on a door or wall, or any surface that is not a bulletin board, will be removed by Union staff when they perform a regular check of signs in the Union. This is and always has been the policy for the Union and is regularly enforced by Union staff. That being said, if you notice a sign that violates our sign policy please bring it to the attention of staff members and they will remove it. I would invite anyone who had their posters removed as a result of

our sign check last week to come to the Union Admin Office on the third floor of the Union to have their signs stamped and placed in the correct locations throughout the building.

This past week Paul and I also released a statement relating to recent events on campus. This statement can be viewed at <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/5hm3t>. For the sake of not quoting myself, I would encourage everyone to read through it and send any questions they have for Paul or me to gm@rpi.edu or pu@rpi.edu. We are happy to answer and would love to hear from you. We will be following up with another statement after our next meeting with Vice President for Student Life Dr. Frank E. Ross after it happens. ♦

PANHELLENIC & IFC

RPI enforces strict no hazing policy

THE RPI PANHELLENIC AND INTERFRATERNITY COUNCILS have been tabling this week in the Rensselaer Union in honor of National Hazing Prevention Week, a nationwide initiative on college campuses, at high schools, in communities, and within organizations to raise awareness of the problems with hazing. Hazing is defined in The Rensselaer Handbook as "any conduct that subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrades or intimidates the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent." RPI supports a zero tolerance policy on hazing, and Greek life at RPI is here to support that policy. In honor of NHPW, we have been making a banner with the slogan "These Hands Don't Haze" as a pledge by our members to not haze within their organizations. This Friday, we will also be having a social media campaign titled "These Letters Don't Haze." Any Greek-affiliated member who posts a picture this Friday, September 23 with themselves in letters, uses the tag "#TheseLettersDontHaze", and tags @rpipanhellenic, @rpiigreeklife, or @rpiifc will be entered to win a free pair of letters. You can also send a Snapchat to @letters4letters to be entered. Thank you to those who have come out in support of our cause!

Hannah Merrow '18
Director of Communications
RPI Panhellenic Council

Letters to the Editor

Dr. Ross, change your approach

ONE HAS TO ADMIRE THE AUDACITY THAT Dr. Frank E. Ross continues to have. The email sent out on September 13 was one of the most breathtaking examples of revisionist history I've ever seen. So I'd like to ask: Dr. Ross, why are you bringing up the fact a specific job was removed? One has to wonder, given the tone of the email and the blatant doublespeak, if he imagines the RPI student body can read. His point though, in stating that a specific job was removed, makes me wonder if it's perhaps projection. Let's consider why there was outrage to the job offer being placed out there. I

highly doubt that it was the creation of a job at all, it would seem bizarre since such protests aren't commonplace. Now, while Dr. Ross might feign ignorance, protesting that he wasn't here for other jobs, as he commonly does to escape responsibility, he can ask around, there being a listing for a job doesn't seem to be sufficient for the student body to be up in protest. Perhaps then it's the nature of the job, where student autonomy is taken away and given to the administration. But that would seem to imply that the current uproar is once again over student autonomy being violated. So one has to

marvel at Dr. Ross saying that the specific job title has vanished, as it's strikingly irrelevant. I can't begin to guess whether this is malice, in an attempt to deceive the student body, or just sheer incompetence in not understanding the issue. In either event, I'd like to politely suggest to Dr. Ross that he stop embarrassing himself, though given the regularity of the occurrence it might prove difficult.

Alex Norman '18
Physics

125 years of student engagement

LAST YEAR, THE RENSSELAER UNION CELEBRATED ITS 125TH anniversary. For 125 years, students have led themselves in budgeting, governance, and defending the rights and interests of their peers. Hundreds of theatrical performances, hundreds of sports teams, and over 150 student elections have been run by students.

The opportunities provided by these organizations have enabled the leadership that has made RPI alumni great. It's the presidents of clubs and fraternities, treasurers of fraternities and honor societies, and the captains of our sports teams that have gone on to be the leaders that have made RPI world-famous. Students develop leadership skills when given true opportunities to have leadership in things that they care about and in activities that give them freedom.

For 125 years, the students of RPI have governed and represented themselves and have defended and funded their own interests. For 125 years, the Union, run by and for students, has made RPI unique. For 125 years, the students of RPI have shown that they are capable of the leadership, maturity, and trust that goes with those privileges and responsibilities. For 125 years, RPI students have shown their work.

It's time for the administration to show theirs. To reiterate a strong cry from Professor Puka's class in front of EMPAC last year: "Show your work."

Emi Phillips '17
Chemical Engineering

Get out and enjoy the last day of summer!

Features

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

MOVIE REVIEW

Snowden informs viewers

Jonathan Caicedo
Staff Reviewer

REGARDLESS OF YOUR OPINIONS ON EDWARD SNOWDEN'S 2014 disclosures about national and global surveillance, there are a few things Oliver Stone's *Snowden* does well to narrate Snowden's story. However, as with almost any movie, there are some cringeworthy moments and things that don't jibe well with Snowden's motivations or overall message.

Throughout the movie, Stone frames *Snowden* using the already well established documentary *Citizenfour* by Laura Poitras, where she captured conversations between Snowden, herself, Glenn Greenwald, and Ewen MacAskill. In *Citizenfour*, Snowden passed over National Security Agency documents and explained the modern American intelligence system. In some moments, the two films paralleled almost identically. One such scene depicts four people sitting in a Hong Kong hotel room with pillows and towels around the door to muffle sound and cell phones piled in microwaves to reduce the possibility of covert surveillance. One of *Snowden*'s greatest achievements is actually encouraging people to watch *Citizenfour*.

For Snowden supporters, and even Snowden himself, the movie is a godsend. Why? Because it actually helps educate the average American on who Snowden is, and provides some justification for Snowden's actions. Of course, as with any modern entertainment, *Snowden* is spruced up with a stereotypical romance backstory (sex and all) and appealing visuals—which were cringeworthy at times—but those serve a purpose. *Snowden* does a good job at appealing to people and hooking them in, all while educating them about Snowden's life.

Now, unlike the more straightforward *Citizenfour*, *Snowden* focuses heavily on Snowden's personal life, especially on the romance backstory: Snowden's relationship with his girlfriend, Lindsay Mills, portrayed by Shailene Woodley. And while arguably the movie could have done better without such a large focus, Stone had an intention. For the

modern citizen, whose only information source on Snowden is the mainstream media, it can be easy to think of him as some far-off lifeless entity who leaked documents to gain fame and personal glory. As the plot of *Snowden* unfolds, we learn of Snowden's past, from being trained as a special forces candidate, to his work at the CIA, and to his personal background. It reveals one thing: Snowden had a life. He had everything anyone could ask for—a good job, a good house, a good relationship. However, those all collapsed the moment he leaked documents in the hope of educating the world about the things the Intelligence Community does without our knowledge. It personifies Snowden from someone you hear on the news to an actual person with a life. It portrays Snowden in a relatable way, with the intent of helping the viewer develop a connection with Snowden and ponder what he would have done had he been in Snowden's shoes.

However, despite all this, Snowden made one thing clear from the beginning: he didn't want to be the story. Even in *Citizenfour*, he worked with Poitras to ensure that his presence only facilitated the telling of the larger picture and didn't make him the main focus. It seemed as if the filmmakers of *Snowden* just overlooked that entirely. In *Snowden*, we see a character who sees the outing of a whistleblower as the goal instead of just an inevitable consequence of his actions. It's rather fitting that *Snowden* ends with a lecture hall giving Snowden a standing ovation, shifting the focus entirely to him, while his face appears on screens everywhere.

I highly recommend *Snowden* for anyone who wants to be educated on Snowden and his actions without the complete monotony of sifting through countless news articles and Wikipedia pages. While there is considerable bias as it's an entire movie about Snowden which depicts him in a positive light, you'll see the big picture when you combine it with other information sources, more than what the media wants you to see. It also encourages you to care about your online life, and start protecting it, for yourself and the ones you love. ♦



Courtesy of Open Road Films

AT THE START OF HIS CAREER, EDWARD SNOWDEN TRAINS to become a member of the United States special forces.

CAMPUS EVENT

Matthew Roloff gives speech on determination



Courtesy of Roloff Farms

MATT ROLOFF POSES for a portrait on the Roloff farm.

David Raab
Senior Reviewer

LAST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, MATT ROLOFF FROM *Little People, Big World* spoke to Rensselaer students in the EMPAC Concert Hall. He was the first talk of the year for the Rensselaer Union Speakers Forum. Roloff gave an inspirational talk on how, through gritty self-determination, anyone can overcome any obstacle in their lives. He commented that despite his physical disabilities and short stature, he accomplishes all of the ambitious goals that he continues to set for his life.

He started the evening off with an admonition to the audience to “watch your thoughts because they become your words” and to “watch your character because that becomes your destiny.” The message was then expanded to say that instead of idly sitting by and watching your thoughts and character, you should “craft” your thoughts and words in order to always strive to be a better person. One of the overarching points he impressed onto the audience was the fact that through dogged determination and persistent self-advocacy, you are able to accomplish any goal you have in life. He also encouraged the audience to set their goals in life to be ambitious and not live in a state of average mediocrity.

Roloff then proceeded to give anecdotes from his childhood and early adult life about how exactly he set ambitious goals and managed to achieve them despite the many challenges he has in his life. In fact, he told the audience that he just had neck surgery in June and

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BOOK REVIEW

Recovering alcoholic gets a taste of his medicine

Nathan Dorer
Senior Reviewer

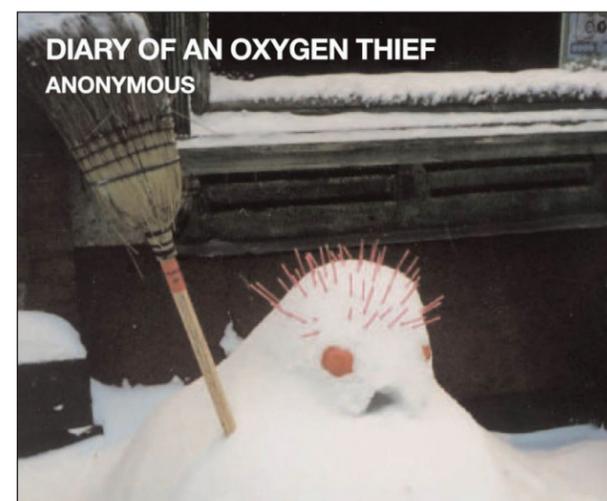
PUBLISHED IN THE NETHERLANDS IN 2006, *DIARY OF AN Oxygen Thief* first catches a reader's attention because it has no author—in an act staying with the character of the book, the cover of the novel is printed with a simple “Anonymous.” The novel was originally a self-published experiment from the writer, but was acquired by publishing house Simon & Schuster after selling 100,000 copies. *Diary of an Oxygen Thief* quickly gathered a cult fanbase; *New York Magazine* described the book as “a surprising dark-horse Williamsburg bestseller.” Throughout the novel's rise to commercial success, it was championed for its direct voice and honest observation of dark themes.

The book opens with an unnamed narrator explaining his circumstances; he is a recovering alcoholic who recently started going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, and as such he needs to come to terms with

his regrets. From here, the narrator explains that in his past, he had derived sadistic pleasure from emotionally abusing women that were attracted to him for his looks and money. He explains his process quite simply: he would draw women in, charm them into falling in love with him, and then he would completely cease any communication so that he could watch them become desperate for his affection.

However, the man meets his match with a woman who has begun to practice something similar on him. In many ways, *Diary of an Oxygen Thief* is about a man experiencing empathy for the people he has hurt. As the tables turn, the narrator finds himself reeling with a deep-seated sense of self-hatred, and the story slowly begins to delve into a man's self-reflection and acceptance of remorse. He begins to understand the evil of what he has done, and expresses remorse for the women that he has hurt.

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Courtesy of NLVI

A SADIST RECONSIDERS his demeanor toward people.

Anonymous: *Sadistic lover emotionally abuses his partners*

Novel explores a darker side of dating

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Through publishing the book anonymously, the author creates an entire air of secrecy around the novel; while he has issued a statement saying that the events in the novel are purely fictional, it's almost painfully easy to imagine that they aren't. The piece is written as a first-person narrative, and it's for that reason that *Diary of an Oxygen Thief* manages to become almost aggressively intimate. Oftentimes, the author forces the reader into the gory details of emotional abuse that the reader might not want to know about—in effect, the narrator of the piece scares a reader into introspection.

The novel stands out as something more than shock value—it's a presentation of ideas and how they're developed within the human mind. It's an unrestricted

exploration into the mind of someone who refuses to consider the emotions of other people, and the way that he comes to terms with his own inner demons. The story is believable in a way that makes the reader almost ashamed to be human—a person develops a complete understanding of how emotional abuse happens. *Diary of an Oxygen Thief* is a crass, rude, and beautifully constructed description of the side of human nature that most people would rather forget. ♦

Nathan's Rating:

4.5/5

Resilience: Self-confidence leads life to unlimited paths

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that he has been in an out of hospitals his entire life, but especially during his early childhood, due to medical complications from his dwarfism. One anecdote he shared was that, as a child and while in a full body cast, he built an underground fort that was popular with the other children in his neighborhood. Even more impressive was the fact that he dug it out of the ground using only garden trowel and a hammer.

Roloff said that he actually learned to be self-reliant during his frequent extended hospital stays as a child and that he quickly shed any fears he had of talking to adults and other authority figures in order to communicate effectively with them about his health care. He even said that in elementary school, he, like other boys in his neighborhood, wanted to have a newspaper route. In fact, he ended up taking a 150-paper route when most other boys only took around 50 or 80 papers. Despite not being able to lift the massive pile of papers from the sidewalk when he first got them, he ended up fashioning a go-kart from his father's lawn mower and was able to deliver his papers faster than the other boys. When the police told him it was illegal to drive a homemade go-kart on public roads, he

scheduled a meeting with the police chief who ended up giving him permission to do so on the condition it was used for work and not play. Roloff used that anecdote to describe how he has moved himself forward in life every time he decided that he needed to be independent and accomplish things on his own. Even today, he told the audience that he sees no need for a personal assistant and that he would rather struggle to be self-sufficient than have to rely on someone else to take care of him.

Toward the end of the talk, Roloff recounted how his show *Little People, Big World* got off the ground as a result of his outreach efforts as president of Little People of America. He even discussed episodes of the next season of his show with the audience during his question and answer session.

Roloff had an inspiring message for all of those who attended his talk and it basically come down to the fact that it doesn't matter what obstacles there are in your life if you are determined enough to find ways to get around them and live life to the fullest. Certainly, that's advice that all college students can take to heart as the fall semester really begins to ramp up in intensity, both academically as well as socially, during your adventure here at RPI. ♦

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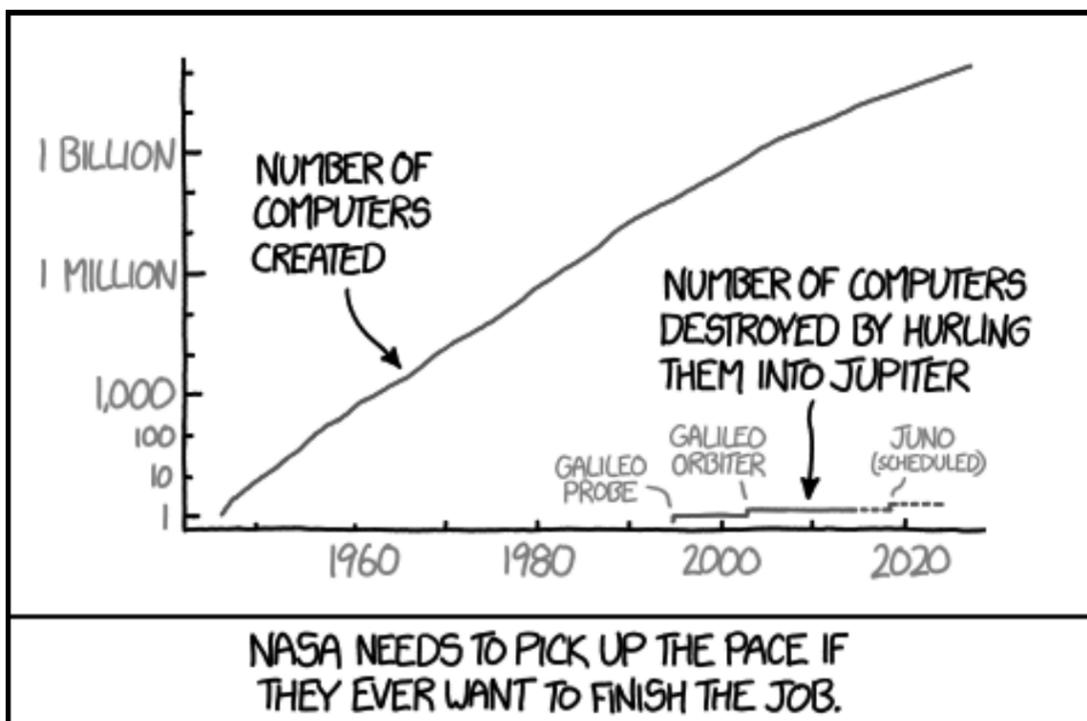
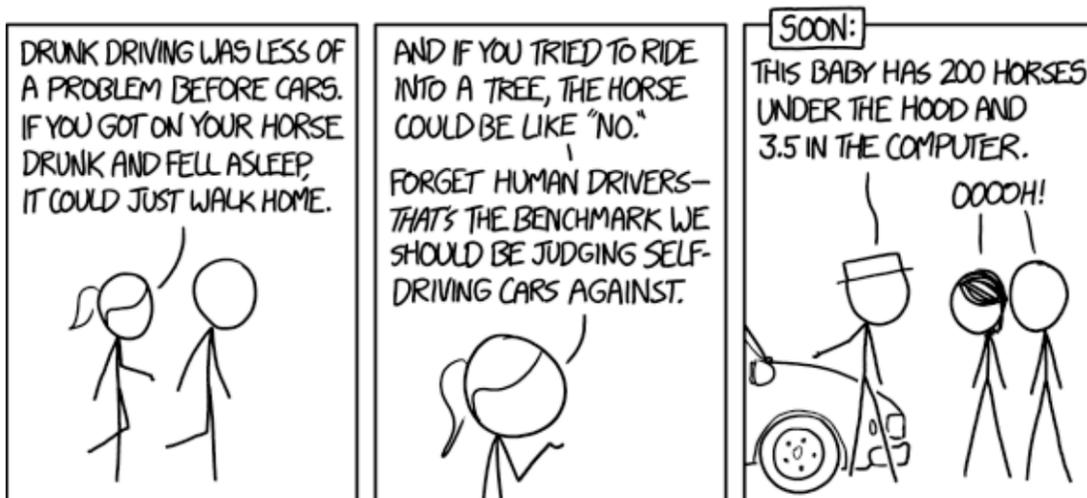
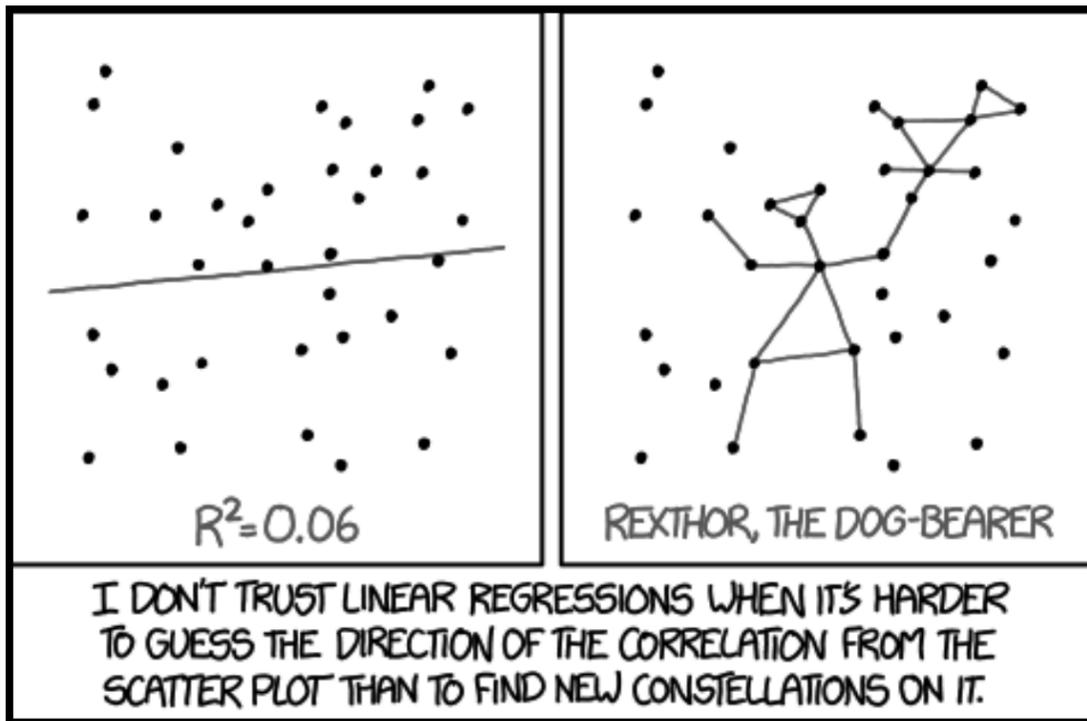
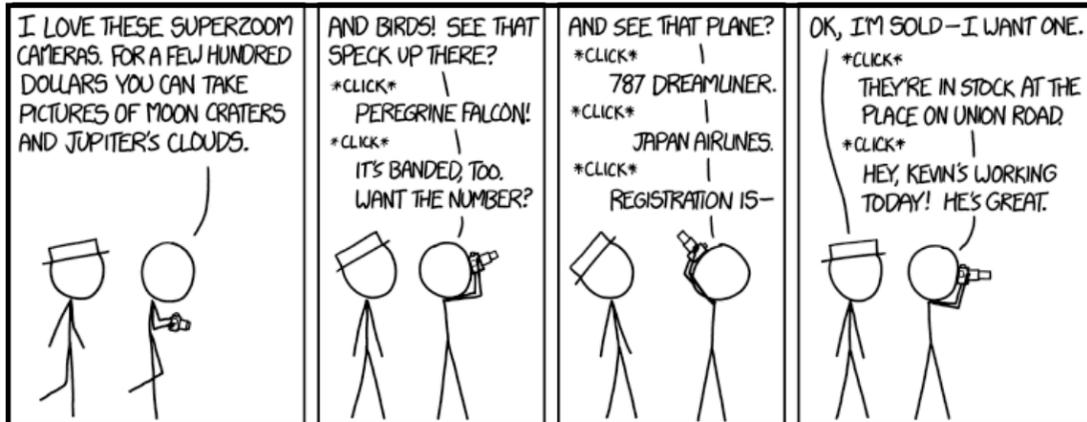
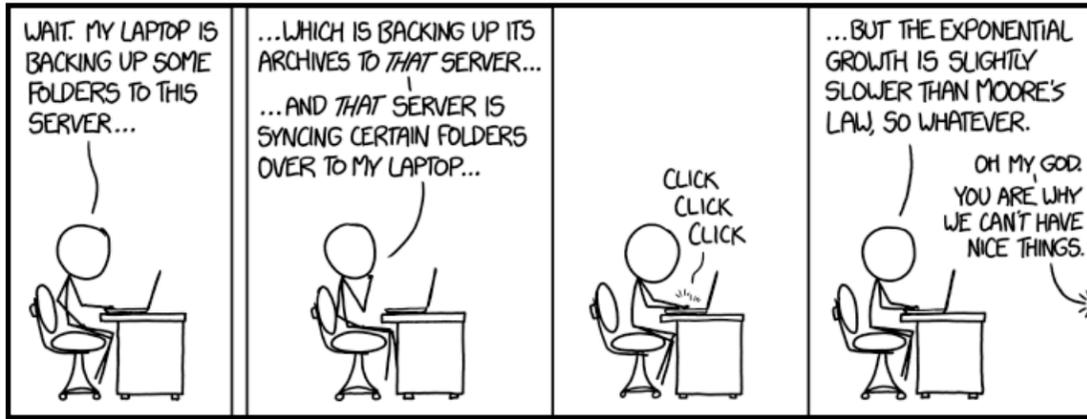
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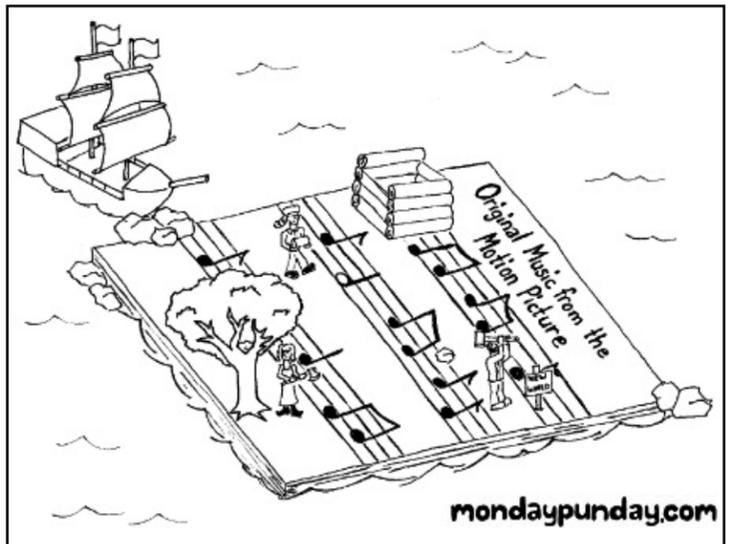


TOP TEN LIST

Reasons Why RPI Students are Stressed

10. Homesickness
9. Rush
8. Pledging
7. Caffeine addiction
6. No sleep
5. Sodexo Food
4. Data Structures
3. Grade deflation
2. First round of tests
1. Poly didn't print last week

MONDAY PUNDAY by Matthew Broussard



WORDFIND by Ana Wishnoff

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

Dog Breeds

Q D R A N R E B T S M R C D P
A C V F A R J K C U S X U O I
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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

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vzl zdu voo akem.
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akjep addom, ez akjep
yvhkezjm. Fdw hvz gepj
fdwp vppdum gpdy akj
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hvz zbjp mapecj sdi!”

- Vxdhvofxmj

R-Yjz: Vxdhvofxmj

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

YOU SHOULD MOVE THE AGILE PROGRAMMERS TO BUILDING SIX BECAUSE IT HAS POOR EARTH-QUAKE PROTECTION.

THEY CAN JUMP OUT OF THE WAY IF STUFF STARTS FALLING.

I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE. CAN I HAVE ONE OF THEIR CUBICLES NEAR A WINDOW?

MY NEW CUBICLE IS THE NEAREST ONE TO THE OFFICE THERMOSTAT.

THAT MAKES ME THE DE FACTO RULER OF THE INDOOR CLIMATE.

DON'T LET THE POWER CORRUPT YOU. I'LL START BY FREEZING ALL THE SKINNY WOMEN WHO LAUGHED AT ME!

MY CUBICLE IS NEAR THE THERMOSTAT AND YOUR DESK HAS THE BEST VIEW OF OUR BOSS'S OFFICE.

I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET THE TEMPERATURE YOU WANT IF YOU WARN ME WHENEVER OUR BOSS IS ON THE MOVE.

CAN YOU GIVE ME 76 DEGREES? WHOA! THAT'LL COST YOU EXTRA, LUCIFER.

MY WORLD VIEW HAS EXPANDED SINCE I MOVED TO A CUBICLE NEAR A WINDOW.

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH STUFF WAS OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING.

SUCH AS THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE? I CAN ONLY SEE THE ALLEY IN FRONT OF THE PARKING GARAGE.

I LOVE TRAVELLING BECAUSE IT BROADENS MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I JUST GOT A CUBICLE NEAR THE WINDOW AND NOW I SEE THE WORLD AS AN ALLEYWAY BETWEEN ME AND THE PARKING GARAGE.

THAT'S DUMB. THAT'S NOT WHAT THE ALLEY PEOPLE SAY.

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE BETTER THAN ME JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CUBICLE WITH A WINDOW? YES.

CONTINUOUS EXPOSURE TO NEW STIMULI MAKES MY BRAIN CREATE USEFUL PATHWAYS AND CONNECTIONS.

I DID NOT SEE THAT COMING. I PITY THE WINDOW-LESS.

SUDOKU

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Last Week's Answers

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Instructions

Fill in the grid so that each row, column, and 3-by-3 subsquare contains exactly one occurrence of the numbers 1 through 9.

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TENNIS

Engineers poach Hawks 7-2



Ana Wishnoff/The Polytechnic

SOPHOMORE ANDREA VALENCIA DEFLECTS a shot from the net in a singles match against New Paltz.

Maria Espinosa
Staff Reporter

THIS PAST WEEKEND, BOTH THE MEN'S and the women's teams spent a lot of time on the courts, both playing on Saturday and Sunday. For the women's team, the weekend consisted of a victorious home opener on the Sharp Courts on Saturday and an invitational on Sunday. For the men's team, the weekend consisted of a two-day invitational.

On Saturday, the women's team had their first home court advantage of the season while facing the Hawks of SUNY New Paltz. The Engineers had an easy win of 7-2 over the Hawks, who had been undefeated throughout their last five matches. The women's team now stands with a 1-0 winning record. The doubles team of Allie Kallish '20 and Melanie Frank '18 went on to defeat the Hawks 8-2. The remaining two RPI doubles teams followed in their footsteps. The duo of Tess Lubin '20 and Mailani Neal '19 defeated their opponents 8-4, while the duo of Nisha Rajamohan '19 and Makenzi Herbst

'19 defeated their opponents 8-1. In singles, Kallish led the team once more winning her match 6-2, 6-2. Lubin, Frank and Frommer '19 also won in consecutive sets 6-3, 6-3; 6-4, 6-4; 6-0, 6-2 respectively. Andrea Valencia '19 fell to Carol Tyson of New Paltz by 6(5)-7, 2-6, with a tie breaker in the first set. Rajamohan also lost to a Hawk, Jessica Reich, 3-6, 3-6. In the exhibition matches, Herbst defeated her opponent 8-6, while Angelika Rothberg '17 defeated her opponent 8-1.

On Sunday, the women's team was not as successful as the day before. The women competed at the Lindsay Morehouse Invitational at Williams College. Erica Frommer was the only victorious player; she won her single's match 8-3 against Skidmore.

On Saturday and Sunday, the men's team competed in the Middlebury Invitational. The RPI stars of the tournament were doubles team members Zack Ebenfeld '20 and Winston Yu '20. The team made up of the two freshmen made it all the way to the semi-finals. They won their first two matches and advanced

to the semi-finals of the A Flight. They won their first match against a team from Skidmore College 8-6, and continued their winning streak against a team from Bates, 8-4. Other Engineers advanced past the first round but no others apart from Ebenfeld and Yu made it further into the tournament. The team of Gabe Osio '19 and Alex Lee '18 made it through the first round by winning their B Flight match 8-1. In singles, Ebenfeld advanced past the first round winning his C Flight match 6-2, 3-6, 10-4. Sundar Devakottai '18 also made it through the first round beating his opponent from Bates 6-2, 6-0. Tristan Wise '18 was another Engineer who made it through the first round; he defeated a praised Skidmore student-athlete 6-4, 1-6, 10-2.

Both the women's team and the men's team will play again this weekend. The men will play at the Stevens Doubles Tournament. The women will play at the ITA Northeastern Regional at William Smith College. ♦

MEN'S SOCCER

Engineers suffer loss to Oneonta

Jack Wellhofer
Senior Reporter

MEN'S SOCCER HAD A ROUGH WEEK ON THE ROAD, LOSING BOTH games by one goal. The Engineers faced the State University of New York at Oneonta on Tuesday, September 13, and SUNY Potsdam the following Saturday. The Engineers are currently 2-3-1.

RPI's defense held strong in the first half of the game, fighting back attack after attack by the Red Dragons.

While there were opportunities for the Engineers to score, none of their attempts proved fruitful. Narrow misses over the net and to the side plagued the team.

The first and only goal on Tuesday came in the 71st minute from a play started by Red Dragon's Anthony Passiatore. Passiatore took a corner kick, only to have the ball deflected back at him. He crossed the ball, meeting the head of Hans Purtell for a goal.

Oneonta had double the number of shots the Engineers made, putting 10 on goal compared to RPI's five.

Potsdam took a different approach against the Engineers on Saturday. In the 26th minute, RPI attempted to clear the ball. But Bear's player Isaac Sanabria knocked the attempt down and capitalized on the opportunity.

While the Engineers had more chances for themselves in the second half, their shot attempts went wide and high.

RPI had seven shot attempts while the Bears had eight.

The Engineers are away on Wednesday, September 21 against Williams College, but will return home on Saturday for their home opener when they face the University of Rochester. ♦

GOLF

Team places eighth at invitational tourney

Michael Baird
Senior Reporter

THE ENGINEERS FOUGHT THROUGH WET AND WINDY WEATHER at their third tournament of the semester last Saturday and Sunday. The Rensselaer men's golf team traveled to Ralph Myhre Golf Course on the campus of Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont. They finished in eighth place out of 22 teams at the 33rd Annual Duke Nelson Tournament. Three days remain until the Rensselaer men's golf team tees off at Timber Banks Golf Club in Baldwinsville, New York, for the two-day Fall Liberty League Championship.

Striving for par-71 in their first round of play on Saturday, the Engineers came close, earning 309 points. Had the top four Engineers shot each hole on par, a score of 284 would have resulted. Leader Skidmore College finished out the day with 296 points with Mackenzie Nelson landing a place as the top individual for the day one under par.

First for the Engineers and tied for eighth individually was junior Erik Larrabee, who scored three over par. Trailing him was freshman Nick Franki in 19th with 76, senior Aaron Schaugher with 79, and senior Andrew Galvin with 80.

On Sunday, Larrabee shot a 73 to finish the tournament in sixth place out of 113 golfers, totaling 147 for the weekend. Nelson was the top individual with a two-day total of 141. Galvin and Franki tied for 42nd with 156, and Schaugher tied for 51st with 157.

The team tied for first at the spring Liberty League Championship last semester. Schaugher was an individual medalist.

"Our team's goal again this year is to win the Liberty League Championship and earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament this spring in Orlando, Florida," said Schaugher. "We have come close in the past few years but have not been able to pull it off. This would be the first NCAA tournament appearance for the men's golf team."

Jamie Jackson '16 returned this year as an assistant coach for men's golf. A biomedical engineering major, he is the only Rensselaer golfer in history to receive National Academic All-American accolades.

"Having Jamie Jackson back as an assistant really helps the team with recruiting and he does a great job prepping the rookies for tournaments," said Schaugher. "Having been a two-time Academic All-American, he knows what needs to be done on and off the course to be successful and he is able to preach that work ethic down the lineup." ♦

The Poly wishes the Engineers luck in their upcoming events!

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FIELD HOCKEY

Engineers leave Red Hawks squawking



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ENGINEERS NO. 5 SOPHOMORE CRISTINA TELLEZ LEADS the dash down the field for the ball in Sunday's match against the Montclair State University Red Hawks.

Michael Baird
Senior Reporter

WINNING THEIR PAST TWO GAMES, THE ENGINEERS clobbered the Utica College Pioneers on Wednesday, September 14 5-1, and narrowly rushed to score the only goal of the game on Sunday 1:28 into overtime to defeat the Montclair State University Red Hawks. They now hold a 4-2 season record with no home losses.

The action in last Wednesday's non-league away game against Utica began four minutes into play when Josie Sgarlata scored the Pioneers' sole goal of the afternoon. In response to the goal, Rensselaer went on the offensive, and at 8:36 of play, sophomore Mikaela DiBello aided a shot from junior Megan Jones into the goal.

With 12 minutes gone, DiBello seized an opportunity to travel down the right side and pass to unchecked freshman Nessa Costa, who nested the shot past Utica's Samantha Whitehouse off a once-blocked rebound. Sub-

sequent goals by freshman Christina Hanos, Jones, and DiBello in the second half secured the Engineers' strong win.

At 2 pm on Sunday, play began on Harkness Field at the East Campus Athletic Village. Regulation play proved deadlocked at 0-0 as both teams remained strong in both halves in their offensive ends. Though RPI controlled the ball during most of the second half, the Red Hawks fought vigorously in the final minutes of the last half to take victory.

The overtime goal was senior Claire Cecilio's. Passed to her by DiBello off the right side, she swept it from the circle to the net to snake the win for the Engineers.

RPI returns on Saturday, September 24 to face No. 9 ranked William Smith College at home at 2 pm in their first league match. The following Wednesday, September 28, they will be home against Castleton University at 6 pm. ♦

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Scores from the Week

Wednesday, September 14

Field Hockey vs. Utica College W 5-1

Friday, September 16

Women's Soccer vs. New Paltz W 3-0

Saturday, September 17

Football vs. MIT W 31-10

Women's Tennis vs. New Paltz W 7-2

Golf at Duke Nelson Invitational T7th of 22

Men's Soccer vs. SUNY Potsdam L 0-1

Sunday, September 18

Golf at Duke Nelson Invitational 8th of 22

Women's Soccer vs. Williams College L 0-1

Field Hockey vs. Montclair State W 1-0



Upcoming Events

Painting

at the Pub

September 29 7 pm

Hispanic
Wine & Dine

October 6 7-9 pm

Trivia Every Tuesday and Saturday!

Sports

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

FOOTBALL

Engineers engineer victory against Engineers



Jack Wellhofer/The Polytechnic (file photo)

AFTER DEFEAT vs. Alfred State College, the Engineers went head to head against the similarly-named MIT Engineers that raised RPI's record to two wins and one loss.

Joseph Saulsbery
Senior Reporter

Coming off a loss to Alfred State College, RPI football looked to bounce back at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last weekend. After the MIT Engineers made an early field goal to take a 3-0 lead, the Engineers hit their stride, rattling off 24 unanswered points to put the game out of reach early in the fourth quarter. Rensselaer's defense overwhelmed the MIT Engineers, intercepting quarterback Udgam Goyal four times and recovering a fumble, and led the Engineers to a decisive 31-10 win.

On the first play of the second quarter, Goyal stepped back to pass and RPI senior defensive lineman Thomas Bennett forced him to rush

his throw. Senior linebacker Alex Greenidge hauled in the errant throw and sprinted back 34 yards for an Engineers touchdown. The score put Rensselaer up 10-3.

The Engineers almost handed seven points back to MIT on the MIT Engineers' next possession when they were penalized for running into MIT punter Tucker Cheyne and gave them a fresh set of downs on RPI's half of the field. Then, a combination of runs by the MIT Engineers tailback Cole Baker and short passes by Goyal pushed MIT inside RPI's 10-yard line before the drive stalled out. The ensuing field goal sailed wide right and RPI maintained its 10-3 edge, a lead they would take into halftime.

On their first drive of the second half, RPI extended their lead to 17-3. Sophomore quarterback Ed Trimpert completed

two passes for 35 yards and junior Mike Tivinis rushed five times for 22 yards, including the touchdown-scoring rush from seven yards out.

After RPI scored and was up by two touchdowns, MIT moved the ball quickly down the field, setting up a first and goal at the RPI five-yard line. Once again Rensselaer's defense stood stout in the red zone as sophomore defensive back Brendan Zotti intercepted Goyal to stop yet another MIT drive.

Rensselaer moved the ball methodically down the field early in the fourth quarter, once again mixing the power running of Tivinis with the precise passes of Trimpert. On a second and one from the MIT six-yard line sophomore running back Malick Kelly hit paydirt for the first time in his collegiate career and gave RPI a 24-3 cushion.

After MIT scored off an RPI turnover to make the score 24-10 midway through the final quarter, the Engineers iced the game with an eight-play, 69-yard drive capped off with a nine-yard rushing score by junior running back Johnny Ramsdell.

Tivinis led all rushers with 123 yards and now has 308 yards in three games this season. Trimpert finished with 83 yards passing and sophomore Keaton Ackermann led RPI with 31 receiving yards.

In addition to Zotti and Greenidge, junior defensive back Sam Barrett and sophomore defensive back DJ Stefonsky also recorded interceptions.

Next up for 2-1 Rensselaer is a return home to take on St. Lawrence University in their Liberty League conference opener this Saturday. ♦



Jack Wellhofer/The Polytechnic

SENIOR KENSEY WATERMAN VIES for the ball during Friday afternoon's match against New Paltz.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Hawks fall to Engineers

Jack Wellhofer
Senior Reporter

WOMEN'S SOCCER SAW MIXED OVER THE WEEKEND, SHUTTING OUT STATE University of New York New Paltz in a 3-0 victory on Friday. But on Sunday, first ranked Williams College overturned the Engineers 1-0.

Freshman Emily Kaplan scored the first goal for the Engineers, stopping a goal kick and capitalizing on the opportunity. Kaplan currently leads the team in goals.

A short time into the second half, freshman Jeanine Moreau took a left-footed shot toward the goal. Hawks goalie Angela Ratka tipped the ball, but was not able to control the ball before it slipped into the goal.

The third goal of the game came in the 63rd minute, thanks to junior Bethany Hanson.

Sunday was a tough game for the Engineers, who went up against nationally ranked Williams College. While the Ephs ran play after play, the Engineer's defense held strong.

It took a penalty kick in the 57th minute of play to end the stalemate. RPI was unable to counterattack, ending the game 1-0.

The Engineers are back in action on September 21 away at Hartwick College, and then against the Valiants on September 24 at Manhattanville College. ♦