

# T U N N E L V I S I O N

WEEKLY

**YOUR one and only source on the tech dumps and RPI tunnels (and RPI, sometimes)**

## The last issue of the Spring '25 semester is upon us

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ood lord. We're already at the last week of

classes. Are you ready for summer, because we sure are! Unfortunately though, that means this is the last issue this semester. Thank you again for supporting us throughout the last month and a week! Anyway, without further ado, a rundown of the news this week.

All seemed well and good in the first half. It had been a very nice week in the tech dumps, however on Thursday, disaster had struck in the tunnels.

We'll start with the bad news. As of Thursday, April 17th, a camera was installed in the JEC-DCC tunnel, by the DCC entrance doors. It's unclear why they installed them now of all times, but we may update you on the situation further prior to the semester's end, if anything changes. The hope is that this will end the same as the 9th floor of the CII stairwell, as there was a gate and camera installed roughly 5-7 years ago, according to the Campus Exploration Manual, both of which have been since removed.

In better news, the JEC has had quite a large dump of electronics and cables this week, along with 3 CRTs, 1 PC monitor and 2 TVs, one even with FM radio! Plus, the VCC has had a truckload of laptops, most just working. Read more about it in What's new in the box(es).

We at Tunnel Vision Weekly are very sad at the news of the cameras, and are hoping that this will blow over as quickly as it started. Good luck on finals, have fun over the Summer, and hopefully we'll see you next fall for Tunnel Vision Weekly #6!

## State of the Art: DISASTER STRIKES JEC TUNNELS - CAMERA INSTALLED

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Holy moly guacamole. I was not expecting this. On Thursday morning, when entering the JEC-DCC tunnels, I was hit with a sign reading "Camera!" directly underneath a fresh new security camera. It is unclear whether the admins or someone else took down the signs when I looked again on Friday.

This week in State of the Art, despite the camera, we've got a lot in store for you. Not only was there still some art made before the camera this week, we've got a few throwbacks to show from earlier this academic year!

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## What's new in the box(es): Laptops, laptops, laptops! Find of the week: DIY mirror out of HDDs!

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ots of stuff has just been piling in these past few weeks. This week is no exception. It really does seem that the end of the semester is the best time for the tech dumps. The JEC has had a huge dump of 1 PC CRT monitor, 2 CRT TVs, and 1 huge flatscreen TV. There's also been a huge heater, and cables for days, plus a bunch of scrapped laptops. The VCC has been even better, with at least 7 laptops, of varying models of Thinkpad, mostly, have also been found. All that's gone is the HDDs and batteries in pretty much all of them.

In finds of the week this week, we're going to look at a very neat mirror, if you have the tools to get to it. We sure do, so be sure to grab one while they're still available in the DCC tech dump!

...Read more on page 2!

## Tunnel Vision: Out of the Tunnel Team member article: How to prevent a bummer arch summer!

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or the unlucky ones out there, you're gonna have to do arch this summer. On page 4 is a guide on how to have a not so bummer arch summer! As the spring semester comes to a close sophmores have one thing on their minds. Arch. Some of you are feeling grateful you've managed to get out of it, as for the rest of you it's probably not the summer you were hoping for or maybe it is, who are we to judge. Either way, turn to page 4 for your guide to making the most of your forced time on campus.

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# WHAT'S NEW IN THE BOX(ES): END OF SEMESTER EDITION

Holy moly, these last few weeks really have been the best time of semester to go to the tech dumps. The VCC has not stopped its absolute scale of giveaways, laptop here, iPad there, let's throw in a working PC, why not? Not only that, but the JEC has had a big dump of cables, CRTs, and laptops, as well. How many PCs can one building hold? We're finding out week by week as more and more stuff gets thrown out. Keep your eyes peeled, there could be a lot coming into the dumps before move-out day!

Also, I myself have a lot of stuff I have to put back, as unfortunately, I cannot take all the stuff I want to home with me. Be ready for some laptops, VCRs, and more as I clear out a bunch of stuff I'd love to keep, but don't have the space for. With all that out of the way, onto the rest of the section!

## FIND OF THE WEEK: OOH, SHINY

We had a pretty great week this week, so it was tough to pick just one thing to feature. But I think this is a great parting gift for you all as you march onto summer! I know it's not much compared to iPads last week, but IMO it's better than just dropping a single laptop or something for only a single person to find. Plus, I for one love how shiny these things are and think they look great in any space. You could even make it into a necklace if you really wanted to!

Where to find: You should be able to find these beauts in the DCC tech dump, just somewhere in there.

Alternatively, if you have a star-shaped bit, all you have to do is unscrew the usually 6 screws on the top of the HDD, peel off the top, it may be screwed in so twist it around a bunch if it's not going, and then unscrew the axle, and slide it out! The VCC has a ton of HDDs left if you've got the tools!

What to do: Stare at it until you realize the meaning of life. Or hang it up somewhere as a mini mirror, or display it as a display piece, or even use as a necklace! The possibilities really are endless with this neat part.

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

| JEC  | VCC  | Union  | Other   |
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| 3 CRTs, one of them being a CRT PC monitor capable of 1600x1200, and the other two being normal TVs. Also found was 1 big flatscreen, actually working, plus a ton of VGA/other cables. The 3 CRTs worked great, except for this neat Panasonic VCR/FM radio combo TV, which is a real shame. Besides that, 3 laptops, all mostly gutted by the time I got there, were also seen. There was a Dell Inspiron, | Walking into the VCC has been like walking into a closing Best Buy. It's been a few weeks and they are still throwing working stuff out here! The latest finds are mainly a LOT of laptops. We're talking 5 Thinkpad T440s's, a T410 and a T430, 2 x131e's, and a Dell latitude. Plus, at least 10 degaussed HDDs, ripe for the picking (if you want a mirror for yourself)! | A Dell Optiplex GX270 was sitting there in a box on Friday. along with a singular speaker, 2 very old remotes, a UPS, an old and cheap keyboard, and an LCD monitor. First new stuff here in a while, so it was quite a surprise to see! | Literally like nothing. Not mad, just disappointed. |



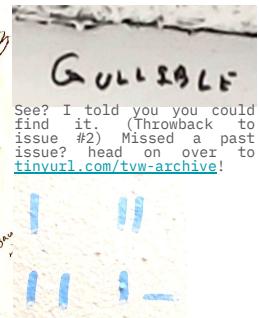
# STATE OF THE ART. CAMERA INSTALLED?!

I don't know about you, but a camera in the DCC-JEC tunnel is not a good sign. It looks like art here may slow down considerably for as long as the camera's here. Though, I have seen a good bit of activity here despite the camera, though a lot smaller-scale art than usual. We'll see if people will just disregard the camera, or if the art will remain small for a while.

Anyway, luckily there is only one camera in one tunnel, so the other JEC tunnel is unaffected, and so are the other areas in which art has been found in the past, such as West hall and the 9th floor stairwell in LOW.

One last thing, a quick correction to last week: The duck finding challenge will only give \$15 to the first person who finds both. I apologize for this typo, nobody has found them yet, though!

Hope you enjoy the (rather more sparse) art from this past week!



A day before the cameras, someone made a full color Sonic and Shadow the Hedgehog drawing. Cool! You don't see very many color drawings around here.

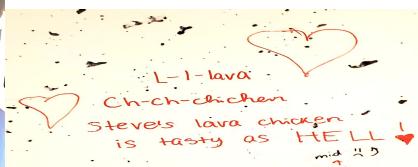
Never forget  
Ria's vigil



**Cover story:** Camera installed in DCC-JEC tunnel! Someone put up posters warning of this on Thursday.



Good luck spot. Be sure to step on it before your next exam!



L-l-lava, Ch-ch-chicken, Steve's lava chicken is tasty as HELL!  
-Jack Black, A Minecraft Movie

Finally, on the left, another throwback. Anyone remember Ria Massoni's vigil/memorial? It was complete with candles, flowers, and other decoration. If you didn't pay respects this past August, you may do so now, on the provided white space.



Your respects here...  
**RIP RIA MASSONI**

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

## **HOW TO HAVE A NOT SO SUMMER ARCH SUMMER**

**BY ANONYMOUS**

With 2 years on campus under your belt you no doubt know how to survive the harsh winters of upstate New York, you know how to bundle up and keep warm, but do you know how to handle RPI in the heat? During the traditional academic year (fall and spring) there is at most, a month or two (in total) of truly warm weather and the rest of the time is either cold or unbearably cold. While there is a lot to be said for sledding and snowball fights, there is only so much time you can partake in winter activities before you lose an appendage to frostbite. During the arch summer, clear skies and 95 degrees fahrenheit (that's 35 celsius) is the new norm. Spending time outdoors in the sun is a privilege not easily afforded to RPI students, so let this be your guide to making the most of your summertime while at RPI.

### **BEATING THE HEAT**

Nothing beats the heat like an ice cream cone (or cup). If you venture into downtown Troy, the Dutch Udder serves up a wide variety of rotating flavors, from mint chip to sweet potato pie, as well as specialty items like root beer floats and donut sandwiches. If the thought of having to walk up the approach in the heat to get back to campus is deterring you, the closest Stewarts is only about 5 minutes walking distance and always has solid ice cream options, offered on the cone or in pints. If you're looking to venture out a bit further, The Snowman, established in the 1950s, offers a variety of homemade ice creams, yogurts and sherberts. A long-standing institution in Troy, and only open seasonally, it's definitely worth checking out while you can.

### **ENJOYING NEW YORK STATE**

New York has a beautiful collection of state parks. Peebles Island, Thacher, Grafton, and Cherry Plain are all relatively nearby. A longer ways away but well worth the trip is Taghkanic State Park. In Durham, under Stone Bridge Road (put Stone Bridge Road into google maps), there is a swimming hole and a waterfall. It's deep enough at certain spots to jump into, with multiple outcroppings from which to jump. If you're looking for a more mild nature experience Buckingham Lake Park, Lincoln Park and Washington Park are all located across the river in Albany, the capital of this great state. There is also a huge collection of museums in Albany. The New York State Museum, The Capitol Building, University Art Museum, Albany Center Gallery, and Throop Pharmacy Museum are all free to the public and make for a great activity when it feels like there's just no escape from the heat.

### **NO CAR, NO PROBLEM**

Every Saturday morning the Troy Farmers Market takes over downtown. This impressively sized event is a great way to spend a morning before that afternoon heat starts to beat down. Once it does start to beat down, head for a stroll along the Troy waterfront, taking advantage of the cool breeze coming off the hudson. If the river's breeze isn't cutting it, step into The Arts Center of the Capital Region located conveniently at 265 River St for some air conditioning and funky art exhibits. If you prefer dirt over pavement, less than 5 minutes from campus at the bottom of 13th sits Prospect Park. Complete with scenic views of downtown, basketball courts, tennis courts and a massive disk golf course, this is my personal favorite place to spend a sunny day in Troy.

If you're looking for something more refreshing there is a spot not too far from prospect, commonly referred to by students as "The Gorge", 45 Linden Ave is what you'll put into google maps to find this place. It is down the trail at the bottom of the parking lot. It's a quaint swimming hole enjoyed by RPI students throughout the years. Danger: Going to the Gorge is trespassing, which is illegal. We are not responsible for any criminal charges that may occur if you go there.

### **GOOD LUCK, HAVE FUN!**

Less than 10 years old, the Arch program has become an infamous part of the RPI experience. There's no sugar coating it, you're facing a standard 15 week semester's worth of coursework condensed into about 12 weeks. It's probably not the summer break you were hoping for. At the end of the day you'll get out of arch what you put in. Hopefully now that you know what Troy and the surrounding areas have to offer you can get the most out of this experience.

...And that's all, folks! Thank you all so much for reading so far, I'm really glad I was able to be your source for all news tech dump and tunnel art! If you missed any past issues, be sure to check out [tinyurl.com/tvw-archive](http://tinyurl.com/tvw-archive), also if you have any stories or want to help with writing articles/sections, contact us at [tunnelvisionweekly@proton.me](mailto:tunnelvisionweekly@proton.me)!

I'll see you in the Fall with issue #6, have a great summer!