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**ADMINISTRATION**

# Greeks on campus for Summer Arch



Sidney Kochman/*The Polytechnic*

**THIS FILE PHOTO SHOWS** the recently renovated North Hall. During Summer Arch, Greek students may be required to live in campus housing.

**Nathan Dorer**  
*Senior Reporter*

ON SEPTEMBER 9, VICE PRESIDENT for Student Life Dr. Frank E. Ross III met with members of the Alumni Inter Greek Council to discuss upcoming changes to Greek life at Rensselaer. Among these changes was the plan to mandate that students affiliated with Greek houses spend the Summer Arch program in on-campus housing, rather than in their respective Greek houses. The decision appears to have been made without direct contact with the students, as the information was only provided to campus fraternities and sororities after it had been made. For Greek organizations, the changes could be detrimental to the normal working function of the houses, and could result in additional living costs. Throughout the decision-making process, it appears that administra-

tors had always intended to have all students live in on-campus housing, and the decision appears to have been made before student input had been taken into consideration. In a statement sent to Ross on May 24 of this year, AIGC President Roger Grice stated that “Reports coming from committees studying the implementation of the Rensselaer Summer Arch Program have reported out in various forums that all rising juniors will be required to live in Rensselaer residence halls during the summer session after completion of their sophomore year.” Prior to the implementation of Summer Arch, Greek-affiliated students had been able to spend this summer living in Greek housing. Some students may prefer to live in their houses, and oftentimes Greek housing is a more affordable option for students. Administrators appear to have used the AIGC as their central point

of contact, but the decision seemingly contradicts the sentiment held by the AIGC. In the same May statement, members of the AIGC wrote that “it is the unanimous position of the Alumni Inter-Greek Council (representing all social fraternities and sororities at Rensselaer) that such a decision by Rensselaer is not consistent with the provisions of the current Greek Life Commons Agreement or the concept of a Greek Commons within Rensselaer’s concept of CLASS.” Additionally, Grice stated that mandating students live on campus “is detrimental to the leadership development potential of students who are members of the Greek Life Commons as well as being financially detrimental to the viability of Greek houses and organizations, especially as it pertains to health, safety, and property upkeep.” In correspondence with *The Polytechnic*, committee member Bob Eckert has

stated that “Our goal is to work with Rensselaer to see that Greeks are able to live in their chapter houses during the summer of their junior year.” When speaking with *The Polytechnic*, Ross said that the purpose of having rising juniors live on campus is community building. There are plans to hold events during the summer that will bring the class closer together before large portions leave for either their fall or spring semester. Although administrators have already moved forward on the decisions, a survey has recently been issued to chapter presidents at Rensselaer fraternities and sororities to gather student input on the changes. The results of the survey are yet to be seen, but *The Polytechnic* expects to hear from administrators and other members of the AIGC in the coming weeks. 🦇

**SENATE**

# Senate seeks input on Core Curriculum

**David Raab**  
*Senior Reporter*

THIS WEEK’S MEETING OPENED WITH REPORTS from the committees of the Senate. Steve Sperrazza ’18 spoke on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, and started discussion at this week’s Senate meeting on collecting feedback about the Core Curriculum changes that were discussed last week. He encouraged people to send feedback to chairperson Varun Rao ’18. Facilities and Services Committee Chairperson Austin Miller ’17 said that the Department of Public Safety is looking to have officers go to dinner at Commons on either November 15, 16, or 17 in order to get feedback from students and share new initiatives. Chairperson Justin Etzine ’18 of the Student Life Committee shared that the committee has a draft proposal on campus study spaces to

share with the Senate next week. He also mentioned that the questions for the anonymous Counseling Center survey have been created, and that he has reached out to Residence Life about a survey on resident hall feedback. Sidney Kochman ’19, chairperson of the Web Technologies Group, told the Senate that the myrpi.org hosting services Webtech previously ran needs to be shut down due to technical reasons, and that the group is also looking for ways to improve Flagship Docs. Finally, Grand Marshal Paul Ilori ’17 gave the Community Relations Committee report and said that Russell Sage College is holding a mixer for RPI students Friday night, and that he wants senators to attend. One of the few orders of business at the meeting was the appointment of Leo Gallo ’19 as the chairperson of the Community Relations Committee. The post has been vacant for about a month since the

prior chairman stepped down. Gallo said that he seeks to work with Russell Sage College, downtown Troy businesses, and even schools in Albany in order to encourage RPI students to explore more of their community. Etzine asked him about specific goals and Gallo responded that he hoped to have at least one student event with Sage or UAlbany beyond Friday’s mixer. The Senate also addressed the unsponsored petition, Make Career Fair a Student Holiday, which received over 292 signatures of student support. Last week, Ilori had emailed Registrar Sharon Kunkel to ask about the feasibility of changing the academic calendar in order to accommodate making the fall Career Fair a student holiday. Kunkel wrote back saying how a day would most



# Senate: *Plans for Fall Career Fair as student holiday*

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likely need to be taken from elsewhere in the schedule and suggested having class on either Columbus Day or the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as possible places to reallocate a day in the schedule. Etzine added that the original sponsor of the petition, who wishes to remain anonymous, told him that if classes cannot be canceled, then professors should be officially advised not to have assignments due or give exams on the day of the Career Fair. Ultimately, after a brief discussion on whether the Student Life Committee or the Academic Affair Committee should take on looking into accommodating the Career Fair, a motion charging it to AAC passed 21-10. 🦇

The Editorial Board of *The Polytechnic* encourages you to attend the Fall Town Meeting today at 3:00 pm in EMPAC Theater.

## OFF-CAMPUS EVENT

# CS women take Houston

**Stephanie Tan**  
*Senior Reporter*

FROM OCTOBER 19 TO OCTOBER 21, THE GEORGE R. BROWN Convention Center in Houston, Texas hosted the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing. Hosted by the Anita Borg Institute, the Grace Hopper Celebration is named after renowned Navy Rear Admiral and computer scientist, Grace Hopper. This is the largest event for women in computing worldwide, with 15,000 attendees from all over the world. The event includes an expo, a multitude of talks relating to different topics within the field of computer science, and two keynote presentations. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute provided full scholarships for twelve students majoring in computer science to attend. The scholarship included travel arrangements, registration for the conference, and hotel cost.

Kicking off the Grace Hopper Celebration on Wednesday morning, the keynote presentation was held in the Toyota Center. There were two keynote speakers: Latonya Sweeney, the first African American woman to get a doctorate in computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the former president and CEO at IBM, Ginni Rometty. The presentations also included the presentation of awards by the Anita Borg Institute. The first award presented was the Technical Leadership Award to the Vice President of Engineering and Artificial Intelligence at Google, Anna Patterson. The second award presented was the Student of Vision Award to undergraduate computer science student at McMaster University, Alyssia Jovellanos.

After the keynote, the crowd moved back into the George R. Brown Convention Center to attend various

talks and check out the incredible expo. The expo displayed a multitude of technology companies including Google, Apple, Facebook, Instagram, Spotify, Snapchat, Pinterest, Yahoo!, Verizon, IBM, Intel, Amazon, Hulu, Twitter, Uber, Starbucks, Dropbox, and Disney.

Friday, the conference came to a close with one final keynote presentation. This keynote included talks from Marc Benioff and Megan Smith. Marc Benioff is the CEO of Salesforce and discussed how he has made it a huge part of his company to ensure equality for his employees. Megan Smith is the first woman to be the Chief Technology Officer for the United States of America. The keynote concluded with a huge thanks to the sponsors and attendees followed by the announcement of the next location of the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing: Orlando, Florida in October 2017.

The Grace Hopper Celebration is extremely important to women in computing, it allows for women to meet others who have succeeded in the field and are passionate about the same things. RPI attendee Hannah Deen '18 expressed how the Grace Hopper conference empowered her, and her appreciation to RPI for providing her the opportunity to attend. "GHC made me realize that even if women are a minority in computer science, we are not in the discoveries and advancements of the field. So much of the technology we use on a daily basis would not exist if it were not for the women who came before us. Of course there was no one gender that advanced the field, but I never knew that there were so many women, just like myself, that have paved the way. I feel reenergized to continue this semester and work to achieve my goals! Thanks again goes to the CS department for funding my trip because it is the singular best educational and business trip I have ever been on." 🦇

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

# Design for America struggles with budgeting

*Union Club goes over budget by nearly \$3000 during annual trip to DFA Nationals*



Brookelyn Parslow/*The Polytechnic*

IN THIS FILE PHOTO, PRESIDENT OF THE UNION CHIP KIRCHNER ADDRESSES members of the Executive Board. The E-Board recently discussed Design for America, amongst other clubs.

**Jack Wellhofer**  
*Senior Reporter*

FIRST ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S AGENDA last Thursday was discussion of Design for America's budget. Over the summer, officers from DFA traveled to DFA Nationals, a conference for which DFA-affiliated clubs are required to have a minimum of two members in attendance to keep their affiliated status.

Three officers attended the conference under the impression that the cost of the trip was in their budget. DFA's budget is \$960, but travel, three hotel rooms, and fees added up to \$4133.

Ines Roman '17 said that past DFA officers should have better detailed the process to the

current officers, all their first year serving the positions, about the conference. Late notice about the requirement led to more expensive travel and lodging.

President of the Union Chip Kirchner '17 clarified to the E-Board that this issue would not be voted on during this meeting. His intention was to gather thoughts and opinions from the E-Board and form a smaller committee to assist in resolving the issue.

In March of this year, when the E-Board approved DFA's affiliation, DFA said that some of the cost of attendance was in the budget, but that the remainder would be made up in subsidies and fundraising.

Conrad Mossel '17 asked why the club brought three people rather than the required

two. The DFA officers said that the previous officers recommended bringing as many club members as possible to gain design and leadership experience.

Toward the end of the discussion, many E-Board representatives brought up how the RPI Dance Team asked for subsidies earlier in the year, and that maybe there was a problem with policy and spending guidelines.

Stephanie Kern-Allely '18 pointed out that the E-Board cannot expect everyone to remember everything that is discussed at financial workshops, and few people have the desire to read Rensselaer Union financial policy. Many representatives agreed that making more training available would benefit the Union.

Policies Committee chairperson Matt Rand '19 discussed changes to club classifications. The Policy Committee is planning to change references of recognized to partnered, aiming to clarify designation. Changes will also be made that will prevent community members—Union members who are not RPI students—from having voting rights, access to funds, or holding officer positions in clubs.

Before closing, the Marketing, Advertising, & Publicity Committee reminded representatives to ask clubs for photos of Union activities. The MAP committee is looking to replace outdated photos around the Union. 🦇



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  - > Go to the Student Menu
  - > Click on the Summer Arch Link and answer the questions

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  - Professor Freeman (Lally School), Pittsburgh Building 3202

### SUMMER SEMESTER

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- Compete in intramurals
- Join a faculty member for a pop-up course
- Dine with faculty and staff at weekly Community Luncheons
- Learn a lifelong sport (golf, tennis, swimming, and more)
- Engage in unique EMPAC film screenings, talks, and performances
- Volunteer with community and civic organizations
- 4th of July in the Capital Region

### Summer Signature Experiences

- Connect with your class at the Summer Arch Kickoff Event and BBQ
- Enjoy performances (Capital Rep, NYC Philharmonic, Proctors, SPAC)
- Experience local museums and cultural sites
- Travel to nearby cities

### SUMMER ARCH SEMESTER AWAY (SASA)

By electing to participate in the Summer Arch, you will take part in a series of workshops offered by the **Center for Career and Professional Development** in Spring 2017 designed to help navigate your search for Semester Away opportunities.

*The Career Ready: Summer Arch Program* is a series of workshops, programs, and panels designed to give you an introduction to career fields, develop career management skills, as well as to hear from and network with successful alumni and industry partners from a variety of industries and organizations.

The series will assist in being able to articulate career interests and integrate those interests with course and major selection; and will offer assistance in identifying appropriate Semester Away experiences based on identified career goals. More information will be available on JobLink in November.

#### Options for Semester Away Include:

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- Community Service
- Volunteering
- Entrepreneurship
- Research
- Non-Affiliated Study Abroad

### SCHEDULE

YEAR	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
First Year	RPI	RPI	OFF
Second Year	RPI	RPI	RPI
Third Year	RPI/ EXCH or SASA	RPI/ EXCH or SASA	OFF
Fourth Year	RPI EXCH	RPI	

**RPI:** You are “in residence” at Rensselaer, taking classes on campus

**EXCH:** You are participating in a pre-existing exchange program (ex: Study Abroad, Architecture’s Study in Rome)

**SASA:** This is your “semester away” from campus

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOKS

## Milder, drier winter ahead due to global warming

### Geo-engineering raises risks, yet has great potential

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR again; as the temperatures start to drop and the leaves change colors, winter's arrival seems imminent. Recently, new winter predictions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration stated that much of the U.S. could expect a milder and drier winter. For regions such as the northern part of the Midwest, however, winter weather will most likely be colder and wetter. This warmer trend can be attributed to the La Niña climate pattern which shifts global weather patterns, making some areas warmer and others cooler. This prediction of warmer temperatures might seem like welcome news for us. After all, who wants to walk across campus in freezing temperatures? However, this news should cause some concern. Of the past twelve months, eleven of them have been the warmest on record. Many experts agree that 2016 will be the warmest year yet. What's even more concerning is that fifteen of the sixteen



**Peter Begonja**  
Business Manager

warmest years have occurred since 2000. Future predictions aren't looking very good either. An increase of up to seven degrees Fahrenheit is expected if current rates continue. This could spell disaster for many people as sea levels will rise and severe weather will become more prominent and frequent. In order to solve these climate issues, we may have to turn to geo-engineering. Geo-engineering is the large scale process of deliberately changing the earth's climate to prevent the impacts of climate change. Two main aspects of geo-engineering include the removal of carbon dioxide from the environment, and the management of solar radiation hitting the earth. This can be achieved through different feats, such as reflecting the sun's rays before they hit the earth, dispersing rocks in the ocean to reduce its acidity, and charring and burying biomass so that the carbon is locked in the soil and cannot be released into the atmosphere. Through these processes, global warming can be

countered and temperatures could even be reduced. Countering global warming using technology might seem a far reach; however, the field has been around for almost twenty years as a response to global warming. You may ask why geo-engineering isn't implemented to a greater extent if it helps out the environment. Well, as with most things in life, geo-engineering comes with certain risks. These risks could potentially harm the environment to an even greater extent than if global warming was left alone. For example, once aerosols are sprayed into the atmosphere, they cannot be taken out. Cooling down water temperatures too much can have disastrous effects on wind and rainfall patterns. Since experiments carried out by scientists cannot be taken on a global scale, it may be very difficult to fully predict how we can change the earth's atmosphere. Geo-engineering is an interesting area, and with the future of the earth's climate at risk, we will have to make important decisions. Let's hope that they are the right ones. 🦋

## Wake me up when class starts making more sense

### Getting this notebook in late symbolizes how much I need to adapt to the rigorous standards of college life

IN THE TWO MONTHS I'VE BEEN HERE AT RPI, I'VE learned a lot more than just how to study for tests and complete work, as all that knowledge came over from high school. Sleepless nights and cramming for exams are almost second nature, whereas RPI posed a whole new set of challenges. The biggest problem by far for me is time management. It sounds cheesy: if I do all my work when I get it, I should always have enough free time, right? To all you freshmen reading who haven't figured it out yet, it is not that easy. When I get out of class, the first thing on my mind isn't, "oh boy, I want to finish all this work quickly!" it's "get me out of this place and let me sleep in the library for two more hours to mentally prepare for my next class." College is nothing like high school in that regard: there is not a set path that I can take that will allow me to finish everything on time. There is a lack of rigidness in my life, which is both a blessing and a curse. Being responsible for my own education is not something I am used to yet, and I seem to fall frequently into the "oh one more episode" or the "oh just one more game of Hearthstone" trap. Time management isn't about how much work you can cram into one night; it's about how well you are able to space out your assignments to make it through the week, while also not going



**Serge Piskun**  
Associate Features Editor

insane over the workload. I admit, as a freshman, that I probably have no idea about the horrors that await me during my sophomore year. But if they are anything remotely resembling this year, than all I know is that I need to get better at making a plan and sticking to it. On the topic of time management, optimization of interests has suddenly sprung up as a problem that I am not well adapted to. Never before have I had such a wide range of activities offered to me, and been given the choice as to what club, class, community service, or general organization I want to do in addition to my studies. Simply balancing out two clubs, pledging a fraternity, allotting time to eat, sleep, and go to the gym on top of staying up to date with my assignments has proven to be a struggle. I never had this problem in high school due to having lived in a routine all my life. Don't get me wrong; the freedoms associated with college are amazing, but sometimes I yearn for a more structured existence. Anyway, I'm having fun in college. I wouldn't trade it for anything else. I'm glad I chose Rensselaer, and only time will tell as to how well I'll adjust to college life. 🦋

STAFF EDITORIAL

## Pep Band's school spirit remarkable

THE POLY WANTS TO TAKE THIS STAFF editorial in order to give a shout out to the Pep Band. Every week-end during hockey season, the band rouses up school spirit and gets the crowd excited. They perform at all men's and women's home hockey games throughout the season. A classic saying is that even if the team loses, the band always wins the game; they continue to try to keep everyone amped and full of spirit. A lot of the band's antics seem like they are designed to try to throw off the opposing team, such as playing during their time out and also taunting players every time a penalty is on them. The band plays a particularly outside role during Black Friday and Saturday, which are this week, when the Engineers are going to be taking on the Dutchmen of Union College at the Houston Field House on Friday, and away at Union on Saturday. In fact, this upcoming

game is one of the few that the band travels to, in an effort to represent RPI student spirit on the road. Also, Freakout (or really Freakend to most of us) is crazy, and the band's presence makes it even more awesome. We also realize that a lot of people can take the Pep Band for granted because they are such a consistent presence at every single game. We encourage everyone to recognize that their presence would certainly be missed if they could not make it to a game. There are many clubs on campus, but Pep Band is one of the oldest and is definitely visible at RPI home hockey games, which are a key part of the student experience for many of us here at RPI. The next time you are at a hockey game—which should be this Friday—listen in and even join in on the chants. It's important to keep the spirit alive! 🦋

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# Go to game, win a jersey

## Preparations for remodeling Mother’s ahead

HELLO RPI! I HOPE EVERYONE HAD THE chance to enjoy Family Weekend, regardless of the weather on Friday and Saturday. Luckily, it turned around just in time for the annual Grand Marshal/President of the Union Breakfast (renamed from the GM/PU Brunch recently). The Executive Board and Student Senate had a great morning and afternoon hosting the families here to visit, and we would like to thank everyone who participated in the event, especially our President, Dr. Jackson, and Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Ross. We would also like to congratulate Nickolas Ziter '17, who was presented with the Frederick M. Nussbaum '30 Memorial Award for volunteerism and community engagement during the event.

This upcoming week, the Executive Board will be foregoing our normal meeting and instead undergoing Bystander Intervention training. This training program is focused on preventing sexual assault on campus and will soon be required for all club officers to undergo. Once the Executive Board has received training, we will be able to better understand its implementation, and have firsthand knowledge with which to address questions and concerns from student organizations. Club officers, please be on the lookout for more information regarding this training following the Executive Board meeting Thursday evening.

The Executive Board’s committees are also hard at work improving the Rensselaer Union and student activities. Recently,

the Business Operations committee has formed a group focused on revitalizing Mother’s Wine Emporium and the Games Room on the first floor of the Union. They will be investigating and recommending comprehensive updates and remodeling to improve the effectiveness of both spaces. This is a huge undertaking for the group and will be a multi-year project. We hope to have high-level plans for remodeling by the end of the 2016–2017 school year. Anyone interested in participating in the committee please email Rasika Ekhalikar '18, chairperson of the Business Operations committee at ekhalr@rpi.edu. She is still looking for members for the group and would be happy to work with any clubs, club officers, or students who would like to help.

Finally, you better be ready to show off your school spirit this weekend at the annual Blackout Hockey Game against Union College! Every year we face the Dutchmen on Halloween, and it is your right as an RPI student to remind them they suck! The jerseys worn by the players are one game-only jerseys which are raffled off during the game, and then presented to the winner directly after. The winner of the raffle gets to go out on the ice, collect their jersey, and meet the players. This is one of my favorite events of the year and I hope to see everyone there! GO RED. Otherwise, I hope you have a safe and happy Halloween! Eat some candy and relax. 🦇



**Chip Kirchner**  
President of the Union

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# Poly Snapshots

Photos and interviews by Stephanie Tan and Maria Kozdroy

## The Question:

What’s your favorite thing about Halloween?



Mia Rodgers  
ARCH '19

“I like the chocolates, Kit Kats, Reese’s, and having fun with my friends.”



Tom Feenstra  
MECL '18

“Seeing all the funny costumes. Especially the creative ones.”



Tenzin Tashi  
MATL '19

“Spooky candy, I like all the cheap candy the day afterwards. I like going door to door saying give me candy.”



Leighton James  
CHEG '20

“I like the idea of just people putting on masks and doing whatever they want for the night.”



John Marvin  
CSCI '19

“Pumpkin carving, because it’s a fun way to express yourself and show what’s important from the past year.”



Harlan Grossman  
MATL '18

“I don’t really like Halloween. I don’t really eat candy! They’re chock-full of trans fat.”





# Features

Wednesday, October 26th, 2016

## ALBUM REVIEW

# Banks strikes musical gold

Tanner Vargas  
*A Special to The Poly*

YOU WON'T FIND MANY ARTISTS AS unabashedly honest as Banks. The 28-year-old singer-songwriter will take you on a disillusioned trip through her darkened world of brooding alternative R&B trip-hop aesthetics. Fresh off the release of her sophomore effort, *The Altar*, the dark-haired phenomenon Banks has had an epic year.

Although she's toured with The Weeknd—twice, actually—Jillian Rose Banks started off small. She had always been a writer, but began to experiment with melodies at age 15 after receiving a toy keyboard as a gift. Her influences range from Lauryn Hill to Fiona Apple, evident in her empowering message. These years led to a natural progression in self-expression and the release of her first single on SoundCloud.

It didn't take long for her first effort to gain traction—"Before I Ever Met You" soon spun on BBC Radio 1 with DJ Zane Lowe. Banks signed and produced an EP, *London*, which included the incredible "Waiting Game." The haunting, beat-driven jam appeared in *Divergent* and *Grey's Anatomy*. She released

her debut LP, *Goddess*, in September of 2014 to critical success. Her edgy style in standout singles such as "Beggin for Thread" led to comparisons with FKA Twigs and Ellie Goulding. Banks' brand of R&B was dark, magnetic, and unforgettable.

*The Altar* was released on September 30, 2016. It is more authoritative than its predecessor, due to Banks' self-evolution and growth in confidence. She struggled through personal trials after her debut, from fame to depression. She insists that she be nothing but honest; not only for herself, but her fans. The lyrics are graphic and candid, the production dark and electrifying. Her voice soars and swoops through the R&B beats, twisting alongside the synthesized melodies with forward ease. She doesn't hold back, describing both successful and failed relationships in gritty detail. Banks has a psychology degree to her name, and it shows in her lyrical ventures. She explores the blurred lines between lust, love, honesty, and betrayal. She mimics the multifaceted and often disarming qualities of a relationship through distorted voice tracks and winding rhythms.

The second single, "Gemini Feed," is the first track of the album and an instant highlight. It opens with a sonic xylophone and bursts into a commanding, emotive chorus that contemplates the wicked ways of a manipulating ex.

The explosiveness of "Trainwreck" is evident from its opening beats and the entrance of Banks' tenacious vocals. Her commanding lyrics spill out over slinky whizzes: "Hey, I heard it from the state, they told me you were never gonna let me get away."

Not all of her emotional tracks are about a wrecked love—the stripped-down "To the Hilt" delves into the pain of a longstanding member leaving her team. It's a vocally intense standout with little instrumentation besides a forlorn piano. The change of style is captivating, and felt from the first piano strike to the last abandoned cry.

Banks has managed to craft a style unique to her, singing in shades of black and crimson, wailing over the beat with cracks of emotion. With a voice and artistry like Banks, it's no wonder she's become an underground sensation. "If you connect to my music, you connect to me, and I connect to you," she says. 🦇



Courtesy of Jillian Rose Banks

JILLIAN ROSE BANKS UTILIZES her degree in psychology to evoke powerful feelings in her latest album.

## PODCAST REVIEW

# Within the Wires aims for cult fame



Courtesy of Night Vale

JEFFERY CRANOR CREATES a sinister Institute in his new third podcast.

Nathan Dorer  
*Senior Reviewer*

RELEASED IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, *Within the Wires* stands as the third podcast released in the *Welcome to Night Vale* lineup. *Welcome to Night Vale* is a cult hit podcast known primarily for its surrealist take on everyday events, and its sister podcasts have a similar take on fictional story-based broadcasting. *Within the Wires* is the brainchild of writer Jeffrey Cranor, featuring narration from Janina Matthewson and original music by Mary Epworth. Despite having just finished its first season, the podcast has already been renewed for a second; currently, Cranor is running a fundraising campaign to cover the production costs of ten additional episodes.

*Within the Wires* is structured as a series of guided meditations from an alternate universe. In the world that Cranor has created, the ominous Institute serves as an authoritarian entity that surveys the populous for anyone that might be "irregular." Particularly, the Institute looks for people with violent tendencies—however, the exact meaning of this is intentionally ambiguous, and the listener is led to believe that the Institute may be corrupt. If the Institute declares someone to be outwardly violent or abnormal, the individual is swept away and held indefinitely in a campus vaguely akin to a psychiatric ward. The meditations, or "relaxation cassettes" as they are called in the broadcast, make it clear that anyone that is being held by the institute is not a prisoner—they are allowed to leave, but must pass an extensive set of examinations to prove that they are not a danger to society.

Throughout the relaxation cassettes, the narration begins to create a more concrete backstory for the listener. In the scheme of the conspiracy surrounding the Institute, the person creating the tapes, who later identifies herself as a woman named Hester, has known one of the people being held in the ward since they were both children. Hester makes it her mission to help her childhood friend escape from the confines of the Institute, and gives precise instructions to leave through the narration on her cassettes.

The entire broadcast is intriguing because it is conducted through second-person narration, which inevitably forces the listener into the deeper involvement in the events of the story. Immediately, *Within the Wires* commands that the audience be invested and aware of everything that is going on in the story, and the narration gives the sense that the entire broadcast was created solely for the listener. Despite the calm composure of someone doing guided meditations, Matthewson's narration demands a tangible sense of urgency when giving the listener routes of escape. There is something incredibly effective in instructing a listener to relax just before giving them precise directions for how to escape a security-laden psychiatric ward.

*Within the Wires* is as much easy listening as it is an exciting and dramatic story, and the evolution of the podcast throughout the first season was borderline artful. Ultimately, the construction of the broadcast serves to be something completely novel and entirely engaging; Cranor has reimagined the genre of guided meditations into a compelling narrative with a fully-formed backstory. 🦇



RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Albany ramen diner leaves reviewer satisfied

*Tanpopo Ramen and Sake Cafe delivers pleasant surprise with mantou buns, ramen*

Rex Hu  
Senior Reviewer

I'M A PRETTY LUCKY GUY—MY SISTER came over for Family Weekend, and my parents forced her to take me shopping (viva la Target!) and treat me to lunch. I'd been craving genuine Asian food lately, so on Sunday afternoon, we chatted with my big and his mother over some ramen. The drive to Albany was only 15 minutes, so we quickly arrived at the restaurant. Tanpopo Ramen and Sake Cafe is located in a slightly renovated old-fashioned diner, which gives it its own distinct feel. Somewhere between quaint and desolate, the diner had its charm, but the location was remote enough to make it feel slightly strange. Upon entering, we were quickly seated at a booth, which felt small but cozy. After a while, any feeling of being removed from civilization was washed away, and it felt like there were just the four of us.

The menu was decent, though the mere sight of fried crab rangoons, a fusion dish, made me shudder. But the ramen selection was respectable, with dishes such as tonkotsu, miso, roast duck, and even a vegetarian-friendly option. We started out with edamame, and my big and I got pork belly and roast duck buns, respectively. Edamame is edamame, but it was a bit pricy at



Courtesy of Matt H. Wade

**FOR THOSE CRAVING** an above-average Asian food experience in the Capital District, Tanpopo offers fair prices and a cozy dining experience.

five dollars for a bowl. And although they're traditionally a Chinese dish (for those who don't know, ramen is Japanese), the mantou buns were very good; they were soft and sweet, and I didn't get any hint that they were freezer food. I personally didn't get the roasted duck because I would go to an authentic Chinese restaurant for quality duck, but my big confirmed it was good. I can absolutely attest to the pork belly

bun—it was a small portion of meat, but it was sufficiently fatty, with some crisp on the lean meat. The vegetable, which I think was scallion or green onion, added texture; the sauce was a classic hoisin flavor. At seven dollars for two, I thought this was a nice treat. My choice of ramen was the tonkotsu—a pork bone marrow broth with chashu pork, scallion, fish cake, and kikurage mush-

room. First, and most importantly, the broth was solid, satisfying, and piping. However, it had a flat spice that seemed like black pepper, and it lacked the strong fragrance that I expected of a bone marrow broth. The noodles were perfectly good, as were the toppings. In retrospect, I realize they replaced the fish cake with corn, but I was perfectly fine eating it; it's still upsetting, since a

dish should reflect what is stated on the menu. Overall, the food was well-put together. The buns were a pleasant surprise—probably the best part of the meal—and the ramen was satisfying; it's not the most authentic, but we're in the Capital District, not Asia. If you're craving an Asian snack beyond what Red and Blue offers, it's definitely worth checking out. 🍜

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DILBERT

by Scott Adams

YOU HAVE TO GO TO A MANDATORY SAFETY TRAINING CLASS RIGHT NOW.

IS IT SAFE FOR ME TO MISS THE DEADLINE YOU GAVE ME FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT?

NO, YOU LOSE EITHER WAY.

HMM, MAYBE I COULD WORK ALL NIGHT FROM HOME THEN DRIVE TO WORK EXHAUSTED.

I FELL ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL BECAUSE I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT TO MEET YOUR DEADLINE.

I HAD TO WORK ALL NIGHT BECAUSE YOU MADE ME ATTEND A MANDATORY SAFETY MEETING YESTERDAY.

BUT AT LEAST I GOT MY WORK DONE ON TIME.

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THE MEETING GOT MOVED TO NEXT WEEK.

OUR SALESPeOPLE ARE BLAMING MARKETING FOR THE LOW DEMAND.

MARKETING IS BLAMING ENGINEERING FOR MAKING A PRODUCT NO ONE WANTS.

SO I BLAMED OUR CUSTOMERS FOR MIS-LEADING US ABOUT THEIR NEEDS.

NOW I DON'T FEEL SO BAD ABOUT OUR PRICE-GOUGING.

WHY DO I KEEP TAKING ON MORE WORK WHILE YOU DO NOTHING?

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU OPTIMIZE FOR PRODUCTIVITY, WHILE I OPTIMIZE FOR MY HAPPINESS.

THAT MAKES YOU A FREE-LOADER.

I PREFER THE LABEL "HAPPY WINNER."

I LIKE A MAN WHO ALWAYS OFFERS TO DO THE DRIVING ON DATES.

LIKE UBER? BUT LESS EXPENSIVE, AND NO WAITING.

SO YOU'RE SAYING I'M BETTER THAN UBER?

YOU WOULD BE IF YOU DIDN'T TALK.

I JUST REALIZED I'M IN THE WRONG MEETING.

MY BEST BET IS TO SLOWLY SINK BELOW THE TABLE AND SLIP AWAY.

SOMEDAY, WHEN MY GRANDKIDS ASK WHAT I DID FOR A LIVING, I'M GOING TO SAY I WAS UNEMPLOYED.

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Instructions

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

Answers from 9/28 Issue

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TOP TEN LIST

Styles

10. Chicago

9. NOT Chicago

8. Gangnam

7. Post-modern impressionism

6. Animal

5. Socks & sandals

4. Harry

3. Poly

2. AP

1. Double denim

WORDFIND by Ana Wishnoff

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

Halloween Candy

L	N	G	S	R	T	A	E	C	I	Q	K	X	D	Z
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T	X	I	E	I	S	R	E	L	Z	Z	I	W	T	I
D	F	D	R	X	A	I	A	S	B	J	K	L	S	E
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Butterfinger  
Crunch  
Dots  
Fun Dip  
Kit Kat

Milky Way  
Reeses  
Skittles  
Smarties  
Snickers

Sour Patch  
Starburst  
Twix  
Twizzlers  
Whoppers

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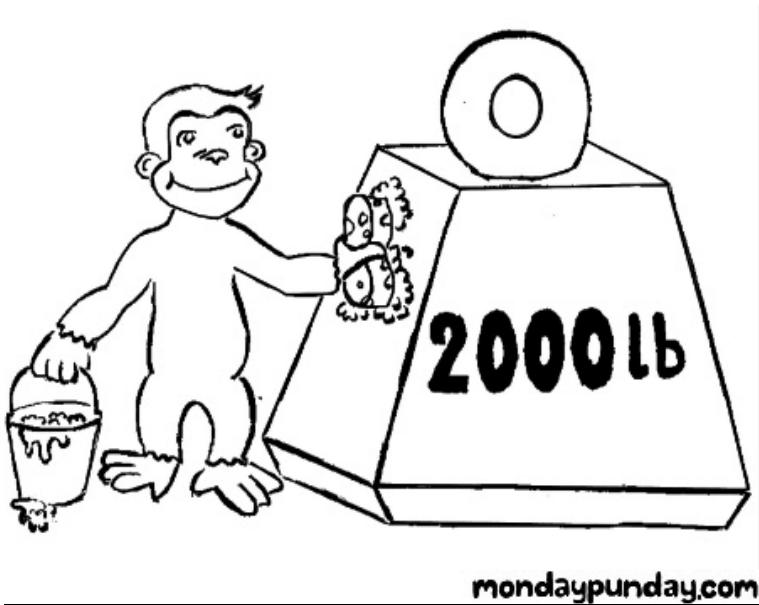


CRYPTOQUOTE

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

“L hdti rufr ruly  
lyd’r rux alpx  
rufr bto jqxpxq,  
fdc rufr lr’y nxxd  
ufqc ptq bto rt  
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nor L qxfaab ifdr  
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MONDAY PUNDAY by Matthew Broussard



XKCD

by Randall Munroe

### LIFE GOALS

- MEET SKRILLEX IN PHOENIX
- STUDY ZYMURGY
- GET A PET AXOLOTL NAMED HEXXUS
- OBSERVE A SYZYG FROM ZZYZX, CALIFORNIA
- PORT THE GAMES ZZZZZYXX AND XEXYZ TO XBOX
- PUBLISH A ZZZAX/MISTER MXYZPTLK CROSSOVER
- BIKE FROM XHAFZOTAJ, ALBANIA TO QAZAXBƏYLI, AZERBAIJAN
- PAINT AN ARCHAEOPTERYX FIGHTING A MUZQUIZOPTERYX
- FINISH A GAME OF SCRABBLE WITHOUT GETTING PUNCHED

WE SHOULD MAKE COFFEE FOR OUR GUESTS.  
/ CRAP. I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT COFFEE.  
WE'RE BASICALLY FAKE ADULTS.

DON'T PANIC. WE CAN  
FIGURE THIS OUT.

WE JUST  
POUR THE  
COFFEE  
GROUNDS...

...ADD  
WATER...

VRRRR

NOW WE JUST  
HOLD IT OVER  
THE BURNERS...

HISSSS

ANNND... SERVE.  
/ NICE!  
I'M A REGULAR  
STARBUCK!

MAKING FRIENDS IS SO  
MUCH HARDER ONCE  
YOU'RE OUT OF SCHOOL.  
EVERYONE'S SO BUSY.  
AND HOW DO YOU  
EVEN MEET PEOPLE?

HERE'S WHAT I DO:  
I PRETEND TO BE WEAK AND  
INJURED, AND WAIT FOR  
OTHERS TO START CIRCLING,  
HOPING TO TAKE MY FOOD,  
SHELTER, AND NUTRIENTS.

THEN, BEFORE THEY CAN  
DESCEND, I START TELLING  
THEM COOL FACTS ABOUT  
SPACE UNTIL THEY LIKE ME.  
BAM, FRIENDSHIP!  
/ THIS EXPLAINS A LOT.

SIGNAL LOST.  
ROSETTA HAS  
IMPACTED THE  
COMET.  
GOOD WORK,  
EVERYONE!  
WOOO!

SO.  
DO YOU THINK WE  
DEFLECTED IT?

HUH?  
DID WE HIT THE COMET  
HARD ENOUGH TO DEFLECT  
IT AWAY FROM EARTH?

THAT'S... IS THAT  
WHAT YOU THOUGHT  
WE WERE DOING?  
I JUST  
ASSUMED...

HE'S A HUGE ARMAGEDDON  
FAN. LET HIM HAVE THIS.  
OKAY, FINE.  
YES! WE DID IT!  
EARTH IS SAVED!  
WOOO!

# Events

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

## WEDNESDAY

October 26

### Thesis Submission Tips

*Folsom Library Fisbach Room; noon–1 pm*  
OGE will host a presentation on the thesis and dissertation submission process. Tips and techniques on the submission process will be discussed to guide students in the last phase of their studies by providing key recommendations, do’s and don’ts, and sharing common mistakes that students make in the submission process, often costing critical time.

### Life at the Interface of Science and Engineering

*CBIS Auditorium; 1–2 pm*  
Nobel Laureate Thomas R. Cech presents a lecture titled “CRISPER Genome Engineering Gives New Insights about Telomerase and its Role in Cancer.”

### Lally School of Management Speaker

*CBIS Auditorium; 1–2 pm*  
Mr. Sharad Kumar will present a seminar titled “Leveraging Modeling and Analytical Techniques for Credit Card Business.”

### Fall Town Meeting

*EMPAC Theater; 3–4 pm*  
President Shirley Ann Jackson invites the Rensselaer community to join her for the 2016 Fall Town Meeting. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

### ECSE Seminar

*DCC 324; 3:30–5 pm*  
Dr. Henny Admoni, from Carnegie Mellon, presents a seminar titled “Recognizing Human Intent for Assistive Robotics.”

### C & EE Fall Seminar Speaker

*JEC 3117; 4–5 pm*  
The Civil and Environmental Engineering Department hosts Dr. Ehsan Ghazanfari. He will present a seminar titled “Geomechanical Characterization of Marcellus Shale Formations.”

### Lally School of Management Event

*CBIS Auditorium; 4–8 pm*  
The Center for Supply Networks and Analytics in the Rensselaer Lally School of Management will host an event, “On-Demand Warehousing and Logistics,” with Jennifer Pazour.

### “Learn Design Teach Nanotechnology”

*JEC 3232; 6–7 pm*  
The LDT Nano course combines fundamentals of nanotechnology with student designed hands on learning projects for K–12 students and their families. Register at [soeoutreach@rpi.edu](mailto:soeoutreach@rpi.edu).

## THURSDAY

October 27

### Biomedical Engineering Seminar

*CII 4050; 2:30–3:30 pm*  
Peter Yingxiao Wang, University of California, San Diego, will present “Molecular Engineering for Imaging and Reprogramming in Live Cells.”

### Mathematical Sciences Colloquium

*Lally 104; 4–5 pm*  
Beverly K. Berger presents a lecture titled “When black holes collide: a new window on the universe.”

### Public Communication Workshop

*Folsom Library Fisbach Room; 4–6 pm*  
This workshop will teach participants about the basics of persuasive and analytic essay construction.

### Hypercube

*EMPAC Theater; 7–8 pm*  
“Cube2: Hypercube” is a 2002 science fiction feature by Andrzej Sekula that was filmed within the constrained space of a “cube” of diffused light. The story follows increasingly disoriented protagonists as they attempt to puzzle their way out of a quantum maze.

## FRIDAY

October 28

### Don’t Breathe

*DCC 308; 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight*  
Hoping to walk away with massive cash, a trio of thieves break into the house of a sick man who isn’t as helpless as he seems.

### Historic Walking Ghost Tours

*Rensselaer Union; 7–11 pm*  
Join the Original Albany Ghost Tour at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy for a 90-minute walking tour of the legends and lore of the nearly 200-year-old institution.

### Haunted House

*Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity; 7–11:30 pm*  
Join the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi and the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta for their annual Haunted House to benefit The Ability Experience and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

## SATURDAY

October 29

### Halloween Activities

*Blitman Commons; 4–6 pm*  
Local elementary school children will come to Blitman Hall in the Conference Room areas to get candy and enjoy different activities sponsored by the Rensselaer students.

### 10 Cloverfield Lane

*DCC 308; 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight*  
After getting in a car accident, a woman is held in a shelter with two men, who claim the outside world is affected by a widespread chemical attack.

### Vijay Iyer and Craig Taborn

*EMPAC Concert Hall; 8–9 pm*  
Two progressive voices in American jazz piano join forces for a performance that blurs the line between composition and improvisation. Vijay Iyer and Craig Taborn have each risen to prominence within the jazz scene by expanding the boundaries of the genre.

## MONDAY

October 31

### Dept. of MANE - Special Seminar

*JEC 3117; 10:30–11:30 am*  
Dr. Bao-Wen Yang presents a seminar titled “Challenges in the Prediction of Rod Bundle CHF - from Subchannel Analysis, CFD Modeling, Rod Bundle Measurement, to CHF Prediction.”

### Biological Sciences Seminar Series

*CBIS Bruggeman Room; noon–1 pm*  
Savanna Dorsey presents “Quantification of nutrient dependence of SBF/MBF transcription factors controlling Start in budding yeast.” Joseph Wiegartner presents “The Role of Microtubules and Actin Filaments in HGF Induced Cellular Morphogenesis.”

### Mathematical Sciences Colloquium

*Lally 104; 4–5 pm*  
Jianliang Qian presents a lecture titled “Fast Algorithms for Mathematical Modeling and Inversion in Geophysical Exploration.”

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FOOTBALL

# Rainy day loss during Transit Trophy game

Joseph Saulsbery  
Senior Reporter

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE football faced off against the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Engineers last Saturday at East Campus Stadium in the annual Transit Trophy game. A cold, heavy rainstorm loomed over the Capital Region all day, dumping more than an inch of rain on Troy and making handling the football difficult. In view of the slippery conditions the storm presented, RPI relied heavily on its ground game. Rensselaer rushers pounded through the WPI front line all afternoon, combining for 244 yards rushing on 41 attempts. To counter Rensselaer’s rushing attack, Worcester ran the ball 50 times. However, the RPI defensive front held them to just 140 yards total. But in the end, three Rensselaer turnovers and 16 points in the second half were too much for the home team to overcome as WPI upended RPI by a final score of 19–7.

Early in the second half, trailing 3–0, the RPI offense rumbled its way into Worcester territory with two hard runs by sophomore running back Nick Cella and a 15-yard run by elusive sophomore rusher Malick Kelly. Then, freshman quarterback Tommy Avery broke loose, sprinting 39 yards to the WPI six, on what was the longest play of the day for the home team. On the next play, junior running back Nick Esposito took the handoff up the middle and ran it into the end zone to give RPI a 7–3 lead.

The numbers were not great for Worcester quarterback Dan Eckler on Saturday. He completed just 13 of his 32 passing attempts for 158 yards. But several of his completions set up scores for the visiting team. The first of these came late in the first quarter on a 27-yard completion to running back Connor Field, in which Field broke loose and scampered to the Rensselaer 35.

This pass and three shorter ones allowed Worcester to move the ball inside the RPI



Stephanie Tan/The Polytechnic

**SOPHOMORE MALIEK KELLY PREPARES to catch a long pass. Kelly rushed for 20 yards during Saturday’s game against WPI. (file photo)**

20 and kick a 29-yard field goal early in the second quarter.

After an RPI fumble midway through the third quarter, Worcester took over on Rensselaer’s side of the field. Eckler completed a 23-yard pass over the middle of the field to WPI wide receiver Brandon Eccher. The throw moved the visiting Engineers to the RPI 13-yard line and set up a rushing touchdown for WPI running back Sean McAllen four plays later that put WPI ahead 10–7.

Later, in the fourth quarter, WPI plowed their way down to the RPI one-yard line

but were stuffed three straight times by the tough front line of Rensselaer.

Then the Rensselaer offense stumbled. Wells, who had compiled an excellent game up to that point, took the handoff from Avery only to see nothing but a brick wall of Worcester linemen sealing off his running route. WPI defensive lineman Dereck Pacheco wrapped up Wells in the end zone for a Worcester safety and gave the visiting Engineers a 12–7 lead with less than seven minutes remaining.

On the ensuing drive, Eckler completed a short pass to receiver Steven Thulin, who

raced 21 yards to the RPI 11. On the next play, Worcester running back Connor Field broke through the RPI line for one of only three 10-plus yard runs for the visiting Engineers, scoring a touchdown and putting the game out of reach for RPI, 19–7.

For RPI, senior linebacker Alexander Greenidge tallied 15 tackles to lead all defenders and junior defensive back Sean Egan added eight tackles, an interception, and a forced fumble.

Next up for 4–4 Rensselaer is a road game at Springfield College next Saturday, November 5. 🍁

## Hockey: Late goal ends game in tie

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RPI charged out of the locker room ready to score going into the second period, extending their lead to 3–1 less than two minutes into the period. Goals came from Prapavessis and sophomore Evan Tironese.

As the period wore on, the Tigers closed on the Engineer’s lead. Gabe Valenzuela scored in the fourth minute, and Erik Brown in the 15th minute to even up the game.

To close out the scoring in the second period, junior Jared Wilson fired one into the net on a power play, putting the Engineers in the lead once again.

The Tigers were unable to put any more shots past sophomore goalie Cam Hackett. This wasn’t the case for the Engineers, who continued to score two more goals during the period, one from Bourbonnais, his second of the game, and one from senior Jake Wood.

Friday, October 28 is the annual Black Friday hockey game against Union College. The Engineers will then travel to Union on Saturday, October 29. 🍁

## Soccer: Men’s team extends winning streak to four games

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Despite Skidmore’s eight shots in the first half of the men’s Wednesday game, the Engineers held off the Thoroughbreds. Neither team was able to score in the first half.

It was late in the game when the Engineers slipped one past Skidmore’s goalie. A misplay by the Thoroughbreds’ defense allowed senior Devon Baughen to scoop up possession and score. Skidmore, with only ten minutes left in the game, was unable to respond to the goal.

During Saturday’s rainy game, scoring was plentiful for the Engineers in the second half. The first goal came from sophomore Danny Corridan, who received the ball from Baughen after a corner kick. Corridan put the ball low in the corner to give RPI the lead.

The Engineers increased their lead in the 68th minute thanks to Corridan and junior Steven Collins. Corridan received the ball from the throw in, quickly passing it to Collins who was able to shoot past the goalie’s reach.

But RPI was not done scoring just yet; late in the game, Collins was back in action. Senior Nick Revano played a cross inside the 18, which slipped past the goalie. Collins was there to finish the shot. The game ended 3–0 in favor of the Engineers.

Women’s soccer is 13–3 overall and will face Skidmore away on Thursday, October 27. The men’s team, now on a four game streak, is 7–6–3 overall and will travel to Keene State College on Wednesday, October 26. 🍁

*The Polytechnic wishes everyone a happy Halloween. Remember to take advantage of discounted candy on November 1!*



MEN'S HOCKEY

Engineers cage Tigers on Saturday night

After a close tie on Friday, Rensselaer came back to steamroll RIT during Saturday's game

Jack Wellhofer  
Senior Reporter

THE MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM SAW success in their home openers during family weekend this past week. The Engineers only managed to tie Niagara University 3-3 on Friday, but steam-rolled Rochester Institute of Technology on Saturday night with a 6-3 victory.

While both Niagara and Rensselaer took shots in the first period, the nets were well-defended and neither team managed a goal.

The scoring opened with Niagara in the second period. While the Purple Eagles were on a power play, Niagara's Derian Plouffe fired a shot and beat freshman goalie Chase Perry.

With the ice broken, the Engineers were determined to strike back. It took them only 38 seconds to do so, when sophomore Evan Tironese slipped one into Niagara's goal.

In an emotional rollercoaster for fans, Niagara went on to score again less than a minute later. This time it was Johnny



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SENIOR RILEY BOURBONNAIS FLIES past RIT in Saturday's game. Bourbonnais scored two against RIT.

Curran who beat Perry while the Purple Eagles were on a power play.

Niagara continued to lead 2-1 into the third period. At 1:44 into the period, sophomore Tommy

Grant took a point shot, which was redirected by junior Lou Nanne to tie the game for the Engineers.

RPI took the lead for the first time in the game late in the period thanks to a power play goal by junior Jared Wilson. The Engineers were feeling confident with only a little more than five minutes left in the game to hold off the Purple Eagles.

Unfortunately, a misplay allowed Curran to scoop up the puck and obtain his second goal for the evening. Neither team was able to score in the last minutes of the game, which ended in a 3-3 tie.

The Purple Eagles then capitalized on an RPI defensive zone giveaway to knot the score at 3-3 with under four minutes to play. Curran corralled a loose puck in the left circle and beat Perry high blocker side for an unassisted tally.

RIT's Chase Norrish struck first in Saturday's game at 9:56, giving the Tigers an early lead in what would become a high-scoring game.

At 14:12 into the first period, despite the fact that junior Mike Prapavessis was sitting in the penalty box, senior Riley Bourbonnais managed to sneak one past the Tiger's goalie.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Family weekend win

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COMING OFF A MIDWEEK 0-2 LOSS AGAINST the Panthers of Middlebury College, the Engineers rebounded on Saturday in their Family Weekend home game against the Vassar College Brewers, taking the game 1-0. A goal made by junior Nicole Clancy's with nine minutes left of play went uncontested, propelling Rensselaer to 8-7 overall and 2-4 in league games for the 2016 season, of which three days remain.

The first half of last Wednesday's game remained deadlocked when neither the Engineers nor the Panthers took an offensive or defensive advantage. Rensselaer had several opportunities to score, most notably when junior Megan Jones aimed for the side of the net, forcing Middlebury goalie Emily Miller to snap left, but each attempt failed.

Two goals within the span of four minutes broke the scoreless draw that had ensued during the first half. A goal by Middlebury's Julia Richards one minute

after the close of halftime swung the game in favor of the opponent. Annie Leonard then secured the Panthers' advantage when she scored at 40:48 of regulation.

The game was played very defensively against Middlebury, whose record for the season is 10-3. Sophomore goalie Rachel Kaufman made five saves to Miller's two. Saturday, RPI competed against Vassar College. Although both teams held their own for the majority of play that afternoon despite cold and wet conditions, but Rensselaer emerged victorious.

Sophomore goalie Kayla Bell performed a total of five saves during play. Seven shots on goal were made by each team.

The final home game of the season will take place this afternoon at 5 pm on Renwyck Field at East Campus Athletic Village. The State University of New York at New Paltz will be the final league challenger. This Saturday, Rensselaer will be away at the State University of New York at Oneonta for their final regular season match. 🦇



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SOPHOMORE MIKAELA DIBELLO CHARGES down the field toward the goal. (file photo)

SOCCER

Victorious soccer week

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BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAMS SAW SUCCESS THIS WEEK. THE WOMEN'S TEAM defeated the Bard College Raptors on their own turf 2-1 last Saturday. The men's team took on Skidmore College at home last Wednesday with a 1-0 victory, then crushed Bard 3-0 on a rain-soaked field Saturday afternoon.

The women's team struck early against Bard, with the first goal coming in the ninth minute of play. The Engineers shot a long ball toward the goal, which slipped out of the hands of the Raptor's goalie. Senior forward Cori Winslow seized the opportunity and scored on the rebound.

Rebounds continued to present opportunities for RPI. This time, Winslow crossed the ball into the box, one which, again, Bard's goalie was not able to hold on to. Senior forward Ali Zumpetta was there at the ready, and redirected the ball to put the Engineers at a 2-0 lead.

It took the Raptors until late in the game to make headway on the Engineer's lead. Bard, too, scored on a rebound. The Raptor's Hattie Wilder Karlstrom put a free kick on net, which freshman goalie Joey Lyons was only able to tip. Katie Hopper finished the shot, putting the score at 2-1. However, the tying goal never came for Bard, and RPI emerged victorious.

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SENIOR KENSEY WATERMAN RUNS to save the ball from going out of bounds. (file photo)