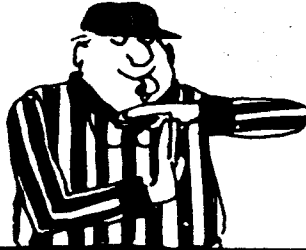




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Protesters for and against abortion march in Washington D.C. on Sunday.

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O'Neill Bullet



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Bullet hole in the base of a refrigerator in the room of an O'Neill resident.

Washington Pro-Choice Rally

SB Student Reaction

By Marianne Corrigan

"I am woman hear me roar in numbers too big to ignore," sang Helen Reddy to an estimated 300,000 women, men and children in Washington D.C. on November 12 to rally for Pro-Choice. "We will never go back," said Molly Yard, president of the National organization for Women. Speakers at the rally made a promise to the young women present from colleges and high schools across the nation: "We will do everything we can, even if we go to jail, to preserve your reproductive freedom."

But President Bush's vetoes and the Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling on July third, serve to restrict women from having access to legal abortions. And Right to life protesters on the
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Rallyers Stress Politics

By Coney Cinco

Tens of thousands of people gathered for the Pro-Choice rally in Washington D.C., last Sunday. Two buses arranged by Polity and the Graduate Student Organization departed from the Student Union late Saturday night carrying more than 200 Stony Brook students to the protest.

Similar Pro-Choice rallies were held in 150 cities across the nation Sunday along with the one in Washington for Pro-Choice supporters to celebrate the November victories of Pro-Choice candidates and to increase support for the future, according to participants.

"We will not go back," was the chant aimed at President George Bush by Molly Yard, the president of the National
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Polity Puts Coke Ban on Referendum

By Leonard Belton

The Polity Senate, voted to temporarily suspend last week's formal request to Faculty Student Association to ban the sale of Coke on campus at last night's Senate meeting. The suspension will be in effect until students and senators are educated more extensively on the issue.

"I felt last week's decision [to urge FSA to ban Coke] was made hastily," Vice President Dan Slepian explained. Slepian cited that the senators did not have enough information to render an appropriate decision.

The senate voted also, by a 23 to 7 margin, to put the Coke issue to a campus-wide referendum, a decision supported by the student group, Rightfully Opposed to Apartheid and Racism

According to a ROAR spokesperson, "a referendum would hopefully promote a more probable decision from FSA to ban the sale of Coca-Cola products from this campus.

The senate also discussed the possibility of a Coca-Cola subcommittee composed of pro and anti-coke factions. The suggestion was made by senators who want Coke to remain

on campus and felt that their sentiments were not being expressed accurately.

"If this committee is to work we must shun inept, pseudo-intellec[t]s like Larry Gillick so that they will not distort our[pro-coker's] argument," said one senator.

Before the conclusion of the meeting, Hatian Student Organization students told the senate of a racial comment directed towards them by a building security guard. According to HSO chairman, Lydia Coicou, club members were having their usual meeting in the Social Behavioral Science building. The security guard questioned their right to be there and "obnoxiously" asked for identification, she said.

HSO members refused to comply to the guard's request "because he could have been a little more polite." When a member asked him why was he so rude, the guard replied 'do you expect me to answer you niggers, then he proceeded to throw a chair toward a group member', she said.

Sue Reisling, associate director of Public Safety, said an investigation into this matter will begin immediately.

By John Santiago

"If I were studying, I would've been dead," said Jayson Zellman, reclining on his loft bed, still groggy from the nap that was just interrupted by the intruder with the camera and notepad. Last Friday, a bullet fired from what police and Public Safety believe was a high-powered rifle, tore through the window of Zellman's room in O'Neill College, and continued through a refrigerator and hot pot before it embedded itself in a wall.

Zellman's desk was right in the middle of the bullet's trajectory, between the window and the refrigerator. At the time, Zellman was somewhere else.

Barry Liebowitz, Zellman's roommate, was sleeping when the incident occurred at about 6:45 p.m. "I didn't hear the bullet," said Liebowitz. "What I heard was the hot pot fall to the floor."

Liebowitz said he got up, placed the hot pot, which was in a box, back on its spot beside the refrigerator, and went back to bed.

Liebowitz said he did not notice the hole in the window until about 45 minutes later, after he stepped out to buy a sandwich at the deli and returned to the room. He and Zellman then examined the room and found the holes in the refrigerator, hot pot, and wall.

They called Public Safety and reported the incident, and during the interim before the arrival of the officers, they inquired if anyone in the building saw anything. The most they could get was that some residents heard the shot and thought it was just a car back-firing, said Liebowitz.

Once Public Safety officer arrived at the scene, they notified Suffolk County police, said Sue Riseling, associate director of Public Safety.

The police then removed the bullet from the wall to have
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Choice Politics

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Organization for Women, who led the crowd in the first chant of the day. The crowd consisted mainly of college students from the east coast and a few from as far away as California. Most carried banners with slogans like "Women's Right to Choose," "Keep abortion legal." But, there were representatives from other sectors of the population. One grandmother carried a sign, "Grandmother for choice."

A recurrent issue throughout the day's Pro-Choice speeches was that of the power elected officials have on this issue and the importance of keeping choice candidates in office. Speakers predicted that the issue of abortion will determine whether a running candidate will win or lose in the 1990's. Among the speakers was New York City Mayor David Dinkins, who spoke briefly stating his support for Pro-Choice.

The opposition was present at the protest as well. A pro-life group called the American Coalition for Life built a symbolic graveyard to represent the number of abortions they estimate occurs daily. There was also a small number of counterdemonstrators at the edges of the rally voicing their views. There was no violence throughout the day.

Participants in the rally from Stony Brook said the trip to Washington was worth it. "I'm glad I had a chance to go. I've never had the chance to join this many people for a cause. Besides that I enjoyed the day."

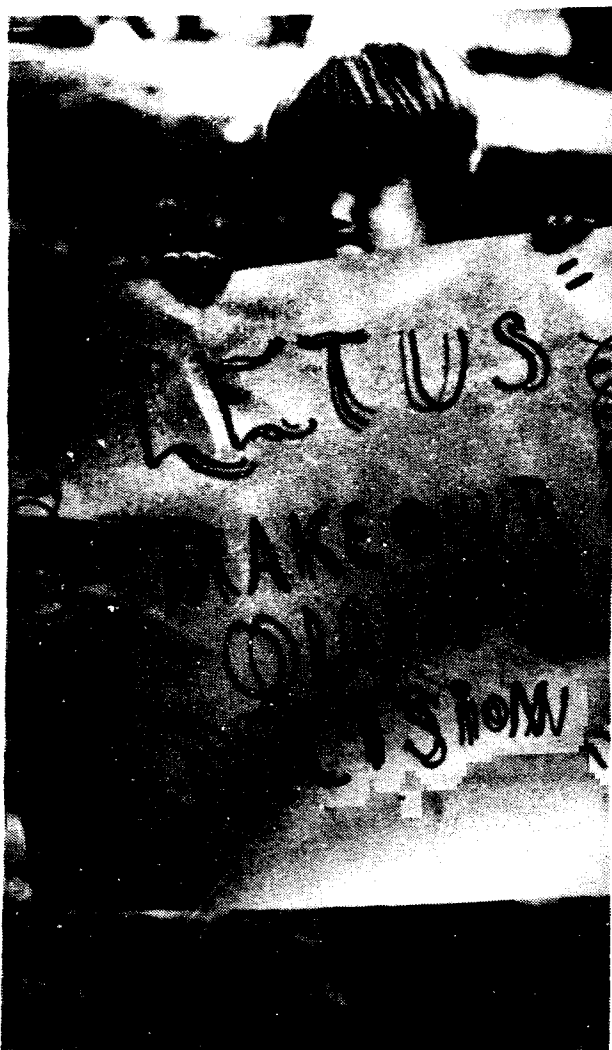
A Bullet Found

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a ballistics test run on it, said Riseling. The bullet was so deformed that police were unable to determine what type it was, Riseling said.

"After a bullet goes through objects, it becomes disfigured and its shape is altered," said Riseling. "In this case, all that was left was big blob of lead."

Police and Public Safety are speculating that the bullet was fired from a high-powered rifle, but won't know for certain until the result of the ballistics test are in, said Riseling. Police have no suspects and are continuing an investigation into the incident.



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Youngster holds a protest sign at Washington rally.

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Kidney Disease

By Man-Nor Yu

There are certain warning signs and high risk groups to be aware of concerning kidney disease. These signs can't be ignored or the results can have far reaching effects on many areas of the life of the kidney disease sufferer.

"If you are black and have not had a check-up, run to the nearest doctor and get your blood pressure checked," said Dr. Felix Rapaport, a nationally-known transplant surgeon who is also the chairman of surgery at the University Hospital at Stony Brook. "You will save yourself a lot of trouble."

One post kidney failure patient, Randolph Manning spoke on the realities of living life with kidney disease: "One minute I was fine, and the next minute I received phone calls from three doctors telling me that I should check myself into the hospital. The doctors said the result of my blood work was so bad that I could go into a coma at any time. Before I knew it, I was on dialysis."

Manning a 41 year-old black man of Poquott, suffered from hypertension, or high blood pressure, four years ago. Within one month, his kidneys failed.

"A person on dialysis is like having a part-time job without being paid, and a job you can't miss," said Manning who was on dialysis for almost three years before he received a donor kidney a year ago.

Manning explained the extreme fatigue and other problems that often accompany kidney disease. "Even lifting a hand over your head for a few seconds is a chore," said Manning. "Everything is not the same. Your skin tone, taste buds, and the ability to smell, it all changes. Your entire digestive system and metabolism also change. Your body begins to burn muscle instead of burning fats."

"It's not as though you can't do anything, it's your proficiency that is affected. I have to pace myself and catch my breath every few minutes. I have to do things in chunks."

Blacks in particular are at high risk of kidney disease stemming from high blood pressure. The ratio of black sufferers of kidney disease to white is 4:1 according to the National Kidney Foundation

Treatment on dialysis and recovery after a transplant was successful for Manning, but for most blacks, kidney disease caused mainly by high blood pressure remains the highest incidence in the nation.

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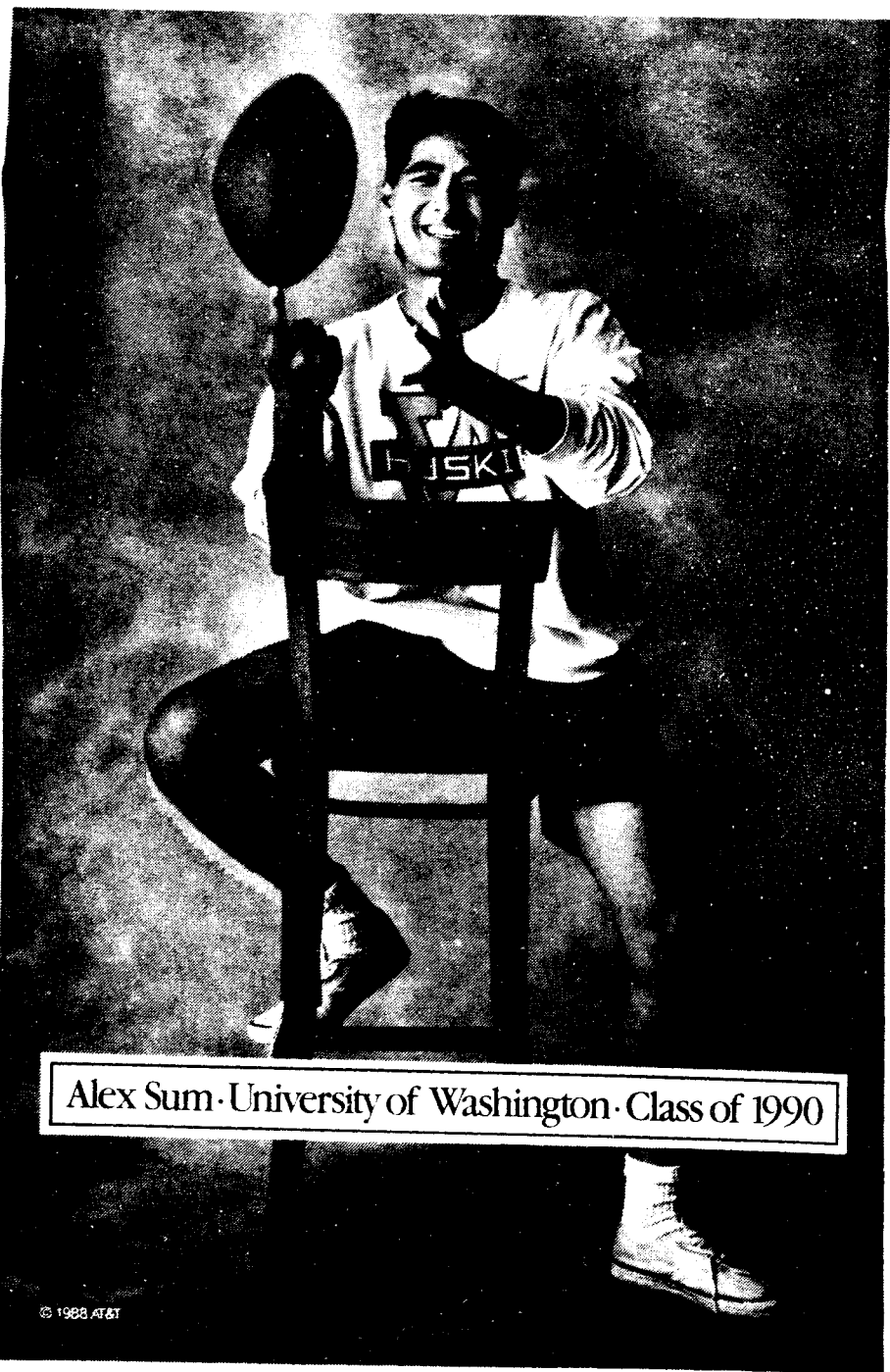
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Ideologies Clash Over The Abortion Issue

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fringes of the rally Sunday shared the government's sentiment shouting "Murderers" to the Pro-Choice activists.

And the State University of New York at Stony Brook echoes the voices of the nation, both Pro-Choice and Right to Life.

"The most important thing people have to realize is it's Pro-Choice, not Pro-Abortion," said Karen Williams, a senior. "The right to choose is an individual's right. I think having a child is a wonderful thing. I'm not trying to take it away from anybody. I hold a very high value on life."

"Abortion itself is violent," Dan Romanelli, a 19-year-old Right to Life activist, said. "They're protecting a violent act."

Some Right to Life activists "are violent people," Williams said of certain groups bombing abortion clinics. "It's a contradiction in terms."

Romanelli said he would not participate in bombing abortion clinics. He said of radical Right To Life Activists "There are people out there who think they're saving a life. If that's their thinking, you have to understand even if you disagree."

On September 20 there was a meeting to organize the Pro-Choice rally September 28. And Williams was there. "These gentlemen showed up...They were disruptive. They had to be removed by Public Safety."

Romanelli and two of his friends, Dan Zic and John Wallace, attended the meeting. Romanelli said that Zic "did the ripping up of papers and the erasing of the board." Public Safety asked them to leave. And the three students had to have a conference with Gary Mis, the director of Student Activities. "Nothing really came of it."

"Stony Brook suffers from a tremendous amount of apathy. People walk around with blinders on," Williams said. "People never get involved until it affects them directly. A lot of women aren't even aware of the right that is being taken away from them - their right to choose."

Romanelli said being a Right to Life Activist is teaching people to respect life. "I want to reach women. Abortion should not be included as one of their rights. It's not an attack on women. Abortion is the murder of a fetus. I see them as murderers just as a man who gives money is an accomplice. After conception it's a life."

Maxine Douglas, chair of the Women's Caucus for the Student Association of State University, said, "You can't give

rights to anything that doesn't exist." She noted that biology classes teach that a fertilized egg is an embryo. "You can't make a contract with something that is not a rational being. Try asking a fetus if you are taking its right away." If the government wants to protect the rights of a fetus then it has to give pregnant women two votes - one for her and one for the embryo, she said.

Williams, the vice chair on the Center for Womyn's Concerns, said she became active in women's issues two years ago. "I think I finally realized just what sad shape women are in. I suffer from double oppression. I'm a woman and I'm gay. If they can tell women they have no right to choose, they can tell me I can be jailed for what I'm doing. They start out with one group and take their rights away and go to another group and it just continues."

"Pro-Abortionists are adamant," Romanelli, a sophomore, said. "Pro-Life is protecting people. It makes me sound anti-women, but I'm not. The choice must come before conception. About 37 percent of the women who have abortions are having it more than once. A fetus is not an appendix or a bad tooth you can rip out."

"Getting an abortion is a very difficult decision for any woman to make," Douglas said. "It's a myth" that women carelessly terminate pregnancies.

Romanelli agrees that any laws banning abortion should contain a loophole for women who have medical complications during birth and also women who are victims of incest or rape. "I wouldn't be able to tell a woman to keep a baby if she was raped."

But Paul Hilbert, a senior, said, "Rape is the crime. If a woman is impregnated it is not resolved by removing a fetus. It's not the fetus's fault. It is transferring hate onto the fetus."

"It's not just a woman's choice," Hilbert said. "It's stretching choice a bit far. It's not just her body. The fetus is carrying the genes of both parents."

"Is the fetus a person?" Douglas asked. "It is a philosophical question which will never be resolved." Right to Life supporters are providing their own definitions, she said. "Until we can define what a fetus is we can't personify it. A fetus is a different entity."

Bush vetoes the Hyde Amendment which would provide low-income women with the means to have abortions in cases of incest or rape, Douglas said. "One in five women are

either sexually harassed or raped before age 18. That's of reported cases. Half the people won't even report they were sexually harassed."

Minors need permission of a biological parent to have an abortion, Douglas said. "They're old enough to have sex, to be convicted of crimes, but not to get an abortion. The law is so inconsistent."

Robin Shin, a senior, said, "If we can't control our bodies we can't control our lives. The rights we have are taken away so we have to fight for the rights we already have rather than push for new rights."

But not all people agree that abortion alone is a solution. "If everyone made the choice before conception the cases would be few and far between," said Fran, 46, a resident in the community who prefers not to be identified. With all of the available forms of birth control, most over 90 percent effective, she said, "If all people used birth control, then abortion would be a different issue."

But, for poor women the choice is not that easy, Douglas said. "Condoms, the most widely used form of birth control, are expensive. When a woman has a choice between contraceptives or food she has no money to buy condoms."

"People who are Pro-Life should try to understand Pro-Choice," Douglas said. "The should see both sides of the story and then decide. Any educated and rational person would do that. We get so caught up in our own morals that we forget about others."

Hilbert is against keeping abortion legal. "Fewer women will do it if it's not illegal," he said. "Why make it easier? Easier and safer is not a solution."

Romanelli admits "it would take a change, a redistribution of funds" to help all pregnant women with their unwanted babies. "But all the help available is not being used."

The Supreme Court's ruling to give the power of legalizing abortion back to the states is in essence "taking a right away they gave us," Douglas said. Right to Life activists must consider the lesson already learned through America's history: "Thousands of women will die."

Pro-Choice supporters erected a temporary memorial near the Washington Monument for the women who have died from illegal or self-induced abortions. And Right to Life supporters built a mock cemetery next to the Lincoln Memorial symbolizing aborted fetuses.

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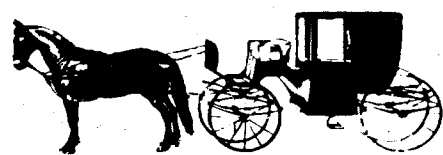
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Bush Faltering On Environmental Policies

Although scientists are warning of the dangers of the greenhouse effect growing stronger, and people are becoming more concerned and willing to change their current lifestyles to help protect the environment, the Bush Administration continues to actively side-step environmental issues.

Last week, environmental ministers from 68 countries met in the Netherlands and agreed to address the issue of carbon dioxide emissions. The United States was represented. Many countries wanted to leave the Netherlands having agreed to make concrete limitations on emissions. The United States was the party there that prevented any emissions goals from being set. So glad we made that meeting. Now, the United States government is not only not embracing environmental protection issues within its own domain, but also helping slow the world from acting on these pressing topics as well.

But, the United States was not the only country happy to see the Earth's warming up

on the back burner. According to *The New York Times*, Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher also agrees with President George Bush and his posse that testing should continue and countries should deal with greenhouse gas emissions in the United Nations. Also among the countries that advocate a less aggressive stance on controlling carbon dioxide emissions are Japan and the Soviet Union. There is no reason to wait. Testing results continue to come in and they are -- if anything -- pointing to a greater and faster damage of the Earth's atmosphere than previous results showed.

The emerging popular belief among scientists is that the changing climate will create a problem even if we do start lowering emissions immediately. An article in this month's publication of *Garbage, The Practical Journal for the Environment*, reports that the average temperature of the Earth will increase three to nine degrees within the next century if greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, chlorofluorocarbons, nitrous oxide and carbon monoxide are not severely limited right away. To put this seemingly small temperature increase in perspective, the Earth's average temperature has risen only nine degrees since it was covered by a glacier during the last ice age.

The countries that sense the need for immediate action are on the right track. It will take some powerful incentives and decisive action on the part of world governments together to decrease the emissions of such gases as carbon dioxide and chlorofluorocarbons emitted by such common entities as cars, refrigerators, heaters and air conditioners. Almost every household contains at least one of all of these items.

The United States should especially be concerned about its part in solving the emissions

of greenhouse gases, since it is the single highest carbon dioxide emitting country in the world. The United States could go a long way in cutting back the amount of these gases it emits by promoting energy conservation. The United States is half as energy efficient as other major industrial powers Germany and Japan.

In order for the citizens of this country to conserve energy and reduce dangerous gas emissions, they must change their way of thinking and their way of life. Although more accepting in times passed, people will have to have a reason to buy the car with the higher gas mileage and make their homes more energy efficient. The government has the power to put these incentives in place.

The administrations of the 1970's were effective in increasing energy conservation in this country during the oil crisis. It can be done again. But, President Bush will have to change his stance. If he will not even set emission standards, what hope do we have?

The people will have to demand that standards be set and laws be put on the books to protect our future. President Bush should be pressured into fulfilling his campaign promise of signing major environmental protection documents. The environmentalists that are criticizing him now should keep it up.

A few people here and there buying consciously and becoming energy efficient won't save the world, but it can't hurt. The ultimate responsibility, however, is in the hands of the government to make those items that are kinder to the environment more economically attractive, because that is how to persuade people to help save the environment. People should be conscious of the items they buy and try to obtain those that are kinder to the environment.

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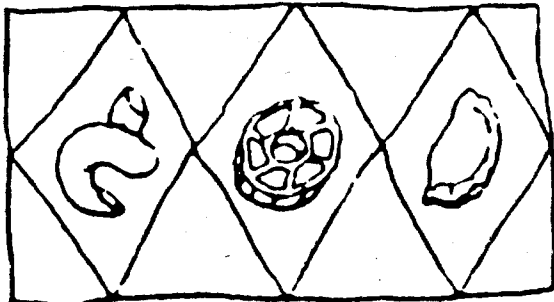
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Reviewed by Sunjit Chawla

Right in the heart of Stony Brook lies a little Italy by the name of Pasta Viola. Instead of driving to the ends of the Earth to find a nice, quaint restaurant, just drive into the Village Center and bring your appetite. Although it may be a bit tricky to find, it will well be worth the

search. The prices there are for a more sophisticated palate, but not significantly out of reach for the student.

Popular dishes there are Pasta Viola, Radiatore with Chicken Chunks, and Violet Linguine. The Pasta Viola is fettucine with shrimp, wild mushrooms and sun-dried tomatoes served in a bowl. Again, make sure you have

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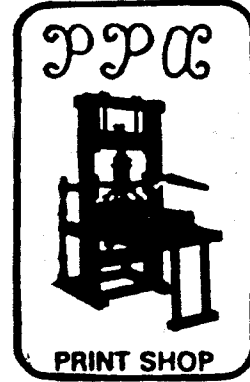
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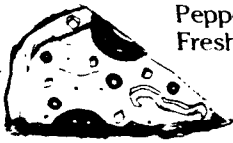
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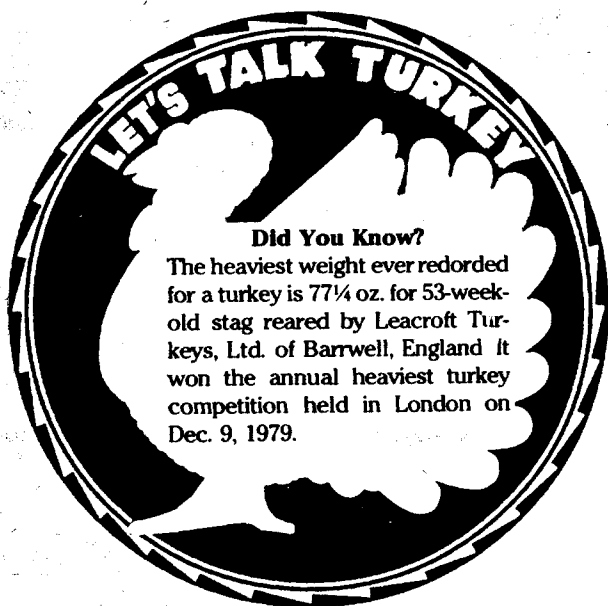
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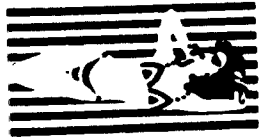
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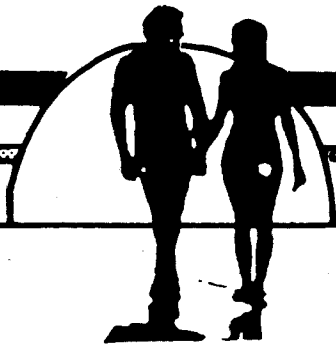
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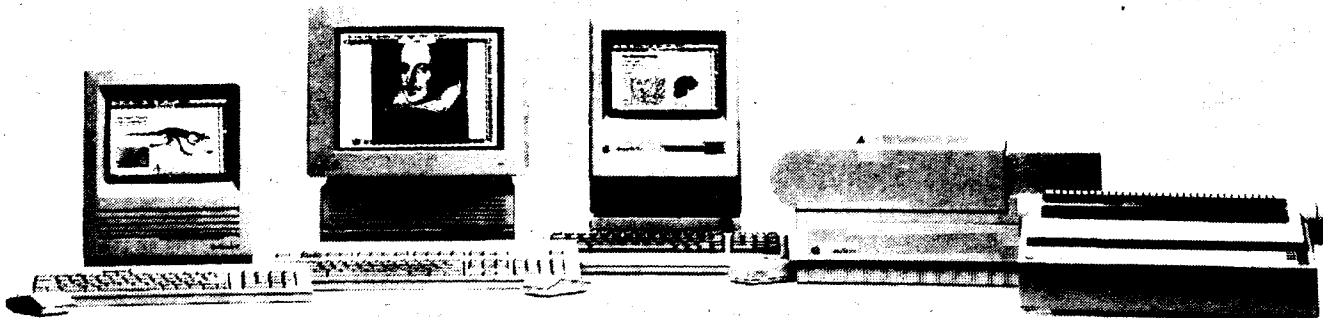
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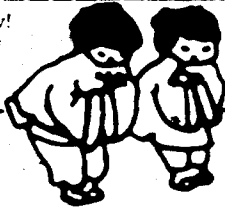
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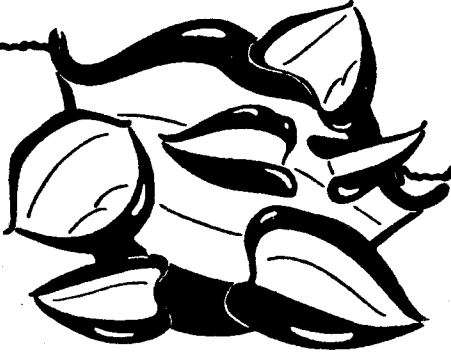
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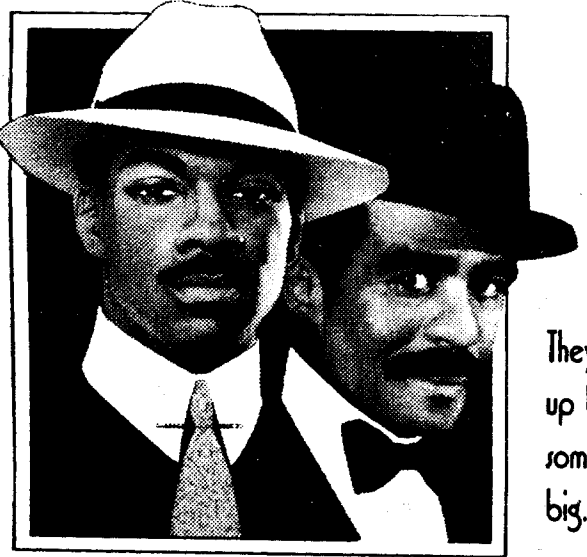
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Debate Over Gun Control Laws Continues

By Christopher Alario

This is in response to Scott Staub's letter of Oct. 26 in reply to my letter of Oct. 12 on the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms.

First, I must reiterate: The purpose of the Second Amendment is not to safeguard the firearms of hunters. Its purpose is to ensure that the state shall not have a monopoly on the instruments of coercive force, that citizens have the right to the means to defend themselves against violence done to them by other individuals or by the state, should it come to that. Mr. Staub repeatedly ignores this most central point of my letter, saying: hunters this.... or hunters that.... Well Mr. Staub, this is not about hunter's rights. It is about "the right of the people..."

Perhaps I should remind you that the famous "shot heard round the world" occurred when the colonists rose in defense of their armory in Lexington, which the Redcoats were intent on seizing. But more on this later.

I see that Mr. Staub resurrects the old media-created myth of "cop-killing bullets," calling the killing of police officers, "the greatest of good old American pastimes." These bullets, called KTW bullets, were designed to penetrate the engine block of a motor vehicle, enabling a police officer to disable the same with his .38 service revolver. The problem that the National Rifle Association had with their banning involved the loose wording of the legislation -- such legislation would have banned almost all rifle cartridges, as many of them can go through any bulletproof vest made. In fact, the .30-06, the most popular hunting round in America today, is capable of going through over half an inch of steel plate with enough energy left over to kill. Furthermore, no police officer has ever been shot at with KTW bullets; in fact, these bullets have never even been involved in the commission of a crime. This is a media-hyped non-issue.

As for Mr. Staub's blatantly false statement that the NRA only represents the interests of gun manufacturers -- please. The NRA is made up of three million American citizens. It is dedicated to the promotion of civilian marksmanship, the purpose for which it was first organized (remember, "A nation of Riflemen"?) and to the protection of those fundamental liberties to keep and bear arms shared by all American citizens. To make such a statement is to ignore the facts: Shortly after this "assault rifle" hysteria started, Colt Industries voluntarily pulled their most popular firearm, the AR-15, from the civilian market. Other gun manufacturers took similar actions. Not even the national news media, which has been notorious for distortions on this issue, has made or even suggested such a ridiculous assertion. This is the equivalent of saying that pro-choice organizations only represent the interests of doctors -- who perform abortions. Now who has been "distorting and exaggerating important issues for their own selfish gain?"

As far as the use of firearms in the commission of crime is concerned, a comparison of the FBI's Uniform Crime Report for 1988 with that of 1980 shows that overall violent crime rose 7% while firearm-related violence fell 10%. The domestic homicide rate (i.e., "crimes of passion"), dropped 19% -- its lowest in more than 25 years. There was also a 30% decline in homicides involving rifles.

In fact, of the 20,675 murders committed in 1988, only 6% involved the use of shotguns and 4% that of rifles (all kinds). Elsewhere, the FBI reports that military-style semi-automatics are involved in less than 1% of the nation's homicides. By comparison, homicides using cutting or stabbing instruments were at 19% and those from blunt objects 6%. In Chicago, more people were murdered using baseball bats than rifles; I guess they go next.

The only thing banning these modern rifles is going to do, other than endorsing the patently unconstitutional principle of prior restraint, is to make criminals of the 20 million law abiding citizens who own them. Criminals who have no respect for law to begin with will always be able to obtain them illegally (as are most guns used in crime now).

Where do the police stand on this issue? Well according to a poll of its members recently conducted by the National Association of Chiefs of Police: "More than 90% believe that the banning of handguns, shotguns, or rifles will not reduce the ability of criminals to obtain them. 90% agree that criminals get these firearms from illegal sources and 86% agree that law-abiding citizens should own their own rifles, shotguns, and handguns for emergencies -- national or individual."

Stiffer penalties with no parole, eliminating plea-bargaining, these solutions are "slightly flawed"? If prison overcrowding is a problem then you build more prisons. If the courts are a mess then you try to fix them. Or does your commitment to the "War on Drugs" only go so far as to the deprivation of the rights of citizens (a simplistic quick-fix that won't work anyway) and not to a serious long-term commitment of tax dollars?

Mr. Staub says what disturbed him the most about my letter was the connection I made between gun control and racism. Well Mr. Staub, it is good that you are disturbed about this -- so am I. Let's take your astute analysis of my assertion one

logical step further. You conclude, "So to me, it only makes sense to put more effort on control where there are the most cases of misuse. As far as I see it, that means the inner cities and not the Hamptons." Okay, got that. Now the vast majority of people in the Hamptons are rich and white... yes, I see, and most people living in inner cities are poor and black. Yes, go on. So you have less rights if you are poor, black, and underprivileged than if you are a rich, white, and privileged citizen. (There's a novel idea! We can rename it "The Bill of Privileges"). Whatever happened to equal treatment under the law? Mr. Staub, you prove my thesis.

As for your disparaging the greatness of Malcolm X, I don't believe the African-American community will agree. One has only to open one's eyes to the racist violence happening now. Perhaps you should pick up a copy of Blackworld and read it; there you will see that people of color are mad as hell and they're not going to take it anymore. "By any means necessary."

While you're at it, you might want to read up on the Revolutionary War. Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, George Mason, George Washington, Ben Franklin -- all supported the violent overthrow of a tyrannical government and the use of arms in defense of liberty. These are not great men? I guess you would call them "failed fanatics."

To have to resort to violence to defend civil liberties is a terrible thing indeed. The principles of non-violent civil disobedience are noble and worthy and should always be the first course of action. But they are nothing if not backed by the means to self-defense. To quote Patrick Henry, "Guard with jealous attention the public liberty, suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined." Or didn't you see what

New Circle K Formed

By Gina Marie Greci

There is something new here at Stony Brook and it has been a well-kept secret until now. It is a brand-new chapter of Circle K International. Circle K, along with its high school counterpart, Key Club, is sponsored by Kiwanis International, a world-wide service organization for leading professional and business people.

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For your information, the officers of the Circle K are: Marc Lesnick, president; Scott R. Rausch, vice president; Corina Galdau, secretary; Hooman Khorrarn, treasurer; Michael Attali, parliamentarian; Daniel Galdau, pro temp.; and Elena Galdau, historian. Bill Kuzmack, from Student Accounts, is the on-campus advisor for the Stony Brook chapter of Circle K.

happened to peacefully protesting unarmed Chinese students in Tiananmen Square this past summer? Mr. Staub, don't tell me I have no understanding of what civil rights are -- for I watched the 27th division of the "People's Army" make a mockery-in-blood of those civil rights.

God forbid but if that should happen here I would be armed and prepared to defend those rights -- yours and mine -- with my life. Perhaps Mr. Staub, next time you should be armed as well -- with some facts.

(The writer is a member of the National Rifle Association and of the American Civil Liberties Union.)

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Staller Catches Those Copeland Blues

By Amelia Sheldon

Whooping, hollering and stomping filled the Staller Center for the Arts Main Auditorium when Grammy winner blues guitarist Johnny Clyde Copeland followed Toby Walker, Willie Steel and The Terraplane Blues Band last Thursday night in a Stony Brook Concerts production.

It was probably just as well that less than half the seats were filled for this concert -- that left more room for dancing. A perpetual party rocked the upper level of the auditorium as rowdy folks filled several aisles soon after the music started. Another group crowded the stage clapping and encouraging the blues players to keep that rhythm humming and the guitars singing. The crowd was ready to rock from the moment they arrived.

The performers cooperated completely with the audience's wishes, as Walker, Steel and the Terraplane Blues Band gave them cause to jump to a standing ovation before Copeland even hit the stage. The partying mood continued through the concert in spite of a smattering of slower tunes and a half-hour break between performers to prepare the stage for Copeland's arrival.

The varying styles of Copeland, Walker and Steel lent a nice diversity to the evening, each one of the guitarists handling the instrument and the audience with a different flair.

Copeland's guitar seemed to sing, strain and pause on its own as the grammy-winning blues artists played to the crowd. Using the entire space the stage provided, Copeland danced up to the edge of it many times throughout the performance, reaching to touch and sing to members of the audience there. The people couldn't get enough as they yearned and stretched toward the light of Copeland's smile and the



sounds brought on by his fast moving fingers and versatile voice.

Walker retained a reserved style for most of the show, letting his guitar alone take the spotlight. He caressed and coaxed the chords from his instrument in songs like, "She Moves Me," and made the notes of a ragtime tune jump from the strings equally well in the "Cincinnati Flow Rag." But, he let loose in the song "He's Got his Mojo Going," that he sang along with Willie Steel.

Steel was more the spastic guitar player whose antics the audience loves to watch. He jumped, stretched and

cringed, tossed his head and looked like a wild man having fun. Together, Walker and Steel made a great duo, playing off the opposing style of the other, in true team effort. They got the people laughing more than once, and their story and song about the "Mississippi Mama" will be hard to forget. The two and the Terraplane Blues Band brought the crowd to their feet with "I've Got a Hip Swinging Mama Guaranteed to Pay my Rent."

Though it seemed virtually impossible, Copeland, "The Texas Twister" strengthened the connection between the audience and the stage. The sweat

that set him glistening was obviously from the lights; his performance seemed effortless. Though Copeland's first few songs seemed to promise talented, but more subdued sounds than his precursors, the song, "Nobody Loves You Like I Do," shattered that impression. The audience responded with a unified "Yeahs!" to his words as the bass thumps and guitar whines brought the crowd high. He followed the song with the challenge, "If you don't want to party then get out!"

Copeland took the audience "around the world several times" -- what he called bringing the band up to a rousing rhythm and taking them into the smooth side of the blues. During this section, Copeland demonstrated his unflinching showmanship, as he made replacing two broken guitar strings part of his act. In his last tune "Ain't Nothing Greater than a Man," Copeland has the audience singing along again, hating to see him go.

Parting wasn't so bad, for Sonny Rhodes, a veteran blues player, took the stage for a few tunes to put a perfect wrap on a night of fun. It was obvious that all the performers and the majority of the audience left the Staller Center smiling and tapping their feet.

"We were both very, very satisfied," said Ed Davis, of he and Joel Itzkowitz, the hosts of WUSE's The Blues Show who started the evening off with the introductions. Walker and another blues performer Glen Petit will be appearing live on Tuesday's blues show from 8 to 10 p.m., if any one would like to hear some more blues soon, said Davis.

Willie Steel and The Terraplane Blues Band also plays every Friday night at the Red Lion in Babylon, Davis said, adding that Steel also hosts a local blues band night at The Top of the Town in Huntington.

"Pirates Of Penzance" Is A Treasure

By Jeff Ruisi

When little boys are asked, "What are they going to be when they grow up?" the usual response will be, a fireman, a lawyer, a doctor, or perhaps a teacher. However, when little boys dream about what they would really like to be, they enter a world where no fantasy is too impossible. They are astronauts flying to Mars, cowboys galloping, on horses, through the West, and maybe even lion tamers in a circus. Little boys, at one time or another, all wanted to be evil pirates who have chests filled with gleaming treasure.

Some little boy do follow these dreams, at least in the world created by Gilbert and Sullivan. *The Pirates Of Penzance* took the stage and reality turned to stone and the magical world of make-believe took over. The pirates sang and danced in jubilant costumes as they tried to persuade the audience that the life of a pirate is not just muti-

nies and searching for buried treasure. As much as these pirates love to be bad and take charge over the lives of others, these pirates find out they will have to take on a more difficult task.

The main character Frederick, joined the band of pirates when he was just a little boy. He was accompanied by his nurse, who in the beginning, was told to have Frederick apprenticed as a pilot. The nurse mistakenly thought the word "pilot" was "pirate." Although Frederick learned the trade of a pirate and did love his work, he feels now that there is too much good in him for him to be a pirate. Therefore, at the age of twenty-one, he prepares himself to leave this merry little band.

Perhaps Frederick's wanting to leave and devoting himself to the extermination of piracy is just a part of his growing up. Is he too mature for the pirates? Does he really want to enter the real world where killing is a crime and not a

way of life? Frederick is saved, though, by love. On the island where the pirates have landed, there are eleven beautiful women who are the daughters of the Major-General Stanley.

Where there are women there are sure to be pirates. This scene was no exception. The pirates quickly seized the girls and instead of threatening them with death, they threatened them with marriage. With his quick thinking, the Major-General tells the pirates that he is an orphan and eventually they do have pity on him and they let the girls go. This is not bad for a fairy tale, but this would never happen in real life. Eventually, Frederick does fall in love with one of the girls and he believes he has finally found happiness. Unfortunately, the pirates and the nurse dislike Frederick's happiness and they deceive him by telling him he is not twenty-one and therefore, he cannot get married. On top of this, they

threaten to kill the Major-General and they want Frederick to do the killing. But like in any happy-ending story, things don't go as planned. The pirates never have their killing and instead, end up marrying the Major-General's daughters.

The storyline is a bit unrealistic, although it is very amusing. For the people who wanted swordfighting, killings, and the seeking of buried treasure, they were better off staying at home and reading "Treasure Island." *The Pirates Of Penzance* is a light-hearted musical offering comedy, and the singing and dancing of superb actors and actresses. Perhaps, one of the many wonders of being an actor or actress is being able to fulfill your childhood dreams when you are an adult. The Gilbert and Sullivan Players not only fulfilled their dreams Saturday night, they fulfilled the audience's as well.

Allen Joins Two Worlds

By Gerald McClanahan

Existential philosophy, murder, adultery, and the crassness of Hollywood are the four main topics bandied about in *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, the latest film by Woody Allen. As director, he has created two separate and distinct worlds within his film; two spheres of existence that are seamlessly linked to each other through the juxtaposition of image and metaphor.

The more serious half of the film concerns the adulterous relationship between Juda Rosenthal (played by Martin Balsam) and a flight attendant named Dolores (Angelica Huston). The relationship becomes more serious than Juda expects as Dolores begins pressing him to leave his loving and unsuspecting wife (Clare Bloom). With the help of his shady brother Jack (Jerry Ohrbach), Juda extricates himself from the grasping and irrational Dolores. His choice of action though, leaves him torn with guilt and he begins to question his own sense of morality (outlined by flashbacks detailing his strict religious upbringing).

The lighter half of *Crimes* concerns the struggles of Clifford (Woody Allen), a respected but borderline successful producer of public television documentaries. His serious struggle to produce a documentary on the life of an obscure Jewish philosopher is comically highlighted by his unwilling foray into the high profile world of the television newsmagazine. He has been allowed to produce a biography of his pompous, lowbrow, but widely lauded brother-in-law Lester (Alan Alda) who

"wears loafers without socks and says 'nuclear.'" Mia Farrow plays Hallie, a somewhat serious assistant producer with whom Cliff has become enamored. He is disgusted by Lester's vacuous pontifications on comedy. "if it bends it's funny, if it breaks it's not," and the ruthlessness of the Hollywood game where it's "worse than dog-eat-dog, it's dog-doesn't-return-other-dog's-calls." The final defeat for Cliff - "the last time I was inside a woman was when I visited the Statue of Liberty" - is when Hallie becomes engaged to Lester, leaving Cliff to question the futility of substance over style.

Both plots within-the-film are linked through the existential musings of the aged philosopher whose thoughts concerning man and his relationship to society underscore the decisions and actions of the characters in both worlds of the film. Allen bridges both spheres of his picture through the use of films from the 1930's and 1940's. Cliff is frequently attending movies that ironically underscore the actions and decisions that plague Juda. This device has been used previously by Allen (in "Manhattan" and especially "The Purple Rose of Cairo") but not with as much subtlety and effect as in this work.

The performances are uniformly excellent - there are no "star turns" in a Woody Allen film - and the direction is smooth and flawless. It's a shame that Hollywood doesn't nurture more filmmakers like Allen who can make comic mincemeat of our society's obsession with surface gloss, and also present intellectual issues such as the existential dilemma between man and society and combine the two parts into an attractive, witty package. *Crimes and Misdemeanors* is one such gift that everyone should give themselves this holiday season.

STRAIGHT UP!

By Joseph Gallardo

'Society Is To Blame'

Society, this is undoubtedly the most over-used word in the realm of academia. If it a class in psychology, sociology, film or theatre its always "society" that is motivating factors that controls all action.

For years, students and professors alike have been incriminating the intangible society. People are comfortable with certain classroom dialogues. There are patterned exchanges that always occur in the same order and everyone feels safe. This is a type of "canned conversation" in which elements are controlled and an expected end emerges. Little is actually said in these types of conversations but it is very effective in killing an average 50 minute class.

One is able to transfer these type of speeches with little alteration to almost any class in the humanities. So whether it be medieval literature or modern sociology canned conversation with society taking the heat is a great way to kill any manic Monday class.

Students find it very easy to place blame on society. Could any target be an easier mark? Society as a whole has no spokesperson. It is also filled with many ills that allow ample room for pointing the finger of guilt.

Wouldn't it be a novelty if more people actually had the moxie to

form a full opinion rather than opt for the pat patterned response?

Students must also realize that there are other contributory factors that can be looked towards when discussing problems within the classroom setting and beyond the walls of the college halls. Couldn't it be one problemed individual that is to blame for their own problems when discussing a case study in psychology class? Couldn't it be one actors inability that brought a certain problemed angle to a character in the latest film release? Couldn't it be the director's own aesthetic ideal that gave a certain production direction whether it be good or bad? These questions are too difficult to answer because thought is required and there is yet to be developed a patterned response to deal with this type of material

Also in the above case an individual, who has feelings and that can fight back is being blamed. This is doubly dangerous because someone may actually get offended or what would even be worse someone may be sparked to defend themselves and an actually vital conversation would occur.

Are these observations one person pet peeves or do they constitute a true dilemma? What ever the answer to this problem is the easy way to solve it is not to think about and just blame it on a particular ill of society.



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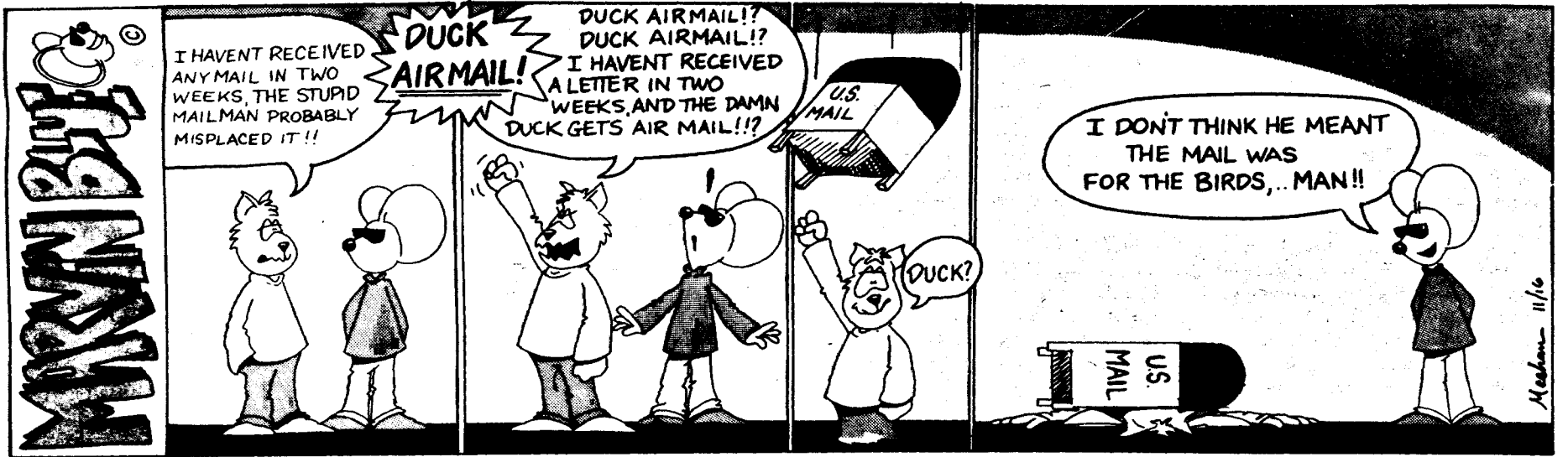
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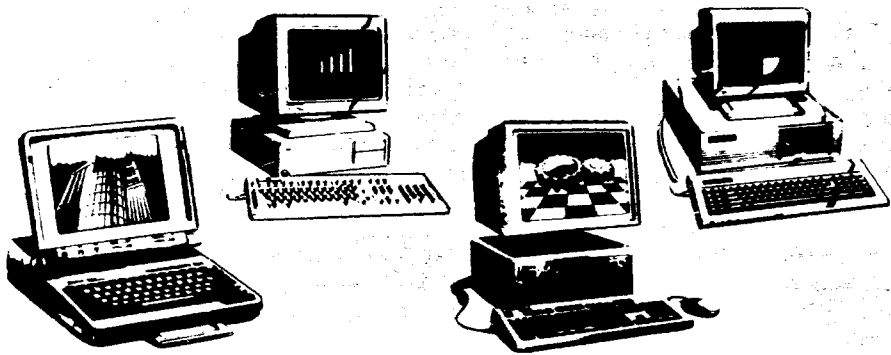
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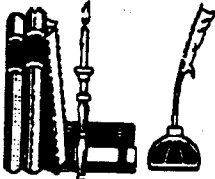
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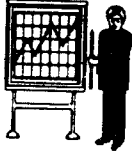
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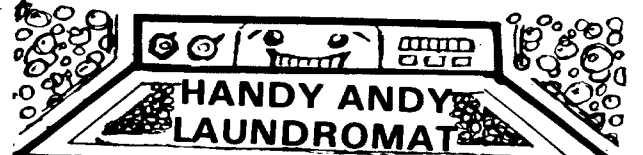
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Lady Pats Swim Team Floods Seton Hall

By Amy Flateman

The Lady Patriots swim team (1-0) opened up their season last Thursday with a win over the Seton Hall Lady Pirates (0-1). The Lady Pats are coming of a 9-4 season and the Lady Pirates posted a 5-6 record for last year.

The team started out with a slow start placing no better than second in the first three events.

After the fourth event the Lady Patriots found themselves losing by a score of 24-47.

The crowd was on the side of the Lady Patriots. They too were looking for a first place finish in any event.

That win came about when Jen Moritt won the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 27:45, making the score 53-74.

Maybe this was the break the Lady Patri-

opts needed. Unfortunately it didn't last long and the Lady Pirates continued to dominate.

Stony Brook was determined to catch up in the 1 meter diving competition. The Lady Patriots sent three divers, Adrian Barnes, Suzanne Nevins and Tracy Shaw, up against the lone diver from Seton Hall.

The Lady Patriots looked as if they were dominating in the diving competition. The Seton Hall diver, twice got 2's from the referees whereas the Lady Patriots were getting all 3's and above. When the competition was over it was Stony Brook's Nevins in first place for the Lady Pats. Shaw and Barnes placed third and fourth respectively.

The Lady Patriots still had the second half to catch up. It looked as if the divers would have to carry the rest of the team.

Coach Dave Alexander could be heard yelling and waving his arms at the girls in order to inspire them to do better. It seemed to have worked. For the second time in the meet, Moritt, placed first with a time of 1:00.41 in the 100 yard freestyle. This put the Lady Patriots one point behind Seton Hall, 81-82.

Like most other Stony Brook teams this year the Lady Patriots would have to catch-up.

The closeness in the points did not last long when in the next race, the Lady Pirates again won the race and whisked by the Lady Pats.

In the 3 meter diving competition, the Lady Patriots were able to gain ground and for the first time in the meet take the lead. Seton Hall did not compete in the race at all

giving all the points to the Lady Pats.

Nevins again placed first giving the Lady Pats at 128-125 lead, which they never relenquished.

The entire meet fell on the hands of the swimmers who had trouble against the Lady Pirates.

The Lady Pats would have to win the last two events of the night to win the meet.

In the 200 I.M., Seton Hall took an early 1/2 lap lead. The Lady Pats, Captain Jo Moran and Diane Grice finished second and third, respectively, cutting the Stony Brook lead to a point, 135-134.

The entire meet came down to the last relay, the 400 yard free relay. The Stony Brook team of Cori Organik, Jen Moritt, Cathy Donohue and Cathy Duggan place first with a time of 4:09.81

Pats Basketball Preview

By Ken Ilchuk

Fifteen wins and a postseason bid. Those are the goals the University at Stony Brook Men's Basketball teams sets for itself every year.

Patriot head coach Joe Castiglie usually approaches these goals with cautious optimism, but this year he is excited about the promise of the upcoming season. "I have not been this confident in one of our teams in quite awhile," said Castiglie. "We have a solid returning group and maybe the best recruiting class we've ever had here at Stony Brook."

The Patriots are returning eight players from last year's 16-12 team, including tri-captains Steve Hayn, Yves Simon and Marshall Foskey. Also returning will be senior forward Bill Pallone, who was second on the team in scoring and rebounds and Charwyn Agard, last year's most improved player.

"Those five guys saw a lot of action last year, which gives us a good nucleus of experienced players," said Castiglie. "They play very well together and they understand our system."

Added to that nucleus is a group of six freshmen that Castiglie says has tremendous potential. "If these guys stay together for four years, they will be a very formidable group to play against," said Castiglie. "This is probably the best freshman class I've had in my six years here."

"I'm usually very skeptical of freshman," said Castiglie, "but for the first time, we've got the players we wanted to get. I'm really very confident in the skills of all the new players."

Assistant coach Mike Atkinson is largely responsible for bringing the talent to Stony Brook. "The program can't thank him enough," said Castiglie. "He is a key member of our staff and his efforts are really paying off."

Leading the newcomers will be point guard Emeka Smith. The Patriots had a great need at that position coming into the season and Smith stepped into it nicely. "Emeka has

been very impressive," said Castiglie. "he will start for us."

Castiglie has also been impressed by Vincent Farmer. He played on the State Champion team from Hempstead High School last year.

Castiglie said, "We're very lucky to have him. He's a very gifted player who doesn't realize how good he can be."

Another big freshman contributor will be Chris Carlson. He was the third leading scorer in Suffolk County last year and according to Castiglie, has adjusted to the college game very well. "He is a tremendous pure shooter and has really picked up our system pretty well."

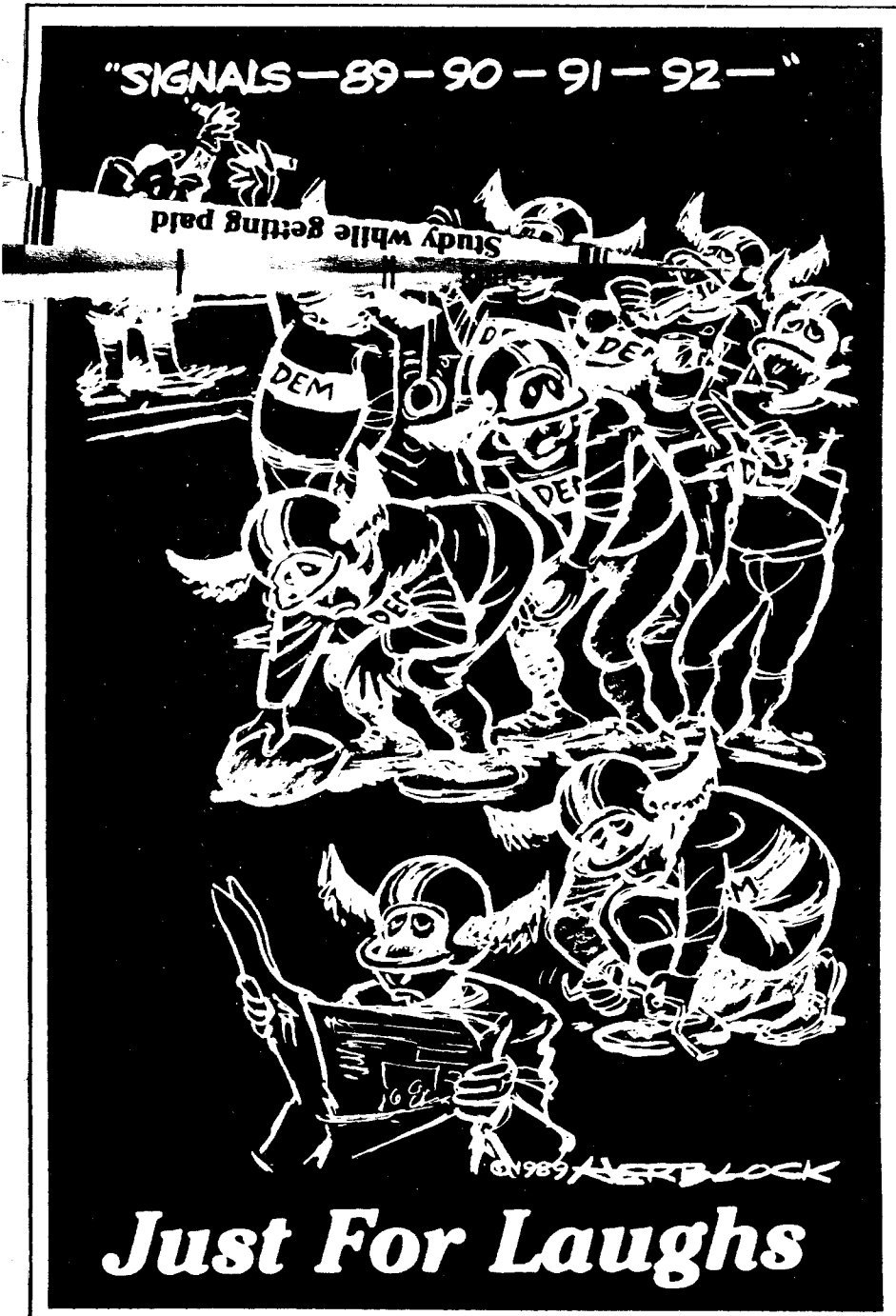
Castiglie describes this squad as a very team oriented group and gives most of the credit for that to his captains.

"Steve Hayn, despite being our leading scorer, is the most team oriented player I know. He really tries to get everyone involved in the game and that attitude is catching on with the other players," said Castiglie.

Simon and Foskey are also contributing to the shaping of the team. "Yves is a very hard worker and he has really created a good work ethic for the team. So has Marshall. He has really shown a lot of leadership qualities."

The Patriots are looking forward to the upcoming season. They will face a tough schedule that includes a date with perennial Division III power Potsdam. The Patriots will also be competing in their first season as a member of the Skyline Conference. Castiglie feels that his team will be a top contender for the title this year. "We are a young team, but we are very talented. Our players have a maturity beyond their means, in the way they approach the game."

"The ultimate goal is to reach the NCAA Championships," said Castiglie. "Every player wants that, but it's very hard to do. We try not to burden ourselves with that going into the season. We want to build confidence in our younger players and build up to the next level."



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