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(from left to right) Ron Willa, Mike Fitzpatrick, Yvette Edwards, Kevin Kelly, Marc Gunning, and Gerard Karcher at Wednesday's FSA meeting.

Statesman/Ray Parish

FSA to Cover Meal Plan Hike

By Ray Parish

The Faculty Student Association (FSA) Board of Directors voted Wednesday to allow Daka to raise meal-plan prices four percent; part of the additional cost, however, will be defrayed by FSA, thanks to a decision by the board to reduce the FSA meal-plan commission by \$75,000.

Despite the \$75,000 deferment, the rate for the 19-meal plan will jump from \$1,360 per year to over \$1,400 per year. Prices of lesser meal plans will receive similar hikes.

Board members argued over several of the findings of the special committee which reviewed Daka's requests for rate increases. The special committee comprised of FSA members made recommendations to the board of directors regarding all of Daka's requests, but two proposals in particular came under fire from FSA management.

In a March 25 memo to the board of directors, FSA Executive Director Ira Persky cited several "points of disagreement" between the committee and FSA management. Among these were the committee's proposal regarding Daka's rate hike request for wage increases and the sugges-

tion that FSA forgo \$75,000 to help defray the cost of the increases for students. The loss of that money, Persky said, would represent seven percent of FSA's total net worth, and would "seriously impact the corporation's ability to carry on [expansion and rehabilitation] projects."

But, at the meeting, the several members remained unshaken in their support of the proposal to turn the meal-plan commission money toward alleviating the increases. FSA Secretary Kevin Kelly argued that FSA should do what it can to keep university expenses from becoming excessive. "I have a feeling there are people who would like to go to Stony Brook," he said "who are just barely able to afford it."

Those opposed to absorbing part of the increase, such as board member Richard Solo, director of orientation, and board member Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, expressed the belief that the money would better benefit the students if it were put to work in lump sums toward projects, rather than spread out among all meal-plan

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Power Outage Cuts Activities

By Amella Sheldon

The wait for replacements for electronic parts damaged by a fire in the Stony Brook Union last Thursday resulted in a week of limited student events because of reduced power in the Union. Some Union-based organizations were forced to close down completely because of the power shortage.

The replacement parts were picked up Wednesday and campus workers worked late into the evening last night restoring power to the building. Evening events scheduled in the Union Ballroom, Fireside Lounge and Bi-level had to be relocated or postponed since last Thursday. The James College St. Patrick's party, a rainforest symposium, and Korean Night were just a few of the events that were relocated during the power shortage.

"This is the prime time of the year," said Carol Friedman, Union scheduler, concerning the high demand for Union space. Friedman said that the outage added to the inconvenience experienced from the recent water main break. Several groups, she said, are still waiting for new time slots because of the early closings that crisis caused weeks ago. Most of the space in the Union has already been reserved through the end of the semester, making it very difficult for those events cancelled to be rescheduled, she said.

The lack of electricity halted the Sunday night/Monday morning production of *Statesman*, located in the basement of the Union. Monday's issue had to be canceled causing a \$500 to \$800 net profit loss to the paper.

The Crafts Center, also in the Union basement, was unable to hold or relocate classes. "We can't relocate classes because we can't relocate equipment," said Marcia Wiener, coordinator of the Craft Center. The center's ceramic studio, weaving studio, and darkroom were all without lights or electricity. Wiener said the biggest problem was getting in touch with all of the students and informing them of the cancellations.

Some organizations, such as NYPIRG, managed to stay open. "The power outage has hurt us because we have limited access to the offices and are working by Coleman lanterns," said Clarence Brown, NYPIRG state board representative.

The Polity Hotline was forced to reduce its hours because of the electrical outage. The Polity suite, how-

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GREAT SCOTT! Last night was the opening of "Terra Nova" by Ted Tally. Shown above are Robbie Van De Veer as Kathleen and Michael Cortese as Captain Robert Scott.

Statesman/Paul Kahn

Hanging Victim Was SB Student

A man found hanged in Central Park about two weeks ago was identified last Monday as a Stony Brook foreign exchange student.

Ethiopian Abdi Sayed, a 33 year old senior in economics, was found hanging from a Central Park tree March 12 with his feet and hands bound by rope. Sayed had been reported as missing at the end of last week. He had reportedly not been seen at his residence in Keller College in Stage XII after the winter recess ended on March 16.

The death is under investigation as a suicide.

According to reports in *Newsday*, 24 feet of rope similar to the type found on Sayed's bound body was found in his dorm room Monday night; this discovery has strengthened the police's suicide theory.

Since the end of last October there have been six reported suicide attempts — two of them successful — by Stony Brook students. If Sayed's death is confirmed as a suicide, this would be the third one reported among Stony Brook students this year.

— Mitch Horowitz

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from **Statesman**

Power Shortage Disrupts Activities in Union

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ever, was not forced to operate with such primitive devices as kerosine lamps, due to an emergency circuit that powered one fluorescent light, according to Bill Fox, Polity casework supervisor.

WUSB, the campus radio station was not as severely affected by the shortage. "We were off the air for about 15 minutes at the time of the fire," said Frank Burgert, WUSB's chief engineer. Located in a wing of the Union that was not affected by the power shortage, WUSB used its emergency generators only directly following the fire and while repairs were being made yesterday.

The closing of the Union in the evenings throughout the week "has cost us a great deal of money," said Charles Thrasher, Daka's regional director. He said the limited hours of the End of the Bridge and the Union Deli "caused student customers discomfort ... is hard for the employees, and made us unhappy."

"The cause has not yet been determined," said Edward Quinn, assistant director for Union Operations, of the fire that sparked the week of inconveniences.

Robert Francis, vice president for campus Operation, said the fire "was strictly electrical in the switch gear

itself and could not have lasted more than 20 seconds."

An electrical crew last weekend cleaned the area the fire had damaged and "checked to see that wires hadn't been burned and that no other systems were being compromised," Quinn said.

The inaccessibility of replacements was the only cause of the delay in repairs, Quinn said. "The parts are 26 years old ... we had to go to Westinghouse to order them," he said. The parts were air-freighted from North Carolina to New Jersey where a Physical Plant employee picked them up.

Recent Racial Incidents Draw Discipline Action

By the College Press Service

Race relations on various American campuses have been marred by a rash of "incidents" in recent weeks, but observers don't agree on what to make of them.

While some see the incidents — which range in seriousness from racist jokes on a campus radio station to beatings — as emblematic of a rise in student racism, other specialists see them as examples of thoughtless insensitivity that, in the broad improvement in race relations, ultimately will be forgotten. Most recently, UCLA temporarily suspended the editor of the Daily Bruin for publishing an anti-affirmative action cartoon. Two weeks ago, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, upon investigating racial incidents at the U. of Mass, Amherst, called for administrators to start more programs promoting "racial understanding." The commission was reacting to an incident in which a group of white

students chased and beat a smaller group of black students. Earlier that day, a white football player had been injured in a fight with a black student. The University of Michigan, meanwhile, pulled a student disk jockey off the air at the campus radio station when the student told anti-black jokes.

And a panel organized by The Citadel to look into a much-publicized racial hazing incident at the South Carolina military college last fall recommended last week that the band not play "Dixie" at football games, and that The Citadel appoint blacks to disciplinary boards. At the same time, Baylor's president said progress in race relations at the school was unsatisfactory, and that extracurricular activities especially could benefit from integration.

At the U. of California, Santa Barbara, many recent incidents have sparked protest marches on campus. Mark Armstrong, at UCSB's Equal Opportunity Program, said

students have been arrested for no reason other than race. He quoted former Chancellor Robert A. Huttenback as saying UCSB couldn't get coordinated black athletes for its basketball team and that the school is "getting less bang for the buck."

UCSB students marched last week and asked trustees to select a chancellor sensitive to minority concerns. "There is no doubt in my mind that the number of racial incidents is increasing," said Frederick Hurst of the Massachusetts commission that probed the racial climate at U. Mass. Hurst attributed it to "an attitude around the country that makes people who are not well-meaning believe they can manifest racial feelings in negative behavior." But University of Michigan Prof. Reynolds Farley, author of "Blacks and Whites: Narrowing the Gap," said he isn't sure there are more racial incidents. "It could very well be that we're more sensitive to these incidents. It may be

that the frequency of these incidents hasn't changed, but that the reporting of them has." UCLA's recent incident involved a cartoon that implied even a rooster could get into UCLA under affirmative action rules. The Bruin's art director said he did not understand the full implications of the cartoon, and Editor Ron Bell said he did not see it before it ran. Alfred Herrera, UCLA's coordinator of transfer programs, says the Bruin generally is fair in reporting about minorities. "If anything, they're anti-racist," he added.

Most campus incidents, Hurst found, were started by young people insensitive to the civil rights struggle. "Young whites, but young blacks also, tend not to remember what happened back then."

Michigan's Farley contended there has been progress in race relations, although "it's hard to draw overarching conclusions.

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Helen Fletcher
Freshman, Age 18
Biology
"I have to go to dinner early, because they've been closing the union cafeteria down earlier."



Surinder Jassal
Senior, Age 21
Biochemistry
"As an Information Desk assistant, a lot of people get angry at [me], for their being inconvenienced — but mainly it's the EOB that hasn't been open."



Matt Biondi
Freshman, Age 20
Engineering
"The H-Quad Cafeteria is absolutely crowded now. Also, after 6 p.m. I have to go across campus to get cigarettes."

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Junior, Age 20,013
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John Madonia
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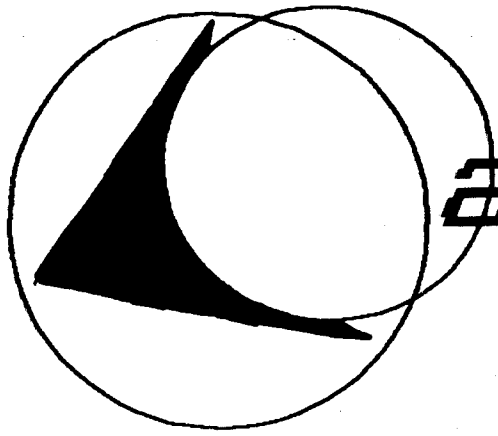
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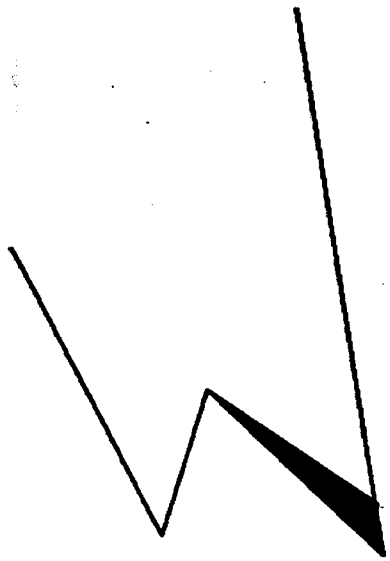
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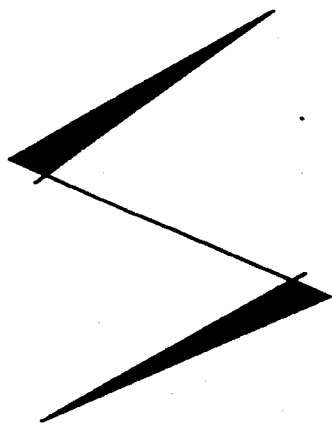
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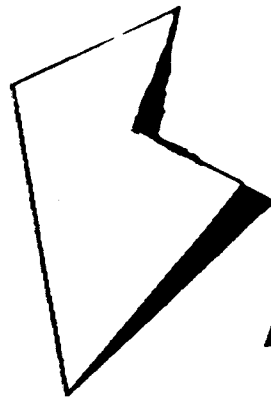
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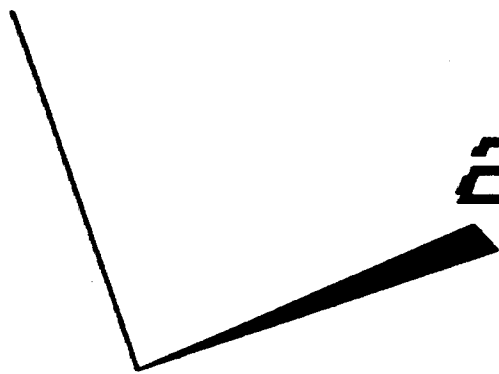


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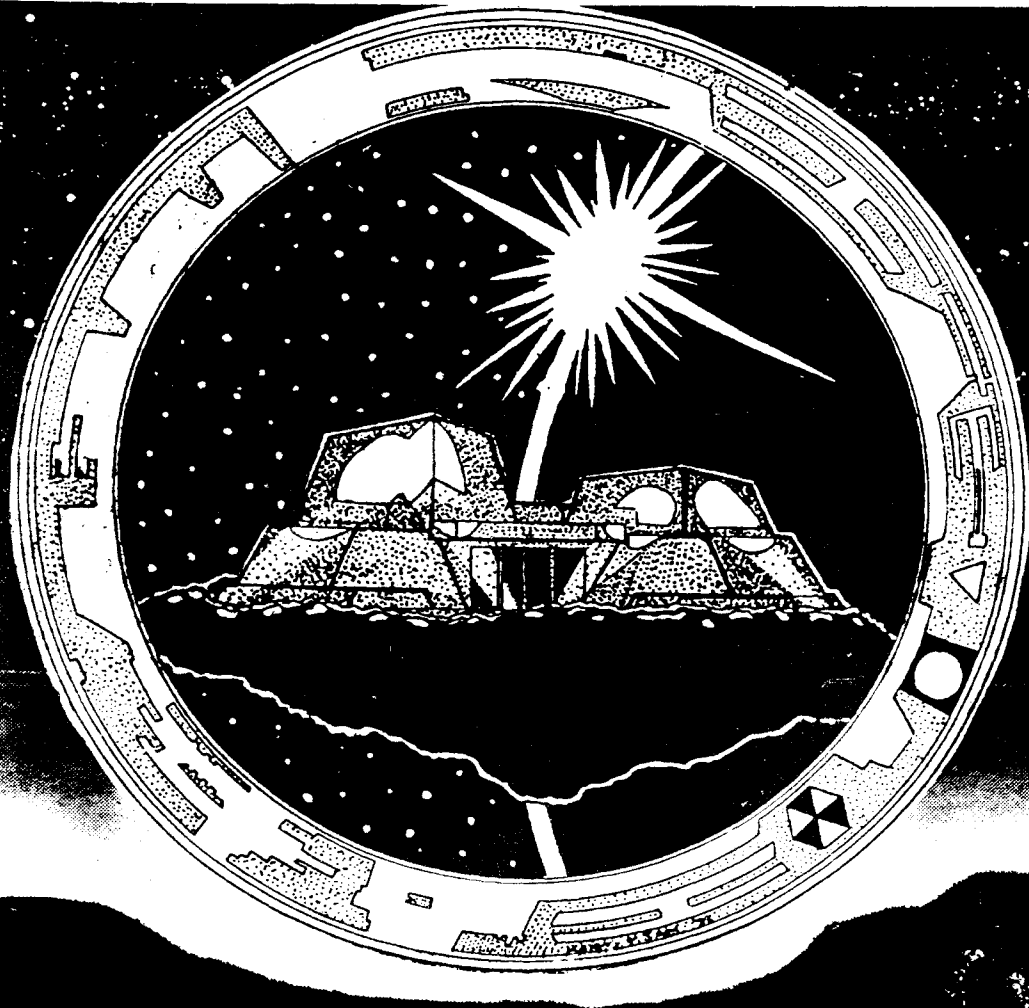
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Hugh Cleland, an associate professor in the history department, argued that any further increases in the cost of attending Stony Brook will have adverse effects of the outside perception of student life. This, he said, would ultimately harm the university.

Solo made a motion to eliminate the \$75,000 commission reduction from the special committee's proposals, but the motion failed 4-7-0. The board had decided earlier simply to move to approve the committee's recommendations overall, and make any necessary amendments to that motion before passing it. After Solo's amendment failed, Cleland surprised the board by calling to question (requesting an immediate vote on) the original motion to approve the committee's recommendations. In the subsequent vote, the recommendations were approved by the board 5-4-1, and the \$75,000 commission reduction stood unamended, despite the fact that some members of the board wished to shrink the amount if not eliminate it.

The committee's proposals passed largely unamended, with the exception of the decision regarding Daka's request for \$61,616 to cover wage increases for management, union, non-union, and student workers. The committee found that "Daka should have predicted most of these increase costs and built a provision for them into their bid for the contract last year." The board of directors voted 8-1-2 to amend the committee's proposed award was made conditional upon the improvement of salary management for student workers, including a \$.15 per hour raise suggested by Daka in March 12 memo.

Racist Incidents

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There's been a sharp decrease in racial discrimination. Blacks are elected to high offices, and we've seen the emergence of a black middle class since the forties and fifties." Hurst argued that "people who've come through the civil rights struggle — black and white — tend to become passive." Although campuses and society may not be able to rid themselves of all racism, Hurst thinks the best strategy is to "knock it down when it rears its ugly head." On most campuses where minorities have protested the incidents, whether big or small, other students have responded. The Citadel hired a commission to gauge the campus climate for blacks. The Bruin's Editor Bell is undergoing a sort of sensitivity training by engaging in a round of talks with campus minority groups. At U. Mass, Hurst was "very pleased with all the helpful input from students," who, he said, were "ashamed of what had happened. I did not find indifference."

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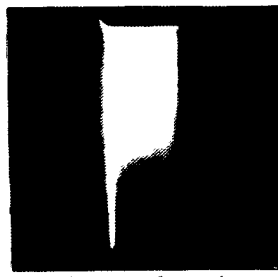
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Making, Breaking, and Partaking in the News

Barbara Walters, the ultimate cosmetic journalist, has taken yet another step toward representing everything that is wrong with journalism. *The Wall Street Journal* revealed last week that Walters acted as a messenger for arms dealer Manucher Gorbaniyar, relaying information between him and President Reagan. While she may have justified such action with warped pragmatism, her irresponsibility has done a disservice to television journalism and journalists in general.

The irony of this situation is that Walters is not really a journalist to begin with; she is an entertainer. Her ignorance of and disregard for journalistic ethics only reinforces this notion.

In his lecture on campus last semester, Sydney Schanberg, columnist for *Newsday* and Pulitzer Prize winner, addressed the question of what reporters must do to maintain true objectivity. His catch-phrase "reporter as outsider" describes the detached and objective attitude a reporter must strive for in order to perform his or her job effectively. Barbara Walters is anything but an outsider. In fact, her actions make her so much an insider that she can hardly be called a reporter.

Serving as a messenger is a breach of journalistic ethics that may rarely be excusable, when there is some clear evidence that the impropriety benefitted the public. There is no such evidence for the situation Walters created. In fact, if her clandestine note-passing benefitted anyone, it was Walters herself. She would stand to gain quite a few brownie points with Nancy and Ron by running their little errands. The indirect benefits of being a sweetheart of the White House are likely immense.

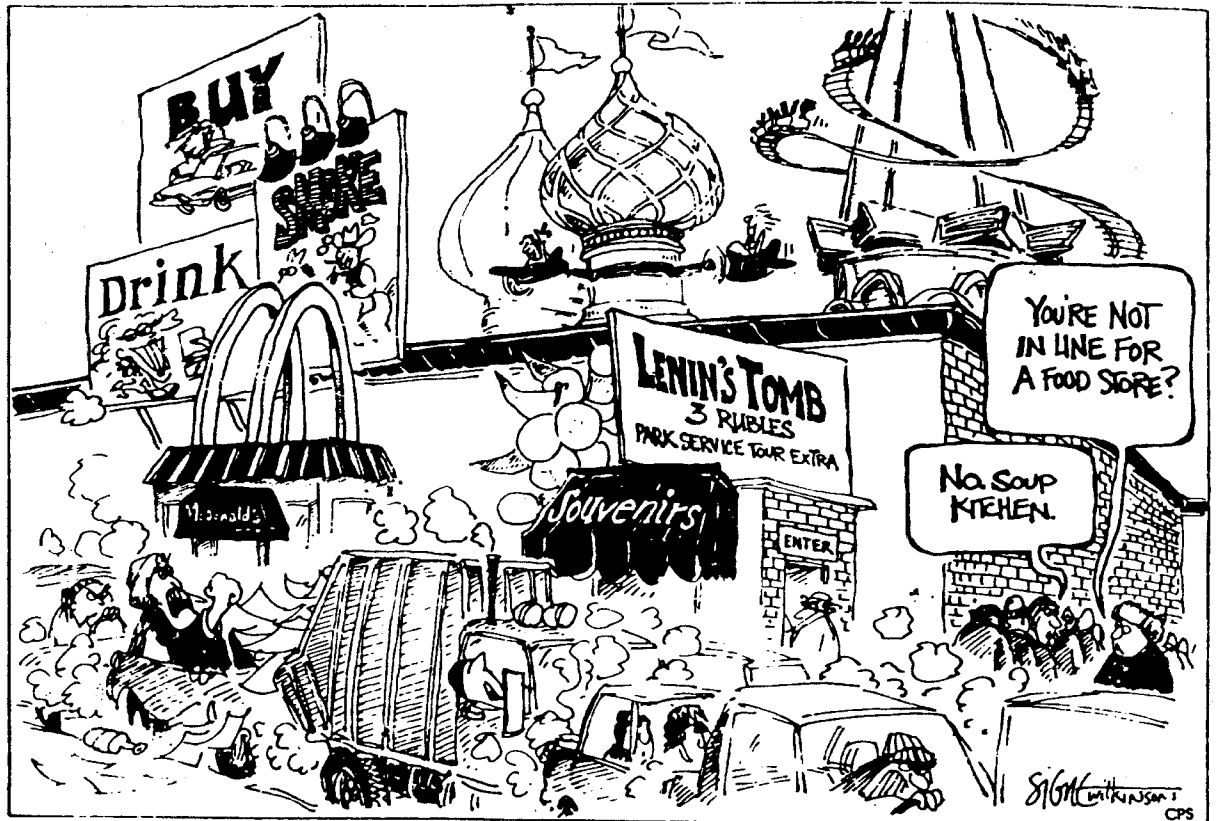
Walters, according to an ABC spokesperson, felt that "lives were at stake" in the note passing situation. After the findings of the Tower Commis-

sion, as well as popular opinion regarding the Iran arms deals, this would seem to be a weak choice of excuses. Had she been truly examining the situation (as many other investigative journalists had done) she would have seen that this in fact was not true. Her interest was not in the lives of hostages, or even getting the truth out in the open. Her inter-

ests were either selfish or indulgent, and neither of these are appropriate for a journalist.

Walters has tried to play two parts for ABC. She has indulged her ego both as a gossip-columnist style interviewer and as a pseudo investigative reporter. The former is more fitting; she should stay in Hollywood, well away from the Middle East

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Beware of the Methods of Cult Recruitment

By Joseph S. Topek

Lately there have been several groups attempting to recruit members on this campus that have generated controversy and complaint. Chiefly these have been groups associated with "cults" that have been accused of using questionable and manipulative tactics to recruit members. They also tend to have clear and quite strong religious affiliation, often with a powerful central figure or leader. It is not my intention to comment on specific groups or to judge whether or not they meet these standards. Rather, it is to advise members of the university community to be cautious when approached by representatives of these groups and to avoid being taken into something that they may regret.

Certainly there are global issues confronting us which question our very ability to survive on this planet, not to mention the struggles each of us has with everyday life. Beware of people who have magical or over simplified answers. There are no easy answers to these problems. All of us feel alone sometimes, as if no one cares about us or about our problems. Some of us have trouble making

friends or maintaining close relationships with others. There are plenty of people who care — yes, right here on campus in Peer-to-Peer counseling, the University Counseling Center, the Interfaith Center, Residence Life staff, etc. — but there are no *instant* friendships. Beware of people who are excessively or inappropriately friendly. This is often a practice used to manipulate vulnerable people and it is called "love bombing." Have many of your friends joined a group that you are uncomfortable with? Beware of pressure to do something because "everyone else is doing it." No one knows what is right for you except you.

Has someone asked you to join a group and tried to make you feel guilty about yourself or about an issue or problem you care about? Beware of groups that recruit you through guilt. Guilt induced by others is rarely a productive emotion.

Have you been asked to go away on a weekend retreat or workshop to learn more about a group? Does this weekend workshop have some vague goals or agenda, or is it being held in an isolated or vague location? There is no reason to be vague unless there is something to hide.

Does the group you are being asked to join have different names, sometimes names that sound far-reaching and important, but don't completely make sense? Does the recruiter answer your questions by saying that you will have to come on a weekend to find out or that you will have to speak "privately" to a superior? Beware of groups or individuals who will not give you a straight answer or seem to have something to hide.

Know that the two basic principles of mind control, or "brainwashing," are:

1. If you can get a person to *behave* the way you want, you can get that person to *believe* the way you want.

2. Sudden, drastic changes in environment lead to heightened suggestibility and to drastic changes in attitudes and beliefs.

Don't go away for a weekend or longer with a stranger or a strange group, or participate in any of their activities unless:

You know the name of the sponsoring group.

You know its ideas, beliefs, and affiliations.

You know what's going to happen at the workshop or program.

You know what will be expected of you.

You know that you will be free and able to leave and get home at any time.

You believe the answers you are getting.

Don't be foolish. Don't accept vague answers. Make them be specific.

Can you remember a time when you may have felt alone? When you were overwhelmed by decisions to be made? Like the world was falling apart around you? If you do feel like that it will help to reach out to someone that you can *trust*. Maybe a friend, a teacher, a parent, a counselor, a clergyperson. If you know someone who feels alone, or overwhelmed, or like their world is falling apart, take the responsibility to help that person. Help them reach out to someone *they* can trust. When people are hurting (and even when they're not), they need each other.

(The writer is director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and Jewish Chaplain to the University Interfaith Center.)

Practice the Humanities Before Studying Them

By Khalil J. Spencer

As graduate students, we have been treated to recent reports concerning the upgrading of graduate education at Stony Brook by way of the Graduate Research Initiative (GRI) funding. We are led to believe that this fine institution will finally live up to its curious title of the "Berkeley of the East." Before those of us who are buried in our research bother to take time out from our studies to celebrate, there are several grim observations that we might like to see changed for the better.

In spite of all this talk about upgrading graduate education, grad students still find themselves working long hours for impoverished wages, compared with our contemporaries at the Berkeleys of the North, South and West. We have unaffordable to substandard health care which the university does not subsidize. The university's present answer to our housing needs is the overcrowded, two-to-a-room Stage XVI "roach motel." Now the university has effectively eliminated student families from participation in the child care center by pricing it out of our reach. None of this sounds to me like a university trying to upgrade its graduate programs, because the policy of abject neglect that these observations document fails to address the real human needs of grad students.

But does this university owe any benefits to its grad students? My answer to this is an unqualified "yes." Without talented, dedicated students intensely working on solving problems at the cutting edge, this simply would not be a university. Since the university as well as the student benefits from this aspiration to excellence, it owes its students total support in return for the dedication of the prime of our lives to the betterment of its academic programs.

Further, a university that has the nerve to teach and do research in the "humanities" while ambivalent towards inhuman working conditions for its students is displaying the same hypocrisy towards human values as our society at large, which seems to value cocaine and bombs over love and assistance.

In response to these observations, I have suggestions for improvement.

1. End the two tiered system of wages. If the graduate programs in the humanities and social sciences are of high quality, and if they wish to employ students, then their students should be paid the same (livable) base pay as those of us in the well-funded hard sciences. University funds should be diverted to provide a satisfactory base pay to grad students in all departments. If the well-funded science programs wish to augment this level of support, so be it.

Stop ripping students off by leaving them no choice but to teach full courses in return for partial stipends. A department should not exploit its students by admitting

them and leaving them no choice but to work under second-class conditions. If a department without adequate means of supporting its students chooses to admit them anyway, then this should be made abundantly clear in an admission letter so the person knows that he/she is accepting here at the person's own risk.

2. Since the university can only apply limited pressure to the community as far as providing adequate and affordable housing, and since stipends are marginal to worse, the best alternative is for the university to provide sufficient low-cost housing for its students on campus. This housing should be of sufficient quality to allow students to be able to grow both personally and intellectually while enrolled here. Forcing six adults to live packed into three bedrooms (i.e. Stage XVI) in a small suite is somewhat ludicrous.

3. The present structure of health benefits create two classes of people, those on the Research Foundation payroll who can choose to belong to an (expensive) Blue Cross/Major Medical policy, and everyone else. The university should create a single, efficient, cost-effective health group that would cover all students, and should pay for as much of it as possible. At close to \$100 per year (BC/maj. med.) for single coverage, paying for this would be the equivalent of a badly needed raise.

4. It seems incomprehensible that a university with a major research hospital cannot more effectively integrate it into the infirmary structure and make it more available to student needs. Students who need physical or mental care should be able to use the hospital resources freely after consultation in the infirmary and recommendation from a doctor. Considering the level of stress on grad students, and the resources in University Hospital require one to either pay a hefty fee or buy expensive insurance.

5. The university should provide high-quality daycare

service and supply funding for its operation at such a level that all university personnel who need this service can pay at a level commensurate with their resources. By denying this badly needed service to students, the university is actively discriminating against presently enrolled students who have depended on this service for their survival while enrolled in highly demanding graduate programs.

Denial of day care to the children threatens their welfare by forcing them to exist in one of two possible situations; full time care by parents who are bitter because their opportunity for growth has been destroyed by the very university whose credo encourages development; or lack of care because parents choose to pursue their educational goals and give their children second-class, emotionally spent time. These children already exist, the deed has already been done, it cannot be undone. The parents and children deserve the right to grow to the full level of their capabilities. Children deserve the right to grow in a loving atmosphere that will not breed future generations instilled with ignorance and bitterness.

This university has, or will shortly have, resources that it can redirect to provide for these basic human needs. Only a small fraction of the GRI funding would be needed to provide child care and full health coverage and would go a long way towards reaffirming the university's dedication to the self-improvement of its students.

An insensitive policy of addressing *only* academic needs while students suffer will result in talented people going elsewhere (or nowhere) for their graduate education, and will result in a campus full of fancy buildings full of whistles, bells, and blinking lights, with no one to run them.

(The writer is a graduate student in Earth and Space Sciences.)

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Letters

Cut Jackson Bashing

To the Editor:

I write in reply to a recent attack on Reverend Jesse Jackson by a speaker from the Socialist Workers Party, as reported in *Statesman* on March 19th.

Reverend Jackson has been an outstanding spokesman for progressive people in this country. He has been unwavering in his support of the Hormel strikers in Minnesota; he recently picketed with striking CBS workers in New York City. He criss-crosses the country in support of union activity by low paid workers. In that sense, he follows the example of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who was murdered while supporting a sanitation workers strike in Memphis.

Rev. Jackson has spoken at more rallies and demonstrations by and for America's hard-pressed family farmers than anyone else in the country. When the Great Peace March arrived in Washington after walking across the country, Rev. Jackson was one of the speakers invited to greet them. He has been outspoken in opposing the Reagan administration's shameful policy of "constructive engagement" with the racist government of South Africa, and Reagan's "big stick" policy in Central America.

Perhaps most important, the Reverend Jackson has encouraged tens and hundreds of thousands of minority Americans, and especially young people, to register, to vote, to take part in politics, to be somebody. He continues to do this, and we see the results in the election of candidates like Mayor Harold Washington in Chicago and Borough President David Dinkins in Manhattan. (Of course, the election of these men does not usher in the millenium; but it does take us a step

or two towards a more just and democratic society.)

A hundred national leaders in the field of religion and of labor have called for a giant mobilization and rally in Washington for peace and justice in Central America and Southern Africa on April 25th. The principal speakers will be Rabbi Balfour Brickner; Thomas Gumbleton, Catholic Bishop of Detroit; Eleanor Smeal, president of NOW; and Jesse Jackson. Everyone who abhors apartheid and condemns U.S. policy in Central America should join in the rally.

Hugh Cleland
Associate Professor
Department of History

Sci-Fi Cry

To the Editor:

It is with some disbelief that I read Josh Krieger's article on the Science Fiction Forum ("Sci-Fi Counterculture," *Statesman*, 3/17/87). In the first place, either the author or the proofreader (or both) obviously did not pass English 101. The article was poorly written, with run-on sentences, bad grammar, misspellings, and poor organization rampant throughout. But this is mere nitpicking compared to the real problems.

As an active member of the Forum since 1980, I note little similarity between the actual SF Forum and that described in his article. Before the June 13th fire, there were over 7000 books in our collection (not including magazines, comics, and amateur publications), not 6000 as stated. He writes that 2000 volumes were saved, a severe overstatement. Less than 1500 were considered salvageable by the Library Book Conservation Team, who volunteered a great

deal of time and effort. Of those, approximately 800 proved savable.

By far the most serious error, however, was the allegation that the Forum screams for 18 seconds around a steam pipe "in commemoration of Sherman Raftenberg." This strikes me as a barbaric and unfeeling thing to do. Why would any intelligent, caring person want to do something like that in the first place? The statement strikes me as unnecessary and unsupported (not to mention false).

In short, I feel that the writer missed the entire point of the Forum. We are not a bunch of weirdos, freaks, and misfits. We are a club dedicated to science fiction, fact and fantasy, interested in both the future and the past. I urge everyone (especially Mr. Krieger) to come to room 213 in the Union at 8 p.m. on Tuesday to see what the Forum really is.

David Weingart

Editor's Note: The mistakes and/or typos present in the article were not nearly "rampant throughout" as the writer asserts. There were three verifiable usage errors (for which we apologize) and one minor typo. Also, the author of the article stated "They (the Forum) are a diverse group of people and they are interested in helping others." The article did not imply anything else about the nature of the members. We urge everyone (especially Mr. Weingart) to reread the article to see what it really was like.

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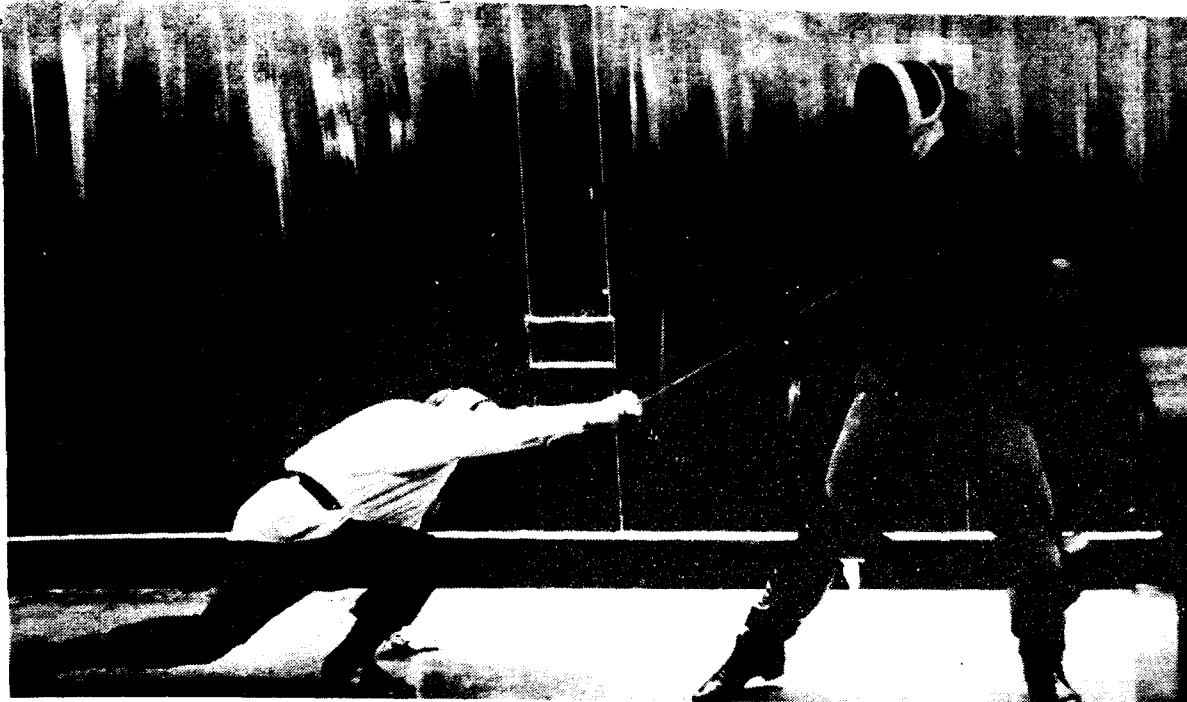


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Mark Lenard in 1985.

The Sixth Frontier: I-CON Gears for Weekend

By Daniel Smith

Returning to campus this weekend is the much heralded I-CON, now in its sixth year. I-CON (short for Island Convention), the largest convention of science fiction, fact and fantasy in New York State, is comprised of a myriad of speakers and activities pertaining to that genre. I-CON VI will be held for the most part in the Lecture Center from March 27-29, but there will also be activities held in the Student Union.

This year's guest of honor is David Brin, author of such works as *Star Tide Rising* and *The Postman*. Brin has won the Hugo and Nebula awards for excellence in science fiction, and as a consultant with the California Space Institute is also a scientist in his own right.

Special guests are Colin Baker, who played the sixth doctor on the Doctor Who television series and David

Gerrold, the story editor for the new Star Trek series, which is scheduled to air in the fall. Also appearing at I-CON by way of Star Trek is Mark Lenard, the actor who played Spock's father, Sarek. This is Lenard's second appearance at I-CON; he was also at I-CON IV in 1985.

There are over 50 scheduled guests to appear in panels which will discuss topics in such fields as science and technology, art and comic book design, and writing in the science fiction field. There will also be an art show in one of the lecture center rooms, at which all artists are welcome to contribute their work, provided the subject matter is fantasy or science fiction.

Lecture halls 100 and 102 will be devoted to the showing of movies for the entire weekend. Among the flicks to be screened are the first three Star Trek movies. Also, both Alien movies will be shown. Other movies

include Buckaroo Banzai, Repo Man, E.T., Wizards, and The Man Who Fell to Earth which stars David Bowie.

The meeting rooms upstairs in the Union will be open for all kinds of gaming. There will also be a dealers room in the lecture center where you can find piles of comic books, t-shirts, books and other paraphernalia.

If anyone has got the bucks, they can check out the Dinner with the Stars (convention guests) event for \$25. Or you may care to see the Cabaret in the Union Auditorium which will feature Colin Baker and Mark Lenard along with some of the panelists for only \$6.

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Keeping Campus Emergencies Under Control

By Mary Lou Lang

Bob Fantel, a campus fire marshal, rescued a two year old boy last January from a smoke-filled room in Stage XVI. Fantel's department, the Fire Safety Division of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (DEHS), is depended on to respond to the most serious campus emergencies.

When Fantel responded to the 756 p.m. call on January 7, he opened the apartment door to find a room heavily filled with smoke. He entered the room, found the child and brought him to safety. Fantel then re-entered the room and extinguished the fire. The fire was reported as cooking-related and the child had been left unattended.

Chief Fire Marshal William Schulz described the rescue of the boy as "heroic." "I'm proud of Bob for doing what he did. We all would have done the same thing."

The DEHS serves many functions on campus. Aside from fire safety, the DEHS consists of specialists trained in occupational, chemical, biological, radiation, and hospital safety.

Last year the DEHS responded to 1300 calls; they responded to 322 calls alone this past January and February.

Stony Brook has had the most fires of any New York school, Schultz said. In

assessing the campus, however Schulz said that it is a "definitely safe" environment.

George Marshall, director of DEHS, said that the Fire Safety Division (FSD) is probably the most visible to the campus

upcoming special events for safety and health violations.

"We all feel that we should help people and that any time we help them it's not only good for us ... it is important to that person," Schulz said.

"We don't care about a building burning, we care about saving lives first."

community. The FSD responds to all fires and alarms on campus. Although their normal working hours are from 8 a.m. to 430p.m., they are on call 24 hours a day. In addition, the FSD inspects all academic buildings, dormitories, cafeterias and

FSD often responds to calls not related to fires. Car accidents, people stuck in elevators — and in one case a bomb threat — are some such calls.

Schulz and Fantel responded Wednesday to a call on Nicolls Road where a car

hit a tree and was overturned, trapping a woman inside. A male passenger was thrown from the car to the pavement. Schulz climbed into the car and rescued the woman. Schulz said the man was unconscious; "He looked like he was dead." The man and woman were taken to University Hospital.

However minor a call may be, the FSD will still respond to it. Last Friday, the FSD received a call from the Office of the Disabled in the Humanities Building. People in the office reported an odor of smoke. When Schulz arrived, Fire Marshal John Poulos and Keith Ravinowitz, a volunteer, were already addressing the problem. Electricians were contacted to replace a burnt ballast in a fluorescent light.

According to Marshall, the DEHS is understaffed for what it would like to accomplish. However, he said, administration has been generous with the personnel of the DEHS. Marshall added that work study students would be useful to the department.

The main concern of the FSD is the safety of people who live and work on campus. "We don't care about a building burning," Schulz said, "we care about saving lives first."

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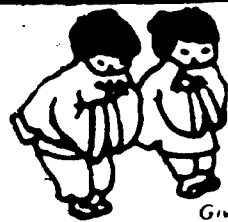
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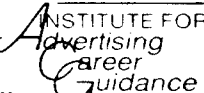
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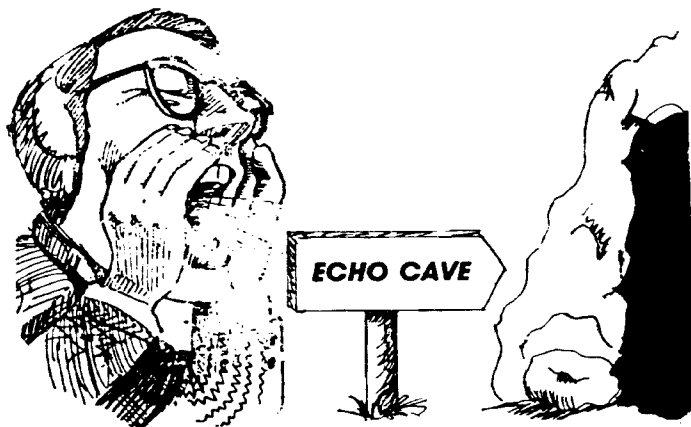
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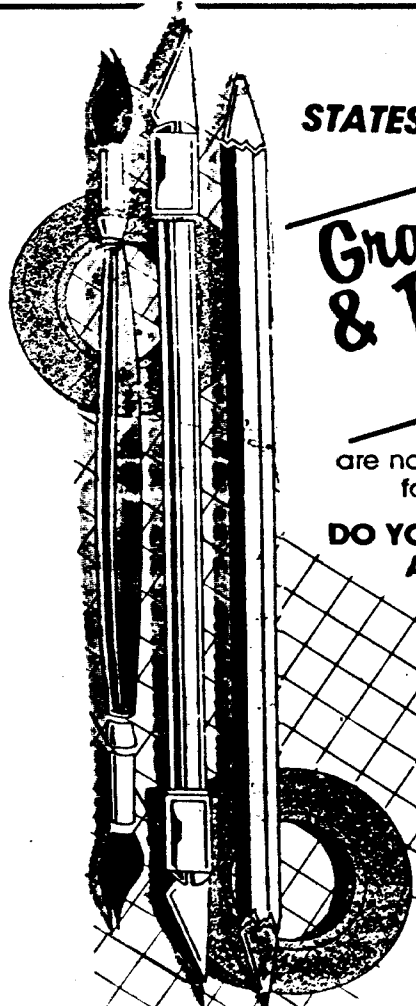
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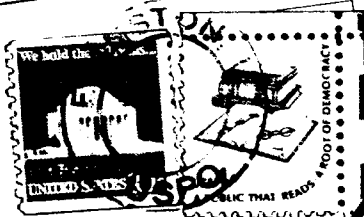
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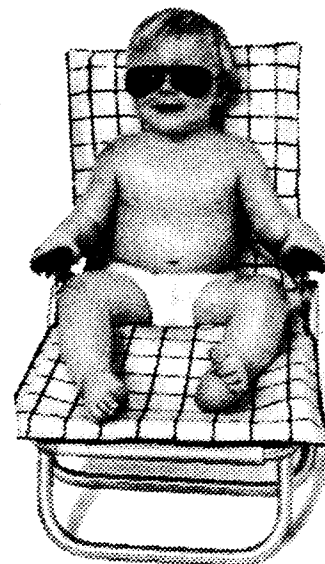
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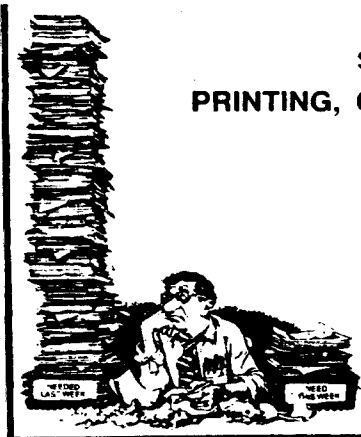
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Benedict B-1 (3)	def	Kelly C (1)
Langmuir C-2 (2)	def	Hendrix (1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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Langmuir A-3 (3)	def	Benedict E-0 (2)
Irving A-1 (2)	def	Irving C-0 (1)
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MONDAY, MARCH 23

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Mount (3)	def	Gray A-1 (1)
James D-2	def	Irving A-3 (1)

Coming Events

- *Table Tennis will be held Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00 p.m.
- *Beach Volleyball begins Wednesday, April 1.
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SB Runner Yarsinske Moves At Winning Pace

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improved player award. Finally, this year she was named team captain of the 1986-87 squad.

This year she also received a large boost when Borbet was hired as track coach. "This year I think has been really better because of Coach Borbet. He runs with me, gives me workouts which helped," Yarsinske said.

Borbet downplayed the compliment, "it was fortunate that I still run." But he added "I think the difference between this year and the past is she had someone to train with and push her."

Yarsinske's training is continuous and rigorous. She trains between 12-18 hours per week, which includes six and sometimes seven days a week. A typical workout will include running four miles, or doing interval workouts which train runners for speed and endurance. Yarsinske likes to train year round on "personal accomplishment." "I

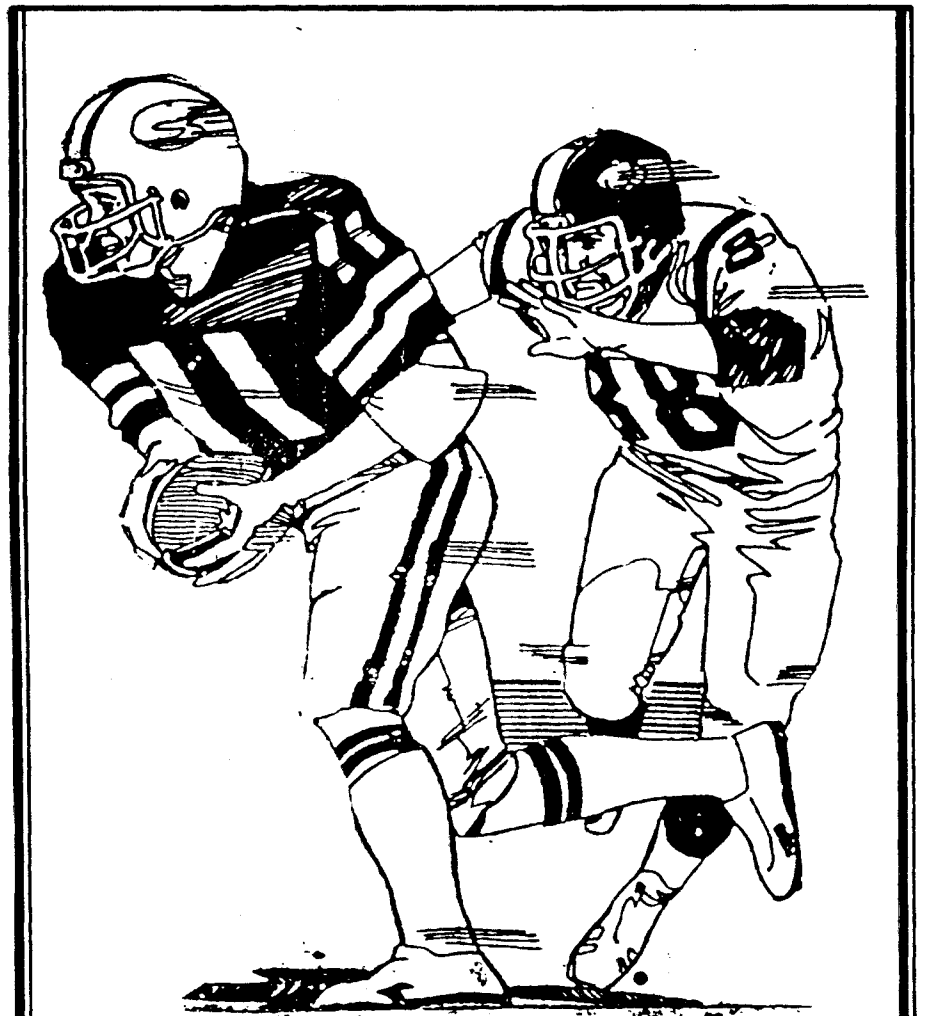
like to feel like I've done something," she said.

The team captain has done more than just run for the team, she has been somewhat of an assistant to Borbet. "She helps others. She's concerned with everybody's else besides herself," Borbet said.

"She knows what she is doing," added teammate Lily Huang.

A senior majoring in social sciences, Yarsinske hopes to take her knowledge and experience of running and teaching into a career in physical education or special olympics. Currently when she is not training or studying, she will be found working in a Setauket running store, Second Wind.

After college she plans to continue running as a road racer. For her remaining time in school she plans to compete in the outdoor track season. "Now I would like to place in the outdoor nationals," she said. It that happened Sue Yarsinske may never stop smiling.



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Statesman SPORTS

Thursday, March 26, 1987

Sue Yarsinske Captures All-American Honors

By Jeff Eisenhart

Why is Sue Yarsinske constantly smiling these days? a) She achieved All-American status in track and field. b) She was recently named MVP of the Stony Brook women's indoor track team. c) She set a school record in the 400 meter sprint. d) All of the above.

If you guessed choice "d" you are correct. Yarsinske, a senior has had the kind of season — winning or placing highly in races all over the country — that would make anyone smile at their own accomplishments.

"She's very happy with the way things are working out for her," said her teammate and roommate Lynn Weik.

Things couldn't have been better for her on March 13. On that day Yarsinske captured All-American honors when she placed third in the 400 meter sprint of the Division III nationals held at the University of Chicago. Her time of 58.44 also set a new school record.

"She's dedicated. She'll do everything you ask her to do, that's why she's in the position she's in — All-American," said her coach Steven Borbet.

Yarsinske was invited to the nationals when she won the 400 meter sprint at the Collegiate Track Conference Indoor Championships at Southern Connecticut College on February 21, with a time of 58.61. Her time automatically qualified her, as anyone under 58.65 was guaranteed a trip to the nationals.

All-American honors are nothing new to Yarsinske. While competing of Cortland State, where she began college, she placed third among the top six to win All-American status for the 4x400 meter relay. Still her greatest achievement has been her recent All-American triumph. "This one was it, probably because I earned it individually. In the relay you are counting on three other people. This one I did myself," Yarsinske said.

Yarsinske primarily competes in the 200 and 400 meter sprints where she has excelled in the latter. On January 25, she won the 400 meter event at the Public Athletic Conference Championship at Farmingdale Community College. One month later, on February 28, she won the same event at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic



Sue Yarsinske is riding high.

Statesman/Daniel Smith

Association at Hamilton College, where she set a meet and field house record with a time of 59.62.

For Yarsinske this has really been a payoff for all her years of hard work. She first began competing as a sophomore for the Northport High School track team in March, 1980.

By her senior year, she had blossomed into an outstanding runner, winning All-League and All-County honors. The East Northport native was even offered a scholarship to run for Wagner College. However, she decided to attend Cortland State where she would stay for only one year.

Her next stop was Mohawk Vally Community College. Here she would only spend one semester. Her love for running never diminished as she served as a manager for the Mohawk Valley women's track team. Upon leaving Mohawk Valley, she took off the next semester.

In September of 1984, she returned to college at a place much closer to home, — SUNY at Stony Brook. Here Yarsinske continued in her track endeavors, as she joined the Stony Brook women's indoor and outdoor track teams. At the end of her sophomore year she received the team's most

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Lacrosse Team Has Successful Colorado Tour

By William Larz

With the 1987 college lacrosse season well underway, the Stony Brook Patriots lacrosse team has been hard at work since the beginning of the semester. The team has a 2-2 record so far.

While most Stony Brook students were taking it easy during winter recess, the Pats went on the road to Colorado to open their season of regulation play.

The team first took on Colorado University. The Pats lost 12-9, but by no means made it an easy victory for C.U. Head Coach Bruce Casagrande felt the team played well, but they just ran out of gas. Between the altitude, the heat, and the travel the Patriots just couldn't hold out.

Next the Patriots had a close bout with Air Force. The lead went back and forth between Stony Brook and Air Force until the final minutes, when Air Force recaptured the lead to win 12-10. Casagrande felt the team had improved since the C.U. game on Saturday.

The final match of their road trip was against the University of Denver. Here the Pats proved that they can get it together. They came back from a 7-2 deficit to win the game 12-8.

Now back on Long Island, the Patriots took on Ohio State on Saturday at Huntington High School. The team crushed Ohio, winning by the score of 14-6.

Thus, the Patriots lacrosse team is now

2-2, but to realize how much of an accomplishment this really is, one must look at the difficulties facing the team.

Second year Head Coach Casagrande is assisted by a new staff this year consisting of Offensive Coach Keith Higgins and Defensive Coach Dave Caldiero. These people are working together for the first time, so with new people comes new problems, such as coordination difficulties.

The next factor against the Patriots is the size of the team. There are only 25 players on the roster, while there are generally 35 to 40 players on most other college teams. With this small size injuries can play a big role in the success of the team. Already the Patriots have lost one of their key midfielders, Chris Cassidy because of a fractured hand during the Air Force game.

One more difficulty for the Pats is that of experience. The team is composed of only seven seniors and juniors combined. Nearly half the team is freshmen. This puts them in high spirits for the future, but that is no help for the present.

With these factors in mind, one can see why a 2-2 record doesn't do justice for this group of men. Also, the Patriots is a Division III team. All the teams they have played so far have been Division I.

Saturday the Pats take on Division I Marist at 1:00p.m. On Monday, March 30, the Patriots play against Maritime at 3:30p.m. both of these games are at home.



Marcel Fisher takes the action down field for a solo attempt at a goal.

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