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## Election Board Grants Students Voting Rights

By Ray Parish

Talks between New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) officials and the Suffolk County Board of Elections have spurred a decision by the board to allow residents in dormitories at Stony Brook to vote in local elections rather than in their home towns.

NYPIRG officials and students have said that this decision, made after an October 20 meeting between the Board of Elections and NYPIRG, will help stem voter apathy among the students. In order to vote in the local elections, dormitory residents must provide the Elections Board with proof of residence, according to Lisa Olshen, NYPIRG project coordinator. Olshen said that the students must provide proof in the form of a dorm contract, a letter from the Residence Hall Association, or a phone or credit card bill addressed to the students' dormitory address.

Though Olshen was "pleased that students are allowed to vote," she said that NYPIRG is not entirely satisfied with the present system. She said that the students "should not have to provide original information. But it is a step in the right direction."

What's most important," Olshen said, "is that students are allowed to participate in the political process."

NYPIRG began the drive for local voting in September, by collecting registration forms from interested students and taking them to the Board of Elections. All those who filled out the registration forms naming a dorm as a permanent residence were required by the Elections Board to fill out a questionnaire.

The questionnaire includes questions on criminal convictions as well as several separate questions asking for a residential address. One hundred and eight filled out the original registration forms. The Election Board eventually granted Twenty-two of those the right to vote, according to Olshen. The board originally denied the applicants the right to vote in Suffolk County, recommending that they vote in their home counties.

Olshen said that students at Syracuse University in Onondaga County are undertaking a similar fight for voting rights. There, she said, residents must fill out a special application designed specifically for students. Out of 1,100 applications, Olshen said, almost 800 were denied, and some of those denials are being challenged in court.

Applications submitted to the Suffolk County Board after the October 20 meeting, according to Olshen, were accepted and approved, allowing the applicants to vote locally, in district 223, once proof of residence was provided. Several of those whose applications had originally been denied, including Polity Vice President Paul Rubenstein, resubmitted them and were accepted.

Campus residents were instructed to vote at the North Country Learning Center on Suffolk Avenue in Stony Brook. Some students believe that a polling booth should be set up on campus, as many campus residents have no transportation. Tara Brown, a sophomore in Liberal Arts, said that although her application was approved, she did not vote "because of lack of transportation."

Resident student James Lang said that students should either be able to vote on campus or should have car pools to vote locally. Though many students live some distance from their home town polling areas, Lang said, "to a lot of people it might be just as much of a drag to vote off campus."

Lang also stressed the importance of making absentee ballots available to students and encouraging them to use them. He said that some students would prefer to vote in their home towns by absentee ballot. Also, he said, absentee ballots offer inexperienced voters an opportunity to vote carefully and consider the names on the ballot.

## Secret Service Investigates Public Safety

By Mary Lou Lang

The U.S. Secret Service is currently investigating a letter written to President Ronald Reagan with the forged signature of Gary Barnes, director of the Campus Public Safety Department, according to a Secret Service official.

Public Safety officials said that the Secret Service confiscated from a department office parts of a typewriter which may have been used to write the letter.

Greg Derkash of the Secret Service would not comment on the investigation. Derkash did confirm that the letter said something to the effect, "Too bad Hinckley was a bad shot," referring to the assassination attempt on Reagan in March, 1981 at the Washington Hilton by John Hinckley Jr.

Derkash, assistant to the special agent in charge, also confirmed that the letter was written on Department of Public Safety letterhead.

"There is evidence that the typewriter may have been used, it is being re-affirmed," said Barnes. Barnes would not disclose the contents of the letter, but did say that his forged signature was on the letter.

Barnes said that he does not know if someone in the department wrote the letter.

One officer, who asked not to be identified, said, "I definitely do not believe someone in this department wrote it. It would serve no purpose." The officer said that members of the department are "upset that they are being accused."

"We don't understand why we are being singled out. They should look elsewhere outside the department," he added. The officer said that even though the letter was written on Public Safety letterhead, this does not indicate that someone in the department wrote the letter.



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Blair Horner, legislative director for NYPIRG.

## Statesman Interview: Blair Horner

By Amelia Sheldon  
Interview with Blair Horner, legislative director for NYPIRG in Albany and a SUNY Stony Brook alumnus

*Statesman:* Who are you and what do you do?

*Horner:* Everyone asks me that question. My name is Blair Horner, I am the legislative director with NYPIRG. What I am basically in charge of for NYPIRG is two-fold. One [task] is to coordinate our legislative activities, including campaigns and all different kinds of issues maybe we'll talk about later. The second thing is that I work with anywhere from a half dozen to a dozen student interns, full-time interns that work on specific issues with me, they get fulltime credit, they get a small pathetic stipend. They run around in coats and ties or outfits and try to get legislation passed and in the process hopefully learn something. So I kind of coordinate the legislative activities of our organizations statewide and secondly I have this cadre of students that work with me during the spring.

*Statesman:* Perhaps the most important effect, and certainly the most apparent, NYPIRG has made recently at Stony

Brook is the fight for the proper clean-up and testing of the Jacob Javits Lecture Center. What do you think of the lecture center incident and what are the possible legal ramifications are for the university and for the students who may have been affected?

*Horner:* Well, it's hard for me to comment on litigation because to be perfectly honest, this is more of a local project of NYPIRG. They worked more with our toxic scientist Walter Hanks specifically, more than they do me, it wasn't a legislative issue. So I don't think I'll have anything to add that would be brilliant. But I think that the priority concern is that all the students and people that worked there, health is the number one priority and I think everybody agrees on that it is a question of implementing that kind of a policy. It is tricky.

*Statesman:* Recently NYPIRG has won the first round in an effort to get local voting rights for students here at Stony Brook. Are you involved in any similar cases elsewhere in the state?

*Horner:* The last group that I know of that still has artificial obstacles being able to have the right to vote are young people in

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

## RHA Open Forum

All are welcome to come and offer suggestions and air grievances from 7-9 p.m. in Irving Fireside Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

## "The Misfits"

This film directed by John Houston, starring Marilyn Monroe and Montgomery Clift will be presented at the Village Cinema at Theatre Three 412 Main Street in Port Jefferson at 8 p.m. A \$2 donation is requested.

## "Regulation of the C-FOS Protooncogene During Cell Growth and Differentiation"

This presentation will be given by Dr. Michael Greenberg of the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics of Harvard Medical School at 12 noon in Harriman Hall 038. For more information call 632-8221.

## "Phosphoinositide Specific Phospholipase C: Regulation and Mechanism"

Dr. Mario Rebecchi from the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Research Center will speak at 4 p.m. in Basic Health Science T-5 room 140.

## Tilings and Quasi-Crystals

Prof. Roger Penrose, a Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University will lecture at 8 p.m. in Harriman Hall P137.

## Israeli Folk Dancing

Will be led in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium at 8 p.m. Free with SUSB ID, \$1 w/o.

## "How Much Is Enough"

Nuclear arms race film and discussion at 3 p.m. in the Arms Control and Peace Studies Center in Old Chemistry Building. For more information call 632-7075.

## Poetry Reading

Paul Muldoon from Ireland will read at 7:30 p.m. in the Poetry Center, second floor of the Humanities Building.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

## "A Theatrical Novel: Bulgakov and the Moscow Art Theatre"

Nicholas Rzhevsky will speak at 9 a.m. in Library room N3063.

## "Men and Women on the Theran Frescoes"

Pro. Nanno Marinatos of the University of Athens will speak at 12:30 p.m. in SBS room N303. For more information call 246-6500.

## "Nuclear Weapons and Human Genetics"

Prof. Elof Axel Carlson of the Department of Biochemistry will speak at 3 p.m. in the Arms Control and Peace Studies Center in the Old Chemistry Building. For more information call 632-7075.

## "Are Developing Peripheral Nerves Guided by Chemotaxis"

Dr. Andrew Lumsden of Guy's Hospital Medical School in London will speak at 4 p.m. in Life Sciences 038.

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# THE WEATHER CORNER

By Adam Schneider

As we continue our look at weather's role in politics (aside from the storms that circulate out of Congress), we find that 40% of all inauguration ceremonies are plagued by horrible weather conditions. However, the odds have become better recently due to the 20th Amendment.

Beginning in 1937, this amendment changed the date for Presidential inaugurations from March 4 to January 20. In relation to the weather, the change favored lower temperatures but a greatly decreased chance of snow or rain. According to the book *American Weather Stories*, of all the inaugurations held since then, only one was affected by major precipitation. Whose, you ask? That of John F. Kennedy.

The climate in Washington D.C. on January 20 calls for a daily high near 44 degrees and an overnight low temperature of 29 degrees. Average noon conditions, usually under partial cloudiness, have been 37 degrees with a light wind under ten miles per hour (noontime is when the President-elect is sworn into the new office).

Finally, for Richard Nixon, in 1969 on his first Inauguration Day, there was a chilling wind and 35 degree temperatures. Four years later, in 1973, skies were overcast and there was again a chilling north wind. Maybe these chilling breezes were a sign of things to come, a harbinger of his future problems. (Next week, I will conclude this three-part series.)

Over the next few days, the winter chill that plagued us over the weekend will loosen. But with the moderating temperatures will come showers as a low pressure region moves toward the coast. By Wednesday, the sun should be back in full force, shedding light on the few leaves that remain on our trees. Temperatures the second half of the week will be seasonable-highs in the fifties and lows in the thirties to some lower forties.

In other news, last Wednesday's warmth saw 26 separate temperature records broken in the Northeast. Highs on the Island topped 70 while New York City reached 77, one short of their record. We will not see 70 degrees again until next spring. Think snow!

# ACROSS THE NATION

## Racial Tensions Rise on Campuses Nationwide

A number of colleges reported increases in racial tensions on their campuses last month, following still other incidents at Illinois and at New York's Tompkins-Cortland Community College earlier in October.

Officials of a Mississippi chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) say a police investigation of a black student's death is a "cover up" and a "put off."

Jerome Williams, a black Mississippi State student, drowned August 28 when he was thrown into a swimming pool by three white students. The three later admitted to throwing Williams in the pool. Police did not arrest them because they said they threw Williams into the pool as a joke.

The NAACP charged that the Starkville, Miss., police botched the investigation. Douglas Conner, the vice president of the Oktibbeha County NAACP, said the three should have been booked that night. "If it had been three black people who dumped a white person in the pool, they would have been arrested that night," Conner said. "At least the students should have been booked."

NAACP official Roy Perkins said police conducted a much more aggressive investigation earlier this year when a white MSU professor was murdered, allegedly by two black youths.

A grand jury will investigate Williams' death.

The Indiana University Muslim Student Association says a fraternity dance held September 26 degraded Arab and Moslem culture and beliefs. The Phi Kappa Psi "Arabian Knights" dance perpetrated insulting stereotypes, according to IU Saudi Arabian student Sami Baroum. "It was making fun of our culture, religion, everything. I've been in America for ten years, and have never seen racism displayed so publicly."

The fraternity distributed t-shirts depicting two Arabs, a camel, and a gagged woman. "The shirt confirms insulting stereotypes," Baroum said. Photographs of the dance that appeared in the IU newspaper "showed girls dressed in offensive clothing and bowing down in a mocking way," Baroum said.

The Muslim Student Association may stage formal demonstrations to protest the dance.

"It wasn't meant to be a mockery of anything," fraternity president Dave DeBrunner said. "We've been having the dance for about 75 years, and it's a tradition."

Students at the University of Colorado have revived efforts to rename a dormitory now named for a participant in the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre. In 1964, the CU Board of Regents named the dorm Nichols Hall after David H. Nichols, a Coloradan instrumental in founding the university. Nichols, however, also led a volunteer cavalry that butchered more than 160 Indians at Sand Creek, Colo.

Students and some university officials have called upon the regents to change the name of the dorm to White Antelope Hall or Chief Niwot Hall, in memory of two Indians slain at Sand Creek.

## College and University Presidents Rank Their Rivals in a Nationwide Survey

Stanford University is the best "national university" in the land, U.S. News & World Report asserted in its

annual survey of college presidents' opinions.

U.S. News asked some 3,000 campus presidents to rate colleges in a number of categories. The top ten "national universities" were: Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, California at Berkeley, Dartmouth, Duke, Chicago, Michigan, and Brown.

The "best" liberal arts schools, the magazine said, were Williams, Swarthmore, Carleton, Amherst, Oberlin, Wesleyan (of Connecticut), Pomona, Wellesley, Haverford, and Grinnell.

The presidents surveyed named Birmingham (Ala.) Southern, Gallaudet (in Washington, D.C.), and Alverno (in Milwaukee, Wis.) colleges as the best liberal arts colleges in the campuses' regions.

Villanova was cited as the "best comprehensive institution" in the East, Wake Forest in the South, and Valparaiso in the Midwest and West.

## THE WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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# NYPIRG Legislative Director Seeks Interns

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college. The poll taxes are gone, the literacy requirement is gone, but still we have these archaic ways of blocking students from voting. I don't think anyone could doubt the causal link between making it difficult for you not to vote and then [students] not voting. One of the reasons that a lot of students don't vote, I think, is because of these barriers.

**Statesman:** What is the next step you will take against this?

**Horner:** We are going legislative. We are going to try to get a bill passed. We have legislation in the assembly and in the senate. Unfortunately the senate bill has to be made stronger and we are going to have to work to do that before sessions start. We are going to pass a law, that in essence, will give all students the right to vote, while they are college students. That is one of our big priority issues this year.

**Statesman:** I'd like to get a bit of your history as a student at Stony Brook. When were you at Stony Brook?

**Horner:** It took me nine years to get my bachelors. I dropped out of school for five years to do the European tour part of the finding-yourself aspect of going to college. I came back here and finished between the years of '79 and '81. I was in the accelerated masters program at Harriman, which I dropped out of to get this lucrative four figure salary job to work for NYPIRG. So, I graduated in '81.

**Statesman:** What are your most distinct memories of the school?

**Horner:** Well, I can't tell you half the stuff. I'll just focus on my more academic endeavors as compared to the social. I enjoyed going to Stony Brook, it was stimulating and I really had a good time with the people I met here.

One of the things that sticks out in my mind, probably because it was one of the first things I ever organized, was a energy teach-in, an alternative energy thing. We had a number of different workshops in

different kinds of alternative energy sources. I think it was in '79, because it was the year the energy crisis under Carter, so there was a renewed interest in solar and other types of energy. One of the things that makes this stand out was that one of the students designed a solar heater for his apartment which was on display and which he later used to heat his apartment. kept his room between 60 and 70 degrees through the winter. I thought that was great.

I guess I remember more of my classes and just being involved in issues on campus than anything else. One of the things I remember was getting a bottle bill passed in Suffolk County and I working on a research report on property tax inequities in the Town of Brookhaven which NYPIRG put out in '80 or '81, which I found very interesting. Those kinds of things stand out and some of the faculty I dealt with — Frank Meyers, in political science, Hugh Cleland in history, and some of the people over at Harriman.

**Statesman:** How do you think the campus has changed since you have been here?

**Horner:** It appears to be nicer looking, although I don't know if I am into the asphalt in front of the administration building, but it is better than the mud that was there when I was here. So that is certainly an improvement. So, aesthetically the place looks more appealing. The most dramatic difference is the fact that the drinking age has changed, and I really think that has changed the campus to a large degree. And of course the students have changed. Students are interested in different kinds of things, many similar things to of course, but some different things. But, certainly the drinking age is the most stark difference.

**Statesman:** What is your mission here today?

**Horner:** I am trying to find students that are interested in becoming full-time interns working at NYPIRG for the spring, that go to Albany and work in the legisla-

ture on issues. What I am doing is speaking in classes, talking to faculty that I know, trying to get the word out that people have the potential to do that.

We have had student from Stony Brook before that worked as interns and we are just trying to find some more. It is the experience where for anybody going to school here to actually apply what they learned in the classroom to a real-life situation. I have actually had students who have written laws that are now in McKinney's law books and they actually made a difference. The reason I am here is to find people who are interested and scoop them up and take them to the frozen tundras of Albany.

**Statesman:** What do you look for in these students that will come to you to apply for an internship?

**Horner:** The person who is willing to work on their own, who is not expecting to be spoon-fed and to develop the positions [they are given] on their own. Of course our board of directors set the positions for the students. I like people to come in with a mind of their own and have the kind of speaking and writing skills that would be important to be able to do that and people that are really tenacious. The single most important ingredient to be successful in the legislature is tenacity. People that are able to work through problems on their own pretty much. I really look for the kind of person who has that kind of spark.

**Statesman:** Do many of the students come to the internship positions without any previous experience in the legislature?

**Horner:** Generally speaking most people haven't had the chance to work in the legislature before they go up there, but sometimes people have had experience working in issues, but sometimes not. The first few weeks would be spent in training, the intern would try to get the background information — he'd get some press clips, you'd make some phone calls to people that are involved in



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the issues, trying to get their sense of it, he'd be working with the legislative staff to get a sense of what the historical situation is on the issue and then immerse yourself — become a mini-expert on the issue. The intern would visit staff of legislators with me to get a sense of the interaction. The interns would become like the technocrat, the person who knows the issue real well. The interns would kind of wean himself, nothing really happens in the legislature until May or June anyway, so by then the intern would be on his/her own, if the issues was live and the interns was good.

**Statesman:** Now is this just one stop that you make, Stony Brook?

**Horner:** Yeah, Horner on tour. I visit the 17 different schools that NYPIRG has chapters in in New York State, I visit as many as I can. I am doing mainly downstate."

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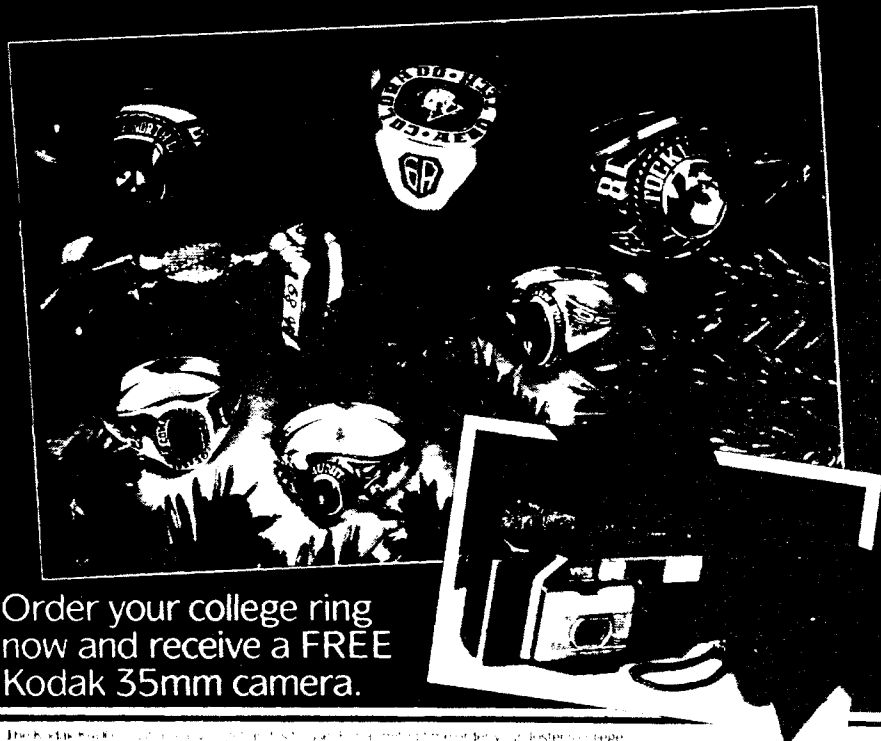
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# Retreat Focuses on Building University Pride

By Amella Sheldon

"Our worst enemy is ourselves," said Sam Kornhauser, assistant professor from the Division of Physical Education, Intramurals, and Athletics, during the final evaluation session of the two day faculty student staff retreat which took place last weekend in Glen Cove.

"We have a problem of how we look at ourselves. If we don't look at ourselves as being good and positive, how can we expect others to see us that way?" asked Kornhauser, raising what had been the recurrent obstacle to the retreat's goal of generating campus pride.

"We have to build pride through awareness," said University President John Marburger, who arrived for the last two sessions of the retreat in which participants focused on facing the challenges that stand between Stony Brook and a positive self image, and evaluated the retreat as a whole. "I feel very proud to realize how few of [the challenges] are new to me and how few are not being addressed," Marburger said.

During the two days of the retreat, participants formed groups, consisting of representatives from staff, administration, faculty, and the student body. These committees identified the challenges and then brainstormed to generate

immediate, short-term, and long-term actions to implement in order to improve the university community's pride in itself.

The seven committees suggested improving the aesthetic appearance of the campus, repairing existing housing and expanding dormitory facilities, upgrading the quality of teaching, creating more and better campus social activities, and improving communication among campus organizations as some of the most effective ways of bringing about a rise in morale on campus. The groups decided that the opinion of those on campus must be positive if Stony Brook is to continue to attract quality students and staff.

"There are a lot of problems at Stony Brook, and one of the main ones is our self attitude," said Aldona Jonaitis, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies. "Stony Brook culture is cynical, sarcastic, and negative ... I remember when I was an undergraduate at this place and it was the same way. We have to change a culture that has evolved over years and years," Jonaitis said.

There were, however, few participants who voiced any doubt that the two day retreat was not the first chink in the armor of negativity that often times surrounds the campus.

"Contrary to what we originally thought, staying overnight

was crucial," said Bonnie Hain president of Graduate Student Organization, which considered boycotting the retreat, speaking for the graduate students on the retreat, "but we still believe we didn't need to go to such a posh place, we could have included more people, more grad students and returning students [if we had not]."

"We are finding a lot to be negative about," said Andrew Gerb, a graduate student from the Department of Computer Science, "the negativity itself is not the problem, it is only a symptom."

The retreat "didn't change my perception, I have been aware of the concerns people have on campus, we really all want to see the institution improved," said Robert Lichter, vice provost for Research and Graduate Studies. Lichter said that the retreat served the important purpose of "the intense communication" of this concern.

Judi Segall, executive director of Student Polity said the retreat "gave me a sense of communication with the university as a whole, it is a very important component in the development of the entire university community."

Wayne Blair, president of the Caribbean Students Organization said his reaction to the retreat "was completely positive, there are no negative things to say. I hope it continues in the future."

"It is a positive step toward solving the problems we have on campus," said Jacques Dorcelly, Polity president.

"Every segment of the community that was represented here seems very clear to set a tone to change Stony Brook's image," said John Delamer, assistant director for Public Safety, "I really believe people have made that commitment."



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# Retreat Attitudes Should Come to Campus

The Stony Brook student faculty staff retreat proved that only artificial barriers keep the university population divided and defeat any hope of a proud unified campus.

It is true that the Harrison Retreat Center facilities, free of the office and classroom paraphernalia that differentiates groups, are much more conducive to relaxation and interaction than the campus itself. Some would argue that the events of last weekend could never be duplicated in a campus environment. The fact that the members of the retreat were laughing and talking as the retreat began detracts from this argument that the mood of the weekend was set predominantly by its surroundings. Perhaps the retreat's success relied not so much on the location of the event, but on the middle ground the retreat members found in their own minds.

The members' attitudes were the key to the retreat's success. The bulk of the obstacles dividing students, faculty, and staff, is held within the minds of each group as they approach one another. The retreat participants clearly came to the weekend with open minds, willing to give their best shot to create some effective solutions to the problems that they would discuss there. The focus on positive, productive action allowed participants to transcend the perceived bounds that usually separate them.

It is true that members of the campus community would need more courage and desire to make

similar bounds over the hurdles here on campus in day to day activities where the perimeters that define each faction on campus are strongly and continually reinforced. An informal exchange of information between a student and member of faculty, staff or administration over lunch, for example, is a very rare sight here at the university. Peer pressure and the sheer novelty of such an event are forces strong enough to keep many from even attempting such an activity.

Those who know the benefits that arise out of just such interaction should make an extra effort to promulgate them. We should hope that the students, faculty, and staff at the retreat did not leave their open attitudes in Glen Cove -- some breaking down of walls could do much to bring new benefits to Stony Brook, as well as improve communication.

One valuable outcome of the retreat that its

members should be sure to share with all of their peers and co-workers is the circulation of information that took place. Many retreat members said that during the weekend's activities they became aware, for the first time, that they were not alone in their concern and efforts in working to improve the campus. The retreat gathered momentum as the weekend progressed mainly because of two realizations among its members: recognition of the sincerity in each others' convictions, and awareness that many of the projects they proposed to improve campus life were already in place.

It would be nice if Stony Brook could offer such a retreat and invite all the thousands of students, faculty, and staff who form the university. But a cheaper and more beneficial move would be to bring the retreat's attitudes of open-mindedness and understanding to the campus. Then perhaps the next retreat theme could be: Stony Brook's newfound pride, efficiency, and growth.



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# 'Re-educated' Letter Writer Not Her 'Real Self'

By Charles Eppler

This is an open letter to the Statesman readership.

I am writing this letter just two days after making my escape from the laboratory of the evil Petros Evdokas, where I have spent nine terrifying months in bondage. It was on the night of February 23, 1987 that I was standing outside the Tara Inn in Port Jefferson when Evdokas and his assistant pulled up in a white Volkswagen Rabbit and abducted me in full moonlight. They rushed me off to their basement dungeon where I was bound, gagged and forced to listen this absurd music video entitled "The History of Rock-n-Roll in the Seventies: A Red Balloon Perspective". If you're wondering what it must have been like, let me just say that I felt like the character played by Malcolm McDowell in the movie, *Clockwork Orange*, which, I'm sure provided some inspiration to Evdokas, being that he used similar techniques to sexually "re-educate" me.

Here are the gory details. While my head was strapped to my seat and my eyes were forced open with special tweezers, I watched reruns of RED army soldiers marching through RED Square alongside RED banners proclaiming yet another victory for "the masses". Meanwhile, Evdokas and his assistant blasted "Sodomy", the hit song from the play "Hair", through the headphones that they had strapped to my head. Well, I started to feel sexy and this made me want to sing the lyrics out loud: "Sod-

omy..... fellatio..... cunnilingus..... pederasty....." Suddenly, Evdokas and his assistant jammed my mouth full with brownies laced with a drug known as "Partially Hydrogenated Ultra-Communist Karma". The drug had this incredible power to completely reverse my personality. Needless to say, I went from being a boring, asexual fart to being an all-around sexy, beautiful guy.

Well, at long last, October rolled around. Still strapped in place, from my head down to my toes and everything in between, I was watching the video, nine months running, this time with reruns of Saturday Night Live's "Church Lady". Many days had I suffered watching the same episode of the Church Lady, over and over, while Evdokas and his assistant chanted, "LED ZEPPELIN! LED ZEPPELIN! LED ZEPPELIN!", over a loud speaker in an attempt to destroy what few morals I had left. Finally, I couldn't take it anymore, I wanted to scream my head off! Well, it just so happened that I had developed a friendly relationship with Evdokas' assistant and while Evdokas' back was turned, she loosened the straps and I escaped, crashing through a window and herniating my belly button in the process.

Now, you're all probably asking yourselves, "Let's see, who could that heroic assistant have been? Was it.....oh-h-h.....FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA?.....hmm?.....or was it.....S-A-T-A-N? Well, believe it or not, it was VIRGINIA BAUMWITZ!! Yes, as incredible as it may seem,

Virginia is NOT the rabid right-wing fascist she pretended to be in the October 29th issue of Statesman Letter to the Editor. Those lies about Red Balloon and HOLA and what's been going on in Central America, were all to dissociate herself from Evdokas after my escape. I don't blame her! You see, many years ago (well, actually it was about eight years ago), Baumwitz was recruited by Evdokas to join his glorious cause to promote Multi-Sensuous Global Sexual Revolution. Over the years, Evdokas had forced her to be re-educated every time she refused to cooperate in the forced feeding of brownies to his victims (this testimony from Baumwitz herself!). Each time, she came out of the experience a little angrier, a little more enraged! Well, what happened to Baumwitz is that she tried to o.d. on Partially Hydrogenated Ultra-Communist Karma, the drug whose personality-reversal effects I have already described. Instead of killing her, it temporarily reversed her mindset from commie to fascist. She probably thought that aiding in my escape was some sort of act of liberation on my behalf. Undoubtedly, that letter containing the misinformation and propaganda about Nicaragua, which she refers to as "CUBA II" and as "totalitarian" is just one more example of the side effects of personality reversal. As her real self, Baumwitz could have told you about contra atrocities, how human rights organizations have determined that the contras raping and murdering of civilians is in fact a very

deliberate modus operandi to rob Nicaragua of the doctors, nurses, engineers and other technical persons that its people are relying on for aid in building a better life for themselves; how these same organizations have found that the Sandinista atrocities are far fewer than the contras' and do not follow a pattern established by the Nicaraguan government or learned from the Soviets; that the contras have regularly shipped cocaine to the U.S. via fascist John Hull's ranch in Costa Rica, in order to pay for their weapons. As she is now, she has these crazy ideas: that she was ever in Red Balloon; that Mitch Cohen and Josh Dubnau "know her"; that Josh "was in Red Balloon" and that he "switched over to HOLA" or that he was "attending Stony Brook eight years ago" and that "Red Balloon and HOLA are Polity funded".

These are a few examples of what drugs can do to your mind! Sadly enough, Baumwitz's drug overdose and concurrent fascistization may go on for weeks, maybe months. By now, she's probably on her way to Honduras, where she can join the contras, meet exotic people and shoot them.

So readers, if you should ever bump into the evil Petros Evdokas in his laboratory or Virginia Baumwitz telling lies about Nicaragua, take Nancy Reagan's advice: JUST SAY NO!

(The writer is a member of HOLA).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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### Joint Concert

Stony Brook Chorale and University Wind Ensemble will come together to perform the world premier of a score written by Akmal Parwez for the Pakistani Navy as well as works by Thompson, Hanson, and Willias at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Main Stage Auditorium. Call 632-7230 for ticket information.

### Noontime Recital

Graduate student in the Department of Music will perform at 12 noon in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. For more information call 632-7230.

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Movie in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium at 7 & 9:30 p.m. 50¢ w/SUSB ID, \$1 w/o.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

#### "The Invisible Bar: The Woman Lawyer in America"

Karen Berger Morello of the Metropolitan Assistance Corporation will speak at 12 noon in SBS S-216. For more information call 632-7688.

#### "The Case for a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban"

Prof. Les Paldy, of the Department of Technology and Society will speak at 3 p.m. in the Arms Control and Peace Studies Center in the Old Chemistry Building. For more information call 632-7075.

#### Mathematical and Theoretical Sciences

The featured speaker will be the nobel prize winner C.N. Yang at this gathering from 7-9 p.m. in Math/Physics S-240. For more information call 632-8290.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

#### "Pink Floyd: The Wall"

Movie in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium at 7 & 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$.50 w/ SUSB ID \$1 w/o.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

#### "Beverly Hills Cop II"

COCA movie in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium at 7 & 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Admission is \$1 w/SUSB ID \$1.50 w/o.

#### Doctoral Recital

David Doig will play works of Tarrega, Bennett, Bach and others on the guitar at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

#### Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra Performance

The group will perform works by Wagner, Ravel, and Prokofiev in the Fine Arts Center Main Stage Auditorium with Arthur Weisberg conducting. Admission is \$3 w/SUSB ID and Senior Citizens and \$5 general admission.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

#### Doctoral Recital

Paul Basler will play works by Dukas.

Beehoven, Wilder and others as well as an original piece for horn at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Hall.

#### Art Exhibit

Works by Hwany Lee and Holly Mydland will be on display in the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery on the second floor of the Union, November 11-25. Hours are posted on the door.

#### Academic Advising

Academic advising and open houses in all departments will continue throughout the week of November 9-13. For hours, contact the department you are interested in or pick up a schedule in the Office of Undergraduate Studies or the Center for Academic Advising on the second floor of the Library.

#### AIDS Education: The Facts of Life

Events are scheduled from November 9-21 including the performance of the play "Safe Sex" November 11-14, 20-21 at 8 p.m. in Theatre II of the Fine Arts Center. The play is written by Harvey Fierstein, the author of "Torch Song Trilogy" and "La Cage Aux Folles." For a complete calendar of events, call 632-7300.

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# LETTERS

## Shelter Skelter

To The Editor:

Even though I am not presently involved in the commuter college organization I hope I can speak for the entire commuter population. Commuter students at Stony Brook make up forty percent of the entire student body. I think we deserve the same attention to our needs as the residents do from both the administration and Polity. The biggest problem for the Stony Brook commuter is the dreaded commuter bus. The bus is over crowded and is poorly managed, we need some solutions to these problems immediately. I have made a little story to express my deep concern over this hypocritical situation.

Once upon a time there was a place called South P-Lot, and in the middle of this place there was a nice bus shelter. This shelter was not a mansion, but it served the purpose of many students ready to go to school. The shelter protected the students from a lot of bad things like rain, snow, and wind. Then one day a terrible thing happened, the bus that everyone was waiting for near the bus shelter appeared in a far away place. A place where there was no protection from all the things the bus shelter protected us from. The students went along with this ridiculous change knowing full well that winter's horrible weather would soon come. Why did all these people go to this terrible place, I don't know. Possibly the students thought bigger forces always prevail.

Unfortunately, commuter students know that this story is fact, not fiction. All commuter students deserve a response to this problem immediately.

The good news is I had the lucky chance meeting with President Marburger when I spotted him in the student union. He was very friendly and receptive to hearing the problem that the commuter students will be facing this winter. I look forward to once again standing under my old friend the bus shelter.

Curtis Fisher

## Friendier Bender

To the editor:

This is my rebuttal to "Sexual Embarrassment" printed Thursday, October 15, 1987. "Sexual Embarrassment" hit me as being definitely deceived of the real facts. Stony Brook is quite a big university and quite an anti-social school. Rarely does a student stop and say hello during the day. Much of the students have his or her worries on their mind. If it wasn't for the campus bus drivers who interrupt the day to start a conversation with students, the days at Stony Brook would be even worse. I see nothing wrong with campus bus drivers, they are friendly and very nice people. The kind of people you look forward to seeing. I do not know what is considered to be sexual embarrassment. What I think is that it is totally confused with the acts of friendship. These bus drivers are nice American folk. And I hate to see anyone put them down, because they have made my days at Stony Brook a lot more pleasant.

Patricia Lozano

## Bred Red

To The Editor:

I usually don't like indulging in polemics with the intellectually handicapped, nor do I get turned on by my own inflammatory rhetoric, but the alleged Virginia Baumwiltz, (letter to Statesman, Oct. 29) being the "running dog lackey of the bourgeoisie" that she is, presents a Lefty as myself with such a juicy morsel that I can hardly stop my pen. Still, I will limit the scope of this letter to a topic the questionable Ms. Baumwiltz raises with which I am most familiar, namely the funding of Red Balloon Collective.

Before I address that issue, however, I would like to mention a point of agreement. After all, we are both humans, (or at least I am. We still haven't established the existence of Virginia) and I believe in starting from our similarities and diverging from there. I agree with her that NYPIRG's funding is a form of extortion. True, most of the folks at NYPIRG mean well, but as my lover, a former NYPIRGian likes to remind me, the road to Hell is paved with good intentions. I would just add that far more offensive extortionists of students are DAKA, the Dormitory Authority, Barnes and Noble, the U.S. Government, oh the list is practically endless.

Now for the matter at hand. In past viewpoints and letters by College Republicans, it has been suggested that Moammar Khadafi lines our coffers. Virginia Baumwiltz implies that Red Balloon receives money from the KGB. Okay, let's get something straight. While it is true that we have received funding from the Libyan Colonel for our work with the Rocky Horror Brigade, a band of merciless cross-dressing terrorists who kidnap uptight macho muscleheads and force them to wear women's clothing while reciting the Buddhist Sutras, our alleged connections to Moscow are unfounded. Only one of our members has even been inside the Kremlin (no, it wasn't Mitch Cohen) and was bru-

tally laughed out when she suggested that the boys in the KGB could use several years of intensive Reichian orgone therapy.

If Polity wasn't dominated by a band of totalitarian thugs posing as Coors-drinking Reagan Youths, we'd get money from there too. But for now, most of our money comes from the "honest bucks" (pray, tell Virginia, what is an "honest buck," besides a contradiction in terms?) our people receive as wages from the factories, daycare centers, publishing companies, airports that someday will belong to all of us.

I hope this will put to rest the question of Red Balloon's funding once and for all. And please..... just because we want to see human lives liberated from the rule of capital (What does *that* mean?) doesn't mean we eat white middle-class first-born male-child babies for lunch.

Glenn D. Goldman  
Secretary of States of  
Consciousness  
Red Balloon  
Collective

## No Sex Is Safe Sex

To The Editor:

In the November 5 issue of *Statesman* there was an interview with Mr. Robert Alpaugh, organizer of AIDS 1987: The Facts of Life.

While Mr. Alpaugh's intentions seem good enough, there are some of whom take offense at statements like "there is no way to think that people in their prime are not going to have sex," and at the entire "safe sex" campaign. Some of us still believe that it's possible and right for man and woman to wait until marriage before engaging in sex, despite the bombardment of the media to lead people to believe otherwise.

I don't know that AIDS is a punishment by God for immoral behavior, but I do know that, in the words of Ted Koppel, God didn't give Moses Ten Suggestions.

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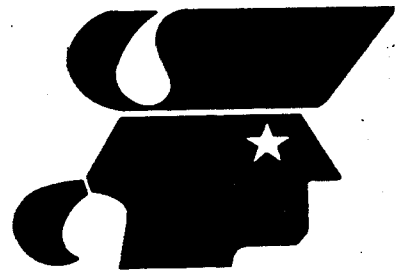
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# "Safe Sex" Addresses AIDS and Emotions

By Tara E. Montalto

The Stony Brook Theater Department will present *Safe Sex*, three one act plays written by Harvey Fierstein and directed by Robert Alpaugh, on November 11-14, 20-21 at 8:00 pm at the Fine Arts Theater. Fierstein, author of the well known *Torch Song Trilogy* and the Broadway musical *La Cage Aux Folles* educates us about A.I.D.S. and its effects on people in *Safe Sex*. This is a play about people, not only homosexuals, but all people.

In the first play, *Manny and Jake*, Manny and Jake are faced with sharing, loving, and losing. What happens in day to day lives when the rise of the A.I.D.S. epidemic kills their ex-lovers and friends? Our lovers? Our friends? Manny prays for sex. He is praying for the day when we will all be safe and free to give. But the fear and possibility of being a "carrier" is too high to be able to share a

moment, feel attachment and fully consummate a desire for love. "Each waiting for the other to take, each only wanting to give. And they wait. No one giving. No one getting. No one taking." The fear of spreading the disease to anyone is a thought that can not leave Manny's mind. He says "One gets what the other does not intend to give." People shouldn't be alone. But they are.

In the second play, *Safe Sex*, Fierstein reminds us to "Never lose your sense of humor." This is a very funny and tender play about two men, Ghee and Mead, who are lovers, and how they "balance" their emotions and behaviors in this era of changing times, the era of A.I.D.S.. Ghee seems to be obsessed with his list of "Do's and don'ts of safe sex." At one moment, in the middle of physical intimacy Ghee urges, "You can't do that it's not on the list. Check the list.

Where's the list?" The rise of A.I.D.S. directly affects their passion, jealousy, anger, and fear. They want to be needed just like anyone else. Even though you can get more than a broken heart from sex, love remains the basic need.

In the final play, *On Tidy Endings*, a man, Collin, who has died from A.I.D.S. leaves Marion, his ex-wife, Arthur, his lover and Jim, his eleven year old son, as his list of survivors. Marion is bitter that most of Collin's estate and all of his personal effects are left to his lover, Arthur. Arthur and Marion meet at the Upper West Side apartment that Arthur and Collin had shared for three years to "tidy up" any loose endings that were a result of Collin's death. They have a lot of "tidying up" to do and find their straightening is more than just signing papers and clearing out the apartment.



*Safe Sex* can be seen this week and next at the Fine Arts Center, Theater II, November 11-14 and 20-21 at 8:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Fine Arts Center box office, 632-7230.

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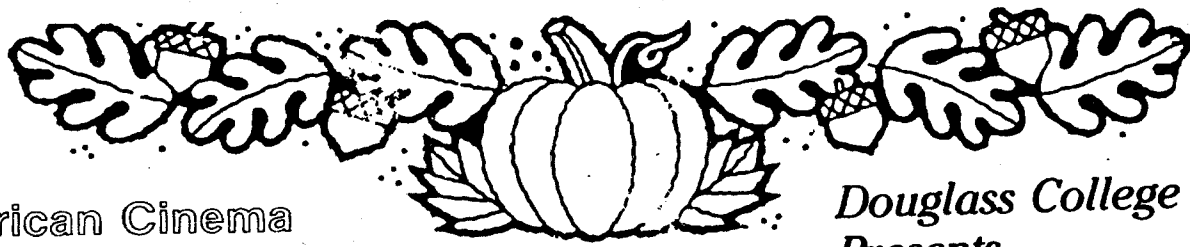
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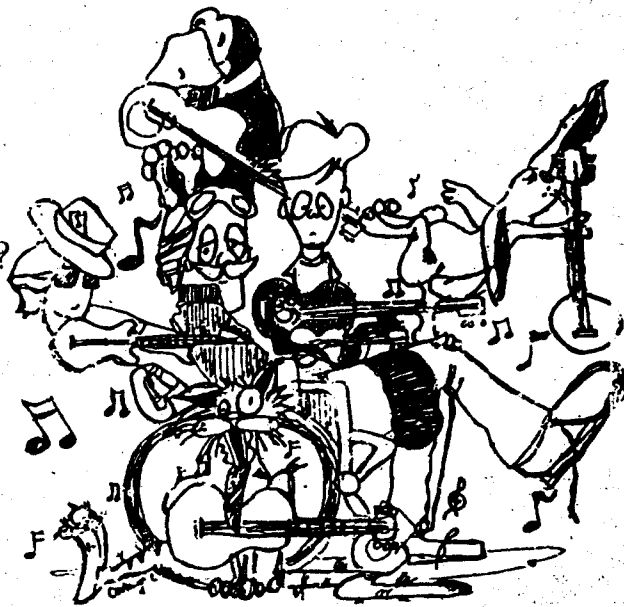
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# Can Knicks and Nets Stay Afloat in Atlantic?

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until next year.

The one team in the Atlantic that could challenge the Knicks for the cellar is the New Jersey Nets. A common phrase can be associated with both teams when speaking of improvement: "If everybody stays healthy ..." 1986 had the Nets and Knicks with identical 24-58 records. The Nets lost a club record 252 man-games due to injury with the most severe losses being Darryl Dawkins and Otis Birdsong before game 14 of 1986. They decided to trade Dawkins to Utah with his recurring back problems and let Mike Gminski play regularly instead.

The Nets biggest addition is 6-5 sharpshooter Dennis Hopson (third pick overall in the draft) of Ohio State. He, along with All-Star power forward Buck Williams, should give them a foundation which on to build. But, their injuries continue. 6'10" forward/center Keith Lee is out with a bruised left leg. Albert King remains unsigned. Orlando Woolridge, who led the team in scoring with a 20.7 average, will be out for a month after cutting his pinky. Birdsong is day-to-day with a sore right hamstring muscle.

When you talk about Net strengths, you talk about the front court with Woolridge and Williams, who's in a class by himself when it comes to rebounding. Williams averaged 12.5 boards a game last season (third best in the NBA), surpassing 1,000 rebounds for the fifth time in his six-year career. At guard, the Nets look for a promising season from Pearl Washington who had a horrendous rookie season last year averaging six points per outing. With the addition of John Bagley (who led the Cavaliers in assists last year), the Nets have protection and experience. The bench is loaded at guard with Leon Wood, Tony Brown and Kevin McKenna. Head Coach Dave Wohl is confident all the changes are for the better and the Nets hope to get healthier.

The Atlantic has the "elite" team, the Boston Celtics (59-23). "All-World" Larry Bird led the team almost single-handedly to the NBA Championship against the L.A. Lakers last year only to lose to them. Celtics had injuries to key players Kevin McHale and Center Robert Parish. McHale (26.1 points, ten rebounds average per game last year) is recovering from a broken foot and won't play until December. Celtic's coach K.C. Jones used Bird for 48 minutes each game while McHale was out. This year he won't have to use Bird for an entire game and this would make them a better playoff team. Newcomer Reggie Lewis of Northeastern, who averaged 23.3 points and 8.5 rebounds there, will surprise many Celtic watchers.

The Philadelphia 76ers (45-37) are coming off their worse season since pre-Irving years. They'll be relying on forward Charles Barkley (23.0, 14.6) now that Julius Erving has retired. Barkley led the league in rebounding last year. He and point guard Maurice Cheeks (15.6, 7.9 assists) are bonafide All-Stars but they have perhaps the worse interior defense in the East. Tim McCormick (12.8, 7.5) can't be a starting center yet and the Sixers have been thinking about a trade for Washington's 7-6 Manute Bol. They need an off guard to take over while Andrew Toney and David Windgate are injured.

The Washington Bullets (42-40) have a chance to improve. With the addition of Bernard King to the offense, the burden is less on Moses Malone (24.1, 11.3) and Jeff "The Mailman" Malone (22.0). Their rebounding problems won't be solved after yielding more offensive rebounds than any other team last season. The Bullets are counting on 5-3 rookie Tyrone Bogues to spark a running game but they still lack outside shooters in the backcourt.

The most progressive team should be the Knicks because of Pitino and his different

coaching style. The rest of the Atlantic Division should remain steady throughout the

season until the Celtics pull away from the rest of the pack and go to the Finals again.

## SB Special Olympics

On Sunday, October 25, Taco Bell and WBLI sponsored their second annual Suffolk County Special Olympics fall games, here at Stony Brook.

These Olympic games were designed for individuals who are mentally disabled. They ranged in age from 20 through 50 and over.

The games were held in the gymnasium, track fields, and the Student Union. According to Nancy Mariano, co-director of the Special Olympics, there were around five hundred athletes taking part.

Each participant was escorted to his assigned events by a student volunteer. The athletes got the opportunity to try several of the wide variety of leisure sports offered, including bocce, horseshoes, shuffleboard, cheerleading, volleyball, badminton, and tennis.

Before each game began, all of the participants were required to recite an oath. The most important point of the Special Olympics was given through these few words: "But if I do not win, let me brave in the attempt."

"What makes these games so special," said Mariano, "is that everyone is a winner before they even compete." Each participant comes home with a medal. The goal in these games is not to win, but to do your best."

The Special Olympics is intended to make the athletes feel good about themselves by getting a chance to be part of an official competition. The competitions show these people that they can

accomplish something just like anyone else can. The athletes gain self-confidence when they learn they can be productive and do something worthwhile.

After the events have ended, the athletes take these positive feelings back with them to their homes, schools, and institutions.

Not only did the participants enjoy themselves, but the volunteers did as well. Heather Lipman, a senior in the Alpha Phi Sorority, has been a volunteer in the Special Olympics competitions for many years. "I greatly enjoyed this experience," she said. "When you see how proud these people are, it makes you feel happy to be with them."

Another volunteer, freshman Lily Lam spent her day with three athletes. After cheering them on and seeing their happy faces, she really learned a lot. "Volunteering in the Special Olympics has opened my eyes to what winning is really about," she said.

Lipman feels that "these people are as good for us as we are for them." She is looking forward to the next competition in the spring.

The Special Olympic games were intended to be a learning experience for both the athletes, the volunteers, and the directors. Although these competitions are not considered to be a real championship, the Suffolk County Special Olympics feels, "it is sport in its truest sense."

—Sandra Diamond

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# Hockey Violence Spoils the Sport

It's disgusting. Disturbing. Embarrassing. It has reached a level so obscene that it depreciates the excellence of the sport. More than simply unsightly, violence in hockey is becoming increasingly costly.

The effect that fighting has on the National Hockey League transcends the ugliness on the ice. The daily, bloody battles rob the NHL of money and force it to adhere to the ridiculous regular season/playoff format which is presently in use.

As long as hockey remains laden with head-hunting goons, the NHL will never get a network television contract. Each of the three other major sports has at least one game a week on national TV. Hockey fans have to wait for tape-delayed games on a shrinking, syndicate television schedule or pay for cable. To see a hockey game not involving a home-town team, a viewer must shell out more bucks for ESPN.

Networks routinely show two men in boxer shorts beating each other up in a sport which has physical pain as a means and an end. But they won't show hockey. Not even the Stanley Cup Finals. An understandable bias against hockey violence has been built into the people who run the networks and into the American public. Hockey is the only major sport which allows players to carry weapons; players like Dave Brown take their sticks to other players' heads and the crowd cheers every pugnacious move. Television neither wants, nor needs, to expose people to such inhumane deeds.

Brown and the Flyer fans who support him are not alone. Nick Fotiu's needless punches were deemed laudable by Ranger fans. Islander supporters boast that Billy Smith, in his heyday, was the "toughest" goalie around. Smith hits people with his stick.

Yes, fighting is intrinsic to this physical game. It serves to release the inevitable tension that mounts during high-speed body contact between two players. Still, stick-swinging, and after-the-whistle blows must be curbed. If not, hockey will remain the nation's least-exposed major sport. The money that hockey teams make from the attendance of blood-thirsty fans can be more than made up for with a network contract.

Without the revenue generated by a network pact, the NHL is compelled to play an 80-game schedule and then allow 16 of its 21 teams to enter the playoffs. The league has to make a profit somehow.

The NHL system dilutes the importance of regular-season games. Quality teams don't need to worry about making the playoffs. The Oilers, Flyers, Canadiens and plenty of other teams know they are playoff-bound by the end of December. Then they play three

## Side-lines By Kostya Kennedy

inconsequential months of hockey before the post-season begins.

Throughout the playoffs, home-ice advantage goes to the team with the better regular-season record. There may be some reason to play hard in March (the last month of the regular year), but not much. The seven-game playoff series move from rink to rink on a 2-2-1-1 basis. Only if a series goes the full seven games does the superior regular-season team have a legitimate edge.

A baseball team plays twice as many games as a hockey squad; when the baseball season ends only the four best teams emerge from the pack and head to the playoffs. Every game in the 162-game schedule is vital for a baseball team with post-

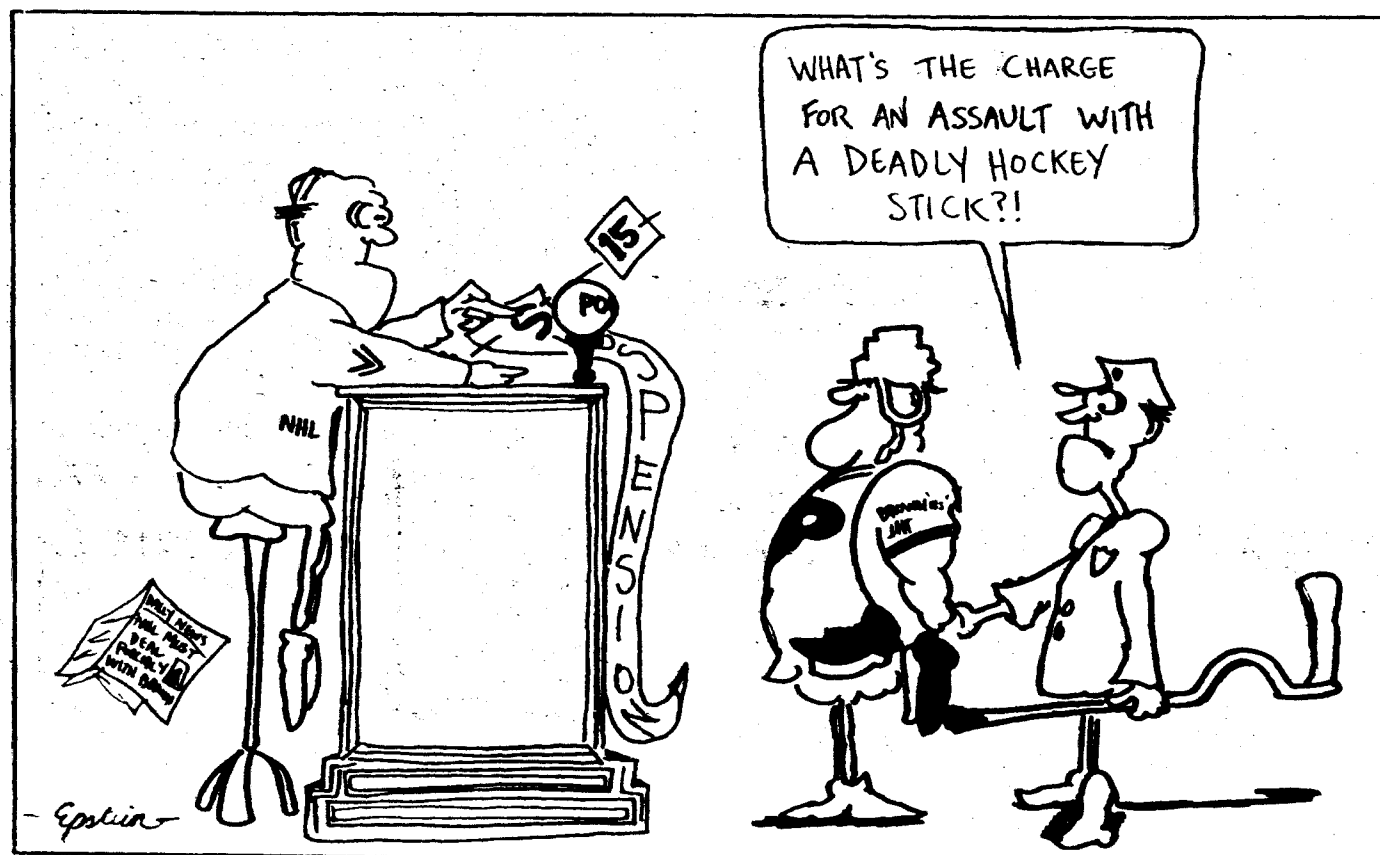
season aspirations. What makes the hockey format so ludicrous is that as the season winds down the worst teams in the league are competing for playoff berths. The most important game on the last day of the season will often involve two teams trying to finish fourth in a five-team division. Yuck.

With this in mind, the league's top teams can spend the end of the regular season trying to wound opposing players. Penalty minutes and short-handed situations hardly matter for a team that is assured of making the playoffs, so it may as well try to weaken the opponents it may face in post-season play. A vicious cycle is in full swing: the NHL brass can't do anything about their inane schedule until they land a network contract. They won't get a contract until the brawls

and the on-ice blood lettings subside. Meanwhile, fighting with intent to debilitate is a logical thing for teams to indulge in under the present format. Is there no way out?

It's up to NHL officials to make the first move. They should lop ten games off the regular season and limit the playoffs to twelve teams. They should levy fines and suspensions on unruly players at four times the rate they do now and teams should at least be fined and lose a roster spot when one of its players is suspended. After swallowing a year or two of financial loss as a result of the shorter season and the non-attendance of a few barbaric fans, the league should take its new look to the network studios. If someone in the upper echelon of the network scheme is willing to take a chance, hockey will finally get national exposure.

Once "Canada's game" hits network TV, with less dirty-play than is prevalent in today's filthy times, the U.S. will be able to appreciate the beauty of clean, fast-paced hockey. Grateful sports fans will re-fill the hockey arenas and the TV ratings should do just fine. The NFL will gain leverage for negotiating future network contracts, people will recognize the pleasures of well-played hockey and the sport will finally be on a national par with its touchdown-making, run-scoring, slam-dunking counterparts.



## Training Camp a Skydivers' Dream Come True

By Mark Smith

Last month the Stony Brook Dragon Riders participated in the second annual parachuting training camp. It was the second time that the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado has opened its parachuting facilities to the civilian parachuting public.

The Student Polity Association enrolled two skydivers to take advantage of this program. Mark Smith and Michael Murphy left from LaGuardia Airport, Thursday October 8.

The invitation to use the facilities was extended only to currently enrolled full time college students who had attained the minimum of an A license in the field of parachuting.

The training camp was designed to allow collegiate skydivers to hone their skills in preparation for collegiate competitions in November and December. Unknown to many

people skydiving is a competitive as well as a recreational sport. The campus centered itself mainly around the field of relative work (RW) but also featured style and accuracy.

RW is the attempt to bring together formations of people into pre-specified patterns during free fall. For instance a common formation with four people is a diamond. There are many more combinations and they are harder than they look.

Bringing together people during free fall is hard because the actions skydivers use to come together is unlike any experience a non-skydiver has ever felt. It is a process, that must be learned from scratch, in which a great deal of control is allowed during free fall by simple body motions.

A skydiver may choose to slow or increase his/her rate of descent or choose to move laterally at up to 80 mph in any direction. A good skydiver can also do acrobatics such as

flips, barrel-rolls, head dives, feet dives or turns. All of this occurs during the free fall times from anywhere from five to 70 seconds.

Style is a one man show. A single person exits alone and attempts quick, lightning fast acrobatics. This type of skydiver has the dream of perfect speed and pinpoint precision on turns. It is a level of competition within itself.

Accuracy is the attempt to land on a small circle the size of a quarter. It is hard, but it can be done. A winner may even have to beat second place by mere centimeters.

The training camp supplied an awesome collection of some of the best skydivers in the country to jump and instruct the college students. This was enhanced by the use of air to air free fall video, plane to air video, and ground to air video support. The videos supplied the jumper with an unsurpassable learning environment.

## Patriots Paste St. Peter's!

By Kostya Kennedy

When the Patriots win, they win big. No fooling around; no tough, nervewracking victories. They just give their opponents a good whipping. The Pats won in characteristic style when they trounced the St. Peter's Peacocks 26-0 on Friday night.

Stony Brook (3-5) has outscored their opponents 108-18 in their three victories, while totaling just 19 points in their five losses.

Dan Shabbick, the Patriots' sophomore quarterback, established four Stony Brook records by adding 153 yards, 13 completions, 26 attempts and two interceptions to his season's totals. Shabbick has now amassed 1,139 passing yards on the year, shattering John Ragimierski's 1986 record of 990 yards. In addition, Shabbick has completed 95 passes, made 184 attempts and thrown ten interceptions this season. Each of these figures eclipse Ragimierski standards set in 1986.

Shabbick has thrived despite his youth. He has withstood the competition of freshman Lance Vernon and has maintained his composure through the plentiful interceptions and some early-season media criticism. Shabbick has stead-

ily improved throughout the year; in recent games he has looked particularly dangerous when rolling out to his right. Shabbick should get better, and his interceptions fewer, as he gains experience. If so, the Patriots will have a fine quarterback for the next two years.

Neither team could do much offensively in the first quarter and the score remained tied at zero until the Patriots began ruffling the Peacocks' feathers late in the second period. Neil Gang scored from one yard out to give the Patriots the lead with 1:17 left in the half; on Robert Burden's successful extra-point attempt, St. Peter's was called for a 15-yard penalty which was assessed on the ensuing kickoff.

With the tee at midfield, the Pats tried an onside kick. The ball got loose and Patriot freshman Yves Gabriel recovered it on the St. Peter's 33-yard line. Stony Brook immediately went to the air and Shabbick hit Mark Motroni with a touchdown pass. Burden's kick was good and the Patriots had scored 14 points in 15 seconds. The Pats have now outscored their opponents 54-28 in second quarters this year, but have been outscored in every other quarter.

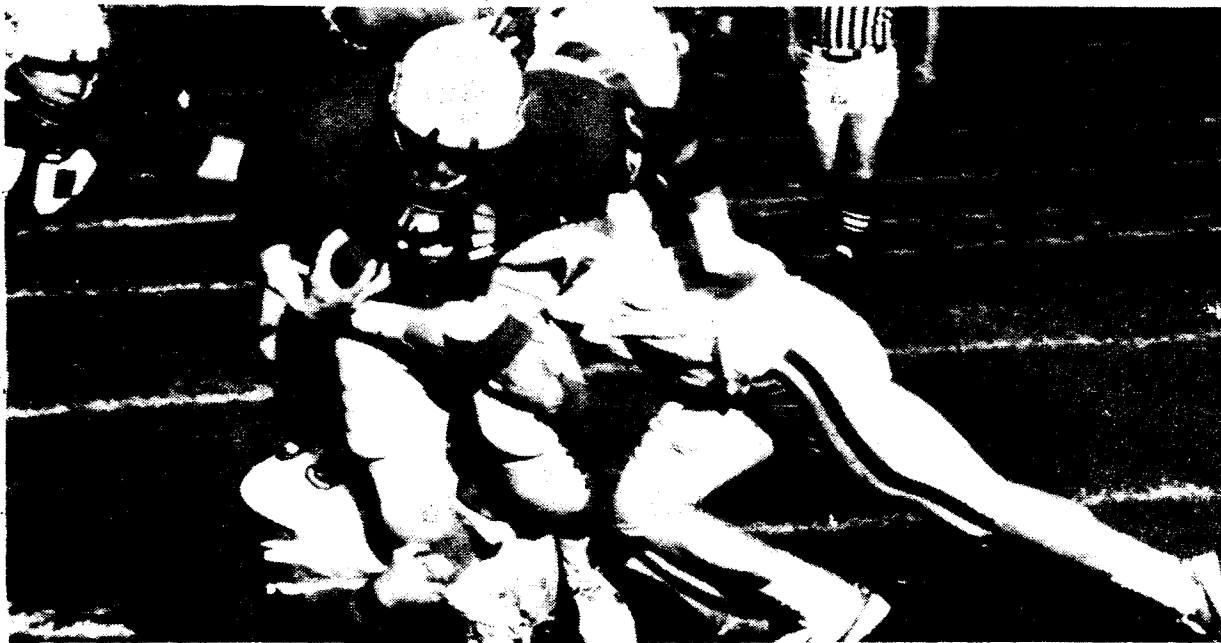
Burden added a 21-yard field goal in the third quarter and John Winslow, who carried 15 times for the Pats, scored on a

one-yard run in the fourth before the defense tallied the Patriots' final two points of the afternoon.

For much of the year the Patriots have been punished by the opposition's many sacks. Against St. Peter's they dished out the punishment. The Pats had nine sacks on the day, two each by Rich Napolitano and Kevin Hinphy, who jointly tackled Peacock quarterback Paul Chowanec in the end zone for the Patriots' final-quarter safety.

The Patriot defense manhandled the Peacocks in every way. St. Peter's (2-7) netted just 24 yards on the ground and 125 in total. They averaged a paltry 2.1 yards per play and contributed to their own demise by committing 12 penalties, five of which gave the Patriots a first down.

**Patriot Notes...** Fullback Marc Bloom had a fourth-quarter, 42-yard run that ended when he fumbled on the Peacock one-yard line...Motroni caught four passes for 74 yards...Al Bello totaled nine tackles...bouncy, line-drive punts by Peacock punter Jim Eckhardt contributed to the Pats' 18 total yards on five punt returns...Burden and Peter Seccia each had interceptions for the Pats.



SECOND EFFORT...John Winslow bullies ahead for extra yardage.

Statesman/Mark Levy



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THE SHABBICK SHUFFLE...Dan Shabbick, who set several Patriot passing records on Friday, heads downfield.

## NBA Atlantic Preview

By Robert Abrams

With a record of 24-58 in 1986, the New York Knicks can only improve. Finishing last or second to it in the Atlantic Division of the NBA has been customary the past three seasons for them with a combined 71-175 record during that time. With newcomers such as head coach Rick Pitino of Providence "Final Four" fame, Sidney Green acquired from the Detroit Pistons, and top draft pick (18th overall) St. John's Mark "Action" Jackson, improvement seems inevitable. Pitino is trying to mold the Knicks into a contender slowly but surely. First, though, they'll be without the services of former All-Star Bernard King who signed with the Washington Bullets without compensation given to the Knicks. But, it is questionable if King could ever return to his old form, scoring 50 points almost every other game. He has surgically had his right knee repaired and at 30 years old, the Knicks opted for

Green.

Jackson should play a major role at the guard position. During the Knick's pre-season in which they were 5-3, he has become their best passer. The rest of the Knick's cast features blossoming star Gerald "Don't call me Dominique's brother" Wilkins, who was born to play Pitino's type of motion system with all players continuously moving on the floor and passing the ball. Three-point specialist Trent Tucker, point guards Gerald Henderson and Rory Sparrow, and Patrick Ewing at center. They have the offensive prowess of "Mr. Bill" Cartwright on the bench but he may be dealt in the near future if the price is right. Pitino realizes that the way for the Knicks to be successful is to build through the draft. This year should be filled with many competitive and entertaining Knick games and if the playoffs come without the Knicks involved, then wait

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## Pats' Weekend Results



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The Lady Pats flew high at the NYSWCAA.

The Lady Patriots Volleyball team finished in second place in the NYSWCAA tournament held at Cortland State this weekend. The Lady Pats were seeded 12th in the 16-team competition, yet they advanced to the finals where they lost to Albany State.

Meanwhile the Men's Cross Country team finished sixth in the ECAC championships at Tufts University. Bill Reed was the top Patriot finisher with a time of 26:28 that was good for 26th place. Wilco Legendyk came in 28th, running the five-mile course in 26:37.

The Lady Patriots Cross Country team came in 12th place at the same championships. Laura Parker led the Lady Pats with a 40th place finish and a time of 19:58.

—Kennedy