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Status of Campus Generator Fuels Controversy

By Jeff Leibowitz and Margaret McHugh

A \$1 million generator expected to save the university more than \$100,000 a month in electricity expenses was not functioning when university officials were publicizing its activation and they were aware of this, a university employee who supervises the generator said.

The oil-powered generator, called a "turbine generator set," has sat — largely dormant — in the Health Sciences Center's (HSC) physical plant since the early 1970s, when soaring oil prices, resulting from the 1973 oil embargo, made its use impractical. But with the recent decline in the price of crude oil, the generator's use has become economically favorable, said Vice President for Campus Operations Robert Francis, who is heading the project.

Because of this, Francis said, the generator, which had been adapted for use as a backup system, was repaired at a cost of \$24,000 and put into full operation.

The activation of the generator was highly publicized. A university news release saying the generator was operational since July 11 was published in area newspapers. Television station Channel 55 even aired a broadcast from the site of the generator where University President John Marburger spoke of the benefits of the machine.

At the broadcast, technicians fired up the two jet engines and although they roared for for the camera crew, seemingly operational, they were, in fact, not pumping any electricity, said William Braska, assistant director of the HSC's physical plant. Braska said an electrical problem was impairing its use.

University officials are now claiming that the generator is operating at full capacity. Although Braska said his remarks originally made in *The Three Village Herald* were misconstrued, he would not confirm whether the generator is now operational.

Braska said he had asked Francis not to publicize the generator until the repairs were completed, but the request was ignored. He expressed distress at being



Robert Francis

asked by Francis to misinform the media. He also said Francis was conservative in his estimate of the \$24,000 cost to repair the generators. Braska had said the actual figure was substantially higher.

A news story by these reporters published last week in *The Three Village Herald* detailed Braska's original position. Since then, he has maintained that his views were maligned in the story.

Francis, who earlier discussed the logistics of the generator, was away on vacation and unavailable for comment after *Statesman* learned of the malfunction.

Marburger said he believed the generator had been working. "There is no question that it was running because I've talked with people who were there when it started up who remarked on the noise and everything,

so there is some kind of inconsistency here," he said. "It was my impression that it was generating electricity and I certainly plan to follow up myself and find out what is happening."

Purchased in 1974 for \$1 million, the generator is expected to save the university about \$100,000 on its monthly bill of more than \$1 million, which is paid to the Long Island Lighting Company. LILCO will supply the 80 percent of the university's electrical power.

University officials project that the generator, which puts out five megawatts of power, will substantially ease the university's power demands on LILCO. As a result, LILCO is expected to provide upgraded service to the Three Village area.

Francis said the savings "will help the university to meet its budget. If the university can meet its budget, that's a direct benefit to the students. It allows the campus to continue providing instructional services without having to cut back because of budget problems."

In return for the decreased electricity demand, LILCO has agreed to lower its electricity charges to the university, Marburger said. He said that on several occasions, LILCO officials have asked administrators to reduce their electrical demand to relieve the strain on LILCO's power generators.

In addition, Marburger said, the university will save more money because it will avoid using high amounts of electricity when the rates are most expensive. "When you use more than certain amounts of power during certain times of the day, your electricity rates take a big jump up," he said. "We are trying to keep our uses below that threshold."

Alvin Oickle, associate director of University News Services, said about \$1 million worth of taxpayers' money will be saved each year. "It saves taxpayers money because our budget includes money for electricity that we had to buy from LILCO for \$1 million," he

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Scientists to Study Antarctica Ozone Depletion

By Fernando Camilo

A team of scientists from Stony Brook, together with those from three other scientific institutions, will soon head to Antarctica to find out why the ozone layer above the South Pole has been seasonally depleted by 40 percent over the past eight years.

The Stony Brook team will be headed by Bob deZafra, a professor of physics, and will further consist of Philip Solomon, a professor of astronomy, research associates Alan Parrish and Brian Connor and physics graduate student Mauricio Jaramillo. Stringent medical tests will be required for all members to "get certified" for the Antarctic winter in isolation from the outside world. The complete team of 13 scientists will fly in a skis-equipped C-130 cargo plane to the frozen runway on the Ross Ice Shelf at the end of August, the expedition members will then be facing some of the roughest weather on earth, with average temperatures in the 40s - below zero.

Although the study of ozone depletion in the upper atmosphere is not altogether new, this expedition should, according to deZafra, settle the matter once and for all. "When we come back," he said, "we will know" what causes the depletion. Such confidence stems from years of intense research into the causes

and development of specialized apparatus to test hypotheses set to explain ozone layer depletion.

This phenomenon, explained deZafra, has possible long-range "serious effects for the ecological balance" of the planet. "The ozone screens out the ultraviolet radiation harmful to humans, crops, plankton. When additional dosages of ultraviolet rays reach the earth, levels of cancer - skin cancer - could increase," deZafra said.

He claimed that although the amount of ozone in the atmosphere varies naturally by large amounts, "in the past 20-30 years the amount of fluorocarbons released into the air has considerably [and continuously] decreased that quantity." Fluorocarbons were mostly used in sprays, before these were banned in the U.S. in 1978. However, deZafra continued, "Although before 1976 half the amount of fluorocarbons released into the air was derived from sprays," the level after the ban "dropped off only slightly and then leveled off." This was due to increased applications, from air-conditioners to industrial foams, and more widespread usage in third-world nations, he said.

This expedition culminates the work of some of the best atmospheric scientists in the U.S. on this now-acute and worrisome problem. The enlarged hole

in the ozone layer over the South Pole was found by British scientists in March, 1985, and was so huge that the NASA computer analyzing the data had been rejecting it, having been programmed to delete extreme deviations as errors.

The most important contribution by the Stony Brook team comes through the development of a millimeter wave spectrometer. Throughout the past 10 years Solomon and deZafra received \$1.8 million in research grants to study ozone depletion. A great amount of the money, deZafra said, went into three years of developing and building instrumentation capable of measuring tiny amounts of chlorine monoxide, a key stratospheric ingredient in ozone depletion.

"That instrument, entirely developed at Stony Brook, is the only instrument in the world capable of making ground-based measurements of chlorine monoxide," he said. "[It is] extraordinarily sensitive, made with special components used for radio-astronomy." After atmospheric measurements taken in Massachusetts and at Mt. Hopkins in Arizona the ultrasensitive equipment has been at work gathering crucial data at the 14,000 foot peak of Mauna Kea, in the Hawaiian islands. Scientific teams visit that site two to three times a year.

Asked which of the hypotheses running among scientific circles he favors - a man-caused depletion due to release of fluorocarbons or a mostly cyclic natural effect - deZafra is assertive: "My bet is that [the effect] is caused by chemical reactions involving chlorine. [but I] won't exclude some long-term cyclic effects." His answer is a reflection of various opinions running in the scientific community, industry and government: a truly amazing grab-bag of plausible and sound theories, for which too little experimental confirmation exists.

Amidst the speculation, however, if one is to take heed of Solomon's predictions, something truly remarkable should be in store: "Our experiment is unique. It can pretty much detect whether or not the Antarctic ozone hole is caused by man-made chemicals." Thus it is no surprise that excitement is rampant among the expedition members. After long years of concerted effort, they are now months away from what could indeed be truly breaking ground into the causes of ozone depletion. Further considering the potentially tremendous impact such phenomena may have on our habitat in the long run, it is small wonder many eyes around the nation are now turned to these 13 scientists.

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Former NY Governor Harriman Dead at 94

W. Averell Harriman, former governor of New York State and the man for whom SUNY Stony Brook named its College for Policy Analysis and Public Management, died of kidney failure July 27, 1986 at the age of 94.

"Ambassador Harriman was very helpful to the college at Stony Brook which bears his name," said University President John Marburger in recalling Harriman. "His support made it possible to stabilize a program that has been highly successful in preparing young men and women for public service. His own career serves as an inspiration to our students."

During his lengthy career in public service, Harriman was an advisor to five presidents. He was the United States' representative to London and later Moscow during World War II, and served under several presidents as an ambassador-at-large.

From 1955 through 1958, he was governor of New York. It was during his administration that the State chartered the State University at Stony Brook.

In the 1960s, Harriman served as the chief American negotiator in develop-

ing the 1963 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty with the Soviet Union and was the chief negotiator in the Paris Peace Talks to end the Vietnam War.

Promoting peace and cooperation, particularly between the superpowers, was something that dominated much of Harriman's later life. He wrote several books on U.S. — Soviet relations and in 1982 donated \$10 million to Columbia University to promote American studies of the Soviet Union. In a 1981 *New York Times* column marking Harriman's 90th birthday, James Reston wrote that the statesman had "... devoted 40 years of his life to the belief

that there will be no decent order in the world unless the United States and the Soviet Union somehow overcome their fears of one another."

Stony Brook established an Urban Policies and Studies program in 1970, which was renamed after Harriman in 1975. The college prepares students for careers in public service and graduates have obtained jobs with various federal, state, local, county and city agencies, as well as consulting firms and private companies with governmental affairs departments.

Harriman continued to support the college through the years and in 1982

pledged an endowment of \$600,000, most of which was to be used for scholarships for students enrolled in the school which bears his name.

Just last January, Stony Brook and SUNY trustees again honored the former governor by renaming the Old Physics Building, which houses Harriman College, as W. Averell Harriman Hall. At that time Marburger noted Harriman's past role as governor in providing the charter for Stony Brook.

The move marked only the second time Stony Brook had named a facility for a living person. The other person so honored was the late Senator Jacob Javits.

Generator Fuels Controversy, at Least

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said. "There is now a million dollars less that will have to be paid for out of tax money in order to provide power for the campus."

Marburger, who has sat on several commissions that studied electrical power on Long Island, said the operation of the generator could help solve what he said was an electricity shortage on Long Island. "Regardless of

how much it costs, it's making more electricity available on Long Island, which is important," he said.

"It is a fairly big thing for us," Francis said. "We are generating our own power and we are doing something that's technically pretty impressive. We are also saving a lot of money. All these things are good for everybody."

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With only two and a half years left as president, Ronald Reagan is looking to keep the right-wing machine well-oiled and running into the next decade with his nomination of William Rehnquist as chief justice of the United States. While Rehnquist has all the obvious credentials for the position of chief justice, his past racist attitudes and harsh stance toward individual rights put him out of sync with the ethos of the constitution, the document at the heart of all Supreme Court rulings.

Rehnquist has been accused of harassing and intimidating voters at several predominantly black and hispanic precincts in Phoenix during the

1960s. Rehnquist admitted that he participated in the Republican program to test the "eligibility" of voters under a statute which has since been struck down, but denies personally challenging any voters. Many recent testimonies have disputed Rehnquist's claims of non-harassment.

James Brosnahan, former assistant federal prosecutor in Phoenix, said Rehnquist was involved in trying to disrupt a 1962 election in a Democrat-dominated, minority precinct by forcing voters to prove they could read. Brosnahan was called to the scene with an FBI agent at the time to examine the voter harassment charges.

Other witnesses have come out and stated that they saw Rehnquist challenging voters at several different polling places in Phoenix throughout 1960 to 1964. Rev. Snelson W. McGriff said he saw Rehnquist challenging voters at Bethune precinct in Phoenix. Rehnquist has said he was not present at the Bethune precinct on election day in 1964. But Rev. McGriff signed an affidavit swearing he saw Rehnquist at the location.

The most decisive evidence of Rehnquist's hostility towards minorities was from his memos written as a clerk to Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson stating that the "separate but equal" doctrine should be affirmed.

Other documents that could be damaging to Rehnquist were ones he wrote when acting as a legal council to Richard Nixon during the late sixties. Nixon had asked Rehnquist for advice on the legalities of spying on private citizens. These documents, however, have been shielded by Reagan's enactment of executive privilege to stop them from being brought in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Rehnquist's shaky record on minority rights was not lost on the Senate Judiciary Committee during

the 1971 hearings to confirm him as a Supreme Court justice. At that time all the minority party members of the committee (Democrats) voted against the confirmation.

In 1983 Rehnquist was a lone dissenter when the Supreme Court refused to entitle tax exemptions to private schools that racially discriminate. Rehnquist felt that Congress never empowered the Internal Revenue Service to enforce such a policy.

Time after time Rehnquist rules against minorities and individual rights and sides with state and government. In the Delaware vs. Prouse trial, Rehnquist ruled that random stops by the police are a reasonable way for the police to enforce motor vehicle laws.

Despite all the accusations and his racist history, William Rehnquist will be confirmed as the next Chief Justice. His supporters have praised his reasoning and writing skills. They also believe that because of his strong leadership, Rehnquist will be able to fashion a more cohesive court. These are obviously qualities that a chief justice must have. But a chief justice must also have a sense of the absolute importance of the rights of the individual. The ability to uphold this concept is perhaps more important than the legal skills and leadership qualities needed for the position of chief justice.

The Constitution was written to protect the minority from the majority, to protect the individual from the sway of the mob. Rehnquist falls on the wrong side of this dogma. The Supreme Court exists to reaffirm the actual intent of the Constitution. With Rehnquist in charge there will be an abandonment of this, and for one of the first times in history, thanks to Reagan, the job of buttressing Constitutional rights will fall to other branches of the government.

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—Letters

Human Rights, Not Written Words

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed to my dear Christian friend Richard Bifulco, a man who had voiced his love for me and others "like" me.

Tears welled in my eyes as I read your viewpoint in *Statesman* ("Homosexuals go Against God's Will," *Statesman* 7/14/86). My mind flashed back and forth from reading your words and thinking of the movements in the sixties. I wonder if the efforts to make the country aware of the existence of the diversities in our society were wasted and the ideal that we must live with and love our brothers and sisters in spite of those diversities forgotten. Your printed word sent chills down my spine to think that the struggle 20 years ago was simply history.

There are many other things in the past you Christians condemned. Ask them if they remember the dawn of rock-n-roll? If everyone believed what they said about the music, we would still be listening to Bing Crosby.

Why was I confronted on campus last semester by a Bible-carrying Christian, who said that hell was imminent in my "after life" if I did not convert to Christianity? Why did he try to convince me that Muhammad, the Buddha and others were dead while only Jesus was living?

In spirit of July 4 and my liberty to pursue happiness, I would like to quote a gay politician, Harvey Milk, who was assassinated by Dan White, another politician and a Christian.

"My name is Harvey Milk and I want to recruit you. I want to recruit you for the fight to preserve your democracy from the John Briggs and the Anita Bryants who are trying to constitutionalize bigotry. Let me remind you what America is... listen carefully.

"On the Statue of Liberty it says 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free...' In the Declaration of Independence it is written 'All men are created equal and they are endowed with certain inalienable rights...' And in our national anthem it says 'Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free.'

"For Mr. Briggs and Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Starr and all the bigots out there that's what America is. No matter how hard you try, you cannot erase those words from the Declaration of Independence. No matter how hard you try, you cannot chip those words off the base of the Statue of Liberty. And no matter how hard you try you cannot sing the 'Star Spangled Banner' without those words."

The Bible is interpreted in many different ways. It is very powerful to weak minds. My love extends also to you. Through this love I hope someday you would be able to see

the world around you through your own eyes and not be blindfolded by a book.

Anna Hansen

Elevated Hazards At HSC

To the Editor:

Over the past several years, the elevators serving the Health Sciences Center have frequently been out of service, become stuck with passengers in them or have lurched for reasons that are unclear. These events have distressed many of us who work in the Health Sciences Center and some of us are fearful of using these elevators.

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Do Not Tote the Bible to Justify Persecution

By the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA)

This is a rebuttal to Richard Bifulco, regarding his vicious attack on civil liberties in the July 14 edition of *Statesman* ("Homosexuals go Against God's Will," *Statesman* 7/14/86). This letter is written with the acceptance of the Bible as the "word of God." Although there are members of GALA who do not share these views, there are Jewish, Christian and "born again" Christian gay men and women whose views are taken into consideration. It is with this dedication to fairness and solidarity that we take the stand of believing in the Bible and God, in a theoretical sense, in writing this article.

Your letter, Mr. Bifulco, though disturbing at first, provided another forum for discussion and communication within GALA.

It is evident that you accept the Bible as the definitive "word of God." Yet you must attempt to bear in mind that this book has been rewritten and translated by a countless number of persons, under the authority of a countless number of rulers and censors, amidst a myriad of socio-political factors which undoubtedly influenced the final product which you accept as the "word of God."

Thus, one must try to accept the fact that there has existed and continues to exist, various interpretations of the Bible. It has been used by others to justify the hierarchy and overt sexism and classism within the Church. It is used today by P.W. Botha and Jerry Falwell to legitimize the system of apartheid in South Africa. It has been used by Americans as a justification of slavery, the banning of alcohol, the subjugation of women and the banning of classic literature. Yet these beliefs (with the notable exception of apartheid) have, for the most part, been abandoned. Thus the Christians who, a generation ago, considered the Bible as the authoritative "voice" for the existence of segregation no longer do. How

long will it take you to realize the sacrilege committed by using the Bible and God's name to justify your own personal bigotry and phobia?

The most overwhelming fact is that persons have been fatally wrong in their interpretations of the Bible. Yet it is hard to see reality and to think intelligently when millions of persons believe in an erroneous and harmful interpretation. Bear in mind, Mr. Bifulco, the words of John Dewey, which seem so apropos to this situation "A proposition does not gain validity because of the number of people who accept it." Your religion isn't enough to justify your bigotry.

You must try to accept the fact that we live (theoretically) in a "democracy," Mr. Bifulco, not a theocracy. Through your stance presented in your letter you are dangerously bordering on anti-Americanism. Our nation attempts to adhere to the belief of the separation of church and state. A separation that must exist in order for liberty to survive. Additionally, this "democracy" is expected to grant civil rights to all persons, regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, etc.. No matter how disgusted you are by that concept, that is America, Mr. Bifulco, and if you cannot handle it then you obviously have a personal problem in coming to grips with the concepts of liberty and freedom.

History provides numerous illustrations of the corruption, oppression and subsequent slaughter of innocent humans as a result of a particular interpretation of the Bible being placed above human rights, freedom and intelligence. Your views are dangerous to the stability of liberty in that they call for the "saving" (e.g. brainwashing) of the "poor, misguided" souls who differ in opinions and lifestyles from you. The last time a group of people attempted to "save" its populace and thereby "purify" itself, it resulted in the slaughter of almost 13 million human beings. Nazi Germany,

Mr. Bifulco, in case you don't know history.

In your argument against homosexuality you are quite emphatic on quoting the Bible to justify your bigotry, yet you ignore other orders proclaimed by "God," for example

"Everything in water that has no fins and scales shall be an abomination to you." Leviticus 11:2

"If a man commits adultery with a married woman, the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death." Lev. 20:10

Why do you choose your vendettas so selectively, Mr. Bifulco?

In your attack upon us, you wonder "why homosexual men and women are so adamant in their desire for Christian acceptance of their sin," and it is with thought that you proclaim your ignorance of the gay/lesbian liberation movement. We needn't worry about our acceptance, we worry about our lives. We are in danger, as a result of the Rambo generation of Bible-toting, bomb-throwing, flag-waving ignoramuses who receive full support from such "freedom" loving Americans as Ronald Reagan, Pat Robertson, Lyndon LaRouche and Louis Farrakhan.

We don't need your acceptance to live. We exist, have existed and will exist in every society of every generation in the world. You, your Bible, your God and your Church will never stifle our dedication to the truth, to life, liberty and equality. There are many Christian gays in GALA, and they have not abandoned their faith in God as a result of their sexuality; nor have they denied their sexuality as a result of their religion. Do gay Christians need to be saved, as a result of their religion. Do gay Christians need to be saved, Mr. Bifulco? We think not. What is needed—for all humans—is liberty and true civil rights. You have yours, but for centuries Christians were denied their rights to live as they chose, now you are free from persecution, yet you enjoy the

liberty of persecuting others. Is this what Jesus taught? We think not.

You insist that we should "consider so many who went 'before us... Jesus Christ.. the Puritans...'" we do Mr. Bifulco: we do remember Harvey Milk, Quentin Crisp, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Gertrude Stein, Eleanor Roosevelt, Truman Capote, Rock Hudson, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe, Pope Julius III, King James I, Peter the Great, Frederick the Great and millions of others. Priests, nuns, rabbis, carpenters, students, who lived alternative lifestyles under tremendous political, social and religious oppression and brutality.

We will never forget the gays and lesbians who were slaughtered in World War II, and the Gays and Lesbians who were returned to the concentration camps by the American Forces who "liberated" all the other prisoners.

We will never forget the Gays and Lesbians who willingly laid down their lives at the Stonewall Riots. And, Mr. Bifulco, we will not forget, nor ignore, the lesbians, gays and bi-sexuals who are harassed, beaten and killed *everyday* on the streets of New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Atlanta, Stony Brook, Port Jefferson, and hundreds and thousands of other places in this "civilized Christian" nation (as Reagan insists we live in).

We will never forget our suffering, our persecution, nor will we allow you to do so. Bear in mind some common sense or the future when you attempt to justify your bigotry and callousness towards alternative lifestyles and cultures. Do not judge others by your own standards.

In closing we would like to invite Mr. Bifulco to come down to the GALA office so that he can broaden his mind, raise his intelligence and see reality. Or if you prefer, Mr. Bifulco, we would be glad to accommodate you with a public debate on this issue.

(The writers are members of Stony Brook's Gay and Lesbian Alliance)

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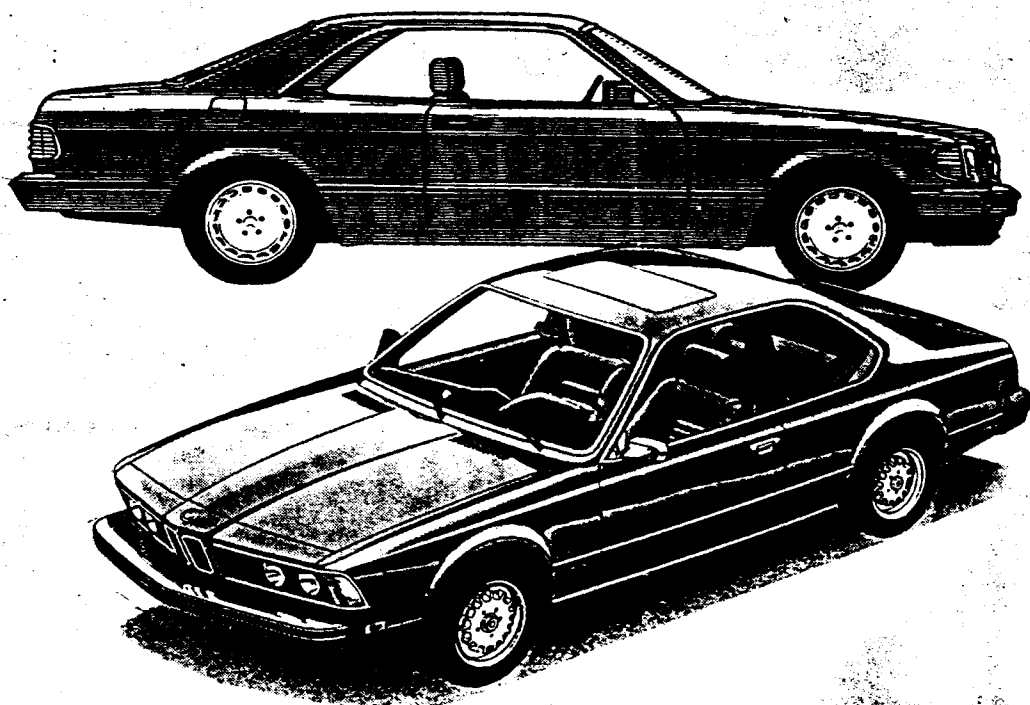
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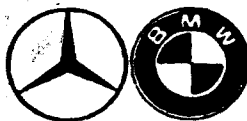
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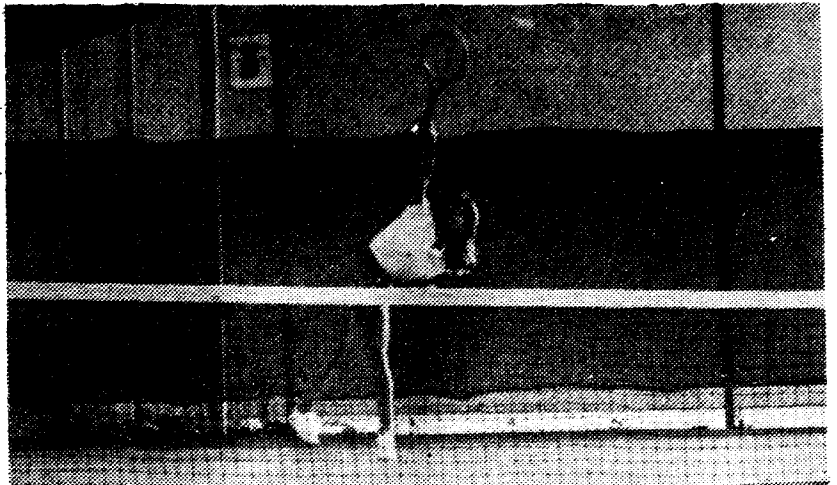
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By Janine

Food ★★½
Service ★★
Ambiance ★★

I loved the St. James Inn! What a delight! The chef is marvelous. A former Da Vinci chef, his touch is just perfect. I had no idea what type of cuisine to expect, and was absolutely and quite pleasantly surprised. This restaurant is good enough to make it by word of mouth, but you don't just happen upon it, as one would a restaurant on Jericho Turnpike; you must consciously start out for it. It is right next to the railroad in St. James on Lake Avenue. If you make an effort to go there, you'll find the food is worth it.

As one enters the restaurant, just directly ahead is a large, light wood bar which is very pretty. Off to the right is the dining room. It is a nice sized room (about 25 tables) that is quite attractive with its pink cloths and nicely appointed tables. The room is done in natural wood planking, with brick halfway, nice Tiffany type lamps and blue carpeting. The chairs, however, were rather slippery; I kept feeling as if I were sliding off.

On the night we were there, there was a blackboard at the front door announcing that tonight was "Italian Night," and the specials all reflected on that fact. Also available was a buffet at \$8.95 per person (one trip only). The regular bill of fare was typically continental with a few lovely surprises such as Cajun Shrimp Creole at \$12.95 and Blackened Tilefish, a Cajun dish by Paul Prudhomme, which I found delicious, at \$13.95. There was also a change-of-pace, fresh steamed vegetable platter at \$8.95, and the proper pasta selections, seafood selections, beef selections, poultry selections and veal.

To begin we had an appetizer of Mozzarella en Aceti at \$4.95, mozzarella cheese melted in a casserole with fresh scallions and fresh tomatoes in a vinaigrette dressing. This was a unique appetizer and one I enjoyed. Next we shared a most wonderful Caesar salad at \$3.50. The king of salads was done full justice by this chef. It was just perfect. It did my heart good to see that the art of Caesar is still alive.

For an entree, my dining partner chose the buffet at \$8.95. It consisted of a very nice salad, stuffed shells, Linguine Marrachi (light red sauce), Virginia Ham and Steak Pizzola and rice. While the food was delicious, somehow sitting in the chafing dishes does make some dishes lose their appeal. My choice of entree was the Blackened Tilefish, which was served with a choice of vegetable. The vegetable was prepared fresh, zucchini and summer squash slices sauteed crisp and finished off with fresh tarragon—a wonderful surprise. The tilefish was superb. Two nice pieces of fish had been sauteed in the most wonderful way, encased in Cajun seasonings and then cooked until the whole outer shell of the fish was blackened. It was a memorable entree. I finished with coffee, opting to pass on the wonderful dessert list which included favorites such as Bananas Foster at \$5.75 or Chocolate Mousse at \$3.75.

On the evening of our visit there were two young ladies serving the dining room, which was not too busy. They both did a delightful job, concerned, accommodating, warm and helpful. They seemed to be experienced in the art of service. Our waitress also served the buffet which was set along the wall on one side of the room.

The restaurant is open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner and also serves Brunch on Sundays. Visa and Mastercharge are accepted.

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