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SUNY Tuition Increases Outpace National Average

NYPIRG Study Finds Tuition Up by 154% in last Six Years

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New York State's average tuition and fees increased by a whopping 154.4 percent from the 1989-90 academic year to the 1995-96 academic year, according to a report conducted by the New York Public Interest Research Group. Other areas studied in the summary show that the average tuition and fees rose faster than the national average tuition inflation of 59.9 percent. That is faster than the general cost of living as measured by the Consumer Price Index, 22.9 percent, and faster than any other state and the District of Columbia.

The report compares changes in New York State tuition rates at 4 year public colleges with tuition trends across the nation. It also compares changes in New York tuition rates with changes in the cost of living and the median household income.

Last year tuition was a voting issue. According to Keren Zolotov, Polity President, in election year 1996 most student demands were met. There was not a 250 dollar tuition increase and there were not a lot cuts to TAP. This year is not an election year so students get hit the hardest. According to University President Shirley Strum Kenny, the tuition increases are one of the ways to look at filling in the money that comes from the 125 million dollars cut from SUNY and CUNY. If the tuition increases go through it would take about 60 million dollars of the 125 million dollars to make up for it.

"The tuition increases perhaps hurt our students more than the students in

some of the other campuses because two-thirds of our students are on financial aid," said Kenny. "Four hundred dollars can make a big difference. The combination of that with the proposed decrease in TAP and using TAP after Pell has paid half the tuition could be really devastating for the students and that concerns me a great deal."

Steven Fiore-Rosenfeld, Suffolk County project coordinator for NYPIRG said that, "SUNY and CUNY are under siege and has been for some time." The reasons for this being is that students do not have a strong voice in the politics of the state and they do not vote regularly.

"We had to show and look at the details which we knew were probably already there," said Fiore-Rosenfeld. "Actually do the report and besides just making or suggesting that it has been a downward spiral and that compared to other public institutions we wanted to prove and disprove the fallacies that the administrators and that the governor have been running under which is that we are still the most affordable public institution. That they can still squeeze the students and their parents for more money on tuition and that increasing tuition is not a tax. It blatantly is."

"We did the report to wipe away the fallacies of what the statements that the administrators and SUNY central and the Governor were making and actually show the facts in comparison to other public institutions around the nation," said Fiore-Rosenfeld.

"This report is directed towards

public consumption for the purposes of shedding light on the subject of higher education funding in New York."

In response to these statistics the report clearly expressed concerns about the future for prospective students and those currently attending SUNY and CUNY schools.

The report states, "at the dawn of a technology-intensive era of global competition, when education is essential to the success of every individual and the key to this state's prosperity, Governor Pataki and the State Legislature should not turn their backs on New York's proud history of public support for higher education. Instead New York's leaders should prepare for the future by conserving for another generation the traditional values of learning and self-improvement."

The study turns to the state of Massachusetts as an example and possible answer to the tuition problems facing New York state. Massachusetts officials voted to reduce tuition at their state colleges, community colleges and the University of Massachusetts.

"The only difference between New York and Massachusetts is the difference in the politics of the state," said Fiore-Rosenfeld.

"Obviously the politicians in that state feel strongly that the citizens they represent want good, solid public education. The politicians in New York state have decided to 'slash and

burn'. They have given up on the goals and mission of SUNY and have decided to re-direct one of the largest public institutions of higher education in the world. It has to do with the backbone of the politicians."

Zolotov has plans for this year in terms of access to education. She intends to be a little more visionary and she has clear legislative targets.

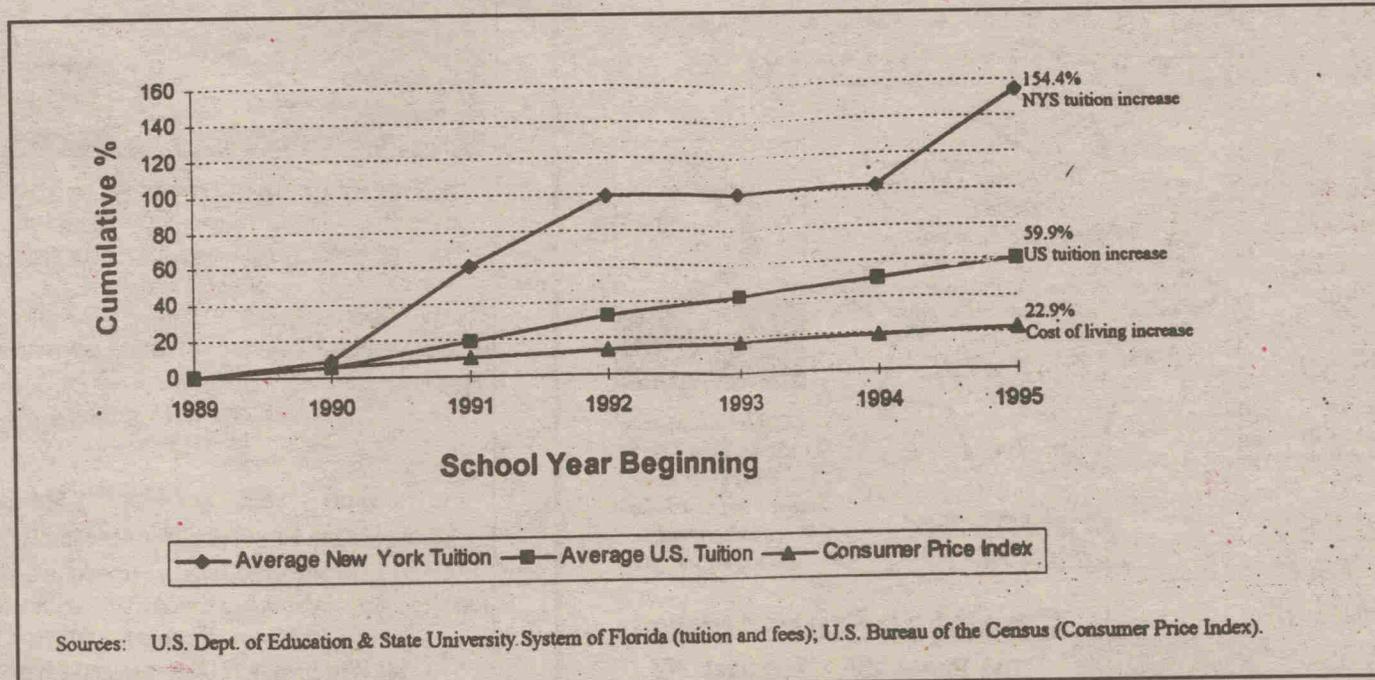
"This year we feel that we are a bit more mature," said Zolotov. "We know we are right, we know that our passion about people being able to have a good quality higher education is a good goal and a good vision to have in mind when you organize on issues. We are looking to the people who are heading the committees on higher education. And, we are also looking to do some local actions. To target some of the local Long Island legislatures."

Fiore-Rosenfeld quoted Franklin D. Roosevelt who said to the Progressives, "look, I agree with you philosophically now go out there and organize and make me do it."

"When you are a lawmaker and your sitting in Albany often you lose sight of what you are doing. It's all numbers and statistics, it is not human beings. You have been separated from the human aspects of it," added Fiore-Rosenfeld.

The ways to get the point across to politicians is to call or write your State Assembly person and State Senator. Also, students should invest time into lobbying. On Wednesday March 5th, NYPIRG is holding a lobby day. Students will be trained on how to lobby lawmakers effectively. Polity is also organizing a lobby day on February 24th. Kenny will also lobby.

"I will do a lot of talking to legislatures and I will also hope that I am joined by many students and many parents of students and families of students and many business people letting the legislature know that this really hurts not only the individual students but the community and the economic development of the state," said Kenny. "We need students educated because they are the ones that will make New York stronger."



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Student Just Can't Seem to Fall Asleep

By Rob Bonfigli

Wednesday, February 5

1:45 a.m.
A student was taken to University Hospital suffering from lack of sleep for more than two days.

11:28 a.m.
A forged New York State Handicap Permit was confiscated resulting in an arrest and vehicle impound.

7:58 p.m.
A wallet is stolen from the Indoor Sports Complex Men's Locker room.

8:52 p.m.
Threats are made between roommates in Dreiser College.

11:28 p.m.
A verbal dispute erupts between a boyfriend and girlfriend in O'Neill. No charges are pressed.

11:28 p.m.
Exterior door in Student Union broken by an individual who fled the scene.

Thursday, February 6

2:27 p.m.
Persons enter Melville Library room unauthorized and damage the carpet.

4:25 p.m.
Books and ATM cards are stolen from the Indoor Sports Complex athletic department.

5:15 p.m.

In Hand College a student reports receiving a threat.

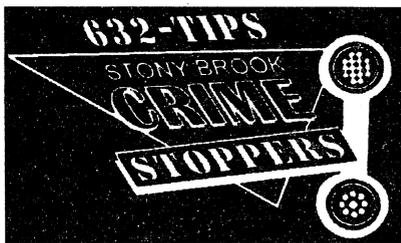
Friday, February 7

4:08 p.m.
Harassing phone calls are received by a resident in Toscanini College.

5:35 p.m.
Three skateboards are confiscated at Javits Plaza.

8:51 p.m.
Stimson College resident receives harassing phone calls.

Saturday, February 8



Douglass.

5:04 p.m.
A window was broken and mutable items valued over a \$1,000 were reported stolen from Hand Parking Lot.

Monday, February 10

12:03 a.m.
A male suspect stole a RSP two-way radio in Sanger College.

4:39 p.m.
Dispute between a boyfriend and girlfriend erupts at Lab Office Building loading dock behind Javits involving an altercation. No charges pressed.

9:01 p.m.
One 17 inch monitor and one ZIP drive are stolen from Graduate Chemistry.

10:42 p.m.
Four skateboards are confiscated from students at Physics Plaza.

11:25 p.m.
In Irving College bank checks are stolen from room and cashed.

Tuesday, February 11

12:04 p.m.
A telephone is taken from room in Hendrix College.

7:02 p.m.
Car radio and speakers are stolen in South P-lot.

8:49 p.m.
Four skateboards are confiscated in Math Plaza.

11:27 p.m.
A walkman is stolen from locker in Men's Room at Indoor Sports Complex.

Black History Month Calendar

Friday, February 14

"In the Mood," Celebration of Black Love with poetry, jazz and more. End of the Bridge, SB Union, 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

"Cultural Program Dance Performance, Uniti Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18

"What you should know about Affirmative Action," panel discussion, Whitman College, Main Lounge, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

"Sing Sing Celebration," artistic theatric performance. Fireside Lounge, SB Union, 1 p.m.

"Tribute to Black Music," Uniti Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

"Ladysmith Black Mombazo," Staller Center Main Stage, 8 p.m. Tickets \$24/22, students, \$11.

Black History Month Semi-Formal, SB Union Ballroom, 5 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Lauren Niles, Tickets \$12 with SBID before 2/22, all others \$15 at box office.

Sunday, February 23

African American Read-in. Bring your poems, essays and thoughts to share. Uniti Cultural Center, 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 26

Tribute to Black Revolutionaries, Uniti Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Friday, February 28

Taking It Back to the Essence II, Fireside Lounge, 8 p.m.

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Students Must Speak Up In Order to Fight Budget Cuts

On Tuesday, several faculty, administrators and students went on a one-day trip to Albany intending to lobby numerous legislators and state senators to make significant restorations to the SUNY budget. The Governor's budget includes a \$64 million cut in state aid to SUNY, a \$175 million reduction in TAP and a \$400 tuition increase.

Upon arrival in Albany we were separated into four groups to speak to as many legislators as possible. University President Shirley Strum Kenny, Aaron W. Godfrey, Judy Wishnia and Dean Richard Laskowski were the four spokespeople for the four groups. The spokesperson began the discussion with the legislator, and then after they expressed their view, everyone added input to the discussion. The students often had the most insightful input from their person perspective. Catherine Gonzalez, a freshman student who was on the trip continually used this technique extremely effectively. She explained to the legislators that the cutting of C-STEP/STEP would be a sever detriment to her early collegiate career. This got through to more legislators than an administrator saying Stony Brook will cut programs or even staff.

Stony Brook's most staunch ally in Albany is unquestionably Assembly Steve Englebright(D). He not only supports all of administrations' initiatives, he to time to give his ideas on how to convince other legislators to join him. Assemblymen Labriola(R), who represents part of Nassau County, also agreed that higher education needs to be more of a priority, and expressed willingness to help our cause. However, the rest of the day did not go as smoothly. The biggest opponent of Stony Brook's concerns was Assemblywoman Debra Mazzairelli(R),

who said, "I understand you point and I sympathize, but I still have to go with

Commuter Corner

Bradley Hausman

the tuition increase." There was an undertone of sentiment from some of the other legislators from both side of the

aisle.

There were two overriding themes that were continuously raised by legislators. First was the political, "you're preaching to the choir," which means they claim to be high supporters of higher education. The other, extremely important them was "We want to hear from the students." This was said by at least five different legislators. They want to hear our voice, they want to hear our opinions. Assemblymen Wiesenber(D), who represents Long Beach said, "It's nice to see administrators, but it's what you[the

students] have to say that is going to make a difference." The students can easily accomplish their goal.

February 21-23 is the SASU conference where students from all the state universities gather in Albany to discuss their plans to go to war against the budget. Following the weekend, on Monday February 24, Polity and SASU are working on getting additional buses for traveling to Albany for lobbying. If you want to go to either conference or on lobby day, make your way to the Polity suite on the second floor of the Union, and make a difference. □

Panel to Explore Changing Student Life

(UNS)-Two prominent college presidents and the acting head of one of the nation's most prestigious educational foundations will offer fellow educators advice on how to deal with the changing face of campus life when they speak at the at Stony Brook on Tuesday, February 18.

Several hundred east coast college and high school administrators are expected to attend the 1997 *Annual Leadership Symposia on Student Community Wellness*, along with Stony Brook students, faculty and staff. The free program will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Lecture Hall 2, Health Sciences Center.

The three speakers—Dr. Charles E. Glassick, interim president, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Dr. Bob H. Suzuki, president of California State Polytechnic University; and Dr. Isaura Santiago Santiago, president of Hostos Community College, City University of New York—will serve as panelists in what will be an interactive discussion on redefining student life moderated by Dr. Angel Campos, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Stony Brook's School of Social Welfare. The Symposium is sponsored by the School of Social Welfare's Student-Community Development Graduate Program and the Office of the Vice-President

for Student Affairs. Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny will give the opening remarks.

Glassick assumed the Foundation presidency in January, 1996, after the death of Ernest L. Boyer, whom he assisted in the preparation of major Carnegie reports including *Campus Life: In Search of Community* and *Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate*. The Princeton, New Jersey-based Carnegie Foundation is a policy center devoted to strengthening America's schools and colleges.

Glassick is currently working on a new study entitled *Scholarship Assessed*. Previously senior associate and vice-chairman of the Carnegie board of trustees, Glassick was president of the Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, Georgia from 1991 to 1995. During his tenure as president of Gettysburg College, a position he held from 1977 to 1989, he was named in a national survey as one of the 100 "most effective college presidents" in the country.

Suzuki, since 1991, president of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, he has lectured extensively on multi-cultural/international education, educational equity and on Asian Americans.

He was among the first scholars to debunk the "model minority" stereotype of Asian Americans when he published a seminal journal article on the subject in 1974. He is a nationally recognized authority on multicultural education and was the National Education Association's first recipient of its Human Rights Award for Leadership in Asian and Pacific Island Affairs.

Prior to joining California State Polytechnic University, Suzuki served as vice-president for academic affairs at California State University, Northridge. He also served as Dean of Graduate Studies at California State University, Los Angeles and as Assistant Dean, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Santiago Santiago, a nationally known leader in the fields of bilingual/bicultural education, ethnolinguistic research and bilingual/multicultural teacher training, is the fourth president of CUNY's Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College. Appointed president in 1987, she previously served as associate professor of education and program head in bilingual education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Her scholarly work has focused on equity and language policy issues affecting ethnolinguistic minorities.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, Santiago Santiago serves on many boards and panels including the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, the American Council on Education's International Education Committee. In 1994, she was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the President's National Advisory Council on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. In 1995, the Secretary of Education appointed her to the "Hispanic Dropout Project, a national research project. Santiago Santiago holds a doctorate in education from Fordham University which she attended on a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

The *Leadership Symposia on Student Community Wellness* is an outgrowth of Stony Brook's master of social work degree program in Student-Community Development which was introduced last spring, notes Dr. Fred Preston, vice-president for student affairs and organizer of the event. "The State University of New York at Stony Brook is the first and only University in the nation offering a graduate social work degree with a specialization in student-community development," he points out. "Our annual symposia, which was launched last year in conjunction with the new program, offers students and professionals an opportunity to keep abreast of contemporary thinking on sensitive social issues and diversity as they apply to college life." □

Safety Tips for Traveling

Safety, if practiced properly, is a daily activity. It's more than awareness; it's putting that awareness into practice. On campus, as well as off, certain guidelines are recommended by the University Police to ensure personal safety.

Parking your car, which many of us do every day, offers a potential for numerous hazards. To avoid these, try following these guidelines:

- 1) Do not leave your keys in the ignition. Take your keys with you, and always lock the car.
- 2) Keep your ignition key on a separate chain, not with your house and office keys. This prevents your keys from being duplicated by others.
- 3) Keep your trunk key separate from your ignition key. That way, if you park in a commercial lot, the contents of your truck will be comparatively secure.
- 4) When returning to your car, check all sides before approaching door. Have your keys in your hand, and ready before arriving at your car. Finally, check inside the car for an intruder before unlocking it.
- 5) Keep a spare set of car keys with you.
- 6) Never leave valuables in the

passenger seat. Keep them locked in the trunk.

7) When you park at night, look for a well-lit location..

8) If you have car trouble, keep your doors locked and stay with your car. Hang a white handkerchief or rag on your radio antenna as a distress signal. If someone stops to offer assistance, ask them to call the highway patrol, the local police or the auto club. Speak from inside your locked car, with the window rolled up.

Practicing safety is also important when riding public transportation. Keep in mind these tips:

- 1) When riding a bus, use a stop that's well lit and near a coffee shop or store that's open.
- 2) Travel with a friend or co-worker whenever possible.
- 3) Know the bus or train schedule ahead of time, so you do not wait longer than necessary.
- 4) Don't sleep on the bus or train. Sit near the bus driver or conductor.
- 5) Have your money or token in hand to give to the driver. This way you won't fumble with your wallet or purse.
- 6) Don't engage in unnecessary

conversation with strangers. Never give out any personal information. The person you're talking to may be fine, but others can overhear.

7) Don't get too involved with reading while you wait. Stay alert!

8) Move away from people who appear intoxicated, even if this means going to another stop.

9) Don't share a cab with a stranger.

10) Sit near the aisle so you can get up quickly if someone bothers you.

11) Don't sit near the exit door on buses or trains. At stops, when the door opens, someone can reach in and snatch your purse or briefcase.

12) Hold on firmly to your purse or briefcase. Don't place in on the seat beside you. Keep it on your lap or wedge I between your feet.

13) Tuck necklaces inside your clothing and turn rings around so that valuable stones aren't showing. Better yet, remove jewelry before using public transportation.

Safety can be practiced everyday. In case of an on-campus emergency, dial 333. Remember, this community belongs to all of us. □

EDITORIAL

Do Nothing and Pay the Consequences

SUNY no longer qualifies as a system that exists to provide a higher education to all. It has lost sight of that mission, and the ones to lose out are those that will no longer be able to attend a SUNY school because it is too expensive. Somehow this just doesn't make sense. We thought students attended SUNY because it was supposed to be affordable.

How are students supposed to attend Stony Brook when their tuition goes up and yet their financial aid goes down. Governor George Pataki has managed to turn the SUNY system upside down in the two measly years he's been in office. Students should expect to have more trouble paying their tuition, more trouble getting the education they deserve, and more frustration.

Pataki needs to understand that the future of New York lies

in the future generation of those who are to lead it. Those who might have led may never get the chance because they couldn't afford to get a education. Pataki is only thinking about the present and is so narrow minded he cannot see into the future. Can he not see that by making it harder for today's younger generation to get an education, he is leaving the state in ruins because he didn't prepare the state for the future. That's something New York may never recover from.

In the past six years, SUNY's tuition has risen a ridiculous 154 percent. Students are paying more and they are getting less. Why is it that in Massachusetts tuition was lowered in the past year? Why can't New York do that? At one point tuition was free. But that was long ago. Today SUNY

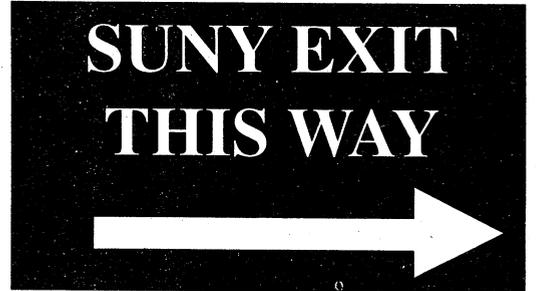
is getting closer and closer to privatization. We, as students must put this to a stop.

Don't say "Oh, they'll do whatever they want anyway, why bother doing anything." THIS IS NOT TRUE!! Legislators will pass as much as they can get away with, and if no one is in their way, then who's to stop them. It is time that we unite in a common cause to stop this assault on SUNY, and make it once again what it was created for: to provide a quality higher education to all regardless of their financial situation.

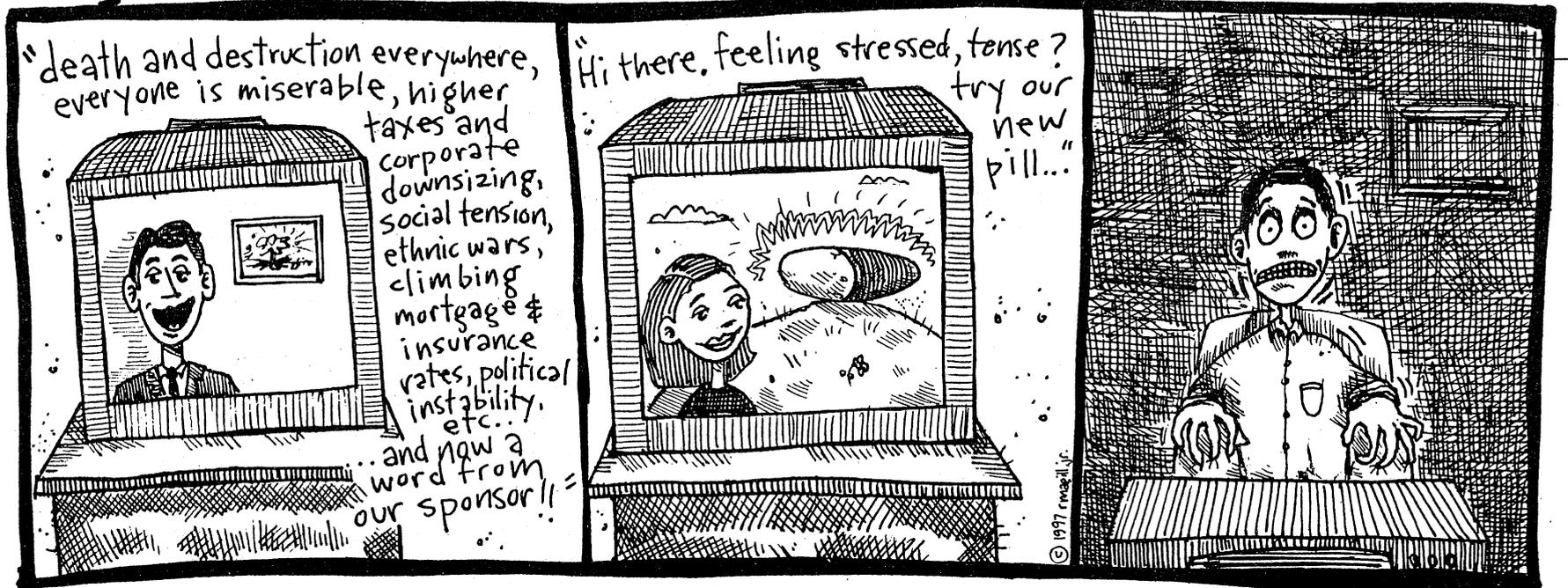
Write a letter to your state senator or legislator, let them know what you think. Let them know that you care and you

won't sit idly by as they do whatever they want. They are in office to represent you, make sure they do.

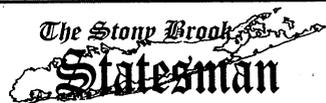
NYPIRG is holding a Lobby Day on March, 5. Polity is holding one on February 24. Find out how you can get involved. If you do nothing now you have no right to complain when your tuition bill goes up. So either speak up or pay up. You decide.



Op-ed: (by: r.jay magill, jr.)



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Liberation Theology: The Poors' Salvation

By J.P. MICHEL

Over the years, many Latin American liberation theologians have sought to induce, rather successfully, in the political equation a new realm of thought which, in the past, the "oppressed" poor have so desperately attempted to create. This new realm of thought, embodied by the principal of human dignity, respecting the rights of the poor, and evangelical faith, is carried out by liberation theologians who argue that Latin America must create a new political covenant with its poor citizens. It also says that each state in the region must create ways—implemented by restructuring the production process and by allocating specific goods and services to the poor—to prevent further development of social cleavages.

Through religious praxis and faith teachings, liberation theologians have also attempted to connect the suffrage of Christ on earth with that of the poor in Latin America by using specific reference or passage in the gospel. Though it is argued by liberation theologians that in the end the poor are to eternally celebrate in the holy kingdom of heaven, it is nevertheless necessary for them to enjoy a decent human growth or "fullness of development" in the secular world if they are to practice their evangelical faith. Though, by most account, Pope Paul VI would not be characterized as a liberation theologian, it is clear (from his encyclicals entitled *Populorum Progressio* promulgated on March 26, 1967) that he believed the poor must first develop a decent human growth on earth.

"...each man is a member of society. He is part of the whole of mankind. It is not just certain individuals, but all men who are called to this fullness of development. Civilizations are born, develop and die. But humanity is advancing along the path of history like the waves of a rising tide encroaching gradually on the shore. We have inherited from past generations, and we have benefited from the work of our contemporaries: for this reason we have obligations towards all, and we cannot refuse to interest ourselves in those who will come after us to enlarge the human family. The reality

of human solidarity, which is a benefit for us, also imposes a duty.

In order for the poor to enjoy this decent human development that liberation theologians call for means that certain mechanisms must be put in place by the state to offset economic and political oppression—something that most Latin American countries have been reluctant to do. Thus liberation theology is essentially transformed into a relentless struggle for free, "unoppressed," and uninterrupted human development for the poor.

In this struggle, engaged in by liberation theologians and challenged by the Latin American establishment, questions such as reinventing the gospel and Jesus Christ to reflect the harsh political and socio-economic realities of the continent are widely addressed and practiced by liberation theologians.

Pope John Paul II, on the other hand, has a different view. In his opening address at the Pueblo Conference he flatly condemned such practices when he said: "... people purport to depict Jesus as a political activist, as a fighter against Roman domination and the authorities, and even as someone involved in the class struggle. This conception of Christ as a political figure, a revolutionary, as the subversive of Nazareth, does not tally with the Church's catechesis." Furthermore, the Pope went on to say that such interpretations of the gospel are not consistent with "authentic" Church doctrines and are strongly prohibited.

"We find in many places... 'readings' of the Gospel that are the product of theoretical speculations rather than of authentic meditation on the word of God and a genuine evangelical commitment. They cause confusion in so far as they depart from the central criteria of the Church's faith, and people have the temerity to pass them on as catechesis to Christian communities.

Latin America is by far one of the most underdeveloped and underutilized continents in the entire world. Its entire economy is virtually linked with that of the industrialized nations of the North which can invariably withstand market fluctuations and downturns. A massive 85 percent of its people live

in abject poverty and are struggling day-to-day to maintain the basic means of subsistence. This is a continent which has been plagued by many social upheavals and revolutions; a continent where coup d'etats—the greatest political violation against the person of the state (usually carried out by ambitious generals and colonels)—is considered to be the source of the greatest political and economic reward. Finally, Latin America is a continent where a ruling elite "transfer a considerable part of their income," as noted by Pope Paul VI in *Populorum Progressio*, "abroad purely for their own advantage" without care for the manifest wrong they inflict on their country. At the end of all this, there is only one group that continues to suffer the most: the poor.

This means that if liberation theologians are to bring about meaningful change to the lives of Latin America's poor, they cannot operate within the strict hierarchical Vatican teachings. Instead, liberation theologians must create alternative ways: teach the poor how to understand their oppression within the configuration of Latin America's political establishment, and, consistent with this teaching, no one figure is more ideal than that of Jesus Christ.

It is safe to infer that liberation theologians believe that this reshaping of the gospel is, indeed, needed in order to bring about that change.

Liberation theologians also understand that the question of political expression and freedom are virtually nonexistent inside Latin America's political culture. Moreover, under this system, created by the elite and maintained by the military establishment, liberation theologians believe that the poor will be in every way systematically continue to be oppressed if new ways are not forged. This pervasive culture of exploitation, which has not allowed the voices of the poor to be heard and where the elite have enjoyed so much power, needs to be change immediately.

In short, the people of Latin America necessarily must rise against the standing system and create a new one. Liberation theologians are right for calling upon the poor to rise against it and once and for all, remove their oppression. Attempting to do this through peaceful or democratic means, as directed by Pope John Paul II, would not only be a fruitless approach, but necessarily produce the wrong result. The people of Latin America are faced with a clear dichotomous situation: preserving a system which oppresses them or transform it completely. And as the prominent Latin American liberation theologian Gustavo Gutierrez pointed out in his book entitled *A Theology of Liberation*, the people of Latin America, in due time, will do no less than change their reality: a "social transformation."

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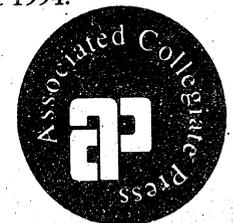
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Madeline,
Words cannot express how I feel
for you. Let me hold you in my
arms and show you!d
Love,
Angelo

D,
One world: Moloko.
L

Angela,
Thanks for breaking up with me
the week before finals.
J.S.

Danny,
I want more.
Amy

Karen,
Like the song says, you're all I
need, my love, my valentine.
Julio

Baby,
Una vas mas. Por favor.
David

Eugene,
Thanks for being around! Happy
Valentine's Day to someone
special! Love always,
Carol

Dear Selena and Mia,
We're so glad to know both of you
and you have been great friends!!
Happy Valentines Day!!
Friends always,
Eugene, Carol

Microcebus,
You can come to my jungle and
swing on my vine anyday.
You are the best.
Gibbon

Microcebus,
There's no one that I'd rather have
to roam the jungle other than you.
Nice eyes, babe. Love ya.
Gibbon
P.S. Why was there another team?

KL,
I love you baby.
MC

To Pooky,
I love you. Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
Boo Boo

To Vanessa,
Happy Valentine's Day! Ah la la la
la! Ah la la la la!
Love,
You know who

To Cathy and Kim,
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
Onah and Vanessa

To Donna and Tajel,
Happy Valentine's Day! Miss
having classes with you guys!

Call me.
Love,
Onah

To Sean,
Happy V-day!! I'm a Christian and I'll
always be a Christian.
Love,
you know who (O.C.)

To my little sister (S.C.)
Happy V-day! Ah la la la la! Ah la la la
la! W.H.A..??
Love,
your big sis (O.C.)

Michaela Burns,
You are soooooo sweet!!
A Secret Admirer

Ralph,
Somehow you got my heart, and it's your
from now until the end of time. I love you
more than you can ever know, and I want
the whole world to know. Happy
Valentine's day, Baby. I LOVE YOU!!!
Your 4-Ever,
Dyan

To: Madison,
When you've found true love, you've found
your home.
No more vacations! Welcome home
darling.
Love, Andrea
P.S. We've come this far.

Laurie,
Happy VD baby! Gonna give you
squeezein's!
Love,
Davit

Dear Tracy (the Italian Princess):
Happy valentine's Day (our second
together!) I love you more than anything
and always will.
Love,
Mike

"All bad poetry springs from genuine
feeling" - Oscar Wilde
I don't really know what to say.
Besides the cliché,
Ofenjoy your "day?"
So if you have the time,
Think of the morbid poet for awhile,
then close your eyes and smile.
That kid can't rhyme,
but I don't mind.
—Morrissey—

Hi Lane,
I was nice to finally get to meet you! =)
Happy Valentine's Day!
JN

To R. Yee
I think you're hot!!
love,
J.O.B.

James,
Happy Valentine's Day, hon! I want to
thank you for always being there to help
me and look out for me. You will never
know how much I appreciate all the
things you have done for me. I love you,
always and forever! You truly are my
best friend. . .

Love always,
Nancy

To my roommate,
I wish that I could kill you or throw
you down the stairs. Just give me
one more reason and see if I will
dare.
Your roommate

EJC,
I'm glad we got the chance to go out.
Thanks for the chat - you're really
sweet. Oh, and if things get too
overwhelming, just "use the force."
AE

Racey,
You owe me a buck!
Crazy

B52,
How many Valentine's do you have?
-Chocolate

Mighty Eneil,
How's your sabbatical going?
-Beer

16,
Think iguana!
-St. Patrick

Cruz,
You're a great friend. Happy
Valentine's Day.
-Pol 320

Pace,
I'll take a #15 please.
Thanks, Beer

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Love is fragile.
So handle it with care.
For once it is broken,
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life!!!
From: The B-Man(of B-Day)

AE,
Thanks for dinner. You're pretty
cool. Let's do lunch sometime, my
treat.
EJC

Martha,
Hey stranger, I hope all is well. I
hope you start feeling better soon
and let the world in on your rays of
sunshine. Don't worry about Red
Dog, he is a fool! If he's blind to your
bubbling personality and charm, he's
the loser.
Bunny

Neil,
Where have you been?
AC

Dave,
Don't give in to the dark side.
Leia

Pol 320,
Thanks, you're too kind. Have a great
V-Day and tell Pace I said Hello.
Cruz.

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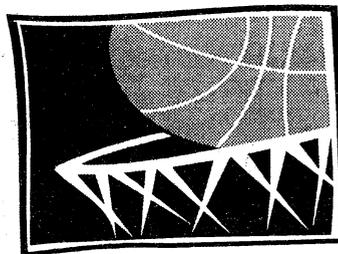
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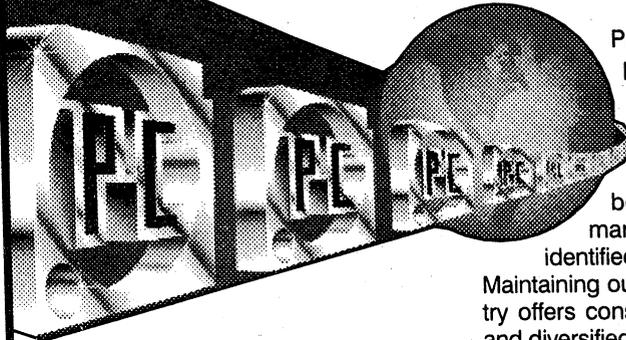
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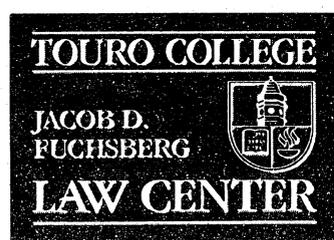
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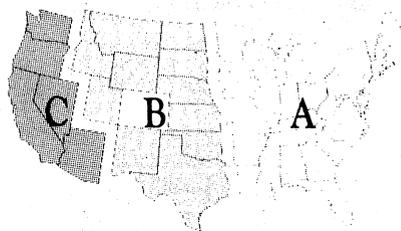
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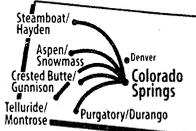
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Relapse Recordings Gives Life to Black Metal Bands

By MARC WEISBAUM
Statesman Staff

Hacked Up For Barbecue. Now that sounds like a good name for a record, doesn't it? Okay, maybe not. I didn't think so, either, but longtime New York staples, **Mortician**, did and slapped it onto their new record, their first full-length. While I previously kept my distance from this band because they seemed so over-the-top that I couldn't take them seriously, I find their latest offering climbing into my CD player quite often. Why?

First off, the band is really just a duo (Will Rahmer-bass/vocals and Roger Beaujard-guitar/drum programming) and they use a drum machine, which gives the band a sound quite unique from the rest of the gore-core scene. One listen to the speed- no that's not accurate enough- the blitzkrieg attack that these guys unleash and you can

hear why they use a drum machine. Very few humans could actually match the speed that these guys' songs demand.

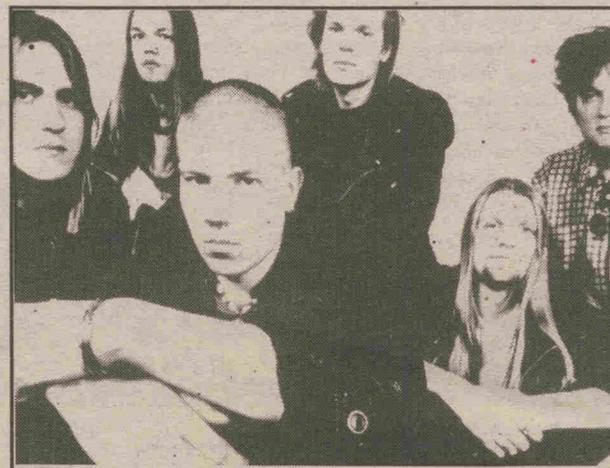
Secondly, these guys are major grade B horror movie buffs, so I can relate to them. Where else are you going to hear a trailer for *Mortuary*? Samples from junk movies glue the songs to each other making this 24 song atrocity feel like one merciless song.

Six of the songs are actually older tracks that have been rerecorded from their earlier releases, the *House By the Cemetery* EP and *Mortal Massacre* split live 7" with fellow New Yorkers, **Immolation**. The final nail in the coffin is the cover art which harkens back to the good old days where death metal bands came out by the truck load and, for a lot of them, the only way to tell the difference was by the artwork. Tacky, but true.

Personal favorites on

this terror are the opener, "Bloodcraving" and "Three On a Meathook" (yes, I'm laughing as I type this). **Mortician** apparently worship old school death metal and I credit them for sticking to their roots, and I have to admit that I feel guilty for liking this so much, but what can I say except that I'm a sucker for sheer brutality? **Mortician** are the furthest thing from the mainstream that there is and should be respected for walking the path less travelled.

Also new from Relapse is the *Spectrum Fest* sampler of 21 songs from 15 of the label's bands. Among them are the aforementioned **Mortician**, Relapse's heavyweights **Neurosis**, **Amorphis** and **Brutal Truth**. Aside from these heavier bands, this comp also features tracks from some of their more experimental electronic bands, as well. **Trial Of The Bow** submit "Father of the Flower," **Deutsch**



Relapse Records

amorphis

Nepal offer "The Phlegethon Fish" and Lull (Mick Harris of **Scorn**) steps in with an excerpt from "Continue." This collection is actually a followup to the label's successful *Spectrum Ale* comp and is a steal with a list price of \$3.98. A great way to sample the label

and its many diverse sounds. The open minded should be curious...

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The Loooooong Morning After...

What happens when the condom breaks? Instead of worrying about the alternative of possible abortion or adoption, another option which is easier is the concept of the "morning after pill".

"Emergency contraception is not abortion," explained Sandra Waldman of the Population Council. "There was a hearing in June conducted by the FDA by the advisory committee... the FDA approved oral contraceptives for emergency contraception." Unlike RU486, there is no sponsor for the drug and there is not a specific drug being marketed. Since these pills are already on the market, emergency contraception is immediately available.

"People refer to it as the morning after pill but it isn't. If you say morning after pill and it's two days later then people think it's too late, and it's not," said Waldman. Emergency contraceptive pills (ECP) can be used even after three or four days after unprotected sex.

These stronger doses of birth control pills are not the same thing as RU486, as commonly thought. Physicians explain that pregnancy occurs when a fertilized egg is

implanted into the uterine wall. Some argue that life begins with the union

According to Eve

By Brooke Donatone

of sperm and egg, however, this is not a widely held belief within the scientific community. Implantation usually occurs around day seven, therefore, any intervention done before such time is contraception, not abortion.

"This is not in lieu of contraception, it's an emergency thing," Waldman said. According to Waldman, one time use of emergency contraception isn't damaging to a person since it passes through the system very quickly.

Emergency contraception is available in the Student Infirmary. "One of the purposes of this whole information campaign is to get physicians to become more familiar with it so they prescribe it," said Waldman.

In other countries you can buy a package of three pills over-the-counter. Birth control pills aren't sold

over-the-counter in the United States. Hospitals also use them for rape victims, in addition to unprotected intercourse. When the FDA conducted their hearing, they discussed the fact that emergency contraception was safe and effective for health care professionals to prescribe to the public. They never issued any legal manner of distributing the drugs over-the-counter.

Currently, the use of emergency

drug with alternate uses without involving the company, as long as it was already proved safe and effective.

The pills are taken by combining two high doses of emergency contraceptive pills given within seventy-two hours of unprotected intercourse followed by two additional pills twelve hours after the first dose. Oral contraceptives have different doses of estrogen and progesterone, so these are double or triple the normal

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contraception has an off-label use, meaning that there are no specific drugs used solely for this purpose but there are approved drugs that have alternate uses. "Originally there was a petition to get the manufacturers to officially change their labeling, and the companies do not want to do this because they're afraid it will get mixed up in the whole abortion issue," sighed Waldman. To avoid controversy, any physician can use any

dose of birth control pills. However, the same goal is not achieved if you just double up on your regular pills. There is a 98% effectiveness rate for this method. Since this is a contraceptive use, it is not to be used if pregnancy is already confirmed.

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