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Presidential Candidates Stress Involvement

Brad Jones

Brian Levitt

Gerry Shaps



Statesman/Daniel Smith

By Mitch Horowitz

"Student unity through student activity," is the cornerstone of Polity Commuter Senator Brad Jones' campaign for the presidency.

Jones said his goal is "bringing back what we used to have: student unity and student activity, and bringing back concerts." Jones mentioned past Fallfests and past concerts the Student Activity Board (SAB) has sponsored as quality he wants to return to. "There's nothing to attract people [now]," he said.

"Polity considers SAB as an investment," Jones said. "That's not how [the money] is supposed to be spent."

"I don't know how SAB is supposed to work or how it's happening, but they're not doing what they're supposed to," he said.

Jones has attended Stony Brook for two years and has been a Polity senator for the past semester.

The campus, Jones said, is plagued by "a lack of everything; apathy has set in."

Jones said that student apathy creates most student diffi-

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Statesman/Bill Wright

"My biggest asset would be the way I deal with people," said O'Neill Legislature president Brian Levitt, a candidate for Polity President.

"Right now I feel that Polity doesn't have enough student involvement; [students] don't know what's going on and if they don't know what's going on, they don't care."

Levitt said that through his involvement in the residence halls he has become sensitive to the true wants and needs of the student population. "I know how to get things done in the residence halls," he said, "And I want to spread that [knowledge] around."

Levitt has held the positions of O'Neill legislature vice president and president, orientation leader, residence assistant, maintenance assistant, varsity football player, and member of the residence hall director selection committee.

Levitt said he would like to form an organization that would provide for periodical meetings of the different leaders of Polity groups. "I want to get together the groups that we have now in that organization," he said. He asserted that unity and cooperation among Polity clubs and groups would

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Statesman/Daniel Smith

"I know the system, the know the people, I know how to get things done, and I've gotten things done," said Polity Vice President Gerry Shaps, a candidate for the presidency.

Shaps asserted that his experiences in Polity will ensure a well-run, active student government that will attract new people to its ranks.

Shaps' positions in the student government have included sophomore representative, president of the senate, and Programs and Services Council (PSC) treasurer. Shaps was also the founder and chairman of the Dorm Business Commission, the group primarily responsible for the opening of the Golden Bear Cafe in O'Neill College.

Shaps said he is interested in revitalizing Polity through an influx of new recruits and through the training of newer people in the government. "I see more creativity and productivity coming from the Council and the senators," he said. "I want to grab that."

Weak recruitment efforts have marred Polity, Shaps said. "I definitely feel that there's a lack of aggressiveness in the different leaders of [Polity] organizations."

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Senior Rep Race Examines Problems

Lisa Garcia

Marc Joachim

By Mary Lou Lang

Lisa Garcia, currently the junior class representative, is running for senior class representative. Garcia said her goals are to make people more aware of Polity, and bridge the gap between Administration and students which she believes is due to lack of communication.

Garcia said that the recent problem with the graduate teacher assistants must be solved. "If TA's don't compromise with Administration," Garcia said, the quality of education that students receive will be affected. This problem and others can be solved. Garcia said, if students attend committee meetings and voice their opinions. If elected, she would like to assign each member of Polity to certain committee meetings so students are adequately represented.

Mandatory meal plan and freshman prior-

ity housing are other problems which Garcia said must be addressed. She added that students are unaware of the actions of administration.

Garcia's past and present positions include chairperson for the senate's Facilities and Services Use Committee, senator for three years in Polity, student representative at the University Senate, Academic Judiciary member, Programs and Services Committee member, and co-producer of Split-Image.

Garcia said that she would like to continue to promote "more social events for those under 21" through Split-Image. Split-Image sponsors non-alcoholic events, Garcia said, such as comedians and bands.

"I think that everyone should help Polity ... there is a lot of power in Polity that people don't realize," Garcia said.

"I have an understanding of the needs and goals of the students," said Marc Joachim, who is running for senior class representative in the upcoming election.

Joachim said that he will try to implement more events, if elected. "I know how to get things done."

According to Joachim, the biggest problem which students face is "their own apathy." "I think Administration and Polity is of the belief that they can step on students without them fighting back."

Joachim said that Polity needs to get more involved and take a strong stand against Administration. "If Polity starts to get involved, students will then start also." Joachim added that Polity has to start "putting pressure on FSA to discontinue raising Daka fees every year when they are not providing better services."

"Rules and laws in Polity aren't laid out for students," Joachim said. If elected, he said that he will reaffirm the by-laws and guidelines of Polity.

From his experience on campus, Joachim said, he has gained a clear understanding of what students want. More events for students is a goal Joachim said he will fulfill if elected as senior representative.

Joachim has been treasurer of the Tabler Quad Council and has had experience planning events. He said that currently, "Polity is not really open to the entire student body." Joachim said he would like to afford opportunities to all students.

**More Candidates
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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Open Hearing on Cooking Rate Increase

Robert Francis, vice president for Campus Operations will be available to students who wish to inquire about the 10% increase in next year's dormitory cooking rate in an open hearing in the Union room 231 at 7:30 p.m.

"My Beautiful Laundrette"

Movie in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium at 12 noon.

Israeli Folk Dancing

Hillel will sponsor folk dancing with an instructor from 8-10 p.m. in the Stony Brook Union.

"International Black Problems"

Professor Andrew Lukele of the New School of social research will speak in the African Studies Library, Social and Behavioral Sciences Building room S226.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

"An Evening of Poetry"

Poetry by undergraduates will be presented in the poetry center, Humanities room 239 at 7:30 p.m.

Black Music Festival

Blues, reggae, and jazz performances will be presented continuously from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Social and Behavioral Science Building room S226

"Le Sex Shoppe"

Movie in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

"Married Mothers Return to College"

Jill Suitor of the sociology department will give a presentation at 12:30 in room S216 of the Social and Behavioral science Building. Sponsored by N.O.W.

"Determinants of American Women's Status in the Post-War Years"

Naomi Rosenthal of SUNY/Old Westbury and Diane Hereford of William Paterson College will speak at 3 p.m. in the Social and Behavioral Sciences s207.

"A Night at the Pops"

The Stony Brook Concert Band will perform under the direction of Jack Kreiselman at 8 p.m. on the main stage in the Fine Arts Center. Works including the Finale from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 and Strauss's Die Fledermaus. Tickets are \$3/\$1. No charge for senior citizens.

"Crimes of the Heart"

Beth Henley's play will be produced by the University Theatre and directed by Leonard Auerbach. Tickets: Wednesday and Thursday \$4/\$2, Friday and Saturday \$6/\$4.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Martin Buskin Memorial Lecture

The speaker for this year's lecture is the editor of Newsweek on Campus, Jerrold K. Footlick. Footlick has received awards for his work at Newsweek, and the National Observer and is currently a fellow of the Bannett Center for Media Studies at Columbia.

—Around Campus—

Chaplain Named to Organ Transplant Board

Father Robert S. Smith, director of the Chaplaincy Services at University Hospital, has been appointed to the board of directors of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). UNOS serves as a National Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, encouraging more people to donate organs and ensuring that patients have fair access to donated organs.

Smith is currently a member of the Governor's Task Force on Life and the Law and serves on the board of directors of the Society for Bioethics Consultation. He is an adjunct professor in the department of community and preventative medicine at Stony Brook.

Scientists Teaming with Biotech Firm to Help Babies

Newborns suffering from viral infections may have a better chance of surviving

if research being conducted by several scientists at Stony Brook is successful. The researchers, led by virologist Eckard Wimmer of the Department of Microbiology, are seeking a fast way to detect enteroviral infections, which can cause a wide range of life-threatening diseases. The new method, if successful, would cut the time necessary to diagnose an enteroviral infection from at least 4 days to just one day.

Quick detection, according to team member Jose Romero, will give doctors more time to treat the infected newborn, and it will reduce the chances that diseases will be spread by allowing doctors to isolate the patients.

Campus Police Blotter

Break-In in Kelly

A burglar broke into a room in Kelly E

and stole two Smith Corona Ultrasonic typewriters and an IBM PC Junior computer and monitor on Thursday, according to campus police. The value of the property was estimated at \$2200. The thief forced open a locked window to gain access to the room.

Woman Harassed with Notes, Threats

A woman in Kelly B has been the victim of continual harassment by an unknown male, according to campus police reports. In the most recent incident, reported on Thursday, the perpetrator unlocked the woman's suite door and left a note on her bedroom door. The note, according to Leut. Lantier, said that the harasser would destroy the relationship that exists between the woman and another man if he cannot have her. In a previous incident, Lantier said, the harasser left a deck of erotic playing cards for the woman.

—Across the Nation—

Students Caught Fiddling with Phones

Two thousand dorm residents made nearly \$1 million in long distance telephone calls before being caught passing around at least six MCI long distance codes in a technical school in Lubbock Texas. A similar account of the illegal use of MCI long distance account numbers, thought to have been discovered by a computer hacker, was uncovered last fall in North Texas State University. MCI has collected \$365,000 in payments from the 1,150 Texas U. students, and has given the technical school students a two week grace period to pay for the calls, after which theft charges will be pressed.

CIA Protesters on Trial

Sixty activists, including Abbie Hoffman and Amy Carter, have pleaded not guilty in court to charges incurred as a result of their actions in an Anti-CIA demonstration at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst last November. The accused defended their actions, hoping

to prove that they were aimed at preventing "illegal" CIA activities in Central America.

Universities Wish to Cut Medical Related Schools

Boston University students picketed the closing of the nursing school that was rated in the top 20 in the nation last year by Nursing Outlook magazine. The American Association of Dental Schools claimed that Georgetown University Officials were incorrect in their claims that dental school enrollment was down as a reason to close their dental school.

Courts Refuse to Take Animal Case

In a ruling on April 6, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court decision that private individuals cannot sue publicly funded research labs for experimenting on live animals. However, a Berkeley animal rights group recently sued the University of California/Berkeley to stop its alleged mistreatment of research animals in its science labs.

Greeks Have Party (and Problem) Priority

A study released by the Student Organization Development Center of the University of Minnesota found fraternity and sorority members have lower grades than independent students. Those involved in these social organizations also have more sexual and alcohol related problems than those who are not, according to the study.

Northeastern Students Boycott Coors Beer

Many organizations including, Saint John's University student government, Student Association of the State University of New York, and the U.S. Student Association, the National council of college Democrats, and several City University of New York groups have endorsed a Coors Beer boycott to protest its unfair labor policies. These organizations have moved to protest the Coors company's initial effort to market the beer in the northeast.

The Weather Corner By Adam Schneider

It is a peaceful afternoon with light winds and warm temperatures. Gradually, however, the skies darken to the west and a rumble of thunder can be heard. During the next hour or so, torrents of rain will fall and streaks of lightning will dash across the blackened sky.

The thunderstorm is nature's way of letting off a little steam and is quite analogous to any human outburst of anger on a bad day. As the ground heats during the day, the warm air, which is very light, begins to rise. As it rises, it cools, forming puffy cumulus clouds. If continued convection occurs, towering thunderheads will develop, ready to release enormous amounts of energy. The most severe storms will be accompanied by hailstones and possible tornadoes. Hail, not to be confused with winter's sleet, forms as raindrops are continually uplifted by

strong winds. A layer of ice forms on each trip up until this ball becomes heavy enough to fall to earth.

Lightning, one of nature's deadliest weapons, often accompanies a thunderstorm. This difference in charge between two clouds or between the ground and clouds sets up a deadly electrical current. Do not be the highest object around during an electrical storm. If you feel your hair about to stand on end, there is a good chance that you may be struck by lightning shortly. Cuddle up and lower yourself to ground level immediately.

Finally, most thunderstorms are short-lived although any individual cell can linger over an area several hours dumping flooding rains. Four to five inches have been known to occur in such cases in one hours time. Favorable thunderstorm conditions prevail when a cold front moves

into a warm and humid air mass during the spring and summer months.

During the upcoming days, the likelihood of seeing a thunderstorm is quite small. Our spell of unsettled weekends was broken as sunshine dominated with cool temperatures. Another in a series of fronts that has been plaguing our region over the past few weeks will move through early this week, possibly accompanied by a springtime shower. Outside of this, much of the next few days should feature sunshine dominating over clouds with daily highs in the 60's and lower 70's with lows sinking to the chilly 40's.

Summer Fact I: Even though the temperature on a May day may only be in the upper 50's, the same suntan (burn) can be received as if it were 90 degrees. We are bronzed by the light rays, whose travel is not a function of temperature!

Statesman welcomes contributions to its Weekly Calendar. Submissions for upcoming campus events should be mailed to Statesman, P.O. Box AE, Stony Brook, NY 11790 (ATTN: Amella Sheldon) or hand

delivered to Amella Sheldon's mailbox, basement of the Student Union, room 058, by Friday at 5 p.m. Events announcements may be cut according to space restrictions.

Vice Hopefuls Compare Virtues

Paul Rubenstein



Statesman/Daniel Smith

By Amelia Sheldon

Paul Rubenstein, vice presidential candidate in the Polity election, says that the Polity budget process "has to be revised, more information has to go to the whole student body since polity is the major funding source and catalyst for student activities."

The campus political arena is not new to Rubenstein, who has held such positions such as chair of James college legislature, Polity Parliamentarian, and member of faculty student staff. He has also worked on the campus alcohol policy, freshman housing issue, and is producing the next Fallfest.

One problem that is hard to do anything about is the direction that the university is taking, said Rubenstein. "Undergraduates are not the prime concern anymore, research is." Rubenstein said that the undergraduates "pay money and are entitled to a certain environment and education."

If elected, Rubenstein plans to focus on specific issues in order to bring about change. The building of the rathskeller, renovation of cafeterias, "H-quad cafeteria needs serious renovation," and a "serious look at the alcohol, drug advisory panel" in order to "see that our needs are properly reflected in the new alcohol policy," are some of the areas that Rubenstein plans to pay attention to if elected.

To "de-mystify Polity" is one goal that Rubenstein will strive for if elected. "We want to be a people organization," he said. "It should be easier to get involved [in polity] ... now, there is a personality and structure problem."

Pat Flannery



Statesman/Bill Wright

Patrick Flannery, candidate for Polity vice president, believes the main problem facing the undergraduates is "their own non-involvement in activities and Polity." He said that "Polity is restricted because not many people are involved."

Flannery plans to bring to the office of vice president experience gained in such positions as Kelly D Building Senator, campaign manager for the presidential campaign of Eric Levine, SAB member, and chairman of the Senate Internal Affairs Committee, class A member of FSA, and assistant Polity treasurer. Along with these acquired skills, Flannery said he would be able to bring "creativity and commitment" to the position. "I come from a family in which public service is a commitment," continued Flannery.

The Polity budget is a concern to Flannery, who said, "I will push for a reevaluation of budget allocations." Flannery added that Polity has been under the same budget priorities for four years and they need to be reanalyzed. "To bring Polity closer to students, to bring more activities to campus, and to enrich programs that have been continually cut," are also changes Flannery hopes to instigate if elected.

"Polity officers are overworked," continued Flannery. The problem could be solved, he said, "if more students became involved in Polity." Flannery sees Freshman Priority Housing as another dilemma and has a plan that he hopes to act upon that would mitigate the housing crisis.

"I put others ahead of myself," said Flannery, a characteristic that he believes will allow him to serve the students more effectively if he were elected.

Brad Jones

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culties. "Basically, most problems derive from that," he said.

"Neither of the [campus] papers are really pro-Polity," he said. "They don't advertise Polity events in the light they should be. That just adds to the lack of general concern."

Jones said he joined the Polity Senate to alleviate what he saw as being general apathy. "My contribution to the senate has been just allowing it to run close to the proper number [of senators] it should have," he said. "I've broken the apathy. I just added a voice to the general decision-making process."

Jones said it is important for students to vote to "hold someone accountable." He said he was disturbed by the recent hike in Polity's sports club budget while there was a cut in the budget of a handicapped assistance group, Students for an Accessible Campus.

Jones said he was unsure of how the alcohol policy affected the residence halls, but he said the Rainy Night House should be given the means to sell beer again.

"I would like to see more intermeshing of undergraduates, grad students, the media," he said.

Brian Levitt

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strengthen activity on the campus.

"I'd like to see SAB [Student Activities Board] work not just as SAB, but [as] a resource for creating revenue" and work with other clubs, Levitt said, acknowledging that SAB was not nearly a revenue source this year. He mentioned joint concert sponsorship between SAB and other clubs or building legislatures as a way of creating events and raising money.

"I'd like to use these fundamental programs we have in the university to improve things and better living conditions," he said.

Levitt said that as president he would work to reform SAB. "I have to look at all the people who are in there now who want to come back," he said. "Experience is a plus but if you're willing to work and research things you can get them done. I'd rather have hardworking people who are going to be responsible."

"This year's probably been one of the worst in terms of living conditions for students," Levitt said. "They're not even replacing broken windows, they're putting up boards."

Levitt said his experience working for Residence Life gives him an edge on solving dorm condition problems. "Things are going to start getting done more efficiently," he said.

Polity, Levitt said, does not reach out effectively to seek recruits. "They're not going out and finding new people," he said. "I want to see all the student population represented."

Levitt also said that he believed that the alcohol policy would ease up if "we can show responsible drinking."

"I know where the students are coming from," he said. "I'm not stuck in a Polity rut."

Gerry Shaps

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Shaps cited "conflicts of interest" in the government that existed "only because not enough people are getting involved. People who care are forced to hold several positions."

Aside from working on the opening of the Golden Bear Cafe, Shaps said he worked on stabilizing Polity and expanding university services to students. Shaps said that on PSC he instituted a system of "seed money," whereby a club would be given a sum to kick-off with and if the club ever drew a profit that money would be returned. He said that as the chairman of the senate's Facilities and Services Use Committee he was partly responsible for turning parts of the lecture center into a late night study lounge for students.

Shaps said he is planning a Polity recruitment film with COCA officials and plans to institute a Polity orientation course for new building senators. "A lot of students know what has to be done but don't know how to go about doing it," he said.

Shaps said he saw the alcohol policy becoming more lenient in coming semesters. "Different groups that hold events have been getting the trust of [administration] and Student Affairs," he said. "... You might see a change in the policy with this new trust we have."

"You don't need somebody cold walking into the presidency," he said. Shaps said that Polity is weakened and morale is damaged when an incoming president is unfamiliar with the organization.

"I know the system, I know how to tap into it, I'm familiar with the policies and procedures, and I know what's happening."

— Lang

—Horowitz

Candidates See Admin Two Ways

Denise Geier, a candidate for the position of Polity secretary, said that freshman priority housing and lack of socialization on campus are the main problems which students face.

Geier's experience for the position of secretary include secretary of the Entrepreneur Club, secretary of Roth Quad Council, and a secretary on Wall Street.

In relation to freshman priority housing, Geier said that she believes that "administration will come with a solution." Geier said that students already living on campus should have priority.

Geier said that one problem students face is teachers who are more interested in research than in teaching. Geier also expressed her concern with the suicide rate and said that she does not think it will increase. She said that she would, if elected, try to institute programs on suicide prevention.

"Corruption in Polity" is another problem which Geier said needs attention. Geier said that this problem can be solved if "we strengthen the internal system within Polity."

Geier said that lack of socialization on campus can be diminished if those of legal age lived in one or two buildings. This in turn would result in more parties in dormitories, Geier said.

"More communication is needed" Geier said, and "more cooperation among people in Polity." Geier added that currently, Polity is a "society by themselves." "A lot of students don't know what Polity is about ... students should learn what Polity is."

Geier said that her creativity and experience in Wall Street can be an asset to Polity: "I can help Polity, I can bring ideas to Polity."

Evyne Grover, candidate for the position of Polity secretary, believes that "Administration is not doing enough for students ... Administration has to know where the students are coming from," Grover said she is prepared to undertake this task.

Grover's past positions include Polity assistant treasurer for Services, student assistant to Polity Legal Clinic, Academic Judiciary member, chairperson of the Senate Budget Subcommittee for Services, and member of the of the University Subcommittee for Student Life.

Grover believes that dorm maintenance and freshman priority housing are the main problems student face. "Dorms are falling apart ... there is not enough representation on committees." Grover said that she will represent students, go to the committee meetings and "vote in their [students'] best interest."

Students do not realize, Grover said, how many clubs are available to them. Grover added that students are not aware of what Polity is all about and that they should be informed. Students pay an activity fee, Grover said, and should know how their money is spent.

"I do have the experience. I have been around and have been in procedures," Grover said. "I am extremely responsible, organized and enthusiastic ... I love working in Polity, I love helping students. I know I can do it."

Grover said that she would like to get commuters more involved in the campus. Commuters, Grover added, should be made aware of the service on campus and should be given more access.

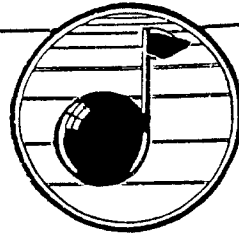
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Students Compete for Polity Rep Positions

"I've seen a lot of things go wrong. I've seen a lot of people try to solve them and give up. I don't give up that easily," said Daniel Rubin, candidate for Polity junior representative.

"I have worked on a lot of things without being in office. In office I want to get a hold of resources to help me fulfill my goals," Rubin said. He has served as the president of Roth quad council, heads the FightBack

committee at Mount College, serves as Residence Assistant, was an orientation leader last summer, organized a quad-wide version of the game Murder, works as an AIM tutor, and has been active in legislature.

Rubin said he would like to "work at getting the student better informed as to what Polity is doing and what I would be doing as junior representative."

"There are teachers who do research and

write their books and don't know how to teach," Rubin said. He expressed his concern that these teachers hold tenure over those who focus more on teaching. Another problem, Rubin said, is "Dorms and streets are falling apart ... the campus needs a lot of work." He hopes to take steps to remove these problems.

"When has any officer come to anyone's door and said, 'Hi, I repres-

ent you?'" asked Rubin, who advocates more one on one contact between the elected and his or her constituency. "I want to better inform the students, in particular the junior class, as to who I am and what I am doing. I want their input," stated Rubin.

—Sheldon

"Polity has the potential of achieving great things on campus," said Polity junior representative candidate Carlos Menjivar. "If we can get the support of all students we can make changes in the campus community."

"I have proven my leadership ability, and through my career I have come to realize that it is still far from its potential, being the Junior representative is another test to my career," Menjivar said. Menjivar has held positions such as the President of the Latin American Student Organization, member of the executive board of the Minority Planning Board, member of the Polity affirmative action committee, and President of the Phi Iota Fraternity.

"The greatest problem is the lack of communication," said Menjivar who hopes to build an environment in which communication can flourish. Menjivar would like to "have Polity run awareness groups which would bring what is going on in the dorms to Polity representative and their constituents. "I would do my best to change Polity's image. It is seen as a bureaucratic establishment.

The specific changes Menjivar would like to help execute as junior representative are the stoppage of buildings going on mandatory meal plan and upperclassmen's retention of priority housing. Menjivar added that he would "introduce more ideas geared toward minorities.

"I would like to open the doors [of Polity] to the community at large," Menjivar said, "I would like it to be seen as an open-door group."

— Sheldon

Steve Rosenfeld, running for sophomore class representative, believes that guaranteed freshman housing is the main problem which students will be facing in the near future.

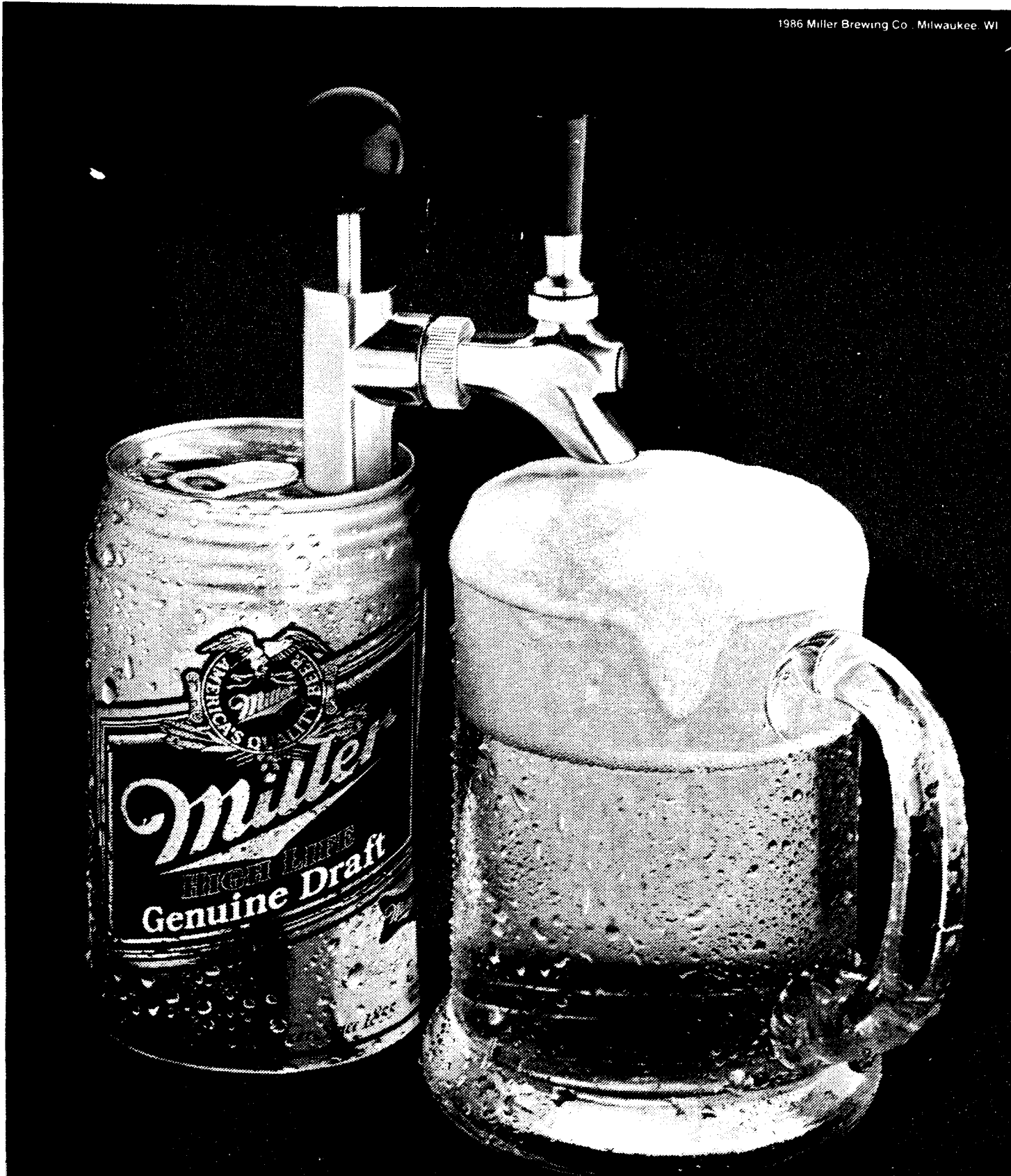
Rosenfeld, currently the freshman representative, has been a member of the Programs and Services Committee, a member of the Dorm Cooking Advisory Board, and treasurer of both the Dorm Business Commission and Housing Environmental and Living Problems Organization. Presently, Rosenfeld said that he is working with Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston on the housing problem. Since it will probably be instituted, Rosenfeld said, he is working towards exceptions for upperclassmen.

Rosenfeld said that "trying to get people involved in student advocacy" is another goal which he will try to fulfill. Rosenfeld added that he would like to make students more aware of what Polity is about.

One of his greatest strengths, Rosenfeld said, is finishing projects. "I think dedication and 'seeing things through,'" Rosenfeld said, will be an asset to Polity.

Opening facilities such as the Golden Bear in other areas on campus is a project Rosenfeld said he will try to implement. He added that many areas on campus are available and can be used.

— Mary Lou Lang



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Students Must Vote to Improve Campus Life

It may be as old as your mother telling you to wipe your feet or your dentist telling you to brush your teeth, but it must be said: in Tuesday's Polity elections, vote. A large voter turnout does much more than simply elect a candidate, it sends a cry of student concern and unrest, and it forces Polity to expand the scope of its concerns.

Voter turnout in recent years has been pitiful. In last year's presidential election only about 20 percent of the student body voted — down from the usually low 25 to 30 percent. In last fall's freshman representative and treasurer elections only 18 percent of the student body voted and the candidate for treasurer, Lisa Miller, ran unopposed. These numbers stink, folks, and they send a message to candidates that if you hit a few choice dorms you win.

There are no campaign posters up in Stage XII, except a few home-mades by a write-in presidential hopeful. Candidates know that historically, few votes come out of Stage, and they indirectly neglect the concerns and needs of student there. With the maintenance problems students there are forced to deal with, it's a crime that many of them don't vote.

There is little concern among most candidates for education reform. Large classes, research oriented faculty, and a lack of study space are issues hardly mentioned by most candidates. They sense that the students concerned with these issues also vote in small numbers. A larger turn out from these communities would quickly turn this lack of concern around.

A jump in voter turn out would also force the Stony Brook campaign process into a greater mode of debate and sophistication. Right now it is generally accepted that whoever hangs up the most posters in the best spots will win. When the voting population grows larger that campaigning process

will have to expand its means of reaching the students and other campus institutions will take the process more seriously. More debates, speeches, and election forums will be sponsored if campus institutions know the students care enough to vote. Certainly more election forums would bring out more voters anyway, but many campus groups are currently convinced that no one cares and are unlikely to take the first step.

The views, accomplishments, and priorities of each candidate are recorded briefly in this issue. The *Stony Brook Press* will also be featuring coverage of the candidates. WUSB 90.1 FM will be airing a presidential debate live on Monday night at 7:00. There is also to be a presidential debate scheduled Monday in the Union Fireside Lounge at 5:00 p.m. Use the information available, vote, and surprise Polity, the candidates, and yourselves.



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You Can Help Put the 'Student' Back In Polity

By Marc Gunning

I would like to commend *Statesman* for the timely "Let's Face It" question of the week. The question "Are you going to vote in the next student elections? Why?" reminded me that student involvement in elections are still a problem. It also gave me the chance to better understand why the students don't get involved.

A few months ago, I presented a partial disclosure of my President's Report to the University Senate. In it, I addressed the problem of student apathy. I believe that when something goes wrong with our programming and there is a poor student turnout for our concerts, movies and events or when we can't get students involved with committees, we will blame it on student apathy. I don't buy that. I think the students are more frustrated than apathetic. (Although there are still too many students who really don't care.)

Three out of the seven people who were polled indicated that they would not vote in Tuesday's elections, although this is not really a representative sample. In actuality about one out of every four students will take the time to vote, if we go by past election turn outs. Two out of the three students who said that they would not vote indicated that they felt that "... nothing ever gets done."

I would like to address that issue in the hopes of convincing these students that things can and do get done. Students have a great deal of potential for instituting a change. This year, the leaders of Student Polity have accomplished the following:

1. Completely reorganized the management of Student Polity — we dismissed our old executive director, attorney, and accountant for unsatisfactory performance at the beginning of our term. We have since hired a new executive director, two attorneys, an accountant, and a new bookkeeping clerk. We also created a new position (financial manager) to oversee our fiscal management. Because of these changes, Student Polity has become a much more stable organization.
2. Javits Lecture Center Crisis — Student Polity initiated the boycott of classes after learning that possible health hazards existed in the lecture center. Working closely with NYPIRG, the Graduate Student Organization, the Graduate Student Employees Union, and the United University Professions, we followed up on this matter with administration and were able to get classes rescheduled until the lecture center could be cleaned. We've also been pushing for health screenings for student, a new policy in dealing with similar matters and for continued full disclosure of all pertinent information.
3. Student Polity has established an Affirmative Action Council to ensure that we abide by AA/EO guidelines and procedures.
4. We've established the Student Activities Advisory Board to improve on our campus programming and provide a monthly calendar of campus events.
5. Student Polity has established a new student-chairperson position called the Public Relations/Publicity Chair to better inform the students of the work that we're doing and to improve our visibility and relations with the students.
6. The Student Polity Council has sponsored "Split Image," a new non-alcoholic programming concept featuring comedians, magicians, psychics, etc.
7. We are working to change the alcohol policy to a more reasonable one;

we were successful in making sure that another building didn't go meal plan (as was suggested by administration); and we were involved in formulating an alternative proposal to placing seniors on a lottery for housing due to freshman priority housing.

8. Student leaders from Student Polity and GSO successfully proposed a \$12,000 renovation of the Javits Study Center and have requested FSA to put a Xerox machine and food and soda vending machines in Lecture Hall 108 for study breaks next year.

9. Student leaders were successful in getting a \$75,000 rebate for meal plan participants. We have joined buying services that offer discounts on many items and services for our students. We've strongly supported the Graduate Student Organization's fight to improve the quality of graduate student life as well as undergraduate quality of education, and we've opposed the proposal to put Public Safety Officers on a shift-rotation program.

10. Student Polity has worked closely with the G Quad Council to institute positive changes in G-Fest that we hope will make the event bigger and better than ever.

11. Student Polity has initiated "Operation Metamorphosis" — a weekend event during which student, faculty, administrators, and staff will work together to paint ugly concrete, sweep sandy walks, plant trees and flowers, and clean up our grounds while enjoying free concerts, barbecues, t-shirts, etc.

12. Members of Student Polity have been working on Senior Weekend — a final farewell event featuring barbecues, beer, a cabaret night, an ocean cruise, and a free concert by a special guest band.

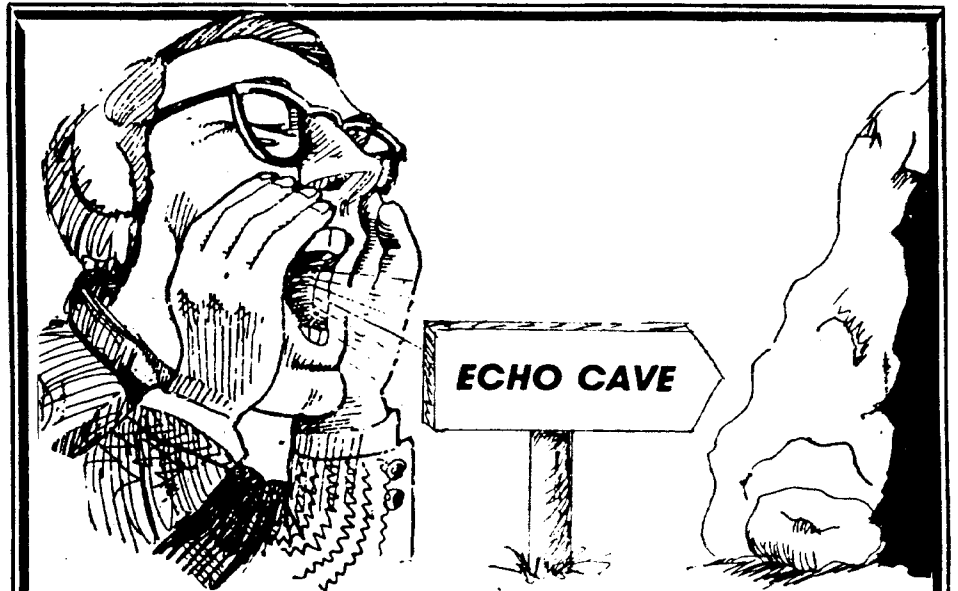
13. We've brought the word "Student" back into "Polity" to remind everyone why we are here, and we are conducting a survey of the campus community to find out how we can improve upon ourselves.

We've done a lot this year, however, there's a lot more that needs to be done. The only way it can be done is if the students support their leaders and get involved. As I get ready to close my term of office, I ask the members of the student body to be sure to vote in tomorrow's elections. It only takes a few seconds and gives you the ability to have a direct say in deciding who represents you and who controls the 1.3 million dollars that you pay in activity fees.

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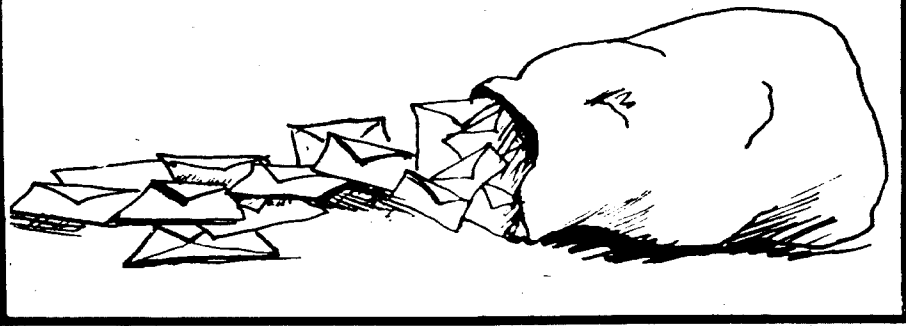
1. This week's *Stony Brook Press* will feature all the candidates' platforms and complete answers to specific questions.
 2. This issue of *Statesman* features in depth coverage of the election and features interviews of the candidates.
 3. WUSB 90.1 FM is sponsoring a live on-the-air Presidential Debate tonight at 7 p.m. Call 632-6901 to ask the candidates your questions.
- So please get out and vote tomorrow, April 28. Polling places will be conveniently located next to resident student mailboxes; in the Lecture Center, Library, and Student Union Lobby for commuting students; and in the Health Sciences Center. Remember ... "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

(The writer is the President of the Student Polity Association — the undergraduate student government at Stony Brook.)



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ALTERNATIVES

Michael Marker: A Man Far Off the Mark

By Susan Robertson

The concept of safe sex seems all too elusive in these times of rampant teenage pregnancy and the spreading of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) to the heterosexual population. These conditions in addition to the creation of school based clinics (SBC's), which provide sex education programs that include instruction on how to use contraceptives as well as contraceptives, have prompted the Human Life Center (HLC) based at the University of Steubenville, a Franciscan school, to launch its "vital" We Care About Kids program.

The HLC has been sending out flyers which present its stance on SBC's and contraceptive advertising. Their position is that there is a "war...involving the wholesale destruction of innocence among our children", and that "our children are being sold that 'Promiscuity is okay', as long as it doesn't result in birth." When questioned, Mike Marker, Co-director of the HLC, said that most kids today want to abstain from sex but are being bombarded and pressured on all sides to be sexually active.

Apparently Mr. Marker has never experienced sexual curiosity. This would seem rather unnatural, according to Dr. Sheldon Landesman, an AIDS researcher in New York who said that "after food and sleep, you are dealing

with the third most powerful drive we have and sex is the most powerful non-survival drive". Marker also seems to perceive children as being completely uninfluenced by what is going on around them. Among other things not taken into consideration are the fact that one out of two children in our society are from broken homes, which immediately removes them from a "Leave it to Beaver" type of existence.

As could be assumed, children have been "soiled" by reality long before the eighties. In 1940, a study conducted by zoologist, Alfred Kinsey, discovered that

are completely against it. Apparently the HLC is of the opinion that we as a society have no right to gyp our young girls out of the trauma and possible emotional problems that come free with every abortion, even if it could have been avoided by an SBC's crash course in sexual education. George Will, columnist, said in one of his recent columns, "Beer commercials are not supposed to make you thirsty, or get you to buy beer rather than a Buick or root beer. Beer commercials try to get you to buy Miller rather than Bud." In other words if the HLC were truly interested in protecting our children it would try to

what they have been told they shouldn't.

Apparently even if the HLC understood the above logic, they would still be opposed to contraceptives. According to their flyer, "they're [kids] being told, condoms will protect you from AIDS." According to Mr. Marker "a condom will protect against AIDS only 50% of the time. This is because, a condom, if used correctly will prevent conception 80% of the time and since a woman can conceive only a quarter of the month, the condom is not effective 20% of that 80%." The Long Island Association for AIDS Care said, contrarily, that condoms are defective 3% of the time and that any errors of a greater magnitude than that were the result of improper use such as contact or penetration without a condom, waiting until after foreplay to apply the condom which may result in preseminal fluid or using the wrong type of lubrication.

It is very interesting that people can believe that our country, or any country's children, for that matter, could be repressed from exploring their own sexuality because a small group in a University wants them to. It is also very interesting that people in the twentieth century could believe that restricting someone's knowledge about something and telling them not to try to find out about it on their own would be an effective measure.

'A condom will protect against AIDS only 50% of the time' —Michael Marker

85% of married males had engaged in sexual intercourse before marriage, 50% of husbands had committed adultery, and by the age of 40, 26% of wives had committed adultery. So much for the SBC's corrupting children with unpure thoughts; human nature seems to have beaten them to it.

In terms of the HLC's stance against prophylactic advertisements, yes they

educate them as much as possible about their own sexuality and the problems a lack of knowledge of it can cause. If they were of this opinion, the prophylactic advertisements wouldn't have much more of an effect on children than Will's explanation of a beer commercial's effect. Unfortunately, forbidding people, especially children, to do something only makes them more motivated to explore



Lindsey Buckingham

New Fleetwood Mac

By Elizabeth Kurtz

Fleetwood Mac's new album, *Tango In the Night*, just might earn Lindsey Buckingham some of the credit he has long deserved as both producer and songwriter. The creative genius in Buckingham which adroitly explored new musical sound and style concepts on his own *Go Insane* album was always lost in the traditional listenability of Fleetwood Mac. The combination of their original sound, and Buckingham's innovations has resulted in a vital and expertly produced album in many places.

Buckingham's own songs are by far the richest ones on this album. He sounds more natural than he has on a Mac album in years; he may finally have succeeded in reconciling his own creative desires with those of old and new Fleetwood fans. His songs are fetchingly strong and

straight-ahead but also lushly layered with his unique stylistic devices. The intensity of Buckingham's earlier songs such as "Go Your Own Way" and "I'm So Afraid" is finally back on "Caroline" and the title track, while his modern "1980's" sound works well with the old funkiness on "Big Love", the album's first highly erotic single, and "Isn't It Midnight", a song co-written with bandmate Christine McVie and her new husband, keyboardist Eddie Quintela.

But, while Buckingham's heavy production flavors his own songs nicely, it deadens the punch of McVie's other compositions. Her faster songs are usually built around piano solos and a few simple but catchy chords. The synthetic polish used here on her "Little Lies" and "You and I" (also co-written with Buckingham)

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Music Notes

By Anjali Singhal

"What gives you the idea you're so amazing, baby?" is the title of the first song released by a British group called CRAZY HEAD. Their new album is on the FOOD label, an independent British label. This song has a lot of potential and so does the group. Most people tend to disregard independent labels, thinking that they are unimportant. But, remember, groups like DEPECHE MODE, THE POLICE, and SIMPLE MINDS also began their successful careers on independent labels...

Not too long ago, it was PETER GABRIEL and KATE BUSH. Now, it's Pete and NONA HENDRIX. Nona sang with PATTI LABELLE in the group the LABELLES in the '70's. She will be releasing a solo album, *Female Trouble*, soon on which Gabriel will be guesting.

A new British movie is due out for release soon. This new movie is called "Something Wild". Besides being rumored to be a great flick, its soundtrack is also rumored to be "up there". FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS, UB40, and NEW ORDER are only a few of the many groups scheduled to appear on the soundtrack.

ANDY TAYLOR, former guitarist of DURAN DURAN and co-founder of POWER STATION, has just released his new album, *Thunder* on MCA records. The album was co-produced by Taylor and STEVE JONES of the SEX PISTOLS. The album features bassist PAT O'HEARN, formerly of MISSING PERSONS and former HALL & OATES

drummer MICKEY CURRIE. Taylor hopes to start up with a national tour soon. He was supposed to tour with DAVID LEE ROTH but the delayed release of *Thunder* upset those plans. Rumor has it that Taylor wants to hook up with ROD STEWART and form a band with him.



David Bowie

Welcome back SIGUE SIGUE SPUTNICK. Sigue Sigue Sputnik has just returned to the music scene. Their new album will feature their own version of DAVID BOWIE's "Rebel Rebel". Bowie is happy with this and suprisingly enough, might even appear on the re-mix.

Fleetwood Mac Doesn't Dip With 'Tango'

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doesn't ignite like the raw rhythmic rock of "You Make Loving Fun" and "Don't Stop". "Everywhere" is her perkier upbeat tune on the new album and it is likely to be a successful single. Though a nice bright song, it too might have felt more alive with deeper, more acoustic-sounding piano arrangements. And, through no fault in production, "Mystified", her belted this time around doesn't tug on the heartstrings like the less-contrived "Songbird" did. It simply sounds uninspired.

On the brighter side, the Big Mac has finally decided to record one of Stevie Nicks' poignant, acoustic ballads, "When

I See You Again". The song is beautiful and, for Nicks, rather accessible. Unfortunately, it becomes saddeningly obvious here that her honest, ever endearing singing style doesn't mesh with her faltering voice as nicely as it used to. Her singing calls attention to itself as usual but the sound is not the refreshing strong-but-sweet nasal rarity that it was.

"Seven Wonders" is a well-done upbeat rocker that seems destined to become her single, and "Welcome to the Room, Sara" is a slightly exotic, melodious song with the totally unfathomable kind of lyrics so typical of Nicks. Even for her this one is obtuse, with images of Scarlett O'Hara spliced with the continu-

ing saga of the *Tusk* album's heroine, Sara. There are some "dreams" lying around but no gypsies, dragons, or fine skylarks to grace the stage. One sort of misses them.

The band has gone back to the harmonizing and splashing of its three different voices all over this record and it enhances the songs immeasurably. They achieve a classy but still hip overall sound, as always, this time sounding more like a band than they have since *Rumours*, although the fine contributions of drummer Mick Fleetwood and bassist John McVie demand less attention than formerly because of the modern, multi-layered piece-by-piece producing of

Buckingham and Mac veteran Richard Dashut.

Tango In The Night sees the aging, rejuvenating, and artistic progression of Fleetwood Mac by turns, yet sounds truer to itself than *Mirage* did in 1982. Like the group and its music have always been, this album is different enough from anything else around to merit some spins even if it won't be to frazzles by millions as the *Rumours* album was in 1977. All things considered, they sound good. Chemistry has always been a vital ingredient in the Mac's creations and on *Tango* their hearts are definitely back in it even if the souls, with Buckingham as the exception, don't compel like they used to.

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By Dan Sarluca

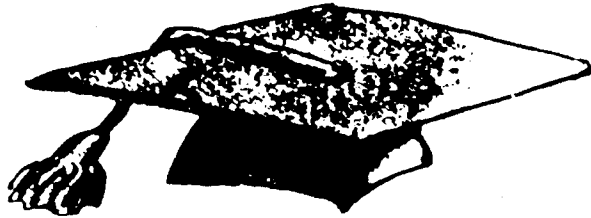
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- 1) What was the name of Leonard's pet frog?
- 2) What was the name of the singer Edna wanted to see in concert?
- 3) What was the name of the Jockey who gave Oscar the tips about which horses to bet on?
- 4) Which of the following people did *not* appear as guests on "The Odd Couple?" Howard Cosell, Dick Butkus, Bobby Riggs, Monty Hall.
- 5) Why does Oscar keep a heater in his closet?
- 6) Why does Felix say you should never assume anything?
- 7) What is the name of the newspaper Oscar writes for?
- 8) When Felix was late with his milk money, what did the student court sentence him to?
- 9) Complete the name of this band: Felix Red River Unger and His _____
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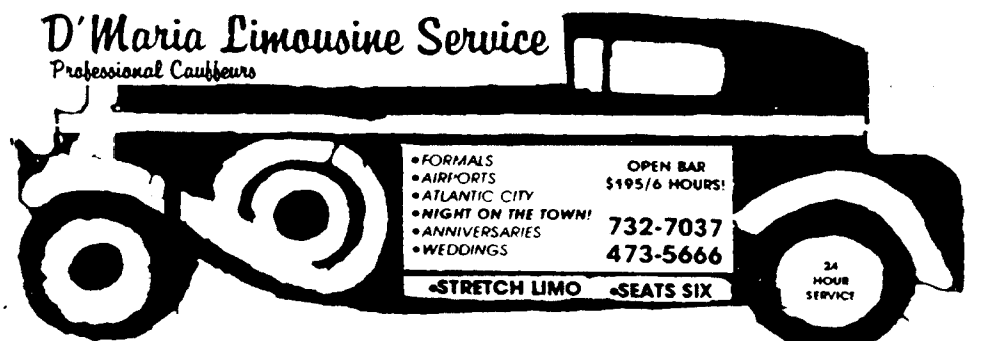
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Monday, April 27, 1987

Patriots, CSI Split Doubleheader

By Scott Finkle

After the weather forced another doubleheader rainout for the Stony Brook baseball team last Saturday, the Patriots faced The College of Staten Island in a makeup from last month and split the two games.

CSI jumped out on top first in their first at bat. A single, a stolen base and another single put the Dolphins on the board against Joe Greco.

The Pats scored in the first inning, too. Craig Cipriano doubled with two outs in the first inning and scored on Felix Tineo's single following a pitch that hit third baseman Bill Santangelo.

The Dolphins struck again in the second. Two singles and a passed ball in between made the score 2-1 CSI. That was all they would get off Greco.

Tineo got things started in the fourth inning with a leadoff double. One out later, Tony Ferrara walked. Then the catcher Pat Mahan singled. Tineo rounded third and headed home, but Ed Wilson gunned him down at the plate. Chris Reich followed with another single, and Ferrara came in to tie the game at two.

Reich got the game winning RBI off reliever Pat Pingaro in the sixth inning when he singled for his third straight hit. Bill Germano, who had singled to start the winning rally, scored the winning run for a 3-2 final.

Joe Morro didn't give the Patriots many chances in the nightcap. He held them scoreless through the first six innings in the Dolphin's 2-1 victory.

CSI scored both their runs in the third when Gerry DeLuca homered off Orlando Rosa who allowed four hits, struck out three and walked two. Both walks came in the first inning when the Dolphins mounted a major threat but failed to score. A single and the two free passes loaded the bases with two outs, but Rosa got Mike Campbell swinging to put out the fire before it blazed.

The Patriots threatened in the fourth inning but failed to score leaving the bases loaded. With one out, Germano singled. After Julio Ramirez grounded into a force play, Frank DeNicola singled. An error by shortstop John Torres off the bat of Marc Hedquist loaded the sacks with Patriots. However, Dan Melore grounded to third to end the inning.

Andy Pargament took the hill for the Pats in the fifth inning and went the rest of the way allowing only one hit and two walks while fanning two.

Stony Brook finally got to Morro, scoring a run in their last

at bat. Melore singled with one out, and on the next play Bot Burden took his place with a fielder's choice. Cipriano came through with his fourth hit in six official times up on the day with a double to plate Burden.

Cipriano's hit knocked Morro out of the game. Pingaro was brought in again. This time Pingaro secured the victory and earned a save by getting Santangelo to ground to shortstop to end the game.



Steve Nasty (left) and Kevin Thompson spar in Sunday's tournament.

Statesman/Dean Chang

Getting a Kick From Karate

How does Karate strike you? Does it make you think of Bruce Lee soaring through the air to deliver a kick? Or can you picture The Karate Kid in action? To many, it's only an image of the movies, but to a growing number of people it's becoming a reality.

On Sunday afternoon it continued its growth stage as the 11th annual Empire State Karate Championships packed Patriots Gymnasium.

According to the Promoter Joyce Santamaria, who began this tournament 11 years ago in the Stony Brook Gymnasium, enrollment in the competition has increased from 350 to its present total of 1225.

"In this [tournament], the object is to win by finesse and not control your technique but your attitude," said Ric Paschetta, who served as master of ceremonies for the main evening show.

As the Stony Brook Gymnasium filled to capacity, the contestants, who paid \$25 to register (Black belts paid \$30), came from all over in all shapes and sizes as the ages ranged from 5 to 65, each finding a different reason for their interest in Karate.

No matter what their reason was for coming, most of the 2,000 people who participated will most likely be back next year to fulfill their dreams or just enjoy the art.

— Jeff Eisenhart

Hard to Repeat When They're Gunning

It's not easy to repeat as world champions. Anybody with a modest understanding of baseball will tell you that.

The Yankees were the last to accomplish that feat back in 1977, '78. In fact, it happened three times in the 1970's. The Oakland Athletics were the first ones (1972, '73), and Cincinnati Reds followed suit in 1975, '76.

Well, the Mets are trying to do what hasn't been done in nine years. Everybody makes it tough for a champion to repeat especially the press and the opposing clubs. The champion becomes the most hated team in baseball.

The Mets know what that's like. The offseason kept them in the news more than they would have liked to have been. Dwight Gooden's problems were the most celebrated. The icing on the cake was his admission of drug use. So much for a quiet winter.

The world champs aren't paranoid, everyone is out to get them. That's just part of the responsibility that goes with the territory.

Collapsing is the last thing that you want to happen to your team. A good effort is absolutely necessary. Too many teams have found themselves fighting for the cellar after winning a pennant.

The Cardinals will be the Mets toughest competition. They have already beaten the champs five out of six times in this young season. They've been plagued by injuries and still hold a one game lead in the eastern division over the Mets.



Currently, three starters (John Tudor, Tony Pena, and Tom Herr) are on the shelf, but that hasn't kept them from playing solid baseball.

On the other hand, the Mets' record now stands at 9-8. Is

the pressure too much for them? By June 1, every team should settle down to its true potential, and then we will know for sure if they can stand the heat of the summer months to come.

Meanwhile, the Yankees are keeping pace with the white hot Milwaukee Brewers. While the Brewers are 16-1, the Bronx Bombers have won 11 of their last 13 to remain a close second. Even though Mattingly is not hitting like the Don Mattingly that everyone knows, the pitching staff is pitching like the Mets' staff of last year. What's going on??

The Yanks haven't settled down to their true potential yet. They'll finish third with a 83-79 record—not bad for a team that's on the rise again.

The American League east is far from over. The Brewers are not the team to beat, and the Yankees could profit from their quick start. Also, my predictions could be way off, but that's not likely.

Anyway, you've read enough of my rambling for one week, so I'll let you go now—start paying attention to your professors or whatever you're doing. See you next week. Well, I probably won't see you next week, but you could write me to let me know what you think of this trash. I seriously doubt if anyone will write anything, but that won't stop me from being right back here next week. Same time, same newspaper.