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Chief justice of the United States visits RPI

Maria Espinosa
Senior Reporter

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES Chief Justice John Roberts came to RPI on Tuesday to give a speech and answer questions for the Rensselaer community. Even though Roberts said he never imagined being Chief Justice or a judge, he went on to accomplish great things in his career. Roberts graduated from Harvard College with a degree in history, and later on from Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctorate degree. “The only reason I went to law school was because it was clear that there were no jobs for historians,” he said. After graduation, he began serving the American justice system as a practicing lawyer, clerk, judge, and now, Chief Justice. It was in 2005, after the death of Chief Justice Rehnquist, that Roberts was nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate.

Roberts was introduced by President Shirley Ann Jackson. She spoke of the relationship they developed working together for the Smithsonian Institution. President Jackson also explained why it was important to have Roberts speaking at RPI. She explained that it is essential for students to have a greater perspective of the world and be exposed to more than just science-related concepts.

Chief Justice Roberts took the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center stage at 1 pm to begin his speech. He thanked Dr. Jackson for his introduction and continued on to his presentation. Roberts said that he has never spoken at a STEM-oriented university before, and that he wanted to make this speech different. He began by explaining

what his presentation would be about. He said he would highlight his predecessor’s connections to science and technology. About the connections, he said, there “are very few.” With his comment, the audience broke into laughter. Immediately, Roberts created a relaxed, playful environment. From the beginning, it was clear that Roberts had put in effort to prepare an exceptional presentation.

Chief Roberts accompanied his spoken presentation with a series of images from each of the 16 Chief Justices that preceded him, which were shown on a projector for everyone to see. He spoke about each Chief Justice, somehow tying each of them to either science or technology. Some of the ties Roberts made were serious, while others were very loose and humorous. For example, when he mentioned Chief Justice Melville Fuller, Robert mentioned the physical resemblance Fuller had to Mark Twain, amusingly connecting Fuller to science and technology by mentioning the physical resemblance Twain had to Albert Einstein. Later, Roberts was less humorous when he mentioned Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, who was driven to find for a cure to diabetes for his daughter. Hughes found a doctor in Canada who helped his daughter. When it came time to connect himself to science and technology, Roberts said that his connection was “being here today.”

After his presentation concluded, President Jackson proceeded to ask him questions. The first question she asked him was who was his greatest influence. The incumbent Chief Justice’s answer was John Marshall. He is Robert’s greatest influence because he changed the role of a Chief Justice, making it serious.



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ROBERTS DISCUSSES the connections between former chief justices and science.

Responding to another answer, Roberts spoke about leadership. He said as a good leader, he has learned that he is not always the best leader. He knows when to back off and let his colleagues take on the leadership roles they are best at. Continuing to speak about his colleagues, he mentioned that he has also learned to be fair and effective, by getting to know each of his colleagues and their different work ethics. As a group, he says they know each other well. He mentioned that each time they work on a case, all the justices eat lunch together “without

speaking about business.” He mentioned that, because they work together so closely and for so long, they restrain from long-lasting arguments. Roberts said that their disagreements are “like a marriage – not all fights have to be huge fights.” Thinking about their work dynamics, Roberts said that it is best to keep cameras and recording private from the public. He said that at the end of the day, their job is not to educate the public, and humorously added that they “might end up talking like they do in congress.” ♦

STUDENT SENATE

Grand Marshal creates new review committee



Jonathan Caicedo/The Polytechnic

GRAND MARSHAL JUSTIN ETZINE '18 DISCUSSES requirements of new members of the Student Senate and creates new internal review committee aimed at reforms.

Peter Gramenides
Senior Reporter

GRAND MARSHAL JUSTIN ETZINE '18 OPENED HIS FIRST Student Senate meeting by exceeding the expectations of all incoming senators. Etzine stated that he expects new senators to behave professionally during Senate meetings, including dressing in business casual attire, refraining from using inappropriate language, and having senators understand that they are representing the student body in all interactions with both students and administrators. Etzine has expressed his concerns about

a lack of professionalism in Student Government in the past and would like to see that change through more rigid enforcement.

Etzine continued to outline requirements for new Senators including active attendance on two committees for non-committee chairpeople and one for committee chairpeople. Etzine stated that, at most, senators may be absent from two meetings without a valid excuse, and two or more unexcused absences is an impeachable offense. Following discussion, the newly elected senators introduced themselves to the meeting. The Senate then continued to interim officer appointments, which passed 20-0-0. Officers from last year are being reap-

pointed until committee chairpeople are confirmed so the committees may continue their work uninterrupted.

Following the appointments, the Senate discussed the establishment of the Internal Reforms Committee to make changes to Student Government in response to Summer Arch, which include updating Senate requirements, data management, and overall changes to improve the operations of the Senate. The motion establishing the committee passed 19-0-1. The creation of the committee did not require changes to the Senate bylaws since it will end with the 48th Student Senate. ♦

CAMPUS EVENT

Phalanx Honor Society inducts 25 new members

Outstanding freshmen, sophomores welcomed into White Key Society

Crystal Vejar
Senior Reporter

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, THE 2017 PHALANX HONOR SOCIETY tapping ceremony took place in the Heffner Alumni House. The ceremony began with welcoming remarks from Phalanx Vice President Christopher Markum '17, followed by the keynote address by President Shirley Ann Jackson. After the keynote address, the White Key Society held their induction in which they inducted 11 new members, eight from the Class of 2019, and three from the Class of 2020. The White Key Society awards membership based on the same criteria as the Phalanx society but is awarded to freshmen and sophomores who have shown strong leadership skills and dedication to improving the Rensselaer community.

Following the White Key induction, the David M. Darrin '40 Counseling Award was given to 10 faculty members. For the last 45 years, the members of Phalanx have selected the winner of the award based on leadership, service, and devotion to the alma mater. This is the first year it has been awarded to more than one recipient. Following the distribution of these awards, the 2016 recipient Dr. Marianne C. Nyman gave her Wizard of Oz-themed remarks, and encouraged everyone to continue to be "good deed doers" and stand for what you believe in, while staying courageous and "having heart and brain."

Lastly, the new Phalanx members were inducted. Phalanx was founded in the spring of 1912 by Edward H. Dion, Class of 1912, to honor those who had dedicated time to better the reputation of Rensselaer both on and off campus. The society was composed of leaders of clubs and organizations, as well as those who proved to have goals and long-term visions of improving Rensselaer. Members were initially inducted as freshmen and sophomores to the White Key Society, and if they continued to show true leadership and dedication, they could then be inducted into Phalanx.

The prestigious membership is now awarded to honor and recognize leadership and dedication to improving life at Rensselaer through nominations on their website.



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BRENNA BUCKLEY '18 RECEIVES Phalanx's symbolic yellow blazer from Vice President Christopher Markum '17.

Phalanx members follow up on the nominations and determine whether the nominee is worthy of the high honor. This year, 25 inductees were given their special yellow blazers, and tapped into the society. The inductees were Gregory Bartell '17; Rachel Blacker '18; Samantha Bliss '17; Kianna Brevig '18; Daniel Bruce '16; Brenna Buckley '18; Diego Carrasquillo '16, '17; Christine Desplat '17; Jennifer Freedberg '18; Shannon Gillespie-McComb '17; Jonathan Gottwald '17; James Hanuman '17; Tanner Hart '17; Charles Kirchner '17; Kenna Klass '18; Donna Grace Moleta '18; Conrad

Moss '17; Hannah Murphy '18; Candice Poon '17; Priyanka Raju '18; Spencer Scott '13, '17 Ph.D; Kristen Shaughnessy '17; Anna Thonis '17; Mary Votto '17; and Haoxue Yan '16. Following the Phalanx inductees, five faculty members were given Honorary Phalanx membership. These new honorary members were held to the same standards while going through the nomination process and have shown great dedication the Rensselaer community. The Honorary inductees were Christine Allard, Graham Knowles, Randi Mogul, Tara Schuster, and Sharon Simmons. ♦

Grand Marshal Week 2017 election results



Jonathan Caicedo/The Polytechnic

GM ETZINE AND PU RAND TAKE selfie together in front of the Louis Rubin Memorial Approach.

Brookelyn Parslow
Senior Reporter

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7, JUSTIN ETZINE '18 AND MATTHEW RAND '19 WERE ELECTED Grand Marshal and President of the Union, respectively. Etzine, running unopposed, received 85 percent of the vote. No write-in candidates for GM reached the 150 vote threshold to be reported. Rand won against opponent Rasika Ekhalikar '18, with 50 percent of the vote. Keegan Caraway '18 and Harrison Leinweber '18 were eliminated in last Tuesday's primary.

Kayla Cinnamon '18, running against Matt Heimlich '18, was elected Undergraduate Council President with 54.4 percent of the vote.

Former Vice President of the Union Shannon Gillespie McComb was elected Alumni President, over opponent Michael Cuzzo. Erica Braunschweig, running against Chris Hoskins, was elected Alumni Vice President. Conrad Moss and Michael Gardner both ran unopposed and were elected Alumni Secretary and Alumni Treasurer, respectively.

Kinshuk Panda, Stephanie Jennings, Anthony Ashley, Jordan Angel, Anthony Bishop, and Michael Gardner were elected Graduate Senators. Amanda Youmans, Spencer Scott, Ezra Teboul, Hined Rafeh, and Marissa Giovino were elected Graduate Representatives.

Stefanie Warner '18 and Tianyi Qiao '18 were elected Independent Senators, over opponent Yuvi Chopra '19. Jennie Miller '18, who ran unopposed, was elected Greek Senator of the Panhellenic Council, while Sean Ferracioli '18 was elected Greek Senator of the Interfraternity Council, over opponent Ross Devito '19.

Brenna Buckley and Sean Waclawik, who both ran unopposed, were elected Class of 2018 President and Vice President, respectively. Steven Sperazza, Hannah Merrow, Ellie Mees, and Varun Rao were elected Class of 2018 Senators. Brandon Cressi, Sukjinder Singh, Keegan Caraway, Mark Beston, Matt Heimlich, Huntington Gazecki, Youssef Elasser, and Daniel Gorman were elected Class of 2018 Representatives.

Vignesh Babu and Colin Williamson were elected Class of 2019 President and Vice President, respectively, and both ran unopposed. Nancy Bush, Kinsley Rowan, Mary Clare Crochiere, and Yuvi Chopra were elected Class of 2019 Senators. Stephanie Tan, Samantha Spano, Benjamin Morrison, Adi Mitra, Mark Birkbeck, Andrew D'Aoust, Jacob Lane, and Brian Wisbauer were elected Class of 2019 Representatives.

Josh Drinkhouse and Joey Lyons, who both ran unopposed, were elected Class of 2020 President and Vice President, respectively. Lily Wang, Chris Duffy, Meagan Lettko, and Joshua Thomas were elected Class of 2020 Senators, over opponents Evan Abreu, Nino Polletta, and Sruja Machani. Emily Kaplan, Ariana Gerdis, Milena Gonzalez, Sarah El-Ghandour, Gabriella Fantell, Alexis Castellon, Clarisse Baes, and Jeanine Moreau were elected Class of 2020 Representatives, over opponents Sruja Machani and Tejas Narayan. ♦

Editorial

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Impressive guests engage students

Visits from Former CIA Director John O. Brennan and Chief Justice John Roberts important to Rensselaer

THE POLYTECHNIC WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OUR appreciation to the administration for bringing high profile speakers to Rensselaer. Last fall, former CIA Director John O. Brennan came to discuss relevant topics such as global warming, terrorism, and technological changes to the modern world. Just yesterday, Chief Justice John Roberts took the stage at the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center for a conversation about the details of working on the Supreme Court of the United States.

We believe that these high profile figures speaking at RPI serve two important purposes. The first is exposure to areas outside of science and engineering that play an integral role in our society. As students at a technical school, we don't often get the chance to discuss and analyze topics outside of our specific domains. While having knowledge in a focused discipline is important, being knowledgeable in other areas is equally important. These conversations are a good way for students, faculty, and administrators to explore relatively untouched topics at RPI.

The other benefit of hosting these speakers is the publicity Rensselaer receives. Although we like to compare ourselves to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, RPI is far less known outside the science and engineering fields. Having the director of the CIA and the chief justice of the United States speak at Rensselaer is surely a boost to the Institute's publicity. Between the benefits and exciting opportunities for both parties involved in the guest talks, we can't wait to see what renowned figure visits next. ♦

EDITORIAL NOTEBOOKS

Service fraternity provides more than service to brother

Friendship, leadership complement volunteer activities

PLEDGING THE NATIONAL CO-ED SERVICE FRATERNITY, Alpha Phi Omega, has been one of the best decisions I've made during my time at Rensselaer. Now celebrating one year as a brother, I realize that joining the brotherhood has not only allowed me to fulfill my desire to volunteer in the community during college, but to also develop my previously underdeveloped social skills that had followed me from high school into my freshman year at RPI.

When I joined APO last spring, I joined for service. Although the service organization, Circle K, which I joined my first semester, provided diverse and frequent service opportunities, something was missing, and when I heard about APO, nothing sounded more appealing to me than a fraternity whose primary objective is to serve chapter, campus, community, and country. What I realize now is that what lured me to APO was not, in fact, service; it was family.

I came into college never expecting to join a fraternity. I had a negative conception of fraternities entering college, which was only further confirmed when I engaged in Greek Rush as a freshman. But what distinguished APO from the other fraternities is that APO champions three cardinal principles which govern all aspects of the brotherhood: leadership, friendship, and service. This was an immediate draw, because it sounded complete to me, reminding me of the family I had traveled 2,500 miles away from that past summer. I decided to throw caution to the wind, and, on Friday, February 19, 2016, I accepted a bid to pledge.

Initially, pledging was somewhat intimidating; that is, it was intimidating until the date of the Big Brother Little Brother Ceremony. A turning point in my pledging semester, I learned two weeks into the

pledging process that my big would be Olivia King '18. Whenever I needed advice on pledging, help with my pledging requirements, or just someone to talk to about anything, Olivia always found the time to listen. Her receptive attitude comforted me in the toughest of times. To this day, I have a great relationship with my big that I trust will endure for decades to come. In fact, it was the first friendship I gained that I am confident will last a lifetime.

On Saturday, April 30, 14 pledges were initiated as brothers. In spite of my nerves suggesting the contrary, I learned that I was one of them, and I couldn't have been happier. The brotherhood has since come to accept each of us as equals to them, and many of us have accomplished great things since that fated day. APO turned out to be everything I expected, and more.

In my time affiliated with APO, I have made many new friends, gained new leadership skills as a chapter officer, and volunteered more than I had ever expected to in college. Elected service vice president last semester, I have been able to combine all three principles into my APO experience, planning acts of service both on and off campus, leading a service event planning committee, and gaining friends by helping pledges plan events for their requirements and working closely with the members on my committee to ensure our service program is diverse and overflowing with opportunities in a variety of areas.

APO has required a great deal of attention outside of classwork, but never have I minded giving it the attention it needs. It has done so much for me. The only option in my mind is to make it as wonderful of an experience for others as it was for me. ♦



Michael Baird
Editorial Opinion Editor

Revamped gym routine challenges, provides escape

New workout program makes exercise more difficult, yet rewarding; helps with mental recovery from classes

THIS SEMESTER, I HAVE BEEN TRYING to get myself into some sort of gym regimen. I usually try to get to the gym three to four times a week, and I usually just run a few miles and do some floor exercises, mostly for abs and stretching. This was never really an exhilarating workout for me, but I thought it was enough to just keep me in decent shape and get some exercise in between my academics. Recently, however, I started following some of Kayla Itsine's workout program and have realized that my previous workouts have been less than satisfactory.

Her program is 12 weeks long and includes three resistance trainings per week with one being optional: low intensity steady state training, high intensity interval training, and stretching. I am not following her program fully because my schedule does not allow for it, as she expects it to be broken down to go to the gym every day of the week. What I have

been doing for each of my gym visits is my previous running routine, her resistance workouts instead of the floor exercises, then stretching.

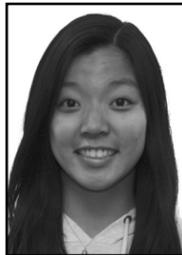
Her resistance trainings consist of two circuits that are to be repeated twice, and somehow, only a little over a week into these workouts, I've already felt a difference in her program in comparison to my other exercises. First, I definitely break much more of a sweat and find myself struggling more than I ever have before. Most of her circuits include new exercises I haven't done before and

have me following a circuit where there is a continuation of exercises, making the workout much more challenging. Some of the exercises in her program are ones that I didn't even know were exercises and have broadened my horizons in working out more than just abs. I have also explored different equipment, and been forced to go downstairs

into the weight room, a place I had feared for some time. Pushing through her workouts has made my experience at the gym feel so much more rewarding.

Other than this realization that I actually need to push myself at the gym if I hope to actually get fit, I also have found the cardio room of the Mueller Center to be a good escape from everything that RPI throws at me. Getting on a treadmill, putting on the Spotify Dance Workout playlist and just running does a very good job of clearing my mind of any work I have. We all need that mental break from academics, and recently the treadmill has worked better than Netflix for me.

To sum up any potential point I have here, I hope to make going to the gym a larger part of my life, and to continue with this more challenging workout program and potentially be in shape enough for it to not drain me completely each time I do it. On top of this, I also aspire to keep the gym as a healthy way to take a break from my workload. ♦



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TOP HAT

New Grand Marshal solicits applicants for Senate committees

HELLO RPI! MY NAME IS JUSTIN ETZINE, and I am beyond humbled to be serving the student body as your Grand Marshal. Thank you to all of those who came out to vote, expressed interest in the campaign, and have looked to get involved in student government! I'm excited for the incredible potential for the year ahead, and I'm looking forward to working with my fellow student government officials to serve you as effectively as possible.

There are a number of ways to get involved in student government, and I highly encourage all of you to do so, especially if you're interested in making a difference for current and future Engineers. The best way to get involved, like I did, is by joining a committee! There are a number of committees that focus on many areas of campus life.

The Facilities and Services Committee works primarily with the physical state of campus and the auxiliary services on campus. The Hospitality Services Advisory committee falls under FSC, focusing specifically on improving food services on campus. The Academic Affairs Committee works with the Provost's office on all academic related areas, both for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Student Life Committee has a special place in my heart, and focuses on—you guessed it—student life at RPI, including Greek life, residence life, and athletics, along with student rights and responsibilities. The Web Technologies Group is also quite special, and focuses on creating and extending technological services for the benefit of students for free.

The Community Relations Committee is focused on growing outreach efforts with the Capital District, along with building

stronger bonds with the other colleges in the region. The Student Government Communications Committee and the Union Annual Report Committee are joint-Senate and Executive Board committees. The SGCC handles and coordinates efforts to effectively communicate with the student body. UAR handles the creation of the Rensselaer Union's annual financial statement—the *Union Annual Report*.

Finally, the Rules and Elections Committee is responsible for the cycle we just completed: elections! Their membership is restricted to ensure that different bodies are involved in the fair coordination of elections. That being said, if you're interested in joining, feel free to let me know, so that I can keep you updated on the appointment of its members.

We've already hit the ground running, and the first major task ahead is forming a team of passionate students to chair the Senate's committees and coordinate the many new and existing efforts to improve the RPI experience in the upcoming year.

These positions are open to all students, and I recommend you apply! If you're interested or have any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out to me at gm@rpi.edu! We held our first meeting Monday night and have another scheduled for next Monday, April 17; I highly recommend you come by, as it is open to all students!

As promised, I plan to keep my platform online throughout the year and regularly update it with progress on the promises I have made to you all. Above all, I believe it is very important that the student government remembers to stay true to our promises and our constituents—the student body. ♦



Justin Etzine
Grand Marshal

DERBY

President of the Union promotes student voice

HELLO RPI! MY NAME IS MATTHEW RAND, and I am honored to have been elected to be the 128th President of your Union. I am a member of the Class of 2019, a dual materials and mechanical engineering major, and a two year veteran of the Executive Board. I am also the vice president of the men's club lacrosse team, a brother of Pi Lambda Phi, and the treasurer of the Interfraternity Council.

I joined the E-Board as a freshman in the fall of 2015 representing the Class of 2019. In addition to this role, I served as the chairman of the Policies Committee, where I led projects to update the E-Board's bylaws, budgeting guidelines, and club classification system. I have worked with the Business Operations Committee, upgrading the McNeil room and implementing a new system for allocating storage space within the Union. For the past two years, I have tried to work beyond my obligations as a Board member by joining multiple committees, working with former PUs Chip Kirchner '17 and Nick Dvorak '16 on smaller projects outside the scope of my specified position, and working with the administrative staff to understand the issues they see within the Union and how the E-Board can alleviate those. I am excited for the opportunity to be able to continue this work and to expand upon it to ensure that we as a Union accomplish the most we can in the coming year.

I hope that this year is going to be an exciting one full of accomplishments for the Union. I also promise to make good on my campaign

promises and work to incorporate as much feedback from our student body as we can. One of the ways that I will work to accomplish this is by working with Justin Etzine '18, the Grand Marshal, to hold monthly forums within the Union, where the two of us can give updates on the work that the Senate and the E-Board have done in the previous month. I also want to set up a place in the Union where the Student Government can hang a smart TV and attach two card readers so that we can hold impromptu straw-poll votes on important issues and projects that are being faced by the Student Government. It would also be available for the Student Government Communications Committee to post updates and notifications for all of campus to see.

We will be working hard to try and incorporate more of the general student population into our committees, and I will be issuing an open call to these Committees in the coming days. The best way to ensure that the Union remains student-run and addresses the issues important to our student population is to encourage as many students as possible to join in our work and let their voices be heard.

For any questions, or if you have any suggestions for programs for the Union, feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to the opportunity to lead our Union for the next year, and I look forward to working with our student body to ensure that the Union truly becomes a home for all of our students. ♦



Matthew Rand
President of the Union

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and run throughout the summer

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options available

Registration begins
March 20, 2017
and is ongoing

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The Poly will be holding their Spring elections for Editorial Board positions on Sunday, April 23, at 11 am in the *Polytechnic* Office, Room 3418, in the Rensselaer Union. All students are welcome to attend.

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by Scott Adams

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WORD FIND

by Ana Wishnoff

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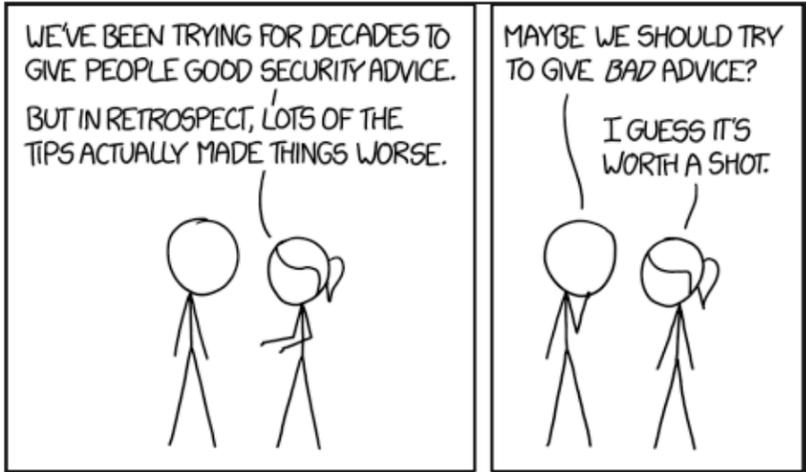
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Sports

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

BASEBALL

Engineers strike down Golden Knights

Jack Wellhofer
Senior Reporter

BASEBALL HAD AN EXCELLENT WEEKEND AGAINST THE CLARKSON University Golden Knights, dropping only one game over the pair of doubleheaders.

The scoring in Saturday's first game started off with the Golden Knights in the top of the second. Ben Knauf singled to left field, setting himself up to advance into scoring position following two ground outs from his teammates. Knauf scored on a passed ball.

Senior Yahriel Jimenez returned the favor the following inning. Jimenez reached first on a fielder's choice, and was able to run home when junior J.T. Sawyer singled to center. At the bottom of the second, the score was tied at one apiece.

Both sides were quiet for the next few innings, until the Engineers rallied in the bottom of the fifth. The inning was marked by five singles that sent the team flying around the bases. Midway through the inning, after allowing two runs and filling the bases, Clarkson decided it was time for a pitching change. But even that wasn't enough to stop the Engineers, who scored three more runs on the Golden Knight's new pitcher. Had it not been for an unfortunate line drive turned double play, the Engineers might have had a wild inning. Still, the score was 6-1 in their favor.

Clarkson tied a rally of their own the following inning, but only put three on the board before they were shut down. The top of the seventh saw a lonely run for Clarkson, but the Engineers held out and won the game 6-5.

Saturday's second game didn't get exciting until late in the day. The teams were tied 2-2 going into the ninth, and coming out neither had scored. In the top of the tenth, a pair of singles put the Golden Knights one run ahead of the Engineers. RPI needed one to continue the game, or two to end it on the spot.

Fortunately, two walks put senior Sam Lawrence in scoring position on second base. Senior Thomas Desmond singled to the pitcher, which was enough for Lawrence to squeeze home and keep the Engineers in the fight. A second run in the bottom of the tenth did not come for the Engineers, and another inning was upon the teams.



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FRESHMAN CHRISTOPHER PALMIERO MAINTAINS his balance after firing a pitch at the Golden Knight's batter.

Clarkson doubled their overtime game, scoring not one but two runs in the eleventh. As luck would have it, a fielding error put junior Weston Hawkins on base, and a rogue pitch put senior Justin Valente there as well. Singles by Lawrence and junior Christian Spagnola sent both men home, tying the game once again. But the Engineers were not done yet. Desmond, the savior of the last inning, was up to bat, and hit a walk off single to finish the afternoon for the Engineers.

The first game on Sunday did not go quite the same as the games on Saturday had. The Engineers managed no runs in Sunday's first game, while Clarkson put up five.

Sunday's second game, however, was much like Saturday's games. It still took the Engineers four innings to get into the swing of things, but once they did it was magical. In the top of the inning, Hawkins started with a solo home run that soared over the left field scoreboard.

Inspired, the Engineers put up three more runs that inning, from a combination of a walk, single, and two doubles.

Clarkson and RPI each put one more run before the top of the seventh, putting the score at 5-1. Then, it was time for another Rensselaer rally. During the seventh, nine men rounded the bases. The flurry of hits and massive score disparity stunned the Golden Knights. There was simply no coming back from such a feat. The Engineers, to rub it in, scored three more in the eighth, putting the run disparity at 17-1. Clarkson did pick up one run in the bottom of the inning, but didn't have a 16 run rally in them.

With the wins, the Engineers are now 6-4 in the Liberty League. The team will travel to Springfield, Massachusetts on April 15 to take on Western New England University. ♦

LACROSSE

Men's team steams ahead with pair of victories

Joe Saulsbery
Senior Reporter

RPI WOMEN'S LACROSSE PLAYED TWO thrilling games on their northern New York road trip this weekend against St. Lawrence and Clarkson Universities. In the first game, against St. Lawrence, junior attacker Morgan Doyle led the Engineers with two goals while seven other players each scored one. For most of the first half, RPI outplayed the Saints, and when freshman attacker Liz Brady scored unassisted with 8:44 remaining in the first half, the Engineers held a 5-3 lead.

St. Lawrence turned the tide, though, scoring the next four goals, with two each by midfielders Kiera Taussig and Kayla Schmalz, to take a 7-5 lead early in the second half. The Engineers regained the momentum as Doyle, junior attacker Allie Claroni, senior midfielder Carly Kirchner, and sophomore midfielder Maddy Aslansan scored goals in succession to regain a two-goal lead for RPI with less than four minutes remaining.

With defeat just minutes away, the Saints answered the bell, scoring two goals in the final minutes to tie the game at nine and force overtime. In the extra frame, RPI sophomore goalie Aleena Milinski made three clutch saves to keep the Engineers afloat. However, RPI struggled to clear the ball out of

their zone, and with 1:57 remaining in overtime, St. Lawrence attacker Kara Hurley scored to give the Saints a 10-9 victory.

The next day against Clarkson, senior attacker Sophie Hager scored three goals to increase her season total to 22, while Claroni and Doyle each scored twice, and the Engineers once again took an early lead. With less than 10 minutes remaining in the first, a goal by Claroni, her first, gave the Engineers a 5-1 lead.

Clarkson chipped away, though, scoring six of the next 10 goals to cut the lead to two with little time remaining. Then, much like the last game, midfielders Jaid Baytos and Christina Pollard scored goals in the final minute to force a 9-9 tie and overtime. However, this time around, the game wasn't decided until the third overtime, and then it was RPI sophomore midfielder Abbey Salvon who found the back of the Clarkson net to give Rensselaer a 10-9 win.

The win and loss bring women's lacrosse's record to 4-6 this spring. Next up for them are road games at William Smith College and Union College this Friday and Saturday, respectively.

On the men's side, the games were not nearly as dramatic. In a road game at the State University of New York at Oneonta on April 4, 10 different Engineers scored goals

and RPI took control of the game quickly. Junior attacker Zach Lukas, junior midfielder Matthew Gilman, and sophomore attacker JT Kelly each scored three goals. The final score was RPI 19, Oneonta 7.

Then, on April 8, against Union College, Lukas scored four goals while freshman attacker Owen Putnam netted two. After Rensselaer scored four of the first five goals to take a 4-1 lead, the Dutchmen rallied, scoring twice in the final minute of the second quarter to cut the lead to one. But, senior attacker Breann McNeally answered with his 34th goal of the season with one second remaining in the first half to give the Engineers a two-goal cushion at the break.

The Dutchmen pulled within one point of the Engineers again midway through the third quarter. But then, with a 6-5 lead, and the outcome of the game still uncertain, Rensselaer seized the moment and scored four unanswered goals over the next 20 minutes to put the game out of reach. The final score was RPI 12, Union 6.

The wins improve men's lacrosse's record to 7-3 in 2017. Next up for them are home games against Babson and Skidmore on Wednesday and Saturday, respectively, and a road game at Williams College next Tuesday. ♦



Jonathan Caicedo/The Polytechnic

WOMEN'S LACROSSE SPLIT their games over the weekend. (file photo)



THIS PAST WEEKEND, THE SOFTBALL TEAM SWEEPED St. Lawrence University in a doubleheader with scores of 10-2 and 8-0 for the first and second game, respectively.

Brookelyn Parslow/The Polytechnic

TRACK

Outdoor season brings mixed results for team

Michael Baird
Senior Reporter

THE RENSSELAER OUTDOOR TRACK and field season is underway and two meets have taken place so far this spring, including the Tufts Snowflake Classic on April 2 and a meet against Bates College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Tufts University on Saturday. The men and women started the season off strong with second and

third place overall finishes respectively at Tufts, compiling 104.5 points and 67 points.

First place finishers at Tufts included field athlete's sophomore Jillian Salkind in the high jump, junior Monica Mazur in the triple jump, and senior Melinda Wilson in the hammer throw. On the track, freshman Andrea Squieri took the 1500 meter race with a time of 4:50.96, and the 4x400 meter relay team of freshman Autumn

Grim, senior Taylor MacEwen, senior Jodi Wrzosek, and freshman Claudia Howes placed fifth in the event in 4:21.97.

Four Engineer men placed second at the meet, including freshman George Gonatas in the discus throw, senior Joe Grella in the javelin throw, junior Terrence Lawrence in the high jump, and freshman Joe Piscano in the 5000 meter run. Piscano crossed in a time of 15:40.99.

On Saturday, the Engineers traveled to Lewiston, Maine, where they competed against three rival schools. Although both the men's and women's teams both took fourth place, the Engineers boasted two first place finishes at the meet. Senior Max Drexler, sophomore Jason Hall, freshman Michael McNicholas, and freshman Dino Martinez together won the 4x400 meter relay in a time of 3:23.73, while senior Matthew Cic-

ciu emerged victorious in the 5000 meter race, crossing in 15:20.20.

Runner-ups included freshman Alex Jonson in the 110 meter hurdles, Salkind in the high jump, and sophomore Aurora Freedman and Grella in the women's and men's javelin respectively.

This Saturday on Harkness Track and Field, the Engineers will host their first home meet of the season, the Upstate Classic, beginning at 11 am. ♦

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WEDNESDAY

April 12

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Mueller Center; 11:30 am–5:30 pm

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Engineering Dean's Office Hours

JEC 3103; noon–1:30 pm

A chance to meet and talk with Dean of Engineering Shekhar Garde over lunch. Pizza and beverages available while they last!

Civil and Environmental Engineering Seminar

JEC 3117; 1–2 pm

Dr. Kenichi Soga presents "Infrastructure Sensing for Geotechnical Engineering."

ECSE Seminar

DCC 318; 3:30–5pm

High-Dimensional Analysis of Stochastic Algorithms for Estimation and Learning: Limiting Dynamics and Phase Transitions presented by Professor Yue M. Lu from Harvard University.

Department of Physics, Applied Physics, and Astronomy Colloquium

CII 3051; 4–5 pm

Sufei Shi presents a lecture titled "Manipulating Strong Light-Matter Interactions in 2D."

Faculty Spotlight with Professor John Tichy

Cary Hall Classroom; 5–6 pm

Get up close and personal with Professor John Tichy from the Mechanical Aerospace and Nuclear Engineering Department; Come and hear him speak on anything he would like, including his days with Commander Cody in the '70s!

Beyond Reality

Sage Building Dean's Lounge; 6–7 pm

Beyond Reality is an exhibition of Advanced Digital Imaging Spring 2017 and consists of works-in-progress and short study projects created in class in response to studies in gesture, emotion, the human body, virtual and augmented realities, and expanded notions of perception.

Pulitzer Prize Winner Gregory Pardlo

Biotech Auditorium; 8 pm

As part of this year's McKinney Writing Contest event, poet and memoirist Gregory Pardlo will be reading from his work and answering questions. Pardlo is the winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for his book of poems, *Digest*, and winner of the 2007 APR/Honickman Prize for his first poetry book, *Totem*.

THURSDAY

April 13

Lecture in Biomedical Engineering

Biotech Auditorium; 2:30–4 pm

Mina Bissell presents "Why Don't We Get More Cancer?"

Computer Science Colloquium

Library Fischbach Room; 4–5 pm

Dr. Zhengming Liu from the College of William and Mary presents a lecture titled "Twitter Latent Space Inference via a Unified Algorithm for Sparse Kernel Models."

Industrial and Systems Engineering Seminar

JEC 3117; 4–5 pm

Dr. Richard Larson from the Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS) at MIT, will present a talk titled "Education as a Complex System."

FRIDAY

April 14

Mathematical Sciences Colloquium

Amos Eaton 214; 4–5 pm

Daniel Appelo presents a lecture titled "High order accurate methods for time dependent problems."

An Evening of Jazz

2nd Floor of RSDH; 7–10 pm

A fun night of music, food, and dancing. The cost is \$25.

SATURDAY

April 15

W2SZ Amateur Radio Exams

CII 3045; 9 am–2 pm

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CAMPUS EVENT

Nuclear policy expert discusses sex, kinks

Brookelyn Parslow
Staff Reviewer

THIS PAST MONDAY, I WENT straight from my Data Structures test to an open discussion in the Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies with political activist and nuclear policy expert Sam Brinton. I walked in around 8 pm and immediately saw Brinton. He was wearing all black, except for his red, glittery heels, and the words “Ropes, Whips, & Kinks, Oh My!!” were projected onto the wall behind him.

He began by addressing the description for the event that we had all seen online. I went in expecting a talk about his political experiences working to end conversion therapy, sexuality, and the LGBTQ community, mostly because that is what the description told me. Brinton dispelled this, describing the event as “modern

sex-ed” and “an exploration of kink.” He began by giving us the history of kink and sex education, including the *Kama Sutra*, the making of taboo by Richard von Krafft-Ebing and Sigmund Freud, the “Leather Era,” and the rise of the term BDSM. Brinton stressed the importance of consent and communication, along with its contribution to healthy relationships and its ability to lower psychological stress during sex. The video *Tea Consent* by Blue Seat Studios was recommended to anyone with questions about the subject.

On the subject of kinks directly, Brinton explained the difference between headspace and physical types of play. Headspace involves the use of a mental state, and includes kinks like adult babies and diaper lovers, primal play, humiliation, degradation, and pup play. Physical play, on

the other hand, involves the use of toys and objects to set the scene. This includes the more widely known kinks, including bondage, impact play, flogging, and temperature play.

After the presentation aspect of the talk ended, we moved onto a question session. Throughout the entire talk, Brinton was open about his experiences, the kinks he partakes in, and the nature of his relationships. He left us with countless anecdotes, like how he enjoys tying up his significant other like a table, and eating his dinner on him while he watches *Star Trek*. Upon being asked about how long he knew he was into kink, he explained that it wasn’t necessarily from birth, but that his kinks manifested in nonsexual ways. Once he started having sex, he got bored with the idea that he couldn’t control the whole experience, which led him

to the idea of domination. He also expanded on his experiences with pup play, the differences between kinks and fetishes, and how to safely choke one’s partner.

We then moved onto demonstrations. Brinton taught us about bondage, starting with wrist restraints and ending with harnesses. He took volunteers that he used to demonstrate the rope tying techniques, and others to demonstrate them on himself. I got to leave the room saying that I tied Brinton, the nuclear advisor to Donald Trump, into a harness and that I now know the basics of bondage. He also passed out ropes to the audience and encouraged us to practice on each other.

When the demonstrations ended, he invited us to come play with his toys or talk to him more. The entire audience went up to the stage, and Brinton graciously explained the purpose

and proper usage of each toy. He even demonstrated the use of a carbon fiber rod on those who were interested, and the marks he left on my arm lasted for a few days. He told us more stories, some about working in Washington, D.C., the few times he helped Michelle Obama pick out shoes, his efforts to end conversion therapy, and his experiences as a dominatrix.

I enjoyed every second of the event. It was informative on a subject that is often viewed as taboo, and I felt comfortable and safe the entire time. Brinton filled in the gaps of my Google searches and mediocre sex education in high school in the best way possible. He has given these kinds of talks at Rensselaer in the past, and I hope they continue into the future. ♦

CAMPUS EVENT

GM Week closes with Foreign Air concert



Jonathan Caicedo, Sidney Kochman/*The Polytechnic*

NEWLY ELECTED GRAND MARSHAL JUSTIN ETZINE GIVES his acceptance speech.

CAMPUS EVENT

RPI Photo Club opens prompt-based gallery

Crystal Vejar
Senior Reviewer

ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, THE RPI PHOTO CLUB OPENED THEIR PHOTO GALLERY IN THE SHELNUTT Gallery of the Rensselaer Union. The gallery showcased 43 pictures by 22 photographers, all following the theme of “Us” (Universe and Sphere). Each member submitted photos that fit the following prompt: “Every day we are confronted with interactions that range from deeply personal to decidedly apathetic, both in person and through digital communication. As the Internet becomes more pervasive into life itself, the phenomenon of establishing and fostering relationships devoid of ‘human’ contact is no longer considered talking to strangers. At the same time, it is easier than ever before to be immersed in a world populated by copies of your own self despite being surrounded by other realities. In an effort to align the multiple roles in which we live our lives—a citizen, a student, a social member, an individual—this exhibit provokes a consideration of what one finds to be truly central to their being (sphere) reflected against their perception of the collective whole (universe). The exhibit is then a vignette looking inward to the ‘I’ and looking outward to the ‘we’ to visualize a holistic picture of us.

The photos all varied based on the photographer’s interpretation of the prompt. Some chose very busy images with a lot to look at, while others opted for calm and focused images. All of the photos in the gallery were very unique, yet they all tied in to the theme very well. When I first arrived, I walked around the room and saw the photos but didn’t identify the theme—it was later brought to my attention. With the theme in mind, I again walked through the gallery, this time paying more attention to how each could be interpreted as either a universe or a sphere. ♦



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TREVOR MAXFIELD’S PHOTO WAS crowned the best interpretation of the “Us” theme.

Features

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

CAMPUS EVENT

Successful Bayanihan attracts RPI community

Serge Piskun
Senior Reviewer

LAST WEEKEND, I ATTENDED MY FIRST Bayanihan, hosted by the Philippine American League, and it was the true definition of an experience. Walking into Academy Hall I was immediately greeted with a huge line, longer than the line for Free Cone Day at Ben & Jerry's the previous week. Needless to say, I was ready. Going in blind, I had no idea what to expect, other than a reported dinner and evening of performances. Entering the room, I was greeted with a sea of tables, with the Academy Hall Auditorium stage acting as the horizon in the sea of people. We were seated at a table near the back, and there we stayed until food was ready to be served. Afterwards, the festivities began.

The show started off with an acoustic rendition of the American national

anthem, and then a similarly sung version of the Philippine national anthem. Then, audience members were treated to a snapshot of PAL members doing the mannequin challenge as they prepared for the upcoming show. I liked this, as it broke any remaining tension between cast and audience and set the stage for a lighthearted performance, while also acknowledging the weeks of hard work that made Bayanihan possible.

The general premise of this year's Bayanihan was a story of Manny Pacquiao losing a high-profile boxing match and, subsequently, losing his mojo. He finds out that the only way to reclaim it is to travel to RPI and hang out with PAL. This is harder than it seems, as all flights to America were reportedly cancelled. The only way for Manny to get a ticket is to win a national talent show: Pinoy's Got Talent. The talent show served as a background for the various traditional



Crystal Vejar/The Polytechnic

DANCES HAD various degrees of intensity; some were soft and tranquil and others fierce.

dances PAL members performed, as either explanations for actions or talents being showcased themselves.

The dances themselves were the main highlight of Bayanihan, as it was clear that their choreography had taken the students a while to master. They were all captivating in their own right. One included students balancing cups of water in their hands and doing tricks with them, taking care not to let the water spill. Another dance was masked as a parkour talent, with PAL members jumping up, down, and around benches. A third dance was performed by the shirtless men of the club, hitting coconuts in their hands on coconuts attached to their shoulders in a dancing rhythm. Each different performance was captivating, as it was something new for me and not something I would likely see again. The amount of dedication that PAL showed to their event was amazing: everyone in the club

was either performing onstage or helping serving food and setting up in between intermissions.

The story concluded with Manny winning the talent show and reclaiming his mojo with members of PAL in RPI. The show concluded with dances by the various members of PAL, and with a final dance by the graduating seniors. Audience members were also told of their recent club elections and who would lead PAL into another successful year.

All and all, I enjoyed Bayanihan. It was clearly a labor of love, and it paid off: I was told that after the initial crowd of people came through the door for dinner, 216 tickets had been sold. I can't wait for next year's Bayanihan and wonder if the upcoming seniors can raise the bar higher than the departing seniors had set it. Either way, I encourage everyone to check it out next year. ♦

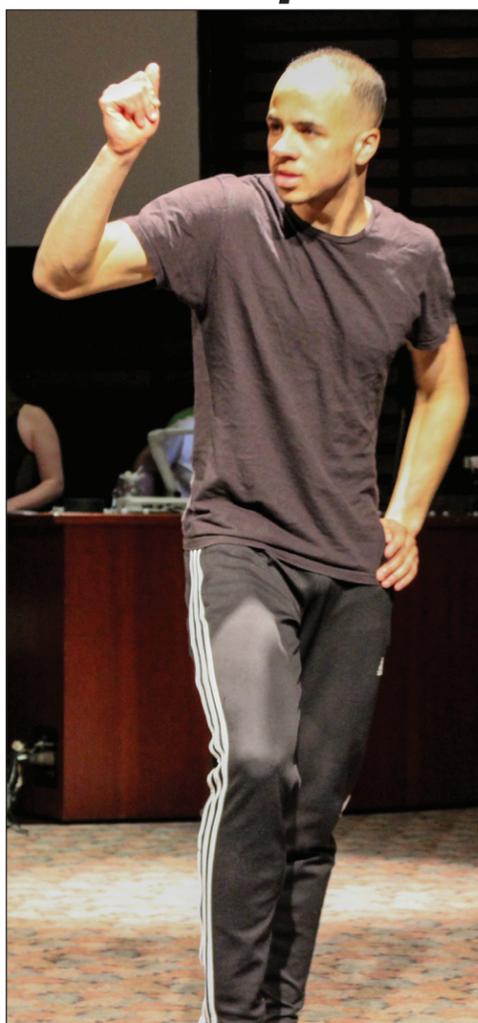


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THIS BAYANIHAN'S THEME WAS a Filipino talent show, featuring a star-studded cast.

CAMPUS EVENT

Mr. RPI features "Salt Bae," laundry folding, more



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CONTESTANTS SHOWCASE their unique talents to impress the student judges in hopes to win the title of Mr. RPI and support the cause of fighting childhood illiteracy.