

Levine's 'State of the Campus'

By Ray Parish

Polity President Eric Levine presented the fall semester's State of the Campus Report at the Polity Senate meeting on December 9. In his report, he stressed the need for the Minority Planning Board and the Student Activities Board to reform as one organization.

"I would think that both the minority and the majority communities would want one organization which had the same goals not to make money, [and] provide a variety of entertainment for as many tastes as possible," Levine explained. He went on to state that the MPB and the SAB are serving the same function for two separate communities, which "is not going to bring the two communities together, [but] force them even further apart." According to Levine, SAB has a budget of over \$90,000, and MPB has a \$15,000 budget by referendum. But Levine claimed that the minority community is losing out. "Their [the minority community's] Activity Fee money is going to SAB; they're supposedly not getting their fair share."

"It is a matter of unity," said Susan Magi, Hand College Polity senator. "It shows that there is a separation of the minorities and the majority, and that reflects on the university."

Levine urged students to get involved in fraternities and sororities on campus, saying that these organiza-

tions have "added much spirit and zest to Stony Brook." He said that Polity and the administration will have to formally recognize the organizations, and Polity will have to find a way to finance the fraternities and sororities.

Levine also addressed the approaching problem of lack of housing for seniors. Levine said that due to the guaranteeing of housing for undergrads, many seniors will not get housing. He said that a "lottery" system may be used to decide which seniors get housing. "The enrollment is down now and therefore, to attract incoming students, the University would like to guarantee their housing." Levine recommended a "Fraternity Row" or university-owned houses off-campus to alleviate the housing shortage.

Levine explained the effects of the new alcohol policy, saying that building parties and fests with more than 10 kegs will not be allowed. He also outlined two possibilities for The End of the Bridge. Levine suggested The Bridge could alternate alcohol and non-alcohol nights, or it could institute a barrier system, separating the liquor from the dancing.

Levine included a call for student participation in Polity, saying that the power the student government has will be weakened without more student interest. "The students have an ability to join together when

issues become important enough. Students are not apathetic in this 'me' age," he said.

Also discussed at the meeting was the review of two Polity members' stipends by the Internal Affairs Committee. IAC hearings concerning the stipends of Craig Dean, senior class representative, and Anthony Donofrio, junior class representative, were held on December 4. At the senate meeting, Dean explained that his absence from Polity meetings in November was due to a death in the family.

"It shocks me to think that a committee could be so insensitive toward Craig Dean, who has worked hard for Polity," said Bob Timm, a Polity senator from Kelly Quad. No one voted in favor of the motion to cut Dean's stipend, but a motion to cut Donofrio's stipend passed.

Polity Secretary Rita Solorzano explained the purpose of The Book Exchange, a student-run used book exchange being started on December 16. The Book Exchange will serve as a non-profit middleman to help students sell their old texts to other students.

Newly elected Polity Vice President Thomas Dwyer was introduced at the Senate Meeting. Dwyer defeated Dennis Suglia in the Polity elections on December 5 by a margin of 744 to 591 votes. Dwyer replaces Mike Fitzpatrick, who is seeking the position of SAB Chairman.

Investigation of UUP Enacted

By Mitchell Horowitz

A fact-finding investigation of the United University Professions (UUP), SUNY's labor union, has been enacted by the state following another round of fruitless contract negotiations between the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER) and the union late last month. The two have been at the bargaining table since January.

"Fact-finding in negotiations is the next level that one moves to after mediation ... we were taking backward strides. The mediation process was just failing," said GOER spokesman Ron Tarwater, in reference to the efforts of two state mediators working on the situation since June.

Yesterday three members were appointed by the Governor's office to comprise a committee examining the bargaining practices and documentation of the UUP. According to Tarwater the investigation could last up to a year, though contract talks can continue during this period. The process is much like a legal trial with testimonies and possible outside witnesses; it attempts to explain the reasons for bargaining stagnation.

"We expect to give a good account," said UUP spokesman Fred Lambert. "It's kind of an admission of failure (to negotiate) on the state's side, though."

The UUP, which represents faculty members and non-teaching professionals at Stony Brook and 31 other SUNY campuses, had their past contract expire last June. November 27 to 29 was the last bargaining session held with GOER, after which the investigation proceedings were called for.

"The process could be lengthy, if that's what their (GOER's) game is. I don't know that the arbitrators will put up with stalling," said Lambert. Lambert claims the past 11 months of negotiations have been marred by "no give and take on the part of the state at the table."

"Our UUP demands seem so plausible, the refusal on the state's part to talk about them so unreasonable, that members wonder if there is not some obscure motive or hidden plot holding up the contract. Well, maybe there is, but we don't know about it," claimed

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"...MPB and SAB are doing the same job for different communities and this is 'separate but equal' and that's illegal."

—Eric Levine

Excerpts From Report

The state of the campus report is designed to report on the multi-complex organization called Polity. There is a need for this sort of information because Polity represents the largest constituency on campus, the students. It is essential that not only students realize what is going on in their organization, but all that share in the University community as well. Since we all "live" and work in the University it is essential that we understand each piece of the puzzle that makes up this large community we share.

Polity spread its dollars and services to not only the 16,000 students on and off campus, but our doors are always open for the rest of the community (ie: faculty, staff, administrators, graduates) to use our resources.

We provide the opportunity for many voices. Polity makes it possible to have three different newspapers on campus, all offering a different form of expression, but all effective, (*Statesman*, *Press*, *Blackworld*). In programming, Polity provides a tremendous variety from the *Gospel Choir* to the *Science Fiction Forum*. Polity provides numerous services to the campus community, The *Ambulance Corps* provides quick effective response to Stony Brook University. In numerous other Universities the entire school pays this service, here the student government proudly provides it. Our *Legal Clinic* offers students free legal council on issues ranging from traffic violations to landlord/tenant problems. Polity funds all NCAA

mens athletic teams from *Men's Swimming* to *Men's Track* costing close to \$100,000. NCAA women's athletics are also supported, from *Women's Volleyball* to *Women's Soccer*, totalling close to \$60,000. Club sports are not to be forgotten at Stony Brook either, we fund sports from *Intramurals* to *Dance*.

Polity disburses 1.4 million dollars to colleges, clubs and organizations on campus. The following report will give an overview of Polity, its present state and the future. Whatever consequences Polity faces in the future, it will have a great effect on Stony Brook University as a whole.

The state of student life during the Fall of 1985 at the State University of Stony Brook presented many challenges to the student body. It was a semester full involving a financial upheaving loss of a school newspaper (*Statesman*), a change in the social structure on this campus involving the 21 year old drinking age, the meal plan contract which would lock the new, or the present, contractor for a term of 5-8 years depending on the terms, the start of the construction of a desperately needed social center in the old bookstore space, a Fall Fest which at its visitors who enjoyed the bands, food, drink and entertainment. All this combined with a new spirit in Polity, a spirit that includes the entire community. Polity is truly open to all for the first time in many years.

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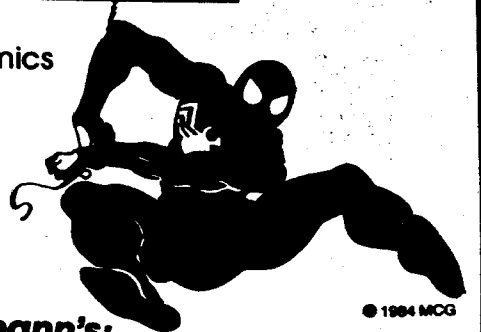
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Students: Dube "Professor of the Year"

By Daniel Smith

The tenth annual Kwanza celebration at Stony Brook was held last Friday at the Cultural Center in Stage XII cafeteria. The event, which was sponsored by the minority community at Stony Brook, featured songs, dances and poetry performed by students, as well as the presentation of two "Professor of the Year" awards to Africana Studies Lecturer Ernest Dube.

Dube was presented with a \$1,000 check, which had been gathered by his supporters because, as former Stony Brook student Sharon King said, "We want them [the university] to know that we're ready to fight." King is one of a group of students who have been protesting Dube's tenure denial since the decision was made public in August. "We are not apathetic students," she said.

Upon receiving the awards, which were given by the United Front and the African-American Students Organization, Dube said "It is always difficult to have words when you feel so overwhelmed, as I do." He was handed two plaques which had lengthy inscriptions praising him, written by members of the respective organizations.

In his speech following the presentation, Dube credited those supporting him in his battle for tenure with what he deemed a very positive turn of events. "We can now begin to say 'Things are moving in the direction that we want them to go in,'" he said before closing his speech with "It does not matter what happens to me. We will win. We will

win. Amandla! Amandla! [Power! Power!]"

The issue of Dube's tenure is currently in the process of a Chancellor's appeal committee, which will review the case. Dube was recommended for tenure by both faculty committees considering his case, and then denied by Dean of Fine Arts and Humanities Robert Neville, Provost Homer Neal and University President John Marburger, who issued the decision in August.

Dube and his teachings were the object of controversy in the fall semester of 1983 after a visiting professor from Israel charged that he had compared Zionism with Racism in his *Politics of Race* course. Though Dube was cleared by the University Senate of charges he had violated the bounds of academic freedom, the controversy has continued to haunt him. Supporters say they believe the tenure denial was issued because of the controversy.

The appeals committee consists of three members, one of which is chosen by Dube, one by Marburger, and these two members must agree on a third member, who chairs the committee. Dube chose Les Owens, the director of the Africana Studies program, and Marburger chose Eloy Carlson, distinguished professor of Biochemistry.

The next step is for these two members to make a joint selection of the third member. Since this action has yet to be completed, the committee has not met in any formal manner to date. The two members are not allowed to meet with any potential chairman or chair-



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Ernest Dube (2nd rt.), Les Owens (3rd rt.) and John Marburger (far left)

woman since they only know of them through a pool of names provided by the United University Professions, and these people can only be contacted through a mediator.

Both committee members agreed with Dube that the awards he received Friday will not have any bearing on the decision that will ultimately be made by the committee, and then approved by SUNY Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. "Students don't have much power, do they?" Dube said. "This [presentation] will have no influence whatsoever" on the tenure appeal.

Reached by telephone Tuesday night, Marburger declined to comment. Marburger has consistently maintained that

he does not want to comment until the appeal process is over, because he feels the case is going through the proper channels and he doesn't want to speak out on something that is considered confidential.

Carlson said he feels that he was selected for the committee as an objective, non-partisan member; he pointed out that he has not been personally acquainted with Dube in the past. He said his sources for learning about Dube are mainly third person sources, such as articles in *Statesman* and *Newsday*. However he decides in the case, he said, he will have to be very fair, because "whatever decision is made, someone will be unhappy."

Excerpts from "State of the Campus"

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...What is probable on most student's minds, is what does the 21 year old drinking age do to our social life on campus? If anyone tells you that it won't change your social life then they are misinformed. Building parties, as we know them, will no longer be functioning. There will be no kegs or form of any alcohol in any building party. Tokyo Joe's will have alcohol for those that are of age to drink. There will be a separation from those drinking and those who are underage. The keg limit will be cut in half from 20 kegs to 8-10 kegs, since less than half on the campus will be served. The End of the Bridge is still working out a proposal to deal with the realization that they have to follow the law and not have underage students next to drinking students (because of the reality that it is impossible to control and that the Bridge will lose its liquor license) and the fact that the Bridge is basically the only regular social institution on campus. There are a few possibilities:

- The Bridge will be non-alcoholic for a few nights and will proof strictly for 21 the other nights;
- The Bridge will have some sort of barrier system like Tokyo Joe's where people that are of age can drink and those not of age will be let in to dance and socialize.

...When the Minority Planning Board was created its reasoning was that there was a void in providing concerts, speakers and activities for the minority community. It was created for the proper reason little attention was paid to the needs of the minority community. They were budgeted for \$15,000. A budget never goes as far as one would like, but it was a start. Clearly every organization would like to have more money.

What I think is sad is that we needed to create the Minority Planning Board in the first place. It meant that even in 1985 in an educational setting such as we live in we are not sensitive to the needs of all. It also meant that we were taking a step back in time; and we accepted that one organization, the Student Activities Board which is funded by all to provide for all could not deal with all. I do not know if we could have involved into the old organization the service needed to be provided for the minority community. The best part of MPB is that it made everyone

aware that there was a void, and MPB is starting to fill that void.

In my time I definitely will not see it but I would think that both the minority and the majority community would want one organization which had the same goals not to make money, provide a variety of entertainment for as many tastes as possible. I realize that these comments may not be popular, but we all have to realize that MPB and SAB are doing the same job for separate communities and that is *separate but equal* and that's illegal. This is not going to bring the two communities together, yet force them even further apart.

The Student Activities Board has over a \$90,000 budget. This includes Speakers, Activities and Concerts. The Minority Planning Board has a \$15,000 budget by Referendum. Let's talk reality. SAB to their credit has worked and has been willing to co-sponsor event with MPB. MPB sometimes complains that clubs come to them that should be going to PSC. They are 100% right. If, for example, a show comes up that is for the minority community, SAB will for all intents and purposes say, "Why doesn't MPB do it?" instead of providing alternatives within the organization, they now have an organi-

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Book Exchange Opening

Starting on the first day of finals, students will be able to sell their used books to other students through a book exchange service in the Student Union. Both the sellers and the buyers should benefit by eliminating the middle man, according to Polity Secretary Rita Solorzano.

Barnes and Noble sells new books at 33% above the list price, according to their contract with the university. They then buy these books back at the end of the semester for 50% below the list price. And then they turn around and sell it again for only 25% below the list price. They repeat this process as many times as the book comes back to them, or until the book is unusable.

The Book Exchange, run by Rita Solorzano, will accept books from most of the major courses, and register them in the name of the owner. The owner may name the prices of his or her books, but the prices should not exceed 75% of the list prices. A list of recommended prices will be posted. A fee of no more than a dollar will be added to the price to cover the cost of operating The Exchange. All workers are volunteers, but the fee is necessary to supply the filing system. The Book Exchange will operate the same way that Stony Books, an area bookstore, operates. A student can request a book and a worker

will bring it to the student. Students may not browse through the available books.

The sale period will last until the end of the add/drop period. At the end of the add/drop period, students will be informed whether or not their books have been sold. The owner will then collect their checks or unsold books. Students may withdraw their books before the end of the sale period. Vince Campion, textbook manager of Barnes and Noble, pointed out that Barnes and Noble will not buy back any books after two days of classes, so those students whose books did not get sold at The Book Exchange will have to wait until the end of the semester to sell them.

Rita Solorzano said she has organized The Book Exchange as "an alternative to non-student-run profit-making organizations," such as Barnes and Noble and Stony Books.

The Book Exchange will be open during finals week and next semester's add/drop period during the day in room 223 in the Union. The Exchange needs volunteers to put in a few hours work. Solorzano said anyone with questions about the exchange, or wishing to volunteer, can call her at 246-3673.

—Ray Parish

Elof Carlson: Teaching as an Art Form

By Debbie Scala

Classes that start at 8:30 AM are usually not popular with Stony Brook students. However, Room 100 in the Jacob Javits Lecture Center is jam-packed at this time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The approximately 300 students are wide awake and listening to the man in the brown corduroy suit, pacing back and forth on the platform with note cards in his hand. And why not? Elof Axel Carlson, distinguished professor of Biochemistry, is teaching them about the "human condition."

It is no small wonder that Carlson attracts such an audience. His teaching has won him the E. Harrison Harbison award from the Danforth Foundation, the Distinguished Teaching Award at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and the SUNY Award for Distinguished Teaching. According to Carlson, "The most significant of my awards is the SUNY Distinguished Teaching Award that Albany conferred upon me. I am proud of it. I have it for life. It gives importance to teaching."

When asked what makes his teaching unique, Carlson said "Commitment, intensity and I look on teaching as an art form. Teaching is like ice-sculpting, for it is impermanent in short-term reality and permanent in lasting impressions." Carlson said he strives to make improvements in his teaching each year. "I take all aspects of teaching seriously; design, grading and administration of a course. I want to understand why something works."

And for the most part, students seem to think his teaching does work. "What impresses me the most is his genuine concern for all students," said Joan Di-Donato, a senior who is a psychology major.

When asked which one of his scholarly activities he loves the most, Carlso humorously replied "That's like asking, of all your children, which one

do you love the most?" Charles Dickens once wrote "I am the fond parent and have in my heart of hearts a favorite child, and his name is *David Copperfield*." Carlson's "favorite child" is *The Gene: A Critical History*.

When writing *The Gene: A Critical History*, Carlson was the only person in the library in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. "It was open 24 hours a day!" Carlson happily asserted. He was on sabbatical leave from UCLA, and he spent his hours reading the works of other scientists. "I felt a kinship with other scientists and felt how marvelous it was to look at the same problems they were striving to find the answers to. I saw how ideas are born, live, and die." He wrote this book "feverishly" in six months, and says he finds it "the most intellectually exciting" of all his works.

Carlson graduated from New York University in

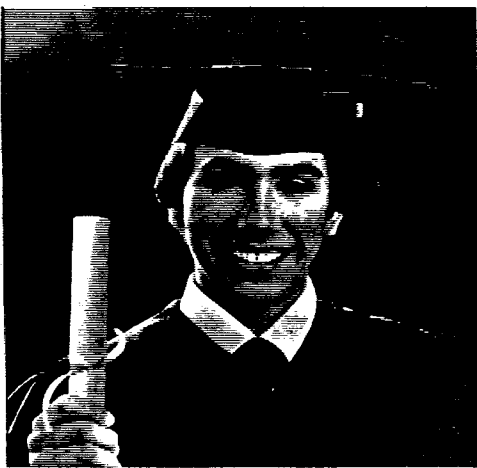
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University Unable to Accomodate Disabled

By Walter Fishon

The State University at Stony Brook has been unable to complete accommodations for the disabled because of a lack of funding from Albany, according to Monica Roth, co-ordinator of the Office of the Disabled.

"We've put in a capital budget request," said Roth, "but been denied because of the lack of money. If it's not there we can't get it." According to Roth, the campus is approximately "75 percent accessible. We've been working since 1978 to make the campus entirely accessible."

The state government in Albany has granted \$100,000 to Stony Brook for the installation of automatic door openers across campus, according to Roth. "It took three years to get the funding," she said.

Facilities Engineering requested funding nearly three years ago, according to Sanford M. Gerstel, director of Facilities and Campus Operations. "The money is appropriated by the legislature. If it's not there to be given out, then we can't get it to add the needed facilities," Gerstel said that the

remodeling of all bathrooms around campus was all appropriated by capital funding. "Some money is allocated by the campus, but the majority comes from the legislature."

Although it is against federal law to discriminate against the handicapped, in so far as structural accommodations are concerned, actions have not been taken against the university because, according to Roth, "the government understand the position we are in. They know that money has just been released from Albany."

"As part of the project," Gerstel said in regards to what will be done with the government funds, "there will be raised symbols added to elevators across campus." According to Gerstel, raised lettering was preferred to braille. Ramps are also included in the project for one of the quads.

Future plans include lowering control panels in elevators to make them more accessible to wheelchairs.

"The most important items have been done," Gerstel said. "We're just finishing things up."



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Walter Fishon being helped up a curb-cut

Report's Notebook:

By Walter Fishon

Looking around the Stony Brook campus, it is clear that it was designed for those who are capable of walking, whose sight is perfect, whose limbs and sensors work properly. Upon coming to this conclusion, I wondered how the disabled managed to make their way around campus. The answer to the question was easy, "Ask them," but I didn't feel satisfied enough. I felt I needed to experience first hand how the disabled spent a day on campus. With this in mind, I decided to confine myself to a wheelchair for a day.

Strange as it may seem, I felt that it would prove a point. While entering the Student Union, it never ceases to amaze me that a person who is confined to a wheelchair sometimes needs the assistance of others to get in. A university of this size should have automatic door openers, should it not? According to a federal law which prohibits discrimination against the handicapped, it should. How do the disabled do without what is supposed to be supplied by law?

I chose to spend a day in a wheelchair

not as "undercover agent" but as a person trying to prove a point. Never once did I go looking for the sympathy of others. I got in the wheelchair to see for myself how difficult it is to maneuver around a campus that doesn't have the necessary facilities for the disabled. And what I learned suprised me.

I began my day in the wheelchair one half hour before I had an appointment in the Humanities building. I kept myself within the newspaper offices in the Union, trying to get the feel of using the alien piece of machinery. I recalled that the day before I had placed a book in my desk that I needed for my upcoming meeting. I rolled myself over to my desk and found that I could not fit in the opening between my desk and the one next to it. Already I was encountering problems and I had not yet even left the offices.

The problem was recified by asking someone to open my desk; I handed him my keys, and I had to instruct him on how to open the desk and where I had placed the book I needed. After some searching, my friend found the book,

but not until after I had already felt the frustration of not being able to do it myself.

Ten minutes before my appointment, Assistant Feature Editor Pey Pey Oh escorted me out the Union, and I must thank her that she did. After waiting five minutes for the elevator to descend to the basement (remember, the Union is only two stories high), I wheeled myself through the smokers lounge to the front doors, and found difficulty in opening the door. Once she opened it for me, I rolled part way out and got stuck on the lip of the door. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't get over the lip; Oh pushed, with some difficulty, and we tackled the next door.

Outside, I encountered problems with the ramps that sloped towards the road. Once I reached the bottom of the ramp, the footrests dragged me to a stop. I was able to work my way out of the bind, and used the encounter as a lesson on further ramps.

I found myself going out of my way to get to the Humanities building. While people I knew were heading towards the building across the Fine Arts Plaza, I had to wheel myself out to the loop, and up the ramp outside the music wing of the Fine Arts Center. I also learned that people who are confined to a wheelchair must have great strength in their upper torso. Getting up those ramps can be hell!

Again, my escort had to open the door for me at the Humanities building; there were no automatic door openers. I entered with ease, and knew that half the battle had been won (even though I was ten minutes late). Hopefully, I'd make it back without a wheel getting stuck in a crack in the cement.

I made it back without incident, and decided to get some food. Since I was in the basement (again) I had to wait for the elevator. Several minutes later, I was rolling through the cafeteria. I was astounded at how my being in a wheelchair caused people to get out of my way. I've been through the cafeteria more times than I can remember, and usually,

nobody moves. But this time, I felt like I was parting the Red Sea. I was being treated different.

Inside the kitchen, I found I couldn't reach for anything. The day before, when I had wanted a cup, I just grabbed for it. Now, I had to ask the person next to me to get it, and the soda as well. As I turned from the counter, there was a girl near me, looking at me. I didn't know her at all. After a moment, she smiled, and for the first time, I felt funny. "Would she have smiled yesterday had she seen me?" I thought. It was strange, wondering if she was smiling because she felt bad that I couldn't reach the items on the shelves.

Much of the day went on as the earlier part had. I encountered small incidents where wheels got caught, doors couldn't be opened or I couldn't reach for something. At one point, I held up traffic because the lip of a ramp was too steep and I couldn't get over it. Even with the help of a Richard Kaiser, I couldn't make it over; he had to turn me around and pull me over it.

Elevators didn't cause a problem, although I did have to stretch at times to reach the higher buttons. The one thing that I found annoying was how far out of the way I had to go to get to my points of destination. One of my classes is on the north side of the library, but because of limited access, I had to enter from the south side and backtrack. Because of the limited possibilities of travel, I had to rework my schedule, after all, I couldn't run like I usually do.

I made it through the day without any major mishaps, but I did look at the campus in a different light. Although structural accommodations have been made for the disabled, the university has a long way to go. Automated doors are desperately needed. Cracks and missing bricks must be repaired or replaced. Elevator control panels should be lowered. Ramps should be checked in regards to their angle to the ground. Accomodations have been made, but more are needed to best facilitate the disabled.



Statesman/Daniel Smith

Hillel of Stony Brook continued its celebration of Chanukah yesterday, the fifth day of the 8-day festival of lights. Pictured is the lighting of the menorah, which has 8 candles. One for each night of the celebration.

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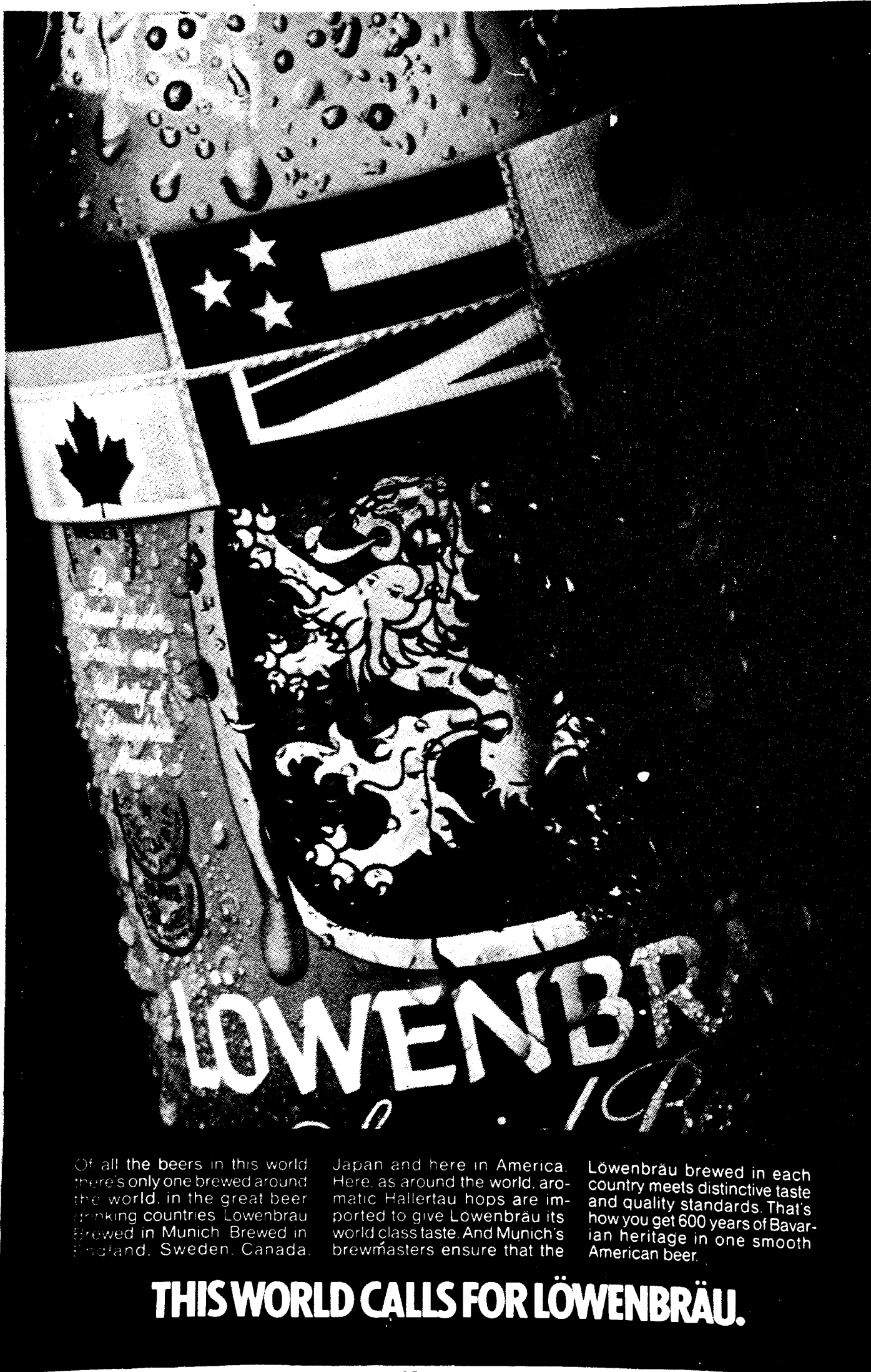
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State Investigates UUP Negotiations

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UUP Chief Negotiator John Reilly in a recent bulletin to union members. "The state won't entertain our demands to date, because they don't understand union language," he went on to assert.

"All I can say at this point is that I am now convinced the state is making reasonable offers that can help things to move," said University President John Marburger. "I believe the state has made an effort to identify issues one by one."

"At any time they [the UUP] come to us they fail to present issues we can respond to," Tarwater said. He asserted that GOER had no indication of the UUP's positions due to "the constant ambiguity" of their proposals. "We can't guess at what salary they want. We've offered them 5/5/5 (a five percent salary increase

every year) at this point. They're January position was 10/10/10. ... Now (GOER doesn't) know what they want," he said.

An issue identified by UUP officials as deteriorating the negotiating relations is the state's currently withdrawn tenure renewal proposal. According to the original plan SUNY would review the performance of tenured faculty members every five years, with the right to remove those performing unsatisfactorily.

According to Tarwater the proposal was verbally removed from the table in June and officially removed in September. However, many UUP members cited the issue as a point of conflict throughout October and November. Lambart claimed the proposal was only removed at the past session.

"If they (the UUP) admit that it was removed earlier they admit they've been lying," said Tarwater. "They were misrepresenting the facts, they got into a box and didn't know how to get out of it ... this militant passion had been built up" against the proposal, which the UUP did not want to die down, he asserted.

"The tenure proposal has always been a red herring," Marburger said. "It was never seriously negotiated."

The UUP is currently abiding by their expired contract until a new one is reached. "The number one thing that's wrong is that people aren't getting their salary raises with the old contract," Marburger said. "Fact-finding is a very tedious process ... this is a dance that both parties have agreed to ahead of time."

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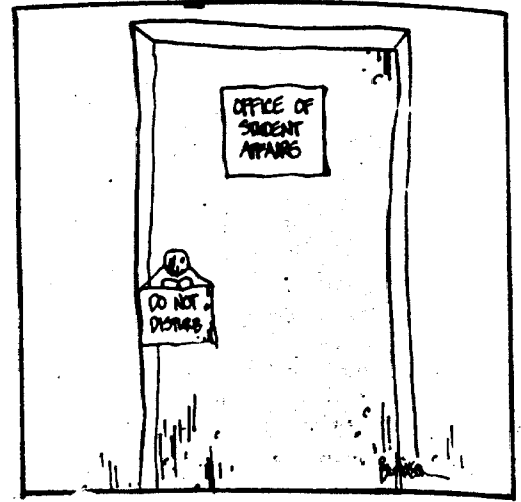
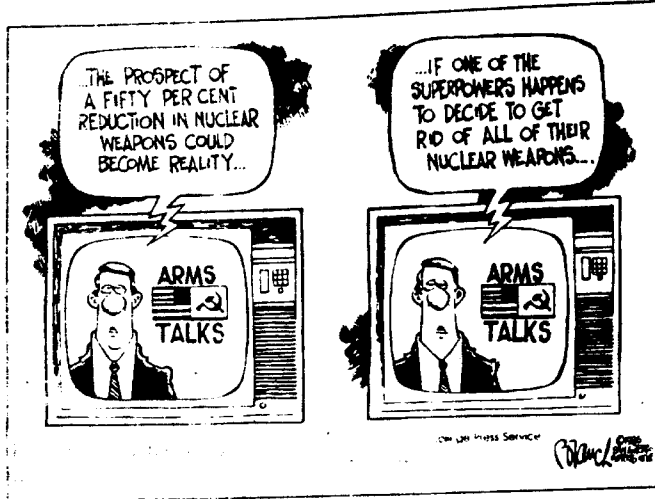
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At the beginning of next semester we will be publishing twice a week; Monday and Thursday. We will resume printing three times a week by February. The money from the referendum will start coming in next fall. This money will go to pay off our back debt.

We feel that the students are to be commended for supporting our desire for a regular publication that is independent of constraint by the student government or the administration. We hope that this is a sign that the students of Stony Brook take pride in their prestigious university.



Letters

Union Helping During Finals

To the Editor:

We at the Division of Student Union and Activities invite the student body of Stony Brook to take part in the Finals Break. In cooperation with Polity, FSA, DAKA, and the Commuter College, several opportunities to relax and take a break from studying will be available to all students.

This will begin with extended Union hours of 8AM-3AM Thursday, December 12 through Thursday, December 19. Monday through Wednesday of Finals Week students should look for specials at Papa Joe's, the Union Cafeteria, and Dale's Ice Cream Pub. Also available on those days will be free coffee and snacks from DAKA in the Union Ballroom, 9PM-3AM, and in H and Kelly Quads, 10PM-4AM.

For relaxation students can bowl 2 games (shoes included) for one dollar. If Bowling is not their style, movies will be presented daily at Noon and 8PM beginning Sunday, December 15 through Thursday, December 19.

I hope the Finals Break services will help ease the tensions of studying. On behalf of everyone involved in organizing Finals Break, I wish everyone good luck with final exams.

Monica J. Hickey
Student Activities Assistant

Give Christmas Toys to Needy

To the Editor:

The SUNY Stony Brook Department of Public Safety is serving as a collection point for this year's *Toys For Kids* drive. *Toys For Kids*, now in its fifth year, is a program intended to provide holiday gifts for needy children.

The program is conducted annually by the Brookhaven Town Youth Bureau with the help of various area corporations.

Should you wish to donate any toys and you live or work in the area

of the university, you may contact Mr. John Valentine at SUNY Public Safety, at 246-3335. The SUNY Public Safety Department is located in room 144 of the Administration Building on the University's main campus.

Toys may be donated up until December 20th.

Douglas S. Delmar
Ofc. of Community Relations

Women's Necessities Require Attention

To the Editor:

Last year, the Womyn's Center began an all out campaign to force administrator Robert Francis, Vice President of Campus Operation, to stop ignoring his responsibility of providing feminine napkins/tampons in all the bathrooms for women on campus. It has been over two years since any of the machines have been filled or maintained.

Our embarrassed Dr. Francis rushed to the rescue. He claims he has done his best. The products of his efforts now stand proudly in the women's bathrooms on the first floor of the library, Union, and a few other places. A total of ten "trial" machines have been installed in the Hospital, Health Sciences Center, and on the main campus. "The Maid," as it is called, is a brightly colored large machine that sells an array of merchandise.

As far as we are concerned, our hero has failed us miserably. We asked our administrator to restore dignity to our bathrooms by seeing to it that they be properly stocked with the materials we need. He responded by providing an oppressive contraption designed to convert the women's room into a concession stand.

Apparently Dr. Francis doesn't understand why "The Maid" is so oppressive. There are quite a few reasons. For one, these clumsy, monolithic vending machines are cluttering up the walkways of our

bathrooms. Secondly, the feminine napkins/tampons are highly overpriced; 25¢ each is not what we should have to pay. Dr. Francis might respond to this by saying, "There doesn't seem to be a problem with price; women are, without reluctance, paying a quarter." Our response to that would be, "You give us no choice." Napkins/tampons are a necessity. If people had no choice but to pay 25¢ per sheet of toilet paper, believe us, they would pay, as that is just as much a necessity (which also brings us to the reality that the University should actually be stocking the women's rooms with free napkins/tampons, as toilet paper, an equal necessity, is itself stocked in the bathrooms, free of charge.) A third problem with these machines is the fact that napkins/tampons are being sold in the same context as lipstick, hairspray, pantyhose, and other luxuries. This is an outrage; unfortunately, only women seem to understand that napkins/tampons are necessities not to be put on the same level as all the luxuries these machines sell. It is most unfortunate that Dr. Francis, who doesn't understand this fact, dealt with the vending company and accepts these machines, misunderstanding the fact that we are *not* asking for luxuries; we are asking for necessities.

Dr. Francis has been unwilling to deal with us personally since the issue was raised. Now he has dusted off his hands and turned his face away. We have made efforts to discuss our dissatisfaction with him privately. He has cancelled our appointments. We see no choice but to express our thoughts in an open forum.

We demand that those ridiculous machines be removed from our bathrooms. They should be immediately replaced with reasonably priced, fully operation napkin/tampon dispensers. Institutions around the United States have managed to provide this vital service for women. We are certain that with a little effort, Stony Brook University can do the same. We are waiting for a response.

The concerned women of the Womyn's Center

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Viewpoints

AIDS Fear Caused by Ignorance of Facts

By John T. Lane

Since its discovery a few years ago, AIDS has grown to be the number one health priority in New York City. The public has become almost hysterical in its fear of this new disease. Most of these fears are unrealistic and are the result of misinformation.

Presently, there are 15,000 cases of full-blown AIDS. This number is growing at a rate of 1,000 cases a month. More than half of these resulted in death. In cases diagnosed before 1983, 85 percent have been fatal. It is estimated that one million Americans have been exposed to this disease. Of these people, 5 to 19 percent are expected to develop AIDS.

So what is AIDS? Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome is a collection of symptoms characterized by a breakdown of the body's ability to protect itself against infection. Eighteen months ago, a virus, HTLV-III, was discovered and is believed to be the cause or a contributing factor of AIDS. When a person contracts AIDS, the body is left unprotected against diseases that usually do not affect a healthy person. These related diseases include a rare form of pneumonia, skin cancer, viruses, bacteria and parasitic in-

fections. AIDS is difficult to diagnose because the symptoms associated with it are shared by many other diseases. These symptoms include a combination of fatigue, night sweats, an infection of the mouth called "thrush" (a whitish coating of the mouth and throat), easy bleeding or bruising, shortness of breath and weight loss.

Much of the controversy surrounding AIDS is that it has concentrated in specific groups of people. Ninety percent of all AIDS cases are in homosexual and bisexual men or intravenous (I.V.) drug users. These are considered high-risk groups because they have had wide exposure to the disease. This percentage varies regionally. Nationwide, the percentage of homosexual AIDS cases is 73 percent of all cases while for I.V. drug users it is 17 percent. In New York City, the percentages are 59 percent and 33 percent respectively. There has been a rapid increase in the number of cases for I.V. users who share needles. The number of AIDS cases for hemophiliacs, heterosexual contacts, children who contracted the disease while in the uterus, and transfusion-related cases is one percent for each category. An additional

three percent of all cases can be traced to certain African nations where AIDS is widespread.

The transmission of AIDS is still not fully understood. Evidence supports that AIDS is contracted by the repeated exchange of bodily fluids such as blood and semen. The incubation period is between six months and five years. There is not a single case of AIDS being contracted through daily contact with a person who has the disease. Medical personnel have had a very large exposure to this disease and have not contracted it even though no precautions were taken before 1983. There are three cases of accidental needle sticks but these have not developed into full-blown AIDS.

When the body is exposed to the HTLV-III virus, antibodies are usually developed. Recently, a test has been developed to test for this antibody in blood. This test is *not* a conclusive test for AIDS. It is estimated that 80 percent of those who are exposed to the virus will not develop AIDS. These people may be carriers who can transmit the disease to others. The main purpose of this test is to protect the nation's blood supply.

What should you do? If you are in a high-risk group or test positive for the HTLV-III antibody, then assume you are a carrier of the virus. Learn and practice healthy sex. This is for everyone regardless of sexual orientation. Avoid the exchange of bodily fluids and learn about your partner's sexual history. Anal or oral penetration puts you at a higher risk. The use of condoms may reduce the possibility of transmission. I.V. drug users should never share needles.

For referral or assistance, you can call the New York State AIDS hotline at 1-800-462-1884 or the Long Island AIDS Project at (516) 444-AIDS.

If you have problems with the University Health Services a newly-formed group, the Student Health Awareness Committee (SHAC) can help. The purpose of SHAC is to enhance services rendered by the University Health Services to the student body by increasing communication. You can contact SHAC by calling 246-2273 and asking to speak with Doctor Wuerslin.

(The writer is a member of the Student Health Awareness Committee.)

Social Opportunities Broadened by '21' Law

By Louis Grimaldo

Social life will never be the same now that the drinking age has gone up. Fond memories of keg parties, drunken fights, spilling your guts to strangers, drink till you puke will soon fade into the past. No more wild parties with such innovative themes like red shoe laces night (this is where you drink free, unlimited beer if you wear a pair of red shoe laces). The time has come for a stiff upper lip as we head into the brave, new frontier of sobriety. For all of you wondering if there is anything to take the place of drinking — don't despair! There are other alternatives.

For the athletic person, the Stony Brook gym is equipped with a swimming pool, weight room, squash and racquetball courts, and basketball courts. Anyone who wants to lose a few pounds, I highly recommend half-court and full-court basketball. Before you go searching through your closet for that old, worn out basketball, allow me to give you a few pieces of advice. Don't play with the players wearing the Stony Brook basketball t-shirts. This goes for the men as well as the women. If you haven't played for a while, look to play with the people playing under the basket with the bent rim and no net. They're the ones huffing and puffing after two minutes of action. Conspicuous in shorts two sizes too small and high top Pro Keds, they're the ones hitting the bottom of the backboard during layup attempts. Believe me — you can't miss them. If you can't play that well but want to at least sound knowledgeable, just keep mentioning Larry Bird and Dr. J. Should anyone start to ask you complicated questions like who do you think is the best big guard in the Atlantic division; to avoid embarrassment, laugh knowingly and walk away.

The gym also has a weight room for anyone who would like to strengthen his or her body. Try to go when the bodybuilders and the football players aren't there: they tend to hog up all the machines. Lifting at the wrong time could mean being confined to the machine that strengthens your forehead.

For an evening of culture and relaxation, the university's theatre department puts on plays in the Fine Arts Center. If you want to take a date to a play, after the play tell him or her that the play was poignant and the performances were riveting (you can say this about any play). Should he or she happen to be a theatre major, just laugh knowingly and walk away.

If the theatre is too cultured for your taste, COCA puts on films in the Lecture Center and the Student Union

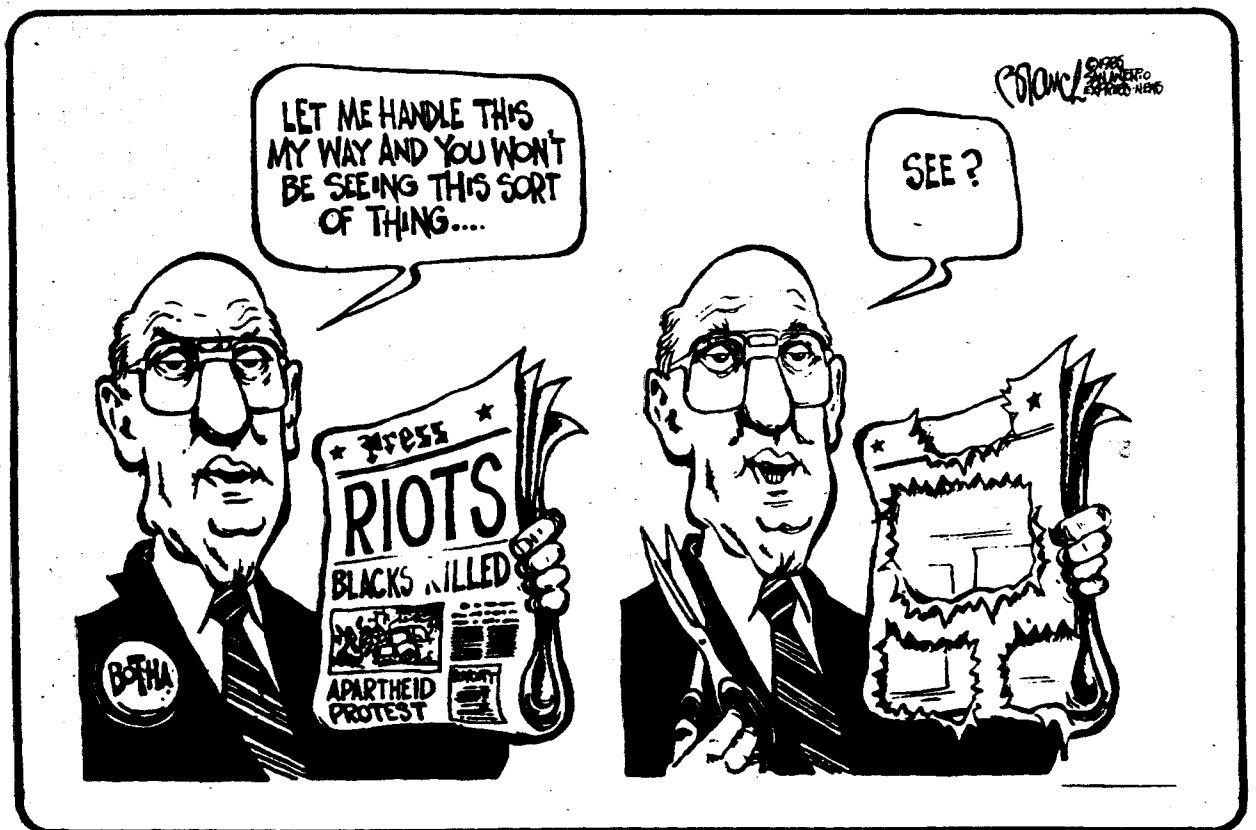
auditorium. Most of the films are no more than a year old. This past weekend Rambo 2 was playing in the Lecture Center. Unlike theatre fans, movie fans take their movies very seriously. Upon telling my friends that Rambo 2 was a jingoistic movie which panders to our primitive instincts of nationalism, they proceeded to throw me out of the movie theatre while people stood by and yelled "Kill the subversive!" This will be the last time I voice my opinion during a movie.

For video junkies, the basement of the Student Union has a video arcade. If you think drugs and alcohol addiction have ruined more students than any other addiction, try going to the video arcade, where students fall into the ultimate depths of degradation. Underweight students spend the last of their food money on Stargate. You can't walk in the place without some poor soul begging you for a quarter.

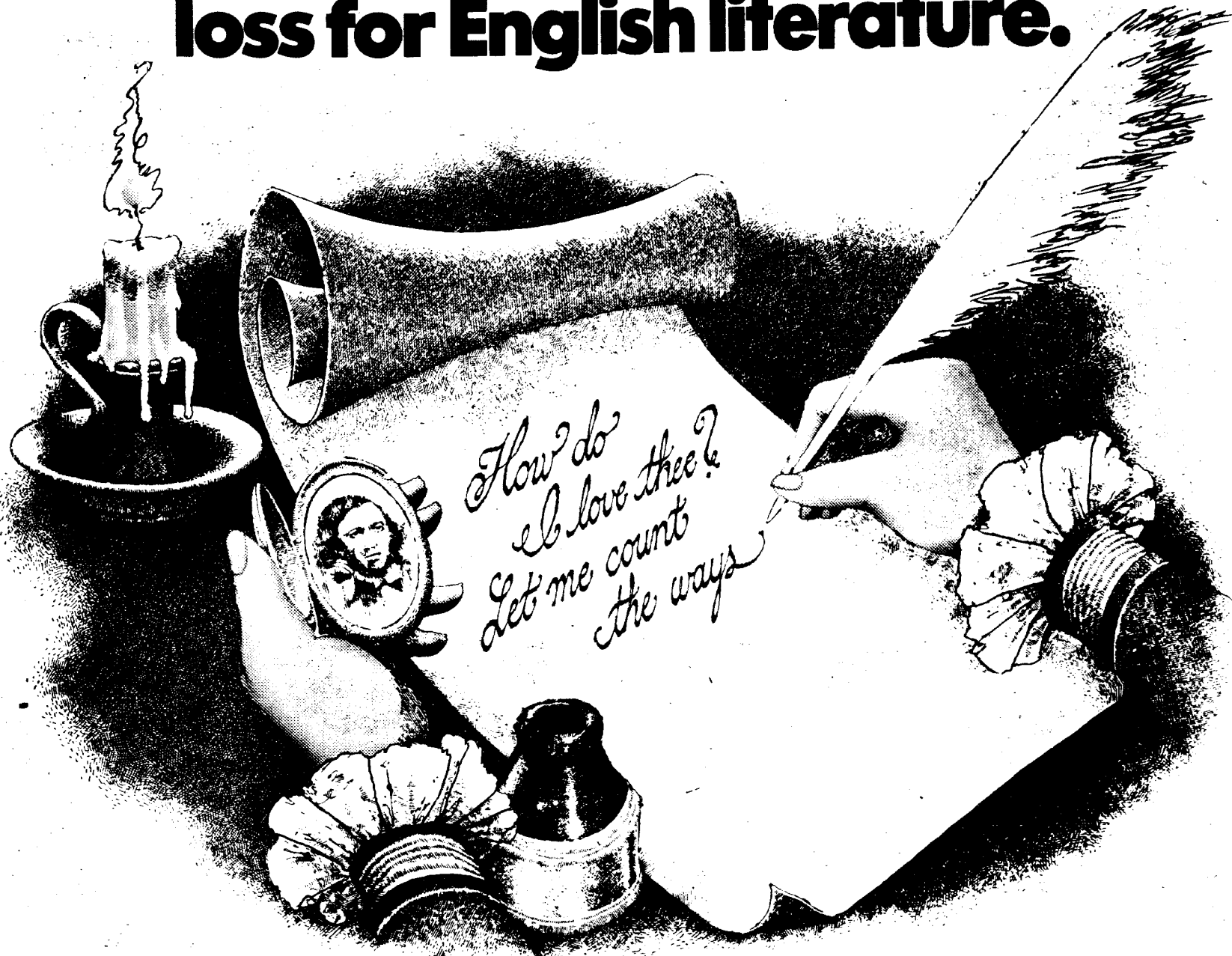
For thrillseekers, the university has a skydiving club. A

warning to people who feel sick after a rollercoaster ride — don't go skydiving! But for people with strong stomachs, it is an experience of a lifetime. As my friend describes it best, "When your chute opens and you are just dangling there, your heart slows up and the feeling is one of not only relief, but of exhilaration. Until I hit the ground. That is when I started to get violently sick all over my brand new, \$600 parachute."

If you are under 21 and none of these activities sound appealing, I suggest transferring to a university in Vermont, where the drinking age is 18. You could try to look older by growing a beard or dying your hair gray. I hear massive amounts of radioactive rays causes premature wrinkling. Two weeks non-stop under a sunlamp and you will look older than your grandmother. Should you find yourself in a 7-Eleven with a fake ID, wrinkles, gray hair and a beard down to your knees and still be denied alcohol ... May I suggest the Equestrian Club.



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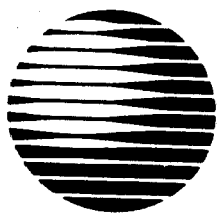
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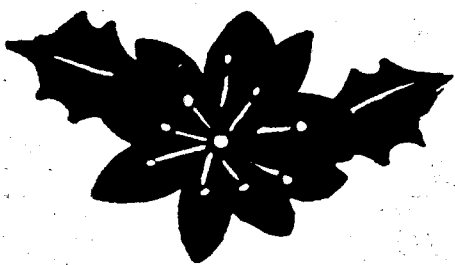
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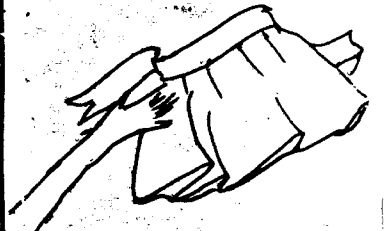
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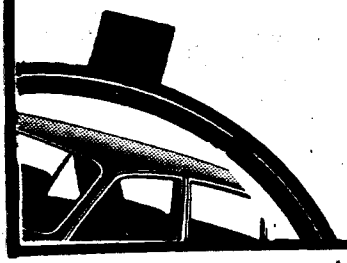
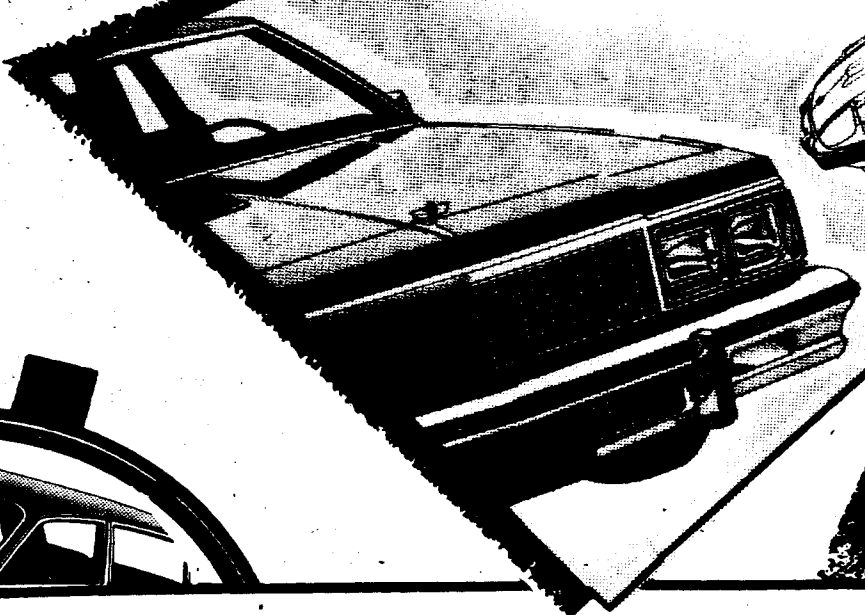
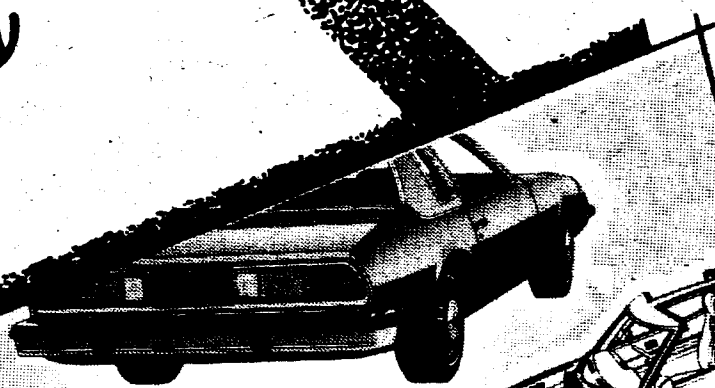
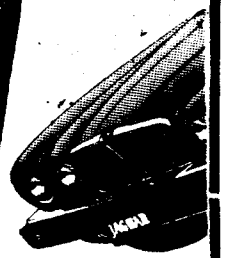
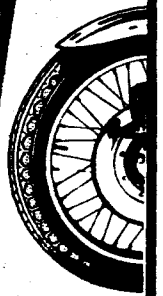
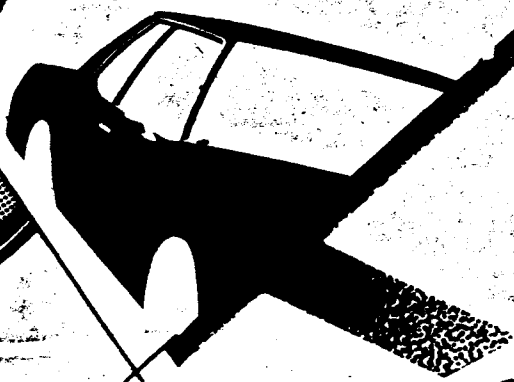
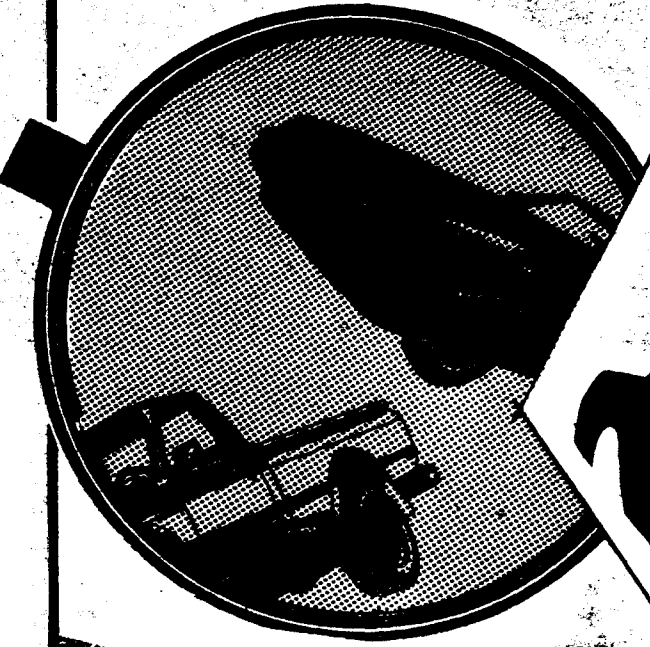
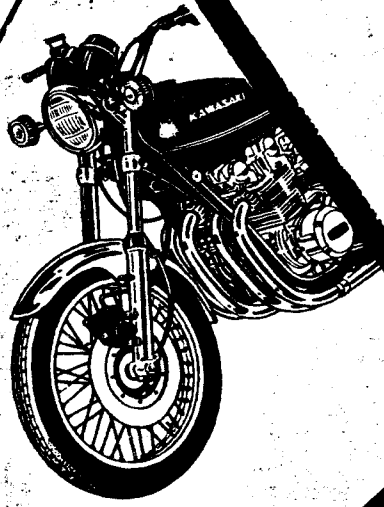
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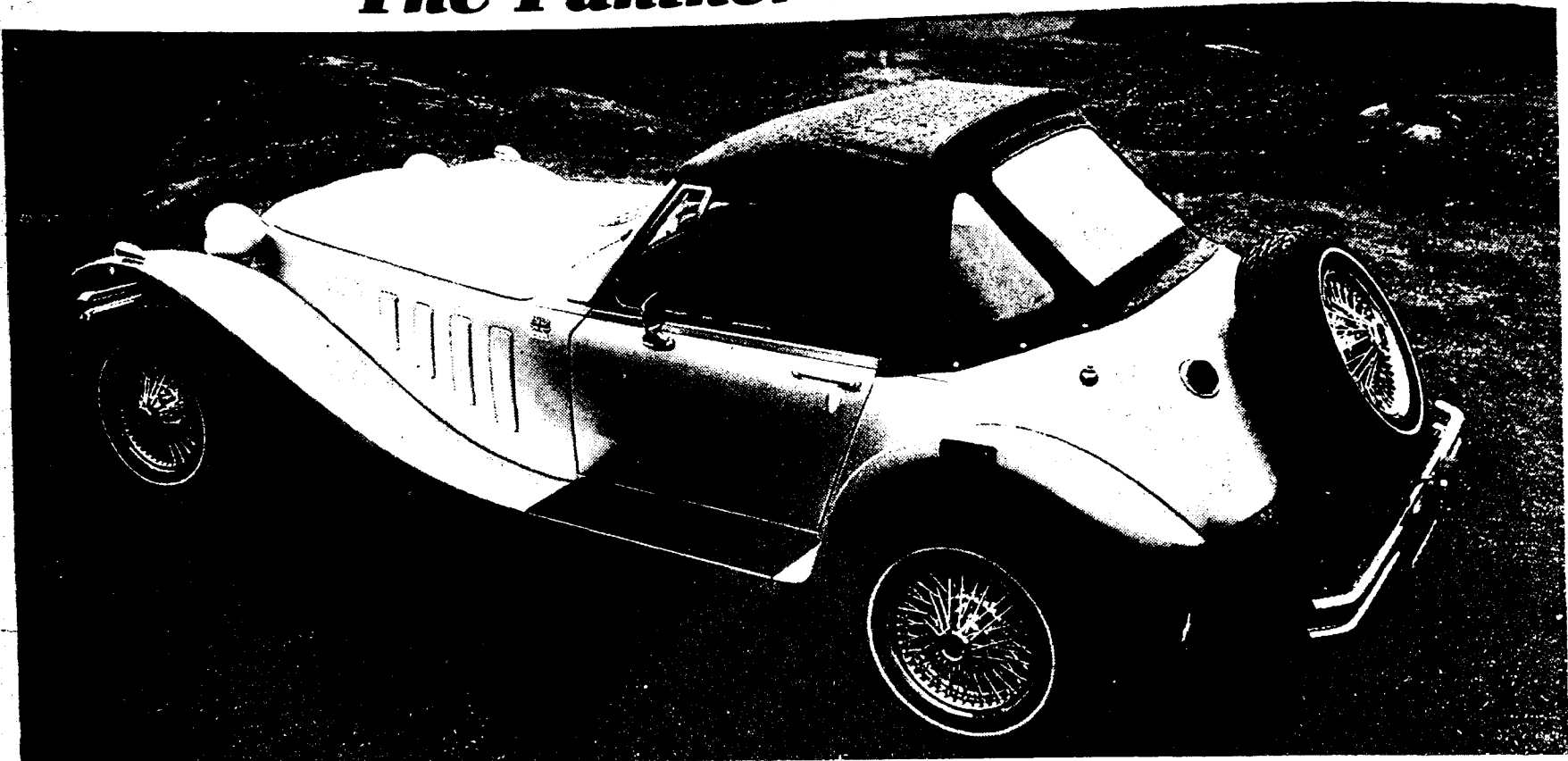
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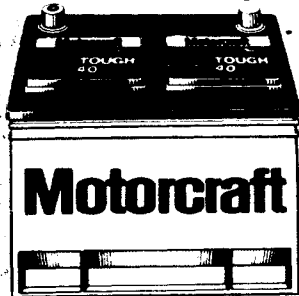
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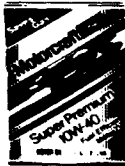


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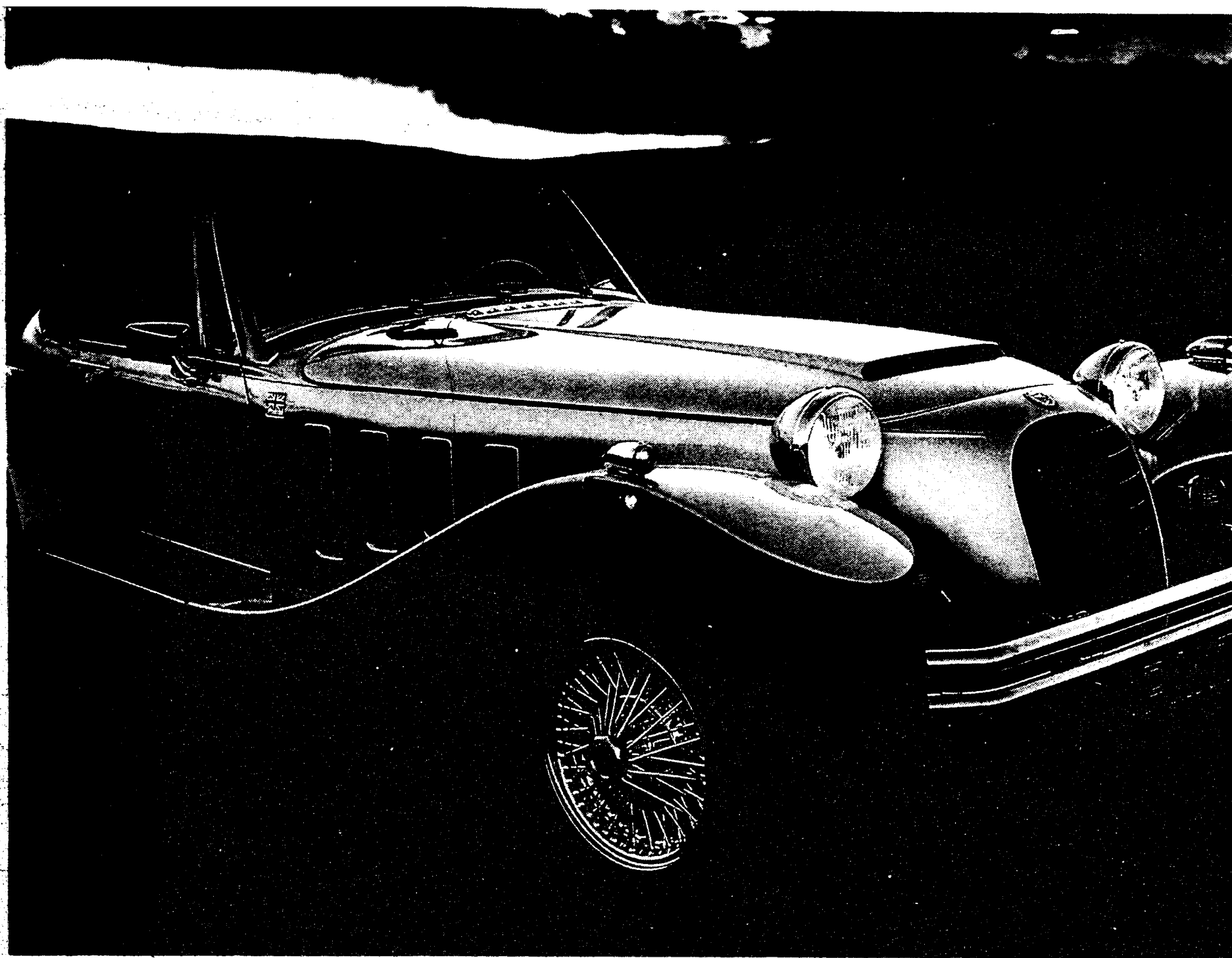
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By Walter Fishon

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The latest automobile from the motherland is the Panther Kallista, a motor car that recalls a time when silk-scarved motorists went for a drive in the countryside. Silver Chrysler Plymouth Inc. in Port Jefferson Station is the sole dealer of the Panther in the state of New York.

"The Panther is a real car, not a production made, homogeneous automobile," said Joel Silver, the man responsible for bringing the Panther to the New York area. "Cars have gotten better and better," he said, "but they all look the same. [With the Panther] it's fun again!"

Silver first became enamored with the Panther when he was visiting family in the United Kingdom in 1982. Seeing the automobile, the avid car buff took an immediate liking to the Panther and

wished to learn more about it. "I saw an ad that said they were looking for American dealers ... so I went to the factory," Silver said. While touring the facilities, he was "amazed" by the way the company operated. "If I wasn't attached in America, I'd still be over there, working," Silver said. Instead, he decided to bring the Panther over to the United States.

Once importation is in full swing, the number of Panther dealerships will be no more than 30 in the United States. Plans call for 35 cars to be shipped to America every month, but there are currently only five cars in the country. "There will be fifteen more imported next month," Silver said. All totalled, only 600 Panthers will be produced at the Surrey, England factory, to be shipped to such countries as Japan, France, Saudi Arabia and South Africa.

Panther was introduced to the United States mainly by the company's new chairman, Young C. Kim. Kim used the fortunes of his family business [Jindo

Industries of South Korea] to purchase the ailing Panther Westwinds Company in 1980. Kim decided to update the facilities (according to Silver, the workers were still hand-tooling the auto bodies) and have a computerized system stamp the bodies in Korea. By 1983, "The New Panther Car Company Limited" was underway and the Kallista was in production.

For its debut in America, the Panther had to go through many design changes. Not only did the steering wheel have to be moved to the right side of the car, but tail lights and bumpers had to be redesigned, and now, in accordance with the new federal law, the third, raised brake light will be added. "They lost at least two months redesigning the car," Silver said.

Before the car received any approval from the United States, crash tests were conducted with two Panthers. This was to ensure the safety of the driver and the passenger. Emission tests were also

done on the car to see if it passed American standards. Earlier this year "The Panther Car Company Limited" was granted the right to sell their product in the United States and plans are now underway to introduce the \$26,000 automobile full scale.

The Kallista is made of an aluminum body set on a steel chassis, which ensures "protection in a crash," Silver said. All the mechanical workings are Ford Auto parts, which makes the Kallista easy to repair. "It's exotic without the exotic problems," Silver said. Mileage on the unleaded Kallista, according to Silver, is approximately "twenty miles to the gallon."

The interior of the two passenger Kallista resembles that of any sports car: deep seats, a compact dashboard and a shift stick. It is only by the exterior that one would know that the Panther is not just any car, but a graceful motor car for the 80's with a distinctive 30's flair.

"If you're going to go to work in a car," Silver said, "why not have fun in it?"

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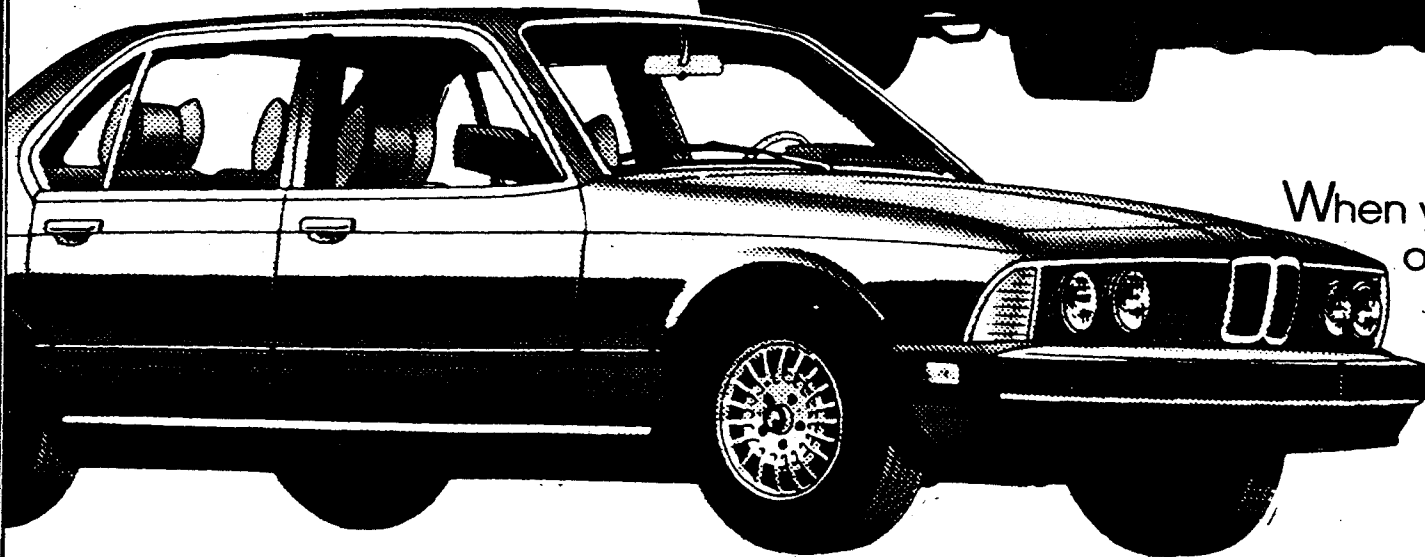
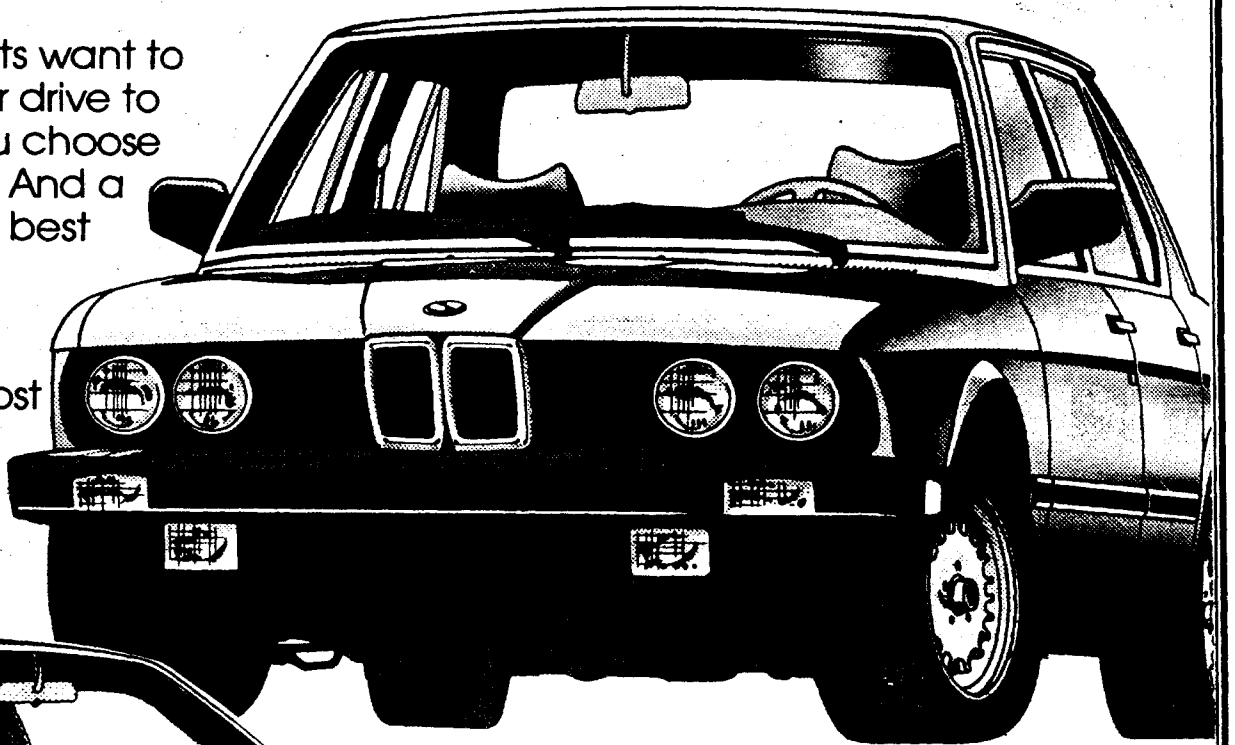
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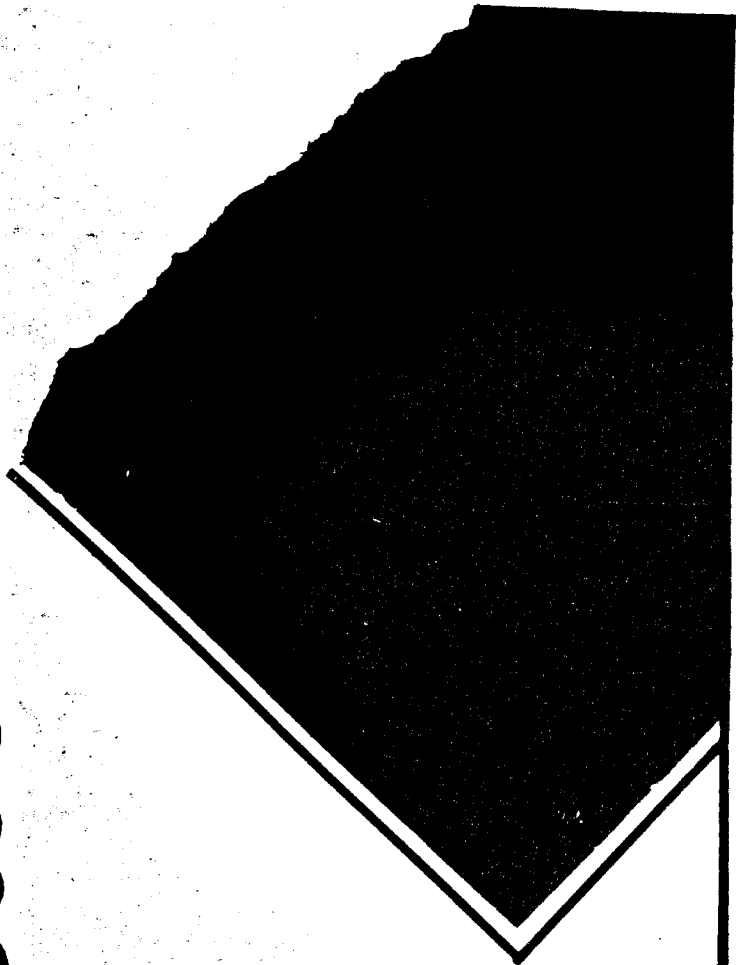
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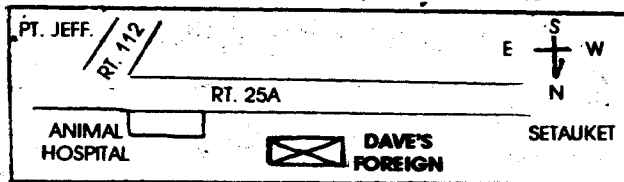
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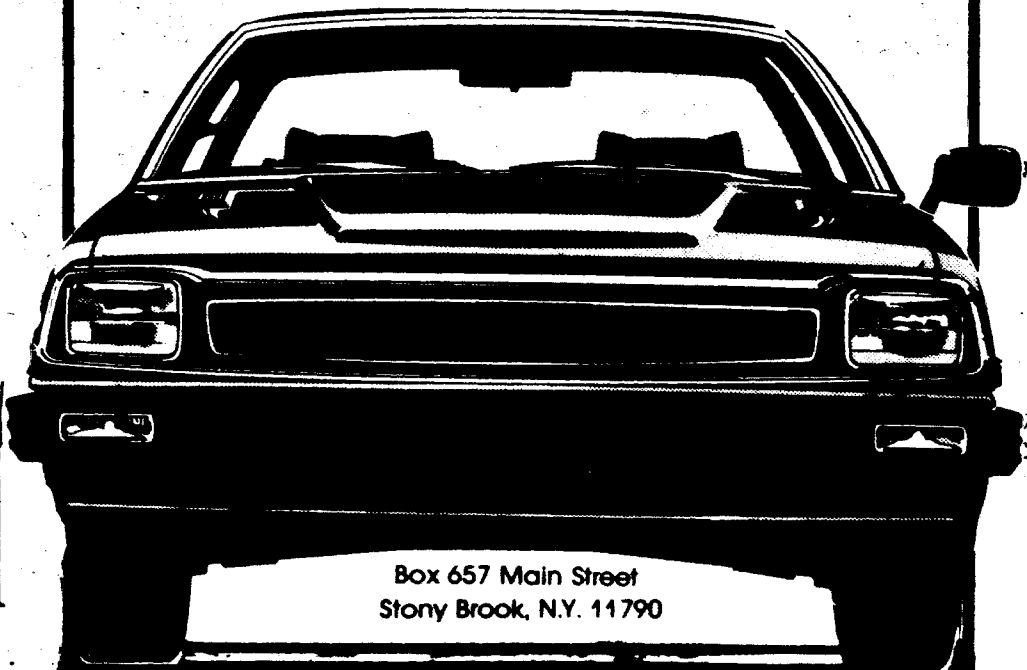
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Choices in '85 Auto Market

By Walter Fishon

Buying a car in 1985 isn't as easy as when your great-grandfather went out to purchase a basic black model-T Ford at the turn of the century. Today, questions of buying American or import cars, going for luxury or economy and choosing a sporty or practical car flood the mind. There's a greater choice out on the market today than there was in great grandfather's day, and the choices seem unlimited.

The latest trend in the 1986 models is that cars are, for the most part, being scaled down. Wide body, gas guzzling luxury cars are becoming a thing of the past. General Motors, most notably is transforming its Buick Rivera, Oldsmobile Toronado and the Cadillac Eldorado and Seville into smaller, more aerodynamically sound cars to improve mileage (around 19 miles to the gallon). Ford Motors has redesigned their com-

compact Escorts and Mercury Lynx to have a more sporty look this year, and continue to produce an economical car that does approximately 30 miles to the gallon.

Over at Chrysler, the Colt, which is made by Mitsubishi Motors for the company, will now be available in shifting four wheel drive. Otherwise the wagon remains unchanged as do most of their other models.

In reality most all American automobile companies are remaining with what they had to offer in the last model year. Newer options are available and cars are becoming more and more computerized, but the manufacturers have realized that the days of the big luxury car are long gone and the demand is now for more economical cars. Also the competition from Japanese auto makers is fierce, and the American companies wish to remain strong in the

marketplace.

The Japanese are still manufacturing aerodynamically designed, higher performance automobiles. Honda's Accord fits into that category with its new sleek design. It's also roomier, wider and longer. AM/FM cassette, cruise control, power windows, mirrors and locks, tinted moonroof, and a digital clock are still standard in the 1986 model.

Nissan will introduce the redesigned 300ZX later on in the model year, but other than this auto's styling changes, their other offering remain the same. The company has added new colors for the 200SX; otherwise it remains the same.

The Toyota Celica bows in model year '86 with a new two liter, 16 valve high performance engine and front wheel drive. The Supra will take the stage in the spring with its rumored 24-valve six cylinder engine. Toyota is releasing

these two redesigned autos apart from each other to ensure that their introductions take the public by storm. Other than the Celica and Supra, Toyota line remains virtually unchanged.

Other imports include the Renault Sportswagon, the only import to be sold by American Motors. Peugeot will offer, for the first time, a four speed automatic as an option to their 505 Turbo. Volkswagon has two new entries, the Vanagon (a compact van) and the Quantum, in sedan and wagon, and Volvos will now be equipped with the new five mph crash absorbing bumpers.

Taking the automotive world by storm is the Yugo, a Yugoslavian import that has a list price of under \$4,000. The Yugo, a four-wheel drive subcompact, with a 55 horsepower engine and manual transmission, gets approximately 25 miles per gallon. No options are avail-

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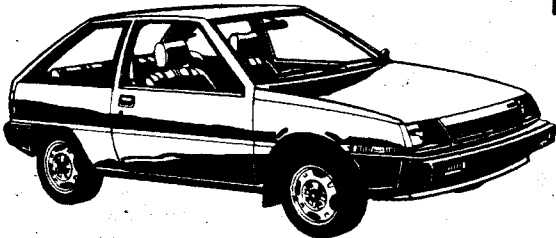
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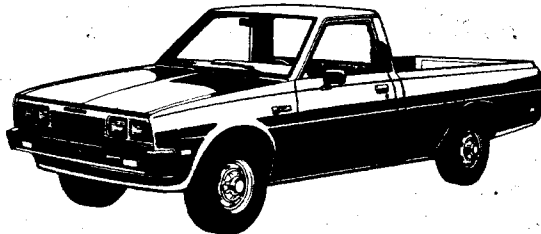
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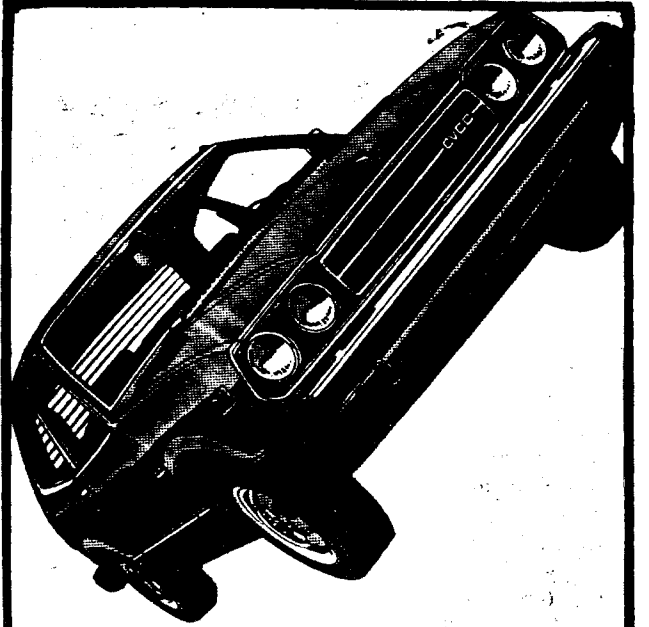
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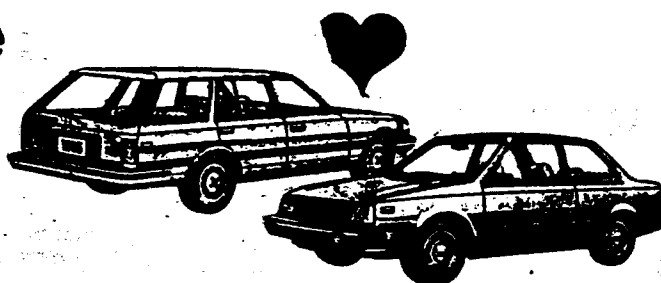
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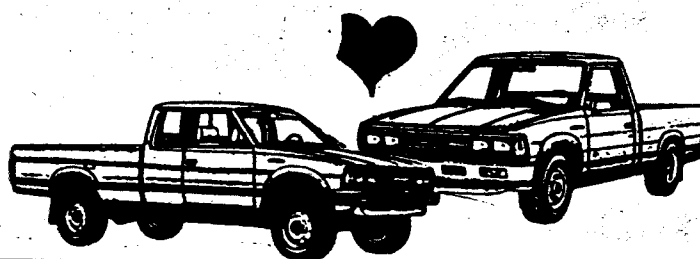
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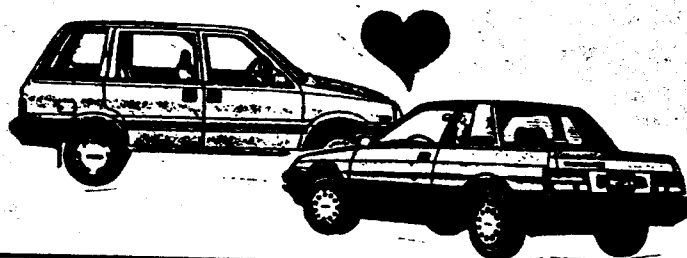
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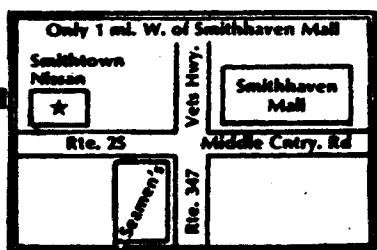
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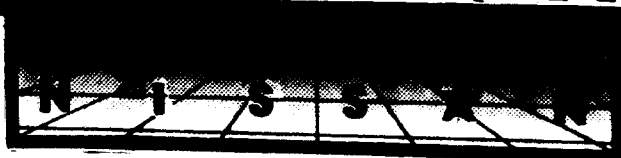


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Carlson: a Unique Case

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1953 with a major in biology and a minor in history. He furthered his studies to earn his doctorate from Indiana University under the supervision of the late Hermann J. Muller, a Noble Prize winner. Carlson's love of genetics was stimulated by Muller as well as his own observations of genes and their importance. "I saw the gene as a basis of life as the physician sees the atom," he said.

Biology 101: A Humanities Approach is Carlson's means of informing future leaders of the "biological underpinnings" of life. His book *Human Genetics* was written for the course. "I based this course on the belief that a lot of modern problems have a biological underpinning. I want to inform people of how to ask questions in order to protect their families at the private and at the global level." He mentioned X-rays and other radioactive materials and their effects on humans.

Another reason Carlson teaches the course is "to clear up many myths that people have about certain ethnic and religious groups." Carlson wants "to make biology a part of every day life." He emphasized, "the future decision makers are going to come primarily from non-science majors [journalists, politicians, lawyers, etc.] and they need knowledge about biological underpinnings. It is not until they receive this knowledge that we purely serve democracy."

How does Carlson manage his time? Again his wit shined through as he jokingly laughed, "That has always been my problem! I'm well organized in my head and disorganized all around me!" In his spare time Carlson relaxes by reading, listening to classical music and by doing diagramless crossword puzzles in the *Sunday New York Times*. He has done a modest amount of travel; Vietnam is the most exotic place that Carlson feels he has been to. He was invited to a conference on Agent Orange and he claimed, "It was a once in a lifetime experience. Vietnam is very impoverished and very beautiful. I've never seen richer greens than their rice fields."

Carlson is the parent of five children. His three daughters did the original sketches for the illustrations in *Human Genetics*. When asked if science is hereditary, Carlson laughed and said, "One daughter is a toy designer, one is a production editor interested in writing children's books, and my other daughter is a teacher of the fine arts. One son is going to graduate school at Stony Brook for applied mathematics and is a T.A. in my course, and my other son is a sophomore at Cornell."

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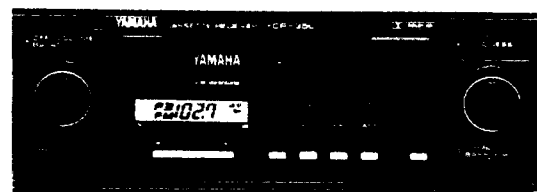
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The Best & Worst of 85

Nineteen eighty-five was not a good year for movies. Box office receipts were way down, hits were relatively scarce, and bombs abounded. Major stars like Sissy Spacek, Meryl Streep, and Jessica Lange saw their films earn little or no profit; only Sylvester Stallone and Michael J. Fox had major success.

Yet, amid all the mediocre films that came out this year, there were some very good movies. The ten films below were the ten most entertaining and engrossing films of the year; although not all of them did well at the box office, they're all "must-buys" for VCR owners.

The top ten films, in no particular order:

1) *The Breakfast Club* — Great ensemble cast in a likable film about teens breaking down high school class barriers. For college students, it's compelling, a reminder of what they went through; it all hits home. Good acting, good music, and a great script.

2) *Mask* — Director Peter Bogdanovich did an amazing job in this story about a young man suffering from a rare disease that distorts the bones in his face and makes him look like a monster. What could have been a turn-off (constant shots of the distorted face) becomes a lesson in compassion and understanding. Cher (as the mother) is surprisingly real, and Eric Stoltz is amazing as the kid. A must see.

3) *Back to the Future* — The highest grossing movie of the year, for good reason. The plot is exciting, the jokes all work, and the idea is a good one. But Michael J. Fox puts this film over the edge; an incredibly likable star, he even turned the low-budget Teen Wolf into a hit. *Back to the Future* is the kind of film that everyone will love.



4) *Heaven Help Us* - Originally called *Catholic Boys*, this movie's title was changed when they realized that what they had was not a teen exploitation film but a moving story of teens in the early '50s, coping with youth, love and life. When Andrew McCarthy and Mary Stuart Masterson walk down the beach to Otis Redding's "Can't Stop Loving You", well, that's what all movies should be like. Watch for Larry "Bud" Melman in a cameo role.

5) *The Sure Thing* — John Cusak and Daphne Zuniga play two college kids who end up travelling across America together. Of course, they hate each other, but forced together, they make a very funny pair. A basically serious movie with morals (to a point), funny lines, and a "lesson to be learned", it was consistently entertaining. Directed by Rob Reiner ("Meathead" on *All in the Family*), this was the sleeper of the summer.

6) *The Goonies* — A bunch of midget Indiana Joneses roar around in a tunnel looking for treasure. Good adventure movie with a lot of laughs; the scenes with Jeff B. Cohen trying not to get cuisinated are very funny. Slightly childish, but overall very entertaining.

7) *Silverado* — Never a western fan, I really loved this movie. Okay, the plot has been done a million times before, but this is the '80s, and it's a whole new audience. The acting — Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Danny Glover, and Kevin Costner, — is first rate.



8) *Real Genius* — What's this? College students who aren't preoccupied with sex, beer, and drugs but who build laser weapons instead? Nice little comedy that relies on real characters for its humor.

9) *Witness* — Harrison Ford shows that he can act, in this gripping drama thriller that I still haven't seen. Okay, give me a break, I saw the first eight. And everyone told me that his movie had to be a definite.

10) *Cocoon* — Ron Howard ("Opie") directed this nice little fantasy about old people and aliens. Made some money, which means that Ronny — who hasn't missed yet — will be directing films for years to come.



Honorable mention: *Fletch*, *Purple Rose of Cairo*, *After Hours*, *Agnes of God*, *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome* and *Better Off Dead*.

What's worse than getting mugged in New York City? Paying money to see any of the ten movies below; not only do you lose your money, but you're forced to suffer the terrible pain of terminal boredom. I know, I sat through all of them. I'm still trying to recover.

The Golden Turkeys of 1985 include:

1) *The Bride* — This movie will be popping up on cable one of these days, and should be avoided at all costs. For insomniacs, it's great — it'll put you to sleep in five seconds flat. Sting is awful, Jenifer Beals isn't much better.

2) *Ghoulies* — A low-budget rip-off of *Gremlins*, with no socially redeeming value whatsoever.

3) *The Slugger's Wife* — Neil Simon wrote this one, about an outfielder who falls in love with a rock singer and starts to hit home runs. Yeah, right. 8 parts hokum, 14 parts MTV, and 17 parts schlock.



4) *Transylvania 6-5000* — Poo-poo jokes on parade.

6) *Certain Fury* — Tatum O'Neal and Irene Cara as two juvenile delinquents on the run. No warmth, no heart, no acting, no plot. Not one for their resumes.

7) *When Nature Calls* — Imagine Kentucky Fried Movie without humor or substance.

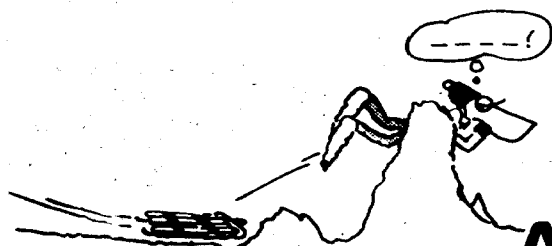
8) *Lifeforce* — Big budget film about an alien who runs around naked. Of course, it's a female alien, and of course she looks human, and of course she has to have sex with people to steal their energy, and of course we're supposed to think this is worth seeing. Of course, nobody did.

9) *Avenging Angel* — Enough said.

10) *Night Train to Terror* — The worse movie of the year, but then again they probably only spent a couple of bucks on it. I don't think anyone ever sat through this whole movie; I had to do it in shifts.

Dishonorable mention: *The New Kids*, *Superstition*, *The Mutilator*, *Sudden Death*, *Creatures*.

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'Spies': A Blessing In Disguise



For chasing those December blues away, there's nothing better than a good comedy on a Friday night.

Spies Like Us is perfect, because it's an audience movie. Like *Beverly Hills Cop*, it's better with a big crowd: the atmosphere of hundreds of people laughing at the same time can't be beat.

Scott Mullen

Never mind the plot, which is about two guys being used by the government who end up saving the world. It's thin, but in a movie like this, plot quality isn't that important. What is important are the jokes; if you're not going to get in at least a dozen good chuckles, it isn't worth five bucks.

The laughs are there. Dan Ackroyd and Chevy Chase, who cut their teeth on *Saturday Night Live*, know what they're doing. As Emmet and Austin, (Emmet and Austin?), two civil servants tricked into serving as spies, they play it like *Laurel and Hardy Go to Moscow*.

The movie is a series of sight gags and funny lines. Emmet and Austin take their civil service exams. Emmet and Austin go to Pakistan, and disguise themselves as doctors. Emmet and Austin go to Russia, where the Russian troops dance to "Soulfinger" (a disco song by the Bar-Kays. It's all so ridiculous, and it's all so funny.

Spies Like Us isn't a classic in film comedy, but it's good enough. One problem that it does have is the pairing of Ackroyd and Chase. Chevy Chase is only as good as his material, which here is sometimes weak, while Ackroyd is so used to playing second banana (as he did in *Trading Places*, *The Blues Brothers* and *Ghostbusters*) that, given a chance to steal *Spies Like Us*, he plays it low key. One can only dream of what Dan Ackroyd/Bill Murray or a Chevy Chase/Bill Murray pairing would have done for this movie.



But that's a moot point. Director John Landis (*Animal House*, *Trading Places*) gives the film a steady pace so that it never gets too boring. *Spies Like Us* even peaks at the end, when they have to save the world, and the audience walks out on an upbeat note, further enhancing one's appreciation of the film.

The cameo appearances of people in this film are also interesting. Early, when Emmet and Austin take their exams, the proctor is a skinny, balding man. Close your eyes, listen to the voice, and try to place it. Sound faintly familiar? It's Frank Oz, the voice of Grover on *Sesame Street*.

In this context, the voice is rather eerie. Bob Hope plays through, and Ronald Reagan puts in a couple of appearances, although not live ones. There's also a cameo song; if you want to catch Paul McCartney's theme, you'll have to sit through five minutes of closing credits.

All in all, *Spies Like Us* might be the best family film of the Christmas season. It doesn't stoop to gratuitous sex, nudity or violence; in fact, when they invade Russia, they use dart guns instead of killing people. It's pure PG, without a doo-doo joke to be found, and that, in itself, is a blessing.

World's Problems Unsolved Due to Incomprehensibility

Nuclear annihilation, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and skyjackings; these things bother me greatly. But what really makes me mad is when the metal piece in my spiral notebook gets caught in my shirt.

Tim Lapham

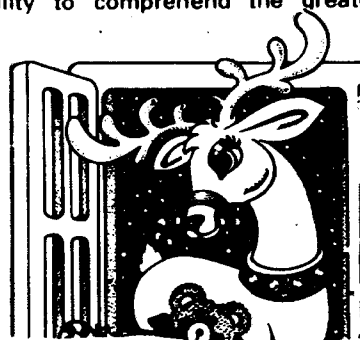
I have never experienced a nuclear war or its aftermath, I do not have enough money to travel out of this country and the AIDS scare never reached me. Unfortunately, the human mind is built on experience. Those things which I have not encountered cannot occupy much of my perception of reality. Thus, even in the case where the threat is eradication of the human species, I can only contemplate it in an abstract sense. And the feelings I do have on modern catastrophes come strictly from information that I was spoonfed.

For example, the figure \$1,823,105,258,488.19 is completely meaningless, except that I am told that it is our National Debt. Even with that knowledge, I still gave a blank stare until I was told that this is by far the worst debt in history. And no matter what I am told about how many rooms would have to be filled with thousand dollar bills to equal that sum, I do not have now, and never will have, any conception of two trillion dollars. As far as I am concerned anything more than four dozen

may as well be infinite.

In much the same way that a joke loses all of its humor when it has to be explained, a problem or a threat loses all of its effect when it requires years of contemplation just to come up with an original thought on the problem. This is why the immediate annoyances in life, while small in comparison to other problems, provide the most aggravation and the most effort is put into eliminating them. Who can say they think about survival of the planet more often than they complain about shoelaces that break or toilets that overflow?

As much as we are committed to the furthering of human existence, so are we constrained by individual perspective. Only that which is immediately obvious will be dealt with; it may be a curse, but it is a truth. The greatest problem facing humanity is our inability to comprehend the greatest problems.



Music Notes

The year 1985 will be remembered musically as the year of benefit concerts, comebacks, movie soundtracks and Rock Porn.

The biggies (and not always the best) of the year were:

Bruce Springsteen: By far the biggest, and the best. The man who brought the American spirit back to America. *Born in the USA* was a reflection of this American spirit, and his 15 month, sold-out world tour allowed him to spread it throughout the land.

Madonna: The soft porn queen of danceable pop who turned sweet 14-year-olds into Material Girls.

Sting: Even with *The Police* on hold, *Sting* had no problem keeping himself busy. Besides two movie roles — *Plenty* and *The Bride*, he released his first solo album in which he made the switch to jazzy rhythms.

Phil Collins: It seems as if the lead singer of *Genesis* has the Midas touch. As producer, he had hits with *Eric Clapton's* and *Philip Bailey's* albums. As a solo performer, he dominated the charts, with such hits as "One More Night" and "Separate Lives".

Tina Turner: The comeback to end all comebacks. *Private Dancer* has sold 15 million copies so far, and the record company is still counting. Not only was her year-long tour a success, but she also landed a role in the second *Mad Max* sequel, *Beyond Thunderdome*, and she seems to be walking away with every award.

—It was also a year of mega-benefit concerts. The most successful, *Live Aid*, raised \$65 million for African relief. The concert, which was broadcast around the world, saw performers old and new, from *Joan Baez* to the *Thompson Twins*. There was also a reunion of *The Who* and *Led Zeppelin*, and some superstar team-ups, including *Mick Jagger* and *Tina Turner*, and *Phil Collins* and *Sting*.

—Less successful was the *Farm Aid* concert, given to benefit the American farmers. Though it only raised \$10 million of the anticipated \$50 million, it did make the American public aware of the farmer's plight. Organized by *Willie Nelson*, *John Cougar Mellencamp* and *Neil Young*, its lineup included *Don Henley*, *Billy Joel*, *Bob Dylan*, *Lone Justice* and *Foreigner*.

—Most recent is the *Artists United Against Apartheid*, an effort to make the public aware of the happenings in South Africa. *Steve Van Zandt* organized the project, which included people from rock, rap, R&B, jazz and punk.

There were many breakups this year. *David Lee Roth*, riding on his own popularity, left *Van Halen*, and was replaced by *Sammy Hagar*. The *Go-Gos* split, with *Jane Wiedlin* releasing a solo album. The *Duranies* split as well, but only for the time being. Two spin-off groups, the *Power Station* and *Arcadia*, featured members of *Duran Duran* as well as other musicians.

All in all, the year was pretty successful, musically speaking. Music brought relief to those in need. We also had the return of some old favorites, and some new favorites came onto the scene. The record industry's sagging funds were replenished, especially with more and more stars venturing into video. And, to top it all off, the music this year wasn't all that bad, either.

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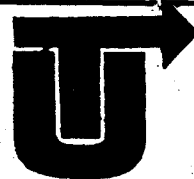
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Levine Excerpts

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zation to take their responsibility away from them. If we combined both organizations we would be dealing with well over \$100,000. Here we would have the opportunity to work hand in hand and provide variety along with cohesion. There is no reason in the world that MPB should be MPB and SAB should have in the past ignored the cries from the community. But we are dealing with today and not the faults of the past. The Student Activities Board is full of many students who do not have "narrow vision" to provide for one sector of the undergraduate population. Given a chance by both communities, we will not have an Activities Board for Minorities and one for everybody else. If people are really serious about equal rights then we should start with working together and not apart from each other. It does not "go" to say that in the past SAB did not promote minority shows and events. It was a desperate move to create the Minority Planning Board. What if the minority community pushed and protested for a fair share of representation for their community? In reality the minority community is losing out. Their Activity Fee Money is going to SAB, they're supposedly not getting their fair share. I urge for the benefit of all, that MPB and SAB join together to ensure true equality.



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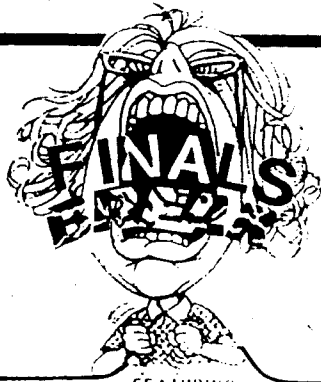


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PEY, PEY
So you figured out who it is, huh? It's been fun bumping elbows with you on production night. Looking forward to working with you next semester. Happy Holidays. - SUSAN.

USA B:
What can I say, dear friend? Here's to a new year full of dancing 'til dawn (with your new fake ID), finding hidden meanings in events, and Morgan openings with loads of gorgeous waiters just dying to serve you (but please don't blow around the powdered sugar). Happy Holidays. - SUSAN (FROM UNDENHURST)

WALTER:
To the person who single-handedly destroyed my family's most precious heirloom - with a stuffed chicken. But all kidding aside, 15 years is a long time for putting up with a person, especially me. Thanks for being there, little brother, to help me solve my latest crisis, whatever it may be. But anyway, (sigh), here's to more 3 hour phone calls throughout the new year. - LOVE, YOUR BIG SISTER, SUSAN

SCOTT:
Your article still has me depressed. Merry Christmas. - SUSAN

DANNY
Thanks for being the only person who uses my full first name. Happy Holidays. - SUSAN ANNE

SUSAN B
Hi Sue! How are you, Sue? I'm just fine, Sue. I hope this year finds us at another Kenny concert where we're in rime ankle grabbing positions. May your new year be full of cream of broccoli soup. - SUSAN

RICHARD
Merry Christmas to my favorite escort. Thanks so much for walking me to my car every production night. It was sweet of you. The article you gave me was great. Hope you enjoyed yours. Hope your new year is great. - SUSAN

JANINE
Joyeux Noel! Have some cafe, the lait ou chocolat for me! And here's to funerals with the right dead man! (click, click) Someone's listening. I've gotta go! - HAPPY HAPPY WALLY

DANNY

Home sweet Statesman! Although you usually look like a lump on the couch, the place wouldn't be the same without you. We've had some very strange and funny conversations at 3 AM. I may have fallen asleep on you sometimes, but you tend to enjoy talking more when I'm not conscious - I guess because it gives the impression I'm listening and in a way I am! Wow Mint! Take it easy over the holiday. Here's hoping you find a place to live! - Wally

SCOTT
On again off again jiggedy-jig. Now you see him, now you don't. I think we'll just put in a revolving door for you. Want a new desk? I've heard of fickle people, but there's only so far - and so many positions - to go.

Next year, I hope you do more than play cribbage and Q-Bert. You're frying your mind and, believe it or not, there's still something up there! See you next year - WALLY

MITCH
Mitchell, Mitchell, let me put it to you this way! Keep buying french fries and salad that way I can keep picking I'm still leary about letting you cut my hair - I'll probably look like Wendy Williams with PMS. You'll have to get me totally plotted for the earring - I mean there's only so far this man'll go. - WALLY

TIM (MR. UCLOR)
WAKE UP YOU LAZY BASTARD! Why don't you pop another Ronald in the toaster oven and tell me a bedtime story to put me to sleep. (sacrilege) No one sleeps at the Rag. For next year, I think you ought to do a piece on the homeless mediocre who survive a nuclear winter in a jail cell in Mamland after journeying to Florida with Red Ants. We could sell it as a mini-series, call it Tim's World - A Way of Life. - WALLY

PS Don't ever let Big Bill sleep on my couch again. I swear - he left his fleas in the cushions!

SONDRA
Did you go to class? Better yet, do you have to make? I don't think Richard will ever be able to get the claw marks off his car seats and I'm sure Scott is now considered brain damaged. I, alas, learned that there's a certain condition in which you don't like to see me, but at least you tell me "I'm still your friend and I still love you" I guess that's what friends like you are all about.

Someday soon, we're going to go to the village again, and buy 12 pounds of chocolate covered popcorn and walk in the rain. And we'll stop at The Pink...The Pink...nah, I could never tell anyone about our smutty escapades (Heh heh heh).

Here's to more walks to Benedict at 7 AM, more rides to Lade Photo and of course, more treks to N.Y.C. - LOVE YA WALLY

PS The fried-rice offer still remains.

GEORGE
What can be said about a person who calls me five times in one day? You're a man on a mission. Nobody ever told you, but we do appreciate all you've done for the Rag. Just keep in mind, though, that you've got big dreams, and when things start arashing around you, it can be pretty rough. Never let go of your dreams, because there just wouldn't be a semi-cancerous you.

Confusion, confusion, confusion. You're not alone, bud. Like I've said, you're at one end of the roller-coaster, I'm on the other, and destroying typewriters and going "under career" at 7-11 helps. Sorry, it can't make it go away forever. It's only temporary. I'm here if ever you need me, ready to listen and willing to help.

Someday, I'm going to go into the city with you and I'm going to buy my own slice of Ray's Pizza - that's all I've been able to think of since the gang went in. Or maybe you could find it in the goodness of your heart to bring me back a slice - picking from the remainder of your 2 AM Station Pizza's just isn't the same. Besides, you manage to inhale most of it yourself and their soda is flat.

Remember, when things are down, you can only go up, and I know of at least one thing that's already up - am I correct?

Till the next five phone calls. - WALLY

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN

Now that I've got your attention Susan Anne I guess I'd better say something.

It's incredible that we've known each other for so long; and yet been close for such a short time (and we practically live in each other's backyard!) I'm glad things worked out the way they did (so is AT&T). Maybe we don't know what each other's house looks like, but hey, technicalities don't matter. I'm always glad to listen to you, and try to guru-ize for you, but you know that already. If not, you're a good faker. I may not have been as much help as I have been in the past (the psychic brain waves just aren't working lately), but I do what I can to make you happy. Call me a kibbutzer, or whatever you'd like; just know that I do it for you. If you were a schlep I'd say FUNGOOL but you aren't so no request is too far out of bounds.

Through the roller coaster you've been there for me (well maybe once you weren't but I knew you were worried, so it made me feel good) and I want to thank you for being there. Sometimes I felt like I was going to least, but talking to you helped. Don't be surprised if I call from under desks more often. I don't see the end in sight. Out with you there, things'll look better.

I'll probably see you and talk to you during the intersession more than I use my uh...uh...well you get the idea, and I'm sure I'll see you more than anybody else I know, but I wanted to let you know that I thank you for being a friend. And as we start a new year, I hope we can continue as such. - LOVE, YOUR "LITTLE BROTHER" BY 4 MONTHS, WALTER

PS Please, do something about "it"

JEANNE
God, how can I say good-bye to the one person that I know is my "soul screamer"? The past two semesters have been the greatest... from the moment you burped in my face next to the refrigerator, until our "deep conversations" you've been my friend. Who else is going to Motown out with me? Who's going to fall asleep during the (Scream!) babysitting lectures (well, let's face it, anybody could, but not with your finesse). Believe you/me, the Huntington Dunkin' Donuts will have new meaning from this day forward, but I sure won't set my watch to it.

But here's the big question... Who am I going to pound beers with? There's nothing like pounding beers with you, it gives the expression new meaning. Hopefully, before you go off on your solo career as a new Supreme we'll be able to recapture the excitement of it all.

The underside of a desk is a nice place, but it's not a place I'd like to live. Thanks for being there when I needed you. You know I'll always be around for you. Drs. Ruth till the end. When we're old and grey, we'll probably look back on our conversations and get a kick out of them.

There's so much more I want to say, but so little space on this stinking page. I know I've forgotten to say a ton of things... all I can say is that I'll remember our friendship with a smile. And just because you're leaving doesn't mean it has to end. I hope it doesn't.

Take care of yourself, and always be happy! And take your advice, pat yourself on the back. When I do, I'll always remember you.

WALLY

Why am I getting the evilst looks for hogging the personals page? I can't help it. Okay, I'll shut up. To the other people I had written personals to (all twenty-one of you), kill George for yelling at me. Happy Holidays and Enjoy!

SONDRA
It is too bad that things didn't work out this semester as you have hoped. But there is always next semester, and we're going to get a few additions to the staff. And please keep the bugs out of my sodas O.K.? Take care. - LOVE, DANNY

KIM
I'll never forget Hurricane Gloria. Thanks for making it fun. You definitely have some really cool taste in music, too. You've got class, kid. See you in January. Merry Christmas. - LOVE, DANNY

STEPHEN

You're the greatest! I love you. - PAM

To everyone who made this semester fun - Dale, Al, Bornee and most of Statesman (yes Walter). I hope that next semester, with many N. American TGFT tours, little home work and 3'11" lizards. - YOUR FRIEND AND MINE, BILL

PS Happy Birthday Bill - 20th (finally)

DALE get well - THE 3'11"

MARK, PEY PEY, RICHARD AND SUSAN

This semester's trials and tribulations have helped to create a pretty cool friendship between the photo editor and th whole fence staff. You're a terrific bunch. I'll never, ever forget when Susan is at a party with me. Ever! Take it easy, Rich, do you have a cigarette? - DANNY

As I sit writing this, Mitch, we're discussing and "deciding the future of rock-n-roll." I really hope that I end up in dreiser so that we can listen to each other's music and carry on these great conversations. At any rate we'll still be part of the lynch mob in the basement, and going to all the great movie rerun for the next year and a half. Have a good time over the break. - DANNY

GEORGE, GEORGE, GEORGE OF THE - OOPS

Sorry about that. It was all in fun, knuckle-head. I hope that over the break, typewriters do not become an endangered species. Just relax and burn a few, you know? I'll be by to help with that and anything else that needs to be done around this place. Good luck with that Joyce story, see ya soon Home sweet Statesman, and Rostfari. - DANIEL, MY MITHA

WELL, SCUM, it's definitely been an interesting semester. I never would have expected a basement roommate. This is not good-bye, of course, but a farewell. Thanks for the great talks and your help with my writing. By the way, I expect to receive a few tapes like the one's you sent to Virginia. Adam has got to do background vocals, of course. That's only fair anyway, even if you don't write. I'll see you at Eevee-Con. Be good. - DANNY (THE GUY SLEEPING IN THE CORNER)

WALTER, MY FRIEND, AND FELLOW DEFRESSEE, misery loves company, doesn't it? It also loves Beck's, eh? May your camel never tire, may your goat give sweet milk. May your tent be filled with oil of myrrh and frankincense, and may it be next door to my tent in '86. Here's to penny saving in the future. Next stop, SHOUT! - DANNY

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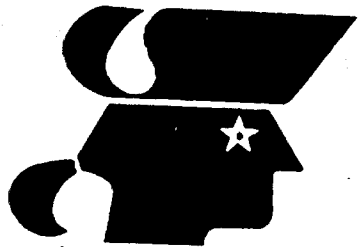
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Womens Swimming

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Winter Sports Results

Saturday, Dec. 7th

— Women's Swimming	Stony Brook	380 pts.
	NYU	356 pts.
	Seton Hall	248 pts.
	Iona	133 pts.
	Mon Mouth	114 pts.
Manhattenville	110 pts.	

— Women's Basketball	Stony Brook	67	Cortland	80
	High scorer	Michele White	27	

— Men's JV Basketball	Stony Brook	45	Suffolk East	61
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— Men's Varsity Basketball	Stony Brook	77	Medgar Evers	69
	High scorers	Tony Briscoe	17	Chuck Bryant

— Squash	Stony Brook	0	Yale	9
	Stony Brook	7	Tufts	2

Friday, December 6th

— Squash	Stony Brook	9	Wesleyan	0
	Stony Brook	9	Lehigh	0
	Stony Brook	9	MIT	0
	Stony Brook	9	Steven's Tech	0

Tuesday, December 3rd

— Squash	Stony Brook	8	Fordham	1
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Fall Season in Review

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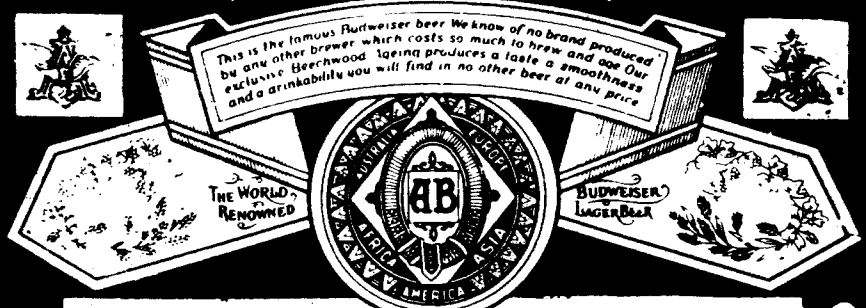
Defense was the key in Stony Brook's 8-5-4 season, as four seniors and one freshman anchored a very stingy back line. Senior goalie Matt McDade who has had a tremendous four year career was at the helm of the defense. McDade's .84 goals against average per game is a tremendous stat for a goalie. This year's team recorded 7 shutouts (a school record) and Matt McDade has shuttered the old career shutout record with 22; the previous record was 15 shutouts recorded by Harry Prinee in the late 1960's.

Stony Brook soccer has continued its success by receiving its fifth playoff berth in six years, repeating

as conference champions and recording a record breaking 7 shutouts.

Although it was a good year, Coach McDonald felt the team didn't reach its full potential. "With 8 seniors and a lot of skill there were too many games where we outplayed the opponents and didn't win," McDonald said. "It could have been a great year, but the team settled for a good one." Next year is an important rebuilding year especially, in the goal, where two talented Freshman Harold Efron and Steven Rivera will be fighting for the job. Next year's goal is to play as well as they did this season and score more goals to have that great season.

— Lisa Miceli



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Joe Feo

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Statesman SPORTS

Thursday, December 12, 1985

Patriots Suffer First B-Ball Loss Old Westbury Defeats Stony Brook, 74-63; Bryant Hurt

By Jeff Eisenhart

After opening many basketball observers' eyes with a stunning win over Hofstra and a 6-0 start, things finally came to a halt in more ways than one for the Stony Brook men's varsity basketball team Tuesday night.

Before a home crowd, the Patriots were beaten 74-63 by the Panthers of Old Westbury College. More importantly, they lost Chuck Bryant, their starting point guard, for possibly the rest of the season when he tore ligaments in his left knee almost midway through the second half.

With Stony Brook trailing 46-34, Old Westbury's Craig Holiday drove in for a stuff as Bryant, who was pursuing him, went down. Bryant, who injured the same knee in a 98-50 win over Pratt Institute last week, said he felt something "pop in my knee." Bryant was examined by Stony Brook team physician Stuart Cherney and taken to University Hospital for X-rays, where he was later released. Assistant Coach Jerry Wiesmann reported Bryant tore three ligaments and could be out for the year, depending on if he needs surgery on the knee.

Old Westbury took control from the onset, as they led 12-2 after the first five minutes before Patriot Head Coach Joe Castiglie called a time out. The Panthers used a strong defense to dominate the boards and cut out the Patriot running game, and they led at halftime 37-22.

After Bryant was injured, freshman Danny Tawil took over the offense and ignited Stony Brook on a 13-5 spurt to cut a 15 point deficit into a 53-47 game. Tawil filled in admirably as he sank four of five from the field for eight points.

Unfortunately, six points was the closest Stony Brook could come. Stony Brook had one big chance to gain on Old Westbury. With less than two minutes remained in the game and the Patriots trailing 63-57, Stony Brook stole a pass and missed a layup. Scott Walker followed the shot and missed as Old Westbury grabbed the rebound that ensured the victory.

After the game a disappointed Castiglie praised his opponents. "Old Westbury is a good team... They have a stockpile of talent. You have to give credit where it's due." Castiglie added, "It's December. I don't think anyone expected us where we are at this point [6-1]."

Gerald Johnson and Holiday shared game-high scoring honors with 21 points apiece for Old Westbury, who is now 6-2. Frank Prantil led Stony Brook with 16 points. Patriot Dave Burda, who had a sub-par game, added 13 points while pulling down 10 rebounds.

In a game played last Saturday, Bryant had 15 of his 17 points in the second half to lead Stony Brook to a 75-71 win over Medgar Evans College. Briscoe netted a team high 19 points while Kurt Abrams added 14 points.



Statesman/Gina Giattino
Patriot Kurt Abrams (no. 13), going up against Old Westbury's Craig Holliday (no. 40)

The Fall Season In Review PART II

Men's Cross Country

9/14/85	Wagner Invitational	6th
9/21/85	Stony Brook Invitational	2nd
10/5/85	NY Tech Invitational	1st
10/12/85	Allentown Invitational	2nd
10/19/85	Public Athletic Championships	2nd
10/26/85	Albany Invitational	5th
11/5/85	ECAC Championships	1st
11/16/85	NCAA Division III Regionals	8th

This season proved to be the most successful one for Gary Westerfield, who has been the men's cross country coach for the last six years. The most exciting win was at the Men's ECAC Division III Cross Country Championships in which the Pats took the title with 93 points, edging out Middlebury (103), US Coast Guard Academy (113) and 15 other teams. Senior Gerry O'Hara (6th), Charlie Ropes (8th), Dan Riconda (10th) and Wilco Lagendyk (16th) were the first four Patriots to the finish line. Bill Oehrlich hung tough to place 53rd enabling Stony Brook to win their first ever title. The Pats also took first place in the NY Tech Invitational with 59 points. Riconda (3rd), Ropes (5th) and Aiello finished

through muddy course conditions with respective times of 26:22, 26:51, and 26:56.

Records were broken when these Patriots competed at the Albany Invitational in which Riconda became the fastest Patriot ever at that invitational, with a time of 26:10, overtaking Matt Lake (1975) by six seconds. Ropes, Wilco Lagendyk and Aiello also finished in the top 50 Stony Brook performances at Albany. Stony Brook also had the best team since it began competing at the meet in 1966, placing 5th.

In the NCAA regionals, Ropes just missed qualifying for the Nationals by one place. In that race at Sunken Meadow, he became the 2nd fastest

runner with a time of 26:30 while becoming the first Patriot to cross the finish line, placing 18th overall. Ropes was voted Most Valuable Player while teammate Riconda was selected Most Improved Player.

Football (6-4)

In 1985, the Patriots played a schedule which consisted of all Division III opponents. For the first time in the history of Stony Brook football, a club team didn't appear on the schedule. The Pats started the season with 22-6 victory over Ramapo at home. After a heartbreaking 17-15 loss at Hofstra (which was nationally ranked when this game was played).

the Pats began their slump. The next weekend Stony Brook traveled to Staten Island and played three tough quarters with Wagner College before falling 26-10 (Wagner was also nationally ranked at the time of the game).

An emotionally drained and fatigued team came home and dropped two straight home games to Worcester and Kean College. The Pats lost 35-10 and 21-13 respectively. Kornhauser labeled the Kean game a frustrating game. In the Kean game, crucial errors prevented a Patriot victory. Midway through the year, the Pats were 1-4 and things didn't look good. Following the Kean game, Kornhauser moved last year's Most Valuable Defensive Player John Ragimierski to quarterback.

In these games, the Pats outscored their opponents 177-6, averaged 35.2 points per game offensively and had 4 shutouts defensively. The 6 points came on a touchdown by St. Peter's following Patriot turnover on their own 10 yard line.

In the backfield, George Taylor had another excellent year this season. The senior will graduate Stony Brook as the Patriot's all time scoring leader. Taylor also received an ECAC honor roll award vs. Brooklyn College. Nicky Iaroro, Ray Passaro and Mike Licata also had fine years and fortunately they will be returning next year.

The Patriots will be losing Ed Plitt and Paul Emmanuel to graduation. "They're both great leaders who played a key role in our defense; we'll miss them," Kornhauser said.

Men's Soccer (8-5-4)

For the second straight year Stony Brook's Mens Soccer team lost in the first round of the ECAC playoffs after tying their opponents. This year the Patriots and Kings Point tied 0-0 after two 45 minute halves and two 15 minute overtime periods.

Despite outshooting Kings Point 16-8 and pressuring their goal Stony Brook lost in a penalty kick shootout 3 to 1. The 0-0 score remains on the record as a tie, but for purposes of playoffs the shootout is performed.

Despite the disappointing tie and loss in a shootout to Kings Point, the season had many positives. The '85 team was seeded second in the ECAC (East Coast Athletic Conference) Playoffs, the highest seed in the schools history. The team was undefeated in conference Champions. This year's team was ranked 8th in the state one week in the polls, the highest ranking in the past five years and were consistently mentioned in the polls six out of ten weeks.

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