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.

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 food services provided by 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/uf0fr2.

Grand Marshal Paul Ilori ‘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 Rubinowitz ’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 was working on making improvements to the student govern-
projects that his committee is working on. First, Elizeine and Harrison Leinweber ’18 are meeting with Vice President for Administration Claude Roundus to discuss the restoration of universal access to campus dorms. He was also planning on meeting with Kirchner, Associate Director for Operations Joe Campo and E-Board Business Operations Committee Chairman Rasika Ekkalidkar ’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. Ross 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 Liori at gm@rpi.edu for more information.

FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate addresses newfound concerns

Maria Espinosa
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate met on 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 regards 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 99th research university in the nation. He mentioned that the improved rank came as a result of an increase in the number of peer review 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 Nidhi Korakar, 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. Associate Professor David Kirchner, the student member from the School of Architecture to the Planning and Resources Committee, the Faculty Senate chose professor and Lighting Research Center member Russ LeSar.

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 500 participants, but with 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 gain for the students? Are the students well-handled properly? Is it a full fall semester too much after Summer Arch? How will financial aid cover the program? These and other questions 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 concern that the College expects them to feel 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 help the system. Hajela focused 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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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 category, 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 for a long time and 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 or candidates need to be trained for the new training, the job description of the Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students was presented. Ross explained that the current 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 intention to get in the way of the students and what they do” and never the intention 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] enabling officer,” in order to help accomplish the goals of Student Life. Ross would expect to run an outline of their plans for the next five years. Since the role is filled, Ross expects it to present an outline of their plans for the next five years.

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 dialogue with Save the Union are important to Ross. This interview is available at https://poly.rpi.edu/wrossinterview.

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 me-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. Lastfly, pizza and soda will be provided.

**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.”

**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.

**SUNDAY**

**September 25**

**CDTA Service Advisory**

There will be a merger of CDTA routes #280 and #286 effective September 25th.

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**Editorial**

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

**Editorial Notebooks**

**Relating mundane actions to life’s daily adventures**

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 this 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 profile. I took it into the CCPD’s walk-in hours and had it critiqued. I was worried it would be too wordy, but to my surprise it wasn’t as bad as I had thought.

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 me to 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.

**Past GM inspires Ilori reminisces about old leadership**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS A WEIRD PRESSING MATTER AT THE TIME.**

Student government is a weird thing to get involved in. And this is coming from someone who’s been involved in it since he was in kindergarten. 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 the ones 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 see any of them as I decided playing pickup soccer or generally hanging 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 at the fence about the time at the question about whether I...
Top Hat: No prior thoughts on joining StuGov

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

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wondered 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 that’s a large part of why I 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 Carlotta ’14, the GM my freshman year. One has to wonder, given the tone of revisionist history I’ve ever seen. So I’d like to ask: Dr. Ross, why are you bringing back a policy that 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 merely projection. Let’s consider why there was outrage about 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.

Get out and enjoy the last day of summer!
Features

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

MOVIE REVIEW
Snowden informs viewers
Jonathan Calcedo
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.

Ne...
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.

Rolf 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. Rolf 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, Rolf 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.

Rolf 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.
Reasons Why RPI Students are Stressed

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9. Rush
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5. Sodexo Food
4. Data Structures
3. Grade deflation
2. First round of tests
1. Poly didn’t print last week

Drunk driving was less of a problem before cars. If you got on your horse, drunk and fell asleep, it could just walk home.

And if you tried to ride into a tree, the horse could be like “no.” Forget human drivers—those are just benchmarks. We should be judging self-driving cars against.

Soon, this baby has 200 horses under the hood and 3.5 in the computer.

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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.

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ENGINEERS POACH HAWKS 7-2

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 tournament were doubles team from each team, with recruiting and he does a great job prepping the team with athletes. All-American accolades.

Rensselaer golfer in history to receive National Academic All-American, he knows what needs to be done 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, 10–2. 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.

GOLF

TEAM PLACES EIGHTH AT INVITATIONAL TOURNEY

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 Baldwinwinville, New York, for the two-day Fall Liberty League Championship.

Striving for par-71 in a 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. Teamed Skidmore College finished the day out with the top four players at 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 senior 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 line.”

MEN’S SOCCER

ENGINEERS SUFFER LOSS TO ONEONTA

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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 a second goal scored 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 Purcell 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 shots 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.
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.

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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. Subsequent 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 Cecilius’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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FOOTBALL

Engineers engineer victory against Engineers

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 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 Maliek 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.