

Next Year's Tuition...

THE NUMBERS ARE IN:

The SUNY Board of Trustees met yesterday and discussed three options regarding tuition alternatives. The Board's recommended increases are represented in the above graph. The Trustees also recommended the following figures for out-of-state tuition: Undergraduate Associate and Baccalaureate candidate raise from \$6,550 to \$8,300; Graduate, non-professional raise from \$7,136 to \$8,416; and Graduate (Dentistry, Medicine and Optometry) raise from \$17,100 to \$21,940.

University Police Denies Allegations

— Anonymous Caller Claimed No Patrols, No Regard for Campus Safety —

By THOMAS F. MASSE
Statesman Editor

University Police is denying allegations that patrols were ever eliminated, that officers were sent home or that the safety of campus community members was in jeopardy.

"This is a 24-hour, 365-day operation," said Doug Little, assistant director of University Police for Community Affairs. "There is no way we would allow this community to be left without the ability to respond to calls and emergencies. We don't just shut down."

Within the last two weeks, an anonymous person called *The Stony Brook Statesman* and said that Richard Young, director of University Police, had sent home all on-duty officers and eliminated campus patrols. The caller said that Young was trying to make up for money spent on payroll overtime for officers during the

last two semesters. University Police are using the summer as a period to scale down operations since there are fewer people on campus during the summer, said the caller.

The caller also said that Young and other University Police officials had no regard for the safety of the people on campus.

"It's absolutely not true at all," said Little. "Director Young has been instrumental in incorporating many crime-prevention programs on campus, and it was Director Young that really pushed for arming the department. He is probably the most concerned when it comes to the safety of everyone on campus, including the officers."

Little admitted that University Police has not been operating to full capacity, but he claimed that it was not because officers were being sent home and had nothing to do with

payroll or overtime. He said that the department is staffing eight fewer officers than normal operations.

An independent, informal investigation by Statesman staff revealed that patrols were present on campus, but that there were fewer patrols at times than normal.

According to Little, one officer is leaving to department to work for New York Metro Police, two retired, and several others are currently on injury compensation. He said that the time frame for officers returning is varied and unpredictable since the injuries are varied and of different degrees.

To help alleviate the decrease in available personnel, Little said that the four officers that usually work in the Community Relations squad have been placed in the regular duty pool. Currently, Little is the only full-time member of

the Community Relations team.

Little also admitted that there have been as few as three officers on-duty at any given time, but that nothing could be done to prevent the situation. Little said this has only occurred when officers have called in sick or requested emergency leave. However, he said that response time to calls has been normal with emergency response documented at three minutes or less.

Young has requested authorization to hire eight new officers. Because of state hiring procedures, the positions will not be filled in the immediate future. Young remains optimistic that the positions will be filled and the department will be operating at full force by the beginning of the fall semester. At that time, or soon thereafter, the Community Relations team will be restored to its regular capacity, also. □

Trustee Opposes Financial Plan

ALBANY - Diego G. Munoz, President of the Student Assembly and member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees, has released the following announcement with regards to SUNY's 1995-96 Financial Plan:

The Board of Trustees is being forced to implement a budget plan today that is a tactical design of New York's most powerful politicians. The blueprint of this financial plan was derived behind closed doors in what was supposed to have been an open budget process. Now as we prepare to vote on this document, its principle negotiators are preparing to delight in their summer sabbatical.

As the governing board for SUNY, we have been all but removed from our responsibilities of having to determine what's best for the future of this system. Today's vote is merely an exercise in legality, as the issues have already been decided for us. Our campuses, for their part, will have to endure one of the

most challenging rounds of reductions they have ever faced. Our students will need to prepare for the single largest increase of tuition in SUNY history. Our faculty and staff will need to do more with less as they experience a large scale reduction of institutional resources.

As a new member of this board, I am fully aware of New York's fiscal issues and SUNY's role in them. But as a new board member, I am lawfully sworn to uphold the mission of SUNY to provide an accessible, affordable, and high quality public higher education system to all citizens of New York.

Therefore, with respect. . . I will vote in opposition to this financial plan, not because there is a better way to implement the wishes of the Executive and Legislature, but rather for the principle of being asked to dismantle this institution while those who actually designed its destruction go off to enjoy their summer breaks. □

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Lions Club Festival/Fireworks...

... from Friday, June 30, through Monday, July 3, on Columbia St., Port Jefferson, 6 pm to midnight, sponsored by the Port Jefferson Lions Club.
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For further information, call Susan at 862-6575.

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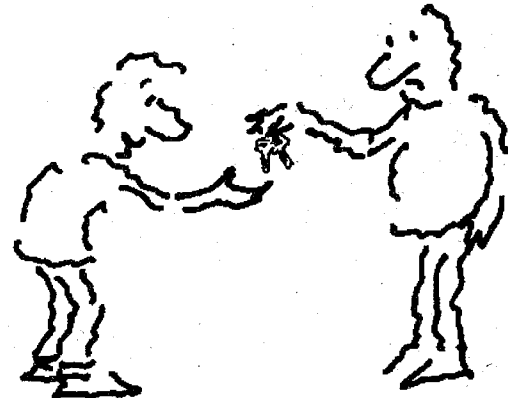
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Double-Shot of Dave: The Vacillated Veto and Independence Day³

Can a leopard change its spots? Or who's side is this guy on?

It finally happened: President William Jefferson Clinton has committed the first veto of his administration.

He vetoed HR 1158, a bill to rescind \$16.4 billion from this year's budget. In addition, the same bill would have provided about \$6 billion of disaster relief for California's fires and for victims of the Oklahoma bombing.

The reason I'm calling it "the vacillated veto" is because when Mr. Clinton vetoed this recession bill, it was an equivalent of not endorsing the concept of a balanced budget.

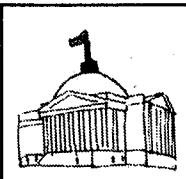
We had seen the President's original budget proposal for Fiscal Year 1996 back in February. It proposed any changes to current budget plans and allowed a \$200 billion deficit for years to come. To put it bluntly, he refused to allow for a balanced budget by a "date certain" and let the Republican Congress handle the hard choices to achieve a balanced budget.

In addition, it allowed Clinton to accuse the Congress of cutting back social services and placing the burden "on the

backs of the poor and working class of America."

Now, after an interview on New Hampshire's Public Radio Network on June 11, Clinton has accepted the goal of trying to achieve a balanced budget by the year 2005, instead of the GOP proposal of 2002.

To me, it shows that he "waffled" on



The Washington Chronicles
David Samuel Shashoua

the budget issue again. If he does agree with the notion of a balanced budget, then why did he veto the recession bill?

The reason he vetoed the bill is that he can guarantee the continuation of support for his base (his fellow Liberal Democrats). In fact, when he submitted his new budget proposals on a national prime time televised address on June 13, the leadership of the U.S. House

What Independence Day really means

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We are all familiar with the above quote from our nation's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence. We Americans, celebrate this quote with our cherished freedoms every July 4th, the date 219 years ago when we became a free nation. We even look to the author of this flamboyant document, Thomas Jefferson. During this time of celebrating Independence Day, we always see a new book, article, or even documentary on the man from Monticello. However there his another man we sometimes forget, and only encounter him when we study Jefferson's life. The gentleman's name is Alexander Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton was more of a nationalist who foresaw this nation as a very industrialized and modern nation, which would probably surpass Great Britain as a major world power. That was his objective during the 1780's and 1790's. 1) Develop and strengthen the central government; 2) Make economic policies that would encourage domestic businessmen to invest in America; 3) Have government be involved to help infant industries to grow.

These "Hamiltonian" policies surely went against Jefferson's idea of a simple and agrarian society. What Jefferson predicted were the problems of capitalistic modernization that his archival projected. With these two philosophies being develop and confronted during the founding days of our constitutional system, shaped the course of our history. After all, during the 1790's, when our Constitution was starting to be implemented, our political parties were being formed.

The two political parties were Hamilton's Federalists, which tend to be nationalists and foresaw the need to modernize; against the agrarian Jeffersonian Democratic-Republicans. These two factions emerged into today's Republican and Democratic parties respectfully.

In addition, the same philosophical question back then is still being debated today, which is "What is the proper roll of government?" Hamilton ironically answered it by having government heavily involved so the nation could be industrialized. Jefferson only wanted a small limited government, so the simple

people could lead simple lives. It is exactly the debate were are having today, only the Republicans of today tend to be Jeffersonians and the Democrats tend to raise Hamilton's arguments.

In addition, during the founding days both Hamilton and Jefferson had confronted each other, with the same type of emotion that President Clinton and Newt Gingrich have now. History surely hasn't changed from the past two centuries.

One book that you should read as we approach Independence Day is John S. Pancake's "The Shapers of History: Thomas Jefferson & Alexander Hamilton". Mr. Pancake parallels of the two men and makes a very good attempt to show how they are connected throughout the course of American History. For anyone who wants to get into the American character, one has to really study the ideas of Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Hamilton, and how they set the course of the American epic.

Therefore, when we all go to our beaches, barbecues, fireworks displays, or whatever plans you might have, stop and think for a moment of how both Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton made this nation. They should be both equally honored.

By the way, Hamilton's dream came true, because we are modernizing even more with computers and the development of wired systems (e.g. The Internet and the World Wide Web), but can we achieve Jefferson's dream of a limited government? If Hamilton were alive today, how would they assess the current government and the way the 104th Congress is attacking it?

Maybe the solution is not have more or less government, but an effective government. A government that keeps us continuing to modernize without us having it growing too large so we can feel safe and secure from it. Remember, as Thomas Jefferson wrote for July 4, 1776:

"Whenever a any Form of Government becomes destructive to these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Security."

Pretty revolutionary, but here is a section Hamilton would probably agree with:

"Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not

Democrats were enraged about this "concession" to a balanced budget.

It reminds me of what happened to former President George Bush, when he reneged on his "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge back in 1990. That was a major factor of why Bush lost in 1992. Will it happen again with President Clinton with this budget?

So far, the House Democrats are isolating themselves from the budget negotiations. With Clinton and the congressional leadership both agreeing with the concept of a balanced budget by slowing the rate of growth on some popular programs (e.g. Medicare and Medicaid), the House Democrats have no one but themselves to turn to.

Even during last week, some Southern Conservative Democrats have left their positions on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. This campaign committee helps to elect more Democrats to the House of Representatives.

Presently, there are rumors circulating throughout the Hill, that some Conservative Democrats may switch parties. The only House Democrat to date who switched parties was Rep. Nathan

be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn [sic], that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed."

These two sections of the Declaration show there is a little Hamilton and Jefferson in all of us.

Happy Independence Day to you all, and May GOD bless America! □

Deal from, of all places, Georgia.

In addition, the House leadership has some mixed feelings about Clinton's new budget proposals. Even the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has looked at Clinton's proposals and has foreseen a \$200 billion budget deficit for years to come.

Of course, Clinton's budget arm, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), disagreed with the CBO's numbers. Remember, Clinton had suggested during his first State of the Union Address, that the administration should use the CBO's projections because they tend to be more accurate.

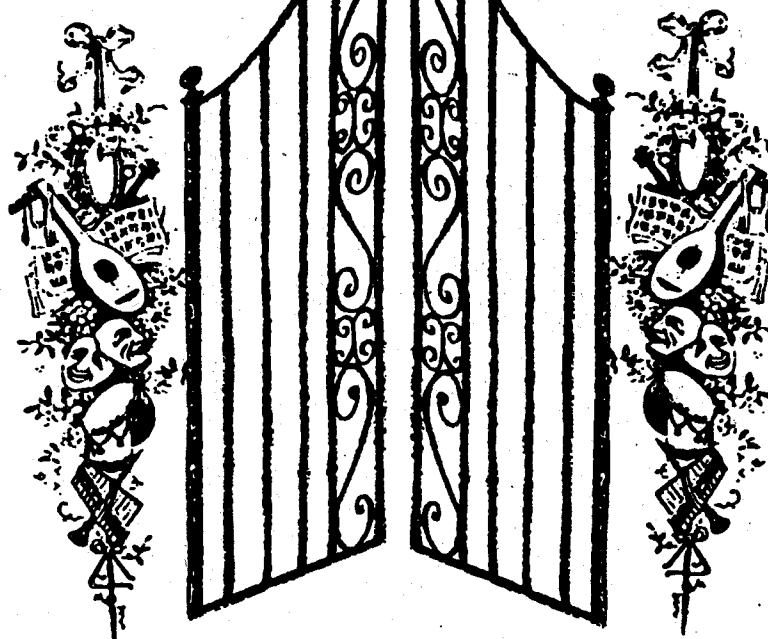
It seems the administration has switched policy again by criticizing the CBO's forecast on the budget and the economy.

If Clinton continues to "change his spots" like he did on the budget and on Bosnia (like I discussed last time), then this should be a new phrase for the Clinton Administration:

"The Vacillating Presidency". □

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Editorial

Now What Are Those Two Up To?

We actually thought we were going to get through the summer without writing and editorial about Polity. And it's not that we have to, but this is something that needs to be addressed.

A few weeks ago, our editors heard rumors that last year's Polity president, Crystal Plati, was hired by Polity to be an executive assistant. While it was shocking to us, considering the course of events of the last four months, nonetheless, we investigated.

It was not a very intense investigation because most of us have better things to do during the summer than waste our time with Polity.

As it turns out, Plati was not hired. According to a very reliable source, later confirmed by a number of other very reliable sources, Plati and current president, Annette Hicks, fabricated the "news" and leaked it to the public. According to the sources, the pair wanted to see if we would print the false information without checking it. The "dynamic duo" supposedly claimed that we always publish information without checking it.

Well, the truth is, we didn't do

it then, we didn't do it this time, and we won't do it in the future.

It's such a shame that our "elected" student representatives purposely try to feed misleading or just plain wrong information to its constituents. What do you suppose it is they think they gain by such actions?

The other question is did the two cohorts come up with the idea themselves as is suggested by our sources, or did someone else strongly suggest the idea?

Whatever the case, one thing is clear. The privileged loop that has existed for the past several years is growing smaller. Fewer of the old guard remain. The inner circle loses its strength month by month. With any luck, within a year, Stony Brook will finally (once again?) have a student government that actually has the students as its number one priority.

As for us, when we print grossly incorrect information, we admit it and correct it. For example, an issue was brought to our attention from out last spring issue. The correction appears on this page. During the semester, corrections are printed on page two.

There are also mistakes that we don't place in correction boxes. These are mistakes that we feel are insignificant. Our last issue's front page headline was "Grad Students Arrested for Harassment."

Fortunately, only one student was implicated in the alleged incidents, but our headline implied plural. This is what we call a "typo." Any person reading the first paragraph of the story realized that the headline was erroneous; therefore, we did not feel the need to run a correction box.

Where does this leave us?

When it gets right down to it, we make mistakes and we admit it. But, outside of minor errors, we do not print incorrect information when correct information is available. Every now and then, some dishonest person will try to feed the public misleading information or fuel his/her own agenda. Ninety-nine point nine-nine times out of one hundred, they'll get it by us.

Remember the old adage: "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me?"

Well, this time, they didn't fool us.

Top Ten Things To Do During Summer Session

10. Sell hot chocolate in media wing in Union basement.
9. Join *The Stony Brook Statesman*.
8. MUDD, MUDD, MUDD
7. Raise money for tuition increase by playing Lotto.
6. Disregard all the stuff you promised yourself you were going to do this summer.
5. Break stuff.
4. Guess which administrative official will be the next to get fired.
3. Hang out with Lee, the Pretzel Guy, at the Library.
2. Count the students that won't be able to afford the tuition increase.
1. LAUGH AND POINT AT ALL THE ORIENTATION NEWBIES.

Correction: An editing error led to the following misprint. A May 8 story titled "PSC Charged With Favoritism in Allocating Funds" stated, "The USB Chapter of the NAACP break [a particular PSC] bylaw ... [and] the Society of Professional Journalists, also broke a bylaw which determines eligibility."

The story should have said that PSC was responsible for breaking the bylaws, not the USB Chapter of the NAACP or the Society of Professional Journalists. The latter two groups should not have been implicated. We regret the error.

**"When a subject becomes totally obsolete, we make it a required course."
"Our educational system disqualifies people for honest work."**

- Peter Drucker

Letter from the University President

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The following is a memorandum from University President Shirley Strum Kenny to the Campus Community from June 21, 1995.

THE BUDGET

Yet again I find myself "on hold" for budget news. The budget bill has been passed, but SUNY has not made its internal allocations. Although a tuition increase of \$750 per year for undergraduates seems pretty certain, no final decisions have been made about graduate tuitions, a matter of very great import at Stony Brook. The figure of \$1,750 was first anticipated, and now the possibility of a lower number, such as \$1,100, is being considered; the issue of tuition waivers to cope with the increase has not been resolved.

The administrative team has been trying to determine the impact of the tuition increase on enrollment. The Governor's proposed budget was premised on a slight increase in enrollments; if we lose significant numbers of students, we will not make our tuition target, which will again impact our budget negatively. There is unconfirmed talk of an additional 3 per cent rescission.

We do have some certainties: this year's budget will contain substantial cuts, and it will be followed by one or two more years of significant decreases.

The uncertainty of this year has taken a terrible toll on all of us. We cannot afford to go through the same kind of traumas again next year. Therefore I believe it is essential insofar as possible to make decisions now that will shape the downsizing for the next two years. Some of this year's decisions will not save money for a year because of our contractual obligations; with cuts this drastic, we have to think now of the big picture for the next several years or we will irreparably damage the University. We simply must shape a multi-year plan.

Nor can we do business as usual with across-the-board cuts given equally to all units. What happens now, in this budget, must be Step One of a bigger plan to put the resources where they are most needed. We have to question every operation on campus, decide what we must have, what should grow, and what we can live without.

These decisions must be coupled with a restructuring

that will tighten our operations and make them more efficient. Administratively we have too often had repetitive operations in more than one division or unit, or we have had five-step processes when three steps would do. Over the course of the year, we have looked carefully at these operations and devised ways simultaneously to save money and serve the campus better. The examination of our administrative structure has been very helpful as a beginning point for the cutbacks.

The campus-wide President's Advisory Committee on the Budget, composing faculty, staff, and students from across the campus (on both sides of Nicolls Road), did an extraordinary job of providing me very well-informed and reasoned advice. Their task seemed almost impossible because of the huge amount of data they had to absorb, but they worked night, day, and weekends until the job was done. Their report was most helpful to me and I am very grateful for their sound advice.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRUCTURING

Although the administrative re-organization has not yet been completed, the following changes have occurred:

To save money, two Vice Presidencies, Finance and Campus Services, will be combined into a single position, Vice President of Finance and Administration. A search will take place as soon as possible. I am very grateful, as I know you are, for all that Glenn Watts and Harry Snoreck have done during their tenure in the two positions that are now being merged.

An office of Strategy, Planning and Analysis will report directly to the President. This planning team, headed by Dan Melucci, will include the Budget Office, Performance Management, Institutional Research and Analysis, and the "soft" side of Human Resources (i.e., recruitment, training, etc.) The heads of those areas will work together so that the budget can be more closely fitted to the needs of the campus.

Computing and Communications will report to the President.

Enrollment Management will report to the Provost. Purchasing will report to Finance.

THE NEW PROVOST

Dr. Rollin C. Richmond, Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Florida, will become Provost at the end of the summer. Dr. Richmond is a geneticist who was a Professor of Biology at the University of Indiana for twenty years and Chair for five before going to USF. He has a distinguished record as a researcher as well as an administrator.

I want to thank Bryce Hool, who has done an extraordinary job as Provost in a very difficult time. All of us owe him a great debt of gratitude.

THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

The nine Task Forces have submitted their reports to me. The next step is for a Co-ordinating Committee to formulate a single report with recommendations spread across a five-year time line. The chairs have agreed to be members of the Co-ordinating Committee; additional members will be added. These recommendations become even more important in light of the budget cuts because they provide the sense of direction we need to keep moving forward.

Most of the Task Forces made some recommendations for immediate, low or no-cost changes to be implemented. Some of these ideas will even save money. Some of the committees are continuing to meet to implement such recommendations during the next academic year.

OUR SITUATION

I know how unsettling so much change and uncertainty can effect; I know how difficult this time is for all of us. One of my great concerns is that we return to a sense of stability as soon as possible. However, in order to do that, we have to look at our cutbacks as at least a two-step process, with every cut taken this year fitting into the plans for decreases next year.

At the same time, we cannot afford another year with no faculty hires, a freeze on spending, long delays in final appropriations. So this year's cut must put us in a position to move ahead next year.

The process has begun. I hope we can get through these cuts as humanely as possible, because the human toll is severe. I assure you I will do everything I can to ease the pain, and I know you will too.

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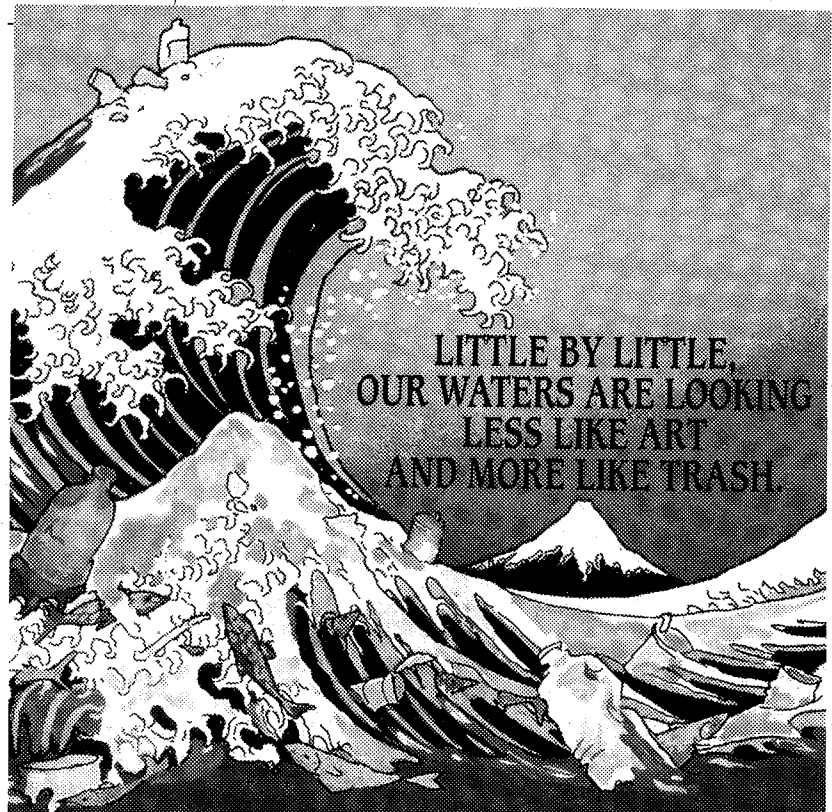


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Statesman Features

Wednesday, June 28, 1995

Holy Formula, Batman!

Batman Forever Trades Darkness and Inner Conflict for Flashy Action and Hollywood Flamboyance

By DAVE CHOW
Statesman Staff

The third installment of the lucrative Batman series, is by far the most showy, most action-packed, yet most typically Hollywood of the three. Director Bill Shoemaker changes the pace of Tim Burton's earlier, darker and self-conscious efforts and turns *Batman Forever* into, well, more of a cartoon.

Though undeniably entertaining, fans of the earlier movies might find this flick less poetic and find themselves less in awe of Batman's sense of conflict and inner struggle. Shoemaker opts to let the action fly fast and the spectacles speak louder than the words.

The formula of the film is still the same old Batman fare. We are introduced to a man on the fringes of normalcy; man gets alienated by society; man becomes super villain. This time there are two villains: Two Face played by Tommy Lee Jones and the Riddler played by Jim Carey.

Despite a good performance by Jones and the usual-over-the-top effort by Carey, the villains this time around are not as well developed as were the Joker, in the first movie, or Catwoman from *Batman Returns*. We never really learn why Two Face, a former chief prosecutor now turned super criminal, has a deadly grudge against his once friend Batman (Val Kilmer).

In the film's opening sequence where Two Face sets a trap for Batman in a spectacular action scene atop a Gotham high rise, we never get a

sense of urgency of why all this is happening. The ensuing sequence, that ends up with Batman dangling from a helicopter, is one of the many stunning effects in the movie, but it fails to leave an impression of it's relevance to the rest of the movie.

It is mentioned only vaguely in a few seconds while on television that Batman failed to save his former friend from permanent disfigurement by a few seconds, perhaps permanently alienating him.

Equally baffling is The Riddler's supposed grudge against Bruce Wayne. The film has you believe that he becomes disgruntled as a dismissed mad scientist type, but somehow his subsequent crusade to ruin his former Wayne Enterprises employer and a life of crime doesn't wash. Carey tries valiantly to bring his character to life, but there just isn't much to work with. You can't taste the darkness that made Nicholson's Joker so juicy.

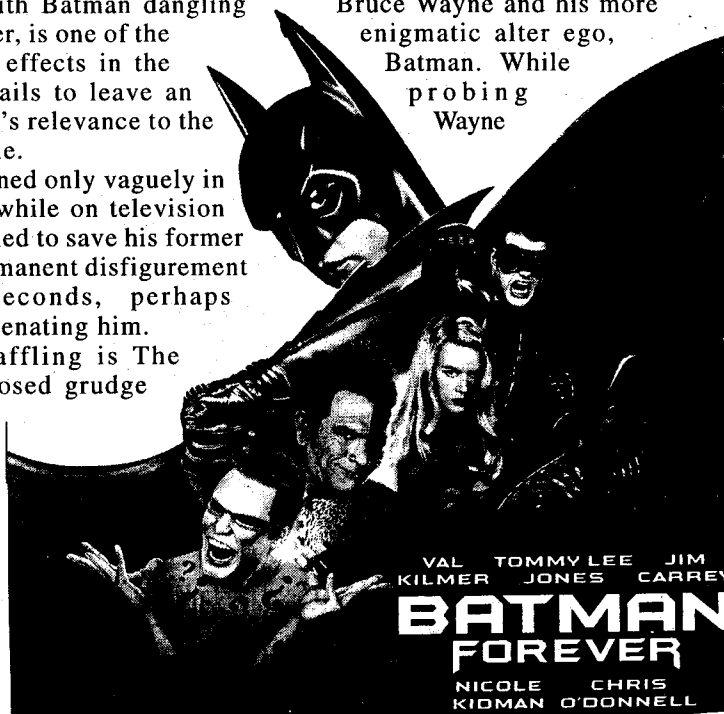
Despite the script that is still heavy on Batman's symbolic, dichotomous struggles, one gets the sense that Shoemaker is working hard to make you not notice it by camping everything up.

In the movie's most prevalent plot line, Dr. Chase Meridian played

by Nicol Kidman is caught up in a love triangle with the mature Bruce Wayne and his more enigmatic alter ego, Batman. While probing Wayne

cartoonish air to it because the script can't go beyond trite cliché's and clever one liners. Everything is happening too fast to go into depth, much less to delve emotionally into

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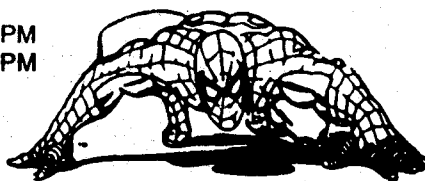
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anything.

The movies most *interesting* plot, however, follows the transformation of Dick Grason into Batman's eventual right hand man, Robin. Grason, whose family is murdered by Two Face, faces a situation that parallels Batman's own original reasons to become a crime fighter. His clashes over principle and craving for revenge and his eventual acceptance by Batman provide the most emotionally satisfying points in the film.

The problem with *Batman Forever* is that it combines too many ideas, yet not considering each seriously. In contrast to heavy symbolism in the earlier movies, *Batman 3* tries to be subtle about nothing. After a while, all the fractured personas and evolving ego's seem like some kind of fast food Freud.

Though the pathos is light, the action is fast. The action sequences seem detached and discombobulated but are spectacular in themselves. Kilmer's plastic Batman seems more suited in this world than Michael Keaton's more reflective brooding type.

Whereas *Batman 1* and *2* addressed themes of anguish underneath them, *Batman 3* has them, but never acknowledges them. This is the *Batman* movies' evolution into the Hollywood action formula. It's not bad for everyone else, disappointing for the hard-core fans.

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Thriller in the Bronx: Steinbrenner vs. Manager '95

Let the chess games begin. George Steinbrenner, aka the "The Boss," after a two year hiatus has finally returned to his old meddling ways with a vengeance. Buck Showalter, Yankee Manager and 1994 Manager of the Year, better run for cover.

After personally pursuing and signing Daryl Strawberry without the input of either general manager Gene

Michael or Showalter, Steinbrenner has once again threatened the stability of a Yankees's season. The Yankees may be playing well right now, but don't expect things to get any smoother when Strawberry joins the club next week.

By going over Showalter's head he directly avoided the manager's insistence that the team should not panic and should stay together when the team was in a early season slide. By making such a big deal about Strawberry's acquisition, he forces Showalter to find playing time for him or be directly showing up Steinbrenner's move. In a packed outfield a tenured player may have to be deferred for Strawberry. Though too smart to show it, Showalter's stomach must be turning as his blood is boiling.

Despite being quiet for so long after his temporary suspension, George has let loose on what we all knew what would happen; his one man crusade to make a fool of himself and the New York Yankees.

Steinbrenner's direct meddling with player decisions and orchestrations of short-sighted transactions have kept the New York Yankees in their longest stretch of championshiplessness in their storied history. The Yank's are without a World Series ring since '78; and the '80's is the only decade the Yanks failed to play in October.

His hair trigger responses to the day to day win loss column are also themselves legendary, trading decent players for making a single error and giving up individuals with subtlety developing talent for over

hyped stars with diminishing abilities. His treatment of managers is perhaps the most infamous. If they were to install a rotating door in the Yankee manager's office, the department of energy could probably tap it as an unlimited power source.

The unstable air of constant player and coaching moves during Steinbrenner's era of rule through the 70's and 80's, broke the cardinal rule of stable chemistry within winning clubs.

Buck Showalter, who began his tenure while Steinbrenner was suspended from baseball for the second time, got to do what no other King George manager had the opportunity to, look forward to the future.

In previous years the philosophy was always win now and anyone who didn't like it could leave. Even in years when their best hitters were Charlie Ward and Claudell Washington and the pitching was like Britt Burns and Steve Shields, the Yankees always worked for a quick fix as if they were like the Houston Rockets picking up Clyde Drexler. As a result the Yankees were always trading young talent for players who had limited time to succeed. If the things didn't win then, there wasn't much to look forward to the next season.

This was Showalter's team - a team which he worked hard to piece together into a cohesive unit - until now. Showalter was not brought in as one of Steinbrenner's quick-fix men. In a move completely independent of "the boss," GM Michael hired Showalter to rebuild the club after two dismal seasons under .500.

At the time, Steinbrenner was serving a temporary suspension from baseball after paying a notorious gambler named Howie Spira to dig dirt on one time Yank Dave Winfield. Showalter got to work with players who needed to prove themselves with time and opportunities.

Scott Kamenicki, Melido Perez, Pat Kelly and Bernie Williams all received unusual

patience from a Yankee front office, which has paid off. Last year Showalter finally had the team he wanted and went out and got the best record in the strike abbreviated season, going 70-43. Through it all, Steinbrenner had no input.

This year Steinbrenner started his antics all over again by criticizing Danny Tartabull's '94 .256 batting average, despite his 19 home runs and being an integral part of the team's success. Immediately, Showalter had to go to damage control. Showalter deftly reinterpreted Steinbrenner's remarks while defending his players and not directly rebuking his remarks. He didn't want to end up like Billy Martin, who was never a Steinbrenner yes-man but also was never consistently employed.

But Steinbrenner has kept up his barrage, and now Tartabull has publicly stated his desire to be traded. That would perfectly fit his plan to fill his DH spot with Strawberry's bat.

Once again this is turning

into Steinbrenner's club, and Showalter is too smart to not know it. If "The Boss" successfully runs Tartabull out of town, how will his Yankees respond to this obstacle to team unity? With Doc Gooden expressing interest in playing with his former Met teammate after this season, how can Steingraber resist not signing up the former phenoms of Flushing and incorporating them into the Yankee tradition?

Showalter is one of the great managers to come to New York baseball. Of course there were many others like Billy Martin, Yogi Berra and Lou Pinella, but history will record them as just Steinbrenner whipping boys.

Showalter will have play the chess game of Yankee manager better than Billy Martin or Lou Pinella if he wants to keep his team or his job. So far no one has managed to do both. His could be the most infamous no win scenario in modern sports. □

Devils Win the Cup

By DAVE CHOW
Statesman Staff

The NJ Devils finally won their franchise's first NHL title and the first-ever professional sports title for a team under the Jersey banner.

With a 5-2 defeat of the Detroit Red Wings, the Devils completed a four-game championship sweep. The fact that all three Red Wing's centers, Sergei Fedorov, Steve Yzerman and Keith Primeau were hurt contributed to their quick extinction.

The Devils were a fifth seed after completing a subpar 22-18-8 regular season. A club of tenured players and battle-tested veterans, pride played a large part in the final push in the play-offs.

"When you've got guys like myself, John MacLean and Bruce Driver, who have been here a long time. When it's finally this close, it makes you feel so very proud," said defenseman Ken Daneyko.

Utilizing a trapping defense that carried them as far as the seventh game of last year's Eastern Conference finals, the Devils vowed to return and make another run for the cup. Under the guidance of second year coach Jacques Lemaire, the Devils played disciplined and focused seemingly able to coax out the best out of their underrated but unspectacular roster.

Their play-off performances were

nothing short of convincing as they took Pittsburgh 4-1 and then Philadelphia 4-2 before trouncing Detroit 4-0 in the final.

Neil Broten, the 35 year old center who was traded from Dallas February 27 for Corey Millen played a large part in the Devil's resurgence. After suffering through a poor season, he came back to lead all scorers in goals in the play-offs, including the cup clincher in game four.

Though not a part of the circle of long time Devils, like Driver, MacLean and Daneyko, Broten has similarly suffered through ups and downs in his long search for the cup. After the game Broten kissed and embraced the Stanley Cup as if it represented the end to a long journey.

"We've really taken a pride in this organization. It feels worthwhile right now," said Daneyko.

Winning the Stanley Cup comes at a crossroads for the organization which is considering a move to Nashville. For the people of New Jersey who have never had a championship representative before, hockey could become a big boost to state pride.

The 19,404 chanting "We Want The Cup!" even before the game began at the Meadowlands, could possibly be used as evidence to convince some Devil executives to stay where they are. □