

Tunnel Vision Weekly

YOUR (maybe) weekly source on the tech dumps and RPI tunnels (and RPI, sometimes)

Hi there!

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ey! You there! Yeah, you! Did you know

that you stumbled on the greatest (*okay, okay, technically the only paper*) source of RPI tech dump and tunnel art information out there? A place where you can get to know what's going on in the depths of the tunnels? And it's FREE?! Take this stick of DDR2 RAM as a gift, from me to you, for reading this and taking this paper with you to wherever the tunnels take you. Prepare yourself for a journey of a lifetime as you experience RPI like never before in this weekly paper! Keep reading to find out the latest drops at (almost) all the tech dumps, as well as the newest art and maybe even some news around RPI!

You may be wondering, why? Why make a paper that's just about the stuff down here? Why make a paper at all? To the latter question, I don't really know. I've always wanted to make a paper or some kind of publication, and this idea struck me as actually feasible. I know you can technically go down there yourself and explore it, BUT I think I can still provide value by (hopefully) getting more perspectives from others (including me), as well as maybe some wacky and fun tips and tricks I come across, too!

Either way, thank you so much for taking this paper with you and reading it. I had fun making it, at least, and I hope this provides at least a little value to your life.

(Also I thought it'd be kinda funny to try to make semi-serious news about the tunnel art lol)

TECH DUMP TRINKETS 1: Science teachers hate this one trick! Make your own drunk goggles with this tech dump item!

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ere at RPI, alcohol is hard to come by.

What if you still wanted to experience the effects of alcohol without the drinking (middle school alcohol PSA style)? In the DCC right now (maybe), and in pretty much every cheap monitor, there's a monitor part just waiting to grant you free (or cheap) drunk goggles!

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What's new in the box(es)? Latest tech dump finds from the past week

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specially around this time of year, there doesn't seem to be very much in the tech dumps. Unless I go check at the wrong times, who knows? If you're anything like me, it can be very tempting to go check the tech dumps around campus, but sometimes, you just don't have the time to check every single one. Wouldn't it be nice to get a snapshot of the tech dumps without going there myself?

If you've ever asked yourself this, you're in the right place! In each edition of *Tunnel Vision Weekly*, I'll give my take on the new stuff in the tech dumps over the past week that isn't documented anywhere else! I'll cover the JEC, DCC, LOW, VCC, and sometimes Cogswell, MRC, and West Hall tech dumps. Occasionally stuff is posted in #tech-dump on the RPI free and for sale discord, but the info can be sparse there, to say the least. If you want to find maps of where to find the tech dumps, it's there, though.

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State of the Art - JEC Tunnels

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ou ever just slowly

pan across the JEC tunnel, looking at all the new stuff people drew? When the painters inevitably erase all of the art that has been building on the walls, isn't it kinda sad?

In my opinion, it would be nice to be able to see the state of the art in the tunnel (wowowowow that's the name of the section!) as the weeks go by. Let's keep the masterpieces of today available to the students of tomorrow!

This may answer questions such as, "Who owned the rented space first?" "How has the number of straight/gay/potato/cat people fluctuated over time?" "Where will the mysterious eye show up next?" and many more like that. On page 3, there will be a collection of photos of the current tunnels as they are.

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Help wanted for paper

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really want to be able to run this paper,

but I fear that this is much too much work for one person. If there's anyone out there who wants to help me run this thing, I'd **REALLY** appreciate it. Even if it was a few minutes of your time proofreading, editing, writing, or helping design the layout, any help will be greatly appreciated! Any articles would also be graciously accepted via email or QR code, as well.

If you're interested, use the email or QR code below to apply. Just let me know what you want to help with when contacting me. You can help anonymously or have credits, I just would like to have some more experienced people help me on this endeavor!



What's new in the box(es)? (cont.)

I go to the tech dumps too much. It's like gambling, but free. The tech dumps here at RPI have lots of free stuff. All of it is free, actually. Except the box (don't ask me how I know :/). Sometimes perfectly working PCs; many times, the scavenged remnants of them. You never know what you're gonna get when you walk through those JEC doors, or down the hall of the DCC. It makes me sad to see perfectly good tech get thrown out, and I think if more people would know what's where, when, it may help rescue some tech from destruction, or salvage some neat trinkets from already broken stuff. It'd also be cool to see what you all may have found yourselves! Maybe you fixed up a neat gadget, or repurposed parts for a different thing? I wanna hear about it, and publish it here!

With that out of the way, onto the recent stuff I saw in the past week! It'll probably be easier to list it instead of show, but I'll include some pictures for the curious. There has been a little bit of an influx of new in the JEC dump.

A few days ago, **in the JEC dump**, I saw an old PC, 2 IDE hard drives intact, full of some DDR1 (I think) RAM, a floppy drive, and a CD drive. I came back later that day and it was gone, though. This could mean more PCs are on the way, though. I also found the remnants of a record player. It was pretty gutted, and gone the next day. There's some string lights and a heavy thing mover w/o the wheels (dolly?), too,

The DCC dump has been very quiet for quite a while, from what I've seen. Ever since those projectors were thrown out along with the barrage of wires, there's really been nothing of actual value, just broken metal casings and remnants of electronics left at this point. The industrial fan thing with a handle was cool, though!

LOW has had pretty much nothing new, but it usually doesn't, anyway. Bunch of nondescript garbage, basically. There's a halfway bent flatscreen TV in there, though. If you're looking for free glass shards, that's where you can look.

The VCC has a few good-condition-looking VGA monitors and a printer last time I checked, but besides that there isn't much.

TODAY, BREAKING NEWS - A flatscreen TV has been discovered **in the MRC** that appears to be fully working. It is uncertain if the picture-taker took the TV, but if you're in the market for one, check it out! **Update:** The TV is gone, as of a few hours after noon. The picture and messages about it have been deleted off of #tech-dump in the free and for sale discord.

That's all for now, folks! Go to page 3 for a neat use of monitor parts from the DCC dump! See anything interesting that I missed? Have a cool project from tech dump parts? Use the QR code or send me an email with what you found, and I'll try to feature it in the next (or later) editions!

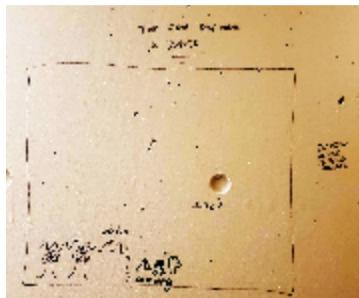
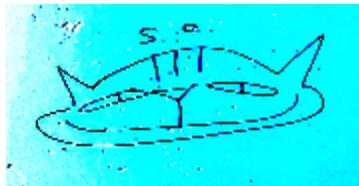
JEC Bins

DCC Bins

1/2 LOW Bin (top), VCC Bin (bottom)



State of the Art - JEC Tunnels (cont.)



Ever since the repainting a month or so ago, the tunnels have been filled up pretty fast with all kinds of art once again. The Taylor Swift lyrics spanning half the tunnel have evolved since the repainting, as it now includes pictures to make it more interesting. The cult of the eye, as some people speculate, seems to be going strong as there are plenty of these around campus, seemingly everywhere, really. The space for rent has claimed a lake/pond, and there's plenty of other text and pics scattered around. Stoned cat has also been around again. Did you complete the straight/gay/cat poll? What about the Commons/Sage/starve poll? Be sure to submit your answers before the repainting! Below are more notable art pieces I figured I'd share. I did my best to keep them big enough to make out.

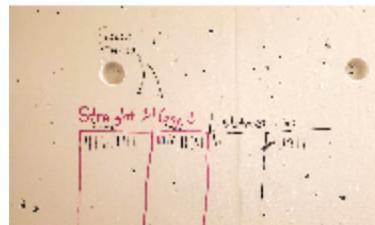
Other notable photos:



The trolley Problem
-roughly 1-2 wks old



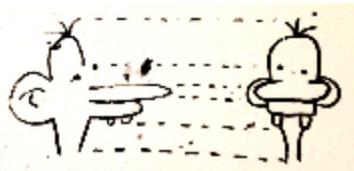
Mona Lisa and Pink Floyd
-at least a semester old



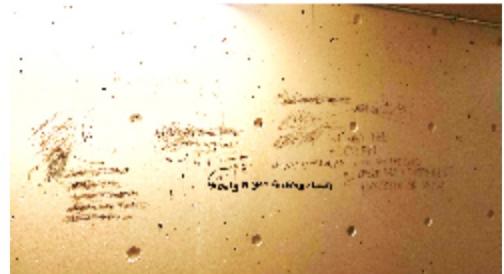
Straight/Gay/Potato/Cat?
These two polls have been here since break or so.



Commons/Sage/starve?
These two polls have been here since break or so.



Masterfully sketched
Manny from Diary of a
Wimpy Kid - 1-2 wks



Wall argument - scribbled out text
Allegedly @oppo-67 writes they
were banned from "only 13" discord
servers, "you fucking chuds."
Originally accused of 20.
Rant about 1984 the book.

Multiple drawings and text scribbled out. There is a penis also present, as is customary.



Among us with 'SUS' above it.
The 'eye' is also above that.
The bold "VIAGRA" can also be
seen here.

Is there something I missed? Did you find more art to share? Let me know using the QR code at the bottom of the page! You can submit anonymously if you like.



DIY Drunk Goggles from tech dump items! (cont.)

What is it?

Honestly, I don't know. There's this really magical plastic sheet that comes from monitors that I've found in the tech dumps recently. It's like this magnifying-looking sheet of plastic. It's got ridges and stuff, and if you've seen one of those page-size magnifiers, made of that thick, yet bendy plastic, it looks and feels like that. Only when you put it to your face, a pretty wild thing happens. Your entire vision **shifts**. It's like you are suddenly in the third person. You look down, and your legs are almost out of view, near the bottom of your vision! If you rotate the sheet, you can get other wild effects, such as doubled vision, and others.

I have no idea what this magic sheet of plastic is doing trapped inside a monitor, but I do know that it's really fun to mess around with. If you've ever messed around with drunk goggles in grade school, it's like that, but at like the strongest setting imaginable. Try to walk in a straight line with it, I dare you!

Where to find? I found a sheet of this mysterious material in the DCC tech dump, it's got a footprint on it. That's probably the most specific I can be about it, besides the other stuff I said about it. In the picture below, you can see a closer look at where I last saw it. It's a mostly transparent-looking sheet with rainbow effects on it when you put it up to the light. You can find a picture of where I found it and an example perspective with it below.



The right DCC bin



What to do? Like I said, all you gotta do is put it on your face. Maybe wash it first, but you can cut it out and stick it into some custom-made goggles, or just tape it to your face for maximum effect.

In conclusion, the next time you see a taken-apart monitor in a tech dump, take a second to look for this gem of a find!

Got any suggestions for interesting uses for things, or neat projects to showcase? Shoot me an email or upload it at the google form from the QR code!

Free and for sale listings/ads

Below (in the future) you're gonna (hopefully) be able to find listings that popped up in the RPI free and for sale, as well as any ads that may want to be put up! For now, though, there isn't really anything here.

Advertising is free (for now)! The QR code is your friend.

Do you have an ad you want to place? Use the QR code on the first page to submit an ad! If there's nothing illegal or anything like that on it, I'll be sure to post it on the next edition of *Tunnel Vision Weekly*!

Want to contribute? Contact me via the QR code or at tunnelvisionweekly@proton.me!

Are you interested in helping keep this paper running? Do you have news you want to share? Go to the QR code, select the resepective option, and in the news section, let me know your skills and/or what you're interested in helping with! I'm writing this in google docs for now, but if you're familiar with a better software for this, let me know! I'm not knowledgeable about layout or anything, so I'd really appreciate help with that, as well! Writers are also welcome, as well as photographers. There's no pressure to stay, you can contribute once and then never again, if you want.

Ideas for a new section to be featured in Tunnel Vision Weekly? Check out the QR code!

I don't think I have very many more ideas for sections than these three (I'm thinking potentially WRPI related and/or software/hardware related sections in the future, for now). If you think you have something related to the tech dumps and/or tunnels that you think would fit here, let me know via the QR code! Ideally, include email so we could maybe work out what it'll be about.



Lastly, any comments? Submit them via the QR code, and they may be added to the next edition!

Thank you for reading this far (if you did)! I really appreciate that, I hope this'll keep you up-to-date on the happenings around this part of campus, and give you a bit of entertainment. Share it around if you think it's good, and stay tuned for the next edition of TUNNEL VISION WEEKLY!!