**Sex Life at R. P. I.**

"An investigation of the development of the genital organs of the guppy fish." — Undergraduate thesis title at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as listed in their 1936 catalog.

The analysis of paralysis may trouble a student’s might; an esophagus or sarcophagus may be his one delight; but the guppy fish, oh, the guppy fish, will draw his mind away from microscope dabs in little gray labs where the streptococci play.

That he will not hark to the trout or shark is his painfully sad confession; for the guppy fish is his only dish as he studies its sex repression and his morals go and his thoughts are low and his mind is wicked and gory as he chuckles and laughs while he plots the graphs that tell of his specimens’ story.

Now at M. I. T., there are men, you see, on the trail of a power factor; who design a plane or a railroad train or perhaps a diesel tractor; but at Rensselaer they can scoff and sneer at our works mundane and ferric, shunning worldly strife, they seek Facts of Life and attain the esoteric.