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Judiciary Throws Out Polity Elections

Elections called null and void on grounds of illegal Election Board procedures

BY DAVE CHOW
Statesman Editor

The results of the Polity election held last month have been officially thrown out. A new election will be held. The Polity Judiciary Board has ruled that improper and illegal procedures tainted the vote, therefore rendering all ballots null and void. The Polity Judiciary board handed down the decision a few hours after the closing statements were made at Monday's judiciary hearing.

Judicial Chair Cible Mathulla released the following statement explaining the ruling:

We the Polity Judiciary, have reached a verdict to conduct the Polity Elections again on the grounds of illegal actions through the Election Board Procedures. Specifically, the actions of the pollwatchers, and the informing of write-in candidates to voters was illegal. We have, however, decided that the "Students First" ticket will be allowed to run in these new elections because there was not reasonable evidence to disqualify them.

Basically, we the Polity Judiciary feel that this situation arose due to the tainting of the electoral procedures and it is not through the fault of the defendants. The Polity Judiciary recommended that the Election Board retrain their pollwatchers and oversee the conduct at the polling sites at all times. We also recommend that new

members be called to sit on the Grievance Board for these new elections.

The Judiciary has decided to allow the election board to release the results of the previous elections.

The ruling comes almost three weeks since the original grievances were filed against the election board and those on the "Students First" ticket. Polity President Keren Zolotov expedited a decision by requesting a ruling by 9:00 am Tuesday. Monday's hearing was the third day of arguments for grievances filed by candidates against other candidates and the election board itself.

Cible Mathulla, the judiciary chair, thought the board's decision was the most fair possible. She said there was some pressure to get the proceedings done. "There was some [pressure] near the end. But I understood why she [Polity president Keren Zolotov] wanted to get it finished. It was for the good of Polity and the campus community," she said. Mathulla said, "These proceedings have been an inconvenience to not only the judiciary members but to all the students involved. The Judiciary members are not getting paid and we all missed classes. It's not fair to criticize the length of the hearings until you take these things into consideration."

There will be no carry-over penalties in the second elections for

the candidates who were found guilty of breaking by-laws in the first. All candidates have been granted a clean slate, including all the "Students First" defendants from the judiciary grievance appeal hearings.

Presidential candidate Monique Maylor spoke on behalf of the "Students First" ticket on the rulings. "It's excellent. [the judiciary] couldn't have done a better job," she said. "I was hoping we'd have another election just for the fact that people would get off my back. Now we can see the results so that if one of [the plaintiffs] won, they'll feel bad, now that we have to do it again. The Students First ticket is very happy with the decision." Other "Students First" candidates include, Diane Lopez, Jawond Brown, Sayed Ali, Christopher Grant, Donna McGowan,

Vivian Salazar and Alejandro Cantagallo.

The plaintiffs who charged the "Students First" ticket of running an illegal campaign comprise of all the other candidates except for Junior Representative candidate Niranjan Sagapuram. The plaintiffs are Matthew Mahoney, Brad Hausman, Matthew Edwardsen, Michael Mahoney, Joshua Alpert, Vincent Medordi, José Peña, Paul Perrone and Jugdeep Singh.

The group of plaintiffs had mixed feelings about the results. "We won and we lost," said Vice-Presidential candidate Brad Hausman. "We won because we definitely wanted to have new elections. We lost because we felt there were many issues that weren't

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LGBT Conference Big Success at Stony Brook

BY ALEXANDRA CRUZ
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More than 300 people took part in the third annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Northeast College Campus Conference, held at Stony Brook this past weekend. Thirty-five schools and 10 states were represented at the three day conference.

The conference, whose motto, "Strength in Unity," served as a meeting ground for the gay community to come together. The weekend served to tackle issues that many lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered, are faced with today, as well as provide support.

"The diversity of the gay community is immense," said Alana Samuels, conference coordinator and co-chair of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Alliance here at Stony Brook. "You have to balance the social, the political, the educational and support part of the entire community."

"You try to educate them about what's going on in the gay community, what resources [are available to them], and we had to balance workshops between things about drug and alcohol use, the coming out process and domestic violence in gay relationships," said Samuels. "We

also had things about how to get more politically involved in campaigns and a self-defense workshop."

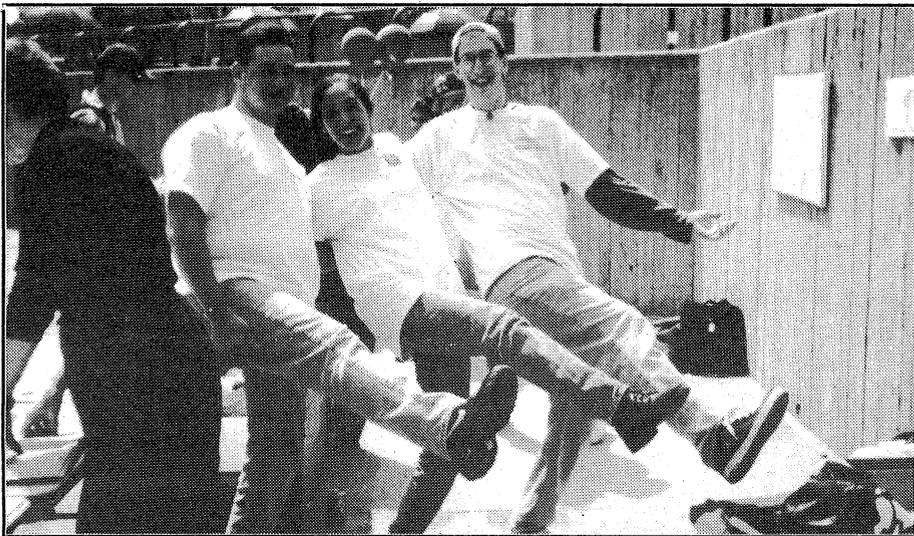
Paula L. Ettelbrick served as the keynote speaker for the conference. Ettelbrick is the Legislative Counsel and primary lobbyist for the Empire State Pride Agenda, New York State's lesbian and gay political organization.

Ettelbrick said growing up during the 60's and said her world was shaped by different political views. She said that even during that time, the open gay and lesbian societies were a fraction of the amount that now exist.

Ettelbrick said the best way to make changes is through votes and money. She said that is why it is important that when we are speaking of gay rights that it should be made an issue of economics. Ettelbrick said the gay and lesbian civil rights issue

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Kick Into Spring



Courtesy of the Commuter Student Association

Jolly participants enjoy the beautiful weather and free food provided by the Commuter Student Association in celebrating its annual Spring Fest yesterday in the Staller Pit.

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Four Buffers, One Ladder and Six Boxes of Bags. . .

Friday, April 4th

11:32 a.m.
Fog lights, valued at \$60, were stolen from a car in South P-Lot.

11:46 a.m.
A Panasonic CD player, a Radioshack CB and 5 compact discs, valued at \$600, were stolen from a car in Langmuir P-Lot. Damages to the car are valued at \$500.

1:58 p.m.
The music library received a prank call about a bomb being placed in the area.

11:45 p.m.
Two credit cards and \$100 were taken from a locker in the ISC.

Saturday, April 5th

Various Times
False fire alarms were pulled in O'Neil, Mount, Benedict, Hendrix and Sanger.

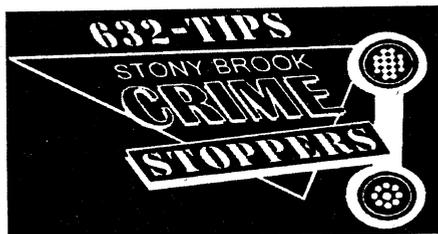
1:28 a.m.
The Hendrix college RHD reported five non-student males in the building who were drinking and smoking. Officers respond and inspect the area but subjects are gone on arrival.

1:33 p.m.
Threatening phone calls were sent to a resident of Stimson college.

2:30 p.m.
A small wood pallet fire occurred in the Grad Physics load zone. One person was treated and transported to University Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Monday, April 7th

12:32 a.m.



A phone was pried out of a box in an elevator and paper towel dispensers from ladies bathroom were pried open in the Graduate Chemistry building. Damages were valued at \$250.

1:01 a.m.
An unknown person threw a rock and broke a window in Keller College.

3:24 a.m.
15-20 males were reported yelling and screaming from the roof of Kelly cafe.

12:02 p.m.
A computer hard drive, valued at \$1500 was stolen from University Hospital Respiratory Department.

8:13 p.m.
A bag with various items was stolen from the Administration Lobby.

Tuesday, April 8th

11:38 a.m.
A ring and \$150 were stolen from Benedict College.

2:16 p.m.
A wallet containing various credit cards was stolen from the Student Union.

Wednesday, April 9th

10:06 a.m.
A tire was slashed in the Mount College Lot. Damages valued at \$45.

11:39 a.m.
\$53 were taken from a wallet in the ISC locker room.

12:20 p.m.
\$112 were taken from an envelope in the library.

6:57 p.m.
Items valued at \$120 were stolen from a locker in the ISC.

Thursday, April 10th

10:27 a.m.
Tokens valued at \$468 were taken from a pinball machine, causing damage to the machine.

12:39 p.m.
A wallet containing credit cards was reported stolen at the ISC.

2:14 p.m.
A meal card was stolen from the O'Neill Computer Site.

Friday, April 11th

1:51 a.m.
Two males were involved in an altercation in the James College Lobby. Both students were referred to Student Affairs.

3:21 a.m.
A group of males were having a loud, unauthorized meeting in the Grey College study lounge. Officers assisted in their disbursement.

6:25 a.m.
A brush fire broke out in Brookhaven Town Park, located at East Loop Rd. Setauket Fire Department notified and responded.

8:12 a.m.
A "c-board scanner" for meal cards valued at \$2000 was stolen from Kelly Cafe.

3:43 p.m.
Subject reported that 5 to 6 females entered his room and threatened him. No physical violence was done.

7:50 p.m.
Roof of a vehicle was vandalized in Benedict P-Lot. Damages were valued at \$500.

Saturday, April 12th

5:52 a.m.
A window was smashed in a room in Old Engineering and a computer, valued at \$1500, was stolen.

7:16 a.m.
Two computers and a printer were reported stolen from Physics building. Equipment

valued at \$3600.

2:07 p.m.
In the Mendelsohn P-Lot, a car's windshield was smashed. Total damages \$220.

Sunday, April 13th

1:13 a.m.
In the Tabler P-Lot, a driver's window was smashed. A car stereo and 50 CD's were stolen from the car.

Monday, April 14th

8:54 a.m.
Seventy smoke detectors and one light fixture were stolen from Eisenhower college. Equipment valued at \$2050.

10:21 a.m.
Four buffers, one ladder and six boxes of bags were stolen from the Sanger Quad Office. The total value loss is estimated at \$860.

11:05 a.m.
In a medical emergency at Benedict College, a female was transported to the University Hospital due to an overdose.

3:19 p.m.
A wallet containing \$200, credit cards and a student ID was stolen in the Javits Building.

Tuesday, April 15th

2:50 a.m.
In the Melville Library Commuter Lounge, an officer found and escorted a non-Stony Brook student out of the building.

9:24 a.m.
A Computer and printer valued at \$5000 were stolen from the Psychology A Building.

Wednesday, April 16th

1:39 a.m.
A student living in Benedict College was threatened by other students.

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Council Announces Elections Will Be Held In Two Weeks

By DAVE CHOW
Statesman Editor

Polity President Keren Zolotov announced at the Polity Senate last night, that an emergency executive council meeting had just taken place. This comes two days after the Polity Judiciary decided to throw out the results of the elections. Since the decision is putting on hold the fate of numerous referendum items and the announcement of the new officers, the executive council took swift measures as Zolotov explained it to "ensure that Polity does not fall into a state of chaos."

University President Shirley Strum Kenny was on the agenda but was unable to attend the meeting. Kenny was going to discuss the Student Activities Center.

After this announcement, Zolotov jumped right into the presidents report and announced the measures the council decided to take.

Zolotov said, "The Judiciary has decided to make null the elections due to process issues. As a result Polity is in a serious bind. 10 organizations are on referendum. Student groups will be left without officers for next year."

Irving Senator Jim Szurko asked if there were any by-laws that would allow substitutions in such emergency situations. Zolotov noted that terms of the Polity Council, except that of treasurer, end at this semester. However, the treasurer can step in and be the acting president and appoint acting officers. "In my opinion this is [still] a chaotic situation because all those positions are non-voting positions, so basically no decisions can be done."

According to article 17 section nine, which states that the rules of the election board may be temporarily suspended or amended by a majority vote of the council, the council decided to hold an emergency meeting. The council decided to hold the second elections this spring rather than hold

it off until the fall term.

The new election will be held on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1, 1997 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The entire election process will be squeezed within two weeks, including the petition process, which will allow new candidates, and a three day campaign period from April 28 to May 1. Zolotov said she realized the decisions were unprecedented, but the current situation in Polity was special.

"We put a lot of thought into this and this is only for the good of Polity," Zolotov said. She then addressed the Judiciary's decision on the election grievance hearings. "I uphold [their decision and I consider this] the final say on the matter. I just wanted to say student government is autonomous, empowering for students, their peers and themselves. The bottom line is empowerment. How can we empower the students when every step we take is approached through non-students. We may have been reactionary in this election, we should have put in a lot more thought in this. But we have to learn. I will not allow the cycle of disempowerment by playing this political game."

Szurko was not impressed with the political statement. He questioned the council's decisions and asked the senate how much the Election Board could be trusted a second time around. He then made a motion to overturn the council's decisions. Brad Hausman, CSA vice-president, senator and former judiciary hearing plaintiff seconded the motion.

Szurko said, "My leg unanimously wanted only referendum on elections not candidates." Szurko asked for such a motion to be passed.

Alternate Senator Alejandro Cantagallo noted, "We have to think to consider the people who are up for referendum might have to come up again."

Commuter senator Christine

Sadowski questioned how candidates could be held accountable should rules be broken this time around, considering there will be no time left this term to hold another Judiciary should it become necessary.

Treasurer Marjorie Eyma did not think a legislative motion such as Szurko's could be applied to the council's suspension of by-laws. Zolotov and Vice-President Monique Maylor agreed that a legislative motion could only be applied to legislature. There was a question to whether a suspension to a legislative law was considered a legislative act. Szurko conceded to rescind his motion until the point could be further clarified.

The senator from Irving could not understand why the executive council would try to deny his motion or

consideration of the senate to decide on the decisions. He said the council "did what they had to do, and I did what I had to do. My leg gave me a mandate and I tried to get it through. I don't understand why they won't let this thing go to the senate."

Dr. Fred Preston spoke to the senate for fifteen minutes, basically criticizing the heavy politics that has developed between the members. He declined to take any clear positions in terms of whether or not to go ahead with the elections this spring, but he did imply that the pettiness is getting in the way of making decisions to serve Polity's constituency. Whether or not he was more against the gridlock or rampant incompetence and neglect of proper procedure he said emphatically Polity must have accountability for their actions. □



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Keynote Speaker Paula Ettelbrick

Conference Big Success

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should be a gay and lesbian economic rights issue.

"By being here, you have stepped up to the plate," Ettelbrick said. "History has a long history of struggles. You are the guardians. Good luck with you struggles."

Featured in the conference was Michelangelo Signorile, author of "Queer in America," and "Outing Yourself," as the closing speaker for the conference.

Signorile was a publicist in New York City who has decided to expose those in Hollywood and Washington who have kept their sexuality in the closet. He has just released a new book entitled, "Life Outside," and has made this his first stop on his booksigning tour.

It's not easy to put something like this together.

This conference has been in the works since last July. "It was not a LGBT Conference, it was a Long Island College Coalition Conference," Samuels said. 12 people from colleges all over the island made up the conference team to make this possible.

"So there's a balance of knowledge equals power and action equals life," Samuels said. "Those are the two themes we based this conference on." □

The Influence of Language in Religion

By KEVIN KEENAN
Statesman Staff

Stony Brook's Interfaith Student Council hosted a discussion of language in religion. Emphasis was placed on the influence of language in the Bible and upon individual beliefs. Student representatives from religious organizations on campus presented different perspectives about languages that are unique to their religion. Fostering a greater cultural awareness, they discussed the relationships created between language in gender and racial issues, the power of words in structuring beliefs, and the unity formed through verbal communication.

A representative from the Protestant Campus Ministry, Cecila Vernes, discussed male dominance in some Christian religions and the female subservience that it promotes. She discussed the implied exclusion of females when referring to God as a 'he' instead of a gender neutral being. Vernes provided students with examples of gender neutral Protestant

songs and hymns.

A representative from the Unitarian Universalist Association, John Robillard, indicated how his faith strives to eliminate ethnic and racial inequalities by implementing all-inclusive vocabulary.

Representing the Catholic Campus Ministry, Kristen Orabone, spoke about the power that word's have in the Catholic faith. She discussed the central verbal events that are performed during the Catholic mass. Another representative, Michael Isaacson, talked about the history of the Greek, Latin, English languages in the Catholic worship.

A representative of the Muslim faith, Qasim Ahmad, spoke about the unity that the Arabic language offers to practicing Muslims. He stressed that Muslims from all regions of the world worship in the same Arabic language allowing them to become a unified group of worshippers through the use of this single language.

Michael Davis from Hillel Jewish

Foundation and Joey Chia from Baptist Campus Ministry were on the panel of speakers. Davis discussed the history of the Hebrew language. Chia spoke about the three different languages used in Chinese Baptist worship. In addition to the discussion, Michael Liu, a Catholic Campus Music Minister, and Michael Racelis, a Protestant student, sang the hymn, "Though the Mountains May Fall", to illustrate the composition and importance of the song in their Christian faiths. The Baptist Campus Ministry choir, under the direction of Serina Lin, sang a verse in English and one in Chinese.

The event concluded with a Kosher pizza party. Students were able to meet other students of differing religious beliefs. The various religious organizations on campus and the Interfaith Student Council sponsor several events throughout the semester. The Interfaith Organization is located on the first floor in the south wing of the Humanities Building. □

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addressed." Matthew Mahoney, one of the presidential candidates, listed those key issues. "The money issue is number one," he said referring to the campaign spending limit, set in the Polity Election Board by-laws. "It was something [Maylor] admitted to clearly [and] was blatant," Mahoney said. "[Maylor] spent a lot of money. She admitted to spending the money but she pleaded not guilty. Someone gave her the money but she spent it."

Hausman said, "the rules clearly say, word for word a candidates campaign cost can not exceed 150 dollars. That's in the by-laws. So in that way we feel we lost, because you can't do that and not have anything said about it. What we're getting is a new election with the same people that basically went overboard and in our minds cheated. The judiciary just tended to overlook that and just said okay, new elections."

The hearing began at 3:30 p.m. on the third level of the SAC and ended at 4:58 p.m. Hausman gave closing statements for the plaintiffs. He wanted the Judiciary to note that he could not properly argue his side because Election Board Chair Glyndun Sangster, a key witness was not available for cross-examination. The plaintiffs wanted to close out complaint number thirteen, which dealt with attendance of an election board meeting which Maylor did not attend. The point of argument was

that the election board by-laws state it is mandatory, and Maylor should be disqualified for not officially signing in. Maylor argued in her own defense that because she intended to attend the meeting, and did have a private meeting with Sangster, she fulfilled the purposes of the by-law.

The second point was also a direct address to Sangster, about election site pollsters who employed improper procedures, including not checking student I.D.'s and informing students of write-in-candidates.

The third point of Hausman's statement addressed the phone mail message sent out by Black Caucus Chair Andre English. English warned on the message that a group of students he addressed as "we", would be set back 20 to 30 years if candidates not on the "Students First" ticket were not elected. Hausman argued that the implication was racial. He said the message could be interpreted as an accusation that those on the "Students First" ticket were racist.

Hausman emphatically argued that damage had been done to the reputations of the plaintiffs. He said rules were willfully broken and that should be kept in mind.

Maylor gave closing statements for those on the "Students First" ticket. She pointed out that the word "minority" was never actually used in the phone mail message. She charged that the interpretation of the message as having racial overtones was a

reverse indication of racism. She said the plaintiffs "took English's words and twisted them simply because he is the Chair of the Black Caucus," and

the implication of racism is "how the plaintiffs interpreted themselves."

The Judiciary is the highest court for Polity. There is no appeal process. □



Making Time For The Birds

Stony Brook, Pre-school Director Barbara Wider, upper left, shows one of her class's decorated birdhouses that are on display for the 1997 "For the Birds," competition and auction in the Stony Brook Village Center during April. The classes are currently learning about the birds and wanted to express their appreciation for their feathered friends by participating in this year's event. The pre-made birdhouses, from the Country Pet Store in the Village Center, were sponsored by Sports Plus of Lake Grove (Kerri Swain, assistant marketing director, standing next to Wider). The "For the Birds" benefit auction is set to take place in Inner Court in the Stony Brook Village Center on Sunday, May 4, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. where some 80 unique items will be auctioned to the public - rain or shine. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the educational programs at the Stony Brook Community Fund. For more information, call 751-2244.

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The lights grow dim and the excitement of the crowd seeps its way

on to the stage and into the lungs of the band. Though it is a lot of fun, the band takes a collective, semi-cynical deep breath and rely on the

fact that this show, like every show, is a culmination of talent, dedication and sometimes dealing with a majority of people who don't realize the work that goes into being a musician.

"Some of these people that come watch us play really don't care if our guitars are tuned. As long as it's loud and the other people are into it, they'll graze on our music just like sheep, not caring about the content," said Fred Martinez, a 23 year-old guitarist from the band "Perforated Head."

This 6'1", long haired man has a presence on and off the stage. At first glance, he seems like your average angry, self absorbed musician who swears to have something to say. But when candidly spoken to, Martinez is often soft-spoken, insightful, and painfully private.

"I feel that the music I make should get past the superficial image that bands are almost forced into," said Martinez. "The words that I write and the music that they give birth to represents an effort for me to take an experience and make it universal so that some may empathize and connect. But somewhere along the way that gets distorted and overlooked because we're on stage singing songs with catchy choruses."

If that weren't enough to make potential musicians hock their instruments and get a degree business, the stereotypes of musicians sometimes interferes with their social lives.

"I haven't had a steady relationship with a girl for four years," says Randy Trowbridge, 22, guitarist from the band Perforated Head.

At six feet, 150 pounds, with long curly hair that would make Shirley Temple jealous, it is hard to look past his good looks, and his mild-macho persona. But as Martinez, he feels that the image of the band should not

supersede the content of the music and what is being said.

"I've seen Fred [Martinez] stay up for hours at a time trying to convey a message in his lyrics without sounding contrived or trite," said Trowbridge. "He takes his lyrics seriously and it makes him angry when girls think that he is cute, and when guys

think he is a good musician. All of that is secondary, and it's too bad that the majority of the people miss the point of the songs."

Not everyone in the band shares the same "pained-artist" view, and it often causes tension in the band.

"That's a bunch of bull-s**t," says Dan Glazer, 23, drummer from the band Perforated Head. "Any musician who says they initially go into music to contribute to the musical integrity of mankind is lying, it's girls."

Dan, with his boyish face, long blonde hair and blue eyes is the first to admit that there is a bit of hedonism in every musician, despite what they might claim. "Look I'm not saying what Fred feels is wrong, I'm just saying when you have a bunch of women screaming for you, it's hard not to get caught up in it," said Glazer, winking and grinning.

Sarah Bronson, 24, keyboardist from the band Perforated Head is the only female member in the band. Although she and Martinez share the same vision about the music, she is surprisingly closer to the mega-macho drummer in attitude. "Fred and Randy are so serious all the time," said Bronson. "I mean, isn't music supposed to be fun? Don't get me wrong, I don't believe what we say in our lyrics should be frivolous, but I feel that music is also 50 percent entertainment and that is why Fred and I disagree."

Bronson is wild, beautiful and dresses to show off her assets. Don't get her wrong, she doesn't adhere to any rock and roll ethics. "I don't use drugs and I only drink wine occasionally," said Bronson. "I dress the way I do because I am proud of what I have and it helps to attract people to the band. It drives Fred crazy, because he sees sexual attention towards a band as negative."

What does the singer have to say about all of this? Picture having to be in a band where on one hand you have musicians with a message and on the other hand, you have musicians that share that message, but deliver it in a way that may compromise the integrity of that message. It's difficult, but he manages... barely!

"It's like walking a tight-rope with these guys," said Timm Lott, 24, singer from the band Perforated Head. "Fred is a maniac about his words and Dan is always chasing girls. I love those guys so I just do my own thing when I'm on stage." Lott, the most reserved in the group has been with the band since its inception four years ago and said that they have been through a lot.

"When we formed this band, we wanted to break the stereotype musically and socially," said Lott, "that was four years ago. Some of us are a bit light-hearted and some of us have grown more cynical and aware of the mediocrity of the audience. Our dedication is to the music and to each other and that has not faltered. We believe in each other and our respective abilities to turn an experience or idea into reality. That's all that really matters." □

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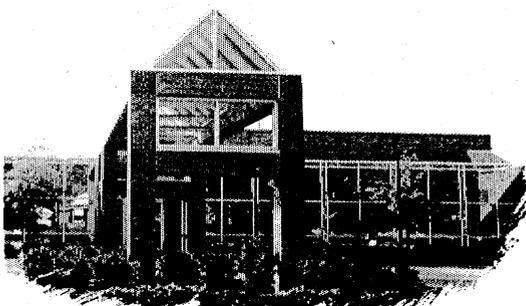
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The Seawolves scored 11 runs in the second inning in a 14-5 win over Southern Connecticut State (10-7, 5-3 NECC) in the first game of a doubleheader. USB (9-13, 5-3) won the second game 28-6.

Softball

Stony Brook (4-18, 2-16) was swept by Southern Connecticut State (16-11, 6-4 NECC) had loses of 4-6 and 9-17.

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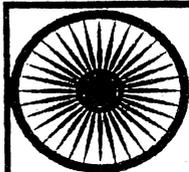
According to sources the Seawolves Men's Tennis team is now ranked 5th in the East. They will be the number one seed in the NECC Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the USB Varsity Courts or 10:00 am. in case of rain the venue will be moved indoors to the Eastern Athletic Club in Huntington 5:30 pm.

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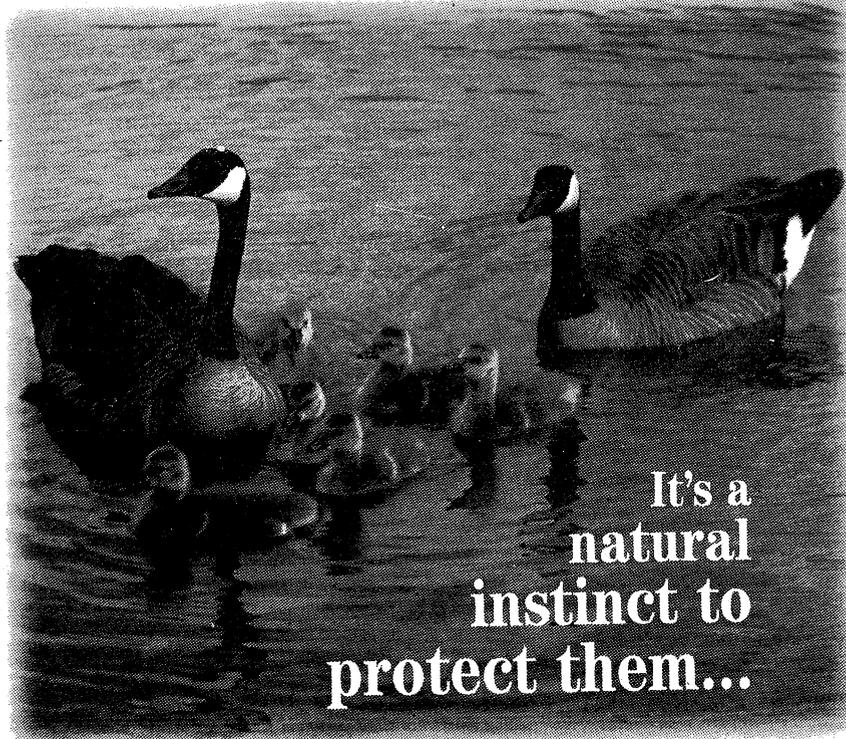
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Get Out And Vote Again!

As our faithful readers could well note, we have again and again noted with distress the recent Polity election controversies. We turn yet again to this fracas, but acknowledge that our observations on the subject may only be increasing student cynicism on the campus with regards to the election process. With all of this said, we can make the amazing logical jump to suggest that despite all of the controversy regarding our first Polity Council election this spring, and despite the recent announcement that those results were thrown out, students' votes do matter. We make this argument in light of the announcement that new elections for Polity Council offices will be held on Wednesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1.

All of the recent controversies, and the give and take between the various parties in the election disputes, could themselves serve notice to students that their concerns do not matter very much to those who wish to be our leaders. In point of fact, there has been little discussion among the candidates, before and after the first Polity Council election this Spring, about the issues that would be among their concerns once they were elected.

Instead, the campus has witnessed banal give and take over Polity bylaws, phone-mail messages, and allegedly corrupt pollsters. We do not wish to suggest that none of these issues matter; attacks on the character of those who wish to head our student government are of serious concern. Elections *should* be held in a fair straight forward manner, with each side sharing equal ability to disperse their message to the campus at-large. Those who cannot follow the simple rules regarding the campaigning process should not be in a position

of high responsibility to the student body.

With this said, the candidates for Polity council offices have one more opportunity to provide students with a fair debate on campus issues. Those elected will be placed in positions of authority over a Polity budget of \$1.4 million, which funded by the student activity fee. Roughly \$400,000 of this money is paid in administrative costs. In addition, Polity Council members also receive a seemingly excessive \$100

a week stipend. Although there will be a very short two days for the candidates to campaign for election, we hope that students will be given more information to gauge the different contestants for office.

We implore students, once again, to get out and vote in the upcoming Polity elections. Less than 10% of eligible students voted in the first election. There are competent candidates running, despite the negative publicity over the campaign

tactics allegedly used last time around.

Whether these candidates get elected to lead Polity is of real importance for this campus. The conflicts-of-interests and the backbiting that have been seen in Polity positions this year, and especially in recent weeks, should not be repeated next year. Unfortunately, these qualified candidates will have a short time with which to prove themselves to a cynical student body.

We Wrote This Ourselves

As finals time fast approaches, there is perhaps no better time than now to note the rampant cheating that has taken hold throughout this campus. From chemistry tests given in filled lecture halls to long paper assignments for small philosophy classes, it seems as if many students here are unable to compete with others solely on their own ability.

Most students, to get down to it, either are or know someone that cheats on exams and papers on a regular basis. These students, with their artificial grades, regularly throw off the "curve" for the other hard-working students in their classes. A majority of professors on this campus seem to ignore the problem, whether out of naiveté or total disregard. Whatever the reason, the negligence on the part of those who are ostensibly in charge of the classrooms allows the cheating to occur, helping to threaten a sense of academic atmosphere on this campus.

Students are routinely handing in papers that are downloaded from various Internet websites which cater to this special underground industry. In addition, many professors commit the inexcusable and lazy act of repeating the same tests semester after semester.

Students quickly wise up to this repetition, and soon take advantage.

We understand that professors have greater needs for their time than having to baby-sit students who obviously care little about the learning experience that is available to them here. Their roles as educators, however, must come first. Students that are almost openly cheating on exams and papers are gaining little from the classes they attend.

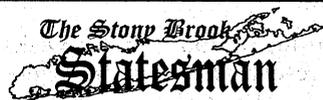
Students, further, have little reason to think twice before cheating. Rarely do any professors check any of the most popular web-sites for term papers (which can be found in Yahoo by searching under "term papers," if that seems too complex) to see if students have been downloading their assignments from there. One professor from the Political Science Department last fall found that by checking only a few of the available web-sites, nearly one-fifth of his medium size class had plagiarized the paper assignment for the course.

The administration and teachers need only take a few common sense steps toward stemming the tide of cheating within the campus community. Professors should assign papers that require answers to specific questions, which could

not be answered simply by using the generalized papers widely available on the world-wide web. They can discontinue the use of repeating exams year after year, and offer tests that require some written work so that students must do more than copy an answer off of a neighbor's response sheet.

In addition, the administration needs to stiffen its penalties for cheating; the system currently in place amounts to little more than a slap on the wrist for first-time offenders. Students are rarely caught in the act, so the administration needs to set an example of the few that are.

We, of course, are sympathetic to students that feel the anxieties and pressures that are part of the college experience. However, without learning to live with and control these anxieties, graduating students will be ill-equipped to face "real-life" situations where cheat-sheets are unavailable. It would seem to us, additionally, that for those who feel that the knowledge gained through hard work and study is simply not worth the effort, then they have not likely found a proper outlet for their time attending school here at Stony Brook.



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Candidate for Polity Council Defends Her Ticket

To the Editor:

The last three weeks have been the most painstaking experience of the lives of the "Students First" ticket and myself, Monique Maylor. We were accused of calling certain individuals racists, breaking the law, and negative campaigning. The opponents, A.K.A. the plaintiffs, took the "Students First" ticket, A.K.A. the defendants, to Judiciary for false accusations, untruths, and racial interpretations. The plaintiffs—MATTHEW MAHONEY, PAUL PERRONE, JOSE PENA, VINCENT MEDORDI, BRADLEY R. HAUSMAN, MICHAEL MAHONEY, JOSHUA ALPERT, JUGDEEP SINGH, and MATTHEW EDWARDS—wrongly trashed all of the defendants—MONIQUE MAYLOR, DIANE LOPEZ, SAYED ALI, JAWOND BROWN, CHRISTOPHER GRANT, DONNA MCGOWAN, VIVIAN SALAZAR, and ALEJANDRO CANTAGALLO.

They falsely accused Andre English, from the Black Caucus, and myself of malicious slander. They claimed we indirectly called them racists and wanted the entire ticket to be disqualified. The complaint had inaccurate descriptions of the message, therefore tinting its content. First of all, it clearly stated in the complaint that my voice was on the message, which was a lie. Nowhere on that message was my voice heard. Secondly, they claimed the message said, "that some of the candidates, not on the "Students First" ticket, if elected would set minorities on this campus back 20 or 30 years." This is a lie. Not only was the word "minority" not used, or reference to students of color, but at the time the message was created, the "Students First" ticket was not in existence. That name was made up the weekend before the voting and the message was done the week of campaigning. I would also like to point out that none of the names of any plaintiffs were mentioned on the message so it could not have been slanderous.

Andre himself noted that his statement of Polity, not minorities, being set back a certain amount of years, was not a statement of racial intention. The statement meant that Polity would be set back because of the lack of involvement of some of the candidates running for office. Candidates without experience and an awareness of the issues concerning the students would slow

down the process of student empowerment. As anyone who knows the history of Polity knows, the Student Polity Association was never as active politically as it is now, therefore the possibility of Polity returning to that state, due to inexperienced members, is not a complete fallacy. The message clearly stated "this message goes out to any student concerned about their future at Stony Brook." Were the plaintiffs suggesting that white students do not care about their future at Stony Brook?

The plaintiffs also stated that this was a "malicious act intended to slander" them, when in actuality they were the ones who were malicious. They took an open phonemail message and lied of how they were "indirectly" called racists, when that was how they interpreted themselves. It would seem as if the plaintiffs took Andre's words and twisted them simply because he is the Chair of the Black Caucus.

Not only did the plaintiffs want us to be disqualified for their wrong and clearly slanderous interpretation of the phonemail message, but they made a special request for me to be "severely penalized for this offense." This statement advocated for some type of violent punishment to be inflicted upon me by my plaintiffs. It was a blatant attack on me personally.

They again accused me of slander in my building LEG meeting, when a friend of theirs claimed she heard me say that they did not support cultural organizations. They said that it was "an obvious claim that the other candidates for President are racists" and they wanted a 15% penalization of my votes. Why do the plaintiffs keep using race as a factor for their defense? First the phonemail message, now this. There was proof that no such statement was made at the LEG meeting. My RHD of the building and 3 students were witnesses that such an offense did not take place. I also had 2 phonemail messages from Josh Alpert, a plaintiff, calling the building residents and soliciting their support of this false accusation, as an example of this being a maliciously intended lie. The plaintiffs charged me with intentionally over spending and wanted me to be disqualified. I did not spend "well over the allocated amount" for my campaign. Firstly, I was not allocated any money, and secondly the Election Board said it was alright to have donations and said nothing about there being a possibility of it being added to

my campaign cost. Also, the Election Board bylaws say nothing about donations. Both the BLACKWORLD and the 3TV ad were paid for by sponsoring groups and not charged to my campaigning account. I have already been penalized four times the usual percentage amount (.5%) given out by the Grievance Board, which brought my penalization charges up to 3.5% (the most of any other candidate). Would the plaintiffs like to take away all of my votes? What more do they want? Another complaint called for a 10% penalization of our votes, the "Students First" ticket and myself, because they had "pictures" of handouts hung up as posters. This claim is highly questionable. The photos presented to Judiciary did not show any of my handouts hanging, but were of legally numbered and approved posters. There is no date on the photos and being that our material was so accessible, anyone could have hung the handout up.

Then the plaintiffs claimed they had witnessed accounts (which we never saw) of Diane Lopez and myself electioneering within eyeshot and earshot of the polling station and wanted us to suffer a 20% penalization of our votes. In the bylaws, Article XI: Section V: it states: "Electioneering within 100 feet radius and/or eyeshot and/or earshot of any polling station is expressly forbidden." The members of the "Students First" ticket and their campaigning staff made sure to follow all the rules especially the 100 ft rule of which we verified the distance with the Elections Board Chair. Also, if I was to be penalized for electioneering of the 100 ft radius, then I think it is only fair that Josh Alpert and Paul Perone would also suffer the consequences. Since they were directly next to me and even tried to outdo me by electioneering within the 100 ft radius, where it was illegal.

Another malicious lie was their supposed picture of Diane Lopez removing one of Paul Perone's posters. They even wanted her to be disqualified. They lied about having a picture and again never produced a witness. The members of the "Students First" ticket did not waste energy on negative and counterproductive campaigning (unfortunately, I cannot say the same for the plaintiffs). The plaintiffs also disagreed with me, as a write-in candidate participating in the debates. In actuality, it states in Article VIII: Section I: "Write-in candidates shall be subject to

the same rules as any other candidate, but are not eligible to receive funds from Polity." In general, I would like to state that participation of candidates in the debates should be encouraged since the sole purpose of the debates is to educate the voters on their stands and issues. Why would anyone choose to keep our constituency in the dark? Also, I should not have been penalized because my opponents were unprepared and could not answer the questions asked to them.

Lastly, they once again tried to get me disqualified because they said I did not show up to the candidates meeting. The required meeting for all candidates which took place did not hold grounds to me. I was excused from the meeting by the Election Board Chair on the grounds that I was not notified about it (on the assumption that I would not want to be a write-in candidate). Although I was present for more than half the meeting. In addition, plaintiffs, themselves did not show up to the meeting, for example Brad Hausman, but walked in when it ended and signed their names on the attendance.

The plaintiffs claims did not hold any ground. They were playing roles of angels and saints, when it was evident that there Grievances were of malicious intent and meant to be hurtful to the integrity of the "Students First" ticket and myself as candidates and write-in candidates, who are honestly trying to gain the confidence and support of the constituency. The plaintiffs are quoted in campus newspapers slandering all of us. They specifically broadcasted the alleged phonemail message, which they conveniently interpreted as indirectly calling them racists, on purpose. They tried to turn students against one another for election reasons. They have misinformed many students on Stony Brook campus and exploited the "Students First" ticket for reasons only they could explain.

With the intent to possibly start a racial war the plaintiffs have proven themselves to be unfit as potential candidates. They wrongly trashed our names with their interpretation of slander and uncaringly withheld organizations the decisions of their referenda money, for false accusations and untruths.

These hearings were a blatant attack on the "Students First" ticket and myself. Due to the compilation of these lies, we, the defendants were not charged or found guilty on any account.

Monique Maylor

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The Earlier, The Better-Young Feminists Congregate in D.C.



According to Eve

By Brooke Donatone

From April 11-13 over 1000 men and women from all over the United States congregated at the Renaissance hotel in Washington D.C. for the Young Feminist Summit Conference.

The conference encompassed workshops, skill building sessions, and discussion groups to discuss issues on sexual harassment and gay rights. "We learn so much from each other and we have to share these experiences so we can pass it on to the next generation. It's truly inspiring and it keeps us going," said Vanessa Salinas, a coordinator of the Summit conference.

Media 101 was a workshop to discuss how the media portrays feminism. The participants discussed how many issues such as gay marriages don't get a lot of attention in the media, and how some reporters may be biased while reporting stories.

"My goal is to make people more comfortable working with the media. I don't think most reporters are out to get people, but I know that some reporters are affected by their personal biases. . . and that's maybe "out to get them" let's quote these radical feminists about something that's going to get the

whole community in flames. The media is your tools, you are theirs, don't let them badger you or bully

you," said journalist Melinda Shelton, who was also a panelist.

"It's very difficult because it's a traditional medium that does not welcome change when it comes to encouraging feminism. Most of the times when you cover stories about women, they're victims of a crime. . . it's not talking necessarily about how people are helping themselves," explained Indianapolis Fox News Producer, Jen Christensen.

Making Your Schools and Workplaces Women-Friendly discussed how to organize campuses and communities to support safe and fair schools and work places and aspects of Title IX.

Former coach Karen Weaver was fired from her job at Ohio State University as field hockey coach because she complained that the school needed new astroturf because athletes were getting hurt. The school didn't want to pay money to get new astroturf for a 'non-revenue sport' so she took the complaint to the NCAA to make sure they were in compliance with the gender equity rules who put pressure on them to replace the facility. "As soon as they did that I was fired," said Weaver, who coached for 16 years and won a

national championship. Usually coaches are fired based on losing streaks supposedly, yet seven female coaches were let go of their position despite winning big-ten titles and national championships

"I've always been raised to defy authority I guess. I'll do all I can to help other people to see their not taken advantage of," said Bauchman, now 18 and sporting a tongue-ring which Utah probably

doesn't describe as feminists as a way to demystify to them that we don't have tails, that we're not sisters from another planet," explained Gillespie.

At night there was even entertainment. Professor Bonnie Morris from George Washington University performed a one-act play called "Revenge of the Women's Studies Professor" in which she comedically described encounters with students who didn't understand feminism and sheltered people who didn't agree with her "deviant" sexual orientation. "I love busting these stereotypes, 'hi I'm cheery and friendly'," mused Morris of the stereotypes that feminists are mean and ugly. "I try to demystify it (women's studies classes) by having the syllabi available and talking to people ahead of time about what goes on in the class. I really think there are people who think that all we do is talk about is how we hate men," sighed Morris.

The conference ended with a protest in front of the white house where the group held signs such as "No guns for wife beaters" and chanting "equal rights for Chelsea". National NOW president Patricia Ireland stood among the group and nearly lost her voice screaming,

"Let's save the rights we have and win the ones we haven't accomplished." We may have left the white house, but our fighting hasn't stopped. □



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Young feminists protest for women's rights outside of the white house

on the excuse of "it's time for a change," said Weaver. "I was making less than 35,000 a year. . . my counterpart was making 75,000 a year with a losing streak," explained Weaver. So much for equal pay for equal work.

Rachel Bauchman was one of the guest speakers at the nightly planery. At 15 she became the first student in Utah history to create a legal precedent to prevent teachers from imposing their own religion on students. Bauchman's music teacher forced them the choir to sing Christian music to impose his own religion on the students. "I got the majority of the state to hate me with a passion, that's what's fun about it," began Bachman.

doesn't approve of.

"A lot of times I just wanted to quit but I knew in the long run that I wasn't the one in the wrong, they were," Bauchman explained about her ordeal. "There's always going to be people who don't agree with you, and it makes it more fun that way," said Bauchman, who plans to pursue a career in politics.

Ms. Magazine Editor-In-Chief, Marcia Gillespie was also a guest speaker. "I don't think young women are apathetic towards the feminist movement as they have been so carefully brainwashed to be fearful of feminism," said Gillespie. "We need to make sure we're engaged in open conversation with women who

Dark Dungeon Music

By Marc Weisbaum
Statesman Staff

After being a founding member of one of the most respected black metal bands in the genre where do you go? If you're **Mortiis**, a big **Tangerine Dream** fan, you move on to an entirely unrelated genre to conquer. Now, Mortiiis is regarded as one of the leaders of the growing ambient industrial atmospheric scene coming from Europe.

Mortiis' first solo full-length, *FØdt til A Herske* (Malicious Records), gave people their first taste of the symphonic realm that Mortiiis was striving to create. This release planted the seed of what would blossom on his later releases. *Anden Som Gjorde OpprØr* (Cold Meat Industry) expanded and developed upon the concept of Mortiiis' magical world and his kingdom within. The

two lengthy compositions on this release were much more involved than its predecessor and set the stage for the next release, *Keiser av en dimension Ukjent (Emperor of a dimension unknown)* (CMI). A limited vinyl pressing and limited golden CD release, this release consisted of two long songs, as well, but, as always, the songs became far more detailed than their ancestors. At this point, Mortiiis had already gained a large following and, once again, it was time for him to do something different.

His newest release, *Crypt of the Wizard* (Dark Dungeon Music), shows a departure from his usual two song format to ten songs of a more common length. *Crypt...* is actually a collection of the five 12" singles that he has been issuing on one CD. His

vision on this release is quite similar to that on his other releases, but the greater number of songs show more varying sides the other releases didn't show. Being the eager beaver that he is (as well as one of the only people who have any connection to black metal with a sense of humor), Mortiiis also recently had a single issued for the intro and outro that he did for the latest **Fermenting Innards** (great band name) release. But wait. That's not all (does this sound like a Ginzo knife advertisement yet?)

Aside from his releases under the name Mortiiis, the man also has some releases out via his side projects. His first side project, Vond, recently had its first release, *Selvmod* (MR), put on CD as it was originally vinyl-only. While his main project focuses on epic, magical sounding

compositions, Vond focuses solely on depressing and sad pieces that are always great when you've been having a bad day.

A second Vond vinyl release, *The Dark River* (DDM), should be hitting shelves any day now and promises to be every bit as suicide coarsing as the debut. Shivadarshana Records is planning to release the album on disc, but is not yet available. There has also been plans to release a single entitled "AIDS To The People," but this release has so far failed to see the light of day probably due to its offensive title. And that leads to the final incarnation of Mortiiis, **Fata Morgana** (DDM).

Compared to listening to Vond, *Fata Morgana* is like listening to **No Doubt**, except it doesn't suck. Seven medium lengthed cantos that show

Mortiis cutting loose and letting out his slightly happier side. The album's title track and name sake are the perfect example of effective keyboard arrangements, as well as the antithesis of what can be heard on any of his other projects' releases. Each song has its own beautiful color photo in the booklet that the songs do a great job emulating. Mortiiis, as all of his album jackets exhibit, is of the school that believe that the artwork should be just as good as the music and its great to get not only a great album, but some lush scenery, as well. Mortiiis is already prepared to unleash his fourth (excluding the twelve-inch anthology) release, *The Stargate*, to be released by CMI. Fans of **Enigma** should take note and hear how it's really done.

Songs For The Summer

Music Reviews To Live By

RON STRAUSS
Statesman Editor

The summer is approaching and the CDs that you listened to so feverishly at the beginning of the semester are now collecting dust. If you have a few extra bucks to spend on music this summer, check out these latest releases.

• *A Tribute To The Misfits, Violent World* (Caroline): They've come and gone; numerous efforts from artists the globe over spanning from live props by **Bad Brains** and **Metallica** 'back in the day,' to more contemporary efforts from artists the world over. They represent what has been and subsequently what the world of true 'intelligent' aggression has lost since *Legacy Of Brutality* or *Earth A.D.* as punk and hardcore gets whittled down into mainstream commerciality. The Caroline effort offers a nice lick at the lost but not forgotten planet with stomping revamps of "Last Caress" by **NOFX**; "Mommy Can I Go Out And Kill Tonight" by **The Bouncing Souls**; "Death Comes Ripping" by **108**; "Return Of The Fly" by **Earth Crisis**; **Prong's** groin-shattering "London Dungeon," and more.

All are as fierce as the originals (but never equal). But it's nice to know someone's out there keeping it real.

• *Grosse Pointe Blank, the Soundtrack* (Mercury): In addition to a well-received film and cast that boasts John Cusak and Dan Aykroyd, the film jousts out a dope soundtrack; sportin' old school favs like "Blister In The Sun" from Wisconsin guru's, **The Violent Femmes**; **G&R's** "Live And Let Die"; **David Bowie** and **Queen's** "Under Pressure" and Brit-pop drops from the **Clash**, **Jam** and **English Beat**, as well as **Pete Townshend's** "Let My Love Open The Door" mix. Fans of British-beat and bottleneck who have been upset with the absence of modern rock and '70-'80's prog-rock in soundtracks, can stop bitchin'. Your train has arrived.

• *Nowhere, the Soundtrack* (Mercury): Well you may not give a flying dump about the movie, but the soundtrack blasts out a bill that brags '90's material from **Radiohead**, the **Chemical Brothers** (who have again made an impressive appearance on yet another ST or Comp), **Chuck D, James,**

Catherine Wheel and **Marilyn Manson's** "Kiddie Grinder (remix)." The remix factor is kinda getting to that ridiculous factor and that's one of the significant drawbacks of the ST — the absence of original material — aside from the impressive lineup of artists.

• *When We Were Kings, the Soundtrack* (Mercury): The Oscar-Award-winning film gets due props and is worthy of checking out by hip-hop groupies, featuring the **Fugees** with **A Tribe Called Quest, Busta Rhymes** and **Forte** in "Rumble In The Jungle." Mohammed Ali's audios of past flamboyant exploits in his quest to be the "greatest fighter of all time" are highlighted.

And ironically the album gets an endorsement because of its focus on Ali within a ST aside from material from **James Brown** and the **Jazz Crusaders**. It's nice to see that this one isn't cluttered with remixes, alternabands and trendy production tags. It exudes class, intelligence and the spirit suitable for the subject matter.

• *Blue Sky On Mars, Matthew Sweet* (Zoo): The career of Matthew Sweet has

been more of an upside-down and topsy-turvy ride through establishing himself as an original innovator of soul-centered rock and lyric songwriting among the likes of modern rockers like **Collective Soul** or **Cracker** or whatever. He always seemed to be plagued as the illegitimate son of pop-lyricism; at times bashed and at times praised — and at times, simply ignored — he never quite seems to be able to get out that ratty old folding chair and look back at his accomplishments.

His newest will be the same; absent of a definitive sound, that may be it's strongest point. But it clings too much to a knocky **Lemonheads** vibe that the public has proven that they're not interested in. If your a true fan however, don't get caught up in hype. Check it out. You may find that I'm full of shit on this one.

• *Electrasic, Electrasic*: Affectionately labeled as 'da sic' by their troop of fans, these Massapequa brats have been jolting New Paltz with their own version of oscillatory punk and genital-shattering sludge. No, they don't have a label. And yes, I don't care. These guys blew

me away last fall when they rocked the tits off everyone at a rainy college jam, poundin' out fury from under a leaky barn roof; the way it was meant to be. I like to think of them as a happy merger of **Ministry** with the crisp grinding death of old-school **Kreator**. For more info call 516-342-9164. Tell 'em Ron sent ya.

• *So We Go, the Hang Ups* (Restless): From the start of "Top Of The Morning" till end up on the "Greyhound Bus," the Hang ups are fueled by docile beauty and imagery created by the soft-spoken coos of Brian Tighe and Jeff Kearns. Melodic-pop gets due recognition within their tangy universe. **Happy Mondays, Pretenders,** and **Sundays'** fans will enjoy the warm glow of this one.

• *50,000 B.C., Shudder To Think* (epic): The overall gist on these boys is that they have gradually been dissipating in talent and fire over the years. But don't tell that to their fans, who are strong and have been growing at each performance this year. The album is mild rah of **Kings-X** flavor, whittled down progressive and unpredictable medleys that pug, twist and shake

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through their standard illusive nature.

It's not as raw as previous efforts, but their fans haven't pissed on their drum set yet, so I guess everything is still peachy.

• **Coil, Toad the Wet Sprocket** (Columbia): Tenacious, witty and colorful as ever, *Coil* is definitely the album

that we've been looking for since the unbelievable *Dulcinea*, which — coming from a personal fan — I believe contains some of the best melodic ensembles and hooks of all time. Harmonious as ever TTWS has once again erected lyric dome of unselfish patience amidst a world contrived toward angst, speed and hand-job releases.

• **Waikiki, Fluff** (MCA): All

right! They sound *a lot* like the **Foo Fighters**, but that fades quickly if your willing to give them their due props as musicians with a clear grasp on songwriting. Fluff offers a nice nut-punch of teenage genre, embodied around an iron shaft of shifty staccato.

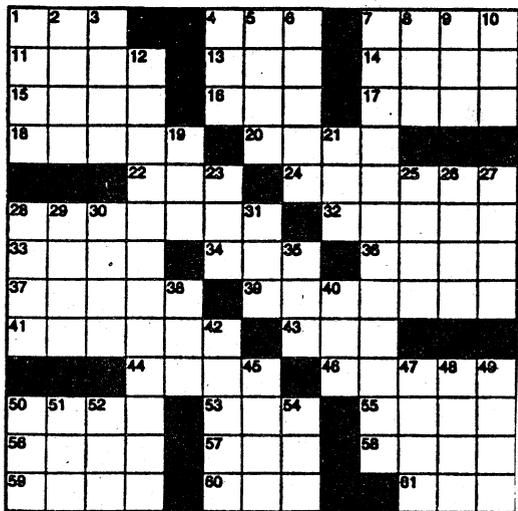
• **Stoosh, Skunk Anasie** (Sony Music): You know? *Stoosh* — the sound that's made when a radical-black-militant-

skinheaded-lesbian-bidd stomps your nuts in at the next gig. I'm kidding, actually, *Skin* (our vocal heroine) is an ultra-intelligent and interesting musician. Since '95's *Paranoid & Sunburnt*, they've held nothing back; regurgitating rot, racial snafus, genderized mud-slinging and a disdain for the profane oxymorons that commercialized society has become.

From the band that spewed "They want your soul and your money," nothing has changed much. Some will argue that they're slowing up. I'll argue that they're just getting' started. Bold and flagrant with sizzling string action, *Stoosh* will happily eat out your scalp and replace it with pubic hair. It's a must-get album. The end!

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I once told my high school math teacher how dull my life was at the time. She replied, "If you're bored, it's because of something you're *not* doing."

I took it to heart. I got involved in clubs. I started going out with friends more. Besides playing high school baseball, I would go to the park near my house and shoot some hoops. At least four times a week, I had something to do till nine o'clock. That one sentence changed me more profoundly than any other thing I had ever seen or heard in my life.

I've seen many examples of apathy in Stony Brook. I saw all these people coming to Midnight Madness, (probably for the free tuition prize) only to observe sparse crowds in the remaining basketball games. Sure, there was that last home game, but many showed up to get their hands on some giveaways.

It was the day of my first assignment as a sportswriter

that I realized how pathetic the situation was and still is. The Franklin Pierce Ravens came to town to play men's and women's basketball teams. It was bad enough that only a few people showed up to the women's game, but the men's game was even worse. The women's basketball team came out of the locker room *after their game* and sat in the bleacher section. There were more of them than their were Stony Brook fans - on *our* home court How disgusting!

Sports attendance is not the only example of apathy on this campus. Just look at the low voter turnout for Polity. Less than 10% of students voted. No wonder Polity can waste money on whatever useless idea that comes their way. Because when it comes time to vote, all they have to do is get the support of some of the organized groups on this campus, such as fraternities and sororities, and they'll be voted right back in.

Then, of course, there are

those student-led fights against the budget cuts of Governor George Pataki. Ten people from Stony Brook went to Albany on a recent trip. Overall, 100 people showed up from all the SUNY schools. Pataki was probably joking to himself, "I could raise tuition by \$20,000 and these guys wouldn't care."

Perhaps more students on this campus need to take the advice of my math teacher. Get involved in something you like. You can start by supporting your sport teams. Now, I can understand if you didn't want to go see the basketball teams in action. They are both pitiful and lack excitement. It may be hard for you to believe this, but there are some teams on this campus worth watching.

Tennis is probably the best overall team on this campus. They are currently ranked 5th in the East and 24th in the most recent NCAA D-II poll. They're an exciting blend of power and finesse players.

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If you like a sport that has nonstop action, the lacrosse team is worth your time. They have two players, Courtney Wilson and Chris Kollmer, who are ranked high in scoring nationally. The team itself is one of the highest scoring teams in the nation.

What if you want to get involved in a sport? I recommend women's rugby. It's a very successful program under the tutelage of Coach Marty Rosenthal. He told me that he needs more woman players on his squad. I saw the Ruggers Spring Classic last weekend and I think this sport, definitely, was worth the time getting to know. Ladies, if you are interested, drop a note in Coach Rosenthal's mailbox at room 258 in the Student Union. You won't regret it.

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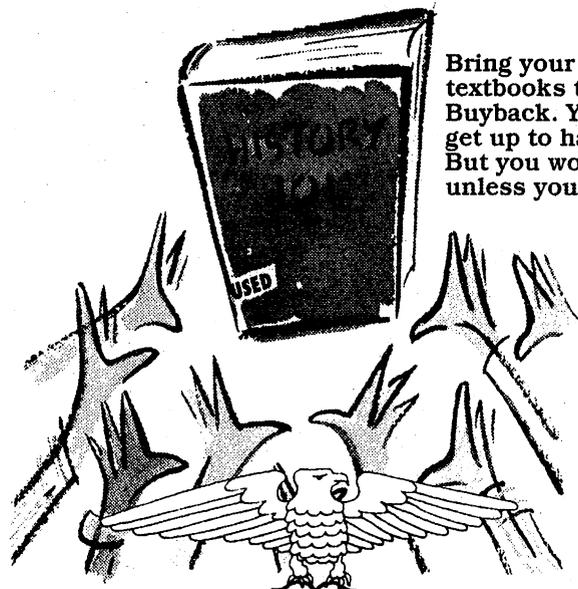
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Four Seawolves Make Hockey All-Star Game

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probably the best hands in the league. He's a great finisher. He knows where to be to receive the puck." Marabella came from Sachem High where he led them to two State Championships. Rob has one more semester of eligibility left and it is still undecided as to whether he will be returning next season. His decision will greatly effect the Seawolves offense in the upcoming year. Rob is a senior majoring in Business Management.

For the second straight season, Seawolf, Sciortino led the entire league in penalty minutes putting him in the company of Toe Blake and Eddie Shore in the brand of "old time hockey" player. Sciortino was what you would call a "Goon". Sciortino has matured over the past two seasons and has shown leadership qualities which earned him the "C" on his jersey. Anthony showed his toughness in the Brooks' final playoff game against Wagner college. In the first period Sciortino cracked two of his ribs from a blind-side check along the boards in front of Wagner's bench. Despite the obviously painful injury, which sometimes found him hunched over wincing in pain, he played through the it. Sciortino played brilliantly in his final game in the Seawolves uniform despite the injury. Coach Dan Hill regards Sciortino as "the most poised and confident defenseman that he has ever coached". Anthony is a Theatre Major

and is employed by Sensory Lighting and Sound.

Another second year All-Star returner for the Seawolves is senior goaltender Jeff Nau. Nau played two seasons for Stony Brook after transferring from Division III SUNY Brockport. Jeff led the 'Wolves to their best record in ten years and holds the single season goaltending record for most wins in a season at 14. Nau posted a 3.89 goals against average, second only in the league to MCHC champions Wagner college. Nau was nominated an assistant captain this year which is an honor not usually given to goaltenders. Coach Dan Hill says that "Jeff is undoubtedly the best goalie in this league, he is more responsible for our record over the last two years than anyone on the team."

In his radio broadcast from Stony Brooks playoff game at Wagner college, color commentator Tom Giusto raved, "In his final game for Stony Brook, Jeff Nau deserved better than this....he is arguably the best goalie that Stony Brook has ever seen, or ever will see, wearing the Seawolves uniform." Nau ended his season at Stony Brook with an impressive showing of talent against Wagner college, stopping sixty of the sixty-seven shots on goal. Nau is a biology major planning on attending medical school.

The All-Star game found

goaltender Nau playing with the Garden Conference against his teammates playing on the Empire Conference team. Stony Brook talent showed-off early early as Doyle scored the Empire teams first goal of the contest. The Seawolves Marabella notched the second goal of the game for the Empire conference receiving a nice centering pass from Wagner's Mike Allerti. Doyle notched his second goal of the first period with five minutes remaining. The Empire conference pulled ahead with a 3-1 lead after the first. All three goals for the Empire conference came from Stony Brooks Marabella and Doyle.

The second period saw Nau come in to show the league who was the king between the pipes. At the other end of the ice was Wagners starting goalie Neil Leone, who bettered Nau in goals against average during the season. The Empire conference peppered Nau with 21 shots in the second period. Stony Brooks goaltender shined stopping 20 of the 21 shots, while his nemesis Leone was lit up with five second period goals. Ironically the only goal scored on Nau was scored by Stony Brook's Marabella as he broke through the slot on a pretty pass from Wagner's Rob Cammerata. Nau entered the period with a 3-1 deficit and left winning 6-4. The final score of the contest was a Garden conference

victory 10-7. Tony Sciortino played well for the Empire team despite his lingering injury from the Wagner contest. Both Marabella and Doyle ended the game with two goals apiece.

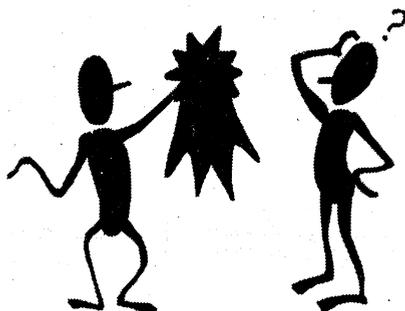
The performance of Nau in the second period earned him the MVP of the All-Star game. The MCHC is retiring Seawolves Jersey #31 formerly worn by Nau. Nau's autographed jersey will be on display in the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minnesota. Nau is planning on attending a free agent camp for the East Coast Hockey League this summer. The East Coast Hockey League is made up of many of the farm teams for the NHL.

The Stony Brook Ice Hockey team recently finished one of its best seasons in team history with a 14-4-2 record and a fourth place finish in the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey conference. The Brook finished one point behind third place New Paltz, two points behind second place Fordham, and ten points behind undefeated powerhouse Wagner College. The Seawolves received their third straight playoff bid and were faced with Wagner college in the first round. The 'Wolves were defeated however 7-2 to end the 1996-97 season. Nau made the sixty-seven saves to keep the game much closer than the actual score showed. □

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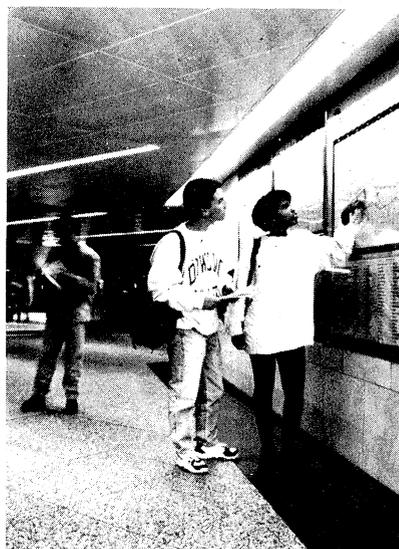
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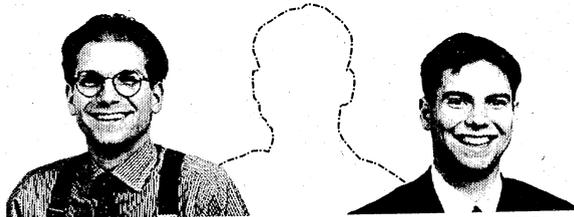
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LIGHTS OUT ON HARTFORD

USB WINS UNDER THE LIGHTS IN OVERTIME 10-9

By MIKE CHAMOFF
Statesman Editor

The Seawolves just won the most important game in their Division I history yesterday when they beat the Hartford Hawks in overtime 10-9. Yesterday's game, played under the twinkling of the stars and stadium lights, proved the heart and soul of this team this season as Stony Brook defeated the 16th ranked team in the nation.

With the Seawolves trailing 9-7 late in the game, Robb Aitchison started the lethal attack on the Hawks. In a man up situation, with 2:36 remaining in regulation, Aitchison stepped up and delivered a goal to make it 9-8. However, with 47 seconds remaining on the clock, Courtney Wilson, flew like the wind, split two defenders, streaked forward and put a shot on goal. The shot went past the goalie and USB exulted. The score was tied at nine and a confident Stony Brook was smelling victory. As the final seconds ticked off the clock at Hartford, the Seawolves were about to enter their first sudden death situation of the season. For comparison, Stony Brook's success in overtime last season wasn't that favorable. They lost to Marist in a heart breaking double



Courtney Wilson and Robb Aitchison Had reason to celebrate last night

overtime game midway through last year. However, they weren't about to let the same thing happen again.

With a man up situation in the first overtime, Robb Aitchison got the ball, and just as he did in the fourth quarter of regulation, he played hero, but in a different way. Aitchison delegated the scoring duties to Derek Reyna this time as he passed to him behind the net. Reyna came around the net and speared the game winner. Stony Brook had just upset a ranked team.

Stony Brook is 8-2 record with three games left to play. Stony Brook can lose the three remaining games but will still be a winning team for 1997. However, according to how well they are playing right now, that will be unlikely. Stony Brook will take on UMBC, ranked 15th nationally at the end of March and have a good showing. They need a road win at Villanova and a home finale victory against the Yale Bulldogs to complete the season. No negatives here whatsoever, alright?

NOTES: As Coach Espey said after last year's dismal season, "We're going to beat somebody real bad soon..." Well the 'Wolves finally got it against Hartford. □

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FOUR SEAWOLVES MAKE ALL-STAR GAME

Jeff Nau Named MVP, Jersey Retired to Hockey Hall of Fame

By ROLAND MELANSON
Statesman Editor

On April 4th the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference held its annual All Star game at the Staten Island Skating Pavilion on Staten Island. Four players from the Seawolves Ice Hockey team were selected to represent Stony Brook.

Freshman forward Ray Doyle was selected in his first year wearing a Seawolves' uniform. Doyle put in two outstanding performances during the season, both were four goal games. His aggressive offense and hard grinding style made him the invaluable to the 'Wolves. He was the team's second leading scorer. Stony Brook head coach Dan Hill says of Doyle "Ray is one of the hardest working players on the ice, he is always the first one to get in there and dig in the corners." "If someone

would have asked me at the beginning of the year if Ray would be chosen as an All-Star selection I would have never believed it. His hard work has paid off." states Hill. Doyle will be returning next year for in his second season as a Seawolf. He will undoubtedly be one of Stony Brook's leading offensive powers. Doyle is a Biology major at Stony Brook.

Second year forward Rob Marabella made his first appearance at the MCHC All-Star game. In his second year as a Seawolf Marabella led the team in scoring and was 9th overall in Empire Conference scoring. Rob tallied 21 goals and 18 assists in 17 games in the 1996-97 season. Last season Marabella was 5th on the team in scoring while playing in only half the season. When asked about Marabella coach Dan Hill replied "Rob has fantastic hands,

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(top from left to right) Ray Doyle, Head Coach Dan Hill, Anthony Sciortino, Rob Marabella, Dan Hill. (bottom) Jeff Nau.