

# TUNNEL VISION

**YOUR BI-WEEKLY SOURCE ON THE RPI TECH DUMPS AND TUNNELS**

## Thanksgiving's coming up!

-By I-

**T**hanksgiving's around the corner, folks! That means an entire glorious week of no classes, something new for this year! Last year we only had 3 days off, now we have 5. I sure know I'm getting excited for it!

This fortnight brought us a few interesting things in the tech dumps, plus the battle of the bands was on Nov. 7th! Did you go? If you didn't, or even if you did, we've got a rundown for you later in the paper!

Unfortunately, Geologic Fever was unable to write for this issue, but Tunnel Vision: Out of the Tunnel and Subterranean Homesick Blues has some stuff for ya, along with your regularly scheduled tech dump and art updates. Finally, 2 crosswords for you all this time around in Puzzles and Stuff!

You may have also noticed the updated logo, it was submitted to us via email, what do you think?

Hope you enjoy Tunnel Vision #12, and happy Thanksgiving!

## Tunnel Vision: Out of the Tunnel:

-by West Virginia

**N**eed a drink? Join along as I, Judge, Jury, and Executioner begin my search to identify the best water fountain on campus

...Read more on Page 4 AND 5

## What's new in the box(es)

How to get to the JEC tech dump - with PHOTOS!

Plus: Huge motor in LOW

-By I-

**H**ave you ever wanted to visit the tech dumps, but haven't been able to find them? Today's your lucky day! Find a path of pictures to the JEC tech dumps! Stay tuned for future issues, another path of photos is sure to come soon!

Plus, quite possibly the world's biggest electric motor in LOW, as the find of the week this week!

...Read more on page 2!

## State of the Art:

More doodles!

Plus: Drug Delivery Gone Wrong?

-By I-

**A**rt in the tunnels has been and still is pretty sparse, which is understandable given the circumstances. It does seem like art elsewhere is slightly up. Read more about that in this issue's State of the Art!

Plus, a drug delivery gone wrong? What happened last Monday that caused campus to be covered by a white powder? Experts say drugs.

Finally, read about the Battle of the Bands, which took place on 11/07 in this issue's extra!

...Read more on page 3!

## Extra: Battle of the Bands

-By I

**K**nock, knock! Who's there? RPI Battle of the Bands 2025! On November 7th, the UPAC Battle of the Bands was held in the Union, starting at 7 PM. It was a great time!

If you missed it, or even if you didn't, be sure to check out this issue's extra feature on what it was like!

. . . Read more on Page 7

## Subterranean Homesick Blues

-By π

**S**ometimes seasonal depression mixes with body dysmorphia in a beautiful confluence of self-loathing and irrational fits of anxiety. Sometimes the weight of my failed relationships and burned bridges plummets me into a valley of humility that feels all but impossible to claw out of.....Sometimes I listen to boygenius.

. . . you should join me some time and read my review of the boygenius EP on page 6



# WHAT'S NEW IN THE BOX(ES):

## HUGE MOTOR, JEC TECH DUMP PHOTO GUIDE

-by I

This fortnight was another time in which the tech dumps were kind of consolidated. LOW seems to be the clearance section of the tech dumps occasionally. Once boxes of stuff end up here, they're gone after only a few days. It's always nice to be able to see pretty much everything in the same spot, though!

Even then, there has been a lack of new stuff coming in lately. The MRC and Cogswell have been radio silent, while the DCC, JEC, and VCC have had some new stuff, but nothing major, minus the VCC's massive dump of cables over this past fortnight. LOW has had nothing for over a month at this point, until a few days ago when some Vista-era PCs and a projector were found, though!

### FINDS OF THE WEEK: WORLD'S BIGGEST MOTOR?

This find of the week was pretty nuts. I didn't even know they made motors, electric motors, this big. It was at least 3 bananas tall, if you laid them vertically tip to tail, and the shaft was at least 1.5 bananas thick. It's in LOW right now probably if you want to see for yourself!

### WHERE ARE THE TECH DUMPS, ANYWAY - PHOTO EDITION - VOL. 1

We've received some word that our tech dump guide from issue #8 may have been hard to find via text alone - so we figured why not just show you the way?

### JEC - Start on the 2nd floor entrance.



### WHAT'S ACTUALLY NEW IN BOX(ES)

LOW	VCC
Somehow, there was the most activity here, relatively. Some Windows Vista-XP era PCs, and a projector were found! Plus, some boxes from the other tech dumps were placed here for a short while earlier the week before last!	So many cables. So many. They're all cut, so if you need just copper cables, this seems like a great place to get some!  Note: As of Monday, 11/17, this box was moved to LOW!
Not much this fortnight. There was a 2013 Thinkpad, a heat gun, and misc electronics thrown in lately.	<u>Sage:</u> <u>MRC/Cogswell/VCC/LOW/DCC:</u> Pretty much nothing.. The DCC at least had some VHS tapes added to the now eternal pile of old media.



If you don't know how to get to the JEC, it's the building past the DCC. Starting at (1), go all the way past the elevators, swing left at the concrete pillar. You should be at (2) now. From there, keep going straight, through (3) (yes the fire door), then (4), and finally you should reach (5), the coveted JEC tech dump! That's the JEC dump, hope that helped! We'll see you in the future with more picture tours of the other tech dumps! Let us know which one you want to see next!

(Left)  
Find of the week this issue! Just look at how big it is next to the tech dump box. You could probably fly with this thing.



2 Find cool stuff in the tech dumps? Let us know via the QR code!  
Keep up with the tech dumps at [tunnelvisionweekly.neocities.org](http://tunnelvisionweekly.neocities.org)!

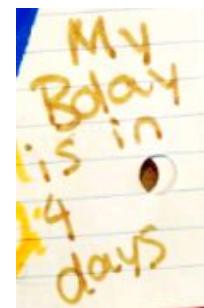
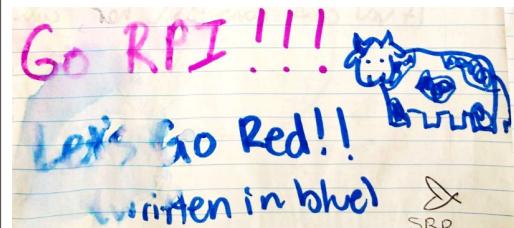
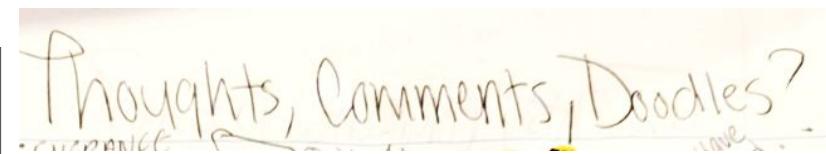
# STATE OF THE ART - STARBUCKS EDITION: STARBUCKS DOODLE BOOK, FAILED DRUG DELIVERY DUSTS CAMPUS

-By I

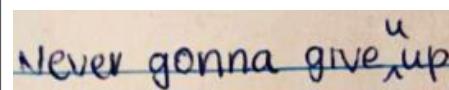
Did you guys go to the battle of the bands? If you didn't, or even if you did, have a read on it on the extra of this issue!

Besides that, not much new in the tunnels, as we have seen lately, however, an anarchy symbol was found walking through. There does seem to be an increase of 'Hello my name is' stickers, though, when walking through certain halls.

Besides that, we've got some more art from the Starbucks doodle book for you for the time being, Hope you enjoy!



Schrodinger's birthday... Has it passed or is it still in 4 days? The world may never know...



The person who corrected this quote will never let you down, run around, or desert you.



Breaking: Eric Cartman Visits RPI

Looks like Garfield ate those food again.

## Failed Drug Delivery Rains Drugs on RPI Campus

On Monday, November 3rd, the RPI campus was hit with a mysterious white sprinkling. Many wondered why this powder was raining down all of a sudden.

People were seen running in circles in a panic, unsure of what to do with themselves. Cars were dusted, the grass was all powdery white. What could it be, experts wondered.



The answer came when someone tasted this powder. It was drugs. All of it was drugs, falling from the sky, due to a cargo plane full of them losing all its cargo mid-flight.

Soon enough word spread, and within days of this powdering, most if not all of this powder mysteriously disappeared. One can only speculate what happened with this powder. One can only wonder.

Last Chewsday on the BBC, it was revealed that the British people are FAKE. We tried to ask the British for comment, but we could not find any.

Got art you made or want to share? Unhappy with our coverage? Find something interesting we should report on here? Use the google form on the right (QR code) to submit art, comments, and/or news!



# **TUNNEL VISION: OUT OF THE TUNNEL**

## **THE BEST WATER FOUNTAIN ON CAMPUS**

**By WEST VIRGINIA**

Okay so here's the deal. I drink water, you drink water. There are so many water fountains across campus but which is best? There are over 70 buildings located on Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Troy NY campus. From residence halls to the athletic facilities that's just too many buildings. I don't have access to a bunch of those buildings and neither do you - most likely. Maybe you do have access to those special buildings but guess what, I don't care because I don't have access and I'm the author. As the author I have decided that I will be limiting my scope to the academic campus this way most everyone reading this will be able to benefit from the findings. There are 23 buildings that make up the academics & research facilities here. I will be excluding certain buildings dedicated solely to research (lab buildings) or for graduate studies, and including certain buildings like the Union and Academy hall which are categorized as student life buildings. This leaves us with the following list of 15 buildings:

Amos Eaton  
Carnegie  
Center for Industrial Innovation, Low (CII)  
Darrin Communications Center (DCC)  
Jonsson Engineering Center  
Folsom Library  
Lally Hall  
Pittsburg Building  
Ricketts Building  
Russell Sage Laboratory  
Jonsson-Rowland Science Center (Jrowl)  
Voorhees Computing Center (VCC)  
Walker Laboratory  
West Hall  
Troy Building

# **TUNNEL VISION: OUT OF THE TUNNEL**

## **(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4) WATER FOUNTAIN RUBRIC**

**By WEST VIRGINIA**

	Outstanding	Good	Acceptable	Poor
Temperature	Noticeably very cold and refreshing	Moderately cold	Slightly cool but not enough to be refreshing, bordering on room temp	Room temp or warm
Water Pressure	Strong pressure, easy to drink or fill at	Adequate pressure, enough to fill at	Enough pressure to drink from but not to fill, requires bending down to reach the stream	Water dribbles out or doesn't allow for drinking in a sanitary way
Location	Located out of main traffic, easy to drink or fill without blocking hallways	Occasionally in the way but only if multiple people are lined up	Awkward placement, often causes traffic	Always in the way
Water bottle Compatibility	Fully bottle-compatible with a dedicated filler attachment	No dedicated filler, but any size bottle can be filled with the regular spout	Can fill a bottle at least 70% of the way up, bottle has to be held at a sharp angle	Cannot fill a water bottle
Flavor	No flavor, clean and neutral taste	Drinkable but a very slight flavor is noticeable to those with a sensitive palate	Flavor is objectively present, drinkability varies by individual	Ew.

# SUBTERRANEAN HOMESICK BLUES

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*boygenius*



Indie Supergroup *boygenius*' self-titled EP feels like huddling in the after-hours glow of a vintage jukebox, three friends bleeding their hearts into a microphone in the corner of a basement club. It balances on the knife's edge of innocence and intensity, like a comforting from hug after feeling alone for too long. The trio (Julien Baker, Phoebe Bridgers, and Lucy Dacus) each bring their own scars, weaving them into six songs that sound like late-night confessions. By turns folky, raucous, and quietly epic, the EP could be the soundtrack to your most vulnerable moments.

The name *boygenius* itself is a coy wink an upside-down joke at all the overzealous “boy geniuses” that we all had the (dis)pleasure of meeting. These three grew up in small towns and quiet churches, raised on heavy silences and hidden truths, and formed a bond on subtle guitar riffs and silly giggles late into the night.

“*Bite the Hand*,” Lucy Dacus’s rich contralto sings against a steady guitar, the notes pulsing like a defiant heartbeat. By the chorus all three voices converge on the refrain “*I can’t love you how you want me to*,” turning a quiet confession into a impassioned testimony. What starts as a whisper becomes a collective cathartic scream.

“*Me & My Dog*,” Phoebe Bridgers takes the mic with her trademark deadpan lyricism. The song sounds sweet and jangly, but the humor is bitter: every line lands like a clever barb at loneliness. Phoebe’s soft drawl half-smiles through heartbreak, making solitude sound like the punchline of an inside joke.

“*Souvenir*” is the song I’m quietly obsessed with. A love confession from someone too insecure and somber to know if they are capable of love, or being loved. It floats somberly along in a cloudy haze, tender and hesitant, like a feeling you wake up from and wish you could fall back into.

In “*Stay Down*,” Julien Baker continues this theme by reflecting on her feelings of isolation. Guitars swirl around her vocals like a cyclone, chords heavy under the weight of her pain. “*Push me down into the water... hold me under*,” she cries, unable to properly cope with the breakup she stays in the murk that the emptiness has left her in.

Then “*Salt in the Wound*,” led by Lucy Dacus, plunges everything right back in. Her guitar work slices through the air and her voice matches the acidity in her lyricism. “They say the Hearts and Minds are on your side...what they don’t say is what’s on your side”. Her callous honesty perfectly harmonizes with the raw instrumentation that swells behind her.

Finally, “*Ketchum, ID*” closes the EP in a wash of calm. It’s a road-trip lullaby by Phoebe: just guitar, harmonies, and a gentle pedal steel. They dream of escaping to snowy hills and quiet cabins – “*so far from where we’ve been*,” their vocals promise, finally a place to catch your breath. It feels like a calm bus ride home through Massachusetts or a warm hug after crying from homesickness; soft, melancholy, and undeniably sincere.

What makes *boygenius*' EP so powerful is that is its vulnerability. It's intimacy is sometimes overwhelming, like every word is written in cursive and smudged with tear stains. The boy's emotional bond is evident, three voices turning loneliness into something shared. It's friendship blazing bright in the dark: an anthem for anyone who's ever whispered their true self into the night.

# Extra: Currently Unused (though Battle of the Bands will be covered in at least a blurb)

-By I and ??? (if desired)

## Battle of the bands - 11/07: A fun night!

If you found yourself in the Union between 7~10:30 PM on 11/07, you were in for a treat. The Battle of the Bands was on! In all, there were 7 bands, Super Critical, Gamma Radiation, Revitalizer, Guts, Entropy, Pseudosky, and Totally Confused.

The whole thing is on RPI TV's Youtube Channel if you want to watch it back for yourself if you missed it. Plus, the Poly released an article on the Battle of the Bands, as well! This is the only paper coverage of the event, though!

Unfortunately, we weren't able to catch the entire show, but what we did see was quite fun and enjoyable. Here are 3 of the highlights! Coming in right as Revitalizer was ending their set, the crowd was relatively energetic. When Guts came on, and invited everyone to come closer to the stage, that's when the concert energy picked up even more. Given Guts is a metal band, there were lots of people headbanging, and on top of that, there were multiple mosh pits and circle pits that started throughout the course of their set. Fun times!

The next band, Entropy, had some commotion in the form of posters. Two people ran around the dance floor, holding huge cardboard signs, one saying "WE LOVE THE BASSIST FROM ENTROPY," and the other saying "WE HATE THE BASSIST FROM ENTROPY," they even staged a little scuffle up front before running back. During this set someone was also lifted up in a chair, overall also a fun time.

The final moment we'll touch on was *Totally Confused*'s beginning. With a turtle plushie in hand, the lead singer raised this plush to the sky like Rafiki raised Simba, albeit a bit more energetically. Also a bunch of times. And the best part was the crowd cheered every time the turtle was lifted. According to the Poly, this turtle was their mascot, Squirt. The whole thing reminded me of the Spongebob talent show episode where Spongebob mopped the floor, and the crowd cheered when Spongebob mopped up, but only when Spongebob was on stage.

As mentioned earlier, we weren't able to catch the entire concert for ourselves, but from watching back RPI TV's live coverage on Youtube, we were able to find the winners: In 3rd, Pseudosky. In 2nd, Guts. And the winner of the 2025 UPAC Battle of the Bands: *Totally Confused*!

If you haven't been this year, be sure to come to next year's Battle of the Bands! It's a great opportunity to get out, forget about homework and classes for a few hours, and support your fellow students as they play their music!

Below are some pictures we got from the event while we were there.



It takes Guts (and Super Critical and Gamma Radiation and Revitalizer and Entropy and Pseudosky and *Totally Confused*) to get up on stage and play at the Battle of the Bands this year!



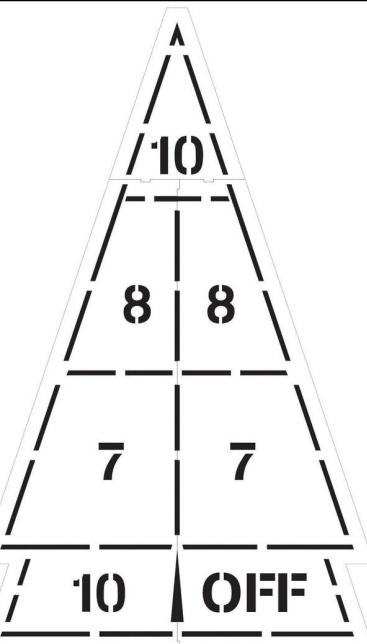
A duel for the ages: We LOVE the bassist from Entropy (left sign) and We HATE the bassist from Entropy (right sign).



The LOVE sign holder in front of the stage, showing the sign for everyone to see.

# THE LAST PAGE: PUZZLES N' STUFF

Solutions to all puzzles on our website, [tunnelvisionweekly.neocities.org](http://tunnelvisionweekly.neocities.org)



## let's get spooky!

By carnivalesque

### ACROSS

- 1 Nick. show with many ideas for a group costume
- 5 Bad option to 2 Down
- 7 Don't do this to bloodsuckers! (2 wds.)
- 8 Artist behind Bodak Yellow and WAP, \_\_\_ B
- 9 Truly the scariest thing on Halloween

### DOWN

- 1 My Strange Addiction, \_\_\_ show (2 wds.)
- 2 Good option to 5 Across
- 3 Half a party Pepsi, overseas
- 4 Os on some scales
- 6 How a DIY costume might be made

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Enjoy the classic game of newspaper shuffleboard above!

Thank you to carnivalesque for this mini crossword! It was meant for last issue, hence the spooky theme.

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### ACROSS

- 1 RPI frat behind RAHPs A
- 4 Drives a grounded plane
- 6 Phone app for the capital region's CDTA
- 7 Member of Phi Kappa Theta?
- 8 Member of Alpha Phi or Alpha Gamma Delta, for short?

### DOWN

- 1 "Horned" American birds
- 2 23, to Caesar
- 3 Helpers
- 4 Christmastime Contraction
- 5 To be Spanish?

CONTEST BOX: First one to email us 'i am cool' wins!

What other puzzles (n' stuff) would you like to see here? Submit your suggestions (or in some cases puzzles) to us using the QR code, email, or on our website!

Thank you to whistler for this second mini crossword!

Before we go, roll the credits:

- I, 'CEO' of Tunnel Vision Weekly
  - S.S. Illite, The Geologist
  - West Virginia, Tunnel Vision: Out of the Tunnel writer
  - π (Pi), Mediterranean Homesick Blues Writer
  - Kris, K and π, Logo design (Kris) based on logo by K, based on logo by I, which was based on a logo by West Virginia
- Thank you all for your help!

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...And that's all, folks! Thank you all so much for reading so far, I'm really glad you picked us to be your source for all news tech dump and RPI!

Be sure to check out our website, [tunnelvisionweekly.neocities.org](http://tunnelvisionweekly.neocities.org) for more Tunnel Vision goodness, including an online tech dump listing, a FREE game, past issues and current issue supplements, and more!

**We'll see around 12/8 with issue #13! Happy Thanksgiving!**

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