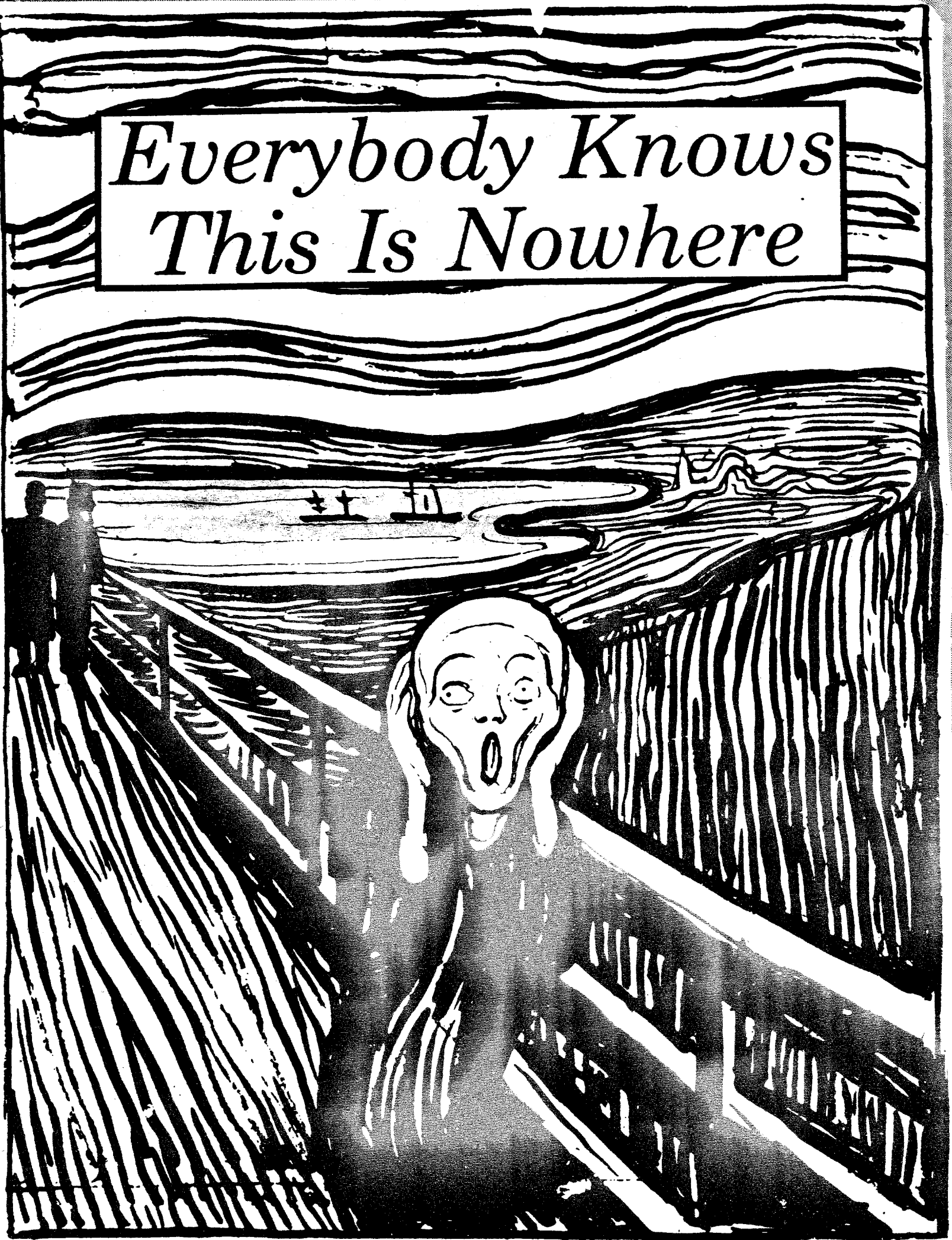


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Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere



Cleanup Time

It's all over now. Just finals and were gone, movin' on and movin, out. What was learned? What will be taken? What was given?

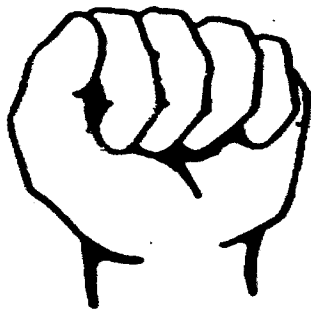
Seems like this semester was a turning point. It could have been. Something should have been sparked, or was it just another academic marking period, get your grades and get out. One can't really blame or condemn anyone for having that attitude, you get what you paid for and leave as quickly as possible, leaving no marks receiving no scars. You can't be blamed because there's so much bullshit flying around this place that if you stick your head up to peek at whats going on you get a face full of it. So you just do your work and exist to get by, you know no pain so you feel no pain. No, you can't be blamed, but it's a shame, a cryin' shame. If you don't reach out your not going to grasp and there's a whole lot here waiting to be taken.

It's our school, us the students we're paying everyones salary, we ultimatilly have the final say in everything yet we've given up our say in anything and thats exactly what adminisrtation wants. Were playin right into thier hands and they have shown us nothing in the past year that gives us a sence that they care about us, or even relize, that we are human beings. Not kids, not young adults, **humans**, who need hot water, heat in the winter, activities, who need to live. In the past few years our adminisration has done everything in their power to control our lives as much as possible, everything from cutting back academic choices outside of the sciences, to interfering with our personal freedoms.

Complete control is what they want and complete control is what they are getting, for no other reason except that we, the students of Stony Brook allow it.

This is not to suggest anarchy, or a student take over or any kind of bad crazyness, but we need a little breathing room and a little respect. One of the many insidents that comes to mind is when one of the many

water main brakes that had occured this semester flooded a resident hall, home for about 30 people.



Irreparable damage was done to hundreds of dollars worth of personal property. There was no question of why the pipes were braking every other week no question of corners that might have been cut, or of the quality of materials used in building and maintaining the upkeep of our overpriced rooms. However when one angered student, standing in a puddle in the middle of his room, remarked to the idle adminstrator on the scene "it aint gonna get done by you looking at it."

With an attitude that is echoed throughout the buracracy of Sony Brook, he replied, "listen kid, if you keep on talking to me that way you'll live with this for weeks." That attitude is an outrage yet it seems to be accepted without question by most students.

The question most students have, must be "what can be done?" The first step might be taking a little interest in our most valuable resource Student Polity Association. A 20% voting turnout for elections for people who will control your money and what goes on in this school is worse than just apathetic, its an open invitation for other students to take advantage of a

pitiful situation so they can steel money, beef up thier resumes and get nothing done. When there is legitimate attempt to make life more enjoyable by student officers who truly care about their school and their fellow students, nobody seems to care. Whats worse thier ideas and attempts at organizing events gets critisized and disregarded with a phases such as "this sucks." The people guilty of this are usually the most apathetic and parasitic students attending Stony Brook.

What people have to relize is that the students make the events and if there is nothing going on that you like get off your ass and start something. Yea, maybe there was no concerts this semester, but I remember not to long ago when The Fleshtones played here, an event that had nothing to do with S A.B. It was result of the hard work and determination of a very small number of people. It can be done.

Take a good look at the graduate students sitting in the middle of the academic mall, look and learn. They're pulling it off, they took a stand, dug their feet in deep with a rightous cause and administration had no choice but to reckon with them. Look at the people who prtested the in favor of Dube. It showed admini- stration that they had to answer for their blunders. It showed Long Island, though Newsday, How shady our administration really is. Things can be done you just have to want it and then work for it.

Yea, this semester could have been some kind of turning point. Go home and enjoy your summer, but think, think real hard, this is your school and your life. We are not robots working for the purpose of feeding the egos and wallets of our administrators. Remember two dollar pitchers at the Rainy Night House? It's all up to us.

To all you lucky graduating seniors; congratulations and good luck, we'll miss you.

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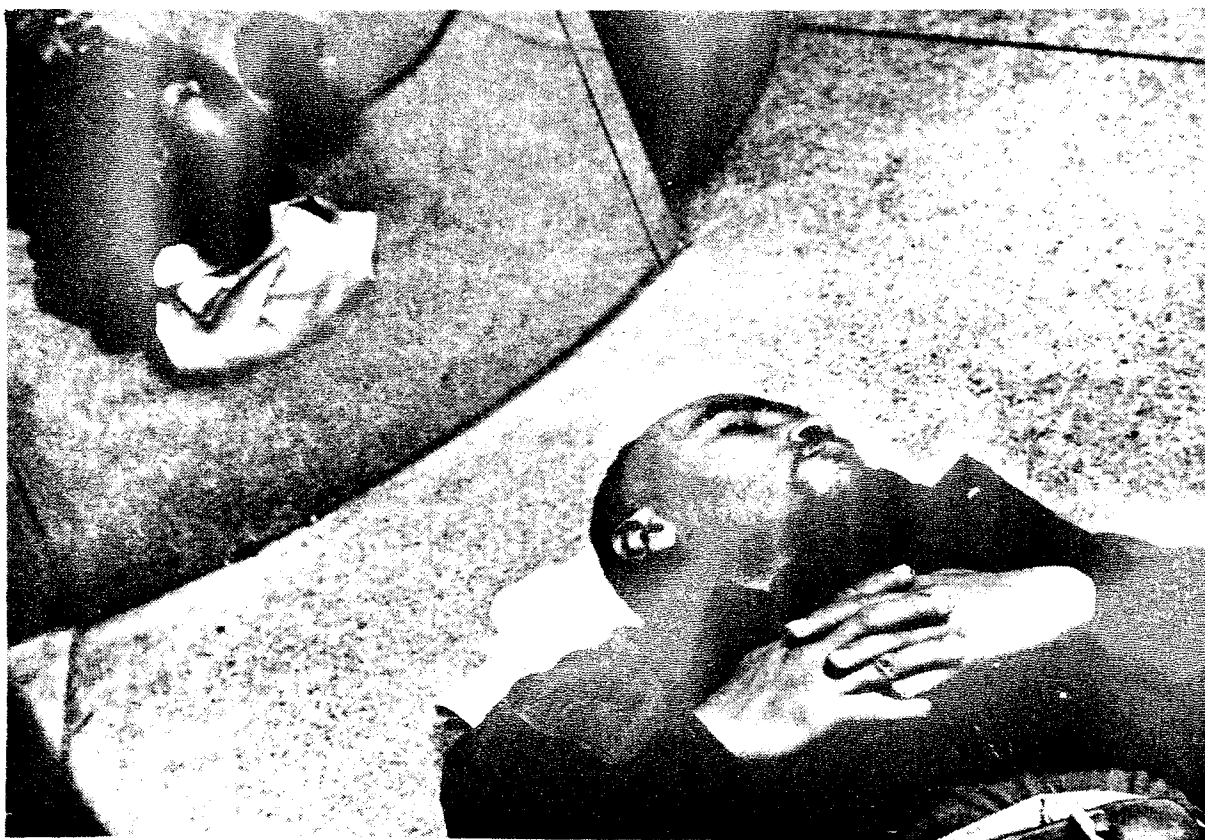
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Dioxin Dangers

More Toxins Found in Lecture Center

by Quinntette

University President John Marburger convened an emergency meeting Monday night regarding the Javits Lecture Center in light of the discovery of carcinogenic dioxins and furans present there as a result of last semester's fire. The study, conducted by the Zenon Testing Laboratory in Canada revealed the presence of nine different types of dioxins and furans in the Lecture Center at a dangerous rate of 36 parts per billion (ppb).

Following the announcement of the findings by Richard Drury, from the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), Polity President Marc Gunning immediately suspended student activities in the Lecture Center. This resulted in the cancelling of last weekend's COCA movie, "The Mosquito Coast," in mid-Harrison Ford.

On Monday, an emergency meeting was held in Marburger's office to discuss the toxic issue. Vice President for Campus Operations Bob Francis, Associate Vice Provost Ted Goldfarb, Graduate Student Organization President Chris Vestuto, Gunning, Drury, Polity Vice President Gerry Shaps, NYPIRG investigator Dave DeLucia, and NYPIRG Chair Neal Drobene were present in the camera-filled meeting room.

The emergency when three sets of soot and 'wipe samples' from areas where it was believed human exposure would arise revealed that the carcinogenic dioxins tetrachlorodibenzo, heptachlorodibenzo and octochlorodibenzo variously exist in the ventilating ducts and hallways in the Lecture Center. Also existing in the same places were the carcinogenic furans tetrachlorodibenzo, pentachlorodibenzo, hexachlorodibenzo and octochlorodibenzo. The combination of these nine dioxins and furans show they exist in 36 ppb. The nature of the chemical tests made it unclear as to the exact types of dioxins and furans present, but, according to Drury, "there are a number of tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxins (TCDD's) which vary widely in toxicity, but only the total concentration of all the TCDD's is known."

A main concern at the meeting was that these dioxins were found in the ventilation system and therefore have been dispersed throughout the Lecture Center.

The place where the highest concentrations of dioxins and furans were found are in the ducts where the noxious chemicals were sucked in. But when Vestuto asked if these chemicals were likely to flow throughout the building, Marburger said, "All these ventilating ducts have the ability to disperse, but the fans that drew the smoke into the ducts and out of the building malfunctioned because of the fire."

Vestuto asked Marburger if some of the soot could be shaken down by vibration, and Marburger said, "the idea that someone would breathe in flakes seems pretty flaky."

Negating the idea of dispersal, and that all is "normal", Marburger claimed, "anyway, there is probably soot in a number of air ducts throughout the entire Stony Brook campus." Doctor Goldfarb also said that, "even if these materials were dispersed, they would be visible, especially in milligrams, they wouldn't be just dust."

The section of the ducts containing the dioxins will be isolated and cleaned, according to Marburger.

But some of those present said that even though the air may not have circulated, student's have still been effected by exposure. Gunning asked Goldfarb, "Assuming that the 36ppb exist, were students in

danger?" Goldfarb answered, "I don't know."

Undergraduate Regina Good spoke on behalf of affected students. She said, "several students keep losing weight and getting sicker and sicker, and no one can understand what's wrong with them. I've been violently ill for months and it only began after the fire. I was in there 4 days a week, I'm sick and can't get out of bed sometimes and my doctor is baffled... Students are scared, angry, and upset."

Goldfarb said he "saw no problem of any significance and would feel comfortable teaching there." Marburger, when asked if he would move his office to the Lecture Center said, "Indeed I would."

NYPIRG officials see dioxins as a serious health concern. According to Drury, "two of the world's most noted dioxin scientists, Steven Levin of Mount Sinai Medical School, and Arnold Schecter, of SUNY Binghamton, agree that the building should be quarantined." Levin will be sending a letter to Marburger stating that he has reviewed the facts and requests that the building be closed pending complete testing and cleaning of the building. Drury said, "there is good reason to believe that people have been exposed to materials that could result in long term health effects, and I'll only consider it safe for inhabitants after they've identified the levels of dioxins, furans, and other toxic chemicals. These tests have so far confirmed our worst

fears."

Marburger disclaims Drury's statement, saying he feels such a quarantine would be imprudent, "it would be disruptive to close the building, Stony Brook's credibility is bad enough."

In response to NYPIRG recommendations, Marburger said that an internal task force will be formed. It will include Environmental Health and Safety Director, George Marshall, Dr. Goldfarb, Dr. Dale Deutsh, and Dr. Parkinson, and representatives from NYPIRG, Polity, and the GSO. Their duty will be to identify external consultants, who will be responsible for getting information, fees and the scope of work to be done, and will make future assessments on the Center. Drury said that, "the formation of a task group is very encouraging," but that he is unhappy with administration's decision to not quarantine the building.

Francis said about the formation of the task group that "we will have consultants from the state departments, but we also want people who have no connection to the state, we want an unbiased opinion."

According to Francis, tests on 168 hours of air samples will be taken to determine the exact volume of chemicals present in the air in order to insure that no air did break from the ventilation. The cost of testing so far in the building exceeds \$25,000, paid by the university, and is expected to reach \$50,000 by the time cleaning and testing are fini-

shed. The internal task force hopes to meet immediately to determine what tests should be done, where, when, and why. Marburger explained, "there will be a full-scale investigation probing hot spots and with this task force we want to avoid any communications gaps such as those that were evident at the start of the ordeal, when a breakdown of internal communication contributed to the opening of the center after the fire occurred."

As suggested in NYPIRG's letter to Marburger, questionnaires will be distributed to those 7,000 "exposed" students who administration currently possesses on its roster. These questionnaires will concern long term health affects and will be mailed out to students and the clean-up crew over the summer, according to Francis. The surveys are still being formulated and will not go out in the mail until the questions have been approved by a legal counsel. An outside newspaper asked whether or not Stony Brook will be responsible for future liability. Marburger said, "we have a chance to identify the victims with a health questionnaire to people we know had class in Javits... we have everyone's names."

When Marburger was asked what he thought of NYPIRG's efforts so far he said, "My feelings are mixed. NYPIRG has provided good information and raised conscientious issues by taking samples and recommending more samples." But he added,

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Promises

Polity's Last Year

by Doug Valente

Marc Gunning, whose term as Polity President will expire shortly, has tried to fulfill his obligations to the campaign promises he made in April 1986, aside from his other duties.

He pledged to address a number of issues that plagued student life last year. These included:

- Inadequate parking
- Poor range of activities
- Lack of student awareness of Polity's functions
- Improper scheduling of activities
- The quality of meal plan products and pricing

Gunning hasn't achieved anything concrete to resolve the parking problem, as residents and commuters still complain. They complain not so much about a lack of spots, but where they are located as well as the poor bus service.

Gunning proposed to Dr. Robert Francis, V.P. for Campus Operations, that lines be repainted at slants in South P lot, and in places in Stage XII to create more spaces. Gunning said that the proposal does ask that bus service be improved too.

The parking problem may still linger, as a Parking Services and Ticket official said, "commuters don't stay in their designated lots." This causes overcrowding in resident lots. She said, "At one time they ticketed about 40 cars in the gravel lot by Kelly."

There was an inkling of alternative activities brought forth by Gunning and his cohorts this year. One was the creation of "Split Images" which hosts various stage acts. Another was "Operation Metamorphosis," which involved beautifying the campus by removing garbage.

Concrete knowledge of Polity's functions is presently not prevalent among students in general. One can blame non-involvement by students or non-interest on their part. But Gunning indicated that the problem could be Polity's inability (in chiding himself) to effectively communicate with students. He alluded to the fact that there are 9,086 students and that Polity, which has a far smaller number of active members, must work harder to disseminate information.

Gerry Brouard, a former presidential candidate, said, "Gunning didn't make a State of the Campus report like he was supposed to." But Brouard said, "even if he didn't do this, he should have written more press releases."

Gunning, who hasn't fared well with this problem, has been trying to remedy it. He is backing a proposal to have a study break applying to class schedules across the board. This would supposedly make time for an increase in participation and communication between the student body, and Polity, as well as faculty and administrators.

Such a study break would call for a period of about one or two hours, starting about noontime, once a week. This would be beneficial to the commuter population, as well, since it wouldn't take place at night.

Aldona Jonaitis, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, said, "Marc has come forward suggesting that this idea be initiated," and that she was working to see that it comes to fruition.

Many students believe that real student awareness comes from involvement and if the problem is that students aren't involved with Polity because they don't have moti-

vation or initiative, this indicates that there's a deeper problem. Polity may not be doing anything worthwhile that a student wants to get involved in, because what they're doing doesn't demonstrate that student interest and concern are needed.

Some say what's being communicated doesn't effect students' psyches because their orientation to Polity gives them the impression that petitioning is not something their cowering student government does to get real needs accomplished, but what other groups like the Graduate Student Organization does to get things done.

Gunning did concretely establish the Student Activities Advisory Board (S.A.A.B.) to deal with programming problems. It's primary function is to coordinate the activities of programming organizations like COCA and SAB to eliminate conflicts in scheduling.

Following this came the creation of a monthly calendar of events which is available to students.

SAAB didn't seem to demonstrate its effectiveness on the night S.A.B. aired the Hagler-Leonard fight in the gym and Split Image simultaneously hosted a comedy act. The \$2 charge did offer an alternative to the \$30 charge for the fight and fulfills Gunning's other promise to increase activities.

Regarding his last promise, Gunning said, "I was naive in thinking that I could better the food quality on the meal plan." However maintenance of the food quality level is monitored.

Gunning's control of meal plan price increases is not direct, but comes from students appointed to F.S.A., which approves

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Student Polity Association

**Applications now available
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H.E.L.P. Me!

by Esther S. Lastique

No heat. No hot water. Showers that don't work. Toilets that don't flush. Dorm life at Stony Brook. These are five things that Stony Brook residents are familiar with, angry with, but familiar. What very few people are aware of is that it doesn't have to be this way. At the beginning of the 1986-1987 academic year, a new system called Dormitory Sufficiency was instituted throughout the SUNY system. What it entailed is this— all the money residents pay as dorm fees goes directly to the buildings we live in. The dormitories are now self-sufficient. SUNY no longer receives state funds for the upkeep of the dormitories. What this really means to us is that we are paying full rent on sub-standard (and in G and H Quads, temporary) buildings without the privilege of a formal lease of specified rights. No-one would pay almost \$2000 (\$1950 is the projected dorm fee for the '87-'88 year) for a room that could be considered a slum, especially without a lease outlining the rights of the tenant.

Well Stony Brook students are doing something about this. I am proud to say that with my co-president Rich Luco, a new organization has been founded to bring to light our rights as Stony Brook residents. Housing, Environmental, and Living Problems is a Polity sponsored group of students who are working towards improving living conditions on our campus and who are lobbying for the finalizing of a true housing contract. This would be a lease describing exactly what the University owes us as tenants for the money we are paying, unlike the terms of occupancy which we all sign, which only contain what *we owe the university*. Basically, we stand behind our acronym— HELP is finally here for the Stony Brook residents.

On April 22, at 8 a.m., I sat in on every interesting meeting. The place— Albany, the SUNY Central Building. The purpose— to propose the possibility of a housing contract. Accompanied by members of the Student Association of the State University of New York, I attended this meeting to represent HELP, as well as Stony Brook as a whole. Since I was a new face there, I did not speak personally to the trustees, I only observed. It was quite interesting to realize just how little these people know of how we live. In fact, they are so uninformed that they will believe almost

anything that is told to them— true or otherwise. Maybe this is why they believed President Marburger (SUNY presidents were also present at this meeting) when he told them that tenants' rights groups, and student solidarity working towards those rights, are working well and improving conditions here at Stony Brook. Let me enlighten you— he was wrong. Even though HELP is in existence, we are only about one month old, and unknown to Marburger. Whoever he was talking about, and whatever improvements he mentioned, were either a total concoction, or the result of the sad fact that he actually believed the lies that someone else has told him. Stony Brook is known throughout the SUNY system as the school with the worst living conditions and the highest dorm fees. It is unfortunate that our president doesn't realize the gravity of our situation.

Another interesting thing that occurred at this meeting was the presence of the press, and the resulting anger of the Chair of the Board of Trustees. When the student government president of SUNY Albany rose to speak, the press jumped at his every word. Well, the trustees were quite upset, and the Chair demanded several times that the press leave the meeting, in spite of the fact that Trustee meetings are open to the public. The Chair became so angry that he called the press' presence a circus, and stated that there was nothing on the agenda important enough to warrant press coverage.

Well, to him, maybe not. But to the press, the possibility of a housing contract and the act of students fighting for their rights was important enough for them to be there. Maybe only the press remembers what it was like to be in school, and to feel as if you can't fight the system. That's why they were there, because we are fighting it, and we're winning.

Directly following this meeting, SASU sponsored a press conference in the lobby of SUNY Central. This is where HELP made its press debut. Reading from a testimony that I prepared at 4 a.m. (which was when we arrived in Albany). I proceeded to enlighten the press about Stony Brook. Needless to say, they were quite shocked, as well they should have been. Not only did they agree that our living conditions are deplorable, but that it is also quite upsetting

that our president is doing nothing to end our plight. As we discovered later on, the major newspapers and Albany's NBC affiliates covered the story. This showed us one more detail— that our situation *was* important enough to cover, and to be covered by some of the best people in the business.

Well, that meeting was a number of weeks ago now. At first, we believed that maybe we didn't accomplish anything but one long night with no sleep. And then the results started coming in. One day, I got a phone call from the vice-president of SASU. As she put it, the state legislature was humming. Why? Because Stony Brook made an appearance. Not only was our presence unexpected, so was our determination. When I spoke at the press conference, I challenged the Board of Trustees, I demanded a housing contract, because it is our undeniable right as tenants, and totally necessary as students. HELP has now become a known entity to the state legislature, and they are now keeping a watchful eye on a once apathetic Stony Brook. I hope to meet with our state senator and one of the trustees before the semester is out, and maybe show them first-hand what Stony Brook life is like. Only by communicating with the true decision-makers can anything be done. This is why I went to Albany, and why Stony Brook's sudden enthusiasm won them over.

The only thing left to say is this— HELP cannot succeed without the input and devotion of the Stony Brook residents. We all want improved conditions, and we all want to be able to hold the school liable for things that go wrong. But Albany isn't going to listen to one Stony Brook student— whether she's a tenants' rights group president or not. For them to listen to me, I first need to listen to you. Come work with me, and HELP, and help us improve the way we live. It can be done, the system can be beaten, if it's done with the proper tools: honesty, truth, and the sincere belief that our cause is valid. It has to be done, we have to succeed. Not only for the Stony Brook of today, but for the Stony Brook of tomorrow.

Let Them Eat Eggs

by Kirk Kierkegaard

Byline: Stony Brook...an interesting new development, a housing development, right here on the academic mall. Tent-town USA. A.K.A. Stage XII Grad. Student non-employee or the Jack Marburger Memorial Let-Them-Eat-Cake homes. Let me tell you what's going on. Ronald Reagan, remember him? Well he had this revolution, ya know, his tax revolution, well anyway, they, that is, he, that is, the federal government decided that all movements of money are taxable income...let me tell you, this sounds simple but it's absolutely crazy for many individuals and institutions.

You see, the university lives on handouts and now these

handouts get decreased by the new tax law (besides the massive cuts in financial aid he's, that is, they, have enacted over the past six or seven years). The new tax law cripples the university on the levels of the students, faculty, and administration. My first year of college I received \$5000 in grants. See what I mean?

Anyway, under the new tax law, graduate students will be responsible for taxes on their stipends and probably their tuition waivers. So a rally ensued, and a strike, and now graduate students take residence outside the Admin Building. Mismangement? Short-sightedness? Who knows? All we know is that things will get hotter and hotter as graduate students see that they are taking anywhere from a \$1000 to

\$2000 pay cut next year. For \$4200 over a ten month obligation, one would choose to be a janitor for \$8.62 an hour in Chicago, rather than teach college. Instead of planting flowers, perhaps the university should feed some of their tenants.

Editor's note: Since this article was submitted, the GSO has cancelled the work stoppage in return for a one thousand dollar increase in the graduate student stipend. This increase is one thousand dollars less than the GSO was requesting (with funding to come from the upcoming research initiative grant). Shanty Town, Stony Brook still continues to exist however....

Lame Ducks and Chicken Soup

by Marc Gunning

Well, another year is ending and another Student Polity President becomes a lame duck. Before I leave though, I'd like to share a few minutes with you and express some of my joys and triumphs as well as my weaknesses and shortcomings as your president. Why do I want to do this? Maybe it will help the newly elected Council avoid the pitfalls that I fell into, or maybe I just want to get a few things off my chest.

Being the president of the student body was one of the most rewarding, and most frustrating experiences of my life. If I had a dime for everytime that someone said to me "You're the President-do something about _____" (Student apathy, concerts, dorm conditions, parking situation, Public Safety officers--whatever, you fill in the blank), I'd forget about grad school, retire and become a senior citizen at the age of 23.

The Polity President is not a god. I don't possess an omnipotent control over this university I can't serve on every committee that needs undergraduate representation, and I can't make every meeting that gets called on this campus. In other words, the President of Student Polity (that's you) cannot be effective unless there are motivated,

energetic students who will work with and support him. That did not happen this year. There were very few people who were willing to do more than the absolute minimum that was expected of them. Apathy was not only a problem for the students, it was prevalent among student "leaders" also. It seems that student involvement is becoming a thing of the past. Those few students that do care often end up taking over the responsibilities of others, and work long hours to make needed changes in the organization. "Burnout", the scourge of Student Polity, rears its ugly head.

Many students ask me "so what does it mean to be the Polity President?" They are often surprised at my answer: it means going to 1 to 3 meetings (each lasting 1½ to 2 hours) everyday. It means having 8 to 10 messages, 4 or 5 memos, and 6 to 8 pieces of mail waiting for you when you walk into the office. It means listening to people complain about PSC, administration, dorm conditions, the weather, or just about anything that can be remotely connected to Polity. It means making decisions that need to be made, even if you know that they won't be popular. It means getting phone calls an hour after you go to bed, and an hour before you're

ready to get up. It means going to nearly every major event, helping to solve last minute crises that arise while ensuring that Polity is not incurring legal liabilities. It means working your butt off.

Don't be fooled, it's not as glamorous as people might think. Do I have any regrets? No, not really. Despite the frustrations, I like to think that I've made a difference. Only history will tell whether that difference will be positive or negative or whether that difference will be significant. Time will be my judge, but you will be my jury. You are my peers, my constituents, my friends.

All right, enough wallowing in self pity, let's get down to what's been going on. Student Polity has changed a lot this year. We've dismissed our old Executive Director, Attorney, and Accountant and we've hired new people to fill these positions. We've created new positions (Financial Manager, Public Relations/Publicity Chair), new committees (Student Activities Advisory Board, Affirmative Action Council), and new avenues of student feedback (Student Polity Survey).

We've established ourselves as a responsible, stable organization to the administration and faculty. We've

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Student Polity, a division of Presburger Corp. is proud to announce our new line of Stony Brook souvenirs. Now you too can own one of these priceless items.

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A copy of all Marc Gunning's quotes in Statesman. Remember classics like, "Hey, if it wasn't for my humility, I'd be damm near perfect," and, "Holy Shit, I can't believe I won!"

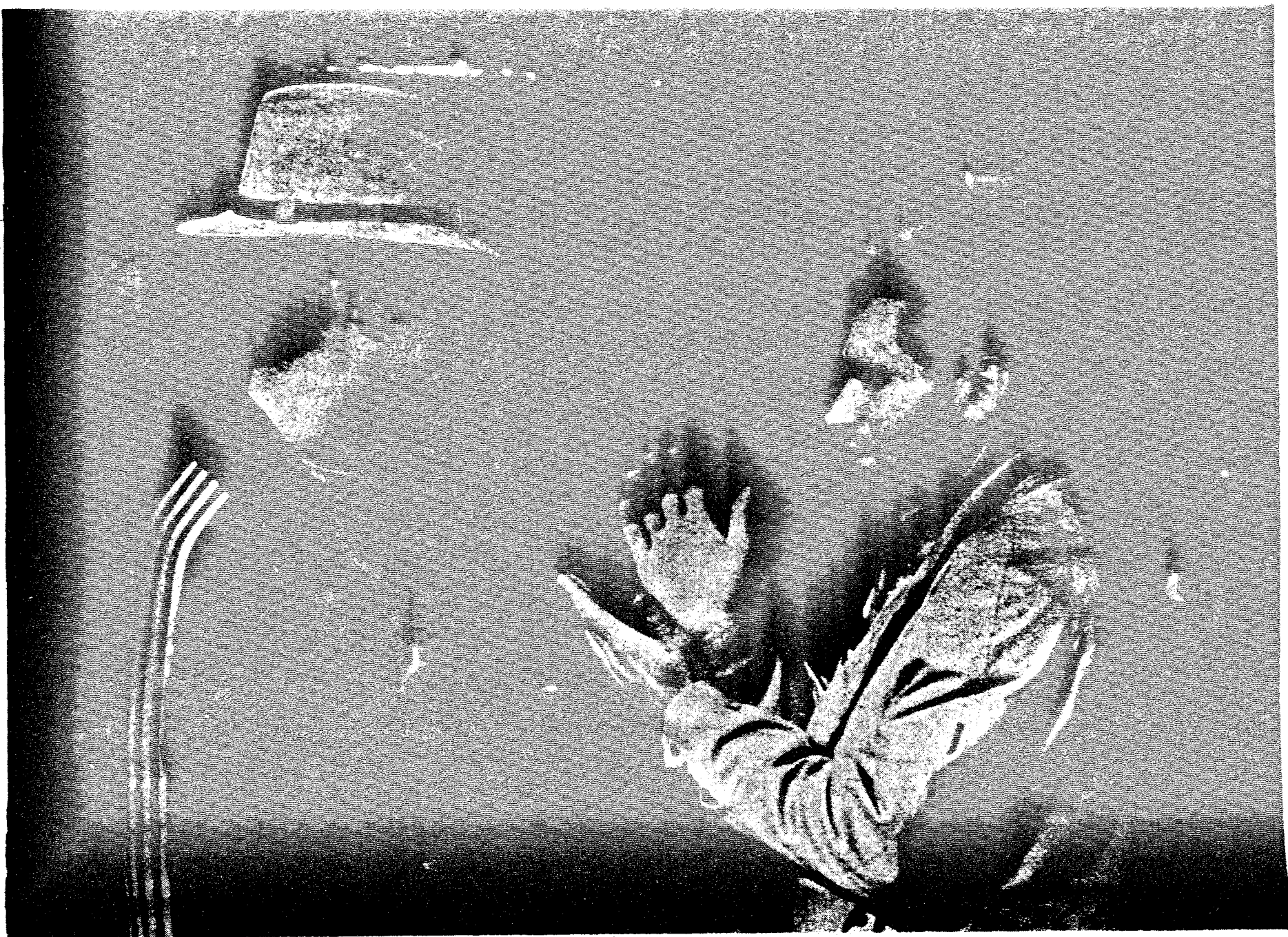


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Classic Catalogue Classes

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(students must provide own scalpel, CAT scan optional).

PEC 331 Aerobic Lifeguard Dancing

This course is designed to teach the student not only how to save a potential drowning victim, but how to look good and burn off the maximum amount of fat while doing it. The course will be supervised by Leonardo Noche. Mr. Noche has been a Red Cross lifeguard for seventeen years and has

been tap dancing “off and on” for nine.

HUM 211 Women's Studies

Ms. Heatherton, professor of Women's Studies for eighteen years, will illustrate through lectures and slide presentations just how women were able to become the second most important gender in the Western hemisphere. Ms. Heatherton is a female bodybuilder, and was dismissed

from Columbia University for “pinching and twisting” her male students in “unmentionable places”.

Listed below are several proposed courses available possibly next year, the year after that, or whenever.

PHY 221 Light Rays and Not So Light Rays

HIS 308 History of Jello Brand Gelatin

GEO 108 Earthquakes and their Effects on Picnics

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Dunn Deals

by John Dunn

Well, it's the last issue of *The Press* for the semester and I'm leaving so you know what that means: parting shots. I had intended to do an article on my year at the Brook, but who really cares about my year? Instead, I came up with a way of getting in my parting shots while still entertaining you, the reader, and making you think. Thus, I present to you **The Stony Brook Awards**. Each winner will receive a replica of the famous Brook Shield (hey, that took thought). In case you're wondering, I'm returning to the University of Delaware under the auspices of the National Student Exchange as a history education major. Now, on with the awards!

bozo who is so bad that few people can remember who he is at this point.

Best Scheduled Concert that Didn't Occur

Lou Reed with the Smithereens. I'm sure that every effort was made to reschedule these two instead of booking Paul Young.

Best Free Concert of the Year

NRBQ and John Sebastian. Fallfest, 1986.

Best Paid Concert of the Year

Gil Scott-Heron and Linton Kwesi Johnson at the Fine Arts Center. That's how good a year it's been for concerts.

The Winner: *Professor Helen Lemay, HIS*. Her terrific job of advising at transfer orientation day last July gave me the first inkling that going to Stony Brook might be a mistake. First she decided that I was going to do things her way. I disagreed, deciding to take courses that I wanted to take. With that, she went ahead and picked apart my decisions. Her opinion of one history course: "That's not of the caliber of course that we teach at Stony Brook. It's a joke, all you do is watch films; you might as well bring popcorn. I don't know how the professor gets away with teaching it. Now this course, one that I teach, although I'm not recommending it just because it's my course..." Well, I took the film course, found it to be an excellent approach to American history and received an A. Professor Lemay, I suggest that you leave personal rivalries with other professors out of course recommendations in the future. You turned me off to Stony Brook at its history department before I was officially here, and almost caused me to leave then. Good job.

Worst Comment by a University Department Worker

2nd Runner-up: "Did you wait a month since your photo was taken because we don't have it in yet?" said a worker in the I.D. office in October. My photo was taken in July.

1st Runner-up: "You can't see him!" said with a note of indignation by worker in Financial Aid after I asked to see Sherwood Johnson. After I explained that Admissions had sent me to see him, she relented with, "Well, he's not in today so you can't see him anyway." I saw Mr. Johnson the next day when she wasn't there.

The Winner: "I'm sorry we don't deal with students." Said by worker in the GIS office after I asked whether she had seen someone from the admissions office pass by. What a unique idea at a university, an office that doesn't deal with students. Especially one located next to the "Welcome to Stony Brook" sign.

I'll Believe It When I see It Award

4th Runner-up: *Harriman College* for their business management major which was included in the catalogue despite still not having approval from Albany, which prevents students from registering for it.

3rd Runner-up: *WUSB* with their AM station designed to better serve the students. It's schedule is due soon, except for the fact that the new phone system messed up the idea of closed carrier broadcasting (sending radio signals through existing phone wiring).

2nd Runner-up: *The new fieldhouse and hotel convention center*. Will they really be converted into freshmen priority housing when completed?

1st Runner-up: *The Patriot*. The newspaper of truth from the College Republicans.

The Winner: *tenure for Professor Dube*, the complete story about the Lecture Center, dorms in decent shape, real food from DAKA, decent and adequate parking for commuters enough money for the *Press*, ad nauseum...

Best Campus Media

3rd Runner-up: *WUSB*. Might have made it higher except for their general manager who gave me the opinion of "we're doing you a favor by allowing you to join us." I came from a station in Delaware whose attitude was "thank you for volunteering your time by joining the station." That's the way it should be. I wonder how many other prospective members have been turned off by that attitude.

2nd Runner-up: *Statesman*. Hey, it's the college version of *Newsday*, mostly ads and press service. So there's not much substance, it's only a campus newspaper. Whatever happened to Bloom County? *Statesman* is the only paper I know of to drop a cartoon once it became popular. One highlight, the cartoon showing the Bob Francis family throughout history was one of the best pieces run in any paper this year.

1st Runner-up: *Blackworld* which does a fine job despite a small staff and student unawareness of it. Excellent coverage of the Dube affair, plus they inhabit the basement of Old Bio as opposed to the other runner-ups who occupy the Union.

The Winner: *The Press*. (whoa, whatta surprise!) The other thing besides the Stony Brook Pretzel Service that I liked about Stony Brook. A superior product with an unbelievably talented staff. Any campus can have a paper like *Statesman*, but there's only one *Press*. From editorials to features, arts, and in-depth coverage on things like the Polity candidates, there's no competition. And of course, there's the cartoons: *Billboards*, *the Crypt*, and the famous *Time Trippers*, now a Stony Brook institution (like the artist). Since everyone now agrees that the *Press* is so wonderful and necessary (in case you didn't know, the *Polity* survey indicated that the *Press* is considered the publi-



Best Food on Campus

Runner-up: anything cooked in dorms to avoid those ptomaine artists known as DAKA.

The Winner: *Stony Brook Pretzel Service*. The highest quality food on campus at decent prices. For many commuters, including myself, it is our meal plan. It's a place to pass time by conversation, playing chess, or merely to purchase a drink and a pretzel. It, along with *The Press*, were the only two things I really liked about my year at Stony Brook, so it's doing something right. To Mark, Bev, and the rest of the staff, I bid you a fond adieu.

Biggest Error in the '87/'89 Course Catalogue

2nd Runner-up: listing the business management major even though it hasn't been approved by Albany. So if it's not approved, this failure will sit in the catalogue for two years. What ever happened to the idea of inserts and supplements?

1st Runner-up: leaving the National Student Exchange out of the catalogue. Granted, it has a staff of one who attends to it in addition to his other duties, along with a budget of \$1000, but it could have been included. Approximately twenty people are leaving Stony Brook for a year, and the same number are coming to Stony Brook from other schools, but a major which doesn't exist yet gets space.

The Winner: Under campus activities: 'In recent months, popular student sponsored concerts have featured The Ramones, Cyndi Lauper, Lou Reed, Zebra, Elvis Costello, Frank Zappa, Santana, and Eddie Murphy.' Whoa, talk about false advertising! Recent months? Try recent years. At least they didn't include The Jefferson Airplane and The Grateful Dead, the latter of whom last appeared at Stony Brook on Halloween, 1970. What's the matter? Don't want to point out Paul Young as an attraction?

Student Group Not Alienated by Administration This Year

Unfortunately there are no nominees for this category as every possible segment of the student body has been alienated by the administration this past year.

Worst Scheduled Concert

Paul Young. While other schools on the Island were getting quality entertainment, Stony Brook goes with a Top 40

Worst Advertised Concert

Del Fuegos at G-Fest. Hey, let's put an ad in the *Statesman* the Friday before the concert and expect more than 100 people to buy tickets.

Most Popular LIRR Train

The westbound 4:18. Especially on Fridays filled with people escaping the Brook. Perhaps Polity could get the LIRR to add a bar car to the consist.

Most Ignored Traffic Sign on Campus

2nd Runner-up: any speed limit sign.

1st Runner-up: the stop sign at the corner of Forest and South (heading out to South P-lot).

The Winner: the 15 mph speed limit sign on Central Drive, in front of the Union. A cop with a radar could solve Stony Brook's budget problems, presuming that all university vehicles were stopped.

Biggest Architectural Blunder

3rd Runner-up: *Health Sciences Center*. Not only do the walls fall down because of water seepage, but it's swaying in the wind (does wonders with sensitive instruments).

2nd Runner-up: *Melville Library*. Built completely backwards right down to such details as the skylights facing north.

1st Runner-up: any dorm which is falling apart after some excellent construction techniques known as self-destruction architecture. Problem, what problem?

The Winner: Since it typifies Stony Brook the best, the Bridge to Nowhere gets the award. It best represents administration's attitude of going somewhere when in reality, going nowhere.

Worst Advising by a Faculty Member

Runner-up: *Professor Eli Seifman, SSI*. After talking with him for five minutes about Stony Brook's social studies teacher preparation program, discussing course offerings along with my own career objectives, the first thing he asked me was "That's an interesting watch you have on. What type is it?" Great, I just talked to a desk for five minutes. For the record, it's a black Nelsonic Quartz with both analogue and digital timepieces. Professor Seifman gave me so much confidence in Stony Brook's program, with his intense interest in what I was saying, I was so impressed that I'm headed back to Delaware.

Devastating Damnations

cation of highest quality on campus by the students) how about putting pressure on Polity so that the Press can afford to come out every week and pay it's typesetters a decent wage (or at least minimum wage).

Golden SPAM Award

Presented by the campus paragraph (to small to be a chapter) of Students Promoting Academic Mediocrity, the Golden SPAM Award is given annually to the university official who has best furthered the cause of turning Stony Brook into a mediocre school. This year's winner is Dr. Robert Francis, vice-president of campus operations, for his work, comment and actions in trying to create a more mediocre campus. Congratulations Dr. Francis!

And with that, it's time for what you've all been waiting for: the quotes of the year by university officials. Just sit back, relax, and read what the people whose salaries you pay said this past year.

Understatement/Prophet of the Year

President Marburger, at an affirmative action meeting September 24, with his statement "We are going through an interesting period at Stony Brook..." Two days later there was a small fire in a janitor's closet at the Lecture Center and an interesting period was indeed gone through.

Get Rid of Those Pesky Undergraduates

President Marburger's interesting statement: "Stony Brook has too many undergraduates for its mission, and not enough graduate students. We would like to increase the ratio of graduates to undergraduates from the current value of 1:5 to 1:3 during the next five years." Perhaps Marburger

hasn't noticed, but graduate students have been a tad upset about a lack of funding. Thus if the number of graduate students can not be increased, the number of undergraduates will be decreased for President Marburger's plan to work. Well, I'm doing my part to help the president, I'm leaving Stony Brook.

Aldona Jonaitis, vice-provost for undergraduate studies in the April 27 Campus Currents:

"We have excellent undergraduates here. Now we must focus on them in order to give them what they need as paying customers." With intelligence like this, a shortcoming in the administration, she is my nominee to become president of Stony Brook in a few years. She wants to assign each undergraduate to his/her own faculty advisor who would be available to help from the first day on campus, until graduation. This was point two of my last article. More intelligence. Only vice-provost.

However, one problem. She went on to say in the article that "night courses are taught by university faculty, rather than by part-time teachers so evening students don't feel like second-class citizens." Excuse me, pray tell what are the undergraduates who are taught by graduate students. Are we second-class citizens because we are not taught by full-time faculty? Then again, graduate students generally teach as many classes as full-time faculty...



She redeems herself by saying that she misses having direct contact with students. As she says about her present job, "I get to worry about students again, interact with them, think about what it means to be educated as an undergraduate." Boy, we could have used her during the Lecture Center disaster. I hope she lasts in an administration which appears not to care about its students.

Comments on the Javits Lecture Center Fire

George Marshall, Chief of Environmental Health and Safety—"Why don't professors change the classrooms?" Here a common administration tactic is used: place the blame on someone else.



President Marburger: "I believe Dr. Francis' original judgment regarding the condition and safety of the room was a correct one."

Robert Francis, vice-president of campus operations, showed some real intelligence and research with his comments. Here's the beginning of his reign of error:

"I did not feel that there was any cause for alarm about any long-term effects...it's possible, looking backward, that I could have been wrong." Said in October, he held the same position in April.

More reign of error:
"Carcinogens may not cause cancer."

When asked why tests for certain chemicals were not performed, Dr. Francis responded that he "didn't think George Marshall thought they were important." Good thing Dr. Francis has telepathy and didn't have to ask George Marshall.

When faced with the possibility of a law suit due to mutagens, Francis responded, "I have no feelings about this at all." This seems to represent his feelings about student difficulties in general.

"I think it (testing for asbestos) is absolutely specious and unnecessary. I am going to forget I said that. We are going to test for asbestos..."

"You had a choice. No-one forced you [the students] to enter to building."

"I had no doubt that the air [from the fire] did not travel beyond room 102."

"...the smell breathed by students did contain chemicals." If you put those two together, then the smell students felt in a wide radius around the Lecture Center contained chemicals from the fire in room 102.

My favorite comments made by Dr. Francis came at the forum on the Lecture Center fire held April 23.

When I asked him whether it was school policy to allow students to remain in a room where a fire had occurred while it was being determined whether or not the air was safe to breathe, he had nothing to say. When I asked why proclamations were made saying it was safe, there was no problem, no asbestos, no chemicals, there was no response. And when I asked why the original forum was scheduled the Friday afternoon preceding Spring Break, there was no response. He will still not admit he made a mistake in allowing classes to remain in the rooms despite President Marburger saying it was a mistake. Dr. Francis responded to an earlier question at the forum by saying that "I probably would not have done the same things in retrospect." How about 'I was wrong, I made a mistake, I apologize'?

Of course there were other things which administration could make dim-witted comments about. The Dube debacle is a classic. Despite being approved by four committees, Professor Dube was denied tenure at Stony Brook although he was welcomed to seek tenure at other SUNYs.

If you want to see the complete disaster, ask Blackworld for a back issue. President Marburger's office released the following on the affair: "It [Wharton's decision to deny tenure] also acknowledges the responsibility the university has to protect its faculty from inappropriate external influences." Somehow administration expected us to believe that outside influences had nothing to do with decision. Sure.

Well you've read all the runners-up for the quote of the year. The winner is classic, not likely to be equaled for quite a while. The award for Most Assinine Statement Made

by a University Official goes to Dr. Robert Francis, for his masterpiece on dorm heat. Take it away Dr. Francis...

"This is not a situation where we have no heat. We have inadequate heat. As soon as the temperature [outside] moderates, we should be back to normal."

Now there's real intelligence. I suppose if there was no heat, the residents of Whitman, Mount, and Hendrix would have had ice on the walls. Some consolation. And I'm sure that once the temperature outside got above 70 degrees, the rooms started to heat up. I'm glad that Dr. Francis gets paid \$72,510 to make comments like that which build up student morale.

Before everyone gets the idea that I hate everyone in the administration building, that's not true. There are a few competent people in the building. Max Mobley, assistant director of admissions and NSE co-ordinator has been very helpful, as has Sherwood Johnson, Director of Financial Aid. Most of the secretaries have been helpful. Aldona Jonaitis appears to be competent. However, all of these people are outnumbered.

Now it's time for my most controversial award, the **Most Likely to Resign/Be Relieved of Job/Fired in the Near Future Award**.

Since the winner is pretty obvious, I start with the nominees: President Marburger and his staff, and Dr. Robert Francis. First Marburger.

Perhaps a little far-fetched; it's worth some support. Things have been happening the past few years and SUNY Central has been watching. A recent report said that people about to be fired don't have their calls answered or get taken out to lunch. I wonder why Marburger is having trouble getting funding from Albany. Hmmm. I'm sure SUNY Central has been impressed with administration's handling of the Lecture Center disaster, the Dube debacle and the ongoing problems with grad. students. Things are supposed to have improved since the Toll administration. Great, but things are supposed to go from bad to good, not from worse to bad. Imagine a company who had declining sales for a few years and a fire at one of its factories. The company delayed in moving workers out and then denied anything wrong with the factory. Next it denied a promotion to a black executive despite internal recommendations. To top everything else off, workers were starting to strike more and more, demanding better working conditions and pay. You'd say that the company was in trouble and perhaps new management should be brought in. Sounds like Stony Brook, doesn't it?

Undergraduate enrollment has been declining, yet instead of coming up with a solution to solve the problem, Marburger decides to replace those undergraduates with graduates. I suppose they'll live in Marburgerville outside administration's offices. Any guesses as to why undergraduate enrollment is declining? Professors who are pressured to do research, not teach. Dorms in abominable conditions. Concentration upon the sciences and research. Imagine you are a parent on a campus tour. "The smell? Oh that's from the fire. The boycott signs? Well it may not be completely safe. Yes, the school is allowing students to attend classes."

"Why does it say SUNY at Soweto? Why is the administration building locked while students are shouting 'Tenure for Dube'? Why are those students on strike?"

This and my last article should give you some ideas, Mr. President. Unless some definite answers are provided and a plan presented to SUNY Central soon, you may not have to worry about making such a plan. Surely there is a candidate for your job who can solve Stony Brook's problems. You had the few transition years to play with. Now the actions you take can only be blamed on one person: yourself. The students, faculty, and taxpayers of this state, who provide you \$85,680 and provide you with Shorewood, demand that Stony Brook receives competent management with solutions to its problems. One can blame things on others and lack of funding for only so long. It is what you do with funds you receive that counts. Why are bushes being planted, while the campus libraries lose hundreds of volumes due to water leaks? Short-term solutions are not the answer, look at this campus and its hurried construction and what is happening to it now.

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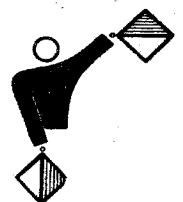
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Student Polity Association

Attention:

Congratulations To Graduating Seniors

**Did
You
Get
Sick
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**Polity Hotline
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help those suf-
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Student Polity Association

ATTENTION:

In November of 1985, SAB speakers used a poster for a John Valby engagement. The artwork for the posters was done by Anthony Detres for a previous John Valby engagement (October 1983) and was revised without authorization. Mr. Detres' name was deleted from the second poster and the artwork was credited to a 'D.C. Boggs', a pseudonym invented by SAB speakers. As such, Mr. Detres received no credit for the artwork.

STUDENT POLITY PUBLICLY APOLOGIZES for any undue embarrassment that said substitution may have caused him. Furthermore, Student Polity apologizes for the irresponsible actions of individuals involved with Student Polity at that time.

CLASSIFIED: The birthday celebration starts in September. **DON'T FORGET YOUR PARTY FAVORS.** Love, Ol, Blue Eyes - See you at Fall Fest. **HAPPY 30th, STONY BROOK.**

I remember it was Senior Weekend '86! Now it's **SENIOR WEEKEND '87!** Meet me **ON MAY 22nd AND 23rd.** I need you for security, food and beverage serving and cleanup. If you're interested leave your name and phone number in the Polity Suite. Ask for me, I Craig, **CRAIG LEVINE.** See Ya!

Best Wishes for a safe and happy summer, from your friends at Student Polity

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Steve Rosenfeld (Freshman Rep.)

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To quote the movie *Network*, "We're mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore!" We, the university community, will pressure our state assemblymen and senators to look at how the taxpayers money is being mismanaged. We will pressure SUNY Central to take a closer look at how its alleged flagship is being run. We will pressure them until you or your replacement takes some constructive action to solve Stony Brook's problems. Good luck in trying to come up with the solutions President Marburger!

Unfortunately, if anyone goes, it will be a lesser person, someone designated as the scapegoat for Stony Brook's problems. That's why Dr. Robert Francis gets my nomination as most-likely-to-be-let-go. There are numerous reasons as to why, see the quotes section. He reached new depths in insensitivity to students with his comments. He has become the Joe Isuzu of Stony Brook. I'll be mild and say that whenever he says something, students take it with a grain of salt. Most people would have shut up after all the comments he made during the Lecture Center disaster, but not our Bob. He continued his reign of error with his infamous comment on dorm heat. To quote the phrase that

the whole campus knows, "Problem, I don't see a problem."

Unfortunately, Dr. Francis, many of us see a problem with the way you earn your \$72,510. Why you still have your job after your actions on the Lecture Center, I don't know. You should consider resigning before someone above you does it for you. You allowed students to attend classes in a location not proven to be safe until some time later, if then. You over-ruled everyone from fire marshalls to the student government. You showed no capability to handle a serious situation and have allowed the university to have law suits starting to mount against it because of your actions. If you had great difficulty answering the questions of students at a forum, how could you answer the questions of a state investigation into your conduct during the Lecture Center disaster?

Few, if any, students have any faith in what you say, and I'm sure that many faculty feel the same way. The fact that President Marburger should have stepped in and ordered the Lecture Center closed does not lessen the gravity of your actions. An administrator truly concerned about both students and faculty would have ordered the center closed and classes moved elsewhere. The gym, the HSC, anywhere, until the place was determined safe for classes. You seemed to be unconcerned about the students, after all, they don't give you your paycheck. But we do give you the money in that paycheck, and if we are "paying customers", I believe a great number of us would like a refund.

If all of my comments have ruffled some feathers in the administration, good. Now you people know what it's like on the receiving end. Marburger sees Stony Brook as becoming the Berkeley of the East (why not make Berkeley the Stony Brook of the West?). He's accomplished the protest part of that quite well, don't you think? What did you do, Jack, imagine yourself in *Time Trippers* and trip back to Stony Brook, circa 1970? I suppose the next thing he'll want from students is to burn down the Computing Center, attack Public Safety vehicles, and trash his office. That should really help Stony Brook's reputation. At least there won't be student apathy. Friendship Day was a real success, and all the graduate students gathered in the Admin. Building to show their friendship for the administration. How nice.

Those of you who wish to see an indepth critique of the administration can pick up a March 20 issue of the Press.

In it Joe Caponi reflected that the administration has no realistic plan to improve the school, and they don't know what's happening in the classrooms and dorms. He reflected that the administration really doesn't care. That's the sad part about Stony Brook: it's run by people who seem not to care about the students. That's just the leadership that Stony Brook needs. Or is it?

This may be my last article for the Press, so I hope you enjoyed it as well as possibly making you think. While I may be doing some writing during the summer, and perhaps a column from Delaware, it is unlikely that I shall return to Stony Brook, especially after the articles that I've written during the past few issues. To those of you who remain, good luck. You'll need it. Want to comment on this article? Drop by the Stony Brook Pretzel Service, I'll probably be hovering close by...

President

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actively fought for better parking conditions, rebates on dormitory fees for Roth quad residents who did not have heat and hot water, student voting rights, and better study facilities and space, and we've been very involved with the ongoing Javits Lecture Center Crisis.

As I've said before, it hasn't been easy. I'm grateful to those who helped make it bearable: Lisa Miller, Student Polity Treasurer, who works long, hard hours with little or no credit just so she can provide needed services for the students; Irene Agostino, Financial Manager and Joanne Young, SCOOP Executive Director, two of the most dedicated and hard working people that I have ever met; and Virginia Boone, who came out of retirement to help us in our hour of need. Thanks also go to Barbara Broderick, Rosemary Lauterbur, Judi Segall, Marsha Feldman and the Council for all their hard work and support. Thanks also go to Dan Coulter, Christine Wolf, Rob Schacter, Jeff Altman, Chris Scaduto, Bill Fox, Ed Gabalski and everyone else who puts in time at Polity. You've been a great bunch to work with.

Good luck to all on your finals and I wish you success in the future. It's 4:30 in the morning and I've been up now for 21 hours. I get up in 3½ hours to start a new day. I'm tired, cranky, and sarcastic. I'm also glad that I had the opportunity to serve as your president—thank you.

Daughters of Radiation Parkin' Blues

by Steven Translateur

Graduate students at Stony Brook are receiving an average of six thousand dollars for their annual stipend. One wonders how a grad. student can afford to eat. To find out what grad. students were doing for food, I took an informal survey. The following are grad. student answers to the question "What do you do for food?"

Eric (philosophy): Food? Who needs it? I figure grad. school will only take me another two years. I can easily survive without a meal until I graduate.

Bob (economics): I have a buisness agreement with the rats that live in my apartment: I let them live with me, and they let me share in whatever parcels of food they find.

Lisa (biology): I don't know why everyone's having so much trouble finding food. There's plenty of free food available right on the campus itself; there are almost limit-

less nutritious meat and vegetable dishes one can make out of tree bark, grass, and sleeping undergraduates.

Al (pre-med): I'll eat anything I can get my hands on. Oh, and by the way, I want to make it clear that I had nothing to do with the stolen cadaver limbs in the forensic lab.

Debbie (chemistry, annual stipend: \$10,000): Last night I had sushi, and the night before I had filet mignon at Cookie's.

Janet (anatomy, standing tall at 5' 11"): I'm actually glad that I can't afford food; it's helping me to lose weight. I now weigh a sexy seventy-five pounds.

Mitch (joint AMS, EE, and ECO): I usually grab a bite to eat at the Union garbage pails. For lunch today, I had a banana peel, a plastic wrapper, and a styrofoam cup.

Mike (EE): I eat ALLFOODTABS.

Dave (Physics): For lunch, I bombard a packet of dirt with high energy protons and wait until the dirt's molecular structure is rearranged into that of a salami sandwich on rye.

Rob (Art): I paint colorful food scenes on canvas and then I eat the canvas. It's not too nutritious, but it fills me up.

So what has been the administration's response to the graduate students difficulties in finding food? "Well," one official commented, "let them eat DAKA..."

What are graduate students going to do for food in the future? George, an English student, answered this question in verse, "If the administration doesn't raise our stipend further, the next thing I'm going to eat is a CHEESEMAR-BURGER."

Ever Take This Class?

by Joe Cheffo

The following is list of courses that, for one reason or another, were accidentally omitted from the 1987/1989 Undergraduate Bulletin. The Press is presenting this supplement as a public service to its readers.

PEC 181 Unsocial Dance

The development of basic unsocial dance techniques and theories behind them. This course will focus specifically on ways of maximizing your potential to humiliate yourself and others, piss off the host or hostess, and make the DJ want to become a television and refrigeration repairman.

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PHI 619 Post Metaphysics

This advanced level course is meant for philosophy majors only. Because no-one has ever written anything on the topic, there will be no readings. Also, because the professor can never really know for sure whether or not there is such a subject, class will never be held. If you have any questions, the instructor can be reached at his home by means of mental telepathy (or you can just call him).

PEC 598 Bare-fisted Full-contact Ju-Jitsu

Advanced level study consisting of one hour reading, one hour lecture, and two hours bloody, bone-crushing combat. All of those who refuse to fight will be used for target

practice. The course will be presided over by Master Choo Chew Yu, 8th degree black-belt and convicted felon four times (Master Chew Yu's rap sheet is available upon request).

BIO 244 Neurosurgery

This hands-on course will explore all the basic areas of modern neurosurgery as well as in-depth studies in various new and exciting techniques (many experimental) that have come on the scene in recent years. The special certificate that you will receive at the end of this course in adjunct to the credits will enable you to open up your own neurosurgery practice immediately anywhere in New York State.

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Dear Eros,

I'm planning to use some type of birth control that is inserted into the vagina, like the diaphragm, the sponge, or the foam. Does that interfere with urination in any way?

--Lisa Miller

No, not at all. Urine is released from the urethra, which is separate from the vagina.

The vagina is a muscular tube 4 to 5 inches long that connects the uterus with the outside of the body. Except for the tiny cervical canal opening, the vagina is a dead-end passageway. It is an exit for menstrual discharge and babies. The urinary opening is slightly above the vagina. Urinating while wearing a diaphragm, sponge, or foam will not interfere with the effectiveness of these methods of birth control.

Dear Eros,

I am worried about being impotent. Can you tell me more about this occurrence?

--Gerry Shaps

There are two types of impotence: primary, in which the man has never had the ability to maintain an erection long enough to have intercourse, and three secondary types of impotence: persistent, situational, and episodic.

There are possible psychological causes for impotence; some men worry so much about not being able to achieve an erection that they can not have one. There are also possible physical/organic causes for impotence such as birth defects, certain drugs, and injury to the penis.

Men should have a thorough medical testing to find out if the cause of the impotence is psychogenic or organic. If the problem is psychogenic then the man can get counseling. It is important to find out why, so go to a medical examiner, it may be only a temporary problem.

Letters

CARP Crap

To the Editor:

I was verbally assaulted today by a woman from CARP, Wednesday, April 22. Informing fellow undergraduates that this organization was really associated with the Unification Church; the slang for its members is "moonies". This older woman, approximately 35 years old, then began claiming I was prejudiced against "niggers", "jews", and others. I found such racial terminology quite offensive, and my own vocabulary didn't indicate any such tendencies. Yet I was accosted by an older person in my own Union. As an undergraduate here, I receive few "extra frills". I consider freedom of speech to be a basic necessity.

Additionally, many students on campus, including myself for a while, do not know what kind of crap CARP is putting out. However, as an aware human being, one knows that there is no such thing as a "free lunch". Fancy shows in the Union Ballroom and free dinners do not require an admission; Polity does not fund this club. Where are their funds coming from?

The love and good feelings offered by this group are quite tempting especially at this time of the semester. CARP and other groups like them will use your need to be loved. It is easy to accept their smiles, balloons, and companionship. But everything costs in the real world, and any true

friendship takes time. Perhaps organizations like the Unification Church wouldn't be able to seduce us students if we supported and informed ourselves.

Sincerely,

Michelle Lynn Teichner

Copping Credit

To the Editor:

In an article that otherwise raised some good suggestions, John Dunn totally missed the mark on one suggestion (*Get your Shit Together Already*, April 20).

In proposal number six, Dunn asks that consideration be given to giving students internship credit for working on the campus media. He suggests that "perhaps through the department of English, students who work for campus publications and WUSB would receive college credit for their involvement." Where has he been? Staff members and editors at *Statesman* have been receiving this exact type of internship credit for two years now, right through the English department, which provides up to twelve upper division credits for work on the newspaper.

Each student works with a faculty advisor from the English department and an agency supervisor, who is a representative from the paper where the student is interning. Students receive three credits per semester,

based on a minimum of eight hours work per week, though students can request to take more credits during a semester if their work entails more hours. Internship credits can also be earned for work on publications that are not based on campus. I know of one student who received credit for working on *Newsday*, and one student who received credit for working on *The Three Village Herald*.

Students should know that they can apply for internship credit in virtually any department in the university, and the Undergraduate Studies Office can place students in internships both on campus and off campus. Eric Levine, last year's Polity president, received internship credit through the Political Science department for his work on Polity. The internship program has helped *Statesman*, precisely for the reason Dunn states, that it reduces the course load of students who spend long hours, late at night, working on the paper. In my own case, receiving internship credit during my senior year greatly relieved the pressure I felt at the time, as *Statesman* was fighting off bankruptcy. My own internship played a key part in the rebuilding process that has kept *Statesman* alive.

Sincerely,

George Biderman
Executive Director

Statesman

Death Cancer

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"they particularly overemphasized the toxins and they were irresponsible for two reasons, one for telling people to get blood tests, and two for using scare tactics to frighten students to the point where they may fear for their lives." Drury explained that, "Our goal is to insure student safety and provide conscientious decisions. Even though NYPIRG may be referred to in posters that exhibit 'scare tactics' we did not authorize it and there will be no blood tests. We don't know enough to warrant such a thing but we still think the building should be closed."

At the end of the meeting Marburger announced that people should blame all the errors in all the decision making on himself. "Whoever made a mistake, its me, the president, and let's stipulate that I made all the decisions. I made an error in allowing students in before the building was totally cleaned... my mistake."

Who Me?

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contracts with the University Food Service. This year, FSA paid \$75,000 to Daka, footing a bill that student's would've paid if Daka made its then proposed increase in prices.

In a related issue, Gunning and Hillary Garskoff staved off plans by Francis and Dr. Fred Preston to force another building onto the mandatory meal plan. The plan was considered by Francis and Preston because forecasts showed dorm cooking revenues wouldn't break even with costs to run the program, which includes paying students and other services to remove garbage. Francis was asked to re-evaluate the budget forecast and found it unnecessary to go to the mandatory meal plan.

Gunning, who ran for president because he wanted, "to make a difference," says at the end of his term that he's frustrated and probably won't pursue politics further. "You feel you're trying your best but there

is a lot of negative response. It would help if out of every 50 complaints one person said, 'good job, Marc'."

As the Gunning administration draws to a close, it will be up to the student body to judge the long-range effects that Gunning has made, and to decide whether he in fact did make a difference, for good or bad.

Read
The
Press

"You build to destroy.."

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"...no, no, no, it ain't me babe..."

Is it Polity, or is it the people in Polity? I used to think, back in my naive innocent days as a freshman, that if the student population managed to elect some decent people into Polity, that Polity might be able to accomplish half of what it is capable of. Now I'm not so sure. Power corrupts? I don't know. Perhaps the machinery up in the suite has such a hold on the council members that they are able to do little more than make sure that the paperwork goes through. Or perhaps the council members feel that as long as the paperwork does get done, that they are living up to what is expected of them.

Actually, I'm being a bit hard on the Polity suitemates. More than just paperwork is being accomplished-- meetings are attended. Boy, oh boy. Those meetings sure are great. That's when big decisions are made, lives hang in the balance. But usually all that the meetings create are more papers, more words, more goals, more committees, more excuses. Get it? Get it?

"When the truth is found to be lies..."

A word is obscene not because of the way it sounds or looks, but because of the idea that the word represents. Politicking is in itself not an obscene word; it doesn't sound or look evil. Politicking is an obscene idea. It is an idea that is at the core of most of the actions undertaken by the suitemates up on the second floor of the Union. Why (there's that word again) is it so difficult for Polity people to do anything without denegrating themselves to the basest needs of politics? It is really distressing that *maneuvers* take place, rather than *beneficial actions*. The difference is not just semantic. It wouldn't even be that bad if the right things were being done for the wrong reasons, but even this is too much to expect these days.

"As I stare into the vacuum of my family's eyes..."

It's getting harder and harder to give a shit. Apathy was subject that many of the candidates touched upon during the recent elections, but with Polity sinking down lower and lower in the students' esteem, all positive expectations are gone. Just like its macrocosm, the U.S. government, Polity faces its most difficult barrier-- the students don't ever expect Polity to do anything right. A friend, when pressed as to why she was reluctant to vote, told me that she doesn't want to be a part of something as grossly mis-managed and overtly stagnant as Polity. "If you don't vote, you can't bitch" is a statement that should be plastered all over campus (and it almost was: thanks again Brad), but it's hard for students to give a shit about something that they have not cared about for such a long time. Nobody ever expects the American government to operate as it should, as it was intended to, ever again. It seems that nobody expects Polity to either.

PRESS COMICS



by Craig Goldsmith

**"I'm going back to New York City,
I do believe I've had enough..."**

Why? Why *why*? Why think about *why*? Why is this? Why is that? Why, why, why, why, why?

Why is the question foremost on my mind these days. The object of this question doesn't even matter anymore, the question *WHY?* has transcended such trivialities. It seems to apply to everything about this place. Why do the dorms suck? Why does DAKA committ such atrocities in the name of cooking? Why won't the administration put the GRI to good use next year (admin. says maybe they will, but I doubt it)? All the *whys* seem to blur together, a nightmare vision of question marks, half-eaten sandwiches, and cracked cement.

Why is the word that echoes through my head during every moment that I am on campus: Why the graffiti? Don't even answer, you, whoever you are that pulls that shit, I don't really care. Graffiti is the spastic manipulations of an angry child, bent only on making himself heard through the use of brute force and destruction. It only makes you look bad. Why so much asphalt? A look at a yearbook circa 1970 will give an idea of how good Stony Brook *could* look-- grass covering the entire academic mall. It's too bad that Stony Brook really used to look that way (if it ain't moving, pave it...). Why does everybody bitch and bitch about Polity and then not take the *five* minutes to vote? Or maybe, possibly, conceivably, spend *thirty* minutes and figure out what each candidate is really up to. Thank you Brad Jones, for one of the best election-season posters seen on the walls in nearly two years.

**"Before you accuse me
take a look at yourself..."**

Stony Brook is a complex microcosm

Concerts

Why? Why? Why? Why?



of the United States, both in terms of organization, and population. The same shit that Reagan's government pulls occurs here. Lack of communication between various organizations both within the administration and without, tunnel vision with respect to the results of policy, heavy-handed rhetoric, and inappropriate use of funds are all symptoms of the diseased nature of the Stony Brook administration.

These symptoms also exist within the microcosm of Polity. It seems rather

pathetic when a member of Polity rags on Jack and Fred's mistakes ("They just don't think about what they're doing," I was told) when the members of Polity fall victim to the same pitfalls that are strewn all about the administration's path. Sure, the Polity Party members insist that they are doing everything in their power to put Polity on the straight track, but only half-assedly ("It's not *our* fault, the bozos from last year really fucked this year up..."). Yeah, great, but Carter's mistakes and inaction have nothing to do with Reagan's effectiveness during

his own term. The excuses run out after a while. So it is with Polity.

The President of Polity, like the President of the USA, has the ability to start fresh every year; he can people many of the Polity sub-organizations with members of his own choosing, and the results of his decisions are totally and completely upon his head. All it takes is a little hard work. After all, he receives a stipend; it's not just a hobby or an interest after class, Polity should be a job. The students are paying him to oversee Polity, which is supposed to allocate our money in a manner that seems fit and proper.

Fit and proper. These two words are not such vague terms. Ask any student wandering around on the academic mall what 'fit and proper allocation of funds' means. It's no big deal. It doesn't take a vast intellectual capability to comprehend. Just take five minutes of your oh, so busy schedule, and sit down and think about it. That's what you get paid for. Get it? Get it?

"You are what you is..."

Ever see the movie *Mannequin*? Really bad flick, but it centers on this dummy possessed by a human soul. Whenever in the presence of ordinary men, she is a hard plaster doll. When in the company of her beau and creator, however, she was alive, moving, feeling.

Sound familiar? The denizens of the Polity suite seem to forget that they are students. They pay the student activity fee same as everybody else. They take classes, they live in the dorms and in student houses. Why then, as soon as they are acting in an official capacity, the aura appears-- that halo of power and control and money and a name on a piece of plastic stuck to a door. I've been called an idealist, but it is not too much to expect from Polityites that they come down from the mountain. With a few exceptions, such an extraordinary journey appears to be too strenuous and taxing on their poor, tired souls.

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MISSION U.K.

by John Gabriel and
Quinn Kaufmann

Music began as chanting punctuated by religious frenzy and ecstasy. Eventually, the frenzy and the ecstasy became its own reward. Religious motivation was no longer necessary, and this is the spirit that drives rock 'n' roll.

If you ever go to a religious ceremony, you may notice there are people who really enjoy it, who get an emotional high, and there are people who are there because that's what makes them feel faithful. If you ever go to an underground rock show, you will find people there who really enjoy it, who also get an emotional high, and you will find people who are there because that's what makes them feel fashionable. You know the kind-- they're too cool to clap.

A few weeks ago we caught Balaam and the Angels/The Mission U.K. at Rumrunner's in Oyster Bay. It was an excellent show, marred only by a fashionable audience's lack of enthusiasm.

Balaam and the Angels, a band of four brothers (honestly, that's what they told us) from Birmingham, England, opened the show with "The Wave", a song from their recently released debut record *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. Their eight song set showcased songs from the record, including "Don't Be Afraid", "Love Me", and closing the set, "Light of the World". A slow rolling guitar chord opens the last piece, which quickly builds into a fast, dense, layer of sound. It's an old technique, a cliché even, but to these guys it's new, and they play with

a unique combination of ferocity and care. Unfortunately, the audience response was a polite and careless smattering of applause.

After their set, three of the members of

gling, because he spoke so fast, it satisfied us when he told us he couldn't understand what he was saying either. So we talked for about an hour, until The Mission U.K.



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fashionable..."**

Balaam and the Angels, Jim, Des, and Mark Morris, joined the audience to watch the headliners, The Mission U.K. We talked to Jim, who likes to call himself Jim Morrison, and he was happy with his and his brothers' performance, but he was a little disappointed with the audience. "Eye-yu theenk we played reeeally well, except considering eye-yu gut me toap tie shurt un, toenite, meegadeath, I'd say we deseve a bit uf reectshun." Apparently Balaam and the Angels are used to stirring up quite a frenzy. Although Jim Morris[on]'s accent was bog-

took the smoke-filled stage, dressed in their gothic attire.

Wayne Hussey, lead singer and guitarist, and Craig Adams, former members of Sisters of Mercy, formed the Leeds-based Mission U.K. with former members from Artery (Simon Hinckler, guitarist) and Red Lorry Yellow Lorry (Mick Brown, drummer). Like The Southern Death Cult, a band that changed their name to the Cult, the U.K. Mission, since dropping the name Sisters of Mercy, have been blessed with a hansom of flourishing publicity.

God's Own Medicine, the Mission U.K.'s first disc, is one of the most euphonious albums ever heard. Warming up with a small Island crowd before hitting Manhattan's Ritz, the band played a long set. Jim Morris[on] throughout the entire Mission U.K. set was frantically publicizing places to visit in England or going "un, tuuee, three, fuh, un, tuuee, three, fuh."

"What does that mean?" we asked.

He said "Thu beeat, can't yu feel eet?"

Mis[on] U.K. opened up with "Stay With Me", continued with "Garden of Delight", Bolshoi's "Away", something new, "Circumspect", "Let Sleeping Dogs Die", "Severina", "Sacrilege", "A Song About Death", "Love Me to Death", "Blood Brothers", Iggy Pop's "1969", "Wasteland", and covers of "Gimme Shelter" and "Satisfaction". Besides hearing howls from Wayne Hussey between songs, Mission U.K., like Balaam and the Angels, seemed frustrated because of the dead, zombie-like crowd. But then again, sometimes bands should understand that being catatonically hypnotized shows that you've been moved deeply by the music's power, just as much as when you're brought to the point that makes you jump and dance and scream. Both reactions are great, just different.

Listen to Mission U.K.'s album and you'll hear the band's lyrics about spiritual obsessions, witchcraft, and blood and mirrors.

U.K. Mission, after leaving New York, will be touring throughout Europe and Japan, with Balaam and the Angels.