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Suit Filed Against Public Safety Director

By Mary Lou Lang

Gary Barnes, director of Public Safety has allegedly received over \$11,000 for 51 days he was absent from work and did not claim on his time sheets, according to a suit filed by a Public Safety officer at Suffolk County Supreme Court on Monday.

The suit charges that Barnes was absent from work on 26 separate occasions between January 1, 1983 and December 31, 1985, and did not report these absences on his self attendance sheets. Barnes allegedly received \$5,051 for these days—money he was not entitled to.

Between December 1, 1986 and August 31, 1987, Barnes received a total of \$6,055 for 25 days he was absent and did not indicate these as days off on his attendance sheets, according to the suit.

Barnes had no comment on the suit or allegations against him. He said it would be inappropriate for him to comment on a suit in litigation. However, he said that the individual who filed the suit is a "disgruntled employee." The plaintiff in the suit is Kevin Paukner, a Public Safety officer. Paukner refused to comment on the suit, or Barnes' comment.

Paukner is alleging Barnes knew that the submission of inaccurate attendance reports was illegal and improper and still submitted to his superior, Robert Francis, former vice president for Campus Operations, who allegedly signed them.

The "Professional Staff Individual Report of Attendance," mentioned above, is a monthly time sheet on which employees must record any absences from work. These attendance reports must be given to a superior for approval who then signs the reports. The reports are then given to the auditing department which issues the employees' paychecks.

The suit claims that Francis "knew or should have known that the approval of said inaccurate attendance reports was illegal and improper at the time that he approved them."

Francis could not be reached for comment. Francis, as well as President John Marburger and Edward Regan, comptroller of the State of New York were named as defendants in the suit.

Carl Singler, director of Internal Audit, was also named in the complaint. Singler allegedly was told as early as September, 1986 of the possibility of inaccurate attendance reports filed by Barnes. According to the suit, Singler knew or should have known after that date, that submission of time sheets and "subsequent payment of certain money to... Barnes was illegal and improper."

When asked if he knew in September, 1986, Singler said, "I don't remember." Singler said that the allegations were made known to him and that he requested more information. After this request, he said, "there was nothing given to me."

Singler said that his policy is to investigate matters if allegations are substantiated. However, he said that he did not investigate the charges against Barnes since, he claimed, they were unsubstantiated.

Joseph Gagliardo, attorney for Paukner, said that he plans to ask for an investigation by the Attorney General. He said that he feels aside from the civil penalties involved in the case, there might be criminal penalties as well.

"There are at least three or four people who can substantiate the allegations," Gagliardo said. He said that some of the people are from the Public Safety Department, and others are former employees.

In a meeting last October, *Statesman* questioned Barnes about a discrepancy between time he took off and did not claim on his attendance sheets. Barnes said he could not recall if he was here on the days in question—June 4, 1984—the day of a murder investigation on campus—and June 10, 11, 12, 1987—three days he had minor surgery. *Statesman* had evidence indicating that Barnes was not in his office on those days.



Gary Barnes

The following day, Barnes said that he was indeed absent on those four days although his time sheets did not reflect it. He said he "overlooked" the days and would claim them on his time sheets.

In June 1987, Barnes sent a memo informing Francis that he would not be in work because he was going to the hospital for surgery. Barnes' attendance sheet for that month did not reflect the days off and Francis approved of the sheet by signing his signature.

President John Marburger was unavailable for comment by press time. However, in October he said that he was aware of the allegations against Barnes and that he requested further information. He said he would consider it "a serious infraction" if someone were to report time incorrectly.

Students Tighten Dorm Security



John Delamer

By Ray Parish

Student monitors are back on the job at the main entrances of most campus residence halls, checking keys and identification as part of an effort by Public Safety to tighten security. Though Public Safety officials stressed student support as the key to the program's success, some students expressed skepticism about its effectiveness.

Though recruiting problems left security desks in most dormitories unmanned for the first two weeks of the semester, monitors were present in all but four dormitories at midnight on Tuesday. John DiMartino, the student director of the Public Safety Auxiliary said he has recruited over 130 students for positions in the program and that 170 are needed.

"We need student support in order to make this a successful program," DiMartino said. Student workers in the program make \$3.50 per hour to start and can earn up to \$5.85 per hour, Delamer said. They may work a maximum of 20 hours per week.

The Auxiliary, which runs the walk service and the dorm security program, stationed two monitors at almost every

building, instead of just one like last semester. DiMartino said they hope to have all the desks double-manned by early March.

The student security workers will man security desks at the main entrances of all dorms from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., DiMartino said. They check the identification of those who enter and keep a guest register. Residents must sign the register to take responsibility for any guests, and guests who are staying overnight must receive guest passes from the residence hall director, according to DiMartino.

Public Safety Director Gary Barnes and Assistant Director John Delamer instituted the dorm security program campus-wide in the middle of last semester, according to Delamer, after a "very successful" pilot program in H-quad begun in 1986.

Delamer said that after a shooting incident in Ammann College in G-quad in May, 1987, administration officials decided to implement the dorm security program campus-wide immediately, rather than phase it in gradually as had been planned. University President John Marburger and Barnes directed additional funding to the program, Delamer said, and students were hired for most campus buildings.

Some students have questioned the effectiveness of the program, citing instances of buildings where side doors are left unlocked or broken and desks are frequently left unmanned.

"There is no protection," said Michelle Jacobs, a junior in psychology and a resident of Drieser College. She said that because of an unlocked side door in her building, people can enter the building without a key anytime.

In addition to locking the doors, according to Jacobs, Public Safety should provide more frequent patrols and campus phones should be installed at building entrances.

Tanya Aguilar, a senior in Spanish and resident of Douglas, said that the program is effective "to the point that it's a pain" to enter and exit the building by the main entrance. Despite the inconvenience, she said the security is "probably necessary," but added that it could be improved by

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Stacy Olster

English Prof Writes Book

By Lynne Metviner

"It was a lonely, long process," said Stacy Olster, a Stony Brook English Professor, of the task of approaching publishers and waiting for their reaction to her first book *Reminiscence and Recreation in Contemporary American Fiction*. "It will be thrilling to see the book in print," said Olster who expects this reward next December when her book is scheduled to be widely available.

The book, which the Cambridge University Press has agreed to publish, contains Olster's analysis how individual historical events that writers have lived through influ-

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Dorm Security

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locking the side door and making sure ground floor windows are secure.

"We still have some problems with some kids popping open doors for convenience's sake and not fully accepting their own responsibility for their own safety," said Delamer.

According to Dimartino, members of the Auxilliary will patrol the dorms to close and lock open doors and report broken doors to the campus locksmith.

Delamer said that of all the quads, Kelly has been the most difficult to secure, partly due to a lack of student involvement there and partly due to the large number of entry points for each building. Each building in Kelly quad has five doors and numerous ground-floor windows.

"I think we can secure Kelly, it's gonna take longer," Delamer said.

Delamer said that he believes security will be accounted for in the planning of additional campus housing. "You must involve security in the planning, architectural stage of a building," Delamer said, "otherwise it's ten times more expensive to secure the building."

Delamer said he believes the program will become more effective as each incoming class accepts it, being unfamiliar with the laxity of previous years. "It's part of life at Stony Brook," he said.



Students and faculty gather at the opening of Harriman Cafe on Wednesday. STATESMAN / BILL WRIGHT

Apartheid Practices Move Students to Action

By The College Press Service

About a year ago, University of Missouri at Columbia police were arresting 41 people who had invaded President C. Peter Magrath's office, demanding the university sell its investments in firms that do business in segregationist South Africa.

The arrests, it turned out, were but one of a series of upheavals on the campus, where protest shanties were repeatedly vandalized and administrators complained of harassment.

But the MU campus was quiet two weeks ago when, on Jan. 11, its trustees voted to sell all the South African stocks

in question.

The change was indicative of the anti-apartheid movement on U.S. campuses recently. It has, in short, been very quiet.

"The movement is a victim of its own success," said Wayne Glasker, a grad student and anti-apartheid activist at the University of Pennsylvania, which will divest by June, 1988.

It was three years ago, in January, 1985, that the anti-apartheid movement — a fitfully active effort on a handful of campuses since the 1960s — abruptly became a national phenomenon as dozens of campuses erupted in protests,

rallies and sit-ins.

Since then, of course, the issue dominated political life at hundreds of schools, and many of those campuses have complied with protestors' demand that they sell the offending stocks.

By contrast, in January, 1988, Eastern Michigan University students forced South African golfer Gary Player — who, in fact, opposes apartheid — to disassociate himself from an EMU golf course project.

"Activists must work to find ways to deal with people's daily lives," said Kim Paulus of the National Student Action Center. "They need to engage that moral outrage."

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ence their writing the author said. Olster said the book is the synthesis of criticism, research, and thought. The project took many years and much agonizing "but it was worth it," according to Olster.

"I wondered if I had what it takes," Olster admitted, saying that while waiting for publishers' responses she had moments of self doubt. With her teaching and the support of family of colleagues Olster said she managed to keep her sanity.

"A lot of [a book's success] depends on how much the editor believes in the project. There is a real element of luck involved," Olster said. Olster sent her book to six publishing companies, saying the editor at the Cambridge Press "was very supportive." After receiving two favorable reviews from readers and passing the editorial board the publishers accepted her book.

When asked about her opinion of her own work Olster replied, "I am my own worst enemy, I tend to write more than I have to." Olster said she plans to continue writing. The integration of contemporary fiction and American popular culture, Japanese literature, and American literature are topics Olster said she is considering for her next book.

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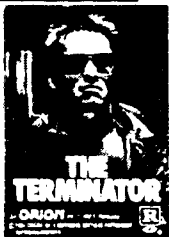
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Adolf Eichmann would be proud. Can a university or individual truly be so wrapped in bureaucracy that cutting a person's food money means so little? No one even bothered last week to tell 60 graduate students that they weren't going to be paid. Last week's paycheck fiasco only underscores the need for a graduate student labor union.

Nobody is saying exactly how 60 students lost their checks last week. It seems like the stipend money is there. But campus officials, fearing a cash-flow problem, decided it would be safer—more efficient, perhaps—not to pay the students. It takes so little effort to pick up a telephone and tell a Graduate Student Organization official that there will be a paycheck problem. All it takes is a little accountability—something the administration is very short on.

Campus officials could never pull such a stunt on faculty and staff for one reason: Union contracts. Workers, no matter how scholarly, are workers. They need representation.

Students have no guarantees at Stony Brook. We're not considered customers at the meal plan and we're not considered lease-backed tenants in the dormitories. But when a graduate student/teaching assistant depends on the university for a bimonthly paycheck—his or her only paycheck—the matter becomes a lot more serious. Teaching assistants are spread between the courses they teach (forty percent of those offered in some departments) and the classes they take. There is usually no time left for outside work. A \$7000 yearly stipend is a means of survival.

However, the agencies of "labor's friend" Mario Cuomo have told New York teaching assistants

that their work for the university is "secondary" to their studies and they can't unionize. This decision, which is under appeal, goes against precedents set by labor boards in about a dozen other states. It's nice to have the time to philosophize about whether teaching assistants are employees—the state spent about five years doing it in this case. But when a group of working people is denied wages for services rendered that is a labor-management problem.

A simplistic framing of the issue? Not really. Graduate students teach the core writing and mathematics courses in this university. They maintain labs, run recitation sections and perform research. In some departments a student will not

see a professor's face until he has run the route of graduate-taught courses. If there is a working underclass in academia, Stony Brook's force of 900 teaching assistants is it. Their \$7000 yearly stipends serve as wages—the school couldn't run any other way.

But because these people have no labor contract and no union representative, administrators can play games with their salaries any time cash is low. If the state had to sign a contract with graduate students—whether under the Graduate Student Employees Union or the faculty union—last week's blunder would be history. Until a contract is signed, however, we can only wait for the problem to repeat itself.

Rather Hero, Not Villain

It was disconcerting to see the American public's reaction to the Dan Rather-George Bush confrontation. After that on-air "debate," hundreds of viewers called CBS to complain about Rather's persistent questioning of Bush. Those people don't recognize a helping hand when they see one.

America prides itself on the freedom it affords its citizens. That freedom is clearly one of America's greatest fortes. But the Americans who supported Bush in his confrontation with Rather showed that they don't care about freedom of the press.

Rather's abrasive questioning was prompted by a poll that showed that many Republicans, including many Bush-supporters, felt that the vice president was hiding something. In reviewing contradictory and vague statements that Bush made regarding his role in the Iran-Contra affair, CBS decided to try to uncover the truth. As an influential medium, it was important for CBS to try to discover what the vice president, who is a presidential candidate, knew, felt, and did regarding the illegal funding of the Contras via profits accrued in arms sales to Iran.

In America, we the people put our leaders in power to act on our behalf. Then, we the people have the right to know what our leaders do with the power they have inherited. CBS and Dan Rather were simply attempting to provide the American public with information that it was entitled to. Judging from the negative response towards Rather and the network, many Americans are content to be ignorant.

Despite all the praise Bush received for holding his own against Rather—he was given a T-shirt that read "Bush 1, Rather 0"—all the vice president did was answer Rather's questions evasively, non-committedly, or not at all. He continually feigned amnesia and actually stated (on the air, in front of million of viewers!) that he may have been in the bathroom when George Shultz vehemently denounced the Iran-Contra scheme. However, Bush maintained his composure and refused to be bullied into answering simple yes-and-no

questions.

Rather realized that much of the American public would be taken in by Bush's calmly irate, yet hedging words. He saw that the vice president was equivocating masterfully and that many people would not recognize the evasiveness of his statements. So, with Bush weaving fancy words into a seemingly strong, but actually unsubstantial web, and with his producer pressuring him about the air-time being wasted on an interview that was leading nowhere, Rather became visibly flustered—a bad thing for a television news anchor to be.

The day after the altercation Bush talked like a boastful boxer in a post-fight interview. "The bastard didn't lay a glove on me" and "I need combat pay for last night," were some of our noble vice president's words. Americans ate it up. People didn't care that Bush had side-stepped the questions that were hurled his way, they were excited to see that Bush "wasn't a wimp." As is so often the case, the medium and the interviewer came out as villains while the interviewee was sympathized with and applauded. Really, poor Mr. Bush. All he wants to do is be this country's next president, why should he have to answer questions from a probing TV journalist?

CBS could have been more tactful in its presentation of Bush. The pre-interview report made Bush out to be a liar and a misleader. Though their methods were a bit coarse, CBS was just trying to get to the bottom of the most significant international issue that surrounds Bush's vice-presidential tenure, and consequently his quest for the Presidency.

American should be proud of its media attempt to expose, and possibly help to quell, the corruption and deceit that exists in the federal government. Instead of rallying behind Mr. Bush, the American public should applaud the valiant effort that CBS and Dan Rather made on behalf of We, the people.

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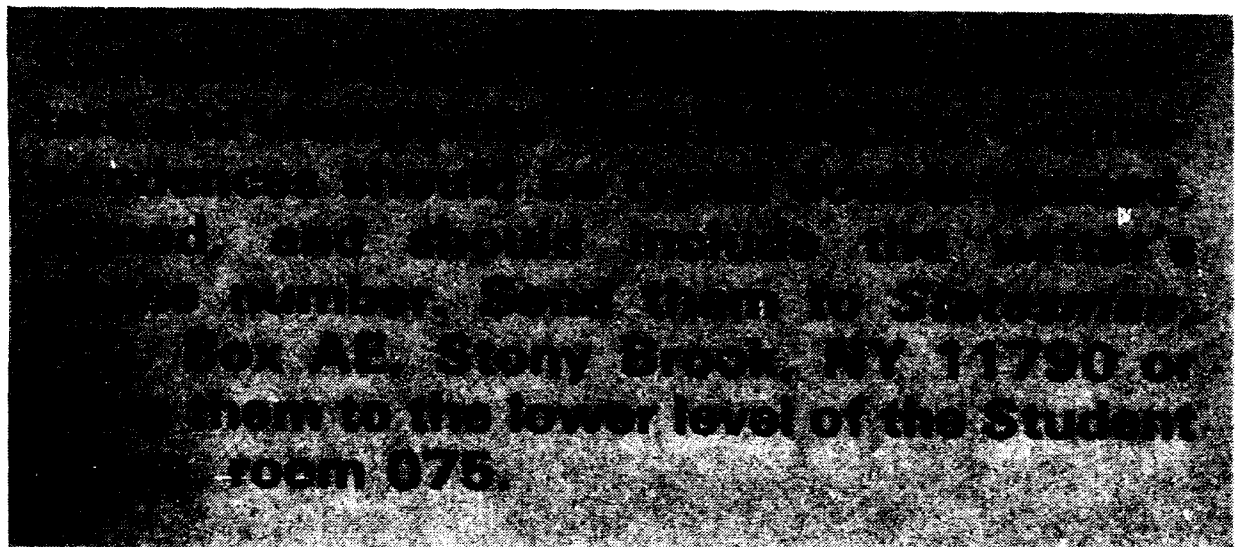
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Administration's Child Care Stance Immoral

By Marc Weissburg

Even as Provost Schubel speaks about the opportunities available to us at Stony Brook, his administration is the chief architect of the obstacles that most seriously hinder the progress of this institution. Witness the callousness, and deceptions with which the university administration abandoned its ethical commitment to the university community by displacing Stony Brook Day-care from the promised South Campus space.

The situation, as described by Assoc. Provost Walcott, is misleading to the point of deliberate tampering with the truth. The university should have ample time to prepare for moving the School of Social Welfare, but has chosen to ignore the air quality problems until a crisis developed. Options for moving the School of Social Welfare are not as limited as implied by Walcott's statements. The space advisory committee identified several possible locations, among them, lab space in the unoccupied Central Hall and two empty floors in the main library. (It should also be noted that space in the basement of Life Sciences is currently being rented out to private corporations.) The only reason these spaces were deemed unsuitable was the School of Social Welfare's refusal to accept non-contiguous space. The admin, confronted by a crisis of its own making, heard only the loudest voice, clutched at the most convenient solution, and displaced day-care. It made little difference that, after eight months of planning, the day-care

corporation was finally ready to begin renovations. That this action violates provisions in the strike agreement signed last spring, makes this decision illegal as well as immoral.

Although the School of Social Welfare should be ashamed of the stance it has taken, self-interest provides a marginal excuse. There is an overriding health problem, and no one likes the inconvenience of moving, yet to demand a solution that entails serious disruption of another program seems a bit churlish. The Provost's office has no conceivable excuse. Charged with guarding the interests of the entire campus community, the administration blithely sacrificed the possibility of expansion of day-care services in order to quell the strident voice emanating from the Health Sciences Tower. To plead, as Walcott has done, that other options were unavailable, is only to say that the administration has deliberately chosen to ignore the real issue: whether the inconvenience of walking across campus to attend class, or to pick up mail, is more serious than halting the expansion of a critical service. Covertly, the administration has decided in favor of the former.

Walcott claims promises made in "good faith." Good faith is not evidenced by abandoning a promise proved difficult to implement. Nor is there good faith in bartering nebulous future actions for present inaction. Walcott has pronounced the future construction of a child

care facility "feasible." This is a somewhat vague promise, admitting as it does only that such a thing may be possible. There is no timetable, and no rational strategy for implementation of the administration's plan. Does Assoc. Provost Walcott really believe such vague murmurings constitute a proposal made in "good faith?" In this case, proposal may be an overly generous word; this "solution" was foisted upon the Daycare board of directors without their input. There is concern among the board members that such a move may not be in day-care's best interest, yet the administration persists in heralding their action as the final solution to the day-care crisis.

The most potent obstacles that confront us are the barriers created by insensitivity, and propagated by insincere attempts at reconciliation. After careless disregard of the ethical and legal problems inherent in their decision to reallocate the South Campus space, administration insists it still has the best interests of day-care at heart. Given the facts, it is a difficult assertion to believe. Protestations aside, the actions to date foster only anger and distrust, and can only compel the brand of activism that last spring disrupted this campus, and wrung half-hearted concessions from an administration that has since abandoned all pretense of good faith, and possibly honor.

(The writer is a graduate student.)

Dorcely: Polity is "Rotten to the Core"

By Jacques Dorcely

When I arrived in Polity, my very first observation was that the Student government was not truly representative of the student body. That the Council and also the senators, once elected, neglected not only their platform, but even the most elementary needs of the student population, and this to the detriment of the preamble of the Student Polity Association Constitution, which stipulates clearly, and I quote, "...Student Government must be cognizant that they represent the student point of view..."

I also observed dangerous flirtations on the part of Polity elected officials vis-a-vis the administration, and this being done with the sole aim of accumulating prestige and power at the expense of student needs. It is only then, fellow students, that I understood the reasons why there was no official protest on the part of the students, when we were imposed upon with the services of DAKA (University Food Services) on a renewed contract. I understood the exactions of Residence Life, which had literally made a mockery of its residents almost with the complicity of the Student Government.

I observed with the utmost chagrin how Student Polity is an organization rotten to the core; where the elected abuse, almost unconsciously, the power which you, the students, have accorded them. In everything, they proceed in a struggle for influence or an apportioning of influence, always to the vulgar detriment of those they were empowered to represent. Globally, my perceptions will be greatly detailed in my report on my personal evaluation on the state of Student Polity. Let me take this opportunity to explain to you that if this report seems a bit tardy, it is certainly not because of not taking to heart the interests of those which have elected me, but simply because it seems that the Vice-President, who was acting-President for the first two months of the semester, believes himself above his duties to provide me, as I have requested for a month now, a complete report of the enterprises he has undertaken. This is of course discarding the possibility that, just as all the others who have undertaken to disrespect the democratic hierarchical system prescribed by the constitution, he also was to be suffering from certain illnesses that already some have quickened to diagnose.

For the moment though, let us resume. I was saying that globally, my perception is that the Student Government is but another administrative instance of Stony Brook, which in reality has nothing to do with the Association of students charged with watching over the interests of students and defending them to the very end. For so very few of the problems of students to concern the Student Government, it is but another branch of the administration. This manner of functioning, it must be understood, is altogether contrary to the very spirit of an association of students which must at all times reflect a point of view and a position of students. Who, better than the student himself, is aware of his

problems? The student is also the one best suited to forecast the odious secondary effects of all initiatives of the direction, even those which of good faith are directed with the intention toward their interests. The canalization of this energy which caused Student Polity to function according to the whims of the administration, takes place via a scheme filled with pious wishes which consist of making everyone believe that it is altogether natural for Polity and Student Affairs to work hand in hand. The formula, in my view, is acceptable and even desirable to the extent that Student Affairs is truly disposed to seriously consider the student point of view on matters concerning them and not simply based on the support of a few recuperated elected officials, to maintain a facade of student representation in the great initiatives.

Anxious to fulfill, to the very end, my mandate, to work in every way to uphold my promise, and to realize the essentials of my electoral platform, I have felt it extremely useful to lower our "Super Council" from its pedestal and to place it at the disposition of you, the students, and your concerns.

It is there, in addition to all the other positive aspects, I call for a meeting every two weeks. I hope that this initiative will be able to create a climate of trust toward the Student Government and will lead to the engagement of an increasing number of undergraduates in the standpoints of our government the sole, and I stress, the sole true means of efficiently defending our interests as students.

(The writer is the president of Polity.)

U.S. Duty in Latin America

By Michael Lutas

Today, Latin America poses an especially difficult problem for U.S. foreign policy. After years of not-so-benign neglect with only intermittent and sometimes counterproductive attention being paid to the area, current events force us to craft careful decisions and construct detailed agendas of what we want. One of things we must strive for in our current policy decisions is a renewed respect for national self-determination in the area. While sending in the Marines may solve the present crisis, the underlying foundation of a government installed without popular support makes independent longevity a rarity at best while in the worst case the instability will make constant demands on our resources while returning little to nothing. Unless we are willing to pay a very steep price in terms of our soldiers' blood, the quick and simple 'solution' of an invasion whenever we don't like a government ends up being very counterproductive over time.

On the other hand we cannot allow an outside power (read: the Soviet Union) to play Colonial Conquest in our hemisphere. The history of the area makes this all too eerie. When the countries of Latin American were founded, the conquistadores wanted a feudal system that they could easily exploit. Latin America has yet to eradicate these foundations of tyranny. The machinery of repression laid down by the conquistadores never disappeared. For the most part, it is the benevolence of rulers that leads to tolerance, not a systemic structure against tyranny. Since they have never experienced it, the people are unaware of the stable, economic (and consequently political) freedom that Capitalism provides. This weakness allows the Soviet Union to attempt (and in the cases of Cuba and Nicaragua, succeed) to grab the whip from inept authoritarians and run Latin America as Western adjuncts to their empire. They have been engaging for years in several long-term projects of

indoctrinating and funding rebel groups to foment communist revolutions. Their eventual goal is to replace the yoke of neo-feudal serfdom with the heavier one of totalitarian repression.

The obvious question is how do we get the Soviets out while at the same time not setting up another authoritarian two-bit dictator who may be just as repressive. The answer to that is two-fold. First, in the short run, we must support any viable alternatives to totalitarian dictatorships. Totalitarianism, once established, has rarely been rooted out. When it has, the cost was always astronomically higher than if action had been taken earlier. How many people would be alive today if the French or British armies had removed Hitler before he re-armed Germany?

In the long run (but starting now) our policy should encourage the elimination of the root causes of Latin America's vulnerability to dictatorship. The wide gap between the rich and the poor, the system of government intervention in an economy that prevents the poor from climbing out of poverty, and the exploitation of ethnic Indians must all be addressed and firm pressure should be applied to correct these weaknesses in their society. In short, the policy of the United States should follow the bipartisan Kissinger Commission report on Central America. Since that is the current official policy, the disagreements I have with the administration arise when career bureaucrats decide to be self-appointed policy formulators and start covertly undermining a good policy in Central America.

We have both a self-interest in a happy, peaceful Latin America and a moral duty because of our past involvement. Our moral duty is to correct the foul-ups that many of our past interventions have caused. In many cases these invasions led to the extension of the primi-

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LETTERS

Abused & Misused

To the Editor:

There is no excuse for the obvious misuse of the 'Letters' section in past issues of *The Statesman*. It occurs to me that there is some confusion between letters to the editor and that which should be printed in the personals or as an advertisement. Letters to the editor which are more like attacks on individuals or advertisements should be considered more carefully for publication. The purpose of the letters section should be, something close to, relevant arguments in need of exposure. Please take more care in the selection of letters to the editor.

Nicole Dreyer

Housing Update

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to the *Statesman* to clarify the status of the University's efforts to develop additional graduate student housing. I believe that the University's need to develop housing for graduate students, faculty and staff, while at the same time improve the quality of existing student housing, is vital to the future of Stony Brook. Therefore, I want to be sure that the University's efforts are accurately reported.

This summer the President created the Presidential Task Force on Housing with a mandate to identify ways to create additional housing for graduate students, faculty and staff. This fall another initiative was undertaken to improve the quality and management of the existing Residence Halls. At this time, the University is pursuing three housing initiatives concurrently. They are:

- Improving the quality of existing student housing, including the renovation of Chapin Apartments
- Developing new graduate student housing
- Developing housing for faculty and staff

This letter will focus on the last two initiatives.

As stated at numerous public meetings the University is committed to developing additional housing to meet the needs of graduate students. This need is only exacerbated by the temporary loss of apartment space on campus once the interior renovation of Chapin Apartments begins in 1989.

The current housing feasibility study being conducted on campus, as part of the recently announced Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") Project, is focusing on the housing needs of faculty, staff and graduate students. From the outset, it was recognized that differences in income available for housing and differences in life styles would require building different types of housing for faculty and staff than for graduate students. Because of these differences, faculty and staff housing will be closed to graduate students, and by the same token, graduate student housing will be closed to faculty and staff.

To properly address the diverse housing needs of the University community, two different archi-

tecs are working on the Project; one focusing on faculty and staff housing and the other focusing on graduate student housing. Both efforts are currently underway and scheduled for completion by mid-February.

In addition to the Fannie Mae Project, the University has continued to pursue additional graduate student housing through the normal SUNY Capital Budget. The Governor's 1988/89 Executive Budget includes an appropriation for building additional graduate student housing at Stony Brook. This appropriation must still be approved by the Legislature.

The planned renovation of Chapin only increases the sense of urgency with which the University has been trying to secure approval for additional graduate student housing. It is our hope, that the current efforts will lead to additional housing by the Fall of 1989. To make this hope a reality will require the cooperation and support of the entire University Community.

Stan Altman
Presidential Fellow for Housing

Unjust Coupling

To the Editor:

Wei-Pyn Wong complained in last Monday's *Statesman* that married couples, living two couples to a suite, in university dorms is one of the more oppressive situations of the day. "Imagine," he wrote, "that two wives have to cook on a stove at the same time!" How true! I've known even some husbands to have cracked under similar conditions.

And furthermore, he wrote, "if a couple watches T.V. in the living room, the other couple is forced [ya got that? *Forced!* And this, a democracy no less] to watch what they are watching or [Gawd forbid] not watch T.V. at all." Out of the condos and into the streets!

Wei-Pyn Wong really hits home when he says: "When you open the refrigerator, you must know which is your food. Imagine what would

happen if you ate somebody else's food?" Yeah, I can relate to that. Petros always used to eat the last package of mustard we'd grabbed from the cafeteria for dinner. What a pig. To say nothing of Charles, Maria, Judy, Scott, Beth, Dariel, Patty, Jeneane, David, Nicos, Julia and sometimes Gary and Ed, who'd track mud all over my section of the floor where I'd sleep, and leave their marijuana in my corner of the room. Why couldn't they keep all their stuff in their own piles? Totally insensitive.

Wei-Pyn Wong, though, doesn't go far enough. He says "every couple has the right to live in their own apartment, without sharing it with another couple." What a liberal! C'mon, Wei-Pyn, tell it like it is, don't go half way. Every person in a marriage should have their own bedroom, their own toilet, their own refrigerator and food. What is this sharing nonsense? They should each have their own little cocoon, and be with each other, and other people, as little as possible, preferably only when they (word deleted —Ed.) (hopefully without having to touch each other). I mean, the main point in marriage is that it's the only way to commit adultery!

The university administration should definitely take Wei-Pyn Wong's advice to heart. Imagine, denying couples privacy! If it's that hard for couples, imagine what it's like for — how'd Petros once put it? — our sexual pentangles. The other pentangles sharing the suite always wanna watch something different than our five, it's outrageous! And you know what it's like for five women to try using the stove at the same time? You think we could feed the kids when Petros eats up all the mustard? And Javier, gawd, last week's leftover spaghetti we were saving for guests — gone!

I know John Marburger served on the committee investigating the Shoreham nuclear power plant, but what's the university got against the nuclear family, anyway?

Mitchel Cohen
Red Balloon Collective

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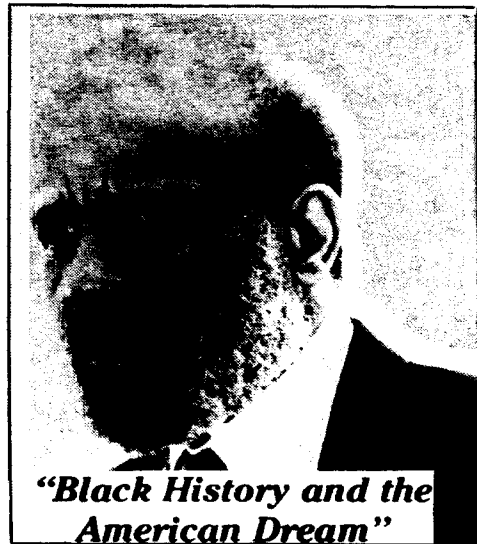
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Happy Birthday Harry! Best wishes from us all! ASA staff

K, I hope it never ends. Happy Valentines Day! Love, J

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Kirsten, I love you so much. The last month has been the best with you. Happy Valentines Day. Dave

Bri, In your world full of cowboy boots, Budweiser Beer, quick cash, hot blondes and going out with the boys... there is only one thing that leaves a lasting memory... the love I have for you! Happy Valentines Day, Cin

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Babe, Happy Valentines Day! I'll love you always and forever, hugs & kisses. Wendi

Dear Artie, I'm here and you're there, so one of us is in the wrong place. Love always, Mary Lou

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(The writer is the communication director of the College Republicans.)

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Pat Swimmers Go Undeclared

By Dan Daley

A dynasty at Stony Brook? It's true. For the first time ever Stony Brook has a team that dominates their division every year.

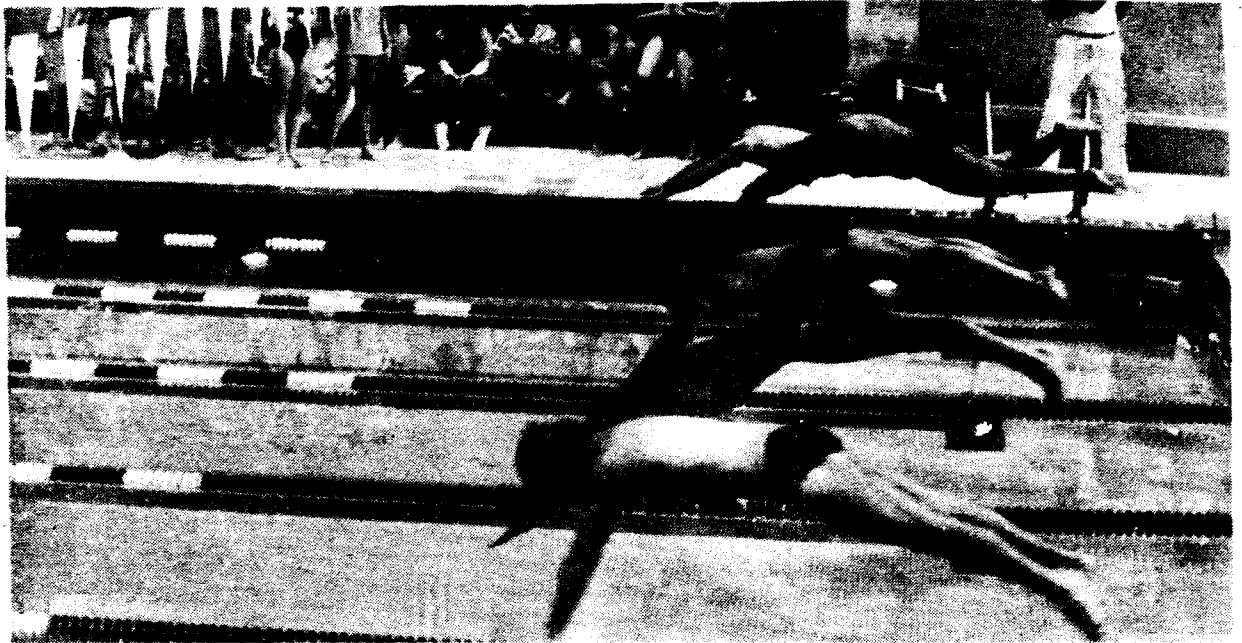
When the Patriots Men's Swimming completed a perfect season last Saturday by defeating William Paterson 121-69 at the Stony Brook gymnasium swimming pool, coach John DeMarie and his crew achieved the never done before in Stony Brook history: a big fat goose-egg in the loss column. No previous team has ever gone undefeated for a whole season.

The 1988 League champions finished with a regular season record of 10-0. Not bad considering four of the ten wins were against Division I schools. They have a 27-3 record and three League championships in the last three years, and no opposing team scored over 100 points against this year's squad.

When asked the reason for the team's success Coach DeMarie modestly responds, "It's just been a total team effort, everyone contributes." This couldn't be more true when you look at the number of different double and triple winners in the four key meets of the historic season.

Ken Ilchuck (200 IM, 200 breast) and co-captain Bill Thompson (50 free, 100 free) were double winners in a crucial 117-95 victory over Division I Iona. Iona was the main obstacle in the season of perfection. Last season Stony Brook placed second in the Metropolitan Conference Championship losing to Iona, so they were more than happy to get their revenge. The two teams will most likely meet in this year's Conference Championships.

In a sweet 118-97 victory over longtime rival New Paltz, Nick Cunard achieved Patriot Athlete of the Week status for winning the 100 and 200-yard freestyle. Dave Pincus won the three and one-meter dive to put Stony Brook over the top. Before toying with William Paterson on Saturday, Stony



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TAKING THE PLUNGE ... The Pats swam their way to the first undefeated season in Stony Brook history this year.

Brook defeated USMMA by a score of 126-85 last Wednesday. Co-captain John Neeb put on a clinic in winning the 100, 500, and 1000-yard freestyle. Also in that meet, Rich Seely (100 back, 50 free) and Ilchuck (200 IM, 100 breast) were double winners.

Saturday's victory marked the Patriots 18th consecutive regular-season win. This dates all the way back to December of '86 when they lost a heartbreaker to Division I Fordham.

The success of the Men's Swim team should serve as a message to all our other teams. Even though Stony Brook is a Division III school, if you're good, it doesn't matter what Roman numeral comes after the word Division.

The Patriot Squash Team lost its third consecutive game when they fell to Fordham 5-4 yesterday. The Pats are now 9-11 on the year.

Patriots Defeat York in Fight-Marred Game

By Andy Russell

A close game is winding down. The adrenalin is flowing. Both teams can taste victory. It is only natural that players will be on edge.

With 4:20 remaining in the Men's Basketball Team's 76-68 victory over York on Monday night, Patriot guard Stan Martin stole the ball and went in for an easy lay-up. As he approached the hoop, he was hit hard by York guard Marshall Harris. Martin immediately began to swing at Harris. Both benches cleared and it appeared for a moment like there would be a melee. Fortunately, no further blows were exchanged.

"He physically attacked me," said Martin, who felt that Harris hit him excessively while he was in a vulnerable position. Patriot Coach Joe Castiglie felt that Martin was probably a little frustrated. But he also pointed out that "Stan had to protect himself."

Once order was restored, the officials called an intentional foul on Harris and a technical foul on Martin. In addition, a bench technical was called on each team. Both teams went to the foul line four times, with each team converting on all of their attempts. Clearly, the officials were determined not to let the game get out of hand.

The Patriot victory was much like the bench-clearing incident. They both weren't pretty. The Patriots (11-9) obviously took York (4-21) lightly. "We didn't come out with enough intensity," said Castiglie. "It was an ugly win."

Leading the way for the Patriots, as usual, was Tom Blumbergs. He had 19 points, 12 rebounds, three blocked shots and three



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THE OUTSIDE SHOT Scott Walker goes up for a shot last week.

steals. Blumbergs, shooting 64% from the field, is among the Division III leaders in field-goal percentage.

The star for the Patriots in the first half was the improving Yves Simon. Coming off the bench, Simon scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds (three offensive). His

strong, hard-nosed play has given Blumbergs some much-needed help inside. "Yves has been our most consistent player in the second half [of the season]," said Castiglie. "He has a great future at Stony Brook." Point Guard Martin, who connected with Simon on a nifty pass for an important second-half

basket, also raved about Simon's progress. "Yves has improved 110 percent from the beginning of the season." Simon did not wish to gloat over his success, instead thanking the guards for giving him the ball.

After a late first-half surge gave Stony Brook a 41-34 halftime lead, it appeared that the Patriots might be able to coast in the second half. When Martin hit a tough, falling to the floor shot with 17 minutes remaining, giving the Patriots a 48-35 lead, it looked as if the rout was on. The Patriots obviously believed so, because for the next seven minutes they experienced a total letdown. They missed shots, turned the ball over and let York score easy baskets. York capped off a 15-2 run with a lay-up, tying the score at 50-50. Trying to put a lid on York's surge, Castiglie called a timeout.

His pep talk paid immediate dividends. Scott Walker hit a three-point shot, Simon converted on a three-point play inside and Blumbergs scored on a tip-in. With an 8-point lead with 7:43 to play, the Patriots were not out of the woods yet. Harris scored six points down the stretch and pulled York within three with just over two minutes remaining. But Martin and Walker hit clutch free throws to seal the win.

Patriot Notes: Much to the chargin of the boxing world, Martin announced after the game that "I think I'm going to stay with basketball." ... Simon had 16 points and 10 rebounds ... Mike Lee led York with 23 points and 8 rebounds ... Stony Brook's next game is on Thursday when they host Hunter. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. after the Lady Patriots game which starts at 5:00.