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Judge Dismisses Final Tent City Charges Suffolk County DA Officials Vow to Appeal Judge's Recent Ruling

By Mitch Horowitz

A county judge last week dismissed the last charges against 30 protestors who maintained Tent City, a squatter community on campus last summer.

Suffolk County district attorney officials said this week that they would challenge the dismissals. Although a federal judge ruled over the summer that Tent City was a constitutionally protected protest, authorities questioned whether the court order should have blocked the arrests.

Thirty students were arrested over a three day period in July after trying to prevent campus police officers from dismantling the campsite. Students arranged the collection of tents and furniture last April to protest what they said were poor housing conditions on campus.

First District Court Judge Martin Kerins' dismissal of the charges against 14 students concluded a round of dismissals that began last month for most of the protestors.

The student cases, which were divided up between Kerins and District Court Judge Francis Calderia, were dismissed with the same wording.

Both judges ruled that the students were "engaged in a constitutionally protected activity, and hence the police action in attempting to terminate that activity cannot be deemed to be administering the law..."

Federal Judge Leonard Wexler ruled over the summer Tent City was a legal protest, but barred students from camping out overnight. Several graduate and undergraduate students had been living in the tents between April and July.

Officials this week questioned whether Wexler's ruling shielded all students from arrest. "It would depend on the circumstances of the arrests in each individual occasion," said Mark Cohen, chief of the Suffolk County Appeals Bureau.

"I'm appalled at their refusal to let go of this," said George



Tent City site, as it stands currently, in the Academic Mall.

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Bidemann, a protestor arrested at the site. Bidemann said an appeal would be "laughable" given the unanimity of both judge's rulings.

Students this week prepared to celebrate the first anniversary of the protest with a small rally at the Tent City site. Under the federal ruling, students have kept signs and make-

shift tents at the site.

"It's necessary to maintain it until we see some real significant improvement [in housing]," said Sandra Hinson, a graduate student arrested over the summer. "When visitors come to campus it's very visible being right in the middle of campus. People see it and they raise a lot of questions."

Polity Preview: Presidential Candidates Speak



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John Cucci

John Cucci, said he is an outsider and is angry at the way polity has been run for the past two years.

Cucci added that this combined with his personal persistence and past experience in organizing groups and activities will win him the position of Polity president.

"I don't have to slander anyone to win, I don't need any tricks," said Cucci, "I am going to win on my own merit."

Having served as a platoon leader in the U.S. Marines and as a building senator and leg president for Gray College, Cucci said he feels confident that he has the kind of experience that he needs to bring Polity and the student body together.

Cucci said watching Polity separate from the student body over the past three years has upset him a lot. He said his top priority would be to reunite the governing body with its constituents. "If we don't get them [Polity and the students] together soon, administration will take over completely."

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Robert Schachter

Robert Schachter said he feels he can serve the students well if elected Polity president because he is in touch with both the workings of Polity and the desires of the students.

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His experience as the Student Activities Board (SAB) Chairman, according to Schachter, is valuable because it has allowed him to observe Polity closely without actually being a part of it.

"The council has become mini-administrators," said Schachter of what he has seen. "I don't know a lot of times if they are looking out for the best interest of the students."

To solve this problem, Schachter explained, every council member will have to remember that they are a student first

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Hans Sherwood

Hans Sherwood, running for the position of Student Polity president, identified lack of cooperation and communication as the major problems in Polity right now.

"It's been very difficult for Polity officials to understand what every group and organization needs," Sherwood said.

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Debate Rages Over The Fairness of Tests

By Irwin M. Goldberg

Many colleges use standardized tests as a criteria for admittance to the school and some believe the tests are unfair and biased. An open debate on the issue, which is believed to be the first of its kind, took place Wednesday night in the Union Fireside Lounge.

The speakers, Blair Horner of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) and Ronald Betz, the director of admissions guidance of the College Boards focused on the S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Test). Betz, who spoke in favor of the exams said the S.A.T. is a test of "How one can bring prior experience to bear on new situations." He also said that it is designed to predict performance in the first year of college.

"Let's change the name of the test to 'The Test that Attempts to Predict First Year College Grades,'" Horner challenged. Betz countered by telling Horner that if he wanted to change the name, he should try to write a test of his own.

Although various groups perform differently on a test, "a score difference doesn't mean the tests are biased. The average man is taller than the average woman. This doesn't mean the yardsticks used to measure them are biased," Betz said. He emphasized the difference between the contrasts in scores and the factors which cause the differences.



Ronald Betz

Horner cited an example from a past exam which dealt with analogies: "a runner is to a marathon as an ... is to a reggata." The correct answer is "oarsman." Horner argued the bias here was in favor of a middle-class, suburban, white student.



Blair Horner

According to Horner, statistics indicate that women, since 1972, have scored 61 points lower than males on the verbal section of the S.A.T., which is contrary to the myth that they will score higher on this section. Horner said if the test was to be a good indicator of performance then women would do worse than men in college. But he said, this is not the case as women average 20 points better than men.

Horner also said some questions deal with situations that favor boys. In past years, according to Horner, the test has asked questions which involved basketball statistics, which boys are "more readily able to identify with than girls." In a timed test, he says this makes a difference.

NYPIRG helped to pass the Truth in Testing Law which enables students to view their answer sheet and the correct answers. Betz said only 0.2% of the students taking the test request the answers. A member of the audience pointed out that there is a fee for requesting the answers.

Another member of the audience said that New York students are penalized as a result of the new law as they must pay additional fees of \$1 to \$1.50 for taking the test. The audience member also said that three test dates were cancelled in New York.

One issue raised by Horner was whether or not the tests are being used properly. He said the use of the tests to award Regents Scholarships and the Empire State Scholarships is a misuse of the tests.

The major question Horner raised is the validity of the test. "Are they worth anything and do they predict what they're supposed to?" he asked. Three quarters of predictive validity testing done with the S.A.T., according to Horner, are slightly better than that achieved by chance. "The S.A.T. is a tool. The question is does it work, and can it be made better." He said high school grades were found to be better predictors of how well one will do in college.

Both Horner and Betz agreed that the S.A.T. is only a small part of the larger picture of the student and it should be used in conjunction with other methods of evaluation.



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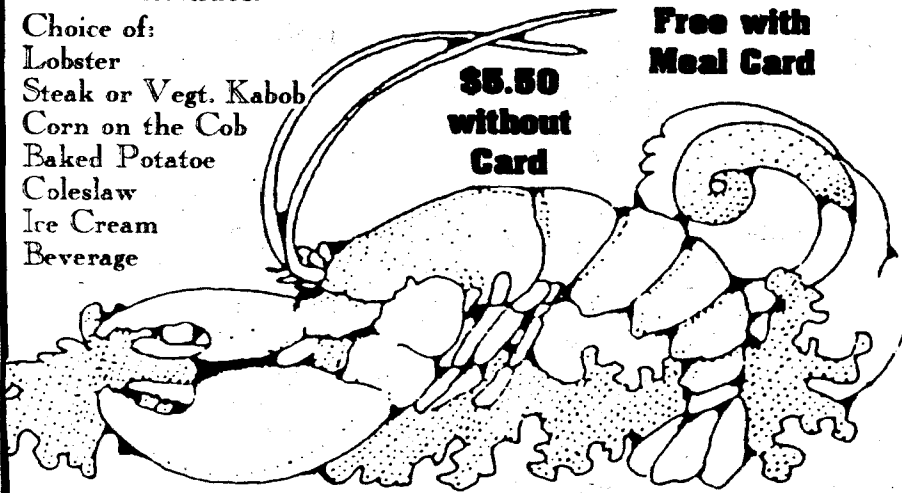
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Polity Preview: Vice Presidential Candidates



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Mark Joachim

Polity Assistant Treasurer Mark Joachim, cited security as the biggest campus-wide problem.

As Polity vice president he said he would push the administration to install blue light emergency phones on campus. "Other S.U.N.Y.'s have them — they are expensive, but worth it," Joachim said.

As Tabler Quad Council President, Joachim was instrumental in the opening of the Tabler cafeteria as an activities site. Having organized the last Tabler semi-formal, Joachim realized "how unfair and complicated Polity funding is." He hopes "to clarify this" as Polity vice president.

Joachim, citing the major problems with Polity, commented that "the average student doesn't know what Polity does," and that "students don't feel represented by Polity."

Another Candidate on Page 7.

Joachim would reactivate a Polity newsletter to keep students informed. He also stated that Polity "bickering and shouting matches cloud the issues." Joachim insists that this "has got to stop if Polity is to be effective."

—Richard Sklar



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Steve Rosenfeld

Sophomore Class Representative Steven Rosenfeld brings two years of Polity experience into his campaign for Polity vice president.

Rosenfeld said that he would use his experience in drafting a new Polity constitution, which he is currently working on. Rosenfeld also "hopes to promote greater student awareness in Polity by restarting the newsletter." He would "attempt to generate more widespread participation in events through an activities credit incentive program," for students who get involved.

Rosenfeld stressed that he is against a stricter alcohol policy. He said that he "wouldn't want to see less student-run activities on campus due to the stricter policy." Also, he is "strongly in support" of the right to vote for students on campus. "This would help us to get the attention of the local

legislators and impart a strong sense of community presence."

—Richard Sklar



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Kurt Widmaier

Kurt Widmaier, running for the position of Polity vice president, claims he would bring "new life" to Polity.

Widmaier, formerly vice-chairman of Gray Legislature, cited the "lack of internal cohesiveness, unity and togetherness" as the major problem in Polity right now. Widmaier would cut out the "internal bickering" which he said now plagues Polity. He said the results are that "less gets done".

He said that, if elected, he would "close the gap between Polity and students" with "more student input." He stressed that a training program for incoming Polity officers would be helpful for all concerned.

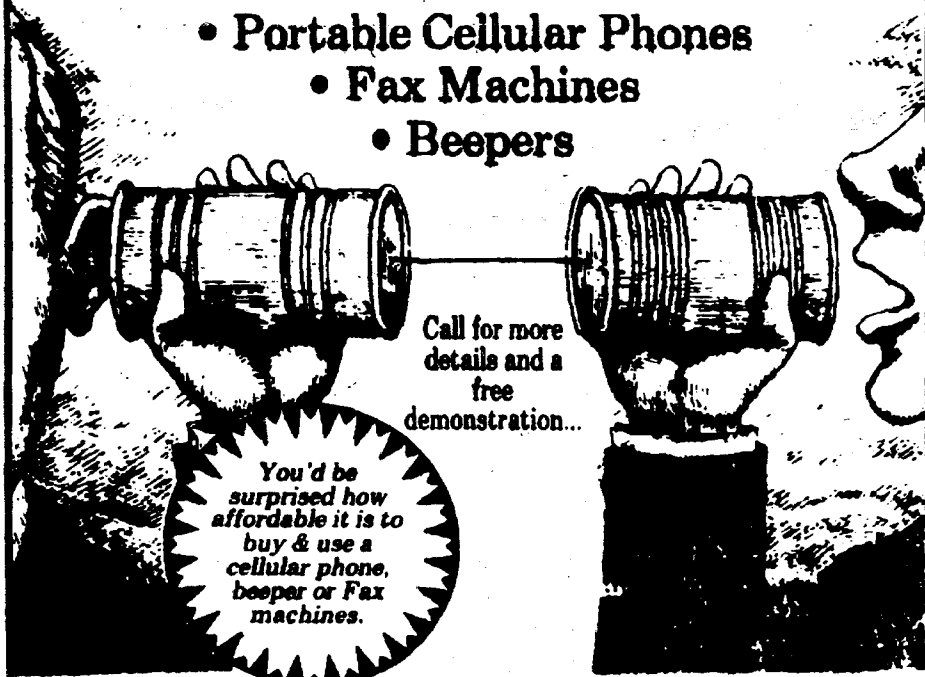
Widmaier targeted the new alcohol policy as the biggest problem on campus. He observed that there is "no policy-just strict enforcement." Widmaier strongly favors "an alcohol awareness program as an alternative to relocation or suspension" in the case of alcohol-related offenses.

"Tearing someone away from their friends and familiar surroundings doesn't help and doesn't teach," said Widmaier, adding that it is "time for Polity to get new, enthusiastic people."

—Richard Sklar

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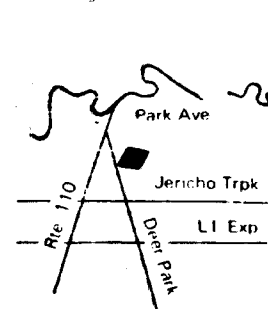
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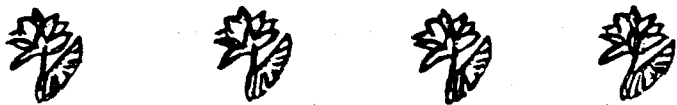
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Vice Presidential Candidate Stephen Gruber

Stephen Gruber said he will bring his experience in the banking industry into his campaign for Polity vice president. His banking experience has "taught me the responsibility of handling money."

Gruber, who is "personally acquainted with the vice president of student affairs" stressed that "I believe that we can work with administration, however, if they don't work with us I will personally be the worst nightmare that they have ever had."

Gruber cited the great deal of personal conflicts between council members as the major problem plaguing Polity. He stated that he has many friends on the Senate, which presumably would help him in some how dealing with these conflicts.

Gruber added that a fair alcohol policy would "not interfere with responsible drinking," and that he would like to see the drinking age go back to 18.

If elected, Gruber promised a 24-hour hotline to his dorm room, and that if students called "something would be done."

—Richard Sklar



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Sherwood

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In order to understand these needs, he said that he plans to form a council which would listen to students' and clubs' needs, functions and programs.

Sherwood's experience includes: a member of Polity Judiciary, secretary of Phi Beta Sigma, member of Inter-Fraternity/Sorority Council since 1986 and president of that council from '87 to '88. He also sat on the executive board of the Student Alumni Chapter.

According to Sherwood, apathy and cultural awareness are two areas which need improvement on campus. He said that the level of cultural awareness needs to be increased. Apathy between administration and student needs be "worked out," he said.

"I would do my best ... to plan functions that would bring them [Administration] and students out," Sherwood said. He said that he would like Administration to "at least let us know that we have their backing."

A program which Sherwood said he will plan will improve cultural awareness on campus. It will concentrate on the ethnic clubs on campus and plan such events as cultural fests. "There is a lot of rich culture at the university that people are not aware of," Sherwood said. He would like to start a festival called "Cultures of the World", which will be similar to G-Fest.

Sherwood said that he can bring to Polity, "my services...I will support anyone with a positive idea ... I thank the students for the support."

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and must stand for what the students want.

"A strong council and president must act as a liaison between the students and administration," said Schachter, "the students must be aware that they have a large say."

"It is the president's job to make sure that administration does not take the students lightly," Schachter said, "If students won't come here, it is Polity's job to go out and find what the students want." This, Schachter said, means getting involved with students in day to day activities such as riding with them on buses and talking to them in the cafeterias.

"Through planning [events] on campus I know what the majority of the students want," said Schachter of his work as chairman of SAB. He said he is confident that if elected president he will be able to realize their wishes by showing the administration that the students do have the strength to fight for what they want.

"The biggest problem is the fact that the students are losing control of the campus to the administration," said Schachter, "this is the problem that all other problems stem from."

Schachter said his main concern is that Polity gets representatives who are willing to take a stand and are elected by the majority of the students on campus

—Amelia Sheldon

Cucci

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Cucci said.

Changing the structure of Polity to include college leg presidents is one way Cucci said he hopes to bring about this reunion. "If every building did this," Cucci said, "people would know what was going on."

Cucci said — if elected president — he would also create subcommittees to identify and address student complaints with such campus entities as Public Safety and DAKA.

The attitude inside Polity is another thing that Cucci would work to change. "They have a defeatist attitude," said Cucci of the current Polity members, "I'd like all new people so we can start fresh."

"I have initiative. I have conviction," said Cucci, "I have the time and the energy and I will do what I set out to do."

"I really feel I am going to win," Cucci said.

—Amelia Sheldon

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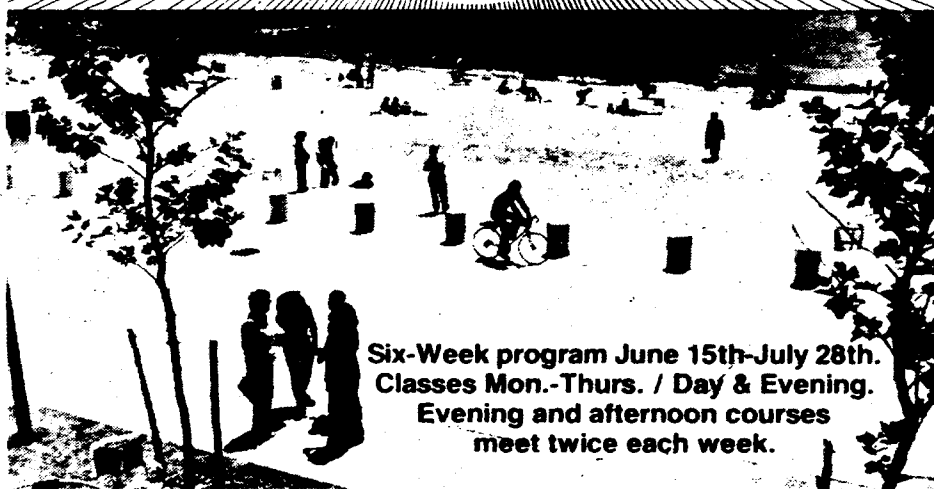
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Students Who Don't Vote Shouldn't Gripe

Students are complaining all the time about all aspects of the university. Some of the more common complaints are social life on campus, dorm conditions, and shortage of study areas. Why don't students do something about it?

By voting in next week's Student Polity election, students can choose among a wide variety of candidates. They can vote for the person who they feel would improve campus life. By not voting, students have no right to complain.

Many students these days are voicing their opinions about Polity's budget proposals. Where were these students last semester when the Polity positions were being filled? Most of the students who did not vote last semester didn't care. Now all of a sudden students care. Well maybe they should care enough to walk a few feet from their dorm rooms and vote.

If students want a Polity representatives to voice their concerns then they must vote for the person they think will do the job. They must view the candidates' proposals and experience and then judge who they feel will best suit the positions. Students should not just sit back and wait for the results of the election and then complain months later that they are not adequately represented. Voting is the first step to insure proper leadership.

If, by chance, a student votes for a candidate and then he or she does not fulfill their promises, that student has every right to moan and groan. The student then has to inform the official that he or she is not doing what they promised to.

This year, there are seven students running for

Polity president and four running for vice president. The excuse that there is no good candidate running just won't wash.

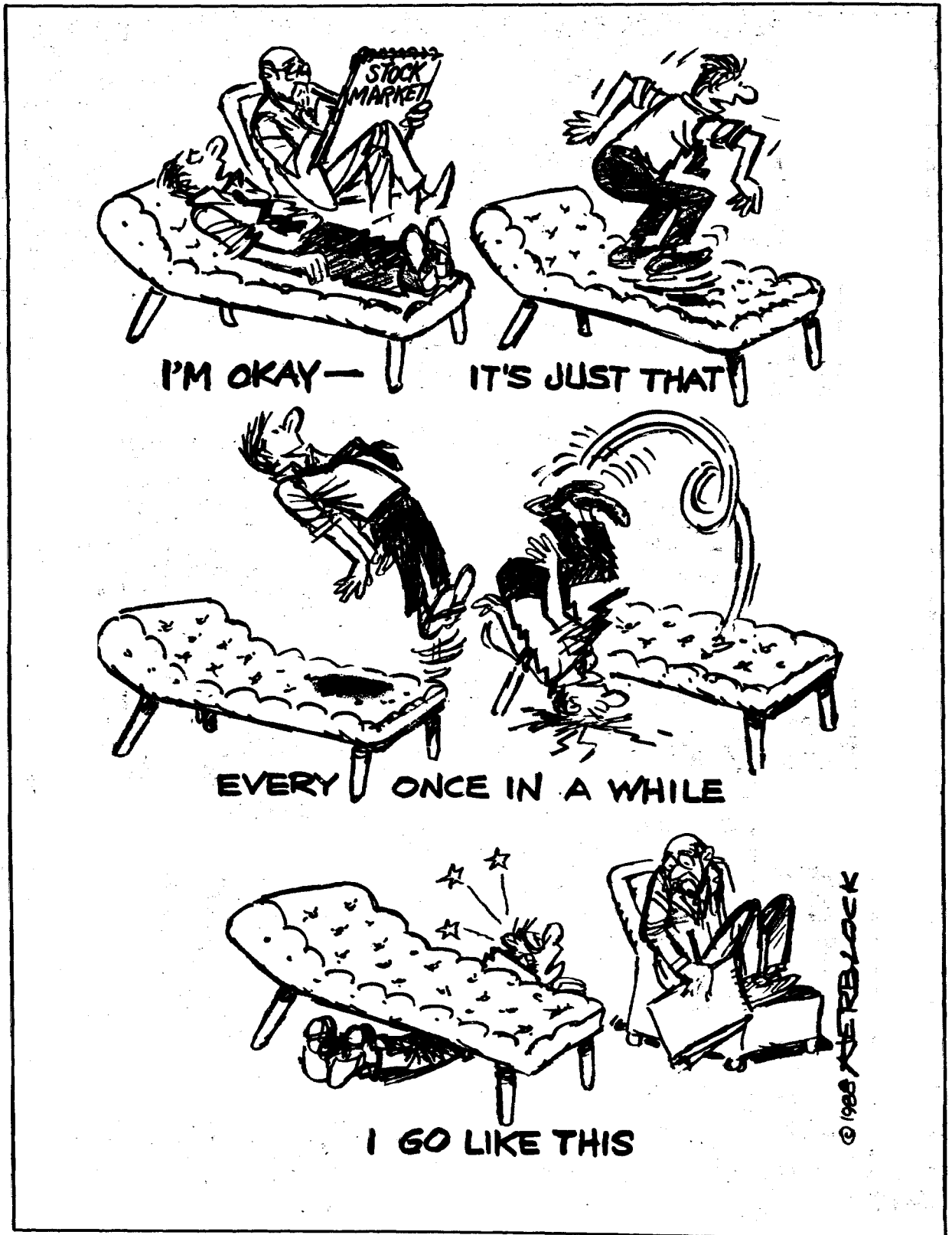
The other excuse that "it won't matter who I vote for anyway" doesn't cut it either. Every vote matters. If all 16,000 students felt that way then why even have an election? Why not have administration appoint students to the positions.

Students would be the first to scream if the Polity positions were appointed ones. The opportunity is given to students to choose who they want to best represent them. Why don't they take advantage of the opportunity?

Polling areas are set up conveniently for stu-

dents. Each dormitory has a polling area and polls are located in central areas for commuters. No excuses for not having transportation or not being able to get to the polls. The ballot is almost handed to you.

The fact that so many students have decided to run for Polity positions is encouraging. The rest of the campus population should follow the trend of showing interest in campus government. Students should make an effort to go to the debate staged by the Debate Club today at 2:30 and listen to the WUSB debate. Become aware of each representative's opinions on the issues and most important, go and vote.



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Individuals Must Look Beyond Others' Color

By Jacques Dorcely

The following is a speech that the writer plans to give at University Awareness Day:

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for joining me here today for your support in what I believe will be a very successful awareness day program.

Awareness Day is supposed to be a day not only to make students aware of various campus programs, it is a day to make students aware of themselves. Stony Brook is a multicultural cultural community but as yet it is still too divided. We must work together to bring the barriers down. As President of Polity I have tried to begin this effort. First I drafted a poem *Calling for Togetherness* and an end to racial cultural and gender discrimination which was endorsed by the Administration and myself. We have printed it up on posters to be distributed around campus and I am further asking the Administration to engrave it in plaques to be displayed in prominent places around our campus. But much remains to be done. Many might say that there is no discrimination at Stony Brook, but from my own experience I know this is otherwise.

In my first semester at Stony Brook, a "white" student was placed in our suite that was only of "black" students. That student stayed in his room, weeping every day and never came out to meet the rest of us in the suite. When I finally managed to show him my concern for his behavior, he did not feel comfortable but he agreed to tell me that he was in the wrong suite because the rest of us were not freshmen. I understood that it was a rationalization on his part because maybe it was the only way that he could deal with me. Then I started telling him about myself. I told him about my feeling when I first entered college in this country. I let him know that the school system was new to me and that people in general different.

"I did not know you come from a different country," he said. I replied, "What difference would it make in your behavior?" "Well, I think you are right, it should not make any difference," he admitted. And he went on to confess that his parents want him to stay away from blacks.

After that, we both felt that we knew each other better. We had learned a lot about each other's cultures, instead of seeing each other only as black and white. We had learned to communicate with each other as human beings.

Unfortunately, discrimination is not just personal, it is also institutional. For example, in Polity's allocation of funds minority student organizations are often slighted. This is just one more area which requires reform, but it is a key area. Racism is so damaging to the needs of the minority black community on this campus but it is not yet fully understood by the student government itself. Those who are empowered with the total budget of the student activity fee do not see the need to promote those clubs that represent this cultural diversity. This is both unfair and discriminatory.

When I go to Tokyo Joe's I have the same fun as when I go to a Haitian party. When I go to a Chinese party I have the same fun as when I go to a CSO party or any other club organization.

Even though the enjoyment is the same there is a large margin between the money that is spent for a Tokyo Joe's party and the money that is spent for any of those cultural clubs in total. These clubs — Hillel, the Asian Club, LASO, Uniti, the Hellenic Club and others — contribute to the cultural diversity and toleration that would abound on this campus if they were recognized and funded fairly.

It is important to realize that something must be done to distribute funds more equitably. We are all students; we all pay an activity fee. If we empower a government, that government should act according to our will. This government should not base its policy on tradition but on the current needs of each student.

As we have decided today to take part in the great initiative, understand and recognize that we, students, are responsible for promoting racial discrimination in this community and we are the only ones that can change it.

I ask publicly in front of the administration and the student body that the treasurer of Polity who is responsible for all Polity's money, draw up a new budget proposal that distributes the students' money fairly. I also request that that new proposal be put to a referendum before the Senate votes on the existing one. This way we can begin to turn the tide of discrimination here at Stony Brook. I

challenge my colleagues to meet with me to begin this process.

(Ladies and Gentlemen) The Administration can hold awareness day after awareness day but it is the students themselves who must reach out and talk to each other and begin to view each other as people instead of colors. I know from my personal experience that this is the only way we can live together, work together, learn together with each other instead of against one another. I invite you all to join me in this effort.

Remember the idea of awareness day is not just for today rather it is an idea that each of us must keep in our heart and minds everyday. Let us leave this program and return to our dorms, our communities, and our families and continue to practice the same notions of overt and

covert discrimination that I mentioned earlier. The notion of pluralism expressed today will require each of us to make difficult, often risky personal decisions. If the past is a guide many of us will make these decisions and in doing so we will make a positive impact on society in the future. I ask each one of you to join me in making a pledge to respect individual difference, to appreciate and celebrate the beauty of cultural diversity, and to begin to understand our neighbors both here in the United States and abroad. Raise your hand if you support me.

I thank each one of you for your support.

(The writer is president of Student Polity.)

Don't Knock The Bookstore

By Karen Rowe, Michele Habernicht and Chris Hughes

We, the employees of Barnes and Noble, are writing this letter in response to Hugh Mulligan's comments and the article by Ray Grassing which appeared in the April 5, 1988 edition of *Statesman*. Mr. Mulligan chose to call the bookstore "a disgrace, poorly run and poorly stocked" operation. Well, Mr. Mulligan and others, it never ceases to amaze us how you can pretend to know so much about a bookstore when you yourselves have never worked in one.

We'll start by explaining our "high-priced" texts. Barnes and Noble does not establish the selling price of a textbook, the publisher of the textbook does. The publisher is the one making money on textbooks, not Barnes and Noble. We must pay for shipping as well as pay employees to check in, process, order, ring up, and return the unsold books. Little by little our profits diminish. Our overhead costs must be covered which ends up giving Barnes and Noble an approximate profit margin of 5%. A percentage goes to the University, which in turn pays the salaries of people like Hugh Mulligan, manager of Auxiliary Services. What are Auxiliary Services anyway, don't they usually march in Memorial Day Parades?

Another matter that apparently still needs explaining is our "buyback" policy. Can we ask you what are we suppose to do with your used books after we buy them back? We have absolutely no use for your books unless they are being used for a course the following semester. If professors' book orders would arrive before our buy-

back season starts, we would know which books we could pay half price for. We usually will pay a percentage of the book price for books which are not being used the following semester. Some people perceive these prices as being unfair. How much money does Macy's give you when you are done wearing your spring wardrobe?

Speaking of wardrobes, Barnes and Noble carries one of the largest and best selections of clothing of any college bookstore in New York. Take a look at our labels; They say "Champion." If you want high quality you have to expect to pay for it.

We are not the "University Bookstore", we are Barnes and Noble Number 724. The University does not do anything to assist us in our day to day operation. They only stand by and collect a portion of our profits. It seems the University is collecting money from all over yet they never have any. If the University wants us to lower textbook prices then let them give up their share of Barnes and Noble profits.

In the spirit of free enterprise we invite you- Ray Grassing to open a student run bookstore. First we must tell you that many before you have tried and failed. It is not a simple business.

Barnes and Noble is not a non-profit organization. It is a corporation whose main objective is to make a profit. Our bookstore is run by an exceptionally qualified and hardworking staff. We know our business. Unlike you Mr. Mulligan, we earn our paychecks.

(The writers are employees of Barnes and Noble Bookstore)

Grad Students Need More

By Byeong Soo Oh

We, the graduate students, have something to tell you, the officials, who have power nowadays.

Last year we shouted to raise our stipend and to reduce the rent fee for the campus housing.

Last year you increased our stipend a little but you also imposed tax which did not exist before.

You raised the rent fee of our room last year and you are going to raise it this year also.

How about next year?

YOU GIVE US A LITTLE MONEY AND TAKE IT BACK AS RENT.

What is your positive reaction to our shout?

Please listen to us sincerely.

We are not talking to the ears of a horse.

Please, Officials, consider your toddler's day and reconsider our situation.

We are doing a very important job and should be treated properly.

For whom do we study all day and almost all night?

Ask anybody if there is even a single graduate student who does not

study all day and almost all night.

Let's suppose we work like this just out side this university with our education background.

How could we be hungry?

We give you more than what we receive.

We contribute greatly to the society.

Learning is also a job.

Who can succeed your greatly achieved study if we do not learn?

If you don't support it, who will go for further studies? Nobody will want to be a graduate student.

If we do not exist, then who can do the important research for the future important task?

We are doing the deepest research and the widest education.

We are continuing to do your research and to educate your successors.

If we do not exist,

who can educate the future leaders of this country?

We are teaching your sons and daughters.

Everybody knows graduate students are independent of their parents financially.

We need to get married.

We need to support our family just like you do.

We need a car and usually have to buy old ones.

We have to spend a lot of money to fix old cars.

We have to buy very expensive books which you do not buy.

You take vacations and long trips for amusement, but we cannot go anywhere because of the lack of money and time.

We are not slaves or machines.

We are also human beings like you.

We should eat and sleep like you.

We need extra jobs to stay alive.

But we do not have time to do them.

The system of half T.A. and 1/3 T.A. should not exist. It severely deprives our labor force.

You give a little money, and then take it back as a tuition. Ask us whether we like the job.

We are doing our job only with a little hope to become a full T.A. in the next semester,

even though the stipend of the full T.A. is a small

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LETTERS

Strive to Secure Safety

To the Editor:

As residents of O'Neill E-1, we strongly believe the security on campus, and especially in the resident halls must be improved. This past weekend, 3/25 - 3/27, a suspicious looking man believed to have been carrying a weapon was seen lurking in the halls, knocking on female residents doors and looking into the bathrooms of O'Neill College. There are public safety officers posted at each campus entrance after midnight to safeguard against unwelcomed visitors. Visitors are required to enter through their main door of the resident halls and check in with public safety, yet this peculiar looking man got through ... **WHY?**

If proper procedures were followed, the invader's identity should have been known. Public Safety was phoned twice, but the intruder was not found. Later that same evening he was seen in Ammann. Luckily, to our knowledge no one was physically harmed.

If the Administration is truly concerned with the safety and protection of the campus population, measures must be taken immediately to ensure the strict enforcement of the existing policies or perhaps amend them for the betterment of all. The biggest change includes the cooperation of the administration and the students to work together. The administration must allocate funds to add locks on all first floor and basement windows and doors. This includes End Hall Lounges, laundry rooms and exterior doors. Administration must also be prepared to send locksmiths out to buildings that report broken locks immediately, regardless of the number of times the lock has been broken. The safety of hundreds of students is far more important than punishing the building and hall by refusing to fix the doors.

Students must also stop propping doors open for friends from other buildings. The students must learn that propped doors might save their friends time, but it also opens the opportunity for unwanted guests to enter the building. Students need to stop harassing student public safety officers when they are entering the building. The residents should have their ID cards and keys nearby to avoid hassles. The student public safety officers are at the desk to make our lives safer. Let's help them help us instead of hurting ourselves any further.

Administration and the residents working together to change the security problems is the only way to re-instate the doctrine of safety first.

Residents of O'Neill E-1

Respect Public Safety

To the Editor:

About 4 p.m. on March 31st, I returned from the Student Union to my car, only to discover that I had locked my keys inside. I looked around and spotted a Public Safety Officer parked opposite the G-Quad pit. I approached him and asked him if he had a slim jim and would

attempt to open my car door. He said he had one in his personal car, but he had a call right now to attend to and he didn't have time to go and retrieve it. He said that I should call Public Safety and ask them if anyone else had access to one. If no one had one, he would back and help me.

Well, nobody else in Public Safety had a slim jim so I asked them to send the original officer back to help me. About 15 minutes later he returned. He had gone back to his car to get the slim jim and proceeded to help me in getting into my car.

Who was this officer? The same one in Sandy Marciari's April 7th mercurial tirade, Officer Hellman, shield number 464. Perhaps the differences in Officer Hellman's attitudes was the attitude/ tone of voice that he was approached with. If students were to respect Public Safety's role on campus the relations between students and Public Safety would be a lot smoother. I don't think that students are wrong in all instances, but if students would exercise a little restraint in their behavior a lot of confrontations could be avoided.

I wrote this letter to illustrate the Public Safety does not just assume that students are the "enemy." They are here to assist students and to maintain a peaceful atmosphere in which we can all educate ourselves. Students should examine all sides of an issue before they indiscriminantly jump on the Public Safety bashing bandwagon.

Alan. J. Livingston

Mandatory Fee A Must

To the Editor:

SCOOP (Student Co-Op), is a student-run organization on campus which gets partial funding from Polity. If you're a patron of any of our businesses (Rainy Night House, All Good Things Candy Shop, Hard Rock Cafe, Harpo's Ice Cream Parlour) or have ever used the services of SCOOP Audio Visual (at G-Fest, HSO Super Party, I-CON, SAB Tokyo Joe's, Concerts and Crazy Zachs, China Weekend, JSA/Hillel Bi-Level Party, CASB Movies, AASO Bi-Level Party, Club India Events, MSP Beat Box and Party, Building LEG Parties, Bob Marley Day, Concerts 101, LASO Semi-Formal, COCA Films, etc...) please vote that the Student Activity Fee be MANDATORY. Without it, all food services might be run by DAKAI And Audio Visual wouldn't exist!

Jenny O'Brien and other members of SCOOP, or the Stony Brook Scoopies

Unjust Appeal

To the Editor:

On July 2, 3, 7 and 8, 1987, the Stony Brook administration attempted to suppress the First Amendment rights of Tent City demonstrators, first through assault and destruction of property, and then through arrests. The administration's response to the demonstration represented an affront to the federal court system, which was in the process of ruling on the legality of Tent City at the

time of the arrests. Subsequently, Federal District Court Judge Wexler ruled that Tent City was a legal demonstration protected by the Constitution.

In recent weeks, the First District Court of Suffolk County dismissed the cases of the Tent City demonstrators. Two separate judges were involved in these cases. Once again, Constitutional rights superseded the administrations' repressive actions.

President Marburger, speaking at the last University Senate meeting, revealed that he and the folks at SUNY Central are planning to appeal these dismissals. What can the administration possibly gain through such an appeal? It seems to me that Marburger and his Albany colleagues have made the Tent City protest an issue of personal ego and pride.

Historically, people of small minds have pursued punishment and revenge rather than dialogue and progress. I invite the Stony Brook administration and SUNY Central to spend their money on improved campus housing, child care, and graduate student wages and benefits, rather than to squander it on legal fees for a pointless cause.

Christopher Murphy

Ridiculous Claim

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on a statement made by Amiri Baraka at the rally on Friday, April 8 and published by *Statesman* on Monday, April 11. Mr. Baraka is quoted as saying "There's no person that represents the African-American people as directly and completely as Jesse Jackson, make no mistake; any attack on Jesse Jackson is an attack on the African-American people."

It is my opinion that the claim "any attack on Jesse Jackson is an attack on the African-American people" is absurd! There are political reasons to be against Mr. Jackson that have absolutely nothing to do with African-American people. This claim is as ridiculous as claiming that anyone against Mario Cuomo is against Italian people, or any one against Ed Koch is against Jewish people.

Jesse Jackson is a 1988 U.S. Presidential candidate. Like all other presidential candidates, Mr. Jackson is expected to take political positions. Like all other presidential candidates, U.S. citizens are free to oppose these political positions without being accused of attacking Mr. Jackson's heritage, in this case the African-American people.

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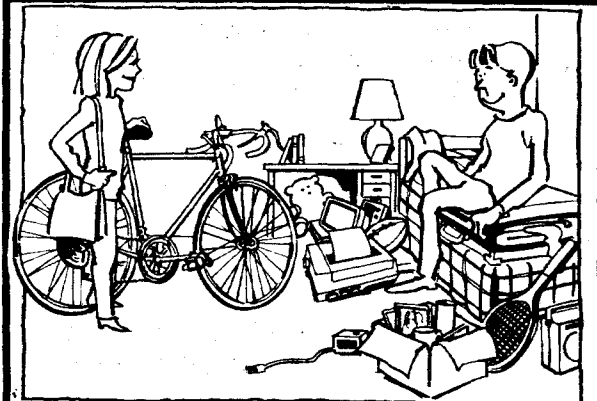
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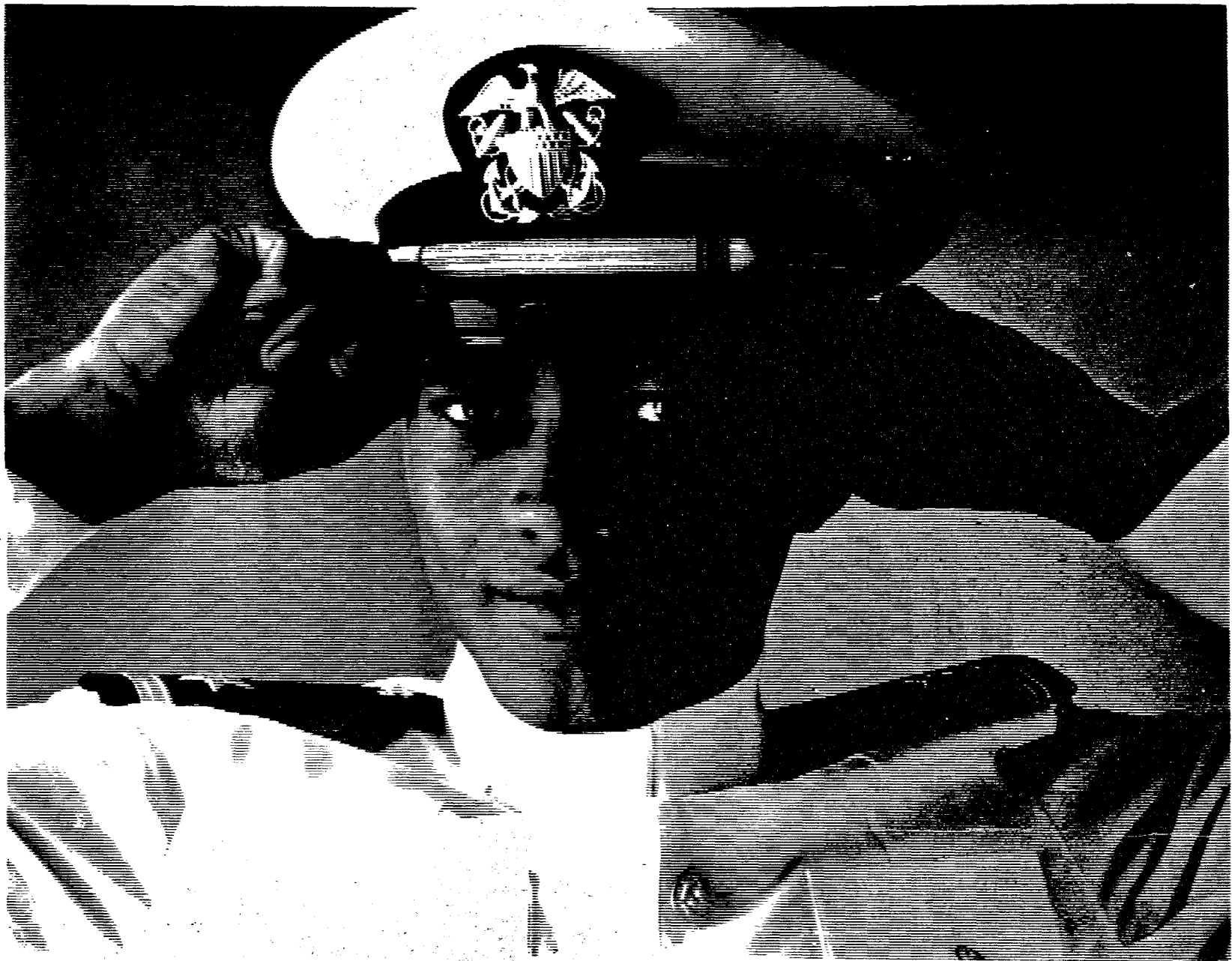
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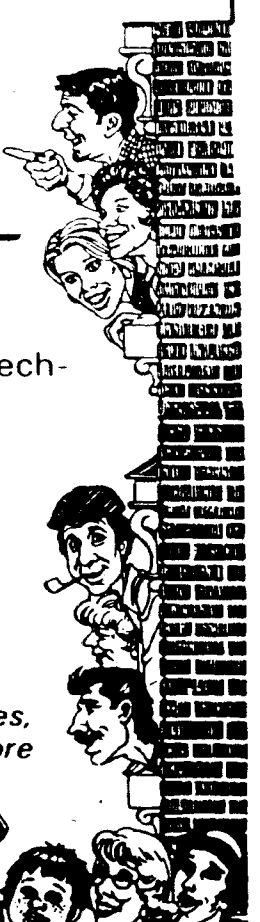
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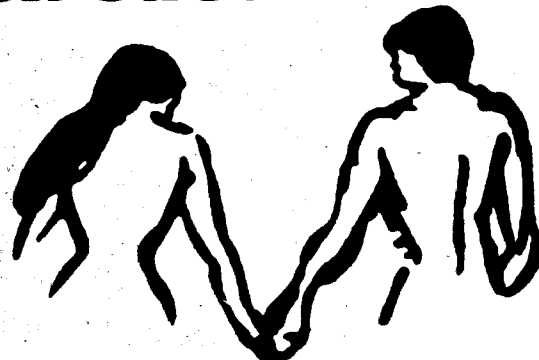
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Correction

In the April 18 issue of *Statesman*, it was reported that the Child Care Forum was in the Student Union Fire-side Lounge. The event was held in the Commuter College. The editors regret the mistake.

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Germano Leads Pats

By Kostya Kennedy

It was the kind of brilliant performance that will come along only once every fortnight. Not due to a lack of talent or ability but because of a tender elbow.

"I used to be a starting pitcher but now I have tendinitis in my elbow," says the Patriots' Bill Germano. "I haven't pitched in two or three weeks."

Germano pitched a complete game on Tuesday and defeated the United States Merchant Marine Academy Mariners by a score of 16-5. He allowed three earned runs on five hits and had nine strikeouts and one walk.

"But now I'm shot for a couple of more weeks," said Germano after the game.

Germano and his teammates were anything but shot on Tuesday. The Pats got RBI singles from Craig Cipriano and Dan Daley in the top of the first inning to go up 2-0. Brian Yellin ripped a triple to lead off the second and Freddy Martinez scored him with a sacrifice fly. Martinez also reached first when Mariner centerfielder Tom Tiefenthaler dropped the ball. Later in the inning Germano drove in Martinez with a groundout and, with a 4-0 second-inning lead, the Patriots were on their way to an easy victory.

In addition to his pitching heroics, Germano was perhaps the brightest of the many stars on the Patriot offense. He went three for four with a triple, three runs scored and six RBI's. He drove in two of those runs with a single in the fourth inning. Stony Brook took advantage of some sloppy play by the Mariner defense to tally four times in that inning, making it 8-0.

"I think that when you're pitching well it helps when you bat. If you're going well [on the mound] it helps you to relax when you're at the plate," said Germano.

It sure looked that way.

The Patriots erupted for eight runs in the sixth with a rally highlighted by Daley's bases-loaded triple and Don Willsey's two-run homer. USMMA scratched out a run in the third, scored three times in the sixth and notched single runs in the seventh and ninth. Two unearned runs came across on errors by Yellin at first base.

The Patriots won the game handily despite dressing only ten players, some of whom played out of position. Martinez, normally a pitcher, played shortstop. Firstbaseman Willsey patrolled centerfield and catcher/outfielder Eddie Cascio played third base until he was forced to leave the game with a groin pull. Then DH/OF Cipriano covered third and freshman pitcher Jack Jamison went to left field.

"We only had ten guys come out because a lot of guys had classes and labs," said Cascio, who had three hits in the game. "We did really well considering [the circumstances]. A lot of players were out of position and they played well."

The Patriots are 4-6 in Knickerbocker Conference games. They are 5-17 overall and have won three of their past five games.



Tom Blumbergs (left).

Blumbergs is an All-Star

Patriot Basketball center Tom Blumbergs is pictured above at the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Awards dinner on Tuesday night. The dinner was held at the Meadowlands and consisted of prime ribs and vegetables.

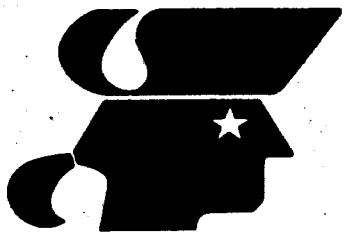
Blumbergs was named to the All-Met Division III team by area basketball writers. In the 1987-88 season, he led the Patriots in scoring with a 20.6 point per game average and was their leading rebounder, averaging 11.5 a contest. Blumbergs, a Smithtown native, also hit 62.7% of his foul shots as the Pats made it to the ECAC Metro Tournament semifinals.

Correction

A baseball photo of Craig Cipriano appeared in the last issue of *Statesman*. The photo caption erroneously referred to him as the Patriots Robert Burden. Cipriano is one of the Pats co-captains and is battling .324 with a team-leading 14 RBI's.

Statesman Patriot Athlete Of the Week

Baseball co-captain Craig "Crack" Cipriano earned *Statesman Patriot Athlete of the Week* honors for the week ending April 17. In four games, Cipriano batted .611 and drove in seven runs as the Pats went 2-2. Cipriano had six hits in seven times to the plate and the game-winning RBI in the Patriots' 25-9 rout of Queens. Crack, a five-foot-eight-inch senior from Brooklyn, was also named the Knickerbocker Conference Player of the Week for his outstanding play.



Devils Look to Keep Right on Rolling

By Robert Abrams

After defeating the four-time Stanley Cup Champion New York Islanders, the New Jersey Devils are playing another division rival, the Washington Capitals. Despite a lackluster first game by the Devils in which the Caps won 3-1, the Devils seem to be destined for greatness to go on to the next round.

Last year, the Devils were cellar-dwellers with bad coaching, no defense, very little offense and a lot of friction among teammates. Prior to the 1987-88 season, the Devils had never made the playoffs and when they finally made it, they had to play against the division's best, the Islanders. The Devils were not expected to win but did by just out-playing the Isles in their best of seven series. The Devils ended the season by winning the majority of their last ten games which built their confidence greatly. So, when it came time to play the Islanders, the Devils had progressed so much that the Isles weren't prepared and never took the Devils seriously.

Now, the Devils are seriously in contention for the Wales Conference title. Devils' goalie Sean Burke is the key to the Devils success. He won three of five games with a 2.99 goals against average and a .902 save percentage vs. the Islanders. On defense, Joe Cirella and Randy Velischek of the Devils were effective in penalty-killing situations and will be doing the same vs. the Caps. Bruce Driver is the only offensive-minded defenseman and he can score at will if given the opportunity.

The Caps' 34-year-old goaltender Pete Peeters (4-2, 3.11, .898 in first round) has the

experience in net but also the aches and pains of a veteran. Since he has trouble moving laterally, he could be embarrassed by the Devils effective and quick cross-crease passing that ended up as a goal a few times vs. the Islanders. The Devils' only disadvantage is the Caps' stronger defense. Scott Stevens and Larry Murphy are excellent defensemen who get more than their share of goals. Stevens is an intimidator on the ice and could be in many fights with Devils' forward Pat Verbeek, another brawler.

Speaking of forwards, the Devils' main three, Aaron Broten, Verbeek and Kirk Muller, go against the Caps' Kelly Miller, Mike Ridley and Mike Gartner. The Devils need their three to make themselves known early, unlike against the Isles when they weren't heard from until Game Five. Defenseman Brendan Shanahan, who did excellent defensive work vs. the Isles, will keep the Caps awake by letting them know that no weak lines exist on the Devils' defense.

The teas' power plays and penalty-killing situations cancel each other out. Statistically the Devils (23.3% vs. the Isles) were better on the man advantage than the Caps (17%). Driver and Murphy are the offensive weapons on defense and it should be interesting to see what develops concerning them.

The Devils won the last regular season meeting between the two teams and hoped that their good luck would continue in Game One. But the Caps, who had two less off-days than the Devils before the series, won the game.