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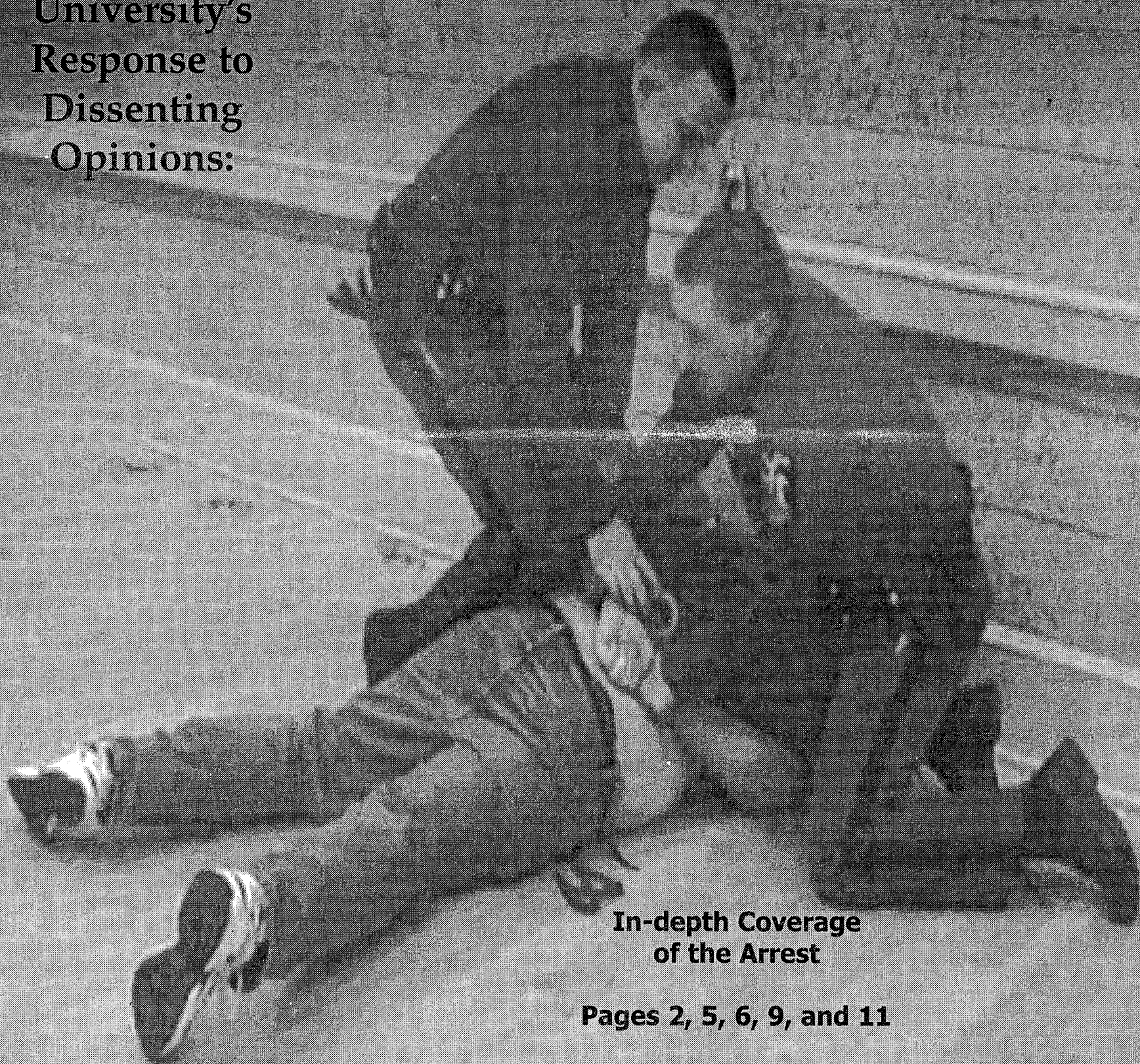
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Student Arrest at USG Senate Meeting

By Sam Goldman

On April 27, William Schwalback III, a Stony Brook University student, was arrested at a USG Senate meeting and charged with one count of trespassing, one count of resisting arrest (which has since been dropped), and two counts of assaulting a police officer. The ensuing media firestorm may have since led to the firing of Undergraduate Student Government Administrative Director Louis Medina.

Schwalback, a member of the Commuter Students Association, came to his first USG Senate meeting at Ballroom B of the Student Activities Center, along with CSA President Jim Driscoll. Several times during the meeting, Schwalback yelled out comments that were considered inappropriate. The Senate Chair, Executive Vice President Sergio de Freitas, asked several times that members of the gallery refrain from such behavior, but he never singled out Schwalback particularly.

About halfway through the meeting, Andrew Rafii asked that a discussion on USG's proposed 2004-05 budget be moved up, as Rafii had a prior engagement after the meeting. Angered at the prospect of an abbreviated meeting, Schwalback yelled out, "That's bullshit." At this point, two uniformed officers came up to Schwalback and asked him to leave. These officers were called by Medina. *The Stony Brook Press* has identified one of the officers as Officer Steven Faulkner.

Schwalback refused to leave, stating that no member of the Senate ever asked him to leave. At this point, the officers informed him that he was under arrest for disorderly conduct, and stated that he could leave under his own power or in handcuffs. Schwalback again protested, saying that no member of the Senate asked him to leave. After about one minute, the officers attempted to forcibly remove Schwalback from his seat. Schwalback resisted, and this led to about 5 minutes of the officers forcibly removing Schwalback from his

seat, and eventually down on the ground. He was then handcuffed and stood up. Officer Faulkner began at one point to read him his Miranda rights; the other officer stated that he didn't need to have his rights read to him, since he was not going to be questioned at that time.

Schwalback was led away in a squad car parked in the back of the Student Activities Center and taken to Coram, where he spent the night in a state jail. He was arraigned the next day in Central Islip and charged with one count

Section 70.02 of the NY State Penal Code. Schwalback was let out on a \$2,500 bond, and will next appear in court early June. Schwalback has also been suspended indefinitely from SBU pending a separate investigation by Vice President of Student Affairs Fred Preston.

The whole incident was caught on tape, as SBU-TV cameraman Kris Lee, taping the Senate meeting for SBU-TV's weekly coverage of USG Senate meetings, was about 5 feet away. The tape has since been reviewed by Deputy Chief Little, Dean of Students, Jerry Stein, and Stony Brook University President, Shirley Strum Kenny, as well as James McElhone, Schwalback's attorney. Chief Little claimed that he was "extremely comfortable" with what he saw on tape. Kenny, when asked at the Graduate Student Organization's May 7 meeting about the incident, stated that "it was not a violent scene" in her opinion.

Upon seeing the tape, McElhone says he intends to fight the charges in court. "What I saw was not a man assaulting a police officer," McElhone told News 12 Long Island. A copy of the tape was leaked to News 12 Long Island, which came the next day to investigate. Their report on the incident eventually led to coverage of Schwalback's arrest by every English-language network TV station in the New York market.

Apparently as a response, Undergraduate Student Government President Sandy Curtis fired Louis Medina on Thursday, April 29. *The Press* has learned that Medina was told to clear out his office immediately, giving him not less than 4 hours to remove his personal belongings from his corner office in the 2nd floor of the SAC. Speculation abounds that Medina is being used as a scapegoat for the Schwalback incident, since he was responsible for bringing the police presence into the meeting.



SCHWALBACK RESISTING ARREST
Courtesy of SBU-TV

of criminal trespassing and two counts of assaulting a police officer. The two counts of assault stem from the fact that, according to Deputy Police Chief, Doug Little, both officers sustained serious injuries during the incident. According to Little, one officer sustained a serious back injury, while the other sustained a torn rotator cuff. Assaulting a police officer is a Class D Felony, punishable by between two and seven years in jail per count, according to

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My Body, My Choice

By Juliet Di Frenza

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. to fight for women's reproductive rights in what ended up being the largest march in U.S. history. My friend Christie and I left LI the night before with the plan to beat some traffic by staying at my place in Brooklyn and then leaving early. So we left Brooklyn at around 5:30 am and set out on the BQE, DC bound. We passed what seemed like a million buses, (figuratively, people, figuratively), heading in the same direction as we. There was a very diverse group of people going which was quite evident when Christie and I stopped at one of the ubiquitous McDonald's that pepper the freeway. Inside we came upon an amusing scene: there were these large suburban families waiting on line with hippies clothed in earth-tones and the ever-present Birkenstocks, while a handful of little indie girls with red lipstick and bangs picked things up at the condiments table. After the rest stop I was the lucky passenger who got to nap 'til we arrived at the train, which would take us to the march - yay!

77% of anti-abortion leaders are men; 100% of them will never be pregnant.

People were *everywhere*, and we got off the train and stepped into a stream of fellow activists. In spite of the crowd, we somehow successfully met up with friends, Joe and Jackie. It was all about the big yellow signs with purple letters and numbers, otherwise you would hear, "Spencer Hecht, please meet your mother over on the southern tip of the stage," meanwhile some kid is trying to hit on the girls when his moms blows up his spot. Ha-ha, that would have been funny, but I digress. So, the four of us sat under a tree where we took in the sights, enjoyed the atmosphere, and listened to what we could make out of the speakers on stage. The march was organized by a collective of social and women's rights groups. The organizations involved were: The Feminist Majority, NARAL Pro-Choice America, the National Organization for Women (NOW), Planned Parenthood, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, Black Women's Health Imperative and The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The point of the march was not just to keep America Pro-Choice; the organizers pointed out that their mission was to uphold "choice, justice, access, health, abortion, global and family planning." Unfortunately, President Bush attacked women's rights the first day in office when he issued a global gag rule. This means that all of the international health groups and organizations funded by the US are gagged, preventing them from talking to patients about family planning, birth control and abortion thus extinguishing the reproductive rights of women around the world. Pretty scary, right?

Well, he is working towards reinstating

the gag rule in the US. This means we will live under a government that views us as second class citizens. 77% of anti-abortion leaders are men; 100% of them will never be pregnant. Every infringement on women's reproductive rights (partial-birth abortion being the most recent) highlights the basic idea that in this country: there are people who do not view women as anything more than a doormat. Ladies, the life of a being that is the size of a pea, something that hasn't even been born, is more important than your life. Politicians would rather see you dead and the child alive. Don't you think that's fucked up? Well, there were hundreds of us who felt that way; that's why one of our chants was: "Pro-life is a lie; you don't care if women die!" Ain't it the scary truth?

But the chants in the march weren't the only way people were stating their minds. Once we were settled I got up and walked around, I talked to people and took pictures of some of the many clever slogans written across t-shirts and signs. One woman had a shirt that looked like the logo for FedEx, but instead it was "Fed Up, we need freedom and unity." I got a photo of her and her two friends who were wearing matching shirts that said, "WARNING: President Bush is hazardous to women's health." I met a grandmother, her daughter, and her granddaughter, three generations of pro-choice supporters. Meanwhile, there were staffers for the march who were going around handing out stickers and counting people. Everyone who had attended, all 1,150,000 of us, had our name, address, and phone taken down, and then we received a green sticker that said, "Count me in!" That's how we knew that the march was over a million strong.

Speaking of marching, several hours had passed since our arrival and we began to slowly make our way out of the mall. We were able to meet up with the Stony Brook Students for Choice group. Our group was short lived though, since it's impossible to keep 10 people together in a huge march, so we made do with being a fierce five.

The march was pretty long, but it was so worth it! I felt such camaraderie with total strangers. At one point we walked by a woman in a lab coat, who said she was in medical school to become a doctor who would be an abortionist, so I stopped and hugged her. It was halfway through the march when we saw the anti-choicers. I like to call "pro-life" people



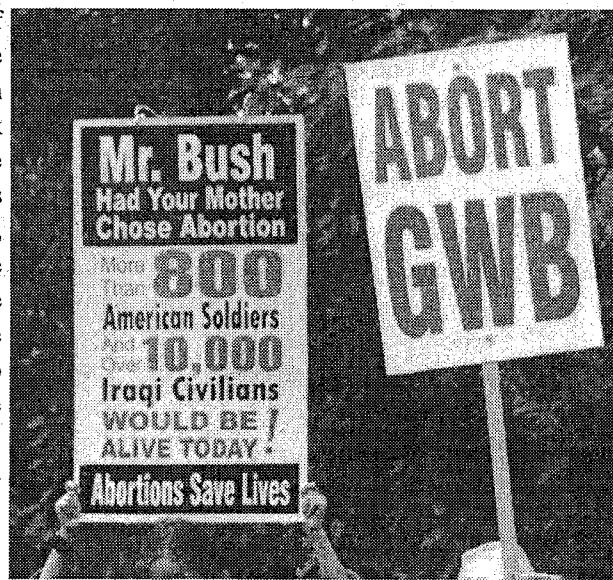
THE GAG ORDER IN FULL EFFECT
Courtesy of Joe Filippazzo

"anti-choice" because they don't believe in a woman's right to choose. The idea that pro-choice means pro-abortion is a common misconception. Pro-choice is about more than abortion, it is about the right a woman has over her body. This reminds me of one of the signs at the march: "Don't like abortion? Don't have one." There were also women who wore shirts or carried signs that said, "I had an abortion" and "I needed a partial birth abortion in 1959." Pretty crazy. There was a sign one woman had that was the opposite of the '59 sign. Above the two photos of her daughters she had written "My children were my choice." As I said, pro-choice is about more than abortion, and I can't say it enough: pro-choice means the belief that women have a right to choose.

After the march, we sat on the mall and snacked on cheez-its and animal crackers. Again, we met up with more people and headed over to a place to eat, which was so far away my I felt as though I was in a march to support my appetite or something. We ended up at Johnny Rocket's where Christie and Mike almost passed out in the diner booth. So exhausted but satisfied. We ate and then to the train to the car and then headed back to New York. When we got back to my place we promptly went to bed...ah, sweet delicious sleep.

So, I hope that with this article I have convinced at least one of you out there to open your eyes and mouth. Next semester you should get involved with the Students for Choice or the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA). These groups are pro-choice and active. All women deserve rights

and we should not be forced to go back to alleyways and coat hangers because it's OUR body, OUR choice!!



THESE PEOPLE REALLY HATE BUSH
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EDITORIAL: Worse Than Vietnam?

"If these are released to the public, obviously it's going to make matters worse. That's just a fact," stated Donald Rumsfeld, US Secretary of Defense, in an ABC Online article. His statement was made in regards to the photos depicting the abuse of numerous Iraqis detained in a US-run jail east of Baghdad. If Rumsfeld's admittance is any indication as to the state of the present Iraqi occupation, then the U.S. is certainly in a dire situation. Many are already aware that the situation in Iraq has intensified, even after Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1, 2003. As the "occupation" is dragging on and Iraqi autonomy seems farther away, the situation is appearing more and more like Vietnam. Allusions to the Vietnam War include comparing the release of these photos to the discovery of the My Lai massacre. Not to mention the pending legislation (Bills S 89 and HR 163), which calls for the reinstatement of the draft beginning in Spring 2005.

One thing that sets the current "occupation" apart from the Vietnam War is the amount of information filtering to the American public. According to the *Seattle Times*, the Pentagon has banned the media

from taking pictures of caskets being returned to the U.S. since 1991. The media has also directed attention away from the over 3,800 servicemen who have been wounded since the start of the War, 900 alone in April, focusing strictly on the number of casualties. Releasing the number of casualties has even been a daunting task, as proved by Sinclair Broadcasting's refusal to air the Nightline special, "The Fallen," which devoted 40 minutes to reading the names of 500 servicemen and women who have died in the current War.

It's difficult to make any sort of accurate comparison between the current War in Iraq and the Vietnam War because the American public is rarely presented with all the facts. The Arab League's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yahya Mahmassani, stated, "You don't know what damage you have done to your reputation in the Arab world. You know, your reputation's at its lowest ever, unprecedented low level of hate and anti-Americanism. There's outrage, shock, anger in the Arab world." If this is true than the American public is in worse than they realize and worse than the media lets on.

EDITORIAL: Take Notice

The firing of Administrative Director Louis Medina and the election of Jared Wong as the new USG President cap off one of the most tumultuous years of campus politics in recent memory. This year, we covered student government like never before, and as you've read this year in the pages of our newspaper, the new Undergraduate Student Government started with a blank, non-Polity slate and then proceeded to fill said slate with improper deeds, shiftiness, and a general lack of care for the student body.

They can blame us and what we wrote all they want. The fact of the matter is that their fucking over of *The Stony Brook Press* and SBVAC, to name the two organizations with the most well-publicized battles, was USG's fault. The Senate's complete lack of stewardship was USG's fault. As much as people in USG and Administration would like to believe we made things up, we did not. Neither they nor Sandy Curtis have anyone but themselves to blame.

All we did was cover it. And in the meantime, more people, on- and off-campus, students and faculty, ask for our paper. Peter Baigent, out of nowhere, suddenly takes an interest in what we do. Prospective senators come to our office and say they want to become senators because of what they read in our pages.

Places like the Power Plant, which consists only of employees and no students, ask for our issues to be sent there. Candidates for student election say an ad in our paper is central to their election strategy. We put together a bill to help the student body and it gets massive support from pretty much EVERYBODY. And, finally, we supported a candidate for election, a candidate who most felt was sure to lose, only to see him win against the odds. *The Stony Brook Press* is once again a force on this campus, an agent of change, a voice that you can't avoid hearing, a voice to be feared if you piss us off. This, more so than anything, is what *The Press* E-Board has accomplished this semester.

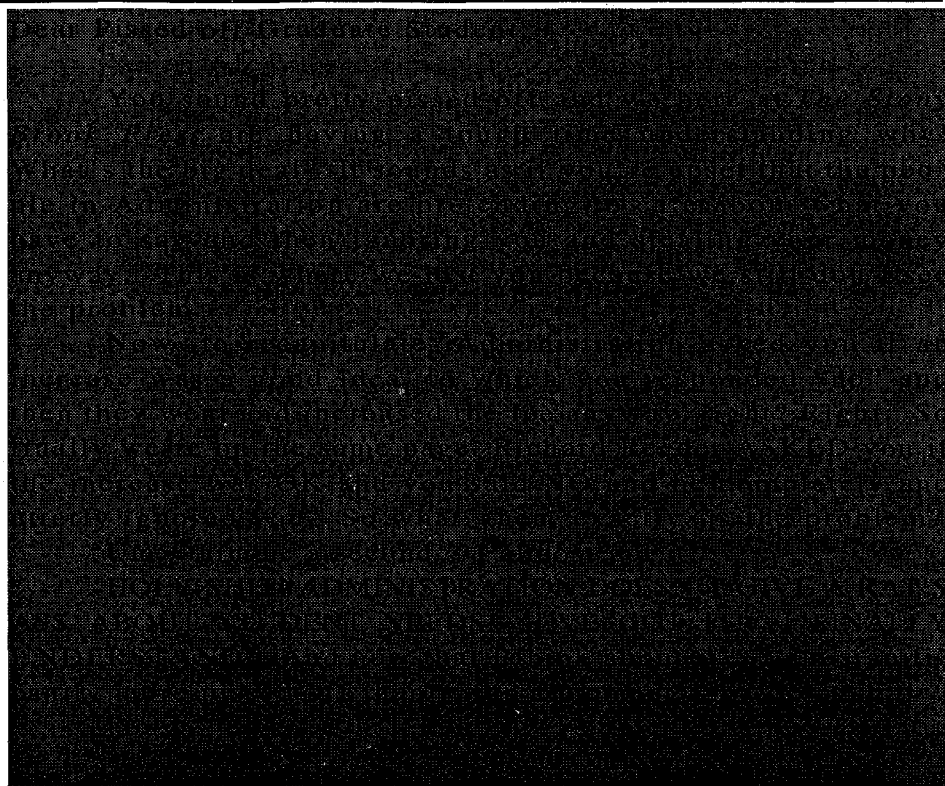
Now the focus shifts to a new Executive Council. Wong, Esam al-Shareffi, and Raj Gupta now comprise the top three positions in USG. We know that all three of them have the intelligence, the capability, and the desire to fix the mistakes of the past and make sure that the crap that happened this year never happens again. And we will be there, watching, making sure things go how they should. And if they don't know that by now, they will learn very fucking soon.

Letter: The Technology Fee Increases!

Dear Press,

If you weren't aware, Stony Brook Chief Information Officer, Richard Reeder, is raising your technology fee next semester, \$130 a year. That's \$330 a year. Don't worry. He's told you, holding informational sessions during Strawberry Fest, and in the basement of the Union during reading days. Really publicized them too [sarcasm]. And it doesn't matter what you think because he came to a meeting of the Graduate Student Organization for our advice and we gave it to him. We unanimously voted NO INCREASE. And he doesn't care. Big surprise, an administrator who doesn't care about the students. But usually they pay graduate students lip service. Just think of what they really think of the undergraduates. So, end of story...an administrator wants you to pay more for things that they want and they aren't even asking. So tell this fucker what you think of paying more fees. His email is rreeder@notes.cc.sunysb.edu and his phone # is 631-632-9085.

Pissed off Graduate Student



Letter: Do the Right Thing, Shirley!

The following letter was sent to Shirley Strum Kenny shortly after the William Schwalback incident:

May 3, 2004

Shirley Strum Kenny, Ph.D.
President, Stony Brook University
310 Administration Building
Stony Brook, NY 11794-0701

Dear Dr. Strum Kenny,

My wife and I were recently visiting with family on Long Island and were dismayed to see a news report regarding Stony Brook University police involvement with a Student Government meeting. It appeared as if a Stony Brook student, William Schwalback III, had some objections about how the Student Government was handling the budget issues, and the police were called to intervene with him? Were the police really necessary? Could not this issue been handled without police involvement in what appeared to be a somewhat trivial issue?

My wife and I were appalled to view a university student government meeting being conducted in such a hostile fashion. Unfortunately, it brought back memories of Kent State. We hope this matter is addressed in an appropriate manner so that students are not treated in such a hostile manner when they have intellectual objections to ideas. The newscast did not sit well with us.

We look forward to hearing about how this issue is resolved. With the state of our country today, we hope that intellectual objections can be handled in a nonviolent way, and we, the adults, can be models to the students about how to handle disagreements.

Please contact me if you have any questions about my letter.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Hayes, Ph.D.



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The Bill Schwalback Incident

By Mike Billings

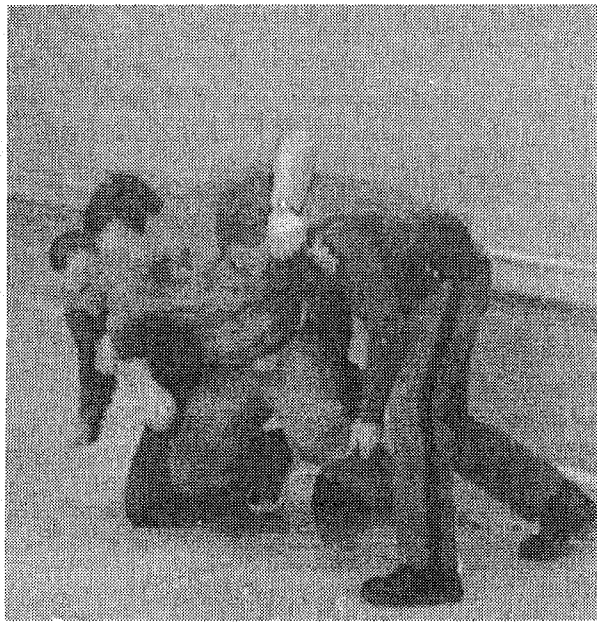
On April 27, one of the most bewildering and frightening scenes I have ever witnessed at this University took place at an Undergraduate Student Government (USG) Senate meeting. Bill Schwalback, a student who was witnessing the senate proceedings from the gallery, was arrested and charged with trespassing, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and two counts of assaulting a police officer. This whole event occurred because Schwalback was verbalizing his comments out of turn and then refused to leave when police officers told him to do so. When Schwalback refused, the two officers placed him under arrest and wrestled him out of his chair. A five-minute struggle ensued that finally ended with the officers cuffing the student and escorting him out of the room. For more details on what happened, see Sam Goldman's article in this issue.

The bottom line in all of this is that the event itself should not have happened. Disruptive or not, to have Schwalback, a Stony Brook student attending an open meeting of the student government, arrested is absurd. First of all, there was never any need to bring the police into the situation. If a member of the gallery is being disruptive, it is the Senate's responsibility to remove him. This can be done if a Senator makes a motion to have the student removed, another Senator seconds the motion, and the Senate votes to have him removed. The whole process would have taken less than a minute and the incident would have been avoided.

Obviously, this is not what ended up happening. Instead, Executive Vice-President Sergio DeFreitas and Sergeant-at-Arms Dawud Lee gave Schwalback repeated warnings and threatened to have him removed if he did not refrain from speaking out of turn. While they did tell him to stop disrupting the meeting, neither Lee nor DeFreitas ever explicitly told him to leave the meeting. In fact, Schwalback was fully prepared to make his exit as soon as the Senate formally removed him. Before the police approached Schwalback, he expressed to me that the police would have no cause to kick him out of the meeting until the Senate moved to

have him leave the room. Schwalback misjudged, however, as one officer even said to him as they were taking him out of the building, "We don't have to follow their rules."

This brings us to the issue of the police. While it is clear that the Senate could have easily resolved the situation by formally removing Schwalback, the police are not without fault in terms of how they handled the incident. Once the police entered the scene, they had control over the outcome. Essentially, Bill Schwalback could have left the room of his own volition or



TO SERVE AND PROTECT!
Courtesy of SBU-TV

he could have left in handcuffs, and the police chose the latter by doing a ridiculously poor job at mediating the situation. In a recent commentary by Emy Kuriakose and Paul G. Atkins in *The Stony Brook Statesman*, the authors contend, "When police officers are dispatched to the scene of a public disturbance, their primary goal is to remove that disturbance." This is a dangerous assertion, because their primary goal should not be to remove the disturbance, it should be to defuse the situation as quickly and as peacefully as possible.

While the officers may not have done anything legally wrong in arresting Schwalback, they are most certainly guilty of sloppy police work. For one thing, the officers were obviously biased toward the word of former Administrative Director Lou Medina, the man who originally called the police to the scene. Rather than surveying the situation for themselves, the officers seemed bent on getting Schwalback out as soon as he said a single word out of turn. Instead of doing this, the officers should have talked to the student and figured out why he would not leave. Schwalback never posed a threat to anyone in the Senate or the gallery; he was simply talking out of turn. If the officers had taken thirty seconds to get his side of the story, they would have realized that Schwalback was simply waiting to be removed; otherwise, he had every right to be at the open meeting. Hearing this, the police could have asked the Senate if they would formally remove him, and the Senate certainly would have done so. In this scenario, Schwalback leaves of his own free will and the University saves itself a lot of embarrassment. Unfortunately, the officers at the scene decided to try and intimidate Schwalback into leaving instead of listening to a student they have sworn to protect and serve.

When analyzing this event, it becomes clear that several parties are at fault, and the person with the least amount of blame gets the harshest punishment. While Schwalback also had the option of diffusing the situation peacefully by leaving at the police officers' demand, he was not obligated to do so. This was an open meeting, and he was never told to leave by the Senate. The police essentially acted as administrative puppets in not listening to what the student they were about to wrestle to the ground had to say. They simply took the word of an administrator that he should be removed. This means that at any time when you're within fifty feet of an administrator, all they have to do is whistle, point you out, bark out an order, and wait for the police to mindlessly arrest you like the lapdogs they apparently are.



Hey, did you hear about The Press?

The Press? Yeah, I heard about them.

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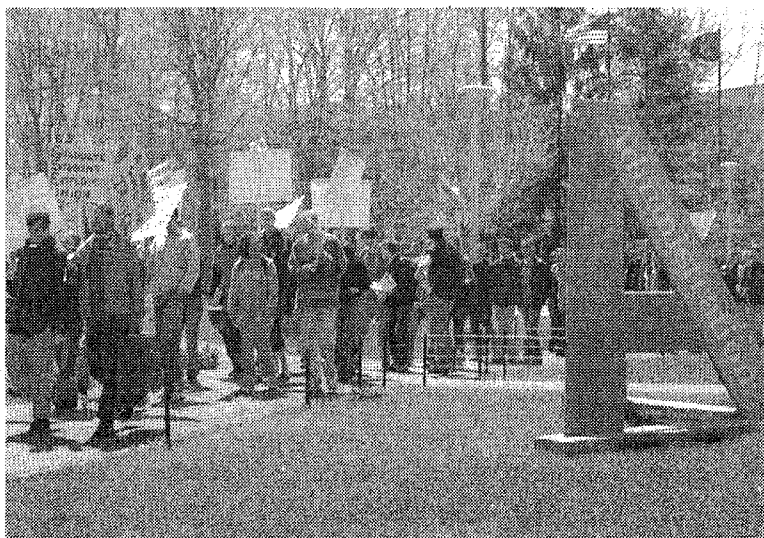
By Jackie Hayes

On Wednesday April 28, at 1pm, about 110 members of the GSEU and their supporters gathered in front of the Fountain to demand a just contract. Billy Wharton led the rally calling on fellow graduate students, fellow organizers, and Angela Davis, the infamous political and civil rights activist, to address the crowd. Following the speeches, the rally attendees made their way through the Administration building, then through the crowd of curious students attending the Strawberry Festival, and ending in the SAC cafeteria. The event marked the third rally this semester organized by the GSEU to raise awareness regarding their current contract negotiations.

"I'm here because SUNY wants to increase expenses while decreasing our wages," stated one member of the GSEU, Dan Woulfin. According to Buffalo's GSEU website, GAs and TAs SUNY-wide make an average of \$10,000 a year. This is especially problematic for Stony Brook GA's and TA's, since our county boasts the third highest living cost in the United States. Health care benefits have also decreased since the state has proposed an over 200% increase in medical co-pays and a close to 300% increase in co-pays for many widely used prescriptions, such as oral contraceptives. If passed, the new contract will be tough on many graduate and teaching assistants and especially women. The contract increases co-pay costs for oral contraceptives and limits maternity leave to a mere five days.

Woulfin continued stating, "We are

denied basic rights, including the right to 'just cause', which requires employers to provide justification for firing." He added, "I am also here because I oppose the anti-free speech policies supported by our University." The contract the state put forward, aside from an increase in medical co-pays and allowing only five days for maternity



GRAD STUDENTS RALLY FOR A JUST CONTRACT
Courtesy of Joe Filippazzo

leave, also denies employees the right to seek justification for firing, and includes poor dental and vision coverage. The anti-free speech policies Woulfin referred to are the ones requiring any protest organizers to file for a permit six weeks in advance. Wednesday's rally was the GSEU's third violation of this policy. If the policy were strictly enforced, students would be required to wait six weeks to organize a rally

regarding issues like tuition hikes, national elections, student government elections, increase in college fees, etc.

The GSEU contract expired on July 1, 2003 and negotiations began soon after. Some of the demands put forth by the GSEU include modest leave time for maternity and temporary disability, just cause for discipline and discharge, a minimum pay increase, which is closer to the poverty line, a meaningful grievance proceeding, clear workload guidelines, improved vision and dental care, and a technology fee waiver. The GSEU organized rallies at other University centers including SUNY Buffalo and SUNY Binghamton.

Stony Brook's GSEU has had an interesting past as detailed in their website (www.geocities.com/gseurankandfile/). In one article, written in 2002, by members Mike Murphy, Hernan Pruden, and William Wharton, they explain, "Though it is hard to imagine, a long, difficult struggle was required to establish the Graduate Students Employees Union (GSEU) at the State University of New York (SUNY)." They continue, explaining how the GSEU originated in 1977 at SUNY Buffalo and was granted collective bargaining power in 1992 after a long, arduous struggle. The article details its near disillusion in late Spring 2002. Yet, it seems the GSEU has come a long way since near disillusion. If the attendance at the rally was any indication as to the current status of the GSEU, it seems it is certainly alive and well at Stony Brook.

Lineage of Scum: Part One

By Tom Senkus

In light of recent events of prison abuse in Iraq, I noticed a trend. Where do these shit-heads start?

As a football player, wrestler, and lacrosse player at Ronkonkoma Junior High School and Connetquot High School, I had my share of locker room antics. Most things that went on were harmless, nonchalant bullshitting, constant "your mom's" echoing off the dingy floor, and well-aimed stink bomb-tossings before running out to practice. In fact, I even recall with some fondness at the funny way I was hazed; I had to play the "Norte Dame Fight Song" on my trombone in my boxer shorts while dancing in the middle of the gym. Basically harmless, but even that was reinforced with a threat of violence.

At first these things didn't really bother me. They seemed kind of immature, but as the school year would progress, the incidents would intensify. When I was hospitalized in 10th grade and returned a few weeks later, I noticed that my locker gear had been pissed on. Not even my own friends had the decency (or maybe knowledge) to tell me what had happened.

This crossed the line in my book, but there was still other things going on to people worse off than myself. Incidents of date rape weren't, and probably couldn't have been, met

with a resistant voice. In fact, there was a boastful attitude and success to doing something against a girl's will.

Let me give you some examples of what kind of other "shit" (literally) went on:

- 1) One student got held down while another one of his friends "teabagged" him and smeared Icy-Hot on his testicles.
- 2) In a fit of steroid-infused rage, one student smeared his own fecal matter on the wall in the football locker room.
- 3) Urinating on other people's equipment as well as throwing their equipment (especially mouthpieces) in the dirty toilets was commonplace.

All the while, I realized that, even subconsciously, the perpetrators knew they would get away with any act as long as 1) they were in a position of power (team status, notoriety), 2) the act was humiliating to tell to someone in charge, and 3) could affect the accuser with social repercussions.

Our coaches were just older versions of the bastards. They had supposedly survived these incidents and even revelled in their nostalgia. Most coaches and their assistants were hopped on testosterone, so how could one play a feminine role and reveal a problem?

Until recently, I had kept silent. By-gones are by-gones.

A month or two ago, I remember reading an article in Newsday that claimed that those who witnessed and went silent during the Mephram football camp incident were just as guilty as the perpetrators. I agree with the opinion entirely, and I guess this is a way for me to alleviate the guilt I feel at having to help build a wall of silence. Mephram isn't the only one. It's just the one that got caught.

However, these trends just don't stop in the locker room. Assholes in my school who had no future prospects were joining the military, police, fire department or, better yet, becoming gym teachers and coaches. For the most part, these are IMPORTANT positions in society (except of course, gym teachers and coaches, who we all know just like to look at half-naked teenagers all day).

We let them carry weapons, answer distress calls, and use their civil judgment to solve our disputes. If that's so, then why the fuck are we letting morons into these positions? (Wow, I sound like Henry Rollins...)

You know what's even more alarming? All of those incidents I listed before involved young "men" who are currently enrolled in the military. Coincidence? Read on for the next part!

The AIDS Epidemic in Africa

By Stephanie McLean

According to UNAIDS, Africa is home to 80% of the children and 70% of the adults living with AIDS in the world. The AIDS epidemic is larger in Africa than in any other region of the world. The global prevalence of AIDS is 1.07%, while in Africa the prevalence of the disease is an astounding 8.57%. Of the 20 million people that have died of this epidemic, three-quarters were African. In 2003 alone, Africa buried a little over two million people with HIV. Most of the region's biggest problems stem from the prevalence of the disease. AIDS not only hinders economic growth and development but it puts an enormous strain on an already suffering health care system.

AIDS is hands down the biggest problem facing the region today. East, South, and Central Africa has the highest AIDS rates within the region. There are 23.3 million people throughout the region infected with the disease. AIDS greatly impacts households in Africa resulting in widows and orphans. The epidemic contributes to: an increase in female-headed households and the feminization of poverty. Children are greatly affected by this epidemic. The impact of the disease on individual children depends on a variety of factors, such as their sex and age, the socio-economic status of their families, the number and age of their siblings. The care of these children often falls on the extended family, over-stretching their already limited and declining resources. Children have no caregivers in their households and manage their own household activities without the supervision of an adult. Many children are therefore heading households and are more likely to be out-of-school, malnourished, less likely to receive health care, and are usually extremely poor. Many end up on the streets where they may be abused and sexually exploited, vulnerable to contracting HIV/AIDS. This only serves to perpetuate the vicious cycle.

AIDS also has negative effects of the overall macroeconomic system in Africa. It hinders economic growth, namely physical, human and social capital. Current estimates suggest that HIV/AIDS has reduced the rate of growth of Africa's per capita income by 0.7 percentage points. AIDS results in poverty, income inequality, labor migration, gender inequality, low levels of education and initial health conditions which facilitate the spread of HIV/AIDS and are associated with higher prevalence rates.

HIV/AIDS also has an impact on human capital accumulation. HIV/AIDS affects not only a country's physical and human capital, but its social capital as well. The quality of countless lives is being eroded and a generation of children is growing up without the emotional and financial support of their parents.

The epidemic is eroding social networks and traditional support mechanisms as well as challenging the efficacy of legal and regulatory institutions to respond.

Africa does not have a very good health care system. AIDS just puts a further strain on the already suffering system. For not only is Africa the worst HIV/AIDS affected region, it is also the world's poorest region with the lowest access to and quality of health care. The treatment of AIDS diverts funds from the treatment of other diseases.

There is no known cure for AIDS. Drug cocktails have been created to help people to better cope with the disease. The FDA approved more than fifty drugs for the treatment of HIV/AIDS that, when taken the right way, can drive the virus below detectable levels. Despite the existence of these drugs thousands of people continue to die of AIDS in Africa. This is because the drug companies sell the cocktails at exorbitant prices that even people in developed nations are barely able to afford. When the governments of Africa decided to take matters into their own hands and create more affordable generic alternatives, the pharmaceutical companies, and the governments of developed nations where the drugs are created put up a legal battle to prevent this.

The cost obtaining these drugs is between \$500 and \$1000 a month. Many people in Africa live below \$1 a day and most African nations spend less than \$10 per person annually on health care. It is also important to

keep in mind that AIDS isn't the only epidemic that plagues the region. There are approximately 25.3 million people infected with AIDS. Even if the world was prepared to ignore this atrocity, the governments of Africa couldn't.

Capitalism can be a nasty thing. The majority of HIV/AIDS cocktails are manufactured by pharmaceutical companies based in Europe or North America. Their primary purpose for making these drugs is to gain profits. These companies spend billions of dollars on research and development of HIV/AIDS drugs. This makes them less sympathetic to the plight of AIDS patients in Africa. This means that a majority of the 25.3 million Africans infected with AIDS won't get the best available treatment and will die as a result.

Some African nations, namely South Africa, Kenya, and Uganda, decided to take matters into their own hands and decided to devote resources to the creation of generic versions of these HIV/AIDS drugs to help fight the disease. Drug companies in developed regions were not pleased about this. They decided to put up a legal fight and decided to lobby the US

government about the issue. In an attempt not to sound inhumane or simply greedy, they claimed that their justification for fighting this program was because drug cocktails need to be taken in a systematic way, and that patients need to be closely supervised, something the health care system in Africa cannot provide.

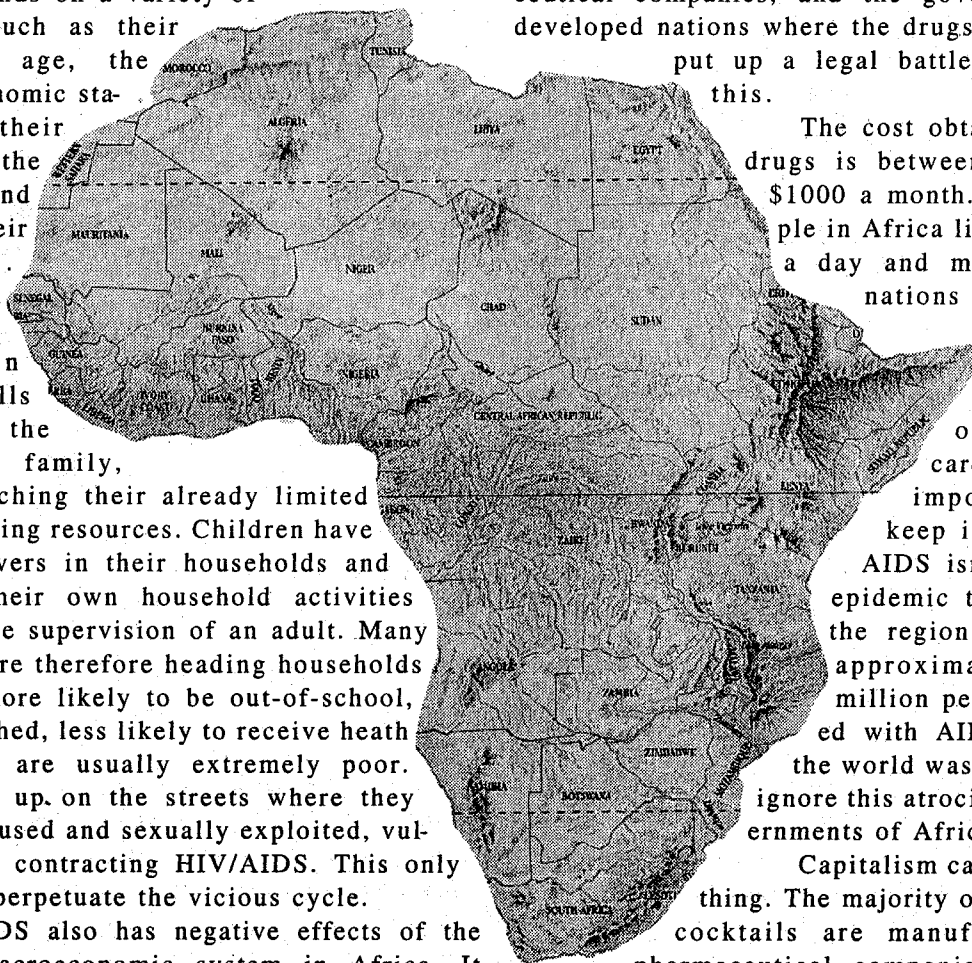
Although this argument is true, it is no justification for allowing 25.3 million HIV/AIDS patients to die in Africa. If this were a valid point Africa would not be allowed to treat almost all the illnesses that plague the region because of its inadequate health care system.

This is a prime example of why many of the basic problems that face the world today will remain. If the AIDS epidemic continues to plague Africa, the gap between Africa and the developing world will only widen. Here it is that developed nations hold the solution to perhaps one of the greatest problems plaguing an entire continent and they are refusing to help because they don't stand to make a profit.

The UN exists to help in situations such as these. In 2001, the UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, announced the establishment of a global fund to fight AIDS. Annan said between \$7 billion to \$10 billion would be needed annually to finance a global assault on AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis.

The Clinton Administration was sympathetic towards the plight of Africa. In 2000, President Clinton signed an executive order, making it easier for African nations to get access to cheaper drugs. GlaxoSmithKline also announced that it will soon be offering cheaper Aids drugs to HIV positive patients in Kenya for \$2 a day.

The attitude of the world's richest nations towards the global AIDS fund has not been encouraging. The progress that Africa has made could unravel in an instant. The Bush administration has been reviewing many executive orders signed by Clinton, included the AIDS policy. President Bush hasn't made a decision yet and the people in Africa wait nervously. If he changes the policy, Africans suffering from AIDS wouldn't be able to cope. The AIDS epidemic in Africa presents a much larger issue than just AIDS. It symbolizes the global idea of selfishness and greed. Pharmaceutical companies were prepared to put up a fight to prevent 25.3 million people from dying simply because they would be reducing their profit margin. The fact that the UN and the Clinton Administration decided to get involved shows that in today's world no region goes unaffected by the events both negative and positive that occur in another region. I hope that something can be done to help the people who already have this disease and education about preventing to spread of this largely preventable disease can not only be increased but be successful at reducing the number of people who contract AIDS/HIV. It is a pity that millions of people are dying at the hands of a preventable disease. All nations need to unite and put an end to this disastrous epidemic.



Lineage of Scum: Part Two

By Tom Senkus

Now, using your powers of deduction, deduce what I'll be discussing next...

The aforementioned scum infiltrate and proliferate in our positions of power. The police are one example.

I can see why one would want to become a police officer: a feeling of being above the law, garnering respect under the guise of protection, and all the handouts.

I once overheard a conversation between two of my family members discussing a mutual friend, who works as a police officer in my neighborhood. The story goes that this police officer was off-duty, idling in a parking lot as one of my family members chatted with him outside a local bar. When asked about how hypocritical it was to be driving drunk and that he might be caught by the law, he irreverently replied, Judge Dredd style, "I am the law!"

They aren't called pigs for nothing.

While many officers I've come into contact with are ordinarily tolerable and peaceful, I've come into contact with a few who are just not right. In my case, there's something wrong about being charged with an arbitrary lower crime when in fact there was one that didn't exist. Paying fifty dollars for a crime I didn't commit makes me even angrier.

Take for instance the events that occurred on campus recently, as campus police had detained a peaceful political dissenter, who had every right to be at a PUBLIC meeting. For more in-depth reporting on that, check out Sam Goldman's article. Now, a seemingly innocent student is the figurehead of our campus's corruption. One old classmate I know is a volunteer firefighter, constantly drunk and goes on duty hung over, handling such important tasks as answer 911 calls. Something tells me a clear mind might mean the difference between life and death. That's what makes me sick.

Firefighters who answer distress calls drunk drive that way as well. This isn't news in the slightest. However, as I stated in the first article, it's tolerance of the original seeds that sows some mighty powerful, impulsive monsters. Anyone who's been in New York City during St. Patrick's Day can attest to this.

Something I've noticed is that kids who had police or firefighter parents have easier connections to bail them out of trouble. Now if we look at that, we can see that it would be cyclical, continuing throughout the generations and just exponentiating to create corrupt law enforcement. Go figure.

Criticizing the police and firefighters will offend many, and even in light of 9/11

(what irony!), many are regarded as impenetrable heroes who didn't think twice about giving their lives for the sake of others. If someone is in either of these positions and thinks twice about defying the responsibilities of their job, then they do not deserve the right to be placed in such esteem.

What's even worse is that writing this article probably gives me the impression that I might actually be victim of showing need for reform of the law enforcers and humanity protectors. While I might be biting the hand that feeds me, that's EXACTLY what I'm arguing. It's almost tolerated as appeasement to let the cycle spiral into a cesspool. Then again, if I can't plead the First Amendment anymore, I might need to assume the Second....

Until a few days ago, this was the extent of my distrust of some of those in power. But what about those who represent us abroad in Iraq? Some of this should seem familiar. Read the third part!

(Writer's note: For a very outdated but radical view on anarchistic dissident, I suggest you read Abbie Hoffman's "Steal This Book". Favorite chapter: How to properly fight with a knife.)

A Letter to the Editor from Robert King Concerning the State of USG

By Robert King

Dear Editor,

While it is still fresh, the facts should be set straight. Once again, USG has shown complete and utter incompetence in dealing with its own populous. The appalling ineptitude of the USG was made quite clear last Tuesday night at the Senate meeting, where Chairman de Freitas violated rules of order and sought to extinguish student dissent. This dissent, although not from senators who are incapable of voicing student opinions, was extinguished by the use of the police. Chairman de Freitas is not capable of running the Senate, because he does not know the established rules of order, and the Senate should not have to wait until he learns them! This explains the shock on the faces of those in the Senate gallery, when Chairman de Freitas, in true despot behavior, made unilateral decisions on behalf of the members of the Senate. Using, non-germane phrases and vocabularily to intellectually confuse and intimidate the Senators. He may exercise the politics well, as Administrative Director accedes, but to play a game with rules that no one else understands in the forum of THE PEOPLE oversteps the bounds of corruption. It is apparently obvious that hearing any student voice is avoided at all cost, despite the ten minutes devoted to gallery concerns. That period of time is incapable of adequately supplying students the time needed to address their concerns. Tuesday nights at 7pm become the only period of time for those who rely on vocal expression to have their voice heard. It is increasingly obvious that no one in USG wants,

desires, or will accommodate the need for dissent. As a matter of fact, coupled with the University Administration and the Office of Student Affairs at Stony Brook, anyone who disagrees adamantly with the government's actions are removed; just as I might add like the Gestapo and Stalin's secret police did. The fact of the matter is that dissent and opposition is effectively silenced by the powers that be.

Chairman de Freitas should relinquish his role as chair because he does not act impartially. He quests merely for the current government's sustenance and his own selfish agenda; not for anyone else, not even students. This truth is quite vivid when you watch the video feed of USG Senate meetings, where his inept ability and his corrupt agenda are displayed. He has no idea what is going on, and hides behind his post to deceive Senators who are passive in the first place from doing anything to the contrary.

As some may know, this time in the Spring semester is budget time. Over 2 million dollars of student money is at stake, and at the whim of Treasurer Andrew Rafii, whom I might add, at the Senate meeting was unable to answer numerous questions on his budget, despite his nearly eight in preparation. He makes attempts to mislead the Senate into passing a budget that, although was emailed to Senators one week in advance, is not nearly enough time to actually consider a budget of this magnitude. The fact is that he wasn't even on the hot seat until the 27th of April, and even then he was incapable of providing adequate reasoning behind the government's fiscal actions. So, if the USG can-

not answer questions, when they are paid for doing a job that they should provide the answers, then they should be effectively THROWN OUT!

So, what does the USG resort to: tossing out vocal students. If you voice your opinion about the bullsh*t the USG is doing, you will get arrested. The premise and the argument are in the videotape provided by SBU-TV. Contrary to what the President Pro Tempore Esam has to add, and he is a crony and pretends to understand everything, and has a voice on everything, and is an expert on everything, he still has no real understanding of parliamentary procedure, and there is test to challenge that he knows otherwise, cramming not included. For practical matters, the students need only be concerned that any voice in opposition to your government is stifled by the police, and all who have the nerve to vocally oppose USG will be arrested. I sat next to a man that was arrested for this same reason. All I can and will do, is raise the objections in the only forum that I have. Until my very last breath, I implore the new USG members after elections to act responsibly. To listen to the students, and not hide behind a veil of ineptitude. The students want a forum to be heard, not a killing field for dissenters. Its time for change, let us have it.

Thanks.

Robert King,
Fmr: Polity Senator,
Election Board Chair,
Associate Chief Justice.

Cry Baby Sandy

By Bill Lewis

I walk into my room thankful that another semester here at Stony Brook has come to an end. Yet at this time of happiness I saw that the voicemail box to my on-campus phone was lit up; without a care I hit play on the phone to play the voicemail that was left by two female students about the run-off elections that were held. "Sandy Curtis did not win the elections; unfortunately Jared Wong is your President." Needless to say I was very much taken aback by this statement.

First off I don't find it at all a matter of something being unfortunate that someone won in an election here at Stony Brook, but there was more to this simple v-mail than was on my phone. Ticked off at how someone would call people up to gripe about an election, I found myself asking why these people are so upset. This person on my phone messages told me that there will be petitioning, as they put it, "for those how care to have the right person in office, please sign." Yet I have to ask: did we not just have elections and run-off elections to get the right people in office, or was that just something that we all don't need to follow?

I am also taken aback by the comments I have overheard from people telling me that Sandy Curtis is only in USG for her résumé alone, but I for one thought that was nothing more than some people blowing off steam (or were they?). "Sandy Curtis is not doing this for her résumé; she already has it on her résumé," they told me on their voicemail. I have to ask both the people who called me and Sandy Curtis what is "it" that she has on her résumé and if being in USG is that her only real factor for running, which would be a sad thing to see.

At least before I could ask, the people on the voice mail were so kind to clear that all up for me with the statement, "she is doing this because she wants to see the students get what they deserve." Well that is nice but is that what we wanted to happen with SBVAC's budget, or other rumors of alleged spending of \$2000 for a pancake breakfast at an IHOP? Even seeing a fellow Stony Brook being arrested at a USG meeting? Do the people even think that we the students deserve to vote on whom we want in charge, or did that die out with the rest of all American Rights that terrorists seem to be trying to rob from us?

"Please people, sign the petition to get Jared Wong out of office; we can not have him in." Well, I had to sit down after hearing this; could it well be that these people are trying to usurp our vote from us by having this petition go around removing our newly-elected president from office with no reason as to why? The overall tone was one of anger and rage. I thought that the elections were done fairly since we had a run-off due to the numbers. No other candidates have voicemails going around about how they feel that they will take away our American right to vote on who shall be our next leader or representatives in the Student Government. Maybe they are terrorists who want to usurp our rights, but that may be too hard on them, I told myself. So to find out what was really

going on with this whole matter I felt that I should give these two young ladies a call to see what is going on since it sounded very important.

To be truthful I was not so sure as to what would happen. I was rather terrified that someone wants to take away my vote for who I want to see in charge. So with a friend by my side, I made the call. When I called the number that was being used as the main number I hear a rather harsh sounding young lady who did not give her name. When asked what was the point of the petition that they wanted people to sign she said, "the petition seeks to elect Sandy Curtis." Yet I thought that we already had an election to decide on who we want to be in charge, but I could be wrong on how our votes matter. When asked about it, this person did agree Jared Wong did indeed win this election. So I have to ask then why are they trying to get him removed and Sandy Curtis put back in his place.

When asked about it as to if they want a new election or as to where they want the petition to go, she said "we really don't know where it's going to go. But as a Student Body they have a couple of people that are not satisfied with the elections so we plan...to do something." That statement alone made me have to think about what is it that they have planned to do? Do these people really think that what they are doing with this petition is fair to all of us who did vote for whom we wanted in? When asked if Sandy Curtis know of this she said, "I don't know what Sandy knows." Yet these are the same two people that not all that long ago left a message on my phone to go out and vote for Sandy Curtis. At this point, this young lady got off the phone very quickly, before I could even get her name. I would like to know where are they going to put this petition on campus since no one told me. I would also like to know whether this set a new trend of where, if you don't like an what your fellow students voted on, you can rob them of there American right to vote?

I don't know if it is just me but such actions like this makes me think of them as being something that is un-American as well as something that a group of cry babies would do. Thankfully I was able to talk to an EOP student about this event, which helped me know that other students were not happy with this petition that was going around.

With respect to their concerns I felt that I should withhold their name since they don't wish to be made to feel like a target from anyone that is unhappy with what is said. When I asked this EOP student what they thought of Sandy's petition, I was taken aback but what they had to say. This student told me that Sandy had lost, that she must get over it, that it was a fair election. As this EOP student had put it all so well, "she reminds me of like an Al Gore." Well it is true that both Curtis and Gore had a real close vote. Now we see Sandy trying to get herself back in power when she was voted out. When asked whether or not they felt that Sandy was somehow in on this petition, they sad yes; "she [Sandy] is not the

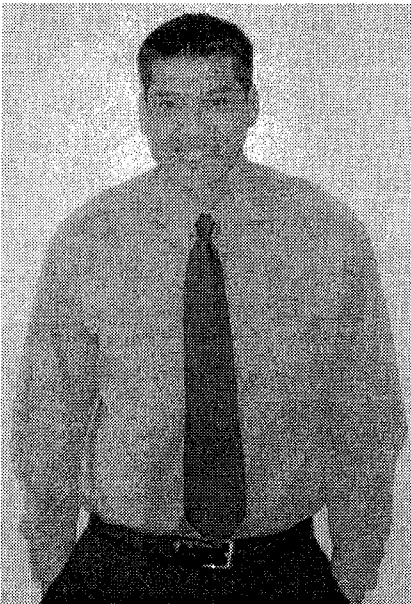
kind of person that takes a loss easily. Sandy always got what she wanted; therefore I don't think she would take a loss too easily."

This person from EOP even told me of the EOP voting block that Sandy was counting on, which by all rights is not really a bad thing, we see this all the time; it is government in action. This EOP student even told me that as an EOP student, they and many others were told to vote for EOP people, to "vote for your family." To prove this, they showed me an e-mail that was sent out by Randall Edouard on May 6 that was a forward for Sandy and other EOP people. In this e-mail, Mr. Edouard told the EOP staff to forward this e-mail to all the students, but this e-mail was telling people who to vote for. So I must ask this of Mr. Edouard: why is it that he, a person that I would think that has ties to the administration, would want EOP people in power? maybe there is some stock in the rumors that I have overheard on campus about how EOP is being used as a puppet for the administration.

Truth be told, I was shocked and very angry to hear that someone within EOP was doing this, let alone someone of such influence within EOP. If I was an EOP student, I would dare not go against what I was told out of fear of what can happen. This student from EOP told me that they did vote for Sandy last year due to EOP telling them to vote for her, but not anymore since they feel that they should not vote for someone on the basis of them being EOP or not. To make sure that I was not being played, I felt that I should seek out an EOP student to see what they had to say so that I can make sure that this is not some person that has bad blood with EOP.

I was able to find an EOP student, Sam, who would talk to me about this. "They told us the reason EOP students did so well was that other EOP students would vote as a block," Sam told me. When I asked Sam if EOP and Randall Edouard had flyers around the office for EOP people who were running, Sam said, "the board was filled with EOP students running for office, like Latoya Duncan. If someone who was non-EOP walked into the office to leave something...they probably would not let them in. The EOP office is strict on not letting non-EOP's into the office; they believe that if you are not EOP then you don't really have a reason to be in the office. Since you can't use the computer room or talk to the councilors." When I pressed on for more information, Sam told me that she had to go and study, but I felt that I have heard more then enough on this matter.

As I walked back to my room my head was spinning from all this. From two EOP students I heard about disruption within the EOP office and staff as to what should be going on. I went to bed and when I rose to eat I saw that the voicemail light on my phone was once more lit. Playing it, I found the same voicemail on it that started this for me. A wave a terror washed over me as I see my rights as a student being stolen from me; I felt terror at how EOP is being used to do the bidding of some other people. Terrorism is what came to mind as we fight in wars to make sure that we all can have a fair say in the government, to feel safe and that we can be able to live the American way of life. Superman and Captain America, where are you now while we need you here at SBU?



USG PRESIDENT JARED WONG
Courtesy of Jared Wong

Lineage of Scum: Part Three

By Tom Senkus

I'm guessing everyone by now has seen at least one picture of the abuse in Iraq by American soldiers in charge of detaining Iraqis. They are horrific abominations to human life, regardless of previous transgressions. The last time I checked, America had laws about human rights and cruel and unusual punishment.

An article by the Associated Press news quoted the parents of Pfc. Lynndie England as proclaiming, in her defense, that "she was just obeying orders." That quotation is accompanied with a photo of England holding a leash around an Iraqi's neck. Another picture shows her with a stick near a detainee's genitals.

Now if I'm not mistaken, wasn't that the excuse given by German soldiers at the end of World War II, when they themselves were captured and put on trial? Who's got whom by the neck now?

Can you imagine those who would show the pictures to their family? "Here's Iraq at nighttime, here's my buddy Joe in his tank, and there's me giving a thumbs-up behind a bunch of naked Iraqis in a pyramid." Who looks more disgusting in the recent pictures of Iraqi mistreatment?

Lapse of judgment? I think not. As mentioned in "Lineage of Scum: Part One," this behavior is tolerated from an early level and when lawlessness and power-lust prevail, this is what occurs. The worst part is that it's not

completely over. In fact, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld confesses that there are even more pictures, more allegations of abuse.

The significance of these recent events is that they parallel US involvement in Vietnam. More and more, we hear stories leaked out about mistreatment and trigger-happy soldiers committing non-peace keeping acts. In fact, through some people I've spoke to about their own friends in Iraq, one said that her ex-boyfriend had taken the life of a running villager with a knife. Now, you do the math there: How does someone kill someone running with a knife unless it was meant to be malicious?

Homosexuality was used as a way to shame those inflicted into silence (look at Part One). Below is an excerpt from the Qu'ran that details the extent of punishment for homosexuality, according to writer Richard Burton:

SURA IV: 19-21

19. But whoso rebels against God and His Apostle, and transgresses His bounds, He will make him enter into fire, and dwell therein for aye; and for him is shameful woe.

21. And if two (men) of you commit it (homosexual adultery), then hurt them both; but if they turn again and amend, leave them alone, verily, God is easily turned, compassionate.

While I'm not familiar with the Qu'ran in specific detail and apologize to any of that faith

who were offended, I'm merely showing the ramifications of using homosexual humiliation as an intangible wall of silence.

I doubt many Republican supporters still stand behind the Bush administration. What's even more curious is that while a lot of Christian zealots may still pledge allegiance to our president, there is obvious hypocrisy in seeing a picture of a masked prisoner, standing on a box, with electrodes dangling from his hands and other parts of his body. Apparently, when the prisoner would fall off the box, he would be electrocuted. His arms are outstretched like Jesus crucified. Even the most devout religious fanatics will have to somewhat agree that something is not right here.

Cynicism is the temptation of intelligence. I will not make a blanket statement that all those trying to reestablish Iraq are evil, but we haven't heard much to say otherwise.

Perhaps this will be the turning point in the war, as the entire story will finally be unveiled. For photos and true evidence, go to <http://www.antiwar.com/news/?articleid=2444>. This isn't just collateral damage....

Finally, I guess by now, some of you are wondering what you can do. Well, if you see something anywhere, say something. Who knows? Maybe you'll be the one with the collar around your neck. That's my message to you.

Excuse Me, We Have Something to Say

By Melanie Donovan

"No Repression! No Abuse!" A simple yet powerful chant that rang through the unknowing minds of Stony Brook students during a rally held on Friday, April 30th. The rally was held in honor of William Schwalback, the student who was arrested Tuesday, April 27th during a USG Senate meeting for speaking out against the budget for the upcoming year. After hearing of the injustice that occurred that night, many students wanted to find a way to voice their own opinions about this incident and the way it was handled. The rally was not only for Schwalback's and Rasulo's cases, but for every student who feels they go to a school where they are only a number without a face or mind.

With placards in hand, we eagerly waited to see just how many students would not only voice their disgust at Tuesday night's occurrence, but march with us as well. The rally started at the fountain around 1pm with a fine turnout of 30 or more people. First to speak was Jackie Hayes, reminding us exactly what happens when a Stony Brook student questions our school government. If every student spoke up just once, would the police wrestle each one of us to the ground? Also speaking that day was former USG Senator and SBU student Vince Rasulo. On March 29, 2004, Rasulo was barred from all Senate meetings because of unfair harassment charges that were brought upon him by another Senator. Schwalback was not the first to be suppressed by the USG; Rasulo was also a determined student just looking to be heard.

Also getting the crowd enthused and ready was some words from students Sam Goldman and Joe Filippazzo. Now ready to go, the crowd set off towards the south side of campus where the Roth Pond Regatta was being held.



PROTESTERS MARCH TO THE REGATTA
Courtesy of Bublz

Our outreach to the campus community was a success in that not many students even knew about the incident. Marching through the crowds that collected around the Roth Pond, many students stopped a moment from their conversing and

eating to glance at our signs and words that they could not ignore. With university police and Deputy Chief of Police Doug Little standing by, we carried out our harmless procession. We informed inquiring minds about exactly what happened. Most of them listened with disbelief or shared their own hardships faced by a college student standing alone against a substantial university. The few students who tried to ignore the clear message that was right in front of their faces could not tune out the chants of their fellow students who has something to say, "Whose school?! Our school!" That is right, it is our school, and to ignore what goes on in the place where most of your money is going is just simply foolish.

Throughout the laughter and the joy of the Regatta, we marched to spread the message that students cannot be repressed without a fight. Everyone deserves the right to communicate their opinion without having to be turned away, or even worse, brutally put down. Sure, some would say that Schwalback was out of line, but it would have never gotten to that point if he were allowed to speak. Hearing out students is important, because if their input is not taken into account in their own school, then whose school is it?

We only skimmed the surface of the closet corruption that engulfs so many innocent students. This rally and others like it are taking a step forward to having a school we can count on. So until that point arrives, we will just have to deal with the "bullshit" that comes along with it.

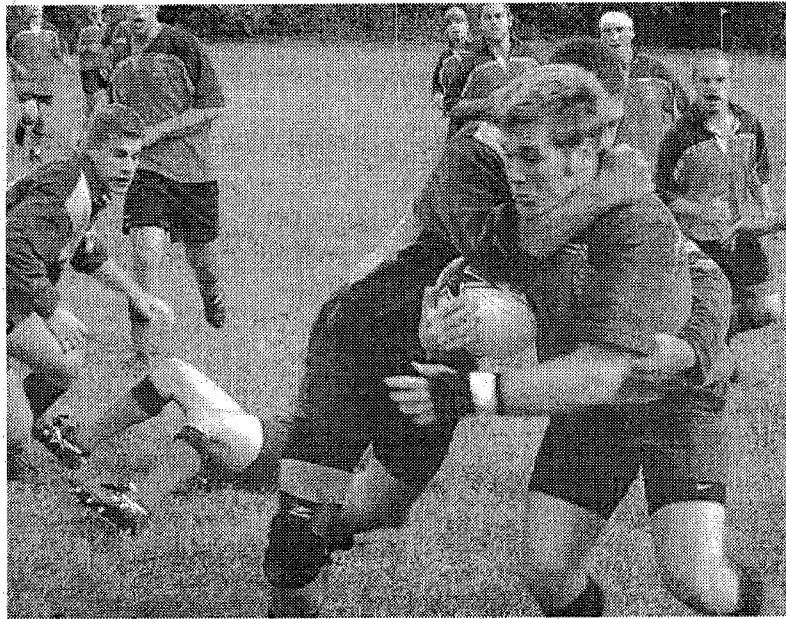
RUGBY: Blood, Sweat and Tears

By Ali Nazir

As the spring season comes to an end, the Stony Brook's Mens' Rugby Team headed to the final match against Hofstra University. Starting from the fall, the beginning of this rebuilding year, the Seawolves were without many key role-players whom had contributed for the glory days of Stony Brook Rugby. Now with a much younger core of players, the Seawolves put up many great games in the fall and the spring. But heading into the contest against Hofstra, the team had been plagued with injury. Injury has, been by, far the main obstacle, because it puts young and very inexperienced players in the midst of grueling battles. But because of that, there have been many new players stepping in and taking control from the injured seasoned veterans, which shows that the coming seasons bring promise and a return to glory in the vicious Rugby Union league. This also concluded the first year under the leadership of a new coach, Daniel Russo, who is currently a player on a semi-professional team. And from the crop of virgin players he had to deal with, he did an outstanding job in making sure the new players and the old were all battle-ready.

The game was at Hofstra, the home of the Pride. On a rainy and ominous Sunday afternoon at 1pm, the two teams took the center stage on Hofstra's home turf, both having something to prove as they played the final game of the year; one program in the rebuilding stages, another on the rise. In the past, Stony Brook has dominated the Pride and these conditions have shown to be the upper hand for Stony Brook. But this day was not one of those, and the day brought misfortune to the Seawolves. The Pride had the upper hand in this contest and sent the Seawolves back home with their final loss of the season. The silver lining for Stony Brook is that the game was played by only one veteran player, all the rest were rookies, some of which were playing their first game ever (Rugby needs 15

to play on the field at one time). So, it took much resolve on the part of the newer players to step in and play a very strong and long-time nemesis of the Seawolves; the Hofstra Pride.



THIS GUY IS TOAST
Courtesy of Ali Nazir

As for the seniors, this was the last dance. The team has one more game, but it is more of an exhibition against the Alumni. Through the season, all the seniors took it upon themselves to make sure the younger players followed their example, and many ended with serious injuries because of their love of the game and intense spirit of competition. Namely, John Pagliarulo (multiple knee injuries), and Ron Bremmer (Captain) were both very influential and took care of the financial aspects of the club team.

Spring break, for most people, was a time of fun in the sun and vacation. But for the Stony Brook's Men's Rugby team, it was none of that. It was because of this week that you saw the essence of the team really all throughout the week. The first Saturday of spring break, the team headed to New York City to play a tournament (Coast Guard, IONA, Army etc).

Playing three games back to back-to-back in one day had the majority of the team bruised and broken. But the guys were good to go on the following Wednesday facing a very tough contender in the University of Coastal Carolina, and then again on Friday against a semi-professional men's team from South Carolina. Spring break is also the reason for many of the teams' injuries; five games in one week, the team started with 18 players ready to play and, on the way back, nine players good to play. Being on the road doesn't give much time to heal, either. That just goes to show the physical and mental toughness of the team. One of the players was quoted saying, "We got a vacation for free." Many players were playing hurt.

Hats off to all the Rookies of the team who performed very well when put on the spot and who made this season one in which we learned a lot about the character of this club. They proved to the whole team why this club sport is the by far the toughest out there. Many of them saw action after they were on the team for merely a week; these men showed much athleticism and professionalism in the games in which the other teams were totally annihilating the veterans. As for the non-senior veterans, all of them showed much work ethic and stepped up for the veterans of the years past, and they will be the heart and soul of the team next year. Namely, Rustim Nyquist, Matt Arena, and John Feminella showed superior work ethic on and off the field, reminiscent of the old school Ruggers of the early nineties in Stony Brook. But, all in all, the year was officially a Rookie year considering that about 65% of the team was made up of rookies.

The next game is at the Rugby pitch against the Alumni and it should be a really good match. So come out and support your friendly neighborhood Rugby team. As player Anthony Abruscatti would say, "it's for free."

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"Friends, my Ass"

By Tom Senkus

At the risk of losing friends, but for the benefit of venting frustration, I'm going to indulge in some of my life. I ask friend X, an average sort of female, if she'd like to join me to go the Knitting Factory, a hip NYC music venue. All seems well, until I mention this Thursday is the concert. In a heap of AOL instant messenger fury, I am reminded that Thursday is the final Friends' episode. How insensitive of me.

We all know Friends in one way or another. Perhaps it's your weekly ritual, a cute show on NBC, or in my case, the scourge of the earth. Monica, Joey, Rachel, Chandler (how hip!), Ross and Phoebe have all been burned into our brains through constant media pounding.

"Rachel has a baby", "Joey does something stupid", "Someone has feelings for someone else", and so on. The show verges on addiction, much like a heroin junkie starts out as a beautiful girl and ends up as the convulsing lunatic at the Smithaven Mall, so do the collective masses become drooling fanatics, waiting for the last episode to hit video before they need a substitute.

If art is a representation of culture, then Friends having one of the highest television network ratings shows us our culture: Mediocrity. Fuck Generation X or whatever we are supposed to be labeled. We are Generation Mediocre. It's too late to be wary of the Lollipop of Mediocrity, we will suck forever.

According to Time magazine, Friends is personified as being something to be "liked, but not respected." Thinking back to high school, I can barely remember any vanilla people, let alone the impact that person would have had on my life. As counterculture as the Time article tried to portray the shows as, with no normal, "Bushian" births (described as through procreative sex between a legally sanctioned husband and wife), the show got no further from Hot Topic, or better yet, Torrid (HT's fat cousin). Basically, it's a lowest common denominator.

If you want to find the show deserving any honors, believing television is even that important, look no further than Seinfeld. First off, the show is actually funny. Second, it's designed as entertainment, poking fun at people's idiosyncrasies magnified to the Nth degree. Even better, not only does Seinfeld poke fun at the crazy person, but also the person making fun of them. In other words, it's clever.

What I will credit the show for is laying out the archetype for impressionable morons. Such suggestions for social success include a button-up shirt, "flip" and the "Rachel", khakis, and visiting your local Starbucks on a regular basis. For those who live/visit the city, check out Astor Place in Manhattan. A victim of this society, there's a Starbucks across the street from a Starbucks!!! (Where's Lewis Black

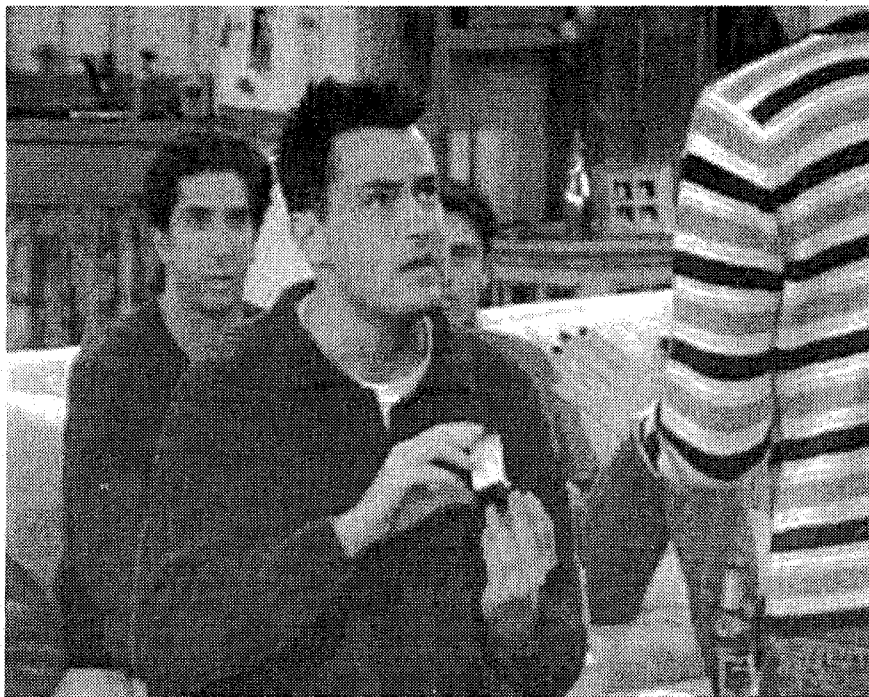
when you need him?)

The media's non-stop coverage is just as worse. NBC's hype machine has every show integrating some element into its advertisement, even at the early morning hours. The Tonight Show and Late Night with Conan O'Brien both have hosted guests from Friends, and even weak skits to further drive home what will be on Thursday night.

One of the worst displays of Friends endorsement that I unfortunately caught wind of in the SAC's cafeteria was Oprah's tribute to Friends. Now, not only will dumb teenagers be caught in the media swirl, but so will out-of-touch soccer mom's with no better way to bond with their spawn than to sit down next to their zombie-like children, all the while thinking to themselves, "And that's how parenting is done."

This isn't the same as the final episode of MASH, which in fact is an engaging story, instead of product placement and Starbuck's nonculture quasi-hipsterism.

Looking through my old yearbook, my friend Tara, SBU superstar, made a revelation to me, that most of the guys and girls have a



ROSS SURE IS SURPRISED
Courtesy of NBC

"Ross" flip haircut or a "Rachel" style haircut. Seriously, how many children will I have to remember with names like Ross, Rachel, or Joey?

I think I can predict what the final ending of the show will be. Happily ever after, the opposing sides of personalities will come together, saying, "how could I ever miss you when you were right under my nose." Even worse will be the inevitable reunion show, of where we get to see the typecasted characters in the only roles they can play. Marlon Brando, eat your heart out.

THEY ARE ALL WHITE. I think that says it all. I can already hearing the punters going, "But Ross is Jewish!" While that may be true, and even the show's Hanukkah celebrations may be commendable, that still doesn't explain why there's absolutely no trace of ethnicity on Friends.

I like how the show also embraces clique-isms. Six friends who's lives revolve around each other, without any outsiders joining in. What worse is that when an outsider joins in, he is an eccentric character, making the others seem lame in comparison, which is indeed the true story. Again, the character is shunned and the perfect "love hexagon" reigns supreme for drooling, fat America to digest their six o'clock dinners and Atkins ritualism.

How often do you see the kids? How the fuck does these parents have time to hang out and lounge while they have kids? They should all be miserable. As far as I remember, parenting takes work and ruins friendships. Seriously, who has time. I mean, talk to any couples with a kid on campus and you'll most likely get the same response.

The only use for the child in this sitcom is to lend some off hand dialogue that gives some continuity, or as a way for the audience to go "awww".

I thought Brad Pitt was an intelligent actor, but as long as he continues to screw Jennifer Aniston, then I might have to resist seeing the next Fight Club on those grounds.

Before I forget, think about the film contributions that each of the members is incredibly sad. The movies don't seem to stretch their characters beyond their fanbase. Most recently, Matthew Perry's costarring with Bruce Willis in "Whole Ten Yards" was lackluster. Even the title is lame. Lisa Kudrow with "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion", Courtney Cox (Arquette) with the "Scream" trilogy, David Schwimmer with "6 Days 7 Nights", Jennifer Aniston with "Along Came Polly" etc. et cetera...

Joey, the spinoff slated to be what Frasier was to Cheers, will end up dead in the water. It may be worse than The Michael Richards Show. I can understand building a shitty show off of several one-dimensional characters, but imagine what a show would be like built off of just one.

Hell, when the Lemon Tree hair-cutting chain gave me a "flip" a week ago, I made a one man shirt protest of it. I even bought an awesome hat to cover it up.

You know what I'm going to do? Go to an awesome Screaming Headless Torsos concert while you park your ass on the loveseat (ha! Nothing in this world would love your sorry ass, not even a seat).

Update about my friend: After walking home from SBU, I spotted her with a group of Friends-like clones at a parking lot carnival. Without letting her speak, and this being the first real conversation since the Instant Messenger conversation, in an eccentric way, I said, "Go ahead. Have fun," pre-empting any type of half-assed "Howareyoudoin'?" 's. Just get another fix, I thought. With Friends like these, I might need a spin-off.

Failed USG Campaign Slogans

Century

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PRO

- Makes good use of mysterious animals

- Makes good use of mysterious animals

- Corn provides valuable roughage

- Have sex vicariously with your roommate's girlfriend, through your roommate. In other words, pretend you're asleep.

- Mooch meal plan
points from your
friends

- Calorie burning

-Tossed Salad

-Tossed Salad

- Excessive amounts of pubes

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- Excessive amounts of pubes

-Leaves a bitter taste in your mouth

- Leaves a bitter taste in your girlfriend's mouth

- Gastro-intestinal reflex

- Carpal tunnel syndrome

- Mouth to ass

- Corn found in
unfortunate
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- Calorie counting

- Ass to ass!!!

-Tossed Salad

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10 “Bring it on!”

9 "If I don't win, I swear I'll cut my face!"

8 "I promise to HIV test every student before they do DVDA to pay their tuition"

7 "What did the five fingers say to the face? SLAP! VOTE FOR ME, BITCH!"

6 “You know, i’ve got some pot back in my dorm...”

5 "I know what you're thinking. In all this excitement, I've kinda lost track, myself. But being as this is a .44 Magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world and would blow your head clean off, you've got to ask yourself one question: 'Do I feel lucky?' Well? Do you, punk?"

4 "I... I just cant help it... they're genetalia is just so cute and small..."

3 "I promise to cleanse this campus of all the impure, subhuman genetic garbage that litters this intellectual paradise. HEIL HONORS COLLEGE!"

2 "I'm gonna touch your nip nips! All aboard the nip nip train! Woot Wooooooooooooooooooooo

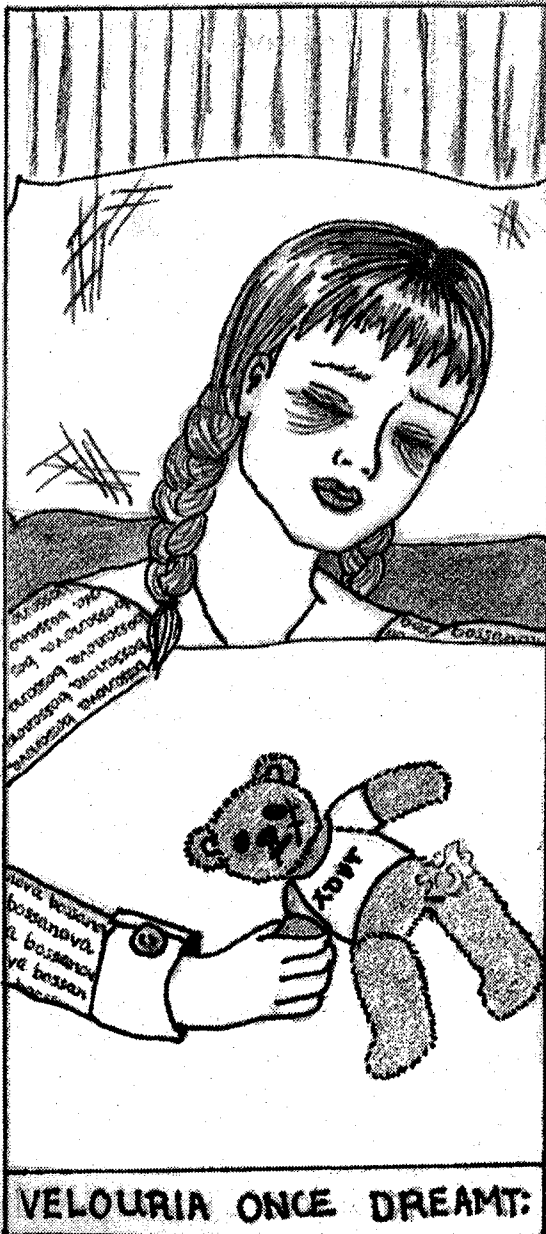
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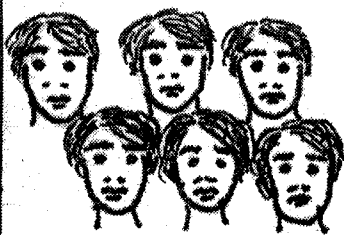
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by Steph Hayes

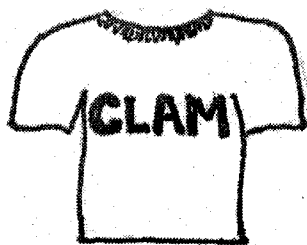


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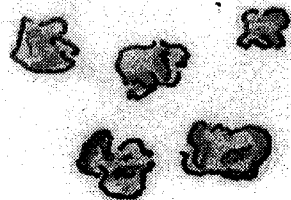
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I ASKED ONE OF THEM: UH... DO YOU LIKE CLAMS? HE REPLIED: NO. AND BROKE UP MORE ROCKS.

A Hayes 5/7/2004

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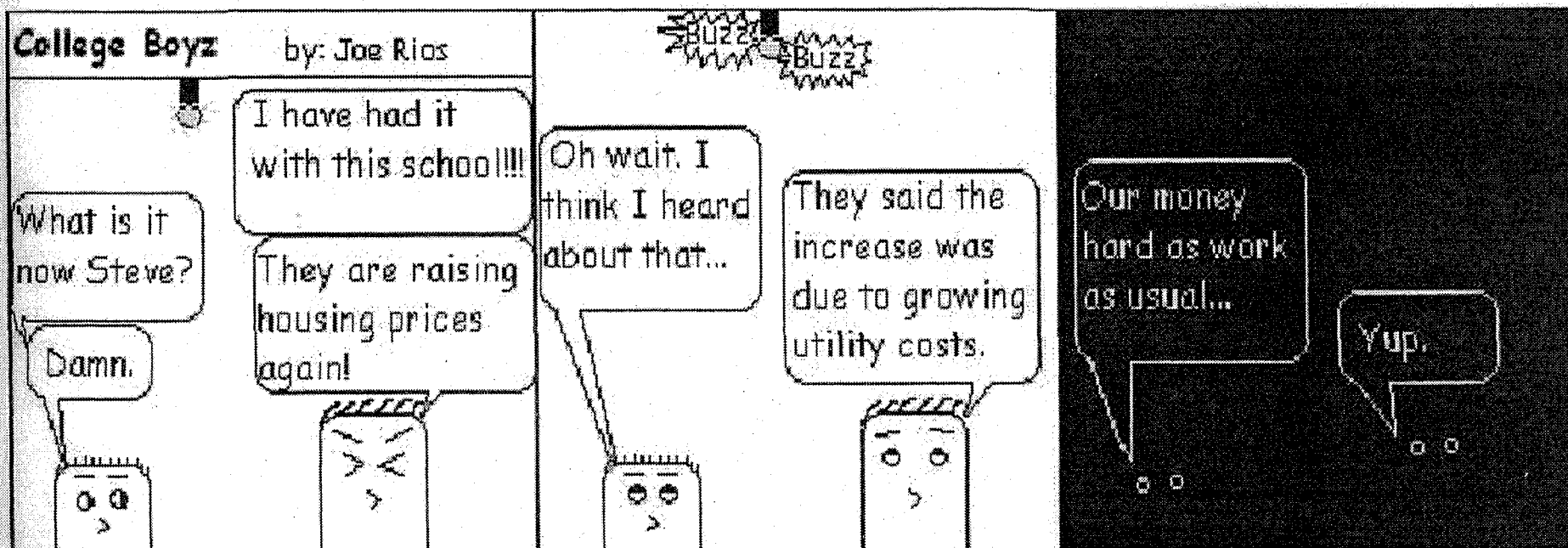
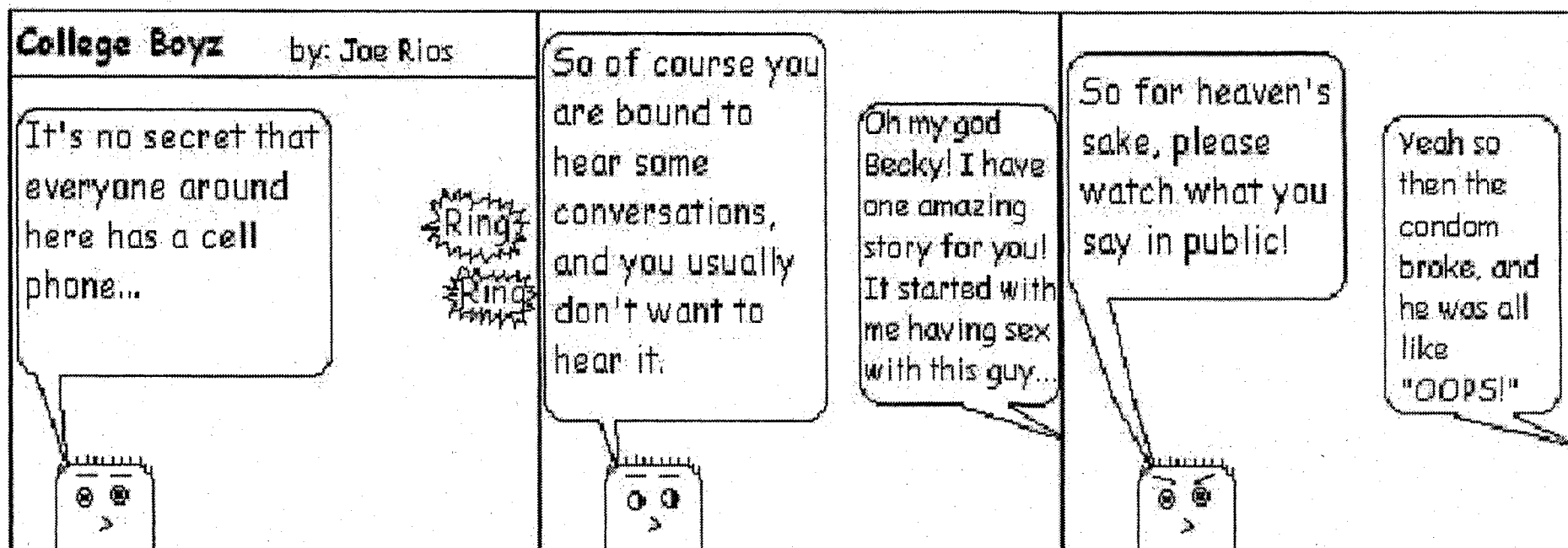
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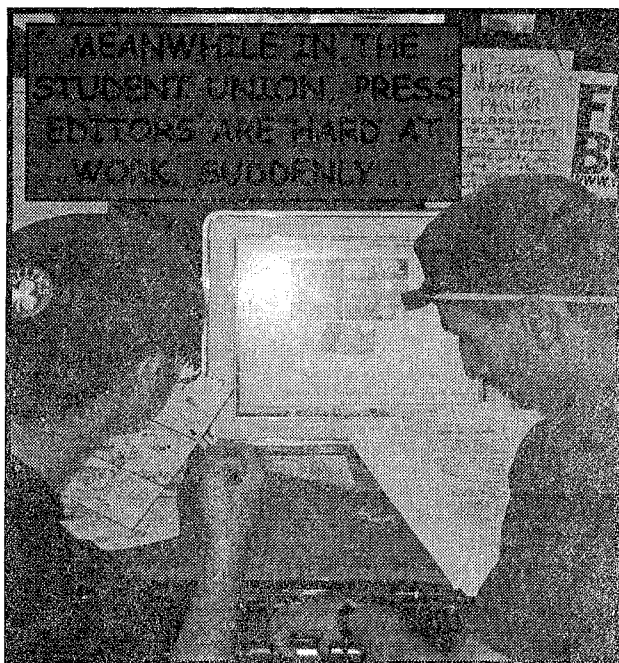
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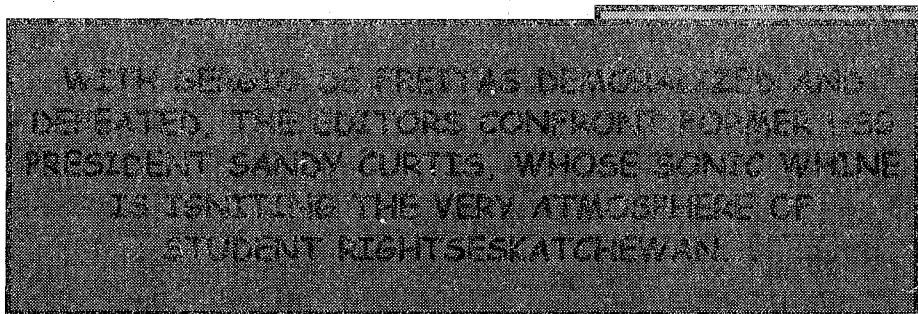
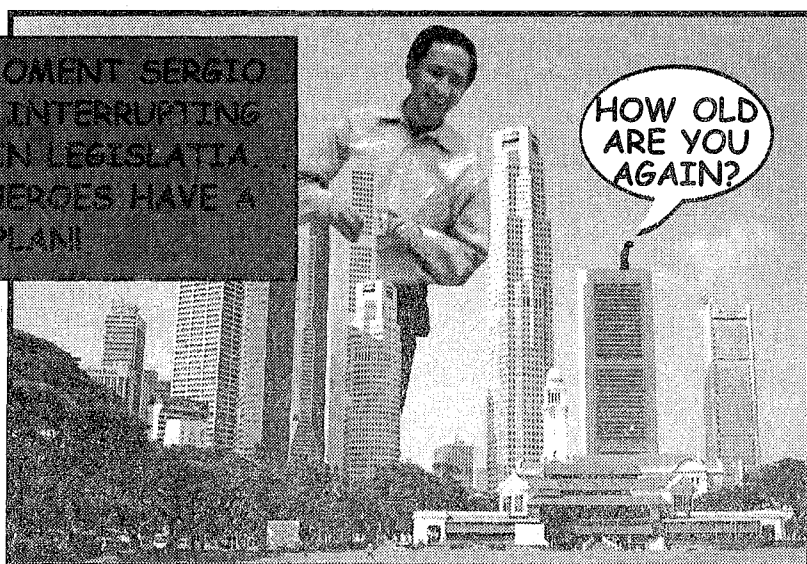
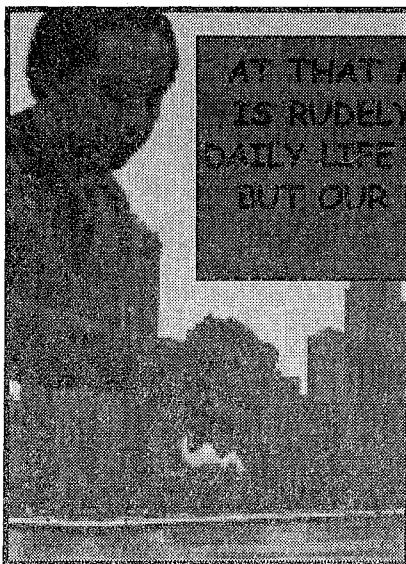
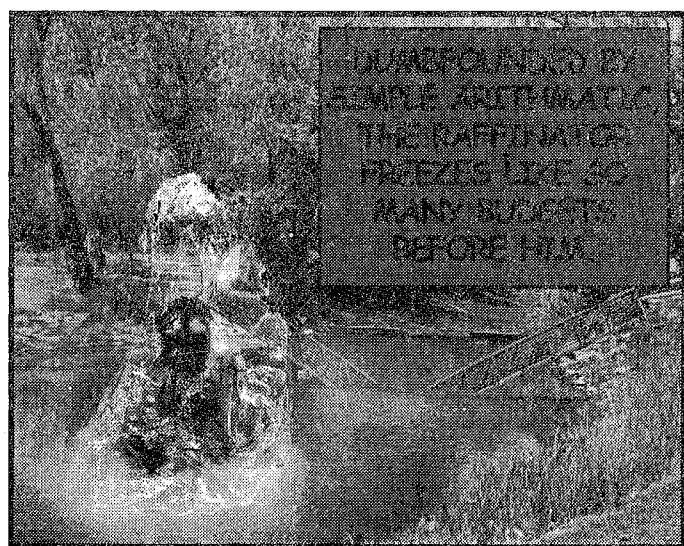
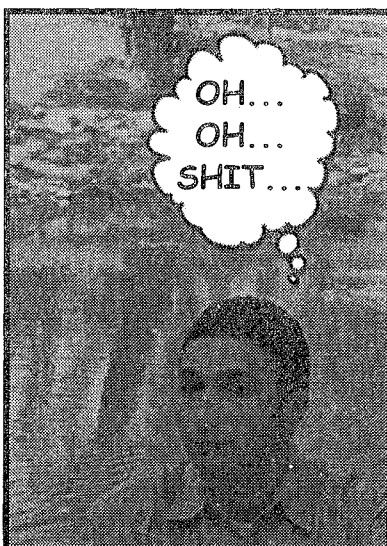
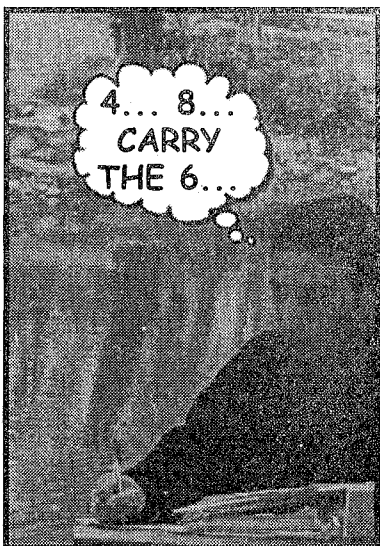
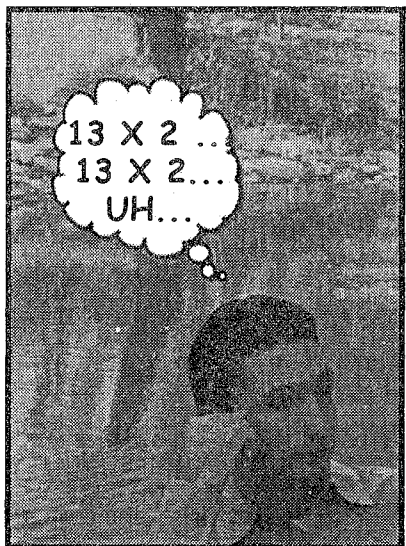
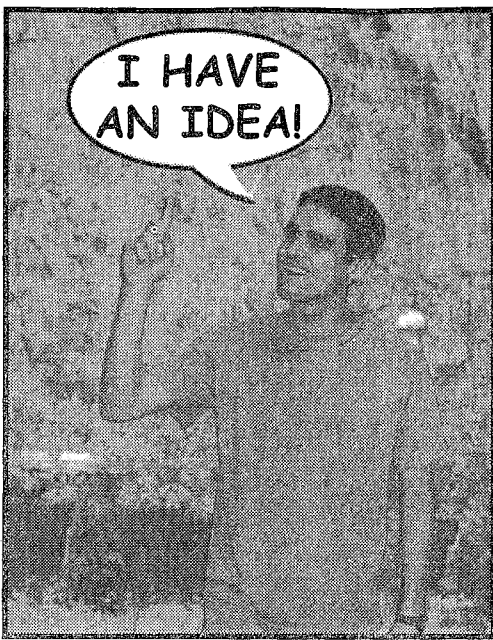
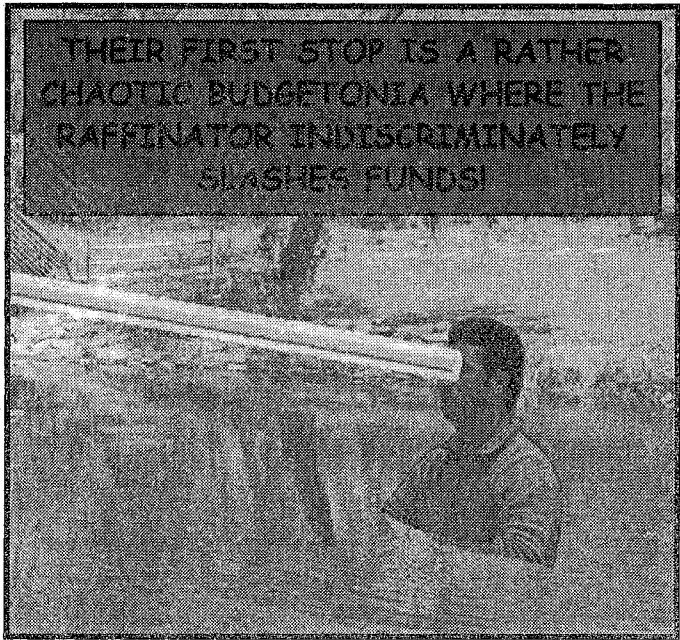
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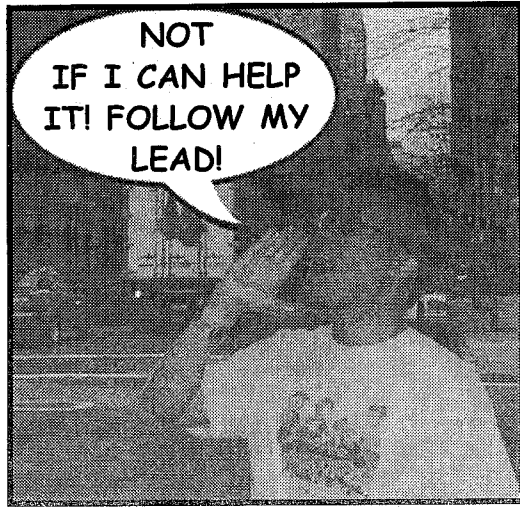


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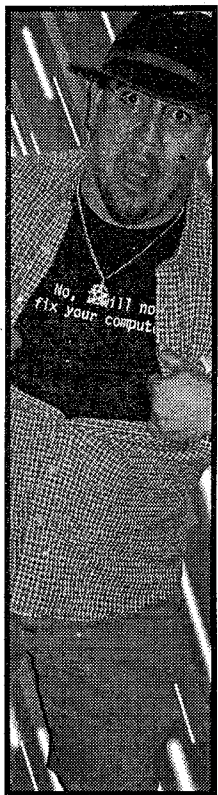
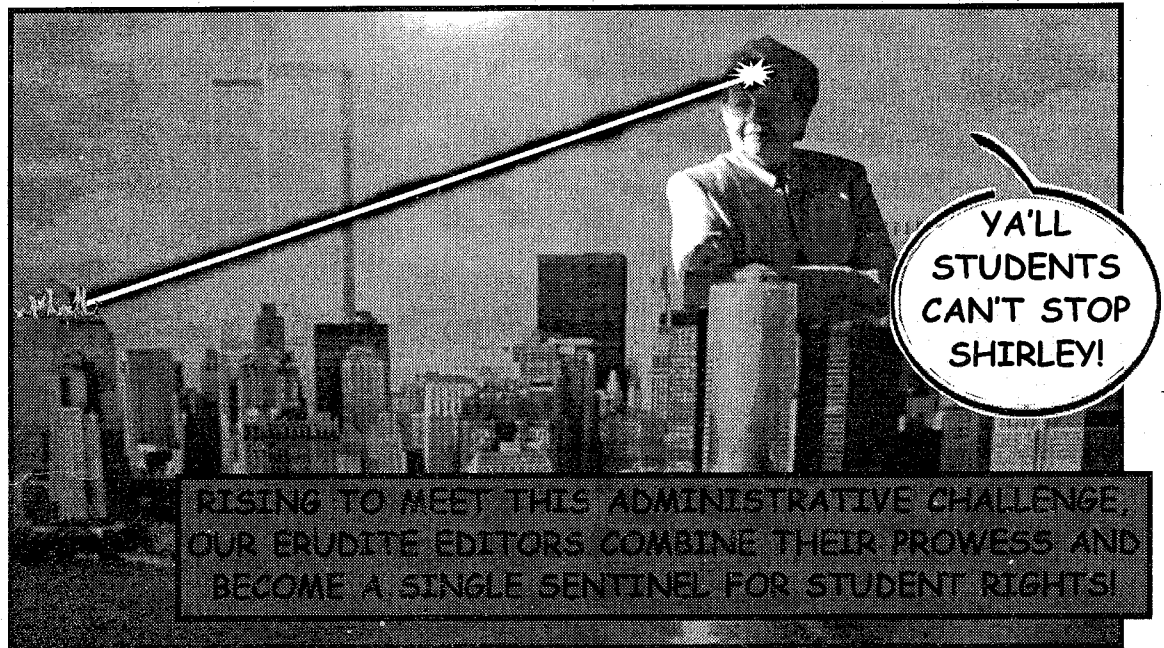
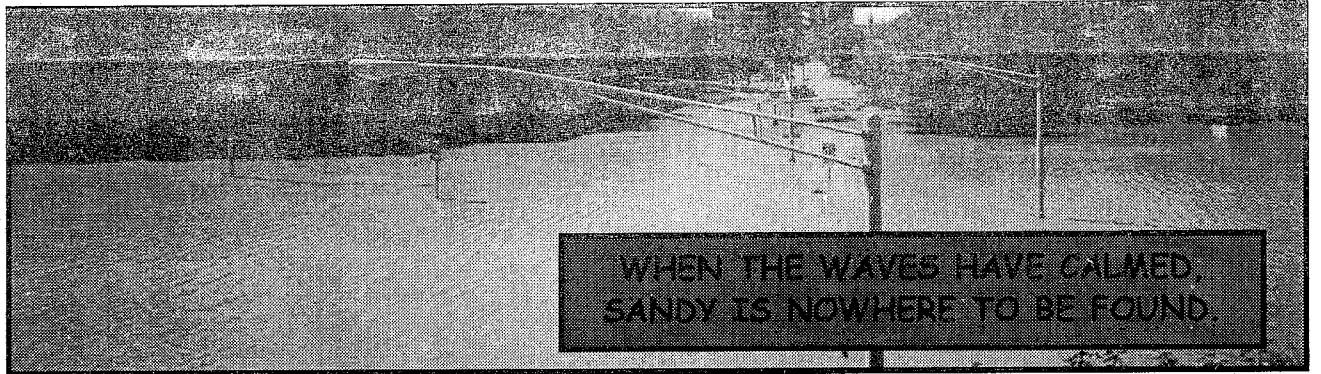
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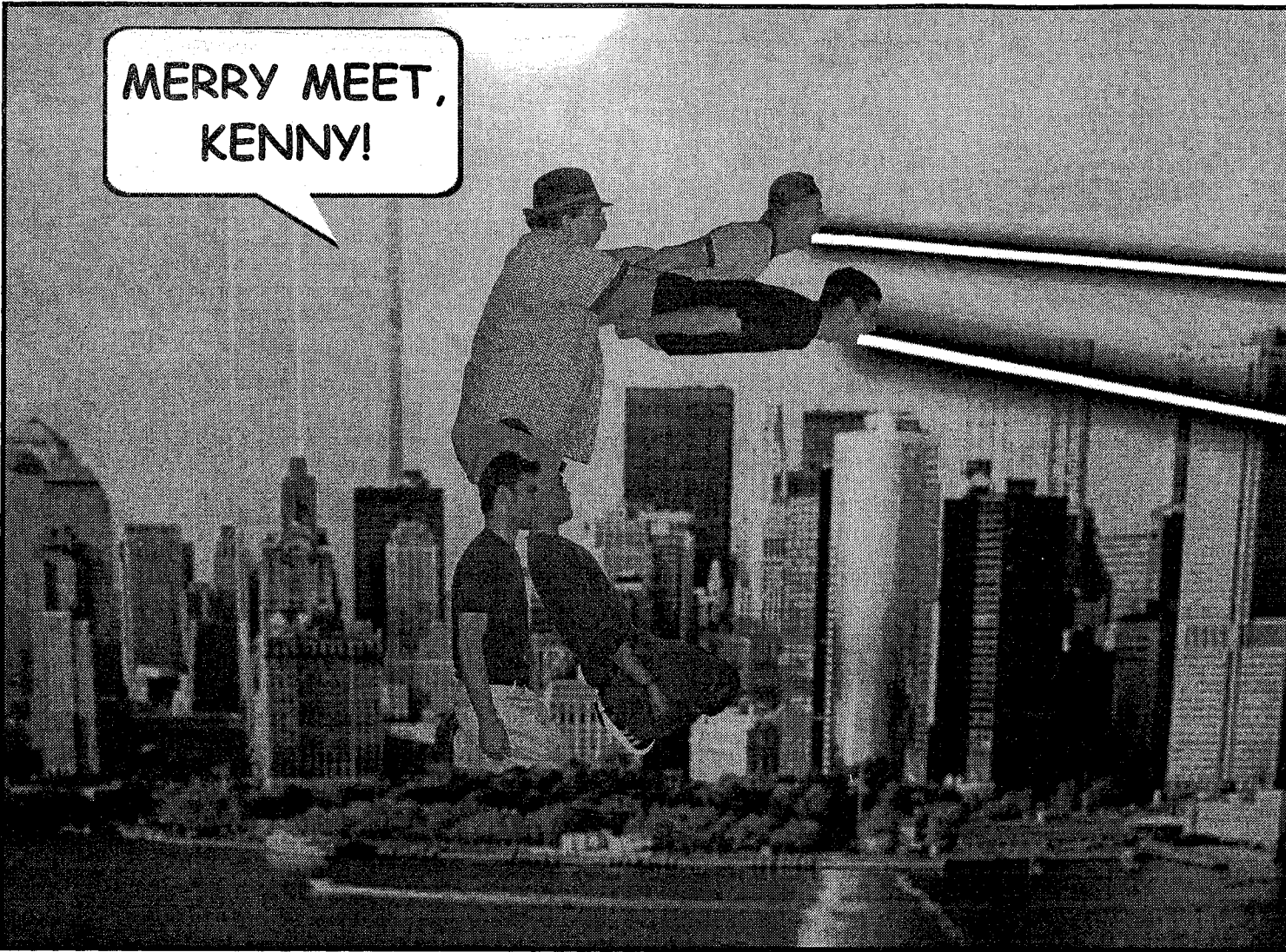
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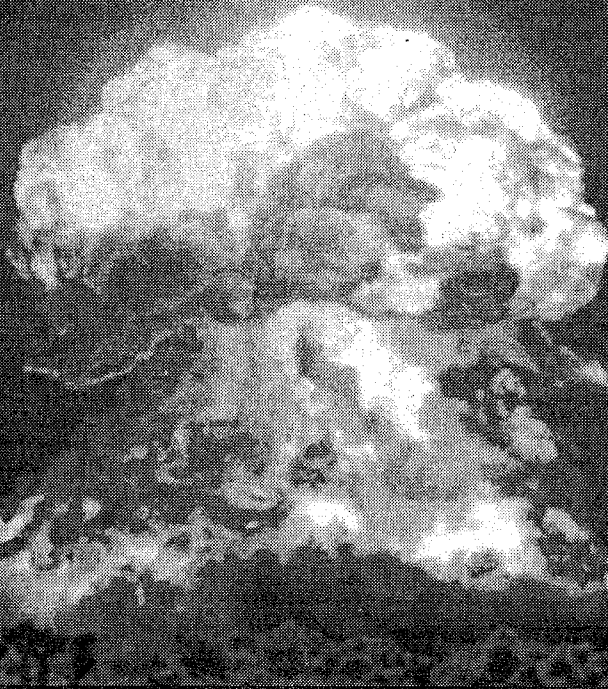


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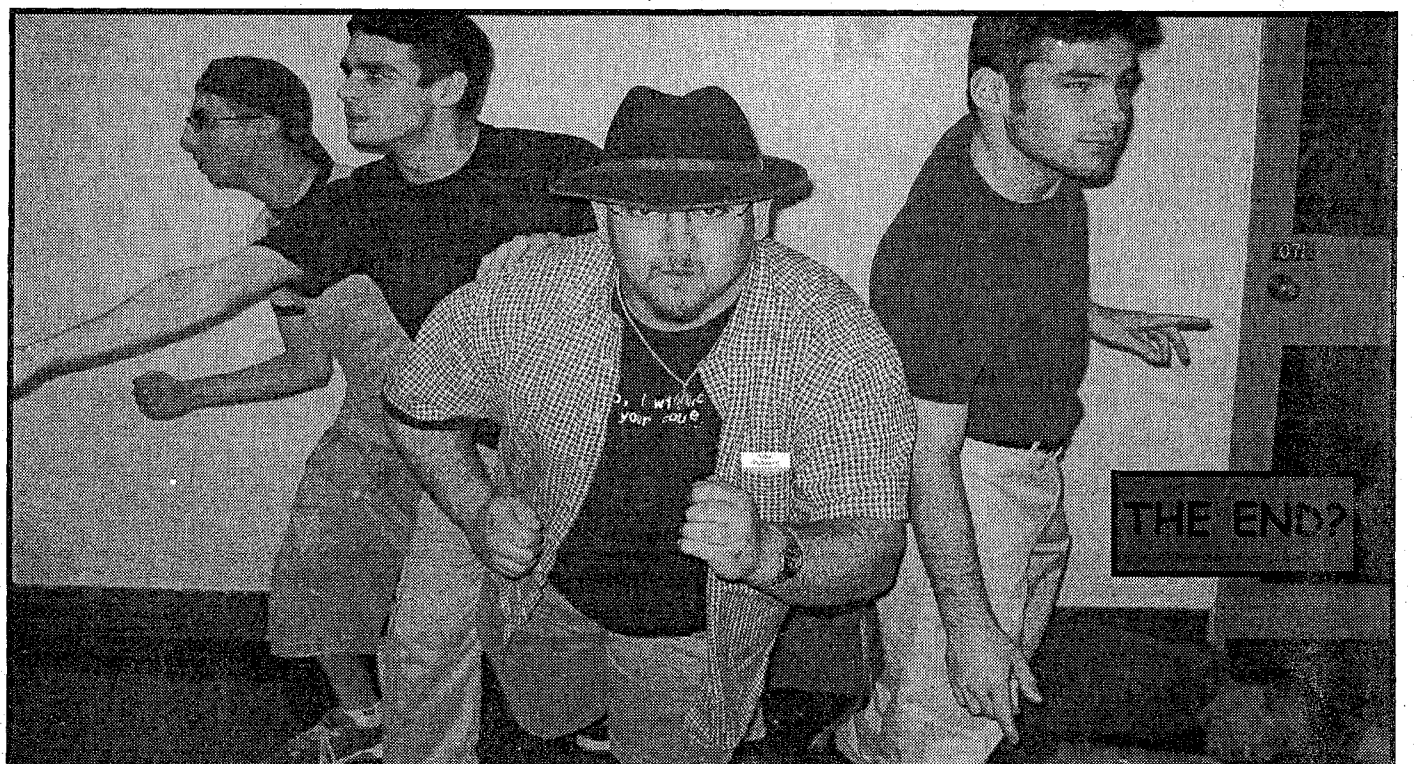
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THE END?

Presenting... The High C's

By Tom Senkus

Who says there's nothing good coming out of Stony Brook University? Well, I have a surprise for all that believe that foolish statement: The High C's!! That's right, Stony Brook's own A CAPELLA singing group! Are you curious to know more? Well, you have no choice because I'm writing it, so read on!

It was a cool, blustery autumn, pregnant with a winter that had not been conceived. While the leaves had turned and summers' excitement burned into ash clouds, a certain shroud had imposed its will on a world standing still. The first sprinkles of white ash caressed the ground, but life was not to be found. Out of the ground, a sound! Could it be? The High C's!!!!!! Hallelujah!

(Stop waxing poetic Now!)

As alluded to before so eloquently, The High C's formed in October 2003 and the current incarnation has been together since February. They perform a vast repertoire, from 50's doo-wop to classic rock to 90's R'n'B to current hits (including Maroon 5). In my opinion, as soon as the aural ecstasy reached my ears, I can honestly say that the Bon Jovi never rocked harder, and the doo-wop never wopped better. Before I forget, The High C's are:

Phil Debin, Bass/Baritone/Beatbox
Jonathan Reggio, Bass
Marty Phan, Bass
Billy Sheehan, Baritone
Josh Silverstein, Tenor
Mike Harrison, Tenor
Azam Beney, Tenor
Gary Gustavsen, Tenor



I wish you could hear them now, but you can't? Why not? Because sound waves don't work like that, *fool!* However, you can catch them rehearsing in the Staller Center twice a week under the blanket of darkness (at night). Current opportunities to hear them perform are on "The Elusive T-Spot" radio show (3 - 6:30 AM Alternating Wednesdays) with the very sexy DJ Tom Senkus ("master of the ladies") on WUSB 90.1 FM and at Stony Brook's Graduation

WOPPIN' IT UP IN THE HIZZIE
Courtesy of www.highcs.net

Commencement Ceremony on May 21st. That's right ladies, you had better bring extra panties, because after they are done, there won't be a dry eye nor seat in the house!

They are also looking for new members. Contact them at ggg2@alumni.duke.edu and see them at <http://www.highcs.net/> for inquiries.



The Incredible Mix Tape

A musical odyssey by Tom Senkus



1)"Cholo Charlie" - Fantomas Melvins Big Band
The best one minute of your life. And it's live!!!!

2)"Perfect Lovesong" - Divine Comedy
You have to have balls to quote "Penny Lane" in your own song.

3)"Kissing the Lipless" - The Shins
Because it's on every damn mixtape this year.

4)"Dance Commander" - Electric Six
He orders you to DANCE!

5)"Love Will Tear Us Apart" - Joy Division
For all you sad saps who mime the chorus and weep. Boo-hoo.

6)"Mad World" - Gary Jules (cover of Tears for Fears)
Donnie Darko rules.

7)"Hallelujah" - Rufus Wainwright (cover of Leonard Cohen)
My favorite one to whip out on the zealots. Once they hear the chorus, just say, "By the way, he's really gay" and the observe the beauty of religious dilemma!

8)"Candy Girl" - Soviet
Songwriting perfection.

9)"You are Invited" - The Dismemberment Plan
Songwriting perfection Mark II.

10)"Who put the Bomp" - Barry Man
Corner your crush and sing the outro to them. Oh yes!

11)"Beer vs. Pot" - Bill Hicks
Because Bill Hicks is smarter, funnier and more dead than you.

12)"Out of the Races and Onto the Tracks" - The Rapture
Everyone's heard of the band, but not this awesome song.

13)"Haitian Fight Song" - Charles Mingus
Mingus up in the hizzie!

14)"I Like Food" - The Descendents (with the Doctor Demento introduction)
I LIKE FOOD! FOOD IS GOOD!

15)"Art Star" - Yeah Yeah Yeah's
Never has death metal and funk come together so cutely. (Is that a word?)

16)"Rise Above" - Black Flag
End on a good note, albiet an out-of-tune one.

Ask Amberly Jane

By Amberly Jane

You'd think that college would be the one place where you could have crazy-loud sex and get away with it. Tear shit off the walls. Holler. Thank God at the top of your lungs as you ride the brain-draining climax.

But no. My RA, an obviously embarrassed girl of the soft-spoken persuasion, who just happens to live directly across the hall, asked me to tone down the "noises coming out of my room," after a particularly loud and long session this past week.

When I say loud, I don't mean a few moans that insinuate a bit of the old "in-and-out" is going on. No, by loud I mean porno-style screaming, just-got-out-of-prison-and-haven't-seen-a-member-of-the-opposite-sex-in-two-years fucking. Her words, I swear.

Apparently, several under-sexed residents from both up AND down the hall complained, as did some random passerby, who "weren't even supposed to be here," my RA said, adding "...and it was the same thing last week."

For my part, I didn't realize I was being loud at all - on the contrary, all I hear is fuzzy buzzing and the gasps of my lover during sex. Then I remembered something. "Oh, and tell my neighbor I'm sorry for banging on the wall so much. My bad."

I was advised to play loud music. We settled on loud porn. "What can I say," I told her, in a post-orgasm giggling streak, "life is fantastic!"

Later on, after the glow of my brain haze had lifted, I thought of the sheer stupidity of the entire scenario. What kind of world are we living in when you can't have loud sex in college? In college, mind

you - not your office, not your folks house, not in your car doing 70 down the Thruway - in a place where it's nearly everyone's aim to get laid. If I were in a guys hallway, the reception would be far different - high fives and a hardy head-nod all around.

As for the semester, it is quickly racing toward its own climax, replete with a brand new school president (thank god), a 25th anniversary to plan for, and of course - Beerfest, which brought its own drama last night. Besides the whole weird frat vibe, a friend's car was stolen and then returned shortly after, provoking a nasty fight. And of course the cops came by to wish everyone a Happy Mother's Day and do their job protecting and serving the public by breaking up a harmless party, which at that point was drained of beer. Good for them! It was great to see so many familiar faces, some I hadn't seen in a dog's age, and I didn't even mind the relatively early disappearance of beer, considering I was the designated racecar driver. (You can check out great pictures from the Fest at <http://beerfest.thepress.info/>).

Summer is so nearly upon us - the greatest time for celebration and miniskirts. You can smell freedom all around - this great pungent whiff of leisure that is often debilitating, always distracting. I have tentative plans to kayak, write, go to various outdoor concerts, do drugs, and generally relax this summer. Thanks for another great semester - Stony Brook may suck, but the delightfully strange people here make it worthwhile. In an effort to send you off on the right foot, and simultaneously ensure that you have sex on the

brain - and maybe an anecdote or two at parties - here's some of my favorite dirty limericks. Enjoy the summer, break out the tins and whiskey, and I'll see you in the fall.

There was an old fellow named Paul
Whose prick was exceedingly small
When in bed with a lay
He could screw her all day
Without touching the vaginal wall.

There was a young whore from Kaloo
Who filled her vagina with glue.
She said with a grin,
"If they pay to get in,
They can pay to get out again too!"

Once a young woman named Alice
Used a dynamite stick for a phallus.
They found her vagina
In North Carolina
And part of her anus in Dallas.

There once was a woman from Arden
Who was seen sucking a man in the garden
Her mother said, "Flo,
Where does it all go?"
And she said, "Gulp. Beg your pardon."

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The Year in Review

By Dustin Herlich

It's been a roller coaster ride this year for undergraduates, and it seems that *The Stony Brook Press* had the seats in the first car. We've dealt with a lot of crap, and had to put up with the likes of Santo Albano and the never ending utter hate of Fred Preston (I dare anyone to write us saying otherwise). All in all, many have told me that this is one of, if not the best years, *The Press* has ever seen, and that makes me very happy. Knowing that our efforts did not fall on deaf ears makes it feel like the job we set out to do was accomplished.

When I came into the position of Executive Editor last fall, I had a very specific mission. I wanted there to be no question whatsoever that I was the best editor the paper had ever had in its twenty-five years of publishing. Unfortunately, it seems I have failed miserably, but that does not mean it still wasn't a landmark year. Coming into this year, I was all ready to get our budget increased and make the paper grow. When that all fell apart because of an unacceptable budget cut, the editorial board of the paper really stepped up to the plate and fought for the continuation of this publication. Without the help of people like Joe Filippazzo and Sam Goldman we would never have had such a good year, let alone all the other things they worked on like our biggest issue ever. Editors like Jackie Hayes kept us going and helped bring in more content than ever before, all while helping lead the fight to get what was rightfully ours, and in the process, helping to pass a student Bill of Rights that forever protects the student body.

Adam Schlagman really understands Quark better than I do at this point, and it's going to be sad to see him go. Dan Hofer finally got our web site in gear, and never hung up

on me when I called freaking out about something. Other people like Mike Billings really showed dedication and commitment to journalism and our publication, and are now going to be the editorial board next year. Even alum from the paper like Joe Hughes and Russel Heller and Brian Libfeld were always there to help out, lend ideas, and keep things running smoothly. I'll forever hate Joe for both leaving Stony and the paper, and for lending me *Watchmen* and *Box Office Poison*, but his outsider insight (does that make any sense?) really cut through the murk and gloom, giving a fresh perspective where it was sorely needed. While it would take forever to really go through and name all of the editors and say exactly how great a job they did, I'll just say thanks to all of you and the staff from the bottom of my heart. The paper is what it is because of all of you, and instead of listing everything that everyone did, just pick up an issue and you'll see what went into the paper this year and how much hard work and dedication there was in this office.

There were other people outside the paper who helped make our lives a little better, and they deserve our thanks as well. People like Doreen in the Union Deli and Penny the Pasta Lady are perpetual award winners in our office, but there are others who deserve some recognition, as well. The office was kept a lot cleaner this year, and garbage taken out more regularly. The building people even helped us replace all those burnt out bulbs in the office and in the archives. We know the union is falling apart, but we appreciate you trying your best to keep it together. The elevator seems to be working more this semester, at the very least.

In administration, I'd like to thank

Dean of Students Dr. Stein who never turned us away, and no matter what he thought of us, was always receptive and pleasant. That's a far cry from Dr. Preston, who poked fun at one of our mothers on the phone, but would never stoop low enough to actually comment on us himself or even offer any constructive advice. We can't be bought out, so we don't count. Much of the same can be said for Dr. Kenny herself, who couldn't care less about this school in any way shape or form other than the paycheck it provides. We appreciate your perpetual ignoring of *The Press*, and media in general, on this campus. Not only does Dr. Kenny not care about any and all awards *The Press* has won or how many people read the paper, but I'm willing to bet she has no clue where the media wing is.

Of all that can be said about the people in USG, I will admit that Sandy Curtis never made it personal in my opinion. Most of the others on the executive council did, but she was never rude to my face, and I appreciate that. Lou Medina never turned me away either, and was never bad to talk to. I wish I could say the same for other USG board members who cared more about pledging for their frat than running the student government.

I'd like to also make mention of the people at SBU-TV for all the support (financial, emotional, or otherwise) they've provided this year, and to the *Statesman* for not having us arrested for going in their office. It's a lot nicer to actually be able to talk to everyone in the media wing. *En Accion* and *Blackworld* deserve credit for their hard work this year, and our door is always open to them should they need our help. I need to put out a special thanks to Joanne Marino, Leo Borofsky, and everyone else who worked on InFocus and got it



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simulcast on the radio and television. Steve Kreitzer really deserves his own special award for all the help he gave not only to the station and my show (not to mention giving his own air time), but for his support of media in general. Thanks Steve, you really outdid yourself this year.

The Graduate TA's for media Fianna and Kelly were always there no matter what and really were our guiding lights. They've never turned me away and have never been anything but fantastic. Norm Prusslin has his own golden throne waiting for him in the heaven. Without his support and guidance, we'd have no WUSB, no *Press*, no

anything. "Norm's the man." I'd like to thank Norm personally for not only his work with media, but all the times I've come to his office with questions, and all the times he's put up with me and put me at ease. I'd also like to mention Amberly Timperio specifically for helping me out personally, lending an ear and her experience with media. Without her help, things might not have come out so well a lot of times. Having her as our Associate Editor is really a lucky stroke for us next year.

When I came in as Executive Editor, there really was a lot of work to do in terms of bringing legitimacy to the paper, recruitment, quality improvements, and bringing fun back into things. I really could not have done any of it without all the help I got. I do wish I could have done an even better job with everything and been able to garner more awards for us, but

you can't have everything in life. Very rarely, though, did I feel that my input or my ideas fell on the deaf ears of the staff and editorial board; and for the most part, I feel that the new board understands the vision I have for the paper, and will see us through the next year with grace and poise. No matter what direction they take things in, they will do it as best they can.

I tried to work on things like making sure we were part of the Society for Professional Journalists, Associated College Press, etc. I'm glad that we were able to do so,

and I'm sure we will continue with those associations in the future. The Student Press Law Center is amazing, and I hope I have the opportunity to one day somehow repay them for all they've given to us this year.

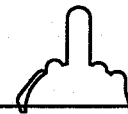
I know I must be forgetting to name certain people, and I'm sorry for that, but please don't think I didn't value your input and assistance. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and in the chain called *The Stony Brook Press*, I was probably the weakest one. This year would have been nothing without all of you. While I may not feel that I did my job as well as I should have this year, you all really went above and beyond yourselves.

Some of you I'm sure are hootin' and hollerin' and celebratin' that I'm no longer Executive Editor, but unfortunately for you guys, I still intend on being around. So does

Sam, who put up with more of my shit than maybe anyone else, AND is graduating. If that doesn't say dedication, then what does? I hope that my continued role in media, and in *The Press* in particular, is still as accepted and valued as it was this year. I've got a lot of unfinished business in media at this school, and I can only hope that everyone next year is half as receptive, helpful, and cooperative with each other as they were this year. If this year is an indication of things to come, those succeeding me may very well be those that get

their names known as the best we've ever had. I charge everyone on the new board to succeed where I was unable and to really push forward on the building blocks I tried to establish.

Some of you may know Quark and Photoshop better than I do at this point, but don't worry, like Jade Fox says to Xiou Long in *Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon* "I still have a few lessons left to give." He he he... Even with all the heartache and problems, it's been a great year and a lot of fun. We've gotten a lot accomplished, and we'll do a whole lot more next year. Thanks again, and I hope you all have the greatest summer of your lives. And to our readers, I wish the same. Keep reading, and even better, GET INVOLVED!!



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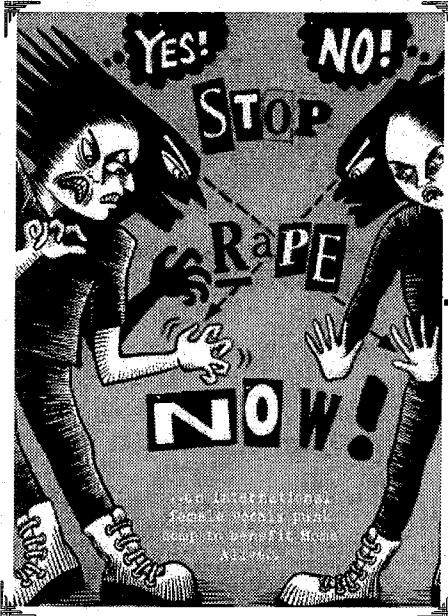
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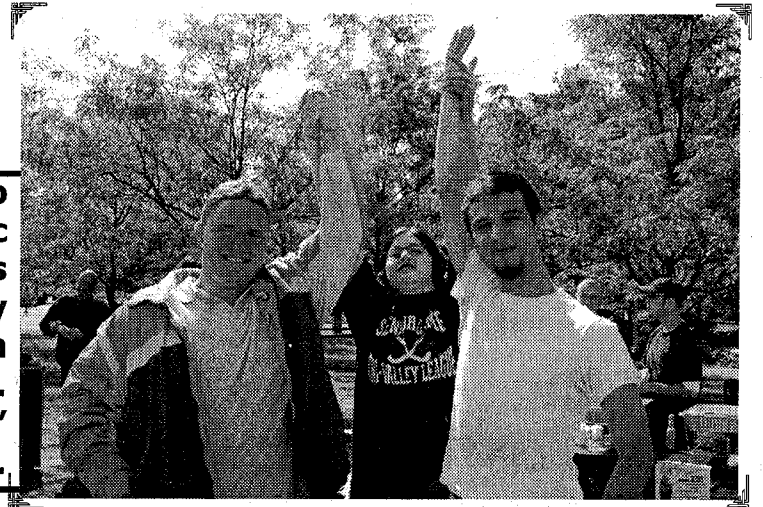
THE YEAR IN PHOTOS

IT'S BEEN A HELL OF A YEAR, SO WE AT THE PRESS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO TAKE A LOOK BACK.

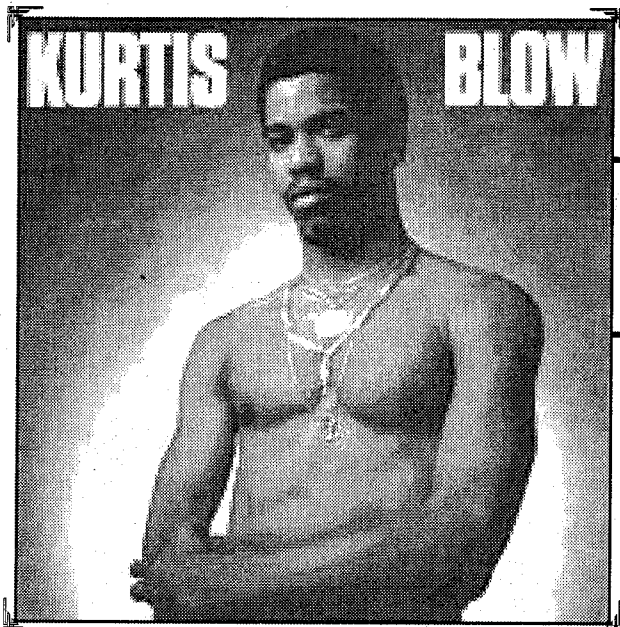
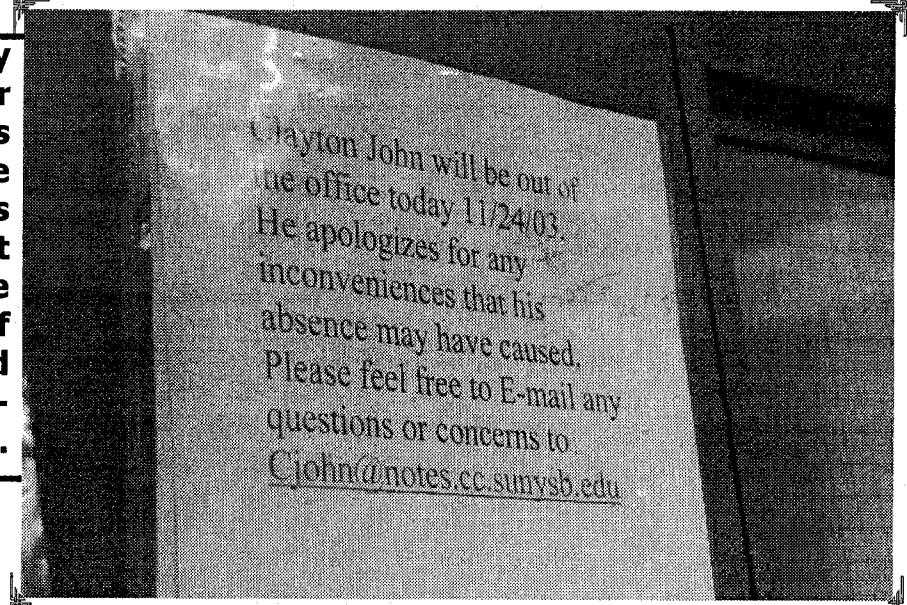


On Friday, September 19, 2003, a SBU student was raped at the outside stairs of the Kelly Quad dining hall. The woman, who has not been identified, has refused to cooperate with the police investigation, according to University Police.

The first-ever One-Foot Burrito challenge was held at the Academic Mall on October 1, 2003. Various members of the student body attempted to eat a One-Foot Green Cactus Burrito as fast as possible. Among the winners were the Press' own Dustin Herlich.



The Stony Brook Press' budget was cut by more than \$20,000 by then-USG Treasurer Clayton John. The Press responded with furious vengeance and righteous anger. Eventually the Press got a lot of its money back, but this was the start of a long and bloody war to affect change in USG, which the Press won with the passage of the Club and Organization Bill of Rights, hopefully ensuring that what happened to the Press and so many other clubs and organizations this year will never happen again.



On October 21st, one of hip hop's founding fathers, Kurtis Blow, came to Stony Brook. Blow took questions on WUSB-FM's "Fast-Forward".

On October 29, The U.S. Army brought its Campus Combat tour to Stony Brook. Hosted by USG's Student Activities Board, the promotion, which featured a hop-hop contest sponsored by The Source, was met with protesters in the SAC.

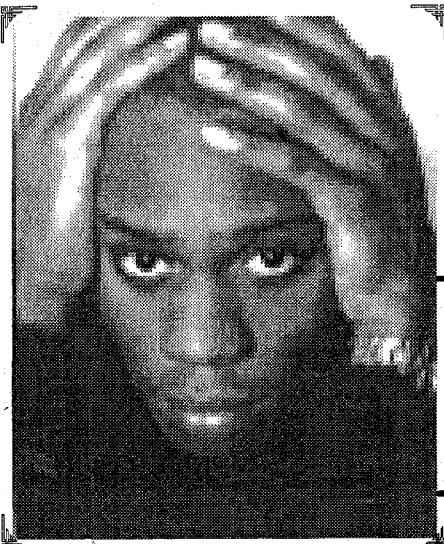


On the morning of November 10, Stony Brook University was rocked with the news of the suicide of David Alm. A freshman commuter student, Alm's body was found by the 1st-tier benches of the Staller Center Plaza. He was 19. As of this writing, a tiny makeshift memorial remains in that area.



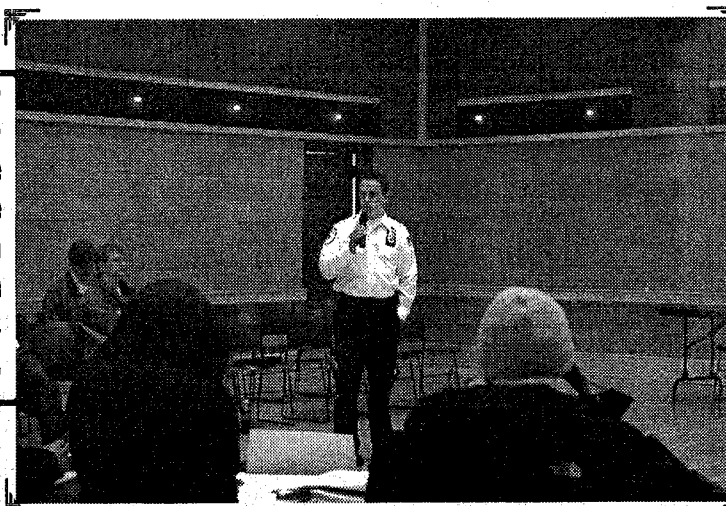
David Alm memorial

Photo by Sam Goldman



On November 13th, USG delivered comedian David Chappelle to the campus. Chappelle performed for a packed house of over 5,000 students at the Sports Complex.

The Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps were in danger of folding after USG held up their money because of insurance issues. Making the situation worse, USG Executive Vice President Sergio de Freitas placed SBVAC on the USG Senate agenda without their knowledge in what many felt was an attempt to embarrass them, leading to an angry confrontation between de Freitas and SBVAC. de Freitas later apologized, and SBVAC eventually got paid.



Over a hundred people braved the cold winter night to attend Beerfest Fall 2003 - Beers of the Iron Curtain. Press member Joe Filippazzo shaved a hammer and sickle into his head, while Sam Goldman sported a mohawk, which quickly disappeared once his parents saw it.

The February 11, 2004 issue of the Stony Brook Press featured a spread in tribute of Victor Melendez, a student who had passed away before his time. It featured Victor's poems and passages from some of Victor's best friends.

If you still wish to contribute to help get Victor's poetry published, contact Julie Adeshchenko at Desertpear19@juno.com.

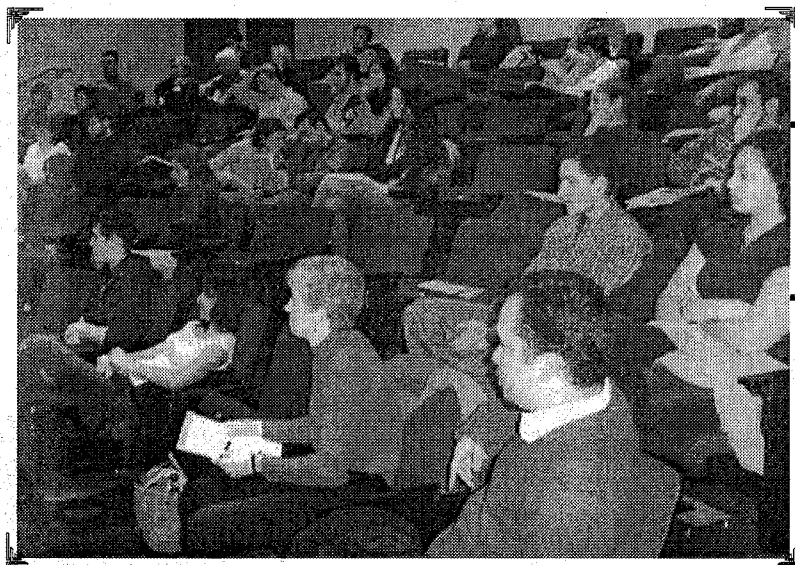
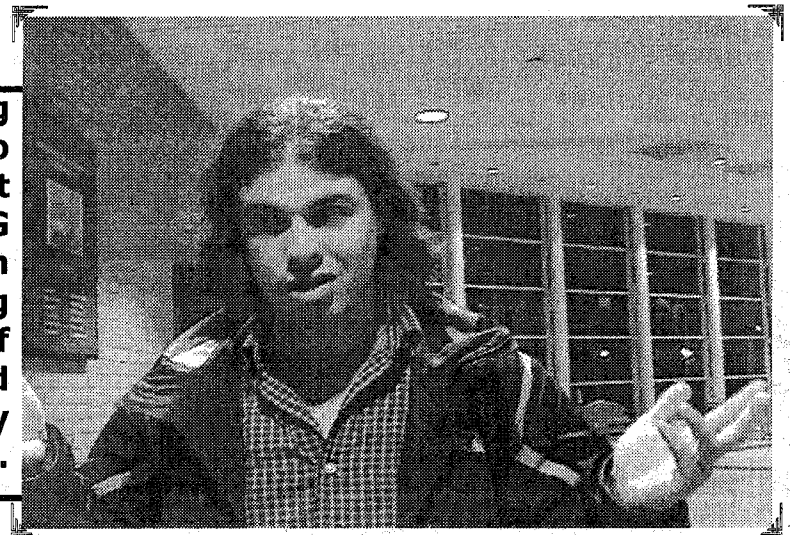


The February 29th, 2004 issue of the Stony Brook Press published one of the most controversial covers in its history. The cover, which depicts George Bush's face superimposed onto the body of Adolf Hitler, drew criticism from members of the Jewish community on campus for the comparison being made, as well as the depiction of the Nazi swastika. Several students currently have a petition going against the newspaper asking for it to be defunded and that a public apology be made.



The Stony Brook University Wo/Men's Center celebrated its third birthday on February 13th. Headed by Dr. Laura Williams, the center is located on the second floor of the Union and helps those who need counseling on everything from rape and abuse to depression and anxiety issues.

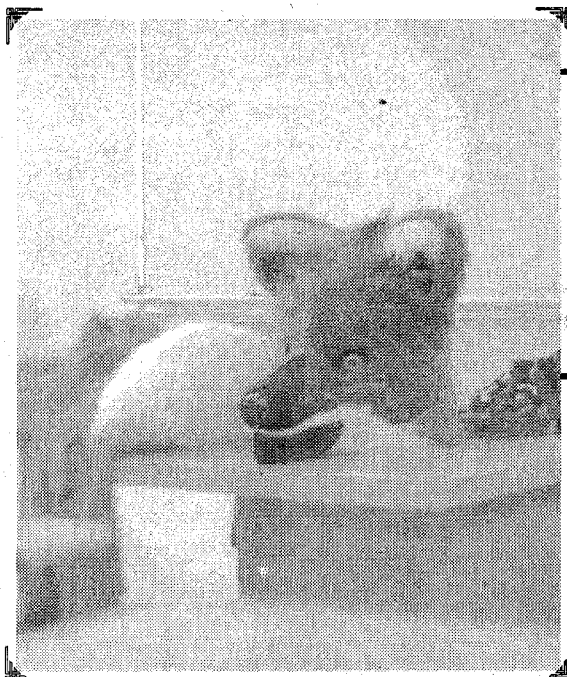
On March 9, a closed meeting was held by USG. Vincent Rasulo came to the meeting believing that he was a member of the USG Senate. He left the meeting as an ex-member of USG, after being yelled at by Vice President of Student Affairs Fred Preston and being escorted out by University Police.



The Global Issues Forum held their 2nd meeting on March 10 in the Wang Center. The topic was Anti-War Activism from Vietnam to Iraq. The discussion highlighted the history of protesting events at Stony Brook University.

On March 3, the Wang Center was the site of a Graduate Student Employees Union protest. The current contract negotiations between the GSEU and the State of New York are at an impasse largely because of concerns about the affordability of healthcare. In particular, according to the GSEU, the State is asking for more than a 200% increase in co-payments for medical services.





ICON 23 took over Stony Brook University yet again from March 26-28. Encompassing most of the buildings on campus, the extravaganza brought tens of thousands of freaks, geeks, goths, LARPerS, and what have you to...well, do whatever it is that they do.

On April 20, USG President Sandy Curtis announced that she would sign the Club and Organization Bill of Rights. The bill, sponsored by The Press, CSA, NYPIRG, SBVAC, SJA, and SBU TV, among others, gives all students the right to know where their money is going, and creates an appeals process for clubs and organizations whose budgets get cut. To view the full text of the bill, visit www.thepress.info.



On April 27, Stony Brook University student William Schwalback III was arrested and charged with two counts of felony assault after he refused to leave the USG Senate meeting for swearing. The incident was followed by the firing of USG Administrative Director Louis Medina not more than a week later. Schwalback is currently out on bail, and plans to plead not guilty.

On April 30, Stony Brook once again took to the seas for the 2004 Roth Regatta. Among the highlights were a floating boxing ring that staged a fight in mid-pond. As always, loads of fun were had by all.



After a runoff election, Jared Wong received 52% of the vote to win the USG Presidency over incumbent Sandy Curtis in what is being considered a major upset. Esam Al-Shareffi and Rajat Gupta both won unopposed elections for Executive Vice President and Treasurer, respectively.

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Commentary On the Iraqi Abuse Scandal

The Abuse has Tainted the U.S.' Reputation and Put Us at a Higher Risk for Future Attacks :

On April 28 the American public was hit with horrifying pictures, detailing the torture of Iraqis detained at Abu Ghraid prison, west of Baghdad. Many have questioned if this was an isolated case or if these pictures reveal part of a larger problem. On May 10, the Red Cross released a report characterizing them as, "not individual cases" and the abuse as "routine." Their report also stated, "These methods of physical and psychological coercion were used by the military intelligence in a systematic way to gain confessions and extract information and other forms of cooperation." The Red Cross has collected allegations of abuse from as many as 10 other detention facilities. Rumsfeld himself has admitted that the photos and reports to come are worse than what has already been released.

Aside from violating the Geneva Conventions, these pictures have tarnished the U.S.'s reputation worldwide, especially amongst Iraqis. If unilaterally declaring war on Iraq and occupying their country for over twelve months on the pretext of discovering weapons of mass destruction did not create enough anti-American sentiment amongst Iraqis, these pictures are sure to. The U.S. should be taking the current security situation very seriously, since the release of these photos puts our soldiers at high risk. Not to mention, they should investigate the current situation and crack down on any abusive practices.

What is also alarming is the fact that the Bush Administration attempted to cover up the initial reports of abuse. Bush and Rumsfeld were apparently notified of reports of alleged abuse as early as January, but little was done to resolve the situation. Efforts to bring those soldiers responsible for the abuse to martial court is a recent development and happened as a result of public pressure. Many have called for Rumsfeld's resignation, yet Bush has made statements supporting his continuance as Defense Secretary. In one such statement Bush declared, "Thank you for your leadership. You are courageously leading our nation in the war against terror."

The affects of these photos on the American public, Iraqis, and the U.S.'s reputation worldwide should not be underestimated. The release of these photos and the existence of abuse certainly marks a sad time in U.S. history. If we want to retain any sort of dignity after the current situation we should seriously rethink our current foreign policy, because it has proved to be destructive to the lives of those we had promised to protect, it has resulted in over 700 U.S. casualties, and it has put U.S. and world citizens at a higher risk for political violence.

Come On! :

Look, come on, those pictures aren't THAT bad, right? It was only a couple of soldiers and they were probably just joking around. What you guys can't take a joke? Liberal pussies! I was in a War once, I mean my Dad was... I mean someone I kinda knew... support our troops! They're probably doing this because all you negative nellys are undermining our war effort. What would you do if you were them? You'd probably strip down a few Iraqis and force them into embarrassing and/or dangerous situations for kicks, well you'd at least give them a hard time. And why shouldn't we give them a hard time, it's our country, OUR rules... well I guess it's technically their country, or something, but it's still our rules. They fucked with us first... well they wanted to and we just happened to find out. We fooled them, yup, we really pulled a good 'ol American fast one on 'em.

Getting back to the point. Yeah sure maybe they should get a little wrist slap but why all the big hubbabbalo? Picture this, you're lying somewhere in a fox-hole on foreign soil, hollow point bullets are flying past your face at mach speed, your best bud's got a hole in his sternum the size of Texas, and Charlie's somewhere in the distance screaming a bunch a gibberish you don't care to understand. No sir, the ol' thinking cap ain't running on all 4-cylinders like the cherry-red Chevy you got sitting at home. Fast forward to your "reward:" a little down time in a low-key prison west of Baghdad. All you wanna do is hear the voice of your sweet buxom blonde fiancé one more time, but the only sound your weary senses can register are the pangs of your own tattered vocal chords echoing across the grey walls that surround you. And amongst all this misery what would your reaction be? Would you strictly adhere to standards set down by the Geneva Convention? COME ON! You gotta let off some steam soldier, you are a marine, maggot! Clean up these filthy Iraqis and their filthy commie ideas, or islammmie whatever... stuff.

Son, you are the right hand of George W. Bush, only the greatest leader this country has seen since Ronald Reagan was kicking ass and taking names back in the 80's. Take Iraq and while you're at it, take Saudi Arabia, too. Hey, what other countries we got over there? Yeah, that one. No, it's fine, they won't mind, we're doing THEM a favor. White man's burden, so they say; it's a tough job, but someone's gotta do it... and they should be white and they should be male.

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On April 30, 2004 Nightline dedicated 40 minutes to reading and displaying the names of 500 American soldiers who have died in Iraq. Sinclair Broadcasting, the owner of 8 ABC affiliated stations and 50 other markets, refused to air this show on their stations. They claimed that, "Despite the demands by a spokeswoman for the show, the action appears to be motivated by a political agenda disguised to undermine the efforts of the United States in Iraq." In an article appearing in *Playboy*, Ted Koppel stated in response, "Just look at these people. Look at their names. And look at their ages. Consider what they've done for you. Honor them." The staff at The Story Brook Press agree that those who have died in Iraq deserve to be honored and much more. Our hearts go out to the friends and family of those who have died, as well as to the fallen. Below are the names and ages of those who have died from March 2003 to April 2004 as published by Nightline. (The list does not include the close to 3,900 soldiers who have been injured during the war. For an up to date listing of those who have died, visit the Nightline website.)

Spc. Zachariah W. Long, 20.- Spc. Michael T. Gleason, 25.- Spc. Kyle A. Griffin, 20.- Spc. Jose A. Perez III, 22.- Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. Bradley, 39.- Sgt. Thomas F. Broomhead, 34.- Staff Sgt. Michael B. Quinn, 37.- Sgt. Keman L. Mitchell, 24.- Pfc. Jeremiah D. Smith, 25.- Staff Sgt. Brett J. Petriken, 30. - Pvt. Kenneth A. Nalley, 19. - Maj. Mathew E. Schram, 36.- Pvt. David Evans, Jr., 18. - Capt. Andrew David LaMont, 31.- Lance Cpl. Jason William Moore, 21. -1st Lt. Timothy Louis Ryan, 30. - Staff Sgt. Aaron Dean White, 27.- Spc. Nathaniel A. Caldwell, 27. - Lt. Col. Dominic R. Baragona, 42. - Sgt. Kirk Allen Straseskie, 23. - Spc. Rasheed Sahib, 22. - Cpl. Douglas Jose Marecoreyes, 28. - Master Sgt. William L. Payne, 46. - Spc. David T. Nutt, 22. - Lance Cpl. Nicholas Brian Kleiboeker, 19. - Staff Sgt. Patrick Lee Griffin Jr., 31. - Lance Cpl. Jakub Henryk Kowalik, 21. - Pfc. Jose Franci Gonzalez Rodriguez, 19. - Lance Cpl. Matthew R. Smith, 20. - Lance Cpl. Cedric E. Bruns, 22. - Chief Warrant Officer Brian K. Van Dusen, 39. - Chief Warrant Officer Hans N. Gukeisen, 31. - Cpl. Richard P. Carl, 26. - Pfc. Marlin T. Rockhold, 23. - Pvt. Jason L. Deibler, 20. - Sgt. Sean C. Reynolds, 25. - Pfc. Jesse A. Givens, 34. - Army Sgt. Joe J. Garza, 43.- Army Spc. Narson B. Sullivan, 21. - Army 1st Lt. Osbaldo Orozco, 26.- Army Sgt. Troy David Jenkins, 25. - Marine Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Todd Arnold, 30. - Marine Chief Warrant Officer Robert William Channell Jr., 36. - Marine Lance Cpl. Alan Dinh Lam, 19. - Army Spc. Roy Russell Buckley, 24. - Army Cpl. John T. Rivero, 23.- Marine Cpl. Jason David Mileo, 20. - Army Spc. Thomas A. Foley III, 23. - Army Pfc. John E. Brown, 21. - Army Pfc. Joseph P. Mayek, 20. - Marine Cpl. Armando Ariel Gonzalez, 25. - Army Spc. Richard A. Goward, 32. - Army Spc. Gil Mercado, 25. - Marine Lance Cpl. David Edward Owens Jr., 20. - Marine Cpl. Jesus Gonzalez, 22. - Marine Staff Sgt. Riayan Tejada, 26. - Marine Sgt. 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Artists Review: Unsane/Cutthroats 9/Player's Club

By Vincent Michael Festa

Noise-rock pioneers Chris Spencer (vocals, guitar), Dave Curran (bass), and Vince Signorelli (drums) have been in New York's Unsane for the better part of the band's life. And when not going all out with blood-soaked album covers and battering drums, filthy guitar licks, and ear-piercing vocals as Unsane, these guys keep you in check from their other projects as Cutthroats 9 and [JJ Paradise] Players Club.

Skip to 1995 when Unsane came out with *Smattered, Smothered, and Covered*. Opening up the album with their skateboard fuck-up/breakout cut "Scrape," the noise-rock agony continues with the adventurous "Blame Me," the daring "Blew," and the super-sleazy and sexy blues-flavored "No Loss." With "Get Off My Back," Unsane created an arrival to a murder scene, and those unfortunate enough to get lost listening to "Swim" might lose.

Then came 1998's *Occupational Hazard* when Unsane returned again after live releases and a crazy touring schedule. This time the bloody-knuckles trio blew away anyone unlucky enough to be caught like a cute little deer in truck headlights. Unsane once again blew heads with even more brutal drums, blaring riffs, grooves, and red-level vocal stylings. Whether it's hanging on to dear life with "Committed," being blown-out by "Lead," or struggling against "Sick," Unsane as noise-rockers exemplified the dirt, desperation, discrepancy, and loss that their music sounded like, and never failing to destroy anyone in their wake.

Ironically, Spencer's near-fatal assault totally reflected the Unsane music lifestyle, but Spencer ultimately prevailed. Shortly after,

Unsane split up for a while and Spencer and Curran took their viciousness to San Francisco meeting up with Mark Laramie (guitarist) and Will Carroll (drums) forming Cutthroats 9. Named after a '70's cult spaghetti western movie it still had the ruggedness, brutality, and self-reflection of Unsane, only the damage was more sharper, shinier, and cut more like a knife than other bare-bones fighting like Unsane was accustomed to.



APPARENTLY ROCKIN'... OR SO I HEAR.
Courtesy of The Rock-n-Roll-Cam-o-Matic 2000.

On their self-titled from Man's Ruin Records, the production is more clearer, louder, and more rambunctious with four members firing off their instruments. "Dirty" is a hard-line avalanche of devastation, "Testify" is more faster-paced blowout sound, and both "Can't Do A Thing" and "In The Eye" emphasize the sly hard-rockin' cowboy blues sound big time. On

top of a full album a 6-song *Anger Management* EP was also released and it is nothing like the title. Just listen to the all-out neck-snapping "Vacant" and the slow march of "Bleed."

Right after Cutthroats 9, Curran in his free time *again* plays in a different band in what used to be JJ Paradise Players Club (now just Players Club). With Cooper (vocals/guitarist), JJ Paradise (drums), and Joel Hamilton (guitars/production) they all bring to the table their psychedelic JJ-isms, hollering vocals, smoking needle-prick riffs, and a hell of a bar fight with a tough-guy mentality. Their self-titled EP contains "No," their trademark sound and teeth-clinching madness.

The full length *Wine Cooler Blowout* sounds ideal for a Hell's Angel's Backyard BBQ party, a drag-race down the desert with your Mustang, or a down and dirty striptease in a sleazy strip joint. Check out "Stash Panties" where it charges right out of the gate at high speed, and "Beware The Ides Of Moose," which is nothing but balls-out volume and blast guitar. "Robot Shaft In Acid Canyon" also shows a technical side to them rarely found in any scene.

As of now, Players Club has released the new *Regenesis* which promises to deliver more of the Players Club rage and tough-guy mindset. Unsane has re-united and celebrated 15 years of unforgiving noise rock with *Lambhouse* which is a best-of/classics collection and a DVD showcasing their live shows and their recent performance at New York's North Six. And as for Cutthroats 9? That is going to have to wait until after the new Unsane album coming up later this year.



Student Awarded Scholarship to Construct Robots for Homeland Security

By Maury Hirschhorn

Like most girls her age, Diana David, 22, should be mostly interested in boys, clothes and hanging out with her friends. Not so. David, who has a double major in computer science and applied mathematics at Stony Brook, is mostly interested in robots.

David was awarded a scholarship for full tuition and a stipend from the Department of Homeland Security to be used in Cambridge University in England, which she plans to attend next semester. David will pursue a MPhil in robotics and is the only person at Stony Brook to receive such a scholarship. She received other scholarships in the past and is the team leader of the Stony Brook Robot Design Team.

In her Homeland Security scholarship application, David wrote that she wants to work on robots that can search for people in damaged buildings. "So for instance, if the World Trade Center collapses, rather than sending firemen in and have them die in the process, you could send robots to detect people using heat sensors and other kinds of sensors," she said. "There's also the aspect of robots surveying the area [to make sure that firemen don't miss someone]."

For this task, David said it would be best to have many, small robots. "One idea is to have a mother robot, which has large batteries," she said. "It stays nearby and sends out little [around three inch long] babies,

which can walk or crawl or whatever. [They] maneuver inside of the rubble and send information back to the mother, which has a larger processor. And because their batteries don't last too long, they can go back to the mother robot and get recharged."

David said the best way for baby robots to move through rubble is for them to have little legs. "They would walk like an ant would walk," she said. Similar kinds of these insect robots are already being produced and are called bugbots or hexapod robots.

Robots can either be remote controlled or they can be autonomous and programmed. However, autonomous programmed robots are known to have deficiencies. "Ultimately, way, way far down the line, robots should be able to do this autonomously on their own," David said. "As of right now, I don't think it's realistic. What is more realistic is to have a whole group of little robots, and if one of them thinks that it found something good, [it tries] to detect the heat [and tries to] smell the person. And if when the robot thinks it found a person, it sends back images."

Amanda Stent, assistant professor of computer science at Stony Brook and a member of the Stony Brook Robot Design Team, concurs about the problems with autonomous robots. "Robots can be programmed to avoid objects or pick up objects," she said. "But they can't tell if that object is a ball or a peanut."

Patrick Grim, distinguished teacher of philosophy at Stony Brook, who runs a robot lab in his classes, said that autonomous robots have many shortcomings. "When it comes to identifying objects, robots have the intelligence of a retarded cockroach," he said. "A cockroach has [around] 10,000 sensors on its legs, while the [most sophisticated] robot has at least 150 sensors. The reason is that cockroaches had [hundreds of millions of years] to evolve, while robots are around for only 30 years."

David realizes that since these robots will be used by the Department of Homeland Security, they could be used for military purposes. But she hopes that will not happen. She also said it wouldn't be productive for the military to send these robots into caves to look for al-Qaeda members. "It would be difficult for a robot to detect the difference between Osama bin Laden or a normal person," she said. "But even if it were to take a picture of whoever it finds and sends it back, I would assume that he would be smart enough to get rid of any robot that's nearby him."

David worked on a robot telescope at Los Alamos National Labs and on the NASA robots that went to Mars.

Cholesterol Doesn't Do a Body Good

By Dustin Herlich

"Cholesterol is a soft, fat-like, waxy substance found in the bloodstream and in all your body's cells," or so says the American Heart Association web site. Cholesterol is a necessary ingredient in your body, as small amounts are needed for proper cellular function, but too much clogs veins and arteries and leads to death from things like heart attack and stroke. Doesn't sound like too much fun. Some cholesterol your body makes naturally, and some people's body make too much. Other people just need to lay off the Big Macs a lil'.

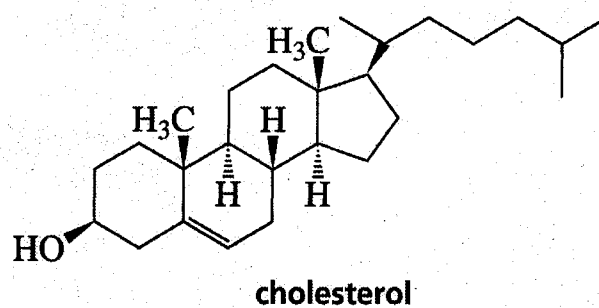
I myself have Hypercholesterolemia (fancy pants term for high cholesterol) and I'm currently taking medication for it. Also, I've been told I need to watch my diet. That being said, the diet watching part is what gave me the idea to write this piece. Cholesterol is much like USG, it's everywhere, part of everything, and where it pops up and how much presence it has in things really just doesn't seem to make sense all the time.

Take for example eggs and bacon. Sure, everyone knows eggs have a lot of cholesterol in them, and you'd assume a fatty food like bacon would too right? Nope, bacon's got no where near as much as an egg. To equal an egg in cholesterol you'd need to eat at least 6 slices of bacon. How about greasy potato chips? Nope, the ones I looked at were completely cholesterol free. Turns out that pretty much all unprocessed vegetable matter is cholesterol

free too.

Cholesterol is an important ingredient in the formation of new cells, so milk contains a fair amount, because it's supposed to be food for a growing baby cow. Cheese is just concentrated aged milk, and it too has high amounts of cholesterol. That's at least logical. And that's all without getting into the whole thing of HDL and LDL and good and bad cholesterol. This really all could get so much more complex, but again, I'm focusing on a strange dichotomy of what foods we see as really bad for us or not do and don't have cholesterol in them.

Take for example Bologna. Bologna



THE DEVIL, HIMSELF.
Courtesy of Eggs

actually has less cholesterol in it than regular lean beef or pork. And that stuff is certainly not good for you. I can understand why veal

may have a lot of cholesterol in it, because it is basically baby cow, and would be building new cells, hence the need for added cholesterol in the body. But please explain to me how boiled shrimp has less cholesterol than fried? And both have more cholesterol than veal!! To me, this is all a little strange. True, one may have more of the good cholesterol or the bad, but these are things most people don't realize. We think of fried foods and eggs and things, but at least I don't think of seafood as being terribly high in cholesterol.

To get around all this most people take to doing things like eating only egg whites (which have no cholesterol in them) and avoiding lots of other dairy products altogether. Many go all vegetarian, as vegetables don't contain any cholesterol. For some, diet doesn't mean anything, because your body hates you and is revolting and creating more cholesterol anyhow. That's why Pfizer and the rest of them make billions of dollars a year. Maybe they should invest in ways to remove the cholesterol from foods.

If they can make decaffeinated coffee, and low fat everything in the world, there has to be a way to reduce the cholesterol in real eggs. While maybe we don't want to eat too much that's been chemically treated, I haven't had an egg in a really, really long time, and I know I'd spend a little extra on a lower cholesterol egg so I could eat them again.

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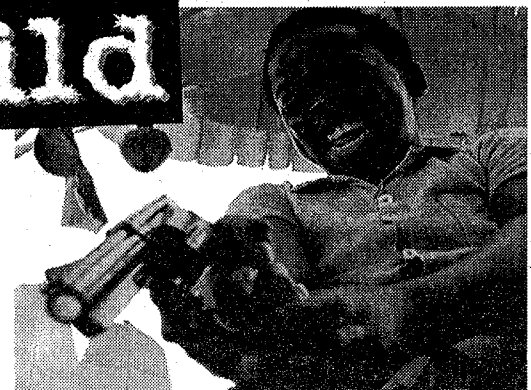
Ever wonder what fast food is doing to your body? Morgan Spurlock found out the shocking truth when he lived on nothing but McDonald's food for 30 days for his hilarious new documentary

Theater of the Wild CITY OF GOD

• May 12 at 7 & 9:20pm

Brazil, 2002, 130 min., color

Winner of over 40 festival awards and nominated for 4 Academy Awards. The City of God is a lawless place ruled by ruthless drug gangs. Adapted from Paulo Lins' kaleidoscopic 700-page novel, directors Fernando Meirelles and Kátia Lund have crafted a vibrant portrait of a vast cast of characters that includes both gangsters and regular folks trying to survive amidst poverty and chaos. And yet in the midst of this nightmarish world, the gift of making art makes a difference in one youth's life.



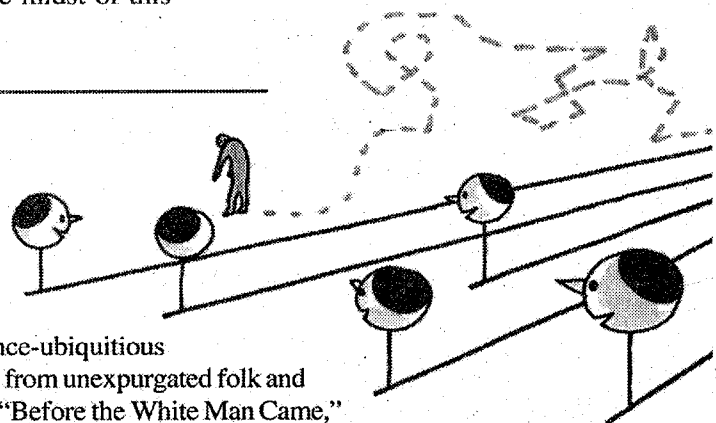
I-CAN-SEE Filmstrips

• May 19 at 7:30pm •

USA, 2001-2003
approx. 70 min., color

**Presented live by Artist/
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Color illustrations projected a single frame at a time unspool in the time-honored tradition of the once-ubiquitous educational strips screened in classrooms and school cafeterias from the 1920s to the 1970s. Ranging from unexpurgated folk and religious stories to modern treatises on historical, scientific, and theological subjects, titles include "Before the White Man Came," "The Death Of The Hen," and "Neighbors In The Solar System." *I-CAN-SEE* filmstrips have been screened in The Brooklyn Museum, The New Museum, Modern Art Oxford, The Whitney Museum of American Art, and The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

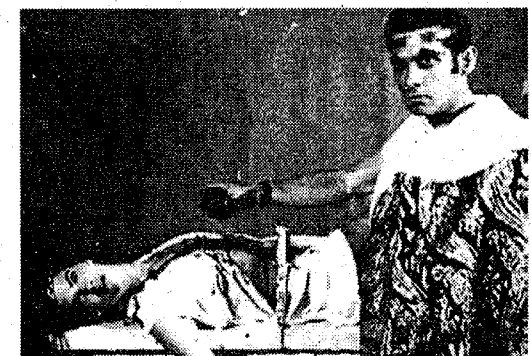


BLOOD FEAST

• May 26 •

USA, 1963, 67 min., color

All this 1963 movie did was change the history of cinema forever. **The first gore film**, this outrageous horror flick stunned audiences and, for better or worse, opened the door for the coming wave of cinematic mayhem. In this ultra-violent groundbreaker, Fuad Ramses, a demented Egyptian caterer in Miami, is collecting body parts from young maidens in order to bring Ishtar, an ancient goddess of good and evil, back to life. Don't miss a rare big-screen showing of this landmark work. **WARNING: This film includes scenes of very explicit violence. Viewer discretion is advised.**



• June 2 • UK, 1985, 115 min., color

A Zed and Two Noughts follows the Deuce brothers, zoologists and former Siamese twins, who lose their wives in a bizarre collision—a great swan crashes into a car driven down Swann's Way by one Alba Bewick (translates as "white swan"). The brothers become obsessed with photographing decay, from Apple to Zebra, and equally obsessed with voluptuous Alba, who, having lost one leg in the wreck, later has the other removed... perhaps for the sake of symmetry. Greenaway deftly weaves an exquisite pattern of puns, colors, images, words, ideas, and music into a cinematic meditation on life, death, and sex. Weird to the max, mesmerizing, and some kind of masterpiece.

Peter Greenaway's A ZED & TWO NOUGHTS

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