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Kallish reaches semifinals in singles

Maria Espinosa
Staff Reporter

THIS PAST WEEKEND THE MEN'S TEAM COMPETED in the Stevens Doubles Tournament at Stevens Institute of Technology while the women's team competed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northeast Regional at William Smith College. At the Stevens Doubles Tournament, the Engineers faced the Ducks of Stevens Institute of Technology, the Bobcats of New York University, and the Lions of The College of New Jersey. At the ITA Northeast Regional, Rensselaer went head to head with opponents from several colleges and universities including Union College, Skidmore College, Vassar College and State University of New York Brockport.

At the three-day regional tournament, freshman Allie Kallish made her way to the semi-finals. Kallish went undefeated until falling to Sarah Mensah of Brockport, 1–6, 6–1, 6–7. Kallish won her first four matches, 6–2, 6–1; 6–4, 5–7, 10–8; 1–6, 6–1, 6–3; and 6–4, 6–2, respectively. Not only did Kallish find success in singles, she advanced to the doubles quarterfinals along with her partner junior Melanie Frank. At the quarterfinals, the duo of Kallish and Frank lost 4–8 to a team from The College of New Jersey. In singles, Frank won her opening match 6–4, 4–6, 10–8, before losing her second round match to Kate Christensen of Vassar College by a score of 4–6, 7–5, 8–10. The first round was tough for sophomore Erica Frommer, who after losing the first set 6–2, was forced to retire after one game in the second set. Fellow classmate



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THE MEN WERE at Stevens Institute of Technology in the Stevens Doubles Tournament. (file photo)

Andrea Valencia also saw defeat in the first round, losing 0–6, 2–6. Freshman Tess Lubin '20 lost her opening match 3–6, 3–6, but later won by walkover in the second round consolation. During her consolation singles match, Lubin lost to Tara Edwards of Vassar College, 5–8. The doubles team of sophomore Mailani Neal and Lubin lost their first round match 6–8, and their consolidation match 2–8.

On the men's side, doubles team of fresh-

men Zack Ebenfeld and Sebastian Castillo-Sanchez went throughout the one-day tournament with a perfect winning record of 3–0. Ebenfeld and Castillo-Sanchez were the only team to end the tournament with a perfect record. The duo defeated a team from NYU 8–6, a team from Stevens 8–3, and finally a team from TCNJ 8–3. The other

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MEN'S SOCCER

Close loss and tie

Jack Welhoffer
Senior Reporter

MEN'S SOCCER HAD ANOTHER tough week, suffering a 1–0 loss against Williams College and tying against tenth ranked University of Rochester 0–0.

On Wednesday, September 21, the Engineers traveled to Williamstown to face the Ephs. In the first half, Williams outshot RPI, with the Ephs putting nine on goal, while the Engineers only managed one. Despite this, no goals were scored in the first half of the game.

The only goal of the game was scored in the 73rd minute by Mohammed Rashid. Malcolm Singleton started the playing,

making a break down the left side of the field and evading defenders to pass to Rashid, who shot the ball to the top right corner, evading the reach of junior goalie Ryan Nealon.

The following Saturday, the Engineers went up against the Yellowjackets. During the first half of the game, RPI failed to gain possession on 50-50 balls, seemingly losing the ball on every throw-in, goal kick, and loose ball.

Despite their lack of possession, the Engineers held strong thanks to an iron-wall defense. Senior Joel Ahearne-Ray and freshman Brandon Pirog commanded the backline, thwarting every Yellowjacket attempt at a goal.

As the second half of the game wore on, RPI was infused with a new passion. The team put together more opportunities, both in narrowly-missed shots on goal, and in the form of five corner kicks.

Still, no team was able to sink the ball in the back of the net, and the game went into overtime.

Feeling that the game was closer than originally anticipated, the Engineers marched on and continued their fight, starting play after play, only to be stopped by Rochester. RPI worked until the last whistle was blown, but it was not enough to secure a win.

In the end, no team was able to score and the game ended in a tie.

The Engineers are on the road again this week, playing Rochester Institute of Technology on September 30, and Hobart College the following day. ♦

MEN'S GOLF

Shaugher swings his way to first

RPI place fourth at Liberty League

Michael Baird
Senior Reporter

CLOSING THE FALL SEASON AS A FIRST PLACE MEDALIST AFTER EARNING 147 points in the two-day Liberty League Championship tournament on the par-72 Timber Banks Golf Course in Baldwinsville, New York, senior Aaron Shaugher dominated the 18-hole course on Saturday, scoring three below par, and continued his momentum into Sunday scoring 78. His individual success propelled the Engineers to fourth place out of seven teams.

Junior Erik Larrabee placed second for RPI and 14th overall with 161, or 17 over par. Just four strokes behind him was senior Ben Robinson in a five-way tie for 21st with 165, followed by freshman Nick Franki in 26th with 168.

The only other golfer to score under par on either day of competition was Teddy Badenhausen from Skidmore College, who shot 71 on Saturday. He earned fourth place out of 40 athletes, while his teammate, Mitchell Campbell, took second with 148.

The University of Rochester placed first overall with a team score of 610 for 36 holes. New York University was second with 616, then Skidmore with 625, and Rensselaer with 640.

The Liberty League championship is divided equally between the fall and the spring. 72 holes total are played, with 36 during the fall and 36 during the spring. Qualification for the NCAA Championship Tournament depends upon the performance of the team at the spring tournament on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. ♦

FOOTBALL

Saints rise above Rensselaer Engineers

Joseph Saulsberry
Senior Reporter

LAST SATURDAY, RENSSELAER football hosted the St. Lawrence Saints on Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day at East Campus Stadium. The Engineers' defense struggled against the plodding Saints offense that ran the ball 47 times for 185 yards and held possession of the football for more than 40 minutes of the game. However, despite over 400 yards of offense for the Saints, Rensselaer's defense once again stood firm inside its own 20 yard-line, forcing the Saints to kick two short field goals and holding them to just 20 points in the game. This total would be enough, though, as Rensselaer managed just two touchdowns against the formidable Saints defense that stopped RPI on eight of their ten third downs and held the Engineers to just 220 yards.

RPI started out strong with an interception by senior defensive back Ryan Buss, his second pick of the year. Buss intercepted the ball at midfield and returned it to the Saints 25-yard line. This set up a short scoring drive capped off with a two-yard rushing touchdown by sophomore quarterback Ed Trimpert.

The lead was short-lived, though, as the Saints responded with a 13-play, 60-yard drive that ended with an 11-yard touchdown pass from St. Lawrence quarterback Sean



Sidney Kochman/The Polytechnic

RENSSELAER HOLDS strong in its own 20 red zone, but it wasn't enough to stop St. Lawrence's push.

Richardson to wide receiver James Holley-Grisham.

Early in the second quarter, St. Lawrence took possession at its own 35-yard line. Running back Rodrick Payne pounded the ball up the middle, rushing five times for seventeen yards, including a nine-yard scamper on third and two at the RPI 12 that set up the go-ahead touchdown rush by

Richardson. Richardson also made several key throws during the drive. The most important for St. Lawrence, and the back-breaker for RPI, was a 12-yard completion to receiver Mitch Gallagher on fourth and two at the RPI 32-yard line that gave the Saints a fresh set of downs in the Rensselaer red zone and allowed the Saints to take the lead late in the second quarter.

Just before halftime, Buss forced Payne to fumble and the ball was recovered by Rensselaer junior defensive back Sean Egan who raced 55 yards for what appeared to be the tying touchdown. The score was negated by a Rensselaer penalty, though, and the Saints walked into the locker room with a 14-7 halftime lead.

While the Engineer offense continued to sputter in the second half, the Saints recorded drives of 93 yards, 59 yards, and 57 yards. But they only gained six points from those drives, making the score 20-7 late in the fourth quarter.

With less than five minutes to play, the Engineers faced a fourth and three at their own forty-yard line. Trimpert had struggled most of the game, completing just four of 16 passes up to that point. But he made the most of his 17th pass, firing the ball toward the right sideline to sophomore receiver Keaton Ackermann who sprinted past the Saints secondary for a 60-yard touchdown.

The touchdown made the score 20-14 and gave the Engineers new hope of a comeback. Their hopes were stifled, however, when Richardson and Payne combined for 30 yards rushing and two first downs to run the clock out.

Trimpert finished with 101 yards passing and 83 yards rushing. Ackermann led the Engineers receiving corps with two catches for 72 yards. On defense, senior linebacker Alex Greenidge and junior defensive back Oliver Kaija led Rensselaer with a dozen tackles each, while junior Bryan Hayes tallied 11.

Next up for 2-2 Rensselaer is a road trip to Western New York to take on 1-2 University of Rochester this Saturday, October 1. ♦

CROSS COUNTRY

Men fifth, women seventh at Williamstown

Michael Baird
Senior Reporter

24 SCHOOLS JOURNEYED TO WILLIAMSTOWN, Massachusetts on Saturday for the annual Division III Purple Valley Classic hosted by Williams College. The men's nationally ranked No. 19 team and the women's nationally ranked No. 11 team attended, placing fifth with 112 points and seventh overall, respectively. Runners from the men's and women's teams at the State University of New York Geneseo both

helped their teams to first place overall with 48 points and 65 points respectively.

Third place senior Ben Fazio led Rensselaer in the 8000 meter race, crossing in 25:28.9 with an average mile pace of 5:08. Three spots behind him in sixth was sophomore Grant O'Connor, who finished in a time of 25:36.0. Isaac Garcia-Cassani of SUNY Geneseo won the event in 25:24.9.

Last fall, the Engineers earned a bid to nationals after their performance at the Liberty League Championship Meet, and Fazio hopes to compete again at nationals this year.

"Winning a Liberty League title and securing a chance to compete on the national stage would be the ultimate measure of success for this season, and would mean the realization of a goal that's been four years in the making for many of us," said Fazio. "We're a very good team already, but we have a lot of work to do in the next two months to reach those goals."

Sophomore Sean O'Connor finished in 26th in 26:12.3. Senior Garrett Davis was next in 33rd in 26:26.5, then senior Brian Crowley in 49th in 26:46.3.

With an average mile time of 6:03, junior Jaime Lord crossed the line in 22:33.3 in 10th place. Sophomore Karina Bolton charged ahead to finish in 23rd with a time of 22:59.2. Next for RPI was senior Maddie Dery in 40th in 23:19.7. MIT athlete Megan McCandless finished in first place with a time of 21:58.2.

Hosting the Saratoga Invitational this Saturday, the Engineers will begin racing at 11 am at Saratoga State Park. The Liberty League Championship is one month away. ♦

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Women go even over weekend

Jacob Kaplan
Staff Reporter

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY SPLIT 1-1 IN TWO GAMES OVER THE weekend against the University of Maine, winning the season opener Saturday 3-1, and losing Sunday 2-0.

Saturday's game in Orono, Maine was scoreless but action-packed for the first period, with 16 combined goal shots. The second period began with a goal from Kara Washer, but the game was quickly tied by senior Laura Horwood with an assist to freshman Blake Orosz, giving Orosz her first collegiate point. Sophomore Makenna Thomas scored later in the period with an assist to sophomore Ana Orzechowski, putting RPI in the lead. During the third period, with the Bears defending a 5-on-3 penalty, senior Hannah Behounek scored with an assist to sophomore Josefine Hansen, securing a victory for the Engineers.

Sunday's game remained scoreless during the first period, with 16 saves made by sophomore goalie Lovisa Selander. However, 22 seconds into the second period, Washer scored, putting Maine in the lead. The game was nearly tied by junior Whitney Renn, but the shot hit the pipe. Bears player Tereza Vanisova scored an additional point in the third period, ensuring a comfortable victory for Maine.

RPI stands at 1-1 for the season, and will host Ohio State next weekend for a two-game series on Friday at 6 pm. ♦



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RPI WON on Saturday and lost Sunday. (file photo)

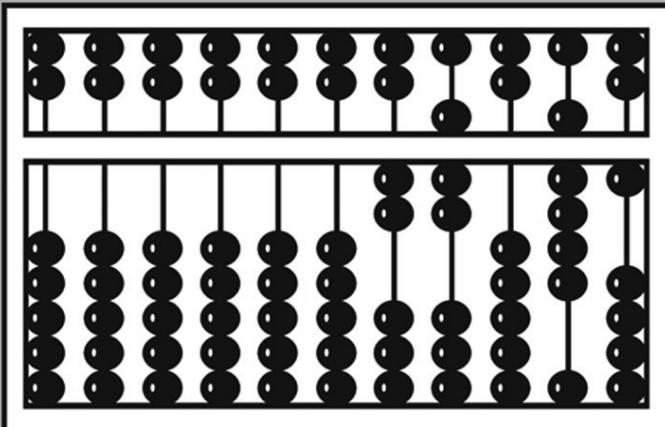
Tennis: On the up and up

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Rensselaer doubles team made up of freshman Xavier Oshinowo and junior Sundar Devakottai finished the tournament with a 3-1 winning record. Oshinowo and Devakottai lost their first match to a team from NYU, but went on to win their following three matches. They won their first against Stevens and the next two against TCNJ, 8-5, 8-3, and 8-3, respectively.

Following her great achievements at the ITA Northeast Regional, Kallish was named "Rookie of the Week" by the Liberty League. She was the only RPI player left at the semi-final stage of the ITA Northeast Tournament. Kallish, a former high school tennis state champion, was given this award to honor her growing success. Along with recognizing Kallish, the Liberty League also recognized the doubles team of Ebenfeld and Castillo-Sanchez. This honor was Ebenfeld's second and Castillo-Sanchez's first. Ebenfeld won the same award from the Liberty League last week along with fellow freshman Winston Yu. Ebenfeld and Yu played together as a doubles team at the Middlebury College Tournament. Ebenfeld is a former state champion, in both singles and doubles. Castillo-Sanchez was an Individual State Champion in 2015 and received several player of the year awards after his final season as a high school senior.

Both teams will go back to compete on the courts next weekend. The women's team will travel to face SUNY Geneseo while the men's team take their turn at the ITA Northeast Regional, which will be held at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. ♦



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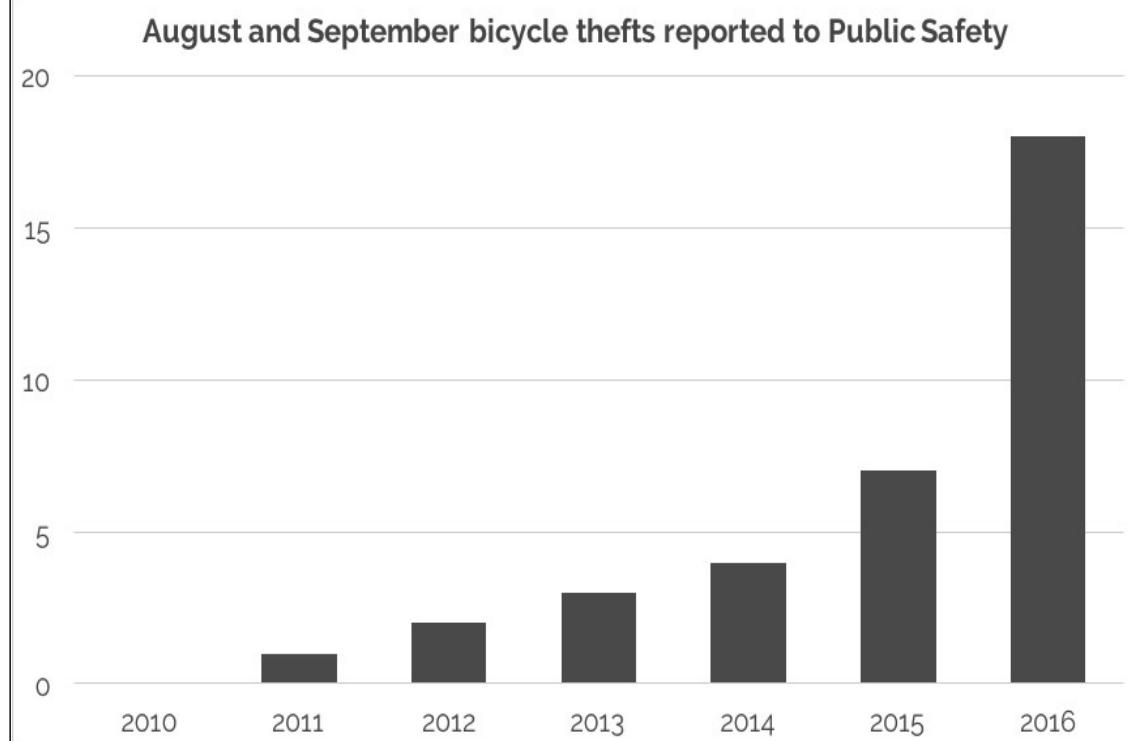
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News

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CAMPUS SECURITY

Injuries, rise in thefts prompt Public Safety response



RENSSELAER HAS ENCOUNTERED a surge in bike thefts on campus. In August and September of this year, 18 bikes have been stolen—more than double the amount reported last year during those months.

Sidney Kochman

Senior Reporter

THIS SEMESTER, RENSSELAER HAS SEEN AN UNPRECEDENTED up tick in bicycle thefts. According to the crime logs kept by the Department of Public Safety, that are available at <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/xwamf>, 18 bicycle thefts have been reported so far in August and September. This is an increase from four and seven bicycle thefts in the same months of 2014 and 2015, respectively.

According to Director of Public Safety Jerry Matthews, Public Safety implemented additional surveillance that led to the arrest of a suspect on September 9. The suspect was carrying “tin metal snips” that would enable him to cut through cables used to secure bicycles. Since the arrest, only one bicycle theft has been reported to Public Safety. It is unclear how the individuals behind the thefts are related.

Matthews recommends that students use U-locks or thick chains to secure their bicycles. Additionally, bicycles should be stored indoors when possible.

On September 9, RPI students walking on Burdett Avenue and Highland Avenue were subject to BB gun fire from passing vehicles. The first incident took place on Burdett Avenue, and the assailant was described as a “college-aged white male” passenger in a “tan-colored sedan,” according to a Public Safety alert. Shortly after, “a black male riding in a white sedan” fired BB shot at students on Highland Avenue. “It has not been determined whether the incidents are related,” said Matthews. “The investigation is following leads with the goal of identifying perpetrators.”

In response, Public Safety has increased patrol cover-

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STUDENT SENATE

Start of meeting delayed due to lack of quorum After reaching quorum, Senate learns uses of Club Management System

Jack Wellhofer

Senior Reporter

THE STUDENT SENATE WAS UNABLE TO BEGIN official business at the start of the meeting due to a lack of quorum. Grand Marshal Paul Ilori ’17 explained that a number of senators were either in review sessions, tests, or extremely sick.

In the meantime, the present senators went through committee reports. Rules & Elections chairperson Hannah Rabinowitz ’17 reminded the Senate that Freshman Elections would be taking place next Tuesday, October 4, and that senators are encouraged to sign up for poll sitting.

The Academic Affairs Committee recently met with Vice Provost Linda Schadler to discuss changes to the core curriculum, including restructuring the humanities requirements and how humanities courses are categorized.

The Student Life Committee recently met with Vice President for Administration Claude Rounds for more discussion on clustered access, the proposed compromise to universal access. Chairperson Justin Etzine ’18 said that Rounds was apprehensive of the idea, but interested

in restoring multiple access points to residence halls.

After committee reports, enough senators had arrived at the meeting for the Senate’s only agenda item to begin: a presentation of the Club Management System by Ilori.

Ilori said that individuals had been asking him questions about CMS, so he decided to create a presentation on its uses.

He went over how to log in to the system, how to view email lists and modify them, adding or removing emails, and demonstrated where to find the budget of clubs that the individual has access to.

The Senate was encouraged to use CMS to create mailing lists for all of the Senate’s committees. Ilori said that the general Senate mailing list should be used for topics relating to the entire Senate, and that committee-specific topics should go through their respective mailing lists.

With no new items of business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. ♦



GRAND MARSHAL PAUL ILORI AWARDS a ceremonial belt to the Senate Member of the Week. This week, Class of 2019 Senator Pamela Pulla '19 received it for making quorum.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Protected group policy proposed

Elisabeth Ryan

Senior Reporter

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF UNION OPERATIONS JOE CAMPO APPEALED TO the Rensselaer Union Executive Board on Thursday, September 22, to approve the hiring of an additional member to the Union. With Summer Arch planned for this coming summer, Campo anticipates a great increase on the use of facilities, and therefore an added strain. A new staff member, a Facilities Assistant, would assist Senior Repairs Specialist Jed McElligot in maintaining the campus facilities as well as refurbishing them. An example of the Facilities Assistant’s duties would be overseeing the painting of facilities on a yearly basis. It was acknowledged that this Facilities Assistant position would not be the only addition in response to RPI transitioning from a two-semester campus to a full-year model. However, the E-Board agreed that it was a necessary start, and approved the hiring of this new staff member unanimously.

Joseph La Rocca ’17 presented to the E-Board on behalf of the Troy Consulting Club. La Rocca is the president of the club and came to the E-Board to have his club made affiliated with the Union. The Troy Consulting Club is a group of students primarily studying Computer Science and/or Business who work with businesses in the local community. Their main goal is to help businesses keep up with the transition more technology-driven services through building websites, creating databases, and helping keep track of products. They have recently worked with the local restaurant Ali Baba to develop their website, and plan to move on to Spill’n the Beans Coffeeshop & Bistro. La Rocca stressed that one does not need to major in Computer Science or Business and Management in order to get involved with the club. He assured the Board that any students who get involved will find themselves not only gaining practical experience, but will actively learn about businesses similar to the ones they may work with in the future. Impressed, the E-Board approved the Troy Consulting Club as a Union-recognized club.

The Policies Committee discussed the proposal of a new Protected Groups Policy. The Protected Groups Policy would allow a Union affiliated club to not divulge the identities of its members. The club officers would submit contact information which only members of the Union Administrative Staff and the E-Board would be privy to. The second allowance to protect groups which could be given is the ability to exclude other members of the Rensselaer community who do not identify as a member of that protected

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Crime: Rensselaer faces BB gun shooting, surge in bike theft this fall

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age and is also considering measures such as additional lighting, escorts, and cameras, along with trimming overgrown foliage. Matthews reminds everyone to be aware of their surroundings. He also recommends trusting your instincts, traveling in groups, telling someone where you are going, and calling Public Safety for an escort. "Never approach or engage a suspicious individual, but rather call 911 or Public Safety," says Matthews. As of Monday September 16, Auxiliary, Parking, and Transportation Services has added an East Shuttle stop on Tibbits Avenue as an option for students traveling to or from that area. ♦



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY JERRY MATTHEWS RECOMMENDS increased security measures for students. (file photo)

E-Board: Troy Consulting Group approved by Board



Jonathan Caicedo/The Polytechnic

THE E-BOARD DISCUSSES a new policy proposed by the Policies Committee. The policy would allow protected groups to exclude members and hide the membership of the protected club.

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group. The proposed policy states that "this concession is... allowed to protect the identities of those in the club." However, controversy over the ability to exclude other students from a Union affiliated club dissuaded the E-Board from approving the proposed change in policy. It was a common opinion that to

have affiliated status as a club, a group should be all-inclusive. The proposed Protected Groups Policy was tabled to be further discussed at a later date. For those interested in getting involved in the Executive Board Policies Committee, meetings are Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Student Government Suite on the third floor of the Union.

Business Operations chairperson Rasika Ekhaliakar '18 reminded E-Board members to let their clubs know that there is space for storage in the Union's basement. An application will be made available soon. In the meantime, contact your E-Board representative if you are interested. ♦

The Polytechnic has the following weekly meeting times:

Business: Sundays at 4:00 pm in the Shelnutt Gallery

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Editorial

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EDITORIAL NOTEBOOKS

New perspective on the arts

EMAC major at RPI offers surprising advantages

RENSSELAER IS A SCHOOL KNOWN FOR ENGINEERING, computer science, and the STEM-related fields. This, however, does not mean that other majors do not exist. Having all of these majors in different types of engineering and science gives so much opportunity for disciplines to mix, work together, and make amazing discoveries or advances in research. I am a dual major now, but when I started here my sole major was Electronic Media, Arts, and Communication (better known as EMAC), and yes, that exists here.

Since the start of high school, I have wanted to have a career as a graphic designer. I thought that I wanted to design advertisements. All of that has changed now, but I still have a passion for design. What I do not have a passion for, however, is art schools. I had interest in lots of fields, like science and math, even though graphic design was always my favorite thing to do. The last thing I wanted to do when applying to college was throw all of my other knowledge away and lock myself into doing just art for the rest of my life. This is the reason I came to RPI to study a major that was not always on the front page of admissions materials or even mentioned at presentations. I remember going to the Accepted Students Celebration presentation and hearing how students are required to take computer science in my major, and also have plenty of elective space to try out different disciplines, possibly for dual majors. I was excited to have the opportunity to find what I liked, and follow my strengths, while still focusing on what I loved to do.

First semester of freshman year, I was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, going through my first few weeks of classes with excitement to learn new stuff and experience new types of classes. I was taking Computer Science I, which is considered a super easy class to a lot of people who come in to RPI with experience in programming. However, when I started, I literally did not know what a programming language was. I came in from a high school that focused solely on

humanities and was never exposed to the field of computer science before. So, I had some trouble on one of the first homework assignments and decided to go to office hours for help. The TA who was helping me asked what my major was, and when I responded "EMAC," he promptly responded with a very respectful, "What the hell is that?" While I definitely appreciated his immense interest in my major, you could imagine me, as an excited, determined freshman, sitting there shocked that a graduate TA would ask that question in that way. Although I had realized at that point in the school year that not most people knew what EMAC was, they usually asked respectfully what the major was about, and I did not mind explaining. Because of this, I explained what EMAC was to him and went on asking my questions. When asking my next question, he responded with a rushed answer and said, "You know, you don't really have to know any of this for design. I don't know why you're in this class." At this point, I just told him that I would do the rest of the homework myself, feeling pretty defeated.

If you ask someone why they came to RPI to study arts or communication, you will probably get the answer that they wanted to experience other subjects here, wanted to dual major, or simply wanted a more pre-professional curriculum than arts schools offer. Whatever the reason is, the EMAC major itself is really unique, and has a lot to offer not only the students, but the school as well. When I came here, I found out that I really like computer science (with no thanks at all to that TA), and I have more of an interest in designing and developing websites. I think that if more EMAC majors worked together with the more STEM-related majors, great things could happen, such as really interesting, fresh, and new research projects (and well-designed posters). Overall, Electronic Media, Arts, and Communication is an extremely unique major, and deserves more respect. Also, TAs should probably get training on how to talk to people they are helping. ♦



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Intern-esting summer fun

Taking a summer to travel is not always a bad idea

WITH THE CAREER FAIR AROUND THE corner, I am sure that internships are on everyone's minds, but I have a message to those freshmen who are not sure what they will do this summer if an internship opportunity does not come up. First, I want to express that if you do not get an internship, do not get discouraged. Getting an internship during your freshman year is quite rare. Second, think about the positives: now you have the whole summer to do different activities and this may be your last opportunity to do so. My advice is to travel and see the world while you have the chance.

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to Taiwan, Switzerland, Spain, Germany, and the Netherlands. My first stop was Taiwan, where I was in the AID Summer Program. The AID Program is government run and is to "assist students with disadvantages" in Taiwan. Each summer, they take 400 volunteers between the ages of 16 and 24 from English-speaking

countries and allow them to go teach English to Taiwanese students in rural areas for one month. I am very thankful that I got this opportunity because I was able to see Taiwan, which is such a beautiful country with such a different culture than the United States. Beyond that, I got to work with and teach 19 middle school students which was a unique and rewarding experience. Teaching was not easy because the language barrier made it difficult and middle school is always a tough

age to teach. Overcoming the challenges of trying to make sure the students understood and paid attention to the lessons while having fun was definitely a learning experience. Towards the end of the program, I was so upset that I had to leave my students, despite the upheavals I ended up really liking them and I still miss them now.

After Taiwan, I traveled to Switzerland to visit a friend of

mine. I traveled with her and her younger brother around Europe. First, we went to Marbella, Spain, a gorgeous city that thrives on tourism with beautiful beaches, amazing food, and a rich culture in the Old Town. We were there for one week and spent many days at the beach, enjoyed the boardwalk and port, ate a ton of gelato, and explored all of the amazing architecture and shops in Old Town. Marbella was probably my favorite part of my Europe trip but everywhere I visited was amazing. Then I spent a day in Thun, Switzerland way up in the mountains, where my friend lives. Later on in my trip I got to visit Zurich which is a very different landscape from Thun. In Thun, I was by a flowing river and in view of so many mountains, and visited a suspension bridge that crossed from mountain to mountain. Her family took me on a road trip to visit Dusseldorf, Germany that is a very tourist based shopping area, like the 5th Avenue of Germany, it had many big name

stores and landmarks. The food was delicious and the people were friendly. Overall, it was a great summer and I would definitely recommend traveling over the summer if you have the time and money.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Sound advice for internship search

THE UPCOMING WEEKEND IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE SEMESTER—the 38th Annual National Society of Black Engineers/Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Career Fair. It will be held on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1 from 10 am–3:30 pm in the Armory.

The Poly Editorial Board highly recommends all to attend. There are countless opportunities, regardless of class year; over 200 companies will be recruiting for internships, co-ops, and full-time jobs. It's very easy to tailor the experience to your liking, as well—you can wander in to explore, or you can look over the room layout beforehand to research and target the companies you'd like to talk to. In fact, there's even a company search tool which filters by name, days attending, and majors or grade levels wanted.

If you're hesitant to go due to the lack of experience, the mystical Job Wizard of Jobbies recommends that you go. Let's face it, getting an internship is tough as a freshman (and still tough for the upperclassmen), so use this as the perfect practice run. Now is the best time to run up to a recruiter, shout "roses are red, violets are blue, give me a job," only to realize that's the absolute worst way to approach a recruiter.

Genetic modification has not yet gotten to the point where pollinated trees produce jobs. One day this method will be "old fashioned," but today (or this Friday and Saturday) is the day to get that beautifully crafted resume out into the job pool.

For more information—such as companies attending, layout, tips, and registration—visit <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/e6c6g>. ♦

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Travels: European trip becomes once in lifetime experience

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area, like the 5th Avenue of Germany, it had many big name stores and a famous church right in the center of town. On the road trip, we also visited Roermond in the Netherlands, a quaint and rustic town with cobblestone roads and lots of small boutique stores. On the couple days of my trip, I visited Bern, the capital of Switzerland, and Zurich, the place that everyone believes is the capital of Switzerland. Zurich was similar to Dusseldorf in Germany, a popular shopping area, but it also had an Old Town with classic statues and architecture and many stores selling Swiss cheese and chocolate. I was very sad to leave Europe but was very lucky to have the chance to see and embrace the beauty of each place I visited.

What I am getting at is that during the summer, specifically the summer after your freshman year, take the opportunity to travel and see the world. Open your eyes up to new places that are a unique landscape to what you have seen your entire life. Do something you did not think you would ever have the chance to do. Take advantage of it and do something that *you* have always wanted to do. I am so thankful for the things I was able to do and see this summer. I feel like I have gained life experiences and been exposed to new cultures that I truly appreciate. If you are going to the career fair, don't stress—just check it out and have fun, but if nothing catches your eye, don't fret. Look into something that *you* really want to do this summer. ▽

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Freshmen complete voting membership of E-Board

Committees still seeking passionate students

HELLO RPI!

As I mentioned last week, the Executive Board has four new members; last Monday two voting members were confirmed by the Student Senate, and last Thursday two non-voting members were confirmed by the E-Board. So, as of last Thursday, the E-Board is officially complete! This does not mean we aren't looking for help, however. The committees of the E-Board are always looking for interested members of the Rensselaer Union to help complete projects. The E-Board has five standing committees—Union Programs and Activities Committee, Policies Committee, Marketing Advertisement and Publicity Committee, Business Operations Committee, Union Annual Report Committee, and Student Government Communications Committee. These committees all work very hard to provide students with access to information, input on operational procedures, assistance with club outreach, and valuable campus experiences. Their work is vital in supporting the Union and a meaningful way to contribute to a student-run organization that provides so much to all students on campus. I'd ask everyone to consider joining a committee. Committee descriptions, meeting times, meeting locations, and contact info can be downloaded at <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/7m1dx>. Congratulations again to Ananya Murali '20, Anissa Choiniere '20, Majken Rasmussen '20,

and Caitlin Kennedy '20 on their addition to the Union Executive Board!

Last week the Policies Committee presented on the creation of a policy that formally outlines special concessions granted to protected groups of students when forming a club related to their protected status. After discussion with the E-Board, the draft policy was sent back to the committee for further review and editing. The policy will be discussed to-

night, Wednesday, September 28, at a meeting of the Policies Committee at 7 pm in the Student Government Suite. I encourage any interested students to attend and provide their input to the committee with regards to the policy.

Lastly, Grand Marshal Paul Ilori '17 and I had another meeting with Vice President for Student Life Dr. Frank E. Ross on Friday, September 23 regarding the Director of the Union position and its reporting structure within the Division of Student Life. Our meeting was very productive and the three of

us continue to discuss and voice concerns toward the issues at hand. Dr. Ross, as always, was very respectful and receptive to the concerns Paul and I raised and we plan on continuing the conversation with him. After further discussion we hope to come to a resolution and shift our focus to improving the Rensselaer Union and what it provides to the student body.



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Attend our next Co-Term Info Session

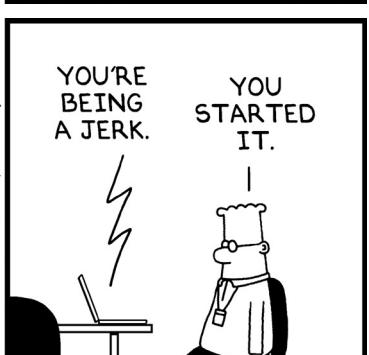
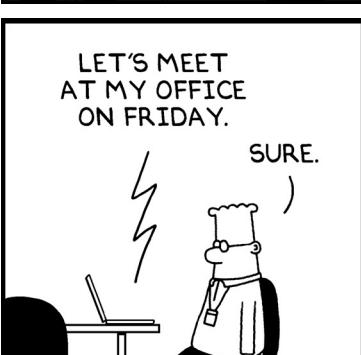
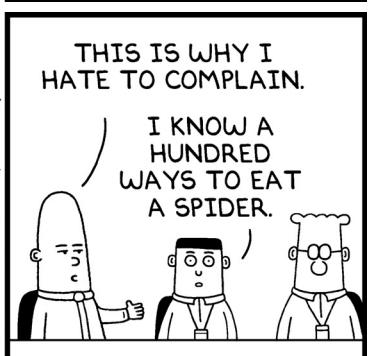
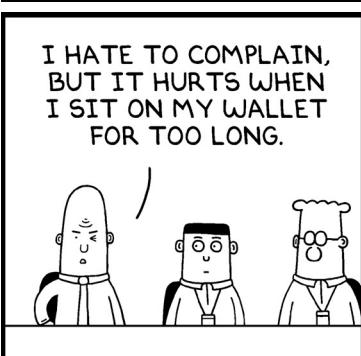
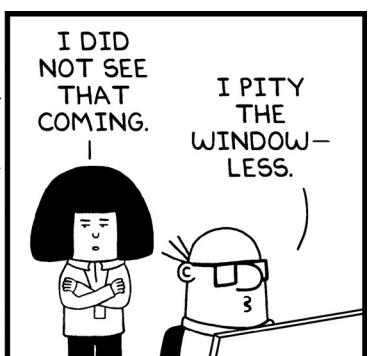
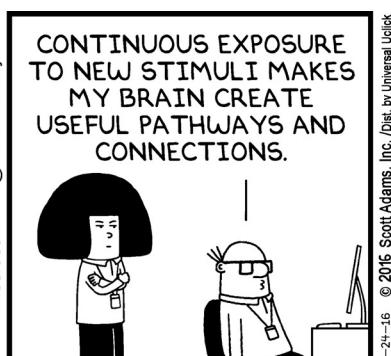
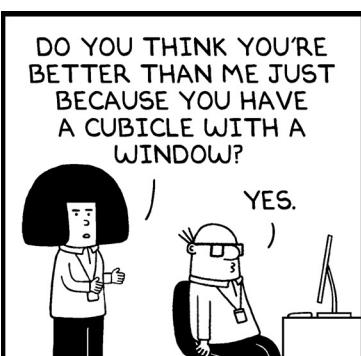
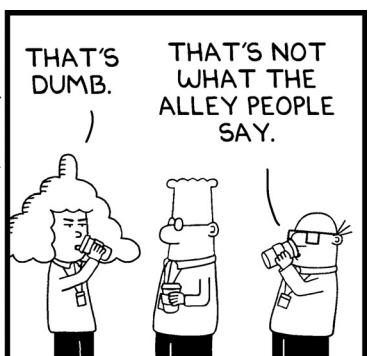
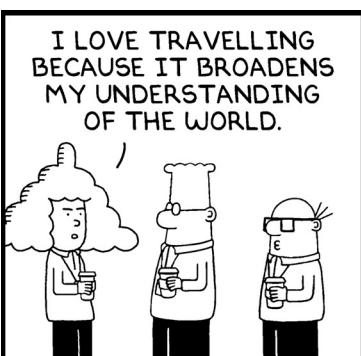
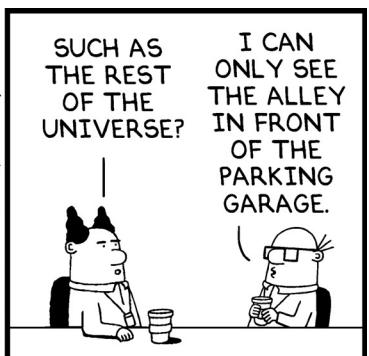
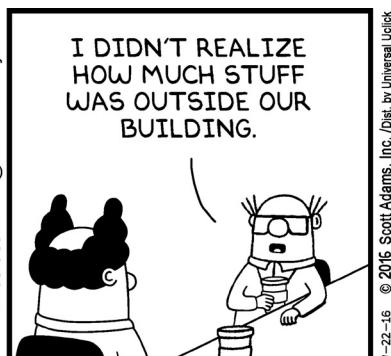
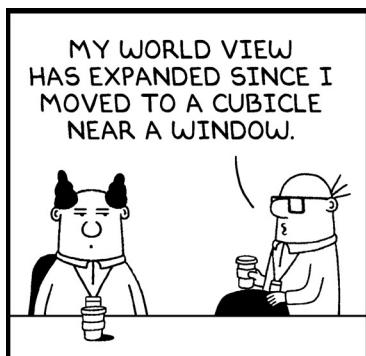
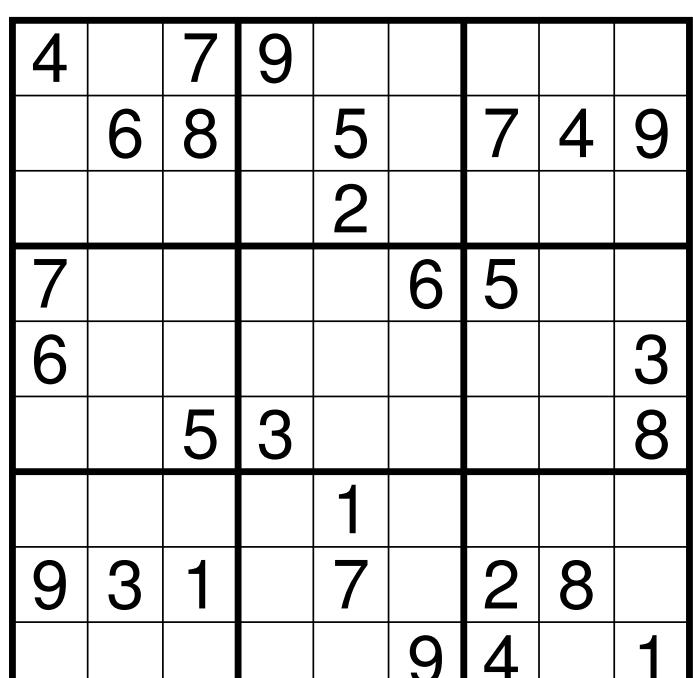


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DILBERT**SUDOKU****Instructions**

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

Last Week's Answers

8	6	7	4	3	1	2	9	5
9	4	3	5	6	2	1	8	7
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7	1	8	3	5	9	4	2	6
2	3	9	6	7	4	5	1	8
5	8	1	2	4	6	7	3	9
4	7	2	8	9	3	6	5	1
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TOP TEN LIST**Parties**

10. In the USA
9. Birthday
8. Poly
7. Communist
6. Pajama
5. Third
4. Boozey
3. Slumber
2. Costume
1. Pizza

WORDFIND

by Shane O'Brien

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

Overwatch Characters

R	W	X	M	D	K	X	O	I	C	L	P	I	P	Y
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Ana

McCree

Bastion

Mei

Genji

Mercy

Hanzo

Pharah

Junkrat

Reaper

Lucio

Reinhardt

Roadhog

Symmetra

Tracer

Widowmaker

Winston

Zarya

Zenyatta

UPAC
C-I-N-E-M-A**UPAC**
C-I-N-E-M-A**UPAC**
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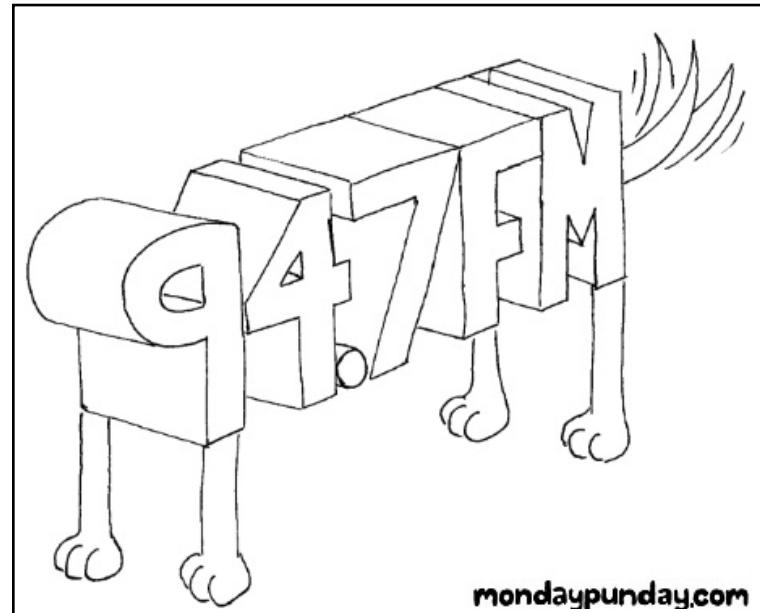
CRYPTOQUOTE

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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MONDAY PUNDAY by Matthew Broussard

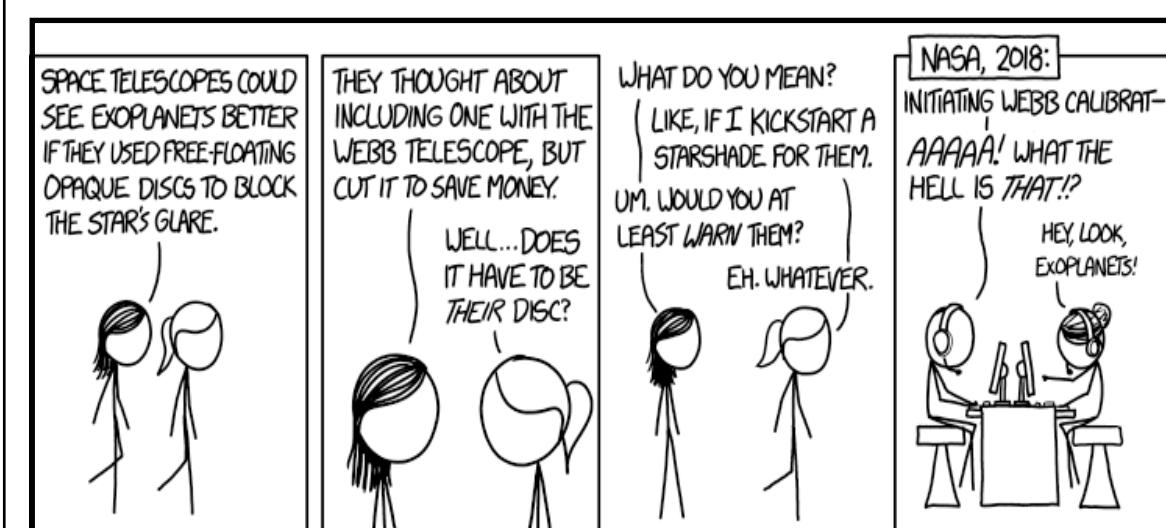
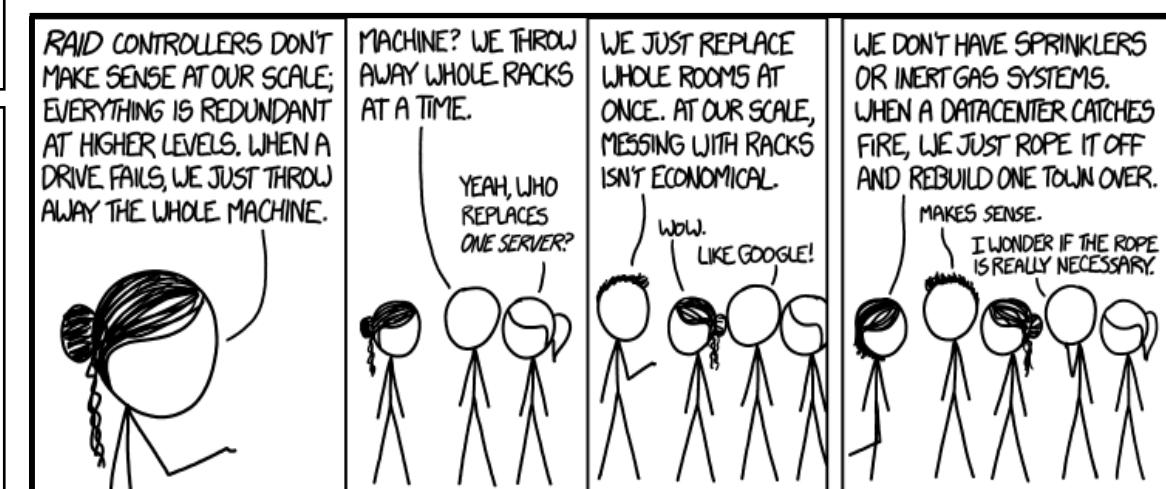


XKCD

by Randall Munroe

INTERPRETING THE SHAPE OF THE MOON IN ART

SHAPE	NORMAL?
	✓
	✓ "FULL" OR "QUARTER" OR "HARVEST" OR "WAX GIBSON" OR WHATEVER
	✓
	✗ NOT POSSIBLE AT NIGHT
	✗ ONLY POSSIBLE DURING A LUNAR ECLIPSE (#1 ONLY, DUBIOUS) OR A SOLAR ECLIPSE (BRIGHT PART IS THE SUN)
	✗
	✗
	✓ LOOKS OK
	✗ THERE'S EITHER A HOLE IN THE MOON OR A NUCLEAR WAR ON ITS SURFACE



Events

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

WEDNESDAY

September 28

C & EE Fall Seminar Speaker

JEC 3117; 1–2 pm

Dr. Lauren Stewart presents a seminar titled "Design, Testing, and Analysis Methods for Structures Subjected to Blast and Shock."

Center for Financial Studies Research Seminar Series

Pittsburgh 4204; 2–3:30 pm

The Lally School of Management will host a Center for Financial Studies Industry Speaker Series/Finance and Accounting Event "Why Banks Want To Be Complex," with Frank Hong Liu, Ph.D., Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK.

Physics Colloquium

DCC 337; 4–5 pm

The Department of Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy hosts Jorge Sofo, from Penn State University. The lecture is titled "Bilayer graphene under pressure is a material with multiple Dirac cones that are evident in the Valley Hall Effect and Landau Levels."

Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics 2016

Commons Dining Hall; 4:30–8 pm

The cost is \$15 for faculty and free for students.

THURSDAY

September 29

Mathematical Sciences Colloquium

Lally 104; 4–5 pm

Sergey Dyachenko will present "Instability of steep ocean waves and whitecapping."

Hanna Rickards

EMPAC Studio 1; 7–8 pm

"One can make out the surface only by placing any dark-colored object on the ground" is a performance that uses navigational techniques to choreograph the interaction of a moving camera with two performers. The title refers to how one can travel in polar whiteout conditions by placing an object on the ground and continuing to place the object in front of you as you move forward. The cost of attendance is \$6.

FRIDAY

September 30

Star Trek Beyond

DCC 308; 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight

The USS Enterprise crew explores the furthest reaches of uncharted space, where they encounter a new ruthless enemy who puts them and everything the Federation stands for to the test. The cost is \$2.50.

SATURDAY

October 1

Graduate Chili Cook-Off

City Station East Lobby; noon–2 pm

Come hang out and eat chili! Help determine the best or enter your own for a chance at the trophy! Please email GCF at rpigcf@gmail.com to register.

Fantastic Mr. Fox

DCC 308; 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight

An urbane fox cannot resist returning to his farm raiding ways and then must help his community survive the farmers' retaliation.

SUNDAY

October 2

Pancakes for Parkinson's

Mother's; 9 am–1 pm

Come enjoy food, raffles, and entertainment while contributing to the Michael J. Fox foundation. Tickets will be sold at the door (\$5), but please RSVP by September 29th at <https://poly.rpi.edu/s/mvzx>.

MONDAY

October 3

Biological Sciences Seminar Series

CBIS Bruggeman Room; noon–1 pm

Sean Quinn, Rensselaer Biochemistry & Biophysics Graduate Student, will present "Step By Step: Dissecting the Catalytic Properties of Heterodimeric Kinesin-2 Motor Domains." Josephine Loricco, Rensselaer Biochemistry & Biophysics Graduate Student, will present "Gallic Acid as an Antagonist of Semen Amyloid Fibril Mediated HIV Infectivity."

Lally School Marketing Seminar

Pittsburgh 4204; 1:30–3 pm

The Rensselaer Lally School of Management will host the marketing seminar: "Investigating the Impact of Pace, Rhythm, and Scope of New Product Introduction (NPI) Process on Firm Performance," with Amalesh Sharma, doctoral candidate in marketing. This research provides empirical support for the role of pace, rhythm, and scope of NPI on firm performance.

TUESDAY

October 4

Motivation: Life & Learning Academy

Academy Hall Auditorium; 4–5 pm

Learn how to develop and maintain motivation to achieve goals to make change in your life. Whether you want to spend more time on school work or learn to play the piano, making change requires a specific set of steps to ensure success. You can achieve your goals, but you need the right equipment. Join Lydia Rest, LCSW for this hands-on lecture.

Vice Presidential Debates

DCC 337; 9–10:30 pm

Join the Rensselaer community in watching the debate televised live. Hosted by the Community Advocates, this 2016 Election Connection event is an opportunity to become more informed before casting your ballot in the 2016 election. Pizza sponsored by OFYE and Student Success.

WEDNESDAY

October 5

CBE Van Ness Lecture Series

Ricketts 211; 9:15–10:15 am

Dr. Jodie Lutkenhaus, Materials Science and Engineering, Texas A & M, presents "Advanced Functional Layer-by-Layer Nanocoatings: Graphene, MOFs, MXenes and More."

Materials Science and Engineering Seminar

LOW 3051; 11 am–noon

James LeBeau, from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at North Carolina State University, will present "Capturing Quantitative Static and Dynamic Local Structure with Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy."

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Dance: People embrace art of rhythms



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BALLROOM DANCING EVENT FREES attendees to self-expression.

Brookelyn Parslow
Staff Reviewer

ON SATURDAY EVENING, RPI BALLROOM DANCE HOSTED ITS FIRST SOCIAL Dance in the Academy Hall Auditorium. Not knowing much about the event or the club, I anticipated all of the formalities associated with ballroom dancing. The foreign atmosphere was intimidating. The night began with a lesson on the American tango, given by members of the club. After practicing the basic steps a few times over, they opened up the floor for dancing. The recommended style of dance was projected on a wall, ranging from the Lindy hop to the East Coast Swing, and music flooded the auditorium.

All of my preconceptions were proven to be completely incorrect. I enjoyed myself even as a spectator, watching people laugh and fully immerse themselves in dance. It was an accepting environment that made everyone feel comfortable regardless of skill. I couldn't help but smile the entire time I was taking photos. After talking to Karen Baltazar '17, the previous president of the club, I found that this was exactly what they were trying to accomplish. She wanted to use these new Social Dances to open up the club to people who are initially daunted by the idea of ballroom dancing. Now happening monthly, it is the perfect place to explore a new hobby or decompress after a long week of classes. ♦



Brookelyn Parslow/The Polytechnic

SOCIAL DANCE SUCCEEDED in attracting potential dancers.

Troy: Downtown event brings community together

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Sanctuary for Independent Media is hosting its 6th Annual Story Harvest Festival, which is a giant community gathering that celebrates the Fall Season. It is one of the largest potlucks that I have ever seen, and after attending it the past two years, I cannot wait to participate again. The Sanctuary hosts this event at Freedom Square—an open stage that musicians will both command and use to share their magic, like they do every year. They attract a wide variety of North Troy locals and Sanctuary volunteers, so it is a great community bonding experience. Last year, younger kids showed me how to press cider with their manually-powered cider press! The event starts at 2PM and the CDTA bus stops right in front, so definitely grab a friend or two and stop by!

On Sunday, there is an event called Empty Bowls, which is an annual fundraiser for local food pantries. The event takes place at the Italian Community Center. Participants enter into a room filled with hand made bowls, which vary from shallow saucer-like bowls to cup-sized to ones that resemble basins. After selecting a bowl, you are brought into the greater space where many different food vendors line the perimeter with numerous kinds of soups and chowders, all made by local restaurants. It is so great to see that the local potters and restaurants donate their time and resources for this uniquely Troy event which helps the greater community too. It starts at noon but the line is always out the door, so try to get there early! Tickets are for sale at the door for \$20 or pre-sale at downtown pottery businesses for \$15. ♦

PODCAST REVIEW

Tuning in to D&D adventures

Jack Wellhofer

Senior Reviewer

STARRING PODCAST AFICIONADO BROTHERS Justin, Travis, and Griffin McElroy, along with their dad, Clint, three adventurers and one dungeon master take on the world of "Dungeons & Dragons" in *The Adventure Zone*.

I've only recently delved into the world of podcasts—mostly out of frustration with the obscene amount of radio commercials that were played during my summer morning commute. I downloaded a podcast player on my phone and unknowingly stumbled into a vast, strange world. Without much direction, I turned to the best research source I could think of: Reddit.

It did not take me long to find that *The Adventure Zone* was highly rated among listeners. Blindly trusting their opinions and taking them as fact, I decided to take a listen. Fantasy has always intrigued me, although I've never had the opportunity to play "Dungeons & Dragons," and I can always get behind a good comedy. After the first episode, I was sold.

To spoil just a small bit of the first episode, this is Justin, not ten minutes in, explaining his character: "I'm... I'm playing a wizard. His name is spelled T-A-A-K-O." Griffin, the dungeon master, then bluntly asks, "Are you naming your goddamn wizard *taco*?" After a pause, the group determined that it would, in fiction, be okay for someone to be named Taako, because tacos hadn't been invented in the fantasy world.

Nothing is a known quantity in *The Adventure Zone*, and it's one of my favorite features about it. In most fantasy books or shows, one can judge somewhat where the story is going. With the exception of one series, I can tell that the main character won't be losing this fight based on the fact that there are still 200 pages left. But that's just not true when you're in *The Adventure Zone*!

For those who don't know, rolling dice, usually a 20-sided one, is how most player actions are determined. That gives a lot of opportunity for

impressive, edge-of-your-seat feats, and the opportunity for hilarious, catastrophic failure in the simplest of tasks. This aspect keeps me captivated—the intentional half-wittedness of the trio and the actions they try to roll for can never be overestimated.

The other aspect that makes the story unique are the podcasters themselves. As I mentioned before, it's a team of three brothers and their father. These people have known each other all of their lives and thus interact through japes and jests in ways only family could. It makes the comedy all the more enjoyable because each can play to the personalities of the others, including Griffin catering stories to certain facets of his family's personalities.

The group itself starts with little knowledge of the game, making any listening unfamiliar have a very easy time learning the basic rules and mechanics. I have found each story arc to be creative, enjoyable, and well done. Each episode draws me further into the story, wanting more and more. Any fantasy lovers would take delight in *The Adventure Zone*. ♦



Courtesy of Maximun Fun

THE ADVENTURE ZONE EXPOSES listeners to D&D

Lake: Canoes and hiking

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supplanted by our immersion in nature, and the blissful feeling that comes from shared memories with friends. We arrived back at the island and everyone made their campfires, which included sending out search parties for firewood.

After dinner on Saturday, there was a fun scavenger hunt, with groups running all around the island, all competing to finish first. Saturday night was a perfect Norman Rockwell painting, with stories around the campfire, and s'mores galore. No one wanted the evening to end, as it was so relaxing to escape our electronic world and enjoy each other's company. Once we finally zipped up the tent for the cold night ahead, I reflected on the trip and thought about how I wished I had gone on this trip as a freshman.

On Sunday, we awoke to a bright, sunny morning and went for a quick swim, knowing we had to pack and canoe back to the mainland where our cars awaited. Those new to RPI often ask about classes—which to avoid and how to study—but they often do not ask what defined my college experience. I would say that the Fall Lake George weekend nurtured my spirit and prepared me for a great school year; I could not imagine my college experience without this trip. I am so grateful that I took this opportunity to make lasting new friendships. Fall Lake George is one of the best trips ever! If you missed it this year, please do not make the same mistake next year; make it happen. Thank you Rensselaer Outing Club and the Rensselaer Union! ♦



Courtesy of Rosa Ku

RPI STUDENTS EXPLORE history and artwork in downtown Troy with appreciation.

Features

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

CLUB HIGHLIGHT

Ballroom brings dancing arts into RPI



Brookelyn Parslow/The Polytechnic

VETERAN BALLROOM MEMBERS DEMONSTRATE the beauty of music and dance to Rensselaer students who are interested in learning about ballroom dancing skills.

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OFF-CAMPUS EVENT

Outing Club plans odyssey



Courtesy of LakeGeorgeshoreonline

LAKE GEORGE IS a long, narrow, and gorgeous lake that is located at the southeast base of the Adirondack Mountains.

Shannon McComb

A Special To The Poly

AFTER CLASSES ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23,

RPI students drove to Bolton's Landing at Lake George for the beginning-of-the-year adventure which turned out to be better than anyone could have imagined. The weather was windy and the water choppy, giving the canoers a challenge in reaching their weekend paradise—Turtle Island. After disembarking, we each found a camping spot on the island and gathered for a warm dinner around a glowing campfire.

Saturday was filled with many activities, including canoe trips, hikes, rock climbing, and personal time to enjoy nature. I went on an arduous hike to Black Mountain Point which was a true test of my mental and physical stamina given the steep, unrelenting ascent to the top. But there was a sense of triumph reaching the peak with the great people who worked together as a team to help everyone complete the mission. The reward at the top was absolutely breathtaking; it afforded an almost 360 degree view above

the treetops. Any struggle, ache, or pain from the hike was completely forgotten once we gazed on the beautiful scenery, awash with fall crimson, orange and yellow leaves overtaking the forest.

The lake appeared peacefully nestled in the forest as late afternoon approached. I rushed down the mountain, threw off my shoes, and jumped into the water. All thoughts of homework, tests, the career fair, and the upcoming academics were

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OFF-CAMPUS EVENT

Collar City Ramble draws diverse groups

Natalie Yap

A Special To The Poly

WITH THE REALIZATION THAT FALL HAS OFFICIALLY started, and the fact that I have a little less than three months on this campus, I wanted to be able to enjoy Troy's wonderful weather and myriad of events during the Fall season. On September 2, Transport Troy hosted its annual Collar City Ramble on Saturday, October 2, an event that encourages residents to explore Troy in unconventional ways. The Ramble aims to "build a trail for multimodal transportation," as well as "connect significant places in Troy to neighboring communities, such as schools, libraries, cultural sites and transportation hubs." The ramble was all around Troy, from kayaking down the Hudson, to hiking trails in the many parks of Troy, to a bike tour down the length of the city. A shuttle stopped by at River and Front, next to the Farmers' market, so participants could move from one event to the next.

My friend and I were not able to participate in the biking, as there were none for rent, but we were able to witness families take off at the start of the tour, and the weather was prime to be out walking, hiking, biking or kayaking. We ended up enjoying a few farmer's market specialties, and decided to walk around downtown Troy

Even more exciting are the events this coming weekend! On Saturday, October 1, the

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