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GSO President Resigns at Meeting

Kelly Quits After Senate Votes Down Vice President Appointment

By George Bidermann

Graduate Student Organization President Kevin Kelly shocked the GSO Senate Wednesday night when he announced his resignation, effective immediately, after the Senate voted against confirming his appointment of Loretta Capuano as GSO vice president.

"The Senate has voted against my recommendation. It is a vote of no confidence in Loretta, and it is a vote of no confidence in me," Kelly said as the Senate reconvened after a five minute recess that had been called after the vote. Kelly then announced he was resigning and abruptly left the room.

Kelly's resignation came in the middle of a meeting that was at times comical and at times pathetically bogged down by lengthy debates concerning the interpretation of the GSO Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order. Questioned two hours after his departure from the meeting, Kelly confirmed that he had indeed resigned, saying "It's time for other people to step in and take control. Politics just does not appeal to me."

The discussion surrounding Kelly's selection of Capuano had dragged on for more than half an hour while Senate members discussed technicalities and the question of whether another candidate, Ralph Snyder, should have the opportunity to be considered for the position. When the original issue of Kelly's appointment of Capuano was finally brought up for a confirmation vote, the Senate voted 10-11-2 against confirming his selection. It was shortly thereafter that Kelly announced his resignation.

Kelly said he was disheartened by the "politics" that are going on in the GSO Senate, especially in light of increased participation on the part of GSO senators. There were 25 senators present at Wednesday's meeting, one of the highest turnouts of the year. "It's gotten to the point where a lot of people have gotten interested in GSO," Kelly said. "Let them [GSO Senators] build a new consensus."

vice president selection until an emergency meeting that will be held next Wednesday at 8:00 PM. Capuano's position, that of "acting vice president" since December, was extended until the next meeting.

Kelly is the third member of the GSO Executive Committee to resign since the semester began. President Anne Whalen and Treasurer Arthur Brooks resigned in the the opening weeks of the semester. Kelly, who was then vice president, assumed the role of presi-

Snyder, who is treasurer of the Graduate Student Employees Union, said "This is the worst meeting of the year ... The tension has been high, and it [Kelly's resignation] was probably a reaction to the tension of the meeting. I hope he'll reconsider, because he has put a lot into being president.'

Snyder told the Senate that he believed the GSO "has reached a real crisis - proper procedure in meetings is not known. Until a good constitution is written and a good set of by-laws are written, the organization is going to continue to be the same monkeyhouse it has been.

The Senate faces two problems that the present constitution does not address. The first is that without a president, a vice-president cannot be recommended for appointment, since the president makes the recommendation. The second, more difficult problem, is filling the post of president. Several Senate members said the constitution does not address the selection of a new president if the president resigns.

In other action, the Senate:

granted \$6,000 retroactive funding to Statesman; released funds for NYPIRG that had been frozen since a petition was filed last fall challenging the results of an referendum. A motion to release SASU funds after the negotiation of a contract was also

granted \$3,000 in funds towards a Graduate Re-The Senate voted to table discussion on the topic of source Access Project, which will serve to provide

"The Senate has voted against my recommendation. It is a vote of no confidence in Loretta, and it is a vote of no confidence in me."

Kevin Kelly

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UUP Settlement Receives Cold Welcome at SB

By Mitchell Horowitz

The United University Professions (UUP), SUNY's labor union, settled on a new contract with the State last week after 14 months at the bargaining table. However, Stony Brook's UUP chapter President William Wiesner said Wednesday that he was uneasy over the

"The negotiations team did not even see the contract," Wiesner said. "It was settled on a handshake between the president of the UUP and the director of the Governor's Office of Employee Relations [GOER].'

Contract talks between the 17,000 member union and GOER had been marred by difficulties. The UUP's negotiating team had been bargaining with GOER since January, 1985 and its members had been working without a contract since June. As a result of the stalemate, GOER had enacted a factfinding investigation of the UUP's bargaining practices last November.

Wiesner, who represents the 1300 UUP members at Stony Brook, said the salary raise in the contract was "inadequate." The new three year contract gives a five percent pay raise each year; the City University of New York (CUNY) union contract gives an eight percent yearly increase.

The UUP's Rough Negotiations Trail

January 1985 - Contract talks between UUP and State begin.

June 18 1985 - Negotiations break down; both parties leave the table.

June 30 1985 - UUP conract expires; 17,000 members left to work without a new contract.

November 27 1985 - Talks start again, but break down in 24 hours.

November 29 1985 - State calls for investigation of UUP's bargining procedures. March 5 1986 - Despite investigation, contract agreement is reached; settlement is blasted by some members.

"It's standard procedure in collective bargaining to settle with a handshake," said the chief of the UUP's negotiating team, John Reilly. Reilly claimed he was not surprised that the contract was finally settled among only UUP President Nuala Drescher and GOER Director Tom Hartnett. "Had I been sent by the team and I got what I thought we

might need, I too would have been in power to settle," he said.

Reilly claimed the negotiation team members had been alerted of the settlement by phone, just after it occurred Wednesday night. He said no one expressed discomfort with settlement procedure.

"She [Drescher] was in touch with the

team, but I am not certain to the extent to which they were consulted," said UUP Field Representative John Ryan.

Though Reilly said all chapter presidents would be appraised of the contract settlement n a memorandum, Wiesner said "It has been over a week and I am uninformed. I can't be definitive about the contract. That is one of the things I am unhappy about."

University President John Marburger said he felt the contract was "a compromise," but added that "It sounds like there are some positive things in the package." He said in the future the administration "would like to have more ability to adjust salaries on the basis of different [employment] situation.

According to Wiesner, a union vote will be held shortly to ratify the contract. He predicted it would have no difficulty passing. "A lot of people are happy we finally have a contract ... Most feel that there is no point in airing our dirty linen in public," he said.

Wiesner blamed GOER for the long stretch of bargaining, because "they really did not want to negotiate on anything." However, he said the negotiations stalemate and the new contract procedures "severely affects the ability of the members to trust their

Patrons Split For Campus Drinking

By Sharon Marcus

Considering the December raise in the drinking age and recent questions about liability insurance for campus businesses which serve alcohol, the Rainy Night House is in for some stormy weather, but we won't see the end of "The Bridge."

"Right now," said Rainy Night House Manager James Gerald, "we're not selling alcohol at all because we didn't renew our license in time." Without a current license, the Rainy Night House, which is located in the basement of the Student Union, has had to halt its sales of alcohol for the past week.

Gerald added that SCOOP, which operates the Rainy Night House, is now "putting a microscope on the situation," pending the possible lack of sufficient liability coverage for alcohol-related suits. If the investigation reveals an inadequate amount of liability insurance, the Rainy Night House will have to stop serving alcohol permanently.

Fred Preston, vice president of Student Affairs, said he was concerned because SCOOP was a Polity operation. He said that a suit could be filed against Polity if SCOOP didn't have the appropriate liability coverage, or worse yet, "...instead of just finding out if an establishment has enough money, an organization may sue the Rainy Night House, Polity, and the university, just in case the Rainy Night House and Polity don't have enough money."

The End of the Bridge (EOB), on the other hand, will not be affected by any liability problems and will continue to serve alcohol to those who meet the age requirement. Phil Ginsburg, manager of the EOB, said that DAKA has sufficient liability coverage to continue serving alcohol without fear of being sued.

"The whole issue of liability is a great question that's on everybody's lips right now," said Student Union Director Bill Fornadel. "Anyone concerned with the operation could be named in a lawsuit—so they definitely need to have good liability coverage." Fornadel also cited limited revenue as a

major problem for operations such as the Rainy Night House and the recently closed Graduate Student Lounge.

Preston has asked the Campus Alcohol and Drug Advisory Panel to consult the university's legal counsel on the issue. He explained that as a result of the recent increase in alcohol-related lawsuits, many insurance companies have withdrawn their coverage of alcohol-related programs on college campuses. "The companies aren't as concerned with the raising of the drinking age as they are about a significant increase in suits," Preston said. But he added that there have not been any lawsuits of this nature filed on this campus.

In order to accommodate the new population of underage student customers, both the Rainy Night House and the EOB have restructured the physical layout of their establishments to separate "drinking" and "non-drinking" areas. The Rainy Night House has been using barricades since the beginning of the semester to create a special area (appropriately named "The Drinking Pen") which is about one third the size of the entire restaurant and is the only place where people can drink alcohol.

The EOB has a similar arrangement. "We're essentially running a split bar," Ginsburg said. "On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, temporary barriers separate the room into two sides. For the non-drinking side, we have a juice and soda bar, dancing, and entertainment." Customers who are of age wear a plastic wristband that they have to show to bouncers before entering the drinking side of the bar.

The Rainy Night House and the EOB have lost a significant proportion of their business due to the raising of the drinking age in New York State. The Rainy Night House sells only beer and wine to its drinking-aged customers and "alcohol sales are down," according to Gerald. He explained that although alcohol constitutes 40 percent of the sales at night for the restaurant, it actually accounts for less



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Bouncers proof at the End of the Bridge

than 10 percent of the overall revenue. To make up for this loss, the Rainy Night House initiated a special campus delivery service last month, which delivers food to any office or room on the main campus. Gerald said that the delivery service is just "paying (Continued on Page 5)

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Successor to Provost Neal Could Be on Horizon

By Mitchell Horowitz

Although no decision has been announced, members of the President's Committee on the Provostship are claiming Jerry Schubel, dean for the Marine Sciences Research Center and acting vice provost for Graduate Studies, will be chosen to succeed Provost Homer Neal, whose resignation takes effect August 31.

"Everybody was in favor of Schubel," Polity President Eric Levine, a committee member, said of the committee's first meeting this week. Levine claimed that the academic department deans on the committee "unanimously supported Schubel."

"Graduate students have gotten it through their advisers that he [Schubel] is certainly the number one choice," said Graduate Student Organization President Kevin Kelly, who is also on the committee. "There was very heavy support for him ... He seems such an obvious choice." [Kelly resigned from his position as GSO president last night. See related story, page one.]

In the original search that eventually brought Neal to campus in 1981, Schubel was the top internal candidate for provost. Levine said the Advisory Committee was "very impressed" with Schubel's abilities in fund raising, his building of the Marine Sciences Research Center and his social compatibility with students and administrators.

Although University President John Marburger declined to confirm any offer to Schubel, he said "A lot of people have been talking about him." Marburger said he would be making an announcement on the committee's reccomendations next week.

"I think he [Schubel] probably has the widest degree of support," said committee member and Dean for Humanities and Fine Arts Don Ihde. "His name is the one most often mentioned."

According to Levine, "Marburger seemed to support Schubel. Everything [at the meeting] seemed very worked out."

Both Levine and Kelly said Schubel was the only one

discussed at the meeting as Neal's successor. At present another meeting has not been planned.

This is the first time in Stony Brook's history that a strictly internal search has been conducted for a senior faculty member. The provostship is considered second only to the presidency at Stony Brook.

Marburger recently cited a desire to "accelerate" the search for a new provost in order to quell concern "over the stability of our campus ... I'm willing to look at internal candidates [because] of the enormous difficulties facing us. There are also enormous opportunities which must be seized now."

Marburger said it was unlikely that anyone would become provost before Neal's plans to leave the position at the end of August. "I would like the Provost to stay in that position as long as we can keep him," he said

Schubel was out of town Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.



Steam billows from a laundry room in the basement of Kelly D.

Steam Leak Cuts Off Heat

By Ray Parish

Heat and hot water service was cut off in State XII, Kelly, Tabler, Roth, and G and H Quads from 5:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tuesday. Kelly and Stage XII lost heat and hot water again on Wednesday.

Gary Matthews, director of the Resident Physical, said "The shutdown on Tuesday was planned." According to Matthews, heat and hot water were cut off at the power plant so the system could be checked for leaks, and that the system shutdown coincided with the arrival of "visitors from SUNY central." Also, Matthews explained, maintenance decided to take advantage of the shutdown to attempt to repair a steam leak in Kelly D.

The leak in Kelly D started on January 7, in a pipe in the corner of the washing machine room, located in the basement. Arthur Shertzer, residence hall director of Kelly D, said that the leak was reported almost immediately, but no attempt had been made to patch it, and the problem worsened.

Steam escaping from the pipe has raised the temperature in the room to about 95 degrees, and has created a permanent cloud of vapor four feet off the ground. The vapor has condensed on every surface in the room, making it impossible to set clothes down anywhere or even sit down on the bench. A blue fungus has collected on the wall near the pipe and the ceiling tiles have crumbled and fallen due to mildew. Outside in the hall, a floor fan, with its power cord winding through a puddle to the socket has kept the steam from filling the corridor.

"It's like a sauna in there!" said Jeanine Blumberg, a senior who lives in Kelly D, "There isn't one surface that is dry!" Most residents say that they have continued to do their wash in the building, rather than walk to Kelly C or E in the cold weather.

It was the cold weather, according to Gary Matthews, that kept workmen from fixing the pipe. "I think we would have gotten quite a few calls if we had shut off the heat in January," said Matthews. He also pointed out that shutting off heat and hot water in freezing temperatures could have caused pipes to burst.

The workmen were not able to repair the leak on Tuesday, and Matthews said that it is possible that Kelly and Stage XII may have to endure another shutdown before the problem will be fixed. Kelly and Stage XII are on the same "heating loop," and to isolate the leak, both quads must be effected. Matthews said that the lack of adequate cut-off valves is a design problem, and that improvements in the system are being planned.

According to Matthews, an existing valve that could have helped solve the problem would not close properly. Also, once the heating loop has been shut down, workers still have to wait for the remaining steam to leave the system before they can begin repairs. According to Matthews, the first plan to fix the leak is to weld the leak shut, but this cannot be done unless the surface of the pipe is fairly dry and clean. If the weld does not hold, the workers will install a "cuff" to patch the leak. If further repairs are necessary, it is likely that at least one more shutdown will occur.

Dorm Inspection Reveals Causes Behind Damage

During the past week, Statesman conducted checklist inspections of ten dorm buildings on campus, selecting at least one building from each quad. The results may not be surprising, but the lists raise some questions as to who is responsible for the current state of disrepair in the dorms.

The poor conditions can be broken down into three basic problems, based on cause: worn parts, neglect and vandalism.

Vandalism is the most difficult to solve, because it is usually unclear who the perpetrator is, and it is possible that the perpetrator does not live on or care about the campus. But one fact that became clear during the inspections is that vandalism is only a partial cause of the disrepair.

Vadalism can be pinpointed as the cause of broken windows, smashed furniture, graffiti, and unnecessarily discharged fire extinguishers. But it is unlikely that "townies" break into Benedict College in H Quad and smear bacon grease on counter-tops and leave chunks of chicken-fat on the floor. These kinds of living conditions can only be blamed on neglect.

The results of the inspection show that neglect can be indirectly blamed for one of the most common dorm complaints: roaches. Despite exterminations, roaches were evident. This should not be surprising, because end-hall cooking areas act as huge roach motels. Stage XII, G and H Quads exhibited the worst cooking-area conditions, with many occurrences of food strewn on the floor and counter surfaces.

The last problem, the simple wearing-out of parts, is perhaps the most important because it is this problem that should be solved by the payment of dorm fees. But because funds must be used to repair the damage done by vandalism and neglect, according to Dallas Bauman, director of Residence Life, maintainance sometimes falls short. "Vandalism is frustrating, because right now, there is "even enough money to repair the things that wear out," Bauman explained.

The most obvious effect of worn parts is in sufficient lighting in the halls and stairwells of many of the dorms. This was most evident in Irving College in H Quad, but it is a problem all over campus. In addition, door and window locks, which are high-use items, sometimes do not work effectively even when locked properly (only one of the ten buildings, Langmuir, was locked).

Apparently, the problem of dorm conditions is in a vicious cycle. Vandalism encourages neglect, because students care less about a building that is in disrepair. Damage caused by neglect hurts maintainance, because it draws off much-needed funds. And lack of maintainance makes a building more vulnerable to vandalism. Poor living conditions, as shown by the inspections, are not just the resul: of insufficient maintainance, or lack of student concern or protection from vandalism, but a combination of all three.

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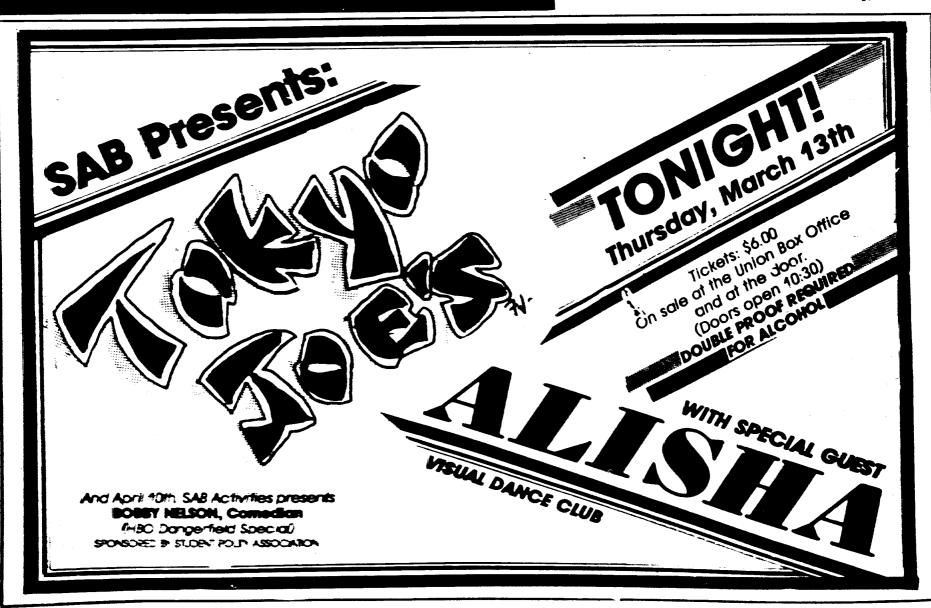
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Statistics Prove Better Schools Make Smarter Students

also suggest schools are getting better, teacher salaries quality. don't influence how good schools are and federal funding isn't always necessary to make sure schools talking through his hat.

"God knows what their data mean." said Wainer of the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Wainer and tics. In fact, some critics think Bennett either doesn't know how to read data, or is being victimized by his own department's budget cuts.

At a Feb. 20 press conference, Bennett, who repeatedly has raised controversy and inspired lively debate since assuming office in 1985, presented a "wall chart" of how students from each state performed on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Testing (ACT). He also noted test scores have gone up since the early eighties, while the drop-out rate has fallen from 70.9 percent in 1982 to 69.7 percent by

The chart included each state's average teacher salaries, which Bennett said, showed a very low correlation between wages and the quality of education in schools. He has argued in the past that increasing education funding will not necessarily improve schools.

"Although we appreciate the secretary's recognition that state and local school districts have worked successfully to improve their schools, we continue to believe the data reported in the 'wall chart' are not adequate for monitoring the dimensions and quality of education in the states," said Judith Neiman, spokeswoman for the Council of Chief State School Officers. "This is a big deal to us because administrators are measured in how they are doing their job by these kinds of stats," she added.

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Education Secretary Wilhow good or bad schools are, said Wainer of ETS, The "stats," in fact, don't have anything to do with liam Bennett said new test score statistics show that which authors the SAT. The SAT, Wainer said, is making education harder for students hasn't forced designed to predict how a student will do in college, anyone to drop out of school. Bennett added the figures and doesn't have anything in it to measure schools'

"Using (standarized tests of student aptitude) to assess statewide school quality is erroneous," said Robert keep improving. But other educators say Bennett is Schaeffer of Fair Test, a group generally critical of all standardized tests. And staking a school's reputation on students' test scores can be dangerous.

Schaeffer thinks Bennett's wall chart only encourother critics think Bennett misinterpreted the statisages teachers to shape courses to teach students to do well on the test, rather than to learn how to think. "You can't assume that people who take the SAT are like those who don't he said.

> Wainer is similarly dubious about Bennett's attempt to link test scores to drop-out rates. "Nobody knows exactly what the drop-out rates are," Wainer said. "Every state measures them differently. There is no uniform method."

> Wainer figures Bennett erred because he can't afford to be as thorough as his predecessors. "The federal budget for statistical data has been cut, making the interpretation of these kinds of statistics more problematic." "I am not saying Bennett is wrong." he said. 'There is just no way to really know."

> The Education Department is unswayed, asserting admissions test scores can measure how schools are performing, and their performance is related to a higher retention rate.

> 'The most important thing we can do is look at the trend," said Elizabeth Farquhar, a program analyst for the department. She reported high school drop-out rates rose as test scores fell from 1972 to 1982. And when the scores started rising again in 1982, the retention rate also began to rise.

> Farquhar admits she has no data about the graduation rates of minority students, whom critics believe are most likely to be pushed out of school by higher college admissions standards.



Drinking Splits Campus Hangouts

(Continued from Page 2) for itself" now, but he said he felt that it will grow to be "quite successful" in the future.

The EOB has experienced a larger loss of their alcohol.sales since they offer mixed drinks as well as the usual wine and beer. "When it comes down to it," Ginsburg said, "you're never really going to make up all of the money you've lost to the raised drinking age. For example, when you go from getting \$1.50 for a bar drink to 75 cents for a soda, you're just not going to do as well." The EOB's plan to compensate for lost revenue is to enhance and expand their entertainment offerings in an effort to attract more of the non-drinking population of this campus. "We want to give those who cannot drink an alternative," Ginsburg said.

Preston, however, said he felt that the change in the drinking age can be seen as a positive one. "It's going to challenge both staff and students to be a lot more creative in organizing their activities because everything won't revolve around drinking," he said.

Fornadel said he felt that the new drinking age has resulted in a heightened awareness. "There's a eal concern as to what will happen." he said.



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Students: When Will They Clean up Their Act?

been too great an inconvenience to wet a wash-

cloth and wipe it off?

It is obvious that the dorms on campus are ridden with severe maintenance problems, but it is not obvious on whom the blame should fall

Statesman has often cited budget cuts from the state as the cause of the disrepair. A university that has suffered at least \$1 million to \$2 million cuts in its overall budget each year for the past nine years is bound to show signs of the strain. On a general level, the lack of necessary funds has created part of the problem; items wear out, and if there is no money to fix them, they eventually break. But the dorm residents should realize that they are equally to blame.

Student abuse has reduced lawns in front of the dorms almost to mud puddles. At the beginning of this semester, returning students destroyed the lawns by driving their cars up to back doors and ground-floor windows.

Vandalism is also a major problem for the dorms. It is often blamed on people who are not residents. But the majority of the damage is actually caused by the students. Many fire extinguishers have to be refilled every two weeks because residents use them for water fights. The administration could do much to alleviate this particular problem if it would take a firmer stand on penalizing those who abuse fire extinguishers. The fire extinguishers are an essential safety feature and their misuse endangers the campus.

Part of the maintenance problem stems from the lack of responsibility felt by students for their rooms and their living areas. When was the last time a resident picked up trash off the floor and put it in a garbage can? Most people feel no need to, since they know that the custodians will clean it up eventually

It is baffling that students can complain so much about the rotten dorm conditions but not do anything about them. Trash cans are not used and trash is piled up and pushed into corners. Cooking remains, including grease and chicken parts, are often left on stoves and counters, which provides the dorms with their unique odor. But the most appalling example of this apathy came last semester shortly before Christmas. On the windows of Langmuir College, a crude statement, painted in water soluble paint, remained on the windows facing the road for over two weeks. Would it have

Complaints concerning laundry machine failures are frequent. There are always at least one or two inoperational machines in every laundry room. Aside from the constant abuse of overstuffing, the machines are often out of order because the coin slots are jammed when students try to tape quarters into the slot so that the coins can be retrieved.

It would be nice if Governor Cuomo were to show up tomorrow, followed by an armada of Brinks armored delivery trucks filled with money that he wanted to donate to Stony Brook. In the meantime, what is available will last a lot longer if it is used properly.



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In the past few days, Statesman has been the ganization Senate voted Wednesday night to apare aiding in the paper's attempts at rebuilding itself. Basically, these contributions will help the paper to tackle its debt obligations, but on a symbolic level, they represent a signal to Statesman that there are concerned individuals in the university community who care about the paper and want to help.

We wish to extend our thanks to those who have taken action this week. The Polity Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to advance Statesman student referendum. The Graduate Student Or-

beneficiary of several important contributions that propriate \$6,000 of funds to Statesman for the 1985-86 year. The generosity of both groups is deeply appreciated.

The final touch, and the sweetest, is the administration's reaction concerning the paper's financial situation. The swift response of Carl Hanes, vice president for Administration and Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, represents a desire and a commitment to work with the present administration of Statesman towards ensuring the continued presence of this newspaper \$9,000 of the \$9,700 due from the undergraduate on campus. For that alone, we are extremely

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Kevin, Please Come on Home

Kevin Kelly's decision to resign as Graduate Student Organization (GSO) President may have been brought on by the tensions of a grueling meeting, and the lack of support shown for his recommendation for vice president, but was still an upsetting and hasty decision.

Kelly has worked hard as GSO vice president, and his efforts in the last two months as president are responsible for the increased interest that graduate students and senators are showing in the GSO Senate and its operations. For Kelly to throw that all away, no matter how much opposition he is facing from certain members of the Senate, would be terribly unfortunate.

The problems with the GSO Constitution are only a symptom of the larger problem. The Senate's members are operating without a definite structure to their procedural operations, particularly in Senate meetings, where the decisions get made. Kelly can be the unifying force behind the movement to update the Constitution and thus, the Senate's operational structure. We hope he will reconsider his decision.

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THURSDAY MARCH 13, 1986



The T.V. Lounge
Haven By Day Circus By Night

Imagine going to the second floor of the Union and walking past the non-smoker's lounge to the door between the Art Gallery, and the study 'ounge. Picture further, opening the door and overstepping the bounds of reality just long enough to live for a day in the 4077th M*A*S*H, or to watch Luke and Laura get married, and then leave to go back to class Possible? Not quite, but the TV lounge in the Union is definitely an interesting place, despite the fact that the television does not have cable.

Kathy Fellows

Open from 8:30 AM until midnight, the T.V. Lounge is most densely populated from noon to 4:00 PM each day, due to the frict that it is both lunch time, and soap operatime. Regardless of which factor is more appealing to the Stony Brook populus, the T.V. lounge the place to be in the afternoon.

"It's a great place to just come and hang out," said Nancy Delaney, a commuter. "I bring my lunch up here and eat while I watch the soaps. I used to get lost in the library. Now, at least I'm enjoying myself."

"I've met some nice people," said Margaret Richardson, another commuter. "After a while, you get to know who's who. They come back day after day." While Richardson said some of the people say they go to the T.V. Lounge topass the time, she said most, "go just to watch the soaps. I know some people who skip classes just to see the ends of them."

Even the male population of Stony Brook turns out to watch their favorite soap. "Yeah, I come here," said Richard Casserly. "At first I thought this would be a great place to watch General Hospital and not have my roommate know, but I found him in here one day, practically screaming back at the set!"

The evening hours are, perhaps ,more entertaining, due to the fascinating breed of people that gather. For example, one evening, during the six o'clock news a woman came in wearing a fluorescent floral housedress over her three hundred pound body, and asked in an incredibly shrill voice whether anyone would mind if she were to change the channel. Now, to this point, the entire episode was quite normal. And then she put on Channel 43. Watching static with sound is a unique experience, especially when there is someone who is very interested in it, and who goes so far as to get up and adjust the vertical hold every ten minutes. The truly fascinating part of it was that eight people sat and watched this snowflake festival without a sound of protest. After fourty five minutes the woman, apparently having had her fill of poor reception, got up and left

Despite the apparent evening influx of strangeness, the T.V. Lounge is very homey. It is almost tike a living room with more couches than you could possibly imagine. It also has a few well placed soda cans that lend to it's lived in look. The T.V. Lounge is the kind of place that people come to for a little while, and then leave, and yet it is a good place to make friends. The same people usually come at the same times to watch their favorite shows or to wait for a class to begin. It is a nice place to relax because of the familiar faces and the lighting that is just bright enough to study by and just dim enough to take a nap under.

"I've seen some characters who come in here and sleep for hours," Richardson said. "I often wonder if they have a home to go to."

The T.V. Lounge may not be a luxurious room, but what other part of campus shows soap operas every day without fail, and allows for people to watch whatever show they like, even if it doesn't come in?

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Commuter College Underrated

"There's something for everyone at Commuter College," said Commuter College President Michael O'Malley. This was a summation of his interview and of what actually exists for the students of Stony Brook in Commuter College's offices.

Daniel Smith

When someone walks into Commuter College, the first things to be seen are the many recreational facilities such as the pool and ping-pong tables, a foozball table, air-hockey and to the left of the room is a jukebox.

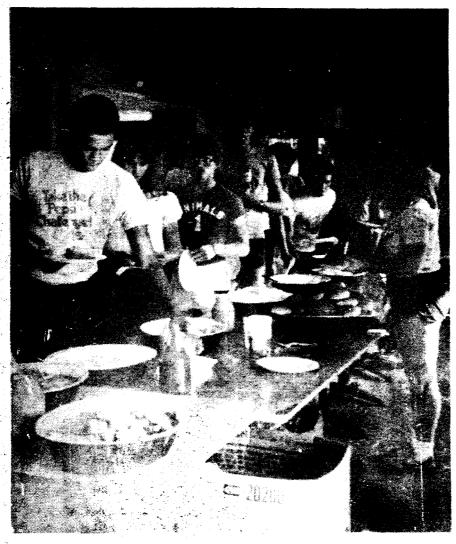
In the back of the room, hidden away in an alcove of high walls is the projection television set on which a person may watch programs that are recieved by a satellite antenna. There is also a video recorder, on which anyone can play one of the videotapes that Commuter College has in its library of over 100 tapes.

Also, for anyone interested, there is a file cabinet in the office containing various tests given in previous semesters, covering a wide range of subjects, from Applied Mathematics to Spanish. Or someone hoping to type a term paper may use one of the electric typewriters available. And a photocopy machine is in the office for anyone to use and O'Malley said that at five cents per copy, it is the "lowest price on campus"

Despite this abundance of academic and recreational resources, there are not as many people going down to Comuter College, in room 080 of the Student Union, as O'Malley says that he would like and he says that he is disturbed by this. "Without the backing of the students, we will be forced to close down," he said.

Right now, he said, there is a ratio of about 50-50 in the number of residents and the number of commuters that use the facilities offered by the organization. According to O'Malley there are nearly 4,000 full-time commuting students at Stony Brook, "and I can't get 20 people to volunteer to run the place. I think that's pathetic."

Commuter College treasurer Marie Clark attributed this relative lack of participation on the part of commuters to the



A popular event at Commuter College is the annual barbecue.

fact that commuters do have to go home, she said that amany of them work, so they really do not be said time to a vest in Commuter College activities, besides an occasional party or field trip. She and O'Malley are the only two officers to the administration of Commuter College next year, since most of the current officers are graduating this year. Clark said that they are trying to recruit people for next year and there seem to be a lot of interested people currently spending a fair amount of time at Commuter College.

O'Malley said that he is now in the process of creating an official branch of the student government for the commu-

ters which will be called the Commute Student Affairs Organization (CSAO). The headquarters for this group will remain in the Commuter College facilities, he said, but he is hoping that CSAO will be able to get an office in the Polity suite.

Upcoming events at Commuter College include a Saint Patricks Day party, and on the opening day for the Mets this season, the game will be broadcast via satellite and shown on the projection T.V. There will be no alcohol served at either event. There are also plans for a M*A*S*H party at which both the original movie and the final episode will be screened.

Sleeping Vs. Dating

Chicago, IL (CPS) — It doesn't have much to do with their high-living image, but college students probably prefer sleeping to dating, a new Levi Strauss Co. survey of collegiate attitudes has found.

Dating, in fact, was only students' sixth-favorite activity.

Attending parties topped the survey of student preferences.

"Partying is definitely a verb on campus," says Julie Boyle, a company spokeswoman.

Of the more than 6,500 students surveyed, 70 percent listed partying as one of their five favorite activities.

Listening to records came in second, with 63 percent of those questioned rating it as one of their favorite pastimes.

Sleeping was third, with 56 percent, followed by going to movies and eating.

Only 42 percent of the respondents said dating was a favorite activity.

There were, of course, regional differences in extracurricular tastes. Students in the East and South, for example, felt dating was more important than did Midwestern and Western students.

Only about a third of the Westerners listed dating as a tavorite passime.

Levi Strauss calls the study its "501 Survey" because the company is researching why traditional jeans are gaining favor again on campuses, Boyle explains.

In fact, "jeans are more popular than ever with college students," Boyle says, adding students who have jeans wear them 75 percent of the

Company excecutives theorize singer Bruce Springsteen may be partially responsible for keeping jeans so pupolar on campuses, Boyle adds.

The study, Boyle says, "gives the company an overview of the habits of consumers. Students are a prime target (market) for our jeans."

Relevant Calculus Replaces New Math

By Sarah Tilyou

The teaching of calculus in this country, both what is taught and how it is taught, will be changed over the mext five years if all goes well with a proposed plan, according to Dr. Ronald Douglas, Dean of Physical Sciences and Mathematics and Professor of Mathematics at Stony Brook. The plan is the result of a four-day conference held in January which was financially supported by The Sloan Foundation. The conference brought together a representative group of two dozen individuals from various locations, types of institutions, and areas of expertise who share a common interest in undergraduate education. Dr. Douglas gives three reasons for the decline in the quality of calculus taught since the 1960's: (I) the high school preparation is not as good as it used to be, (2) calculus has been applied to more areas such as biology and social science resulting in a course with more topics studied in less depth, and (3) there have been educational cutbacks, especially within the past few years, which resulted in bigger classes, less student-teacher interaction and a cold, impersonal atmosphere. The improvements planned at the conference addressed some of these problems. It was decided that fewer, more representative applications will be studied in depth.



These applications will be an integral part of the course; they will be designed to reinforce the major concepts rather than crowd the curriculum. According to Dr. Douglas there will be an emphasis on conceptual understanding, both geometrical concepts such as the significance of the integral as the area under a curve and numerical concepts such as the relationship between numbers and a graph. The ultimate goal will be to teach the students how to set up a problem, that is, how to solve a specific problem by determining the relationships involved and applying the proper mathematical formulae. Dr. Douglas stresses that an understanding of calculus is acquired through the building of one concept onto another. He feels that the new plan will promote the consistent studying which is necessary for success by forcing the students to keep up with periodic assignments. The plan will be implemented over the next five years. The new text and curriculum materials will be prepared during the '86-'87 academic year, 5-10 small, pilot programs will begin during the '87-'88 academic year, more programs will begin in the 88-'89 academic year, and by 1990 the plan should be available at all universities to all students. Dr. Douglas reports that the new calculus will be more demanding, more interesting, and more relevant, but it will not be easier.





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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Crossroads' Has Plenty of Heart



There is nothing better than a good road movie. Take a few interesting characters, set them walking down a lonely road, and the sparks usually fly. Of course, having a gimmick helps; in Starman, one of the characters was an alien, while in The Journey of Natty Gann, it was a 14 year-old girl and her pet wolf. The more you can jazz up this type of picture, the better it

Scott Mullen

Crossroads breaks ground in that it is about the blues, and also because it is about the relationship between two characters not often encountered together; a young white college student and an old black harmonica man. Occasionally it falls into tired cliches and predictability, but Crossroads has one invaluable element— heart— that more than puts it over the

The film is the story of Eugene Martone (Ralph Macchio), a young Juilliard student torn between which musical field to focus on. His professor pushes him towards classical, but Eugene loves the blues, and thinks that if he can track down a legendary "lost song" he can record it an become famous.

The lost song is by legendary blues guitarist Robert Johnson, who died soon after trading his soul to the devil at the fabled Mississippi crossroads. Johnson's running mate, Blind Dog Fulton, made a pact of his own and is now a tiredold man in a dingy Harlem rest home. In return for the song, Eugene rescues him, and they set south for the crossroads.

While the plot involves this journey, the movie rises above the simple run-away-from-the-bad-guys road movie. Instead, it focuses on the interaction between Eugene and Blind Dog, as the young guitarist learns that it takes more than fancy fingerwork to put soul in your music.

While Macchio is adequate in his role—playing basically the same character that he did in The Karate Kid- Joe Seneca, as Blind Dog, steals the film. On the heels of his widely-acclaimed performance in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Seneca is perfectly cast in the role, combining a certain orne-



Seneca nevertheless keeps the character firmly grounded in

And the music is superb . Ry Cooder's soundtrack contains a wonderful mixture of blues and jazz, and the heavy metal guitar ending- while seemingly out of place- fits in the framework of the movie. Crossroads isn't a movie just for blues lovers, but for everyone and families shouldn't be afraid of the R rating; the film would have been PG-13 except for one off-color line

Crossroads marks the second movie in a row that Mark Carliner has produced from a college student's screenplay, and, like last year's Heaven Help Us, Crossroads manages to deal with human relationships in a winning way. There are points when we know what's going to happen and we don't care; the movie is likable enough to keep us entranced until its high-volume ending

-What? Are Bangles (known as the Female Fab Four) becoming the Fab Five? No way, says guitarist and often time lead singer Suzanna Hoffs. While looking for a keyboardist for their current tour, the gals decided to pick a man. Seems Bangles didn't want to choose a woman and then have her join the band. Guess they don't want to share their success, and why should they? With "Manic Monday" breaking into the top 20, Bangles are finally making a name for themselves.

-Mr.Mister is going international. The group recently toured Europe, where the singles "Broken Wings" and "Kyrie" are successes, and they plan to tour Japan and Australia sometime this year.

-From the See Saw Files: Just what is the status of Wham!? First reports are that lead singer George Michael. wants to call it quits after the group makes their third album. Then, it's said that Michael wants to go solo, pronto, and that Wham! is no more. Now word has it that Wham! will play Wembley Arena in the summer and make their "announcement." What that announcement is, no one knows. Hey guys! As the saying goes, "SH-- or get off the pot already.



-Madonna, currently filming Shanghai Surprise with hubby Sean Penn in London, will return to the studio in a month to complete work on her next album Live to Tell

-Long Island bred Pat Benatar returned home last Friday in her first L.I. concert ever. With the success of her latest album. Seven the Hard Way Benater has resecured her position as Queen of Rock. And to think, she didn't have to get dolled up in a wedding dress and roll around on the floor!

-Whatever happened to Culture Club? Better yet, who cares?!

Walter Fishon

READ **MUSIC NOTES**

Off-Stage Action Steals Show

Tom Stoppard's The Real Inspector Hound, now playing in Stage XII's Fannie Brice Theater, is a wonderful piece of madcap humor. There is no question that one's mind has to be put on hold to enjoy it, and that's all the better — in this crazed period between winter and spring, the opportunity to rest one's mind is a blessing more than a curse.

The best way to describe The Real Inspector Hound is as a play within a play. On one level, we have the production: a cliched, overacted murder mystery being performed in a London theater. It's the type of play that opens and closes on the same night. The performers make dramatic swoops, the hunchbacked maid answers the phone with a "Same place, half hour later," and the body, under a couch from the start, remains unnoticed through most of the play.

But the play is supposed to be awful, because it sets the backdrop for the two major characters, Birdboot and Moon. Both are theater critics there to review the production, and they sit, in plain sight, just off stage left. In a way, they are London's version of Siskel and Ebert; between acts, they banter on about the plays deep-rooted meanings with language that only Freud could understand.

So while the audience watches the action onstage, the two critics keep drawing it to them. Both have problems: Moon is a second string theater critic, asked to fill in whenever the number one man can't make it. Birdboot writes positive reviews of lovely actresses to get their rewards, while trying to keep his wife from finding out. Moon considers murder, while Birdboot prattles on about his adultery, and their outbursts — falling as they do between quiet moments on the stage - provide some truly entertaining moments.

Much of the delight in The Real Inspector Hound comes from the shifts between the two types of humor. First we are shown the spectacle of these two established critics agonizing over their own problems, then we are graced with the awful mystery, so bad that it is funny in a very, very enjoyable way. As Mel Brook's did in The Producers, Stoppard has lifted horrible acting to an art form, as the wooden performers recite their wooden lines and kiss in their wooden fashions.

The acting, would seem hard to criticize, because even if the actors we aren't acting, they'd fit their roles - it being hard to distinguish between a good actor acting as a bad actor being himself. But the performers in this play acquit themselves well, camping it up when their roles need to be camped up and underplaying them if necessary

As Birdboot and Moon, John Morogiello and Michael Schwartz are convincing, in upperclass, snobby sort of way. They are the character you love to hate, and they pull it off well - when they cross their legs, turn to each other and and Aristidou gives it all she has; in the start discussing the finer points of plot annals of theater few roles can come development, you can't nelp but laugh. Morogiello is also the director of *The Real* Inspector Hound, and he wears both hats well; the play moves along well with only a few slow spots

The actors in the inner play are also perfectly cast, fitting their stereotypes like a glove. As Lady Cynthia Muldoon, the love interest, Robbie Van De Veer plays it to the hilt, exchanging bitchy banter with Felicity Cunningham, the former girlfriend. Played by an actress named only Nance, and dressed in a tennis outfit, Felicity looks like she belongs in a Westchester Country Club. What she's doing in England is unexplained, but it fits - just another wonder-

Sabado Lam, as the mysterious, crippled long lost uncle, gives his performances some nice touches, and never breaks character - even when the audience is never exactly sure what that character is. And as Simon Gascogne, the young man toying with the women's hearts, David Reichold is nicely shifty and often comic, as he joins in with both Van De Veer and Nance in a few hilarious "suck face" scenes. Reichold has a history of comic performances, including a small role in Guys and Dolls a few years back that nearly stole the show, and he does nothing to destroy his reputation

But the scene stealer in this play is Georgia Aristidou. As the hunchbacked Maid Mrs. Drudge she is hilarious, with her perfectly timed "Oooohs" (after someone makes a threat), her shuffling walk, and her inspired habit of darting her tongue in and out of her mouth while talking. Mrs. Drudge is everyone's fanciful image of the ogress as cleaning lady. close to Mrs. Drudge for pure comic gro tesqueness and Aristidou lifts the part to the heights in which it belongs

All of the play's bizarre ambience is enhanced by the intimacy of the Fannie Brice Theater. With its plastic chairs, its small size and its barely furnished stage, the theater definitely isn't Broadway, but its lack of extravangence gives it an aura of warmth and reality.

The Real Inspector Hound will be playing tonight, tomorrow and Saturday, with all shows starting at 8 PM. Tickets are fifty cents in advance, one dollar at the door.

Scott Mullen



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Tim Lapham

Food shopping is no picnic these days. Back in the good old days, it was very simple; you signed up for the meal plan, bought your food on campus and had a good time complaining about the high prices. Naturally, some administrator saw that students were having fun with this routine and decided that food shopping had to be transformed into an unbearable burden so that the university could meet its monthly "miserable student" quota.

First, our fearless leaders decided that the United States Constitution does not apply to the university. Repealing the Civil Rights Amendment, which states that "separate but equal" is illegal, they have divided the campus into "meal plan" (raunch) buildings and "non-meal plan" (roach) buildings.

Next, they complicate matters by burying students beneath facts about the economic infrastructure of global harvest deficit costs (also known as deli prices). Complaining about high prices is no longer fashionable because the university has stipulated that campus food services must charge prices competitive with local food stores. Sadly, a quick glance at the menus of establishments out there in the nasty, wicked, cruelly overpriced world will reveal that they are competitive.

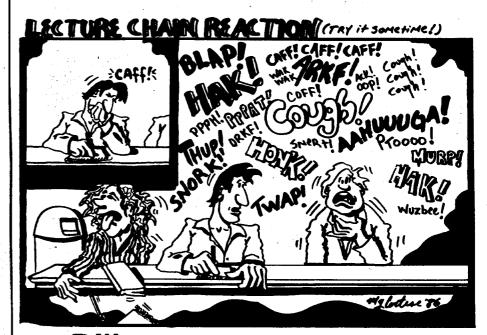
So you decide to be a "smart shopper," and try to see what you are paying for, right? Hint: You will have better luck trying to memorize the Moscow Telephone Directory. For example, a bagel costs 30 cents. Add butter, and it now costs 60 cents. Add cheese and it costs 50 cents. But butter costs less than cheese. With cream cheese it costs 80 cents. Is there a pattern to this, or do they enjoy watching students become reduced to dribbling, gibbering, starving heaps of lobotomized uselessness? Probably they are just trying to promote aspirin

Do not even consider a journey to the local Food Emporium, unless you thorougly enjoy waiting in line for three hours while an endless stream of rude, loud, slobbering, sneezing shoppers with rude, loud, slobbering, sniffling children drive 400 pound shopping carts over your left foot. Or, you could try shopping at 4:00 AM, when the floor is waxed everywhere except near the "careful, slippery floor" signs and when the nighttime stockers take turns aiming boxes at

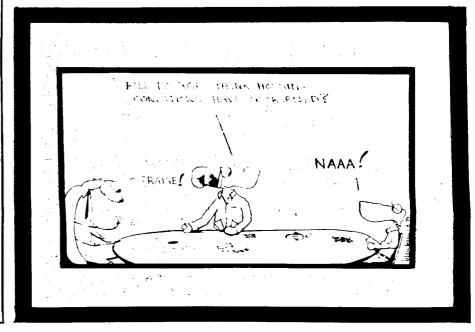
The real solution is to visit home a lot, install a hotline to your local "Pizza Quik" (make sure they deliver until at least 5:45 AM) and grab a bunch of Twinkies when you go for the midnight 7/11 beer run.

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By Marc Berry



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Point of View:

From The

By Pey Pey Oh

water everything in sight?

I was given a little blue pine for Tused to live in a tropical country where Christmas. It was all decked out in bells greenery proliferates. I've been to parties and ornaments a gay little thing. It just in veritable hothouses where I've had a happens, that I am one of those people, slender tendrillor two drop casually down whose friends would never trust with past my shoulder and wrap itself thirstily their pet plants overnight. So I thought I'd around my drink. Now if that does not turn over a new leaf and be the adoring promote listrust of the plant world, what would?



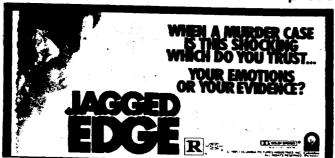
But my little blue pine just sat there innocuously and looked very harmless. Domestication, I sighed, was comparatively comforting. I did not want wild vines taking over my room. I glanced at my pine again. I say, it also looks rather brittle. My roommate comments,"Don't you have to water that plant? It's been sitting there for a month!"

I hopefully drowned the poor thing in water. It ignored me in disgust at its neg-I must admit to being cynically amused lect and refused to perk up. Gone were at the assorted human beings who cooled my pipedreams of summer plantings and and gurgled or otherwise lavished tender eventual waterings. When the needles loving care upon a plant. Now I was started to fall out, I gave up my attempt at having second thoughts. Would I get that resuscitation. Thereafter ended my illusglazed look in my eye and obsessively trious career as plant owner extraordinaire.

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Nicaraguan Contras: U.S. Supported Terrorists

By Charles Epple

As most Statesman readers should know by now, the Reagan administration is trying to bully Congress into sending \$100 million, most of it as military aid, to the contras. Its response revolution has been - and still is - to overthrow the overwhelmingly popular, duly elected and legitimate government of Nicaragua. To date, the instruments of this aggression, formally known as the "contras," have neither held any territory inside Nicaragua nor have they convinced any substantial number of Nicaraguans to join their cause. To shed some light on this topic, I have included as the bulk of this article, a letter to the editor appearing in The New York Times of January 9. The letter is entitled, "Terror is the Most Effective Weapon of Nicaragua's contras" and was submitted by Edgar Chamorro, a former contra leader.

"My experiences as a member of the directorate of the Fuerza Democratica Nicaraguense, the principal U.S. - funded contra group fighting to overthrow Nicaragua's Sandinista Government, compel me to dispute some of the statements of Arturo Cruz, Adolfo Calero and Alfonso Robelo Callejas, the directorate of the United Nicaraguan Opposition (Op-Ed, December 13).

For them to claim that the contras "are not, and will not be, the instrument of a foreign power" is laughable. When I joined the FDN in 1981, I hoped it would be controlled by Nicaraguans and dedicated to objectives we would determine. But the contras were, and are, a proxy army controlled by the U.S. Government.

If U.S. support were terminated, they would not only be incapable of conducting any military activities against the Sandinistas, but would also immediately begin to disintegrate. I resigned rather than continue as a Central Intelligence Agency puppet.

It is cynical to assert that the contras respect human rights. During my four years as a contra director, it was premeditated policy to terrorize civilian noncombatants to prevent them from cooperating with the government. Hundreds of civilian murders, mutilations, tortures and rapes were committed in pursuit of this policy, of which the contra leaders and their CIA superiors were well aware.

Only when these practices were revealed in the US press and by humanrights groups did the contra leaders feel compelled to give lip service to ending them. But no serious effort to stop them

has been made, because terror is the most effective weapon of the contras.

It is a gross fabrication to claim that the contras are composed of "democratic groups," who "joined in the revolution against Anastasio Somoza." As I can attest, the contra military force is directed

and controlled by officers of Somozas National Guard, who fought at the dictator's side until the very end and then fled to Honduras.

The Sandinistas, for all their faults, have made enormous advances in educa-

tion, housing and health care, issues of vital importance to Nicaragua's poor majority. Unfortunately, the contras burn down schools, homes and health centers as fast as the Sandinistas build them.

(The writer is a senior and a member of Hands Off Latin America.)

So That's Where Yuppies Come From

By Louis Grimaldo

For the aspiring Yuppie, the transition from college student to yuppie status can be an awkward one. But not to worry, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. A friend of mine (he asked to be called Ron Yuppie to protect his identity) is thinking of forming a club called Puppies Unite. The club will teach young Yuppies on the etiquetts of yuppie ism. I recently caught up with Ron in a fancy, French restaurant where he was gagging on a dry martini, trying desperately to look sophisticated.

"Why a club for young yuppies?" I asked.

"To teach students how to act, think, and look like yuppies," said Ron." Many people think being young and wealthy automatically makes you a yuppie. But yuppie-ism is a subculture with its own rules and rituals."

"Like the hippies of the '60s," I said.
"Exactly. Only hippies had long hair and looked like dirt bags. Yuppies, on the other hand, spend good money on hair salons, health clubs, and suntan parlors. Hippies were also politically active and cared about issues like

factive and cared about issues like saving the whale. We only care about money. Besides, if the whales are so smart, they should be able to save

"Many former hippies are now wearing three piece suits and working on Wall Street." I said. "Is it possible ten years down the road Yuppies will become politically active and care about issues like saving the Yellow Bellied Sap Sucker from extinction?"

themselves.

"I guess anything is possible," he said. "But as long as I have money in my pocket, I don't care what I'll be doing in ten years."

"What are some of the things you plan to teach students at Puppies Unite?"

"How to flaunt your success without appearing conceited," he said.

"Can you elaborate?"

"Let's say you meet an attractive woman at a bar. I can teach you how to casually mention how much money you make within the first two minutes of conversation. I could also teach you how to casually ask how much money she makes within the first minute.

There are some stringent requirements that all members must meet. All applicants must have at least 100 hours of Dynasty watching under their belt. All men must wear a Gucci suit to all meetings. Women can wear anything they want as long as the outfit cost over two hundred dollars (you must leave the price tag on to prove it). All members must also have a major that will lead to a thirty thousand dollar a year job.

"Don't you think the requirements will prohibit many students, such as art majors, from joining Puppies Unite?" Lasked

"I have nothing against art. On the contrary, all puppies will be required to have a superficial understanding of art. But I'll never understand why anyone would want to go into a field where you make more money dead than you do alive. I guess that is why there is such a high suicide rate among artists."

"Your requirement would also exclude students from the Social Sciences. Don't you think they should have a chance to join PU?"

"I want students who value money over ideas," stated Ron. I don't want students who are going to spoil our good fun by bringing up divestment in South Africa. Its nice to have ideas on political and moral issues, but if you don't have money, no one will give two shits about your ideas."

"Don't you think corporations should divest in South Africa?"

"I'm the first one to admit that the apartheid system is in need of reform, but think of the implications. Corporate tycoons are going to have to start worrying about the exploitation of people when trying to make money. This is unfair for the corporate millionare who is just trying to make an extra buck."

"Why the hundred hours of Dynasty?"

"In one episode," said Ron, "a character will swindle the maid, blackmail the best friend, bribe a judge, murder the step-father and spit on the dog—and look good doing it. I'm not encouraging this kind of behavior, but should you have to resort to these tactics when you get out into the business world. Dynasty can teach you how to use them without getting your suit ruffled."

"Do you really think students want to join a club for young yuppies?" I asked.

"Money is the passion of the '80s and I think this is a great opportunity for students to wallow in their love for money without feeling ashamed."

"Sounds very materialistic."

"Well, I tend to view everything in terms of dollars and cents," he said. I think the best way to judge a person's life is not by his ideas or his actions, but by how many Gucci suits he has in his closet. After all, when it's all said and done, the man with the most toys

For all students who want to join FU I suggest you read Lee Iaccoa's biography and lie about your major. To apply, go to your nearest French restuarant, and ask for Ron Yuppie: he'll be the one drinking the martinis.

(The writer is a senior majoring in English.)

Give the "Power" to the People of Long Island

By Raymond S. Melville

The past year and a half has set the stage for one of the most intense conflicts in recent years. With little embellishment, it is possible to say that the nation and government are watching and awaiting the outcome of "The People vs. LILCO."

Long Island has been host to one of the most extraordinary grass roots political movement. With little leadership from timid, insipid politicians (of both party's), the people began to question the authority—the audacity of a privately owned public necessity, and in the course, began undermining the very core of Reaganomics.

Reagan's Revolution is a multi faceted movement, encompassing the areas of religion, politics and economics. The core of this grandiose plan can be summarized as: the privatization of public necessities; allowing a minority of the majority to control (quite literally) the flow of basic needs to the majority. It is undemocratic, to say the least. And now, perhaps unwittingly, a traditionally Republican County is promoting itself as the begin-

ning of the end for Reaganomics. It has taken a few decades, but perhaps an island drenched in Benettons, Mercedes and malls, has finally realized that there's more to life than a plateau of bourgeois contentment; It's called responsibility.

To deny private citizens the right to elect who controls there power supply— and how that power is 'generated— is to deny them a basic American right of responsibility.

Not all members of society can be satisfied. There will always be a majority, and hence a minority. But the cattempt to produce cheap, reliable services must be made. When the profit motive is removed it must be replaced with a responsibility motive. Beginning with our own generation and intensifying upon the next we must ensure that the future generations do not dedicate their lives solely to the attainment of material goods for themselves, but rather are motivated to produce a higher level of existence for all. Compared to the hu-

manness displayed by working to better society, a Mercedes quickly loses its desirability.

Every gereration sees the inequalities of their society. Caring about it is a different story and doing something about those inequalities is even more of a challenge.

When we begin teaching our children to place less emphasis on moriey "winning" and being "better than..." (as opposed to the more favorable "best you can be"), then we will have begun to leave our plateau, and will soon find ourselves in a dynamic, peace- oriented democratic socialist nation.

To those who don't believe, it's saddening to see such little faith in the American people and their dedication to democracy. To those who do strive to reach that near-perfect socialist democracy, I say Vote! We will go nowhere if our path to the ideal is one outside the present system of government.

(The writer is a sophomore and a member of the Democratic Socialists of America.)

-Letters-

Poor Excuses For Closing GSL

To the Editor:

I am writing this in response to a recent Statesman article which detailed the fate of the GSL. But, more accurately, I am responding to the curious reason for its closing. For those who may have missed the article, the justification for FSA's closing the Lounge was this: since the GSL's insurance coverage had a ceiling of \$100,000 and the FSA's "blanket coverage" did not begin until the level of liability reached the \$500,000 mark, the lounge was inadequately insured.

This was one of the most thinly veiled attempts at eliminating campus drinking to date. My personal feeling on insurance policies, for what it's warth, is that an inadequate policy should simply be replaced by an adequate one. If a lawyer were to warn me that my auto insurance left me insufficiently covered, I certainly would not abandon my driver's license the next day. I would, however, try to ascertain whether or not I could afford to alleviate my liability problem. And if the facts bore out that I had no alternative but to forfeit my right to the road, I would, regretfully do just that.

But there is a failure in my analogy. Stony Brook has enough money to bail its driver out. The issue is really nothing more than a consideration of policy (I don't think that the campus bus service would be cancelled under such insurance duress). If the FSA wanted GSL to live, it would live. But, unfortunately, somewhere in the Stony Brook bureaucracy lies the inextricable notion that campus aduits are less fit to drink than non-campus adults.

With each new attempt to "crack down" on student drinking, comes another insult to our intelligence and maturity. This seems contrary to the nature of a university. Perhaps we have reached a new era in college life. I hope it's just a phase.

John E. Petitt

Oxfam A Success

To the Editor:

We have recently made the final tally of the funds raised during the 1985 Oxfam Fast at Stony Brook and are pleased to announce that the total came to \$3,692.72.

This event involved over 1,300 individuals on this campus going without one or more meals on November 21 and donating the money to the Oxfam campaign. We are especially encouraged by the fact that the number of participants had doubled from the previous year.

Our special thanks go to Charlie Thrasher and his staff at DAKA who made it possible for meal plan participants to donate. We also extend our appreciation to Dallas Bauman and Jerry Stein for encouraging participation from the division of Residence Life. The extra efforts of Residence Hall Directors and Residence Assistants were invaluable in reaching the record number of students.

We would like to acknowledge the special cooperation of the Division of Student Union and Activities in coordinating our tabling and, finally, the Graduate Student Organization for supplying the publicity and for sponsoring "Oxfam

Night" at the Lounge. These events received national recognition from Oxfam.

Oxfam America, as you probably know, is an organization devoted to fighting world hunger through selfhelp programs in poor countries and to providing direct disaster relief. The money raised during the 1985 campaign at Stony Brook will be used towards African famine recovery. In Ethopia alone, Oxfam has spent over \$1.5 million in the past year. Areas targeted by Oxfam educational projects have doubled their agricultural productivity during this period. Nearly six million Ethopians, however, are still in danger of perishing as victims of the continuing drought.

The group meets every Tuesday at 5:00 PM in room I57 of the Humanities Building.

Lorraine Bruce Sue Doran

Stop Rumors About Sunwood

To the Editor:

I feel it is important to respond to Jeff Brooks' letter: "Sunwood Fire" (Statesman, February 6) and at the same time, stop some rumors which are circulating about the condition of Sunwood's electrical system.

Although it is true that there were areas in the house where old wiring existed, it is important to point out that our Physical Plant was on top of any and all problems Many areas were rewired, and others which were too costly to replace were capped and remained unused. Sunwood's rehabilitation not only involved refinishing furniture, floors, and other things but more importantly, it was directed towards the structural improvements of all systems. As a matter of fact, these projects were underway long before any cosmetic improvements were obvious.

When a tragedy such as the loss of Sunwood occurs, we search for a reason which will help us understand our loss. It is an assumption that the fire origin was electrical; perhaps we will never know the real cause. What is certain, however, is that the complete destruction of the house occurred because of inadequate water supply, i.e. no fire hydrants. Certainly no one can fault the Physical Plant for that.

Please do not allow the tragedy at Sunwood to become the vehicle for a witch-hunt. That would be a terrible ending for such a Grand Lady.

Ann P. Forkin, Director Conferences Special Events

No Fun Down At the Mud Hole

To the Editor:

On December 13, 1862, General Ambrose E. Burnside sent Il Corps, Army of the Potomac, against Longstreet's Confederates, entrenched solidly behind a wall that fronted a sunken road skirting the base of Marye's Heights outside of Fredericksburg, Virginia. It amounted to a suicide assignment for Il Corps: After repeated assaults, more than 900 bodies covered the plain before the sunken road.

The carnage of that horrible scene (and a few darker, even more

subterranean thoughts) crossed my mind recently as I portaged around and waded through the sunken road which is the pathway between the campus and the railroad station. I daresay commuters in general believe the failure to raise that path commensurate to the re worked elevation of the athletic fields was an imbecility in landscaping comparable to Burnside's military blunder. Thus, to any administrators who might chance to read this fishwrapper: RAISE IT!

Roger McDonald Lecturer in Political Science

Funding Dispute Was Fabricated

To the Editor:

In response to the front page article of March 6 which was filled with misinformation and misinterpretation, I offer these words in my defense.

From the onset, I would like to state that my objective in handling the responsibilities as chairperson of PSC is to distribute some \$17 thousand to student groups in a fair manner and act as a WATCHDOG for Stony Brook students, regardless of political leanings or ideologies. I apply the same standard of equity and fairness to all clubs that come before the PSC, regardless if they are the College Republicians or Red Balloon.

Stony Brook has a large student population with many different backgrounds and political ways of thinking, and its my responsibility not to favor one over the other. Thus I HAVE TO BE NEUTRAL in my public stance.

Unfortunately, I've taken some steps regarding Hands O stin America that were unpopular with Statesman and our Polity President Eric Levine. In the political game there is a saying "the squeaky wheel gets the oil (money)."

There is no basis for Eric Levine to question my competence. Since he states that Polity has a problem with determining how to deal with Political clubs, his accusations are disturbing.

It is well known that the office of the SUNY chancellor DOES NOT give out the definition of "partisan political." Rather, they leave it for the students to interpret. So I wonder from where Skip Spitzer got his information about the supposed phone call to PSC?

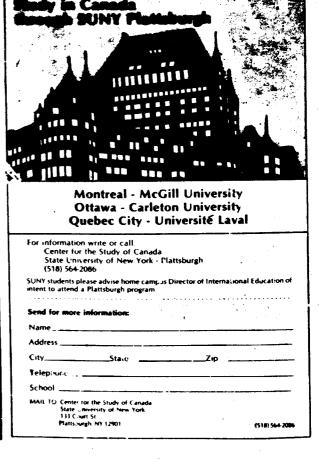
It is disturbing to me that in the PSC meeting of March 6 Tim Lapham virtually demanded that PSC discuss something conversial, so that he could write about it in Statesman. Does this mean that Statesman is in the business of creating its stories? Also, prior to the PSC meeting on February 28 George Bidermann said that he notified Red Balloon and Hands Off Latin America to come to the meeting. Thus, he too could be accused of creating a story for Statesman.

It is not my opinion alone that Polity does not fall under the "sunshine laws." As I have said before, the Polity lawyer, who is more than qualified to make such decisions, has also said that Polity does NOT fall under the New York State Open Meetings laws.

Naresh Mysore PSC Chairman







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After Transfer, a Chance to Shine

Patriot Swimmer John Kuck Finds Division III to His Liking

By Lisa Miceli

Like sports fans, there are many athletes who are never satisfied with second best. These athletes put in strenuous hours of practice, always trying to top a record or improve a time. At Stony Brook, swimmer John Kuck is one such athlete.

Kuck, a diligent worker in practice, is never satisfied. Evidently it has payed off; at the Metropolitan Collegiate Championships, Kuck became the only swimmer to win four events. He was named Most Valuable swimmer, a particularly impressive event since he had to compete against many strong Division I competitors from such schools as Fordham and Monmouth. He is Stony Brook's second MVP in the past five years, joining former All-American Tom Aird.

The transfer from the University of Tennesee will be going to the NCAA Division III Nationals for three events, having qualified at the Metropolitan Championships in the 500 yard freestyle, 200 yard butterfly, and the 200 yard freestyle. In the process he broke

First, with a time of 4:43.0 in the 500 yard freestyle, Kuck captured a new university record, breaking the one previously held by former All-American Bjorn Hansen. Twice as nice is the fact that Kuck also broke a second University record held by Aird with a time of 1:56.01 in the 200 yard butterfly. In this event he became the only swimmer in the whole championship to set a new Metropolitan Conference record. In the last event, the 200 yard freestyle, he finished one-tenth of a second away from Bjorn Hansen's record of 4:35.5. Kuck was also part of two winning relay teams.

Some of you might wonder how one swimmer could do all this. As men's swim coach John Demarie commented, "One key is that John wants to be a champion, so he tries to train like a champion. You never have to look for John Kuck, he's always here [at the pool].'

John feels that the two and a half hours he puts in every day have to be "quality time." "Every lap I try to



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make it perfect," he said.

These accomplishments are almost unbelievable when one considers that Kuck had arthroscopic surgery on his knee in November and had to recover for four weeks, then train and work on his knee. Luckily for Kuck, he was in very good shape prior to his surgery. "I pretty much went on as nothing hap-

This season Kuck was strong in two key meets, helping his team win the North Divison Championship of the Metropolitan Conference. One was against the USMMA at Kings Point, when the Patriots won a dual to meet to capture the title. "The previous week, John went 2 minutes in the 200 yard butterfly vs. New Paltz," said DeMarie. "This meet he had to swim against rough competitor Jerry Watts, who had beaten John earlier in the year. Kuck won with a time of 1:58.7 and got us a key win by blowing the kid away. From then on we were in control. We eventually won the

The other key meet was against Montclair State. "We asked John Kuck if he could win the 200 yard butterfly and then come back with one event's rest and win the 200 yard backstroke. He did this shortly after having the surgery." DeMarie said.

Even before Kuck came here he was known by DaMarie "When I found out [that Kuck had transferred], I was pretty psyched up," said DeMarie, who had lost two All-Americans, Hansen and Aird, to graduation. This was supposed to be a rebuilding year, and instead the team captured the North Division Championships of the Metropolitan Conference.

For Kuck, transferring from a Division I school to a Divison III school had a positive effect on his swimming. "The University of Tennesee had such a big swimming team, I swam one event all year long," he said. At Stony Brook, the swimmer has had a chance to try many differnt events, due to the small size of the

A sophomore, originally form Plainview, Long Island, Kuck started to swim competitively when he was eight at the Plainview Swim Club. At 12, he became the third ranked swimmer nationally for his age group. He eventually went on to swim at Plainview High School, where his team captured the Nassau County Swim Championships three of the fours years he was there. "While growing up, my father was right there to always to make sure I'd practice," he said. Both parents have always supported him, and he is not the only swimmer in the family; his younger sister also swims.

John is currently planning to be a chiropractor. Fortunately, swimming does not interfere with his school work; last semester, he made the dean's list. According to DeMarie, "If his knees hold up, he will be able to compete in the individual medley, which is comprised of four strokes." For now, however, Kuck's goal is be All-American in his three events.



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Patriots Send Three To Track Nationals

This weekend, the Patriots will have three runners participating in the NCAA Division III indoor National Championships, which will be held at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On the women's side, Stony Brook will be represented by shotputter Cheryl Hunter and hurdler Charlene Landrum. Hunter, a senior, finished third at the same meet last year to gain All-American status, and it will be her fourth trip to do the nationals, with a pair of outdoor appearances to add to her two indoor ones.

Landrum, a junior, is making her first appearance at the nationals, qualifying with a personal best 8.62 seconds in the 55 meter hurdles.

Darian Hinds will be representing the men's team in two events. A sophomore, he qualified for the high jump with a leap of 6'10", and for the 55 meter high hurdles in a time of 7.64. It will also be Darian's first trip to the nationals.

Marie Benard, who earlier had acheived a qualifying time for the event, was aced out by a late rush when twelve people, the limit, qualified with faster times.