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While there are many disagreements over the correct way for the Faculty Student Association to run, almost everyone involves agrees that it *should* run while the disagreements are worked out. One who doesn't agree is University President John Marburger, who has announced that he will not approve legally necessary bylaw changes for FSA until he gets everything he wants in those changes.

FSA's bylaws were out of compliance with SUNY guidelines on a number of technical matters. Everyone involved agreed on the need to change them, and even on the ways to change them to bring them into compliance. At their November 12 meeting, the necessary legal changes were passed unanimously by the 22 Class A membership of FSA, including students, faculty, and administrators. Upon studying the changes in detail, FSA's lawyer agrees that the corporation would be in full compliance with all state requirements.

Would be, that is, except for John Marburger. Marburger must officially transmit the changes to Albany before they can become official. But he won't. In addition to changing the bylaws just to bring them into compliance, he wants a number of other changes, including changes in the power of the corporation's officers, and in the makeup of the Class A. He claims



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that his changes would make the organization much more efficient and reliable.

Many people disagree. But rather than the dis-

agreements sensibly, and come to an informed consensus on the way the corporation operates, Marburger is demanding that his changes be made, now, or he will not send the bylaw changes at all.

What is ironic is that, in order to enable FSA to better discuss the ways to make it more efficient and provide greater services, it was agreed at the Nov. 12 meeting to hire a management consulting firm to look into the corporation. It was Marburger's idea.

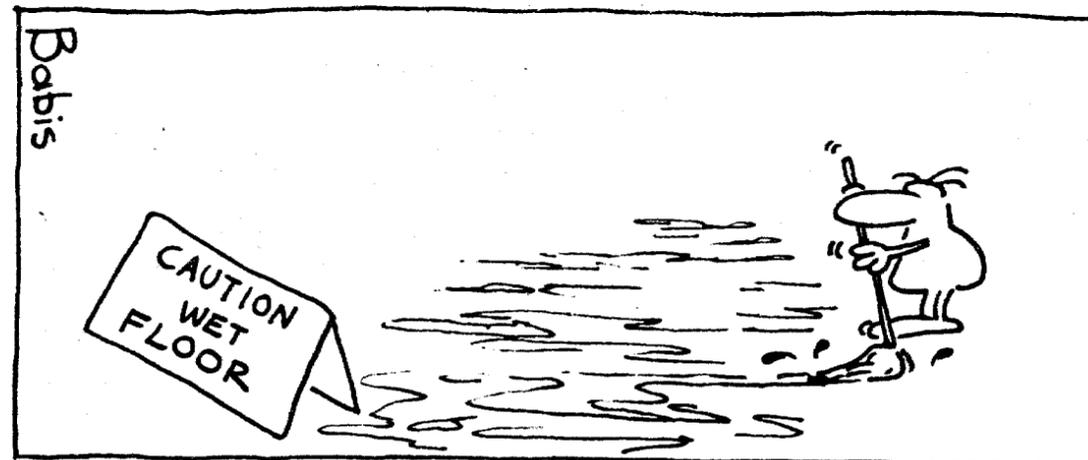
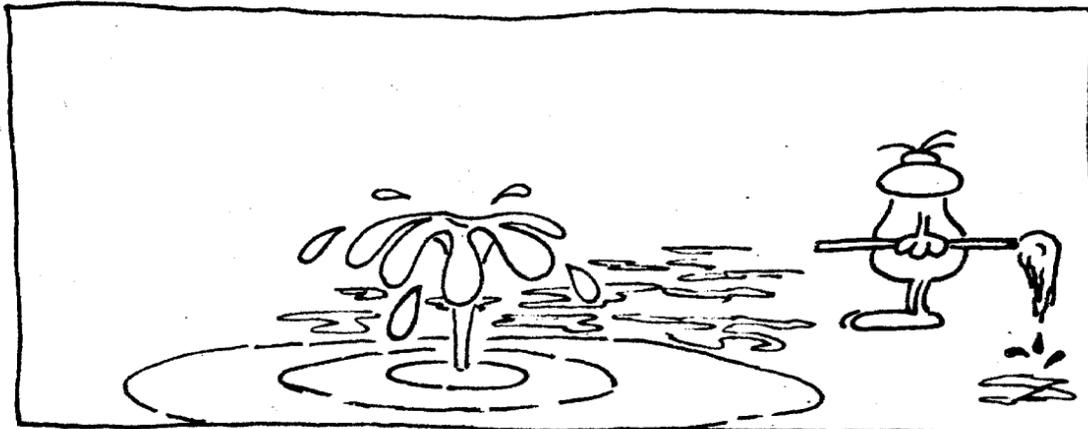
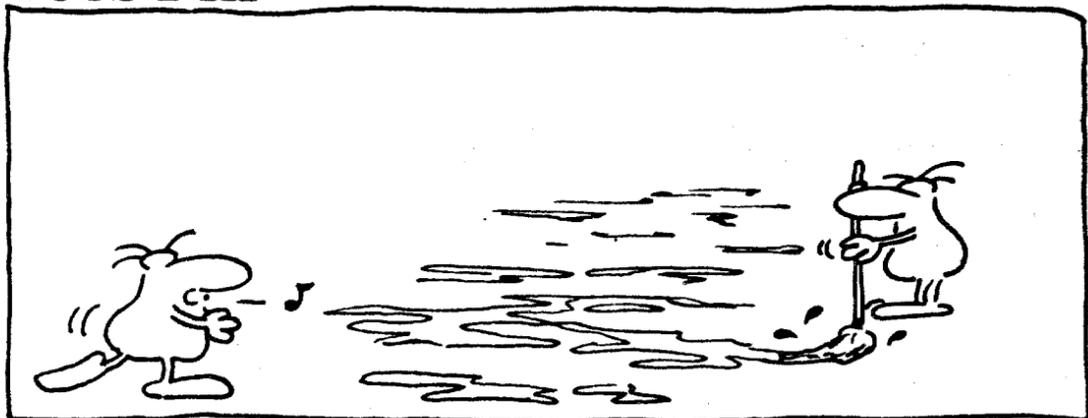
Before anything hasty is done, Marburger should send the current bylaws to Albany for approval. Once the corporation is legal, then, with the help of the consulting firm, any changes to streamline FSA can be made in the spring.

FSA is an important organization. It provides millions of dollars worth of services to the university community, and is responsible to meet that community's needs. In deciding on the make-up of FSA, student members have shown a consistent willingness to discuss and compromise. Every administrator, that is, except one. It is time for him to do so.

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Update

Preston Announces Revised Drinking and Eating Rules

by Joe Caponi

Vice President Fred Preston released the revised drafts of the Proposed University Alcohol Policy and the Dorm Cooking Reduction Plan last week, to get comments on them before he recommends them to President Marburger for adoption.

The Dorm Cooking reduction plan, which was originally announced last April, will have four buildings, two in Kelly and one each in Tabler and Roth, become dorm cooking free in the fall, and four or five other buildings to become cooking free in fall '86. The revised plan includes the assurance that, if promised renovations in the buildings do not occur, the building will not be converted to dorm cooking free. Preston said he will announce which buildings will be involved before the end of this semester, in order to give students maximum time to adjust to the changes. The new plan eliminates the controversial "negative incentives" of the old plan, whereby building that had dorm cooking option, but did not maintain unspecified standards of upkeep could lose the dorm cooking option, and instead authorizes the Dorm Cooking Advisory Committee to come up with an incentives plan.

The Alcohol Policies, which were announced in September, were revised to reflect input from students, according to Preston. The two greatest changes involve the creation of an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Panel to work out specifics of the plan,



a role that was largely left to Student Affairs and Resident Life in the first draft, and the assurance, which was absent in the first draft, that the rights of students of legal age to drink alcohol in their own dorm rooms is not being questioned or jeopardized.

"I have no problem with the Advisory Panel having even a majority of students, on it," Preston said. "We just want to project that this campus cares about what happens to the people on it, the students, the faculty and staff. Most people will never have any problems with this policy. It is just there for a few people who go overboard."

The alcohol policies will be reviewed by a University Lawyer before going to Marburger.

The proposed dorm cooking plan is reprinted below, and the alcohol policies are reprinted on page 5.

Dorm Cooking Proposals

Key Proposal Features

- I.* All freshman and new transfer students living in residence halls shall be required to be on the meal plan for a period of at least one year.
- II.** The food service program available to resident students shall be changed such that it provides students both the "dorm cooking" and "non-dorm cooking" living option.
 - A. One residential quad shall be designated as a low density dorm cooking community:
 1. Kelly Quad shall be this designated residential community.
 2. Currently, the plan is to not have the Dorm Cooking Program (DCP) operate in any of the dormitories in this quad. A final decision whether to allow one residence hall to participate in the DCP will be reached at a later date.
 3. Provision will be made in each dorm to allow for limited cooking for snacks, parties, and special events.
 - B. One residential quad shall have equal availability of dorm cooking and non-dorm cooking residence halls:
 1. Stage XII Quad shall be this designated residential community.
 2. Two residence halls shall allow participation in the DCP and two residence halls will not have this option available.

3. Provision will be made in the two non-dorm cooking buildings for limited cooking for snacks, parties and special events.
- C. Two residential quads shall be designated high density dorm cooking communities:
 1. Roth and Tabler Quads shall represent this type of community.
 2. Each of the two quads shall have a minimum of one residence hall in which the DCP option shall not be available.
 3. Provision shall be made in the dorm cooking program-free residence hall for limited cooking for snacks, parties and special events.

* This recommendation became University policy and has been implemented effective Fall 1984.

** The conversion of the residence halls designated as "non-dorm cooking participating" shall be contingent upon the refurbishing of the suite living rooms and hall lounges in said buildings by the effective date.

III. A master plan should be developed for the overall upgrade of the Dorm Cooking Program:

- A. The appropriate administrative office together with the Dorm Cooking Advisory Committee should author said improvement plan. Consultation with appropriate other offices should take place in the development of a plan.
- B. A group composed of representatives from Residence Life, Campus Operations, Residence Hall Association and the Dorm Cooking Advisory Committee should develop an incentive program related to student upkeep of dorm cooking equipment/sites. Both positive and negative incentive strategies should be considered.

Implementation Process

I.* The reduction of residence halls participating in the Dorm Cooking Program shall be phased in over a two-year period.

A. The DCP shall be eliminated from four quad sites commencing Fall 1985:

Quad	# of Res. Halls
Kelly	2
Roth	1
Tabler	1

B. The DCP shall be eliminated from at least four additional sites commencing Fall 1986:

Quad	# of Res. Halls
Kelly	2 (or 3)*
Stage XII	2

* A decision on whether to maintain one dormitory with the DCP in Kelly will be made at a later date.

II. The refurbishing of the suite living rooms and hall lounges in the buildings losing the DCP shall be completed by the effective date.

III. The following shall be considered in the selection of the specific buildings in which the elimination of DCP is to be implemented:

1. Those buildings closest to a meal plan cafeteria should be considered first. A secondary consideration should be the number on a meal plan in a given building at the time of designation.
2. Those buildings in which facilities for dorm cooking have the least potential for improvement of dorm cooking should be considered first. In Kelly, Tabler, and Stage XII, this criterion does not apply since all the buildings are, in this dimension, identical.

Provision should be made for the disabled to have access to a non-cooking building.

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Proposed Policies and Procedures For On-Campus Sales, Service and Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages

The State University of New York at Stony Brook has established policies and procedures concerning the on-campus sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages. These policies and procedures are designed for all members of the campus community (faculty, staff, and students) and are designed to insure the responsible use of beverage alcohol. Establishing a community consensus regarding alcoholic beverages, this comprehensive policy statement addresses both individual and community concerns.

Individual Use

1. Alcohol may be responsibly consumed in accordance with New York State Law and campus alcohol policy on the campus of the State University of New York at Stony Brook and at University-affiliated and/or sponsored events.
2. Consumption of alcohol does not excuse a person from the legal or disciplinary consequences of disorderly or inappropriate conduct.
3. Alcohol may be consumed in accordance with state law and campus regulations in any student residence hall room with the consent of its occupants. Alcohol may also be transported through residence hall hallways and via elevators and stairwells but may not be consumed in these places.

Community Guidelines

I. Alcohol Awareness and Education

1. An Alcohol Resource Center shall be established and staffed by trained personnel who will be available for referral and consultations on educational programs related to alcohol use and abuse. The Director of the Resource Center will supervise the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Panel.
2. An Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Panel shall be established to promote the ongoing education of the University community with regard to alcohol and drugs. This Panel will be composed of faculty, staff and students who will be jointly appointed by the President of the University, the Vice President for Student Affairs and the President of the University Senate. The Panel, or similarly constituted structures reporting to it, will develop specific regulations and enforcement mechanisms to support campus alcohol policies.
3. Training shall be provided for all individuals on the campus who serve, distribute or monitor alcoholic beverages.
4. A comprehensive alcohol awareness program shall be established.
5. New students, staff and faculty shall be provided with information related to drug and alcohol use, including availability of referral services and assistance programs.

II. Policies and procedures for the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Panel will develop and consistently enforce the specific elements of the following policies:

1. Alcohol may be sold, distributed or consumed on campus only by individuals who have attained the minimum legal New York State drinking age.
 2. Standard identification procedures and appropriate security measures shall be required at all student-sponsored campus events where alcoholic beverages are available [see page 6 for additional information].
 3. Grain alcohol may not be sold, distributed or consumed on campus [see page 6 for additional information].
 4. Marketing of alcoholic beverages and advertising events where alcohol is sold must promote the responsible consumption of alcohol. The campus will follow the guidelines adopted by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the American College Personnel Association [see page 6 for additional information].
 5. The sale, distribution or consumption of alcohol in public is limited to areas designated by the University administration, such as pubs, lounges, multi-purpose meeting rooms and other public spaces [see page 6 for additional information].
 6. Submission of a completed limited events clearance form forty-eight hours in advance and approved by the Director of Student Activities is required for any student-sponsored event at which alcoholic beverages will be available. [see page 6 for additional information].
 - *7. Quantities of alcohol to be served at an event will be established in advance and will not encourage intoxication based on New York State legal levels of blood alcohol. [see page 6 for additional information].
 8. To serve wine and/or beer at an event for which money is collected, a temporary wine/beer permit must be obtained from the New York State Liquor Authority (in Hauppauge) a minimum of five (5) business days prior to the event. Authorization for acquiring this permit must be obtained from the Director of Student Activities. [see page 6 for additional information].
 9. Hard liquor can be served only by a licensed vendor (the University Food Services) at events for which money is collected. Arrangements for this service must be made at least three weeks in advance.
 - *10. Food and non-alcoholic beverages must be provided in sufficient quantities commensurate with the manner in which alcoholic beverages are available.
 11. Events involving alcohol in the residence halls will be permitted in accordance with this policy as well as procedures established by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Panel and approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- * The specific details of this item will be determined by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Panel.

DAKA Grows

Meal Plan Enrollment on Upswing

by Ken Kruger

For the first time in Daka's three year association with Stony Brook, the number of students on the meal plan has grown through the fall semester. Currently there are 2,995 people on the meal plan, 75 more than started the semester. Usually Daka's enrollment drops by 200 to 250 students between September and December, but this year it has increased steadily.

Daka District Manager Charlie Thrasher attributes this surprising increase to "our doing a better job... we've improved the service and means and you don't have the long lines anymore." Another contributing cause in the enrollment increase is certainly the fact that freshmen can't leave the meal plan. This year, as part of University President John Marburger's plan "option" became mandatory for freshmen and transfer students. In the past freshmen would usually start leaving at the first opportunity, the third week in September, and a number of them would drop the meal plan each week until the end of the semester.

Over the semester break Daka would usually lose between 800 and 1000 students, half of which would be freshmen. This year with close to 3000



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Charlie Thrasher, DAKA District Manager

on the plan, 2000 of them freshmen, Thrasher estimated that they would lose 300 to 400 at most.

Thrasher believes that improvements at Daka are the primary reasons for the enrollment jump, citing a 55% increase in the number of upperclassmen signing up. "A number of upperclassmen have come to the intelligent conclusion that this (the meal plan) is much easier

than doing your own cooking, cleaning and shopping," Thrasher said. The Daka manager also added that the ongoing campus debate over dorm cooking has possibly drawn some residents onto the meal plan. "Some of the people might have read some of the negative things about dorm cooking and decided that they just didn't want to get involved with that."

"Sucks' is the best word to describe daka. It hasn't improved at all," said sophomore Akihito Sawada, who's been on the plan for the last two years. "At any college campus students will complain" replied Thrasher to student criticism of daka's high cost and low quality. As for the cost, "the meal plan is considered expensive but it's no more expensive than others (meal plans) on SUNY campuses," Thrasher said. He added that the meal plan fee hasn't risen in the last two years while some meal plans have automatic increase of 5% to 10% per year. "I don't want to see the cost go over \$700."

Thrasher attributed part of the cost of Daka to the options offered, saying that some students want the price of the meal plan to go down but they don't want to lose their options. "We're responsive to students demands" Thrasher continued "If students want a better veal cutlet we'll get a better veal cutlet."

Thrasher also said that because Daka has received complaints from students with late classes, Roth cafeteria will stay open an extra hour for dinner, closing at 8:00pm, starting next semester. Currently there are no plans to increase the hours at any of the other cafeteria's.

Viewpoint

Supermarket Ripoff

Markets Violate Pricing Law

The New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc. (NYPIRG) today released a survey which revealed that most area supermarkets are violating New York State's Unit Pricing Law.

The survey of eight area supermarkets studied compliance with the law which requires large retail food stores to display the item price and the price per unit measure on the shelf under each product. NYPIRG found levels of compliance from a 'high' of 79% at the Pathmark in Lake Grove to a dismal 'low' of 24% at the Meat Farms in Port Jefferson Station.

According to NYPIRG project member Daniel Korb, "This flagrant disregard of the law all but makes smart shopping impossible." Korb and the other project members have issued a request for an investigation of the violations which they uncovered to the Suffolk County Department of Consumer Affairs and the State Department of Agriculture and Markets. "These agencies should be enforcing this statute for the good of all Suffolk residents," said Korb, "I can only wonder which other consumer laws are not being enforced."

Items were found to be in violation if a unit pricing label was illegible, in the wrong location, or missing entirely. Furthermore, the group found that of the eight stores surveyed only one, Waldbaums of Suffolk Plaza, properly observed that part of the law which requires a supermarket to post sign explaining the unit pricing system to shoppers.

NYPIRG is New York State's largest consumer action organization and works on issues concerning consumer protection, student rights, and the environ-

ment. Summaries of the survey may be obtained by writing to the NYPIRG office, Rm. 079 Union Building, SUNY Stony Brook.

The survey was conducted on November 10, 1984. The results of the survey are as follows:

Meat Farms-500 Port Jefferson Plaza Rd., Port Jefferson Station: no signs, 76% non-compliance;

Waldbaums-2200 Nesconset, Port Jeff. Hwy., Stony Brook: no signs, 68% non-compliance

Waldbaums-Suffolk Plaza, East Setauket: yes signs, 64% non-compliance;

King Kullen-218 Route 25A, Setauket: no signs, 63% non-compliance;

Grand Union-1967 Route 112, 3 Road Shopping Center: no signs, 36% non-compliance;

Finast-Route 25A, Setauket: no signs, 27% non-compliance;

Pathmark-Route 347 and Canal: no signs, 24% non-compliance;

Pathmark-Route 347 and Alexander Ave., Lake Grove: no signs, 21% non-compliance;

★★It should be noted that Meat Farms refused to disclose whether their stores were subject to unit pricing law provisions, and would not answer our telephone inquiries.

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Visible Signs: non-compliance — 87.5%

Labels: non-compliance — 47%

Number of Stores: 8

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Off The Koff

by Andy Koff

It's time for a bit of seriousness in this column. This column will deal with what John Marburger, president of SUNY Stony Brook considers important, and what he concentrates on.

John's unhappy. To him the Faculty student Assoc. is a crippled organization and it could serve Stony Brook students better by providing more jobs and services. The part of that sentence that is important follows the word "could." Could is a very ambiguous word which does not even try to explain how something will occur. Why isn't John telling us how his changes will be done or what types of changes in the operation of FSA he foresees. How will his proposed by-law modifications change FSA to reach his goal, whatever it might be, since we don't know how he would improve FSA?

Which service needs improved quality; daka, the loop, main desk, bowling alley, etc.? All services need improvement, and the only one which has been improved lately has been daka. The improvement in daka did not occur due to FSA or administration but rather to their responsive managerial staff. I stress FSA had no major part in this.

Recently the main desk/loop assistant manager resigned due to a better job offer, and the FSA board could not even meet to discuss a possible salary increase or to direct operations to do it. The effect is a reduction in quality service to students at these locations. Why couldn't the board meet? John will like you to believe it is because the student reps will not accept his changes, rather from an inside view I could tell you he is being unrealistic, his view of what will help students is the installation of a faculty dining hall or other such projects. John doesn't even realize the other facilities need to be improved. To reach the Francis-Preston reduction in dorm cooking at least one other cafeteria must open but John has not said which is more important.

As I have always lived in a democratic society it strikes me odd that the president of the university will refuse to send changes of the by-laws to Albany unless he agrees with him (whether or not they satisfy class A). John is concerned that the last FSA meeting were taken up with the by-laws issue and this hurts student services. In this point he is correct but having spoken to Hawkeye (Polity President), Polity is willing to talk compromise and

arbitration, but how can Polity do this if John is unwilling to bend? How John will go about this changing of by-laws is simple; stall, take the daka contract (he said he might), then blame the student reps for his actions. Congratulations John you will appear as an asshole, but you have it coming.

All of us know Stony Brook isn't perfect but what does John give for support? Face up to the fact; we are not an Ivy league school, nor will we ever be one but our faculty off-times are better than Ivy league faculty. John should be content; division I football makes us good on TV, FSA in special interest, education, intelligent faculty to make you special to graduate and undergraduate students, as well as faculty peers.

To show how FSA could improve student life an example is seen in the faculty guest program. This program was set up by FSA, Polity, Res. Life, daka, and Student Activities. This program helps strengthen faculty-student ties, and believe it or not the FSA problems were occurring then as well. The idea behind this is students and FSA overcame their differences without John's interference, but these things will only occur again only if John

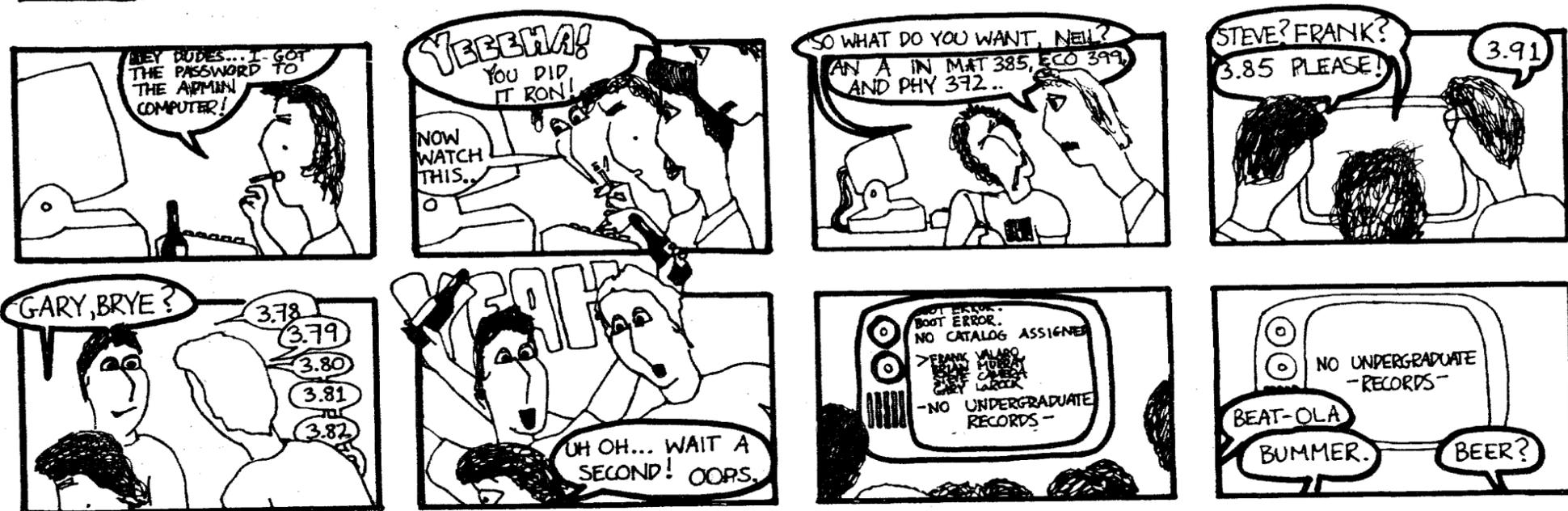
does not meddle in things he knows little about.

I admit I've only been a class A member for a short time but I have spoken to both groups in this controversy. Unlike John, after speaking to most people involved neither group has convinced me totally of their view, hence I say to both sides—let FSA function as it had so students are not hurt and the groups can take a year of arbitration (see the Kelly D resolution—your senator should have a copy). To us the average student it might make sense, since nothing occurring now does.

It is interesting that John, who wishes to concern himself with students does not investigate the problems with light-bulbs or toilet paper. This is an important issue, especially if the money just vanished. If it didn't vanish I am sure students are curious as to where the money or material went. It is always important to remember that to do well a student must study, to do this light is necessary, so where are the lights! So John why don't you get out of FSA and find our lights or something equally relevant to students!

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Why I Didn't Vote For Mondale

By Mitchel Cohen

"I'm serious — they'll both do the same thing, and I think it's important how he presents himself." (College freshman John Smith explaining that he supported President Reagan because he's 'better dressed', September 22, 1984)

"I don't like a guy who *admits* he will raise taxes." (Medical student Lee Szykowny, on why she was against Mondale) *Village Voice* Nov. 12, 1984)

The first leftist to seriously suggest that I vote for Mondale was Alan Gilchrist, who used to teach psychology at Stony Brook. Alan had become predominantly concerned with the government's policies and less involved with the day to day "little resistances" that make up most people's lives. The more he became obsessed with the nuclear arms race as a matter of government policy, the more concerned he became with lobbying our elected officials as strategy, directly and through large, conservatively-spoken rallies. The everyday demands of militant workers, Black and Third World peoples, radical students, women, anti-imperialists, lesbians and gay men — while "valid on-their-face," served to undermine the "overwhelming" strategic need to present a "credible" face to legislators, in order to get rid of nuclear weapons. Thus, Alan pushed for the "lowest common denominator" around nuclear weapons — which, in practice, meant forgoing the other arenas of struggle. Red Ballonies like myself, and many others, were termed "ultra leftists," "adventurists," facile labels that allowed Alan and other "left-wing Mondalites" to dismiss us without having to deal with the things we were doing or saying. The more we tried to develop direct action projects on all the issues, including nuclear weapons and U.S. intervention in Central America, the more venomous became their accusations, that we were betraying the movement, for "middle America would be alienated" by our demands and actions, and therefore not join their campaign against nuclear arms.

Thus, the "progressives" in the Mondale camp tried to limit the terrain of the debate, not only among those working for Mondale but, pathetically enough, within the anti-war movement itself, trying to make an appendage of the movement to serve the "greater purpose" of the electoral campaign. As *Midnight Notes* writes (in *No Clear Reason*, "Radical Science" #14): "Given that the West's nuclear weapons are geared to shoring up its class domination both at home and abroad, then — short of directly challenging that domain — . . . should the USA's oppressed minorities make a priority of opposing nuclear weapons so that they can be instead conscripted to suppress anti-imperialist forces? Should they exchange the possibility of a capital-intensive nuclear annihilation at home for a labor-intensive non-nuclear death abroad? Likewise, should Britain's working class oppose nuclear weapons there in the name of 'defending Britain' while its sons are killed fighting imperialist wars in Ireland, the South Atlantic, and elsewhere? Which is truly 'self-indulgent' (a favorite term of the "progressive" Mondaleites) — to raise these issues in the nuclear disarmament movement, or to refuse to raise them?"

"There are further ironies. In the name of a quasi-religious mission to avert a threat to humanity, a movement pretending to be above class struggle ends up hiding the class basis of the state that threatens to exterminate us. And in the name of building a stronger, broader movement around a single issue, accusations of 'self indulgence' (etc.) blackmail the movement into "behaving itself" and thus discourages full participation by those whose struggle for survival confronts the state every day. Such blackmail has the effect of limiting or even precluding the sorts of class rebellion that could truly deter the ruling class from nuclear war by disrupting any pre-war 'state of emergency' . . . It not only serves to reduce the movement to a single issue but uses that

issue to reduce people's aspirations to mere biological survival."

Later, it became clear that Mondale was not terribly different from Reagan in the issue of nuclear weapons. Mondale opposed the MX but supported the Midget Man, opposed the B1 bomber but supported the Stealth and Cruise. Indeed, some of the Mondalites like Albert Shanker endorsed Mondale because he felt he'd be more effective than Reagan in *increasing* defense spending and standing up to the Soviet Union! In *The Wall Street Journal*, Shanker commented on the last debate: "Mondale denounced Cuba as a police state, condemned Che Guevara, said Lebanon's terrorists had called Mr. Reagan's retaliatory bluff, refused to accept Soviet control of Eastern Europe, called for extending credits to the Soviets only at market rates, demanded that Nicaragua confine its activities within its borders, refused to exchange strategic information with the Soviets to get an arms agreement, supported cruise missiles and repudiated an unverifiable nuclear freeze." As Alexander Cockburn writes in *The Nation* (Nov. 10, 1984): "As I rode through the subway . . . I thought of all the chances Mondale had missed and all the stupid things he had said about the deficit, Star Wars, and Che

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Guevara; how he had reudiated Yalta, endorsed a quarantine of Nicaragua and promised higher taxes and a drug czar, and I thought maybe those tough-minded pragmatists who say 'Hold your nose and vote for Gus Hall' have a point. The pragmatists argue that since recession is already upon us, why have Mondale supervise four years of misery and usher in a Republican landslide in 1988, instead of four years of drift amid the noise of lame ducks quacking in the Rose Garden, during which progressive forces could get their act together."

Many people on the left argued (as did Cockburn in this article, in spite of the above quote) that we should support Mondale anyway, as the lesser of two evils (I always viewed it as the evil of two lessers), for he would hurt poor people and women less than would Reagan. It was interesting how the nuclear question — which had been the original reason progressives gave for supporting Mondale — dropped out of the picture after the debates. Did they dis-endorse Mondale? No! They ran for the cover of the nearest alternative issue they could find, grabbed it as their own, unfurled the banners, and, without missing a beat, attacked those of us who had the temerity to doubt their honesty and guts.

The argument that Mondale would hurt certain oppressed sectors less than Reagan *did* carry some

weight when it came from the mouths of people on foodstamps who would be cut off. But Mondale *also* threatened to cut people's benefits — just not as much a Reagan. So instead of losing both legs under Reagan, we could look forward to losing just one leg and three fingers on each hand under Mondale!

As a kid, I had dreams in which the evil scientist tied up my mother, my father, my brothers, and all my friends. He made me choose which one I'd be allowed to save, meaning, which of the others I's allow to die. I've probably repressed my early, oedipal, choices; but as I grew older, I'd refuse to choose. Instead, I'd try to figure out ways of blowing up the evil scientist himself, freeing everyone — including *me* from the need to make such a "choice". I still refuse to be put in the role of choosing whether I want millions to die under Reagan, or "only" tens of thousands under Mondale. Something happens to our sanity when we choose to vote for a Mussolini instead of a Hitler. There has to be another way. I guess that makes me a charter member of the "ultra-leftist" club.

The final reason for refusing to vote for Mondale had to do more with the "progressive" Mondalites themselves. As more and more "leftists" and even anarchists fell into line behind Mondale on their route to the gas chambers, they claimed they'd "vote for Mondale, and then throw up" because the alternative would be *so* horrible *so* destructive. In the last few days before the election, there was a lot of talk again (suddenly!) about the end of the world, and how we had an obligation to prevent that by voting for Mondale, ignoring all that had come before.

I ask you. If *you* truly believed that the fate of the entire world hung in the balance; I mean, if *you* thought the world might blow up and billions would die, but *you* could stop it by getting enough people to vote for Mondale; I mean, if you *REALLY* believed what you were saying, wouldn't you pull out all the stops? Wouldn't you risk doing something more than casting your lone vote for Reagan's opposition? Wouldn't you change your life dramatically because the world hung in the balance? Wouldn't you at least get out there and take off from work, campaign for Mondale day in and day out? Donate all your money to save the world? Stand up in all your classes and try to convince everyone else? Even give up masturbating for a few weeks (or perhaps the opposite: Masturbate for Mondale might have attracted some alliterative attention)? Let me put it another way. If it looked like Reagan would win, and it truly would mean horrors upon horrors that we wouldn't have without him, wouldn't you consider shooting him? — I mean, if you really thought that that would make such a dramatic difference? I know I would, if I believed all that (I don't). At the very least you'd go out and campaign, ring doorbells, spend every breathing campaign minute in a last-ditch attempt to save people's lives?

It's quite clear to me that those leftists who tried to scare us into voting for Mondale on the "horrible crimes of Reagan" basis — with only one or two exceptions (Martha Livingston of the Social Psych Dept. being one of those who put her money where her mouth was, as did Alan Gilchrist, as much as I disagree with him) — didn't deep down believe their own arguments; nothing in their own lives changed. They just wanted to scare us into doing what *they* had decided to do, to use and manipulate those of us who wouldn't buy their crap in order to confirm themselves and justify their own paralysis of analysis, guilt tripping the rest of us. At least if they'd treated themselves and their position seriously, their arguments might deserve consideration. But look at them! "The world's gonna blow up under Reagan! You'd better vote for Mondale or you're a real louse. Ho-hum, I wonder if I can afford to give up skiing in the mountains this winter in order to contribute \$20 to the Mondale campaign fund." Anarchists?! Communists?! Marxists?! I accuse you of being liberals in drag!

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TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Joyce Yearwood/Polity Vice President

We are all aware of the recent reduction in the campus bus service. This reduction is due to recent cutbacks in the Administration's budget. Polity/Student Government and the Administration are working together to rectify this problem. One idea that was put forth by the student government, in concurrence with Dr. Robert Francis/Vice President of Operations, is to hire student bus drivers. This position would be a Work Study/Student employment position. This the student government feels will not only enable the administration to increase the bus service, but will also provide more jobs for the student population. The administration is willing to start a training program as soon as possible, all they are waiting for are student volunteers. Responsibility and a drivers license are the only qualifications needed. Applications and more information will be available through Joyce Yearwood/Polity Vice President, whose office is located in the polity suite. I encourage any student to get involved.

Thank you
Joyce Yearwood
Polity Vice President

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Viewpoint

Mondale

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People may starve to death in the next few years, but it won't be because Reagan beat Mondale. Nor will the world blow up for that reason. If those things happen — and they might! — it's because the "leftists" have refused to commit their lives in any significant way to building direct action communities that alone could prevent those things from happening! In 1988, if all goes according to *their* plans, we'll go through it all again, if we're still here on earth. And if not then, there's always 1992! "Oh, maybe Teddy Kennedy would run by then!"

Of course, there's always the possibility that events will be taken out of the hypocritical leftists' hands. Under Reagan, leftists may be *forced* to change their lives and alter their professional and personal pursuits, to make time to do what's necessary, instead of going on twanging the strings that bind us, hoping to get us to hop to a different tune when the strings are still the same. They've got to do more than give us words, always more words, and an occasional impotent march on Washington, so we can all be spectators, applaud still more words, an eternity of words, and visit our Nation's capital.

The capitalist class is serious in its preparations for Nuclear War, world war. We'd better become equally serious. For Salvadorans, Guatemalans, South Africans, and millions of others under the gun, every day is World War III. It's only the "fortunate" coincidence of geography, of where most white North Americans were born, that allows them to choose "respectable" careers instead of that of a revolutionary soldier. But along with

that "good fortune" comes an awesome responsibility, because it is the government and corporations of the U.S. that are acting in your name to lay waste to Central America, torture and murder people, and threaten to blow up the world while we go on, temporarily, in our little pursuits of no consequence, until all the wars are finally brought home.

There *are* things that you can do. **FIRST**, you can get involved in the Sanctuary Project. Demand that the University — students are beginning to do this all over the country — declare Stony Brook a sanctuary for refugees fleeing for their lives from Central America and U.S. tanks. Demand an end to Department of Defense contracts on this campus. Pull the plug on the disgusting electronic military ads that are creeping up (like imperialism) all over the campus. (When protestors spray-painted walls a few years ago, that was "illegal graffiti". Since the Navy has *paid* the university to hang up its filth; it is no longer considered graffiti, nor is it illegal. Wave the dollar wand, and watch the definitions and principles slither.) You can demand that SUNY divest all funds invested in South America. You can check out who are the Board of Trustees, and expose their military/corporate connections and investments.

SECONDLY, you can get involved in planning the "No Business As Usual" day of direct actions across the country on April 29, 1985. This will not be a nicety-nice rally; if we want to stop World War 3, we might have to take our rage to Wall Street, where it's being planned, and to where, on the local level, professors are doing work at Stony Brook for the Department of Defense.

THIRDLY, you can join a direct action group like Red Balloon, or form your own group with your friends. Harassment and rape of women go up on the campus, and at the same time the Administration eliminates evening and night bus service! Where's your outrage?! Campus Security (Public Safety) are given keys to all over campus, and they turn out to be the biggest thieves, robbing offices (while students get blamed). Now they want guns (so they can shoot you if you catch them robbing an office). Where's your spirit of battle to make a necessary fight?! Salvadoran refugees are desperate for people to house them — illegal though it may be, for the government insists on capturing them and sending them back to be shot! — and you can help, become part of the underground railroad housing people, helping to move them to safety. You can put together your own radical newsletter in your dormitory building, as Tom Padilla had done in Kelly for a couple of semesters. Sponsor discussions in the dorm lounges. Invite speakers, show movies. YOU don't have to be like those liberals who say "The world's gonna blow up" or "People are dying in Central America" and then do nothing about it. There's a *lot* you can do directly, and I don't just mean by voting for another pig. YOU can make the difference in many people's lives, just by educating yourself and your friends, and taking a stand. There may not be much time left.

That's why I didn't vote for Mondale. Looking back, I think it was a correct decision. But those of you who did, it's not so horrible, you just — like the rest of us — have to do a great deal more. Get involved now!

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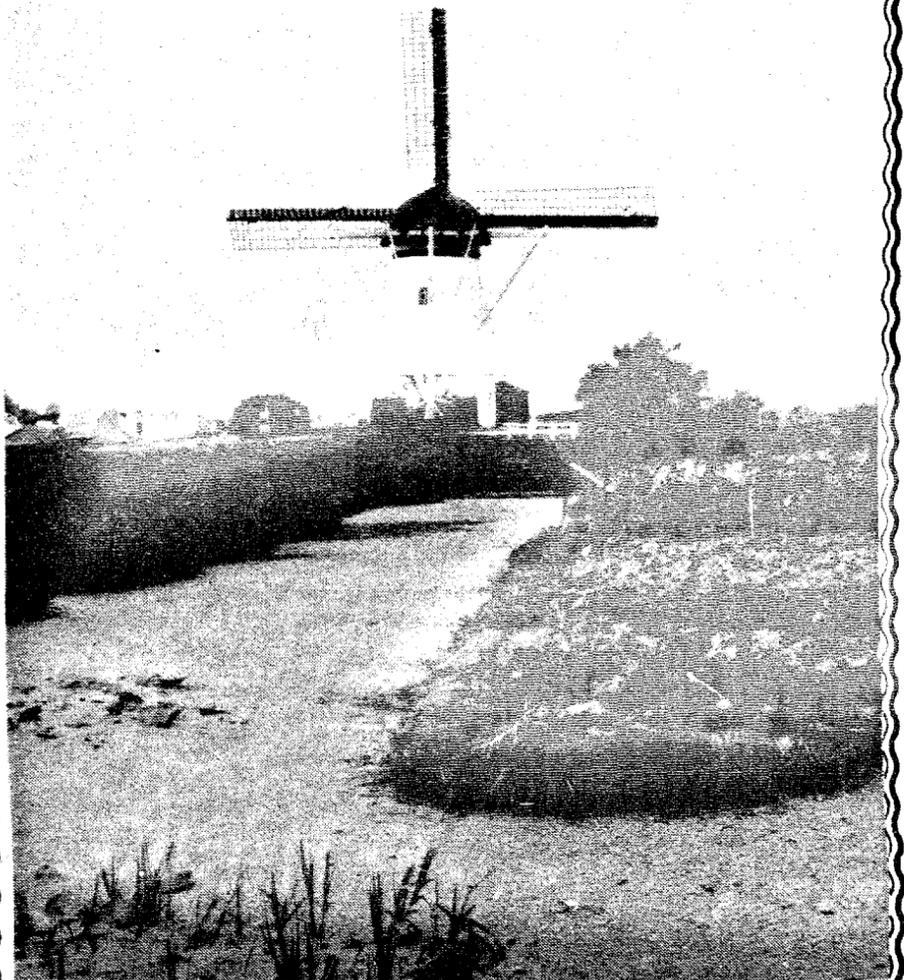


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Romeo Void

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seem to be enough. But then again this is a country that gladly accepts Madonna's music at "Face" value.

Romeo Void performed 14 songs at Hofstra before the unfortunate incident took place. Irall, clad in a black dress with a brown fish net skirt over it, her long frizzy hair puffed out in all directions, led the rest of her San Francisco based band that included Benjamin Boissi on sax, Peter Woods on guitar, Frank Aincavage on bass, and a more than competent drummer whose name was never mentioned, through a mostly satisfying show. Romeo Void's strongest areas, both live and recorded, are their lyrics and their luring, irresistibly danceable rhythms. They demonstrated this with the songs "Never Say Never" and "Talk Dirty," both of which have shamelessly seductive lyrics with a strongly enticing beat to match. Another highlight of the evening was their performance of the title track of their last album *Instincts*. By listening to her words (which had underlying themes of dependence, vulnerability, and the state of being impressionable)

and observing her body language and facial expressions, it was obvious that Iyall was so caught up in this song (or that this song fit her personality so perfectly), that the singer and song had blended into one, in a very rare and delightful way.

The few bothersome aspects of the concert were fortunately not too overpowering. One was that Iyall was drowned out from time to time. This, and the fact that she seems a bit shy on stage, tended to make the deliveries of her songs static at times. Bossi's saxophone was another disappointment. On recordings he dubs himself over his own playing, and uses different sorts of electronic equipment to give variations on his sound. When he's live though, it's just him and his sax. He turns this to his disadvantage because at least half the time he's playing, he resorts to high screeching trills which get to be tiresome after the second or third one.

On the whole though, Romeo Void has aneerily pleasant and distinct sound that is definitely worth checking out. They'll be appearing at the Ritz on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

No Doughnuts

Romeo Void at Hofstra

by Jean Marie Pagni

"Just To Easy," "A Girl In Trouble," and "Not Safe." Three Romeo Void songs whose titles sum up all too well the situation this band faced when they played Hofstra University a week and a half ago.

First, it's never a good sign when it's just too easy for a headlining band to walk, without getting mobbed, mugged, raped, etc., through its audience to get back stage before a show. Second, when a certain member of that audience decides, for whatever reason, to throw a doughnut (not a bottle or a tomato, but yes, a doughnut) at the lead singer of that band (Debra Iyall) and doesn't miss, it tends to put a girl in trouble however temporary it may be. Third, when this angry girl yells, "Yeah, I guess I'm an easy target when I'm standing still, so go ahead and throw your stupidity at me," and then walks off stage followed by the rest of her band only to return again with another song (ironically it's called "Say No")

which she sings with tears in her eyes, her voice choked up; but then clearly too upset to perform, walks off again leaving the band on stage with the guitar player now singing lead to finish up the song; it inevitably creates an atmosphere that, simply put, is not safe considering the band was never to return again. For a few seconds I feared for my life thinking that a riot might be a suitable response to a concert that ended prematurely. Then I remembered that this was the same band whose "grand entrances" produced an aura of utter nonchalance among their audience, and then realized there would be no riot.

Why is it that Romeo Void, one of the more talented and intelligent bands around today, is so under-appreciated? Or to phrase it another way, why aren't they as popular as other bands like the Pretenders, and the Talking Heads (deserving), or the Go-Go's and Scandal (undeserving). It probably has a lot to do with two simple words: *good looks*, or to bring it to its furthest extreme:



sex appeal. In case you didn't know, Debra Iyall is not thin. Though certainly not ugly she doesn't look like a Patty Smyth or a Chrissie Hynde (or is it Christine Kerr?). The fact that Iyall

writes wonderfully wild, beautiful, and sensitive lyrics, makes albums well worth listening too, and puts on a good show with the rest of her band, doesn't

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