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Meet the Candidates for Polity Elections '97

The following responses are from candidates who are running in the Polity elections that will take place this Wednesday and Thursday. The candidates were asked the following questions:

1. State your:
 - a) name
 - b) class year,
 - c) position running for
 - d) major,
 - e) resident status,
 - f) positions currently held, honors, etc.
2. How will you utilize your position?
3. What are the most important issues/problems facing undergraduates?
4. Why should students vote for you?
5. What services will you provide to commuters and to residents?
6. For the last statement, you are free to express anything.

Ed. Note: The written responses from the candidates are preserved verbatim from their original text.



Bradley R. Hausman
Sophomore
Presidential Candidate
Business Management
Commuter

CSA Vice-President, Polity Senator, Chair, senate committee on constitution revision, College Bowl Club President, Pep Band President, I-CON Facilities Director, member of the Intercollegiate Athletic Board, member of the University Senate, member of the University senate

subcommittee on the academic calendar, member of the Campus Village committee and a candidate for the Alumni Association Board of Directors

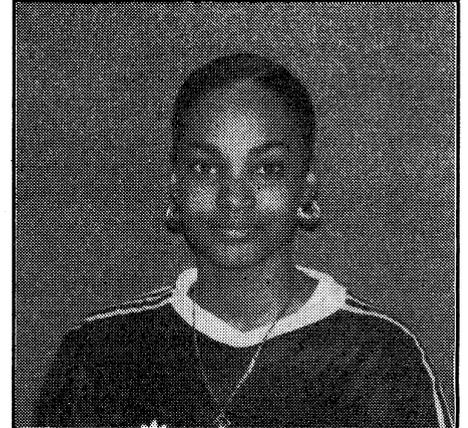
2. I will endeavor to create an organization that is less bureaucratic, and runs more activities for students. In addition, I can do a better job of representing the student body to administration and state and federal government.

3. There are two key issues facing the undergraduate students at Stony Brook. First, the cuts to the SUNY budget are a detriment to the institution which will eventually cause Stony Brook to lose some of its brightest students. The other is the apathetic attitude that exists among the students on this campus.

4. I am the most qualified candidate for the job. I have extensive experience with lobbying in Albany and Washington. In addition, I have extensive contact with several members of the university administration. Most importantly, I am a part of several organizations, and have contact with members of several others. In consideration of those factors, I would do the best job as the voice of the students.

5. For commuters I will provide an effective lobby to improve the parking

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Monique Maylor
Junior
Presidential Candidate
AFS
Resident

I am the current Student Polity Association Vice President, last year I was the Sophomore Representative, and my Freshmen year I was a volunteer in Polity, working with the Class Representatives.

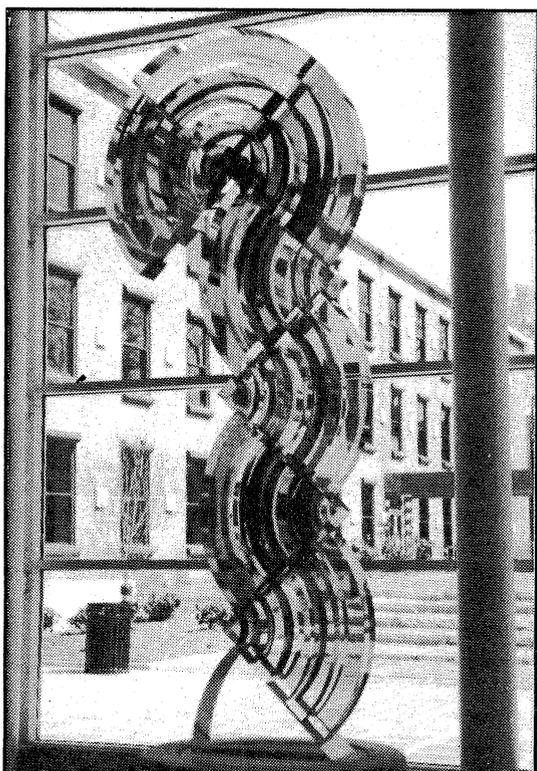
2. I will utilize my position to insure that our elected officials stand by SUNY's mission statement, which is to provide access to higher education for all New Yorkers. Also, I would like to use my position to help alleviate student apathy. It is one of the hardest things to tackle on this campus. Since students are tired of talk and would like to take action, I would advocate for more action to be taken against the individuals who claim to represent us, such as rallying or shutting down a building.

3. The most important issues/problems facing undergraduates, aside from proposed tuition increases and budget cuts, is student representation on all campus wide Committees, that make decisions affecting students, more student involvement on campus, in general, and student apathy.

4. As the Polity Vice President I understand the seriousness of Polity. I understand how it works and it's history. If Polity is placed in the hands of individuals who do not know

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Why?



Courtesy of University News Services

This 12 foot high sculpture was unveiled last week, and will be displayed permanently in the Student Activities Center's lobby. The rainbow-hued, cast acrylic sculpture was donated to Stony Brook by East Hampton artist Norman Mercer.

Taking Care of Stony Brook

By KENYON HOPKIN
Statesman Staff

University staff members landscaped and renovated the patch of land in front of the Melville Library in the academic mall on Friday in an effort to improve the quality of the school's environment as well as to keep people from walking on the grass.

One of a few clean-ups on campus that day, which is part of the "Green Team," employees of the Procurement Department of the library covered the bare areas with top soil to grow new grass and refined the structure of the gravel path's lining. This week, they hope to line the property with flowers and replace a dying tree.

"We chose this area because obviously people weren't walking on the path," said Al Divenuto, an organizer of the project. "We're trying to fix it so they will walk on

the path."

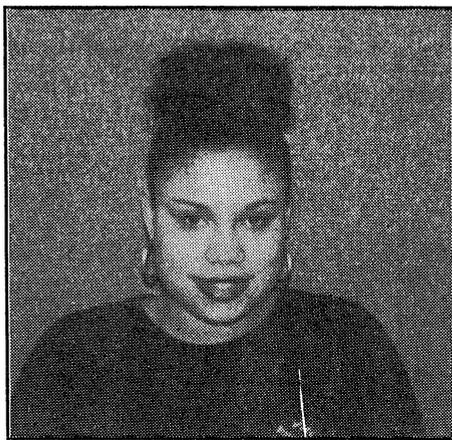
The cost of the flowers is coming out of their own pockets. They would have liked to replace the gravel with pavement, but the funds were not available. The unit has vowed to maintain the site year round, just as other departments have been doing elsewhere on campus.

Faculty of the Social and Behavioral Science building took on a similar task nearby. Dr. Paul Edelson, Dean of the School of Professional Development, initiated the activity to beautify the campus. "Volunteer activity is critically important. You can't take the point of view that everything is the role of government and official bodies." His group plans to preserve the site in front of the SBS building as well.

"When you do something like this, you appreciate it," said Catherine Bernard, a participant from the Procurement Dept. "When you walk past it, you're proud of it." □

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Diane Lopez
Freshman
Vice Presidential Candidate
Liberal Arts
Resident

Polity Freshman Rep., FSA Board of Directors, United States Student Ass. Board of Director. Chair of Stony Brook Blood Drive.

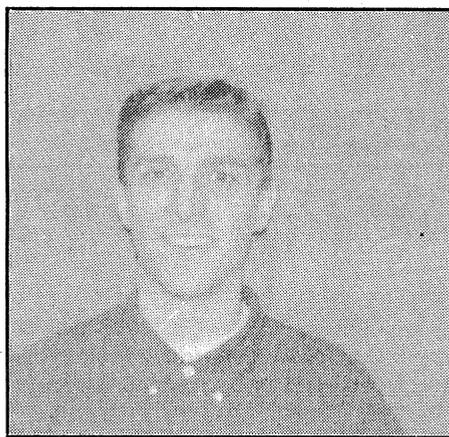
2. As vice president, I will continue educating students on the issues affecting us, and promote student involvement on campus. In addition being that the vice president is responsible for all Polity affiliates like SPA Security, I plan to create a way to decrease security cost yet increase the quality of their service.

3. Aside from Pataki's proposed budget and the Welfare Reforms Act, which is pass the results will be detrimental, decreasing the number of student enrollment in institutions of higher learning, we are also faced with lack of student representation. There are many committees at USB which make decisions on issues affecting students without any student input. This is a reoccurring problem, which I as vice president will put an end to.

4. Students should vote for me because throughout my first year at USB I have shown sincere concerns on issues affecting students I have represented Stony Brook students in Albany and Washington, fighting against the budget cuts, and tuition

increase to assure USB students a high quality education at an affordable price. In addition due to the experience and efficiency I have attained as Freshman Rep., I believe I have what it takes to conquer any obstacle that may come in the path of Polity.

5. I will provide all students regardless of their residential status the



Paul Perrone
Senior
Vice Presidential Candidate
Biology
Resident

SBVAC, Crew Chief

2 I will utilize my position as vice president to assist making necessary changes to Polity that should have been made in the past. Changes have been needed for a long time and polity has not taken the time necessary to get the job done. Polity is supposed to be made up of students representing the entire student body, but many students have been left out in the past and intend to get every students voice heard.

3. There are many problems facing all undergraduates such as tuition increases, apathy on campus and security on campus. There are many

information necessary so such things like apathy, and lack of awareness are not present. I plan to improve all Polity services, example are AV, SPA Security and COCA. These services are utilized by all student to make their programs a success. I would also like if we were all considered just students and not divided by our

more problems facing individual persons or groups on campus and I would like to address any and all of these issues to make this campus a better happier place to live and to learn.

4. For the past four years of my time here at Stony Brook I have seen our "leaders", use their position to embezzle money when they should be getting money for the students, and make bias comments towards a group or many groups of people when they should be trying to promote unity on this campus. Seeing the students getting taken advantage of has forced me to stand up and do something about it. I felt it was time for an honest office that can get something done in a years time. That is why in the first election I ran for the presidency. I did not know of anyone better for the position. I am now running for the vice-president position because during my presidential campaign I met all of the other candidates and came across Brad Hausman who was running for the vice president position. On numerous occasions I told him, with his knowledge of the process and his leadership experience that he should have run for the spot of president. This time around he agreed that with our combined ability we can create the best polity this school has seen in many years.

5. I have been a resident at Stony Brook for the past four years, but I am also very aware of the problems facing commuters. Being in the vice presidential position I would be working with or assisting the president on these issues. I have already talked

residential status.

6. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to my constituency for the reactions. Although the reasons for having election over were out of my control, I just want everyone to understand the importance for having election this semester. Please bare with us as we go through it again.

about many of these issues with Brad Hausman, a commuter and Vice-President of the commuter student association. President Kenny wants to turn the beloved commuter lounge into an unnecessary retail outlet. With all students paying a transportation fee whether they use the bus or not, there should be much better service than there is right now. Resident have to deal with the disadvantage meal plan and even if not on the meal plan have to pay hundreds of dollars a year to cook for themselves. There is something very wrong with each one of these and if elected, the students will see that someone is on their side in this university. This alone can ease some of the apathy on this campus.

6. I. as anyone else on this campus, would like to see the best people in Polity. Those people should be intelligent, fair and honest. In these elections I have chosen to run for vice-president to still have the positive influence that I want to have on polity while allowing Brad Hausman with his political knowledge to run for president. This time we are running on the same ticket with many other ideal candidates for the other positions. I came into running for polity president in the first elections after seeing the student body wronged by it's "leaders". We had to have a new election because many of the candidates were wronged by improprieties of the process. The last elections were run very unfairly and we stood up against the odds to do what we know is right. We put our words into action and will continue to do so.

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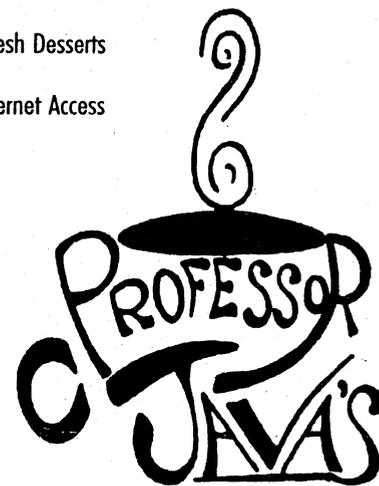
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Sayed K. Ali Sophomore Secretary Candidate Physical Anthropology Resident

Sophomore Class Representative, student in honors college, inductee into Sigma Beta, honors society

2. As secretary I intend to follow an "A" system that I invented.

It is as follows :

Action : To stand firm and fight against any threats to an affordable and quality education.

Activities : To promote and advertise activities occurring on campus through the Polity news letter. The newsletter will also contain articles that reveal in details issues affecting students. awareness : to rid off apathy and create an awareness of issues and problems affecting students. I strongly intend to advocate for students rights.

3. What are the most important issues facing undergraduates?

Patakis proposal which includes a four hundred dollars tuition raise and a huge cut to SUNY we have been facing a constant abuse to our education from our governor and other legislators. It is high time this abuse stops and intend to work towards this goal. Undergraduates are very unaware of issues affecting them and we need to get more students involved. Apathy among undergrad needs to be demolished.

4. Some of the candidates on the 'Students First' ticket are currently on the student council. The council under the guidance of Keren Zolotov and Monique Maylor has worked diligently to promote the student polity meets the needs of every club, organization, fraternity and sorority and every student. Polity has come a very long way and is a very powerful organization. I strongly feel that the most experienced candidates to

promote Polity even further ; so that we could represent student have access to an affordable and quality education and who will protest to any cuts to our education, the 'Students First' ticket will definitely create such a council.

5. The Polity newsletter is on important instrument that needs to be utilized to its maximum capacity. Through this newsletter, we (the students 'First Ticket') will promotes activities that are to occur on campus. We also intend to include a section that addresses students (both commuter and resident) questions, concerns, views and opinions. We will also use the newsletter as an advertising tool regarding parties, fashion shows, available internships, available Polity positions and so on. We as a cooperative ticket, will be available to answer and help any student. We will try our to ensure this campus remains comfortable and meets the needs of both resident and commuter students.

6. This is the second elections we are having this semester. It is very important that we have the Polity Election before the end of the spring 1997 semester, so that we as the council during the summer to efficiently run Polity which in turn is a 14 million dollar cooperation. It was not the 'Student First' tickets decision. We as the council abide and follow the judiciarys decision. Another vital reason to have elections this semester is to ensure that organizations on referendum get the money they deserve to carry out their activities as soon as possible rather than have these organizations wait until the fall semester or later.

To have a strong student government, the council, staff and every student involved needs to be united and cooperative. Sacrifices are necessary at some points and sometimes you need to put the rights of students ahead of your own self. Patience and hard working abilities are a must. It is very disappointing to come across student who are to successfully fight any opposition, if students cannot agree and come together themselves. We need to stand together especially when we (the students) are being attacked from all sides. How are we to successfully fight any opposition, if students cannot agree and come together themselves we need to realize that this is is not not a question of who is the most influential and who is not, It is not a question of who is most powerful and who is not, rather this is a question on who can represent

student the best, I leave the student to answer that!

In conclusion, I would like to wish

all candidates a succesful campaign and good luck on your finals. May the best candidate win.



Oliver Tan Freshman Secretary Candidate Political Science Resident

T.A. Pol 330, Gender Issues in the Law

2. I want to use my position as secretary

to make Polity more efficient and responsive to the students.

3. I think that the most important issue for undergraduates is student apathy. We don't really have is a collection of students that take classes here, and then go about their daily lives. I want to change that, I believe that there is more to college life than just classes. There's social interaction too.

4. The students should vote for me because I care. I'm not running for this position just so my resume will look better. I'm running because I feel that I can make a difference and continue to make a difference.

5. As secretary, I want to make Polity more accessible to the students. If a student has a problem, I want him to be able to approach me and say, "I have a problem". I also want to hold more events where students get to know each other. The way it is now, Polity activities are pretty much when opening week activities end. The CSA has done a good job with activities, but it still needs cooperation of Polity.



Jenniter K. Cangemi Transfer Student Assembly Candidate Undecided Commuter Student

Former Executive Board Member of the Fashion Institute of Technology

2. I will utilize my position as a representative of Stony Brook on Student Assembly to convey the wants

and needs of the students here at Stony Brook in Albany. It is essential that Stony Brook be represented as the individual institution which it is while remaining involved within the SUNY system.

3. There are many issues plaguing the undergraduate student body including social and fiscal worries. My focused concern at this point is the increase in tuition. SUNY is a public secondary education system, and must remain affordable for all. Lower tuition costs evolve to equal opportunity, once tuition is allowed to keep rising this public education will inevitably only be available for the fiscally well off population. It is our duty and our concern as students of SUNY to keep tuition costs down for ourselves and our predecessors.

4. The students should vote for me because they need a strong, lucid, and effective student to represent them in the SUNY system and in Albany.

5. I urge all students to please come and vote in this election. Without the support and knowledge of the students, a representative is only as effective as one.

The Players Have Changed In the Polity Elections

BY DAVE CHOW
Statesman Editor

Changes to look for on the Polity Election ballot Wednesday include Monique Maylor's name which is appearing for the first time on the ballots. In the first election Maylor was a write in candidate, so she was not listed. A candidate who will be a write-in this time, is Tara Nyack for USSA Rep. Brad Hausman and Paul Perrone did flip flops for positions. Hausman is running for president and Perrone for vice president. In the first election they ran vice versa. Another important thing to note is that the "Absolute Leadership" ticket has changed it's name to the "Common

Sense" ticket.

Newcomers to the process are Nyack, Oliver Tan (secretary), Mike Tchupp (senior rep.), Howard Sun (SASU rep.), Jennifer Cangemi (Student Assembly) and Jim Szurko (Stony Brook Council. All these candidates will be on the "Common Sense" ticket. The "Students First" ticket returns intact.

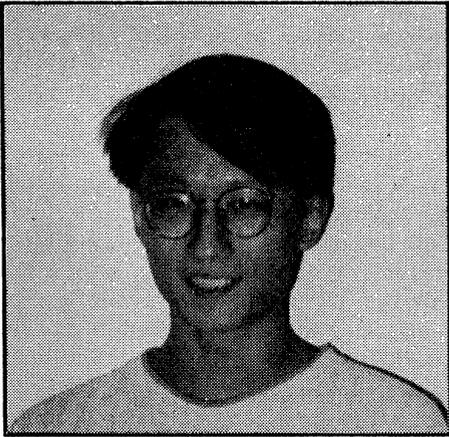
Candidates who withdrew are Matthew Mahoney (president), Vincent Medordi (sophomore rep.), Jugdeep Singh (sophomore rep.), Matthew Edwardson (USSA rep), Jose Pena (vice president) and Josh Alpert (secretary).

The tickets are as follows :

Students First
Monique Maylor - President
Diane Lopez - Vice President
Sayed Ali - Secretary
Jawond Brown - Senior Rep.
Christopher Grant - Junior Rep.
Donna McGowan - Sophomore Rep.
Vivian Salazar - USSA Rep.
Alejandro Cantagallo - SASU Rep.

Common Sense

Brad Hausman - President
Paul Perrone - Vice President
Oliver Tan - Secretary
Mike Tchupp - Senior Rep.
Niranjan Sagapuram - Junior Rep.
Mike Mahoney - Sophomore Rep.
Tara Nyack - USSA Rep
Howard Sun - SASU Rep
Jennifer Cangemi - Student Assembly
Jim Szurko - Stony Brook Council



Howard Sun
Junior
SASU Rep. Candidate
Resident

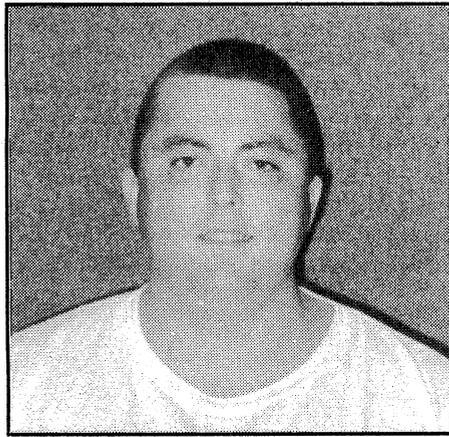
2. I would like to represent Stony Brook by better promoting student

interests.

3. One of the most important issues facing undergraduates today are the SUNY budget cuts. They will affect many students including me. I rely heavily on financial aid, and I want to make sure Stony Brook doesn't get caught holding the short end of the stick. Another major problem is that Stony Brook is under voiced and under represented, which will change when I take office.

4. Because I'm real. Because I'm fed up with the way student government is being run. I'm not a Poli-sci major looking for another checkmark on his/her resume. I am simply a student who cares.

5. Many representatives are lackeys to the administration. I'm here to represent the students, not the government. I want students to come to me and tell me what they want.



Jim Szurko
Senior
Stony Brook Council Rep.
Candidate
Sociology
Resident

I am the current Irving College Senator as well as one of the student representatives to the University Senate. I was Treasurer of the Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council for the '95-'96 school year. I held the position of Chairman pro tem of the LEG President's Forum during the '94-'95 academic year. I was Schick College LEG President for the '94-'95 school year. I have been a Student Judiciary member from Fall '94 to the present. I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society as well

Vivian Salazar
Freshman
USSA Representative
Candidate
Liberal Arts
Resident
RA in Hendrix

2. I will use the experience I have gained through working with Polity, SASU, and USSA. I will maintain constant contact with these organizations and inform students of what is going on.

3. I feel that there is too much apathy on campus and students need to be informed on all the issues. This year the students biggest issues are Pataki's budget proposal on increased tuition.

4. Students should vote for me because I care enough to make a difference and I want to educate them not only on the issues, but what they could do about

as a member of the Golden Key. I was named to the Who's Who of American Junior Colleges for the '93-'94 year. I was also named to the National Dean's List for the '93-'94 school year.

2. I will utilize my position on the Stony Brook Council to be a powerful, outspoken advocate for students' concerns.

3. The most important issues facing students are the implementation of differential tuition and the commercialization of the USB name and logo.

4. Students should vote for me because I

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them.

5. I feel that commuters and residents have many of the same issues such as the tuition hikes and budget cuts. I want to provide an outlet for the students' frustrations through voter registration, postcard campaigns and lobbying our representatives.

6. I feel that all students should be united because only then we will be able to truly make a difference.

am informed on the issues and have the advocacy skills necessary to articulate them.

5. I will be a powerful, outspoken advocate for students' concerns as the Stony Brook Council Representative.

6. Elected representatives derive their power from the constituency that elects them. The greater the number of people who take the time to vote, the greater the mandate those elected representatives will have while in office. It allows them to have a stronger voice and get more done. Please come out and vote. Vote the COMMON SENSE ticket.

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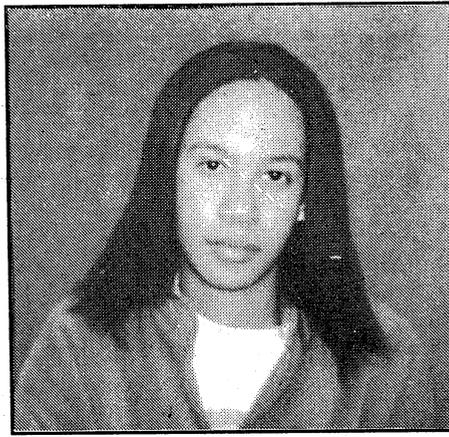
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Michael G. Mahoney
Sophomore
Sophomore Class Rep.
Candidate
Political Science
Resident

Classified

2. I will utilize my position by representing the views and wishes of the Sophomore body within Polity.
3. The most important issues facing the entire undergraduate body are the recent cuts to the SUNY system that are being proposed and the lack of something effectively being done about it.
4. I think that students should vote for me because I feel that I have the necessary qualifications for the job, and I will represent their views better.
5. As their Sophomore Rep., I'll attend the Polity Senate meetings and keep them well informed of upcoming issues and vote in their best interests.
6. I would just like to remind the student body that it is their right, responsibility and privilege to go out and VOTE!



Donna McGowan
Freshman
Sophomore Class Rep.
Candidate
Health Sciences
Resident

Active Whitman Leg member

Develop a public relations, in conjunction with Polity-Pride week, visiting all Leg's (resident and commuter), and student organizations.

I am very open minded, concerned about the welfare of others, I am dedicated, and I am willing to do what ever it takes to insure that the students voice is represented in all facets of the University.

It is important that all students unite and fight against the assault that Pataki has made on SUNY. We need to come together despite all of our differences and urge our legislators to fully restore the cuts to SUNY and to TAP, and to oppose legislation that does not allow welfare recipients access to higher education.

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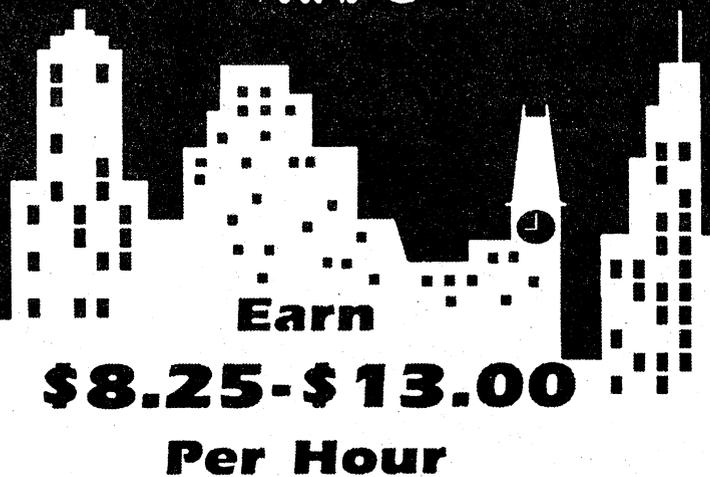
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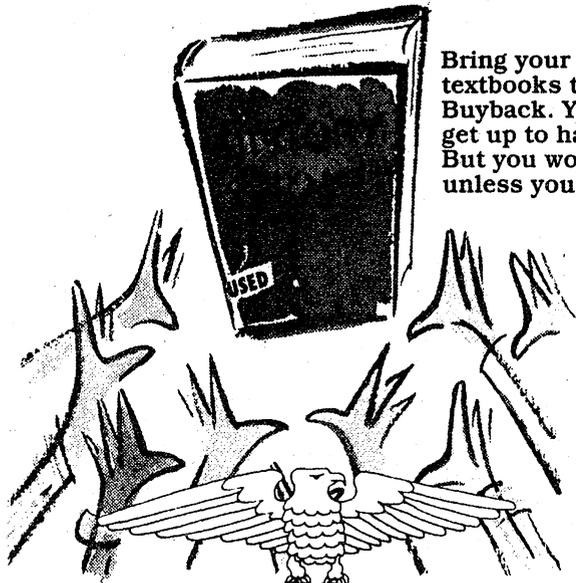
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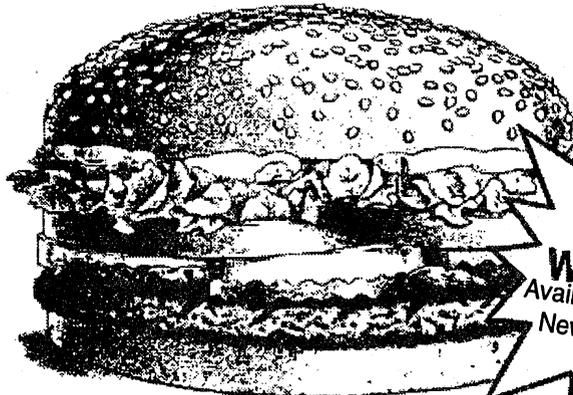
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enough about Polity, then it will be taken right from underneath us. While I strongly believe that everyone should have an equal opportunity to run for an office, experience is a key factor in dealing with individuals who are seeking to break down student empowerment, student advocacy, and student voice. Students should vote for me because for two years I have been a vanguard for student rights, in fighting against the budget cuts and tuition hikes. I am an extremely serious candidate who wants to continue to fight on behalf of all

students and place 'Students First.'

5. Amongst the numerous services already supplied by Polity for all students, both commuters and residents, I intend to make sure that the polling site, which Steve, from NYPIRG, and myself fought diligently to get, will be in place by the next elections. I will continue to provide strong leadership, understanding, and proper student representation.

6. The last month has 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, but none of these claims

held any ground. The other opponents were playing roles of saints and angels, when it was evident that their grievances were of malicious intent and meant to be hurtful to the integrity of the "Students First" ticket and myself as candidates, who were honestly trying to gain the confidence and support of the constituency. With the intent to start a racial war, they tried to turn students against one another for election reasons. They misinformed many students and exploited the "Students First" ticket with a compilation of lies. But the "Students First" ticket is still together, holding strong, because what didn't kill us, only made us stronger.

Polity elections will take place on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling stations will be located in the Student Union, the Library, Javits, HSC, Roth Cafeteria, Benedict Cafeteria, and the Student Activities Center. On Wednesday all polling sites will be open. However, on Thursday, only the Union, Javits, the Library, and the SAC will have polling stations.

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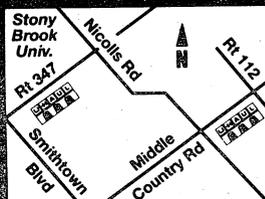
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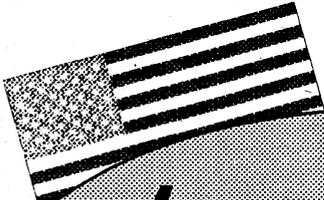
situation. I have a prospective some other candidates do not because I park in South P-Lot everyday. For all students, I will provide more activities on the weekends that all students can enjoy.

6. The issue has been raised that the plaintiffs in the recent judicial case which had the election overturned intended to start a racial war. I would like the students to know something about me. I have spent an enormous amount of time and energy fighting hate throughout my life. I have seen hundreds of films about the Holocaust, and what was done to my people. I have seen the eye of the beast in the faces of the German soldiers. Yet they claim I wanted to start a racial war. What good would that do? None whatsoever.

I believe in doing things by the rules, however inadequate they are. That is the only reason I took these grievances to the judiciary board. We were unable to present more than half of our evidence due to the lack of consistency of the times the hearings were scheduled. This was unfortunate, but that's the rules, and I will abide by them.

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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.

Perhaps the increase in cheating and plagiarism can be assigned to an overall decline of any sense of real achievement on the part of students in gaining the knowledge that a demanding course requires. A trade school mentality, where all that matters, in the end, is the B.A. or B.S. at the end of four years of "study" pervades the campus.

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 for 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.

How Much For A New Major?

We at the *Statesman* are proud of the diverse majors and cultural programs that attending a large university such as Stony Brook provides. Students here can take classes ranging from Sanskrit to African dance without having to travel the globe. In addition, we also fully support the formation of the Center for Indian Studies, inaugurated last Saturday at the Staller Center.

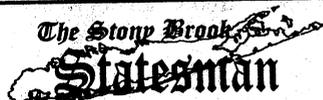
However, we are beginning to wonder about the process by which new majors are supported and formed on this campus. The new Indian Studies major, which itself began last fall, was only forged after money was donated from outside of the University for

this purpose. The new center for Asian studies itself was only created in light of a major donation from a corporate sponsor. We are pleased that the University has received support, in this era of continual budget cuts, from outside sponsors for diverse educational goals. Those that have chosen to give should receive our thanks.

Increasingly, though, we are becoming worried that all one has to do to get their major of choice added within the University system is to simply pay for it. We wonder about the administration's ability to say no when the money is provided from outside funds for a specific program sought. The

University, indeed, probably receives numerous petitions throughout the year calling for a new major or program of study. With money scarce, we can understand any glee they may have when the funds necessary for a project do not have to be looked for. This lack of resources has long been used as a reason why other majors, such as in Journalism, have not been inaugurated.

The University should make clear, then, that new programs of study will be judged not on how much cash is offered from the outside community, but on how it fits within the educational goals of a large and diverse campus.



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LETTERS

Former Candidate Questions Source of Election Money

To the Editor:

Last week the University Senate met to discuss the time that the second Polity election was to be held. The attendance at the meeting was poor, as usual, with so many Senators absent that a quorum could not even be established. The controversy at the meeting centered around when and how the new Polity elections would be conducted. As most readers know, a recent Judiciary decision held that the last elections for Polity positions were improperly conducted and had to be redone.

The problem at the Senate meeting was that the plaintiffs in the Judiciary case (headed by Presidential candidate Brad Hausman, current Vice-President of the CSA), wanted two elections to be held. One election, to be held in the Spring, would decide all those items which were placed on the referendum. Several of the plaintiffs in the Judiciary case are involved in many of the organizations which were on the referendum. Paul Perrone works at SBVAC, former candidate Vincent Medordi, as well as his campaign manager, volunteer at the Child Care Center on campus, to name a few. The plaintiffs were concerned that if an election were held this term, the voter turnout would be so low that in essence, the election would be undemocratic. Elections would have to be held within a compacted space of time, which will insure that students will be left out in the dark.

The Executive Council (which includes Monique Maylor, the center of the plaintiff's complaints) decided differently. They met with Stacey Harris, the head of the Judiciary who

had to step down from the above mentioned case. It seems that Ms. Harris, who removed herself half way through the case (because she was implicated in two of the plaintiff's complaints) was involved in the decision. The Executive Council strongly felt that elections should be held this Spring, and insured that nothing would stop them, not even taking money away from children!

Since there were not enough Senators present to make quorum (which is required for the Senate to allocate the money for a new election), the Executive Council decided to take money from another fund. This fund would be used for the families of full time employees

which are employed by the Student Polity Association. This decision wasn't made by the Senate, but by a council which met in an "emergency" meeting.

Lately, the integrity of the Student Polity has been seriously questioned by the plaintiffs in the Judiciary case and by various voices in the campus media. The Judiciary decided that the last elections should be thrown out because of improprieties by poll watchers. They also found that Monique Maylor had spent well over the limit placed on the amount of money candidates can spend on a campaign (a copy of their written decision should be available in the Polity Suite). Since Monique Maylor

had, herself, committed improprieties in the last election, it is clearly a conflict of interest that she could have had any decision making or advisory role in the scheduling or conducting of the new elections. It seems to me, that this Polity should concentrate more on the democratic process, more on student apathy, and more on getting students out to vote, than protecting their stipends and taking money away from funds which help families.

Sincerely,
Matthew Mahoney
Former Presidential Candidate

A Grab For Power

To the Editor:

I would like to make a few remarks regarding the recent apology that was offered to me by Ms. Samuels and Ms. Clemens regarding the illegal use of my name on Polity documents. The issues that I raised to both Polity and our group were not about the misuse of funds from Polity, but was rather about the unethical way that these funds were attained by the co-chair's for the conference. There are a few facts that I would like to state in defense of my reputation.

Although I was not able to attend all of the conference meetings and give approval for allocations of funds, I was often available at many, many other times to sign forms and allocations.

I informed Ms. Samuels and Ms. Clemens before I took the position in February what my priorities in both my social life and academic life were. I made it clear that the LGBTA and the conference, took priority behind my family and my academics, respectively.

If I was so neglectful then why was I kept on as treasurer? I would like to state that at no time was I asked to step down, or was there an effort made to move me from my position. They seem to be the only ones who take issue with my involvement.

My issue of apathy or lack then of, was not of my complaint. I acknowledged that with a full class load, high grade point average, and a job to put myself through school. At times I was not able to

constantly be there as treasurer. But I tried my best as many members of the group will testify too. Let us not forget Ms. Samuels, had one class this semester and does not have to worry about financing her education. Not all of us are lucky to be able to give full time participation to extracurricular clubs and organizations.

In closing, I do accept Ms. Samuels and Ms. Clemens apology for their illegal use of my name. I guess that this was the old problem of power corrupting, and power corrupting absolutely. I will continue to take steps within the group to prevent usurpation of power from happening again. My actions, I believe, speak for themselves.

Thank you,
Daniel C. Hackett

What Students Will Be Doing This Week Instead Of Voting

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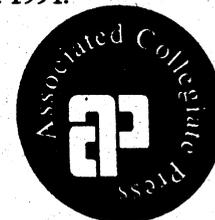
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A Fistful Of Talent Right In Our Back Yard

When I started churning out "Turn It Up" over two years ago, the column was devoted to exposing the talent below the grime of the NYC-hype and big label crusts, doing what college media gurus should do.

That is, to cover the debuts and the rock shuckin' hopefuls with original material who are wading through the muck of industry red tape; to focus on the music and promote the art (not the industry) as best as possible; to give props to those who never get paid and those who deserve what they earn; to let my readers know what's absolutely essential for them to have in their music collection and to always demand more out of each genre of expression to become well rounded listeners who love all forms of music.

Through 40 columns and over the 300 bands that I have covered and/or interviewed, which have included the company of the **Black Crowes**, **Tool**, **Rocket From The Crypt** and **Helmet**, (which will appear Wednesday in the season finale) and others, I have never been more pleased and totally insatiated with a band's sound than with **Q-South's**, self entitled, Times Square debut.

Pounding out a sheer nylon stringed pill of subliminal Flamenco-clad rock 'n' roll, these boys toy with a melodic yah-yah of groove that's as fresh and striking as a punch to the face and as memorable as three-day hangover. And now they have a label to prove it. No one can say they're not *real* rockers anymore.

"It's fantastic. You work your whole life to get to this stage of the game. Lookin' back on it, it's pretty wild," said, singer/songwriter, Walker Hornung sportin' his queens accent.

But getting to this stage may not have been as important as the ride, which has lasted almost six years as the band cranked out various 7" releases while gigging the ass out of NYC-sweatshops like the Continental, the Lions Den, Mercury Lounge and Wetlands. They never quit their day jobs — but maybe one day they will. Now with their original



TURN IT UP
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RON STRAUSS

guitarist, Chris DeLeo, back in the pack after a long sabbatical to pursue other interests, it seems like the future looks like a blinking green light. "We're glad to have him back because he's a very strong presence to the band and extremely responsible for filling the nylon string sound."

There's no beef at all and DeLeo labels his relationship with the band as "stronger than ever."

The most evident and striking element of this five man thrust of straight-up-your-ass Flamenco action rests in the lap of their incredibly well-rounded musicianship, creating a sound as crisp and resonant as letting blood out of steel. They find harmony where the merger of rock and Latin-vibe consciousness would seem to clash, as with the opening track "Ripe For Rape/The Limit," which actually is a merger of previous material with tangy new flavor.

That new flavor comes mackin' in the bag of tricks that producer Susan Rogers, who has chilled some cool java with **Prince** (the artist? What ever!) and **Nil Lara**. "I think that since we worked with someone who worked in dance really brought out the sound because the album is so rhythmic in nature," said Hornung. Rhythmic as it is, the album is all rock 'n' roll. Forget that **Los Lobos** shit. The association of images with music is one of these problems. "They [people who don't know anything about the band] expect to see five guys in Mariachi outfits," Hornung said.

The sound blends a number of proficiencies ranging from orchestral-like transitions contained in their beatific milkshake "The Plan," to the eight-track mastery of "Conclusion," which was recorded in a basement and Hornung labels as an impressive eight-track that's "on par with the rest of the album."

On track, on point and pure in guitar syntax, Q-South represents a vivid and fresh alternative to rehashed flamboyance, proving that the beautiful as well as the complex can stroll hand-in-hand; basking in their cohesion, but humble in their power. A truly unbelievable accomplishment.



Walker Hornung, Chris DeLeo, Eddie Klinger, Matthew McCann, Eddy Joe McCabe

Q South's Time Square debut.

"I know a lot of the modern bands today, they try and make things intricate and cloud it up with ethnic parts," Hornung said. "We don't sit down with a sitar and put them in there.

They're not there for effect. They're more the natural order of things.

That's it for this week. Add props to Mike A. for setting' up this Jamey and drummer Eddy

Clangor for contributing your time and information.

Next week: the finale with helmet. It all goes down here. Enjoy.

Finding A Job By Getting C.A.N.ned Internet Access to Pursue A Career After Graduation

BY SHEEJA FRANCIS
Statesman Staff

Career Advisors Network (C.A.N.), a service from the Career Placement Center, can now be accessed through the internet and, thus, is available at the numerous computer sites throughout the campus.

Even though it has been around for many years, the network is getting wider interest thanks to its easy accessibility from the Stony Brook Web Site.

C.A.N. is composed of about 200 alumni who are ready and willing to help students in providing information to make career decisions. The alumni welcome inquiries into their particular fields. Some even help new graduates find jobs or graduate school positions.

"We just moved it over to the Web within the last couple of months," said Tim Luzader, director of the Career Placement Center. "The intent is to increase the visibility of the program." The network can be reached on the internet through the Career Placement Center homepage at <http://www.sunysb.edu/career/>. Press the "Student Foyer" icon followed by the "Services Offered" icon after entering the

homage.

"Any student who's on campus and hooked up with the internet and connects with the homepage can take a look and see whose there," explained Tom Tyson, Associate Director of the Career Placement Center. "The reason it was established was to provide students an opportunity to talk to alumni about career opportunities that they may be thinking about."

The network was first established as an index card file, which was available to students after meeting with a counselor at the center. It was then moved to a microcomputer a few years ago. Many students are not even aware of the network's existence and the center hopes to increase interest by becoming easily attainable on any on-campus computer.

Since the network can be accessed at many places, it is hard to monitor the frequency of use. "The disadvantage is that we don't have a handle on it as we used to," Tyson said. "We plan to follow up closely with the alumni to see how its working out."

Tyson is in the middle of sending out mailings to the alumni to both see if they are comfortable with being on the Web and to keep posted on how the student response

has changed.

"If they had something like this in 1980 I would've used it," said Steve Traum, who graduated with a BA in Economics in 1980, and has been part of the network since then. Traum, a manager for a teacher's insurance, has had a total of two students contact him in the past 17 years. He is enthusiastic about hearing from more students now that the network will have a wider audience. "I know that at ivy league there is a whole network where students rely on alumni to help them out, but this is not the case at Stony Brook," Traum said.

Like Traum, a majority of the alumni on the network are in the business field. Law is another popular field with C.A.N. members. "We also have a fair number of alumni in some of the health professions and especially in some of the mental health fields like counseling, social work and psychology," Tyson said. "The thing that everybody has in common is that they all want to help."

"We've tried to develop alumni that represent a cross section of careers," Luzader said. "Our biggest challenge is to encourage students to follow through."

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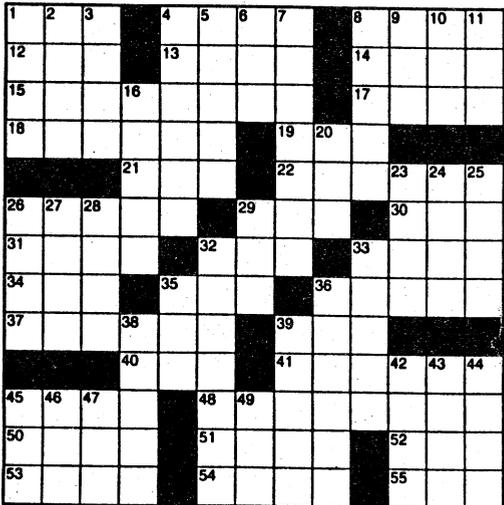


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Candidate for Polity Council Defends Her Ticket

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.

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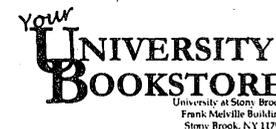
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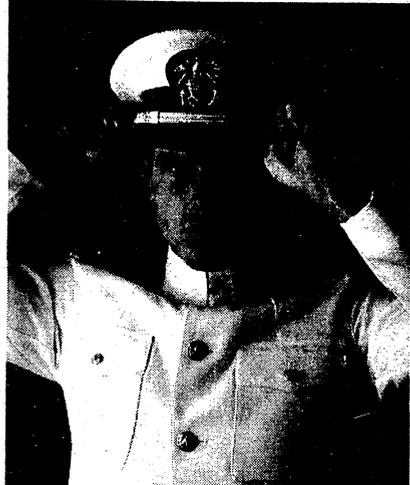
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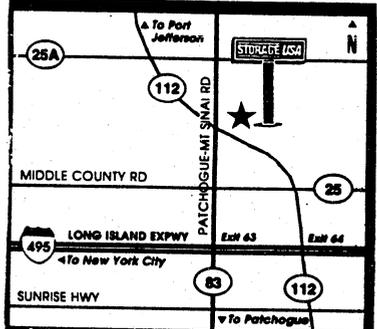
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saw) of Diane Lopez and myself electioneering within eyeshot and earshot of the polling station and wanted us to suffer a 20% penalization of our votes. In the bylaws, Article XI: Section V; it states: "Electioneering within 100 feet radius and/or 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.

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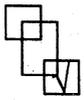
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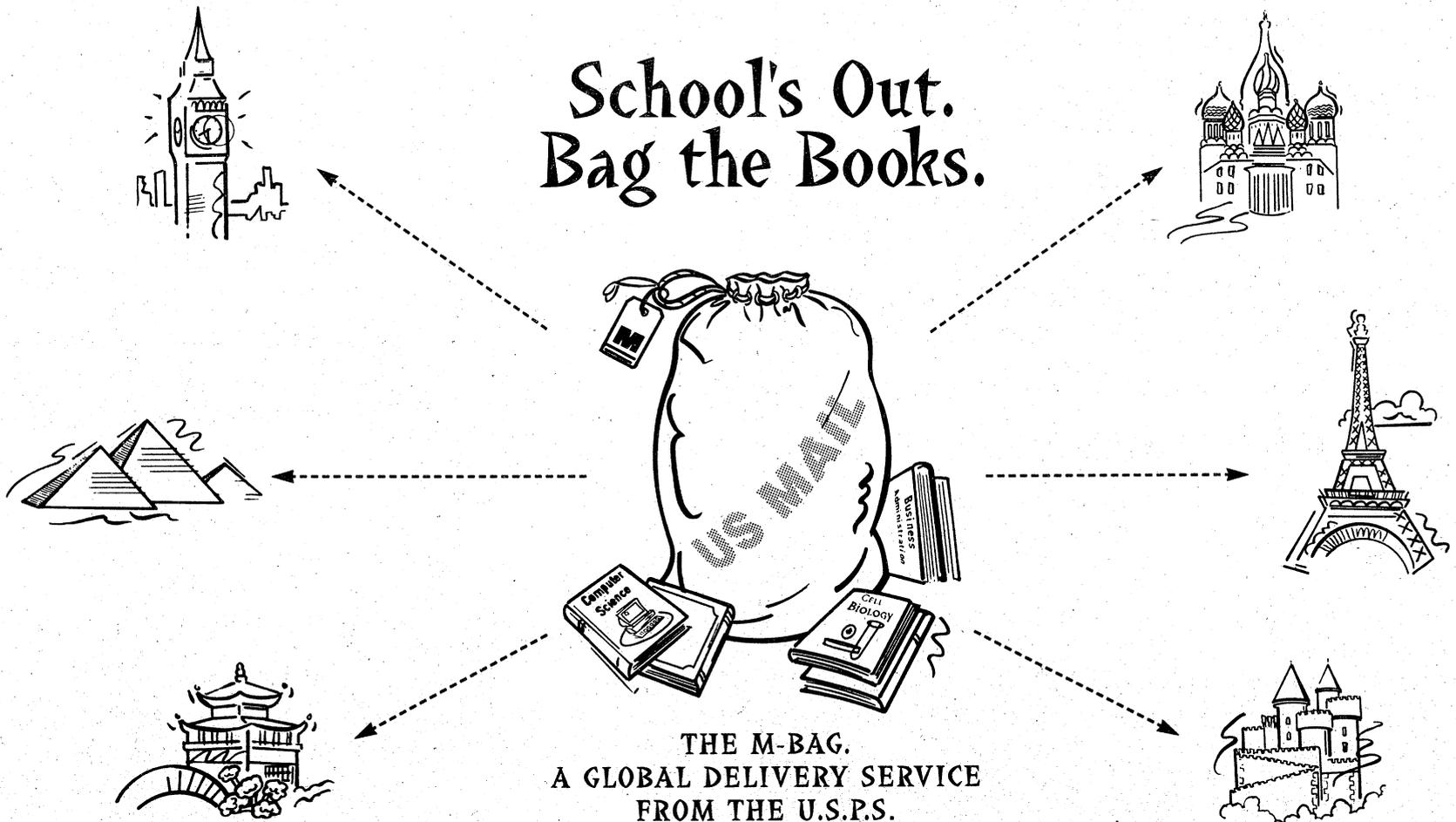
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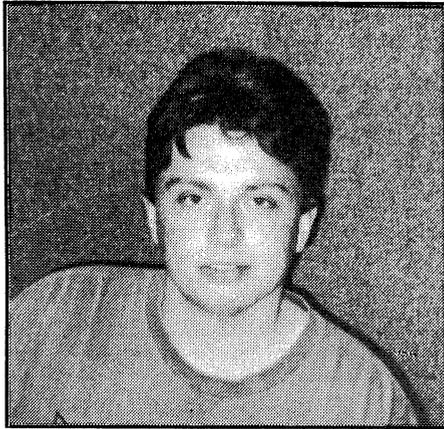
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 - a. Not knowing that tutoring is available through Polity.
 - b. Not knowing who their student representatives are so they can be used and informed of problems.
 - c. Not enough say in decisions made that'll effect us directly
 - d. Not enough involvement in marches and protests
4. Students should vote for me because I'm persistent and in for the long haul : That's with everything I do.
5. I would provide myself as a service. Let me explain. If you have a problem and need help in solving it, I'll try to help out or find someone who will do better than me. I will listen to suggestions for trips, graduation guest speakers or social activities and take them into serious

consideration to where that person will be the head of the committee so it can be done to their satisfaction

6. My job is to represent and be there for you. Don't sit around and complain, "They don't do anything for me" come and tell me so I can!!



Michael Tschupp
Senior
Senior Class Rep. Candidate
Biology
Resident

Senator, Gershwin College, Program Coordinator for Stony Brook at Law Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society

2. I will utilize my position to represent the interests of the Senior class to the best of my abilities. This includes, but is not limited to, combating student apathy, responsible lobbying of our elected officials, and standing up to Administration when it attempts to make changes in our school,

which will dramatically impact students, with neither their advice nor consent. I would strive to end the bickering and feuding within Polity, making it more responsive to the needs of the students. With regards to student apathy, I would like to lead the Senior class in becoming more active in the preservation of our environment. My academic background in biology and environmental science, my experience as Senator for the Environmental Science Living/Learning Center, in addition to my personal beliefs and my plans for in a career in environmental law, will allow me to address this matter and get tangible results. The environment is an issue that we all can and must agree upon; pollution does not discriminate.

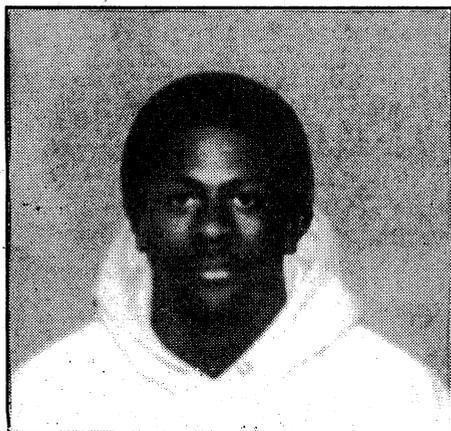
3. Hands down, the most important problem that we as undergraduates face are the proposed tuition hikes and cuts to financial aid. They affect us all, without exception. We need to address it by lobbying responsibly to our local elected officials and those in Albany. By responsible lobbying, I mean dealing with these officials on their own level, as mature professionals. This is what they respond to, and if we seek to influence rather than alienate them, it is the only effective route to take.

4. I will work tirelessly for my constituency and be a champion of their rights, as I have done in the Senate. I refuse to allow myself to be drawn into the pettiness and nastiness that have infected and crippled our student government. The students and not my ego will always be #1 on my list of priorities. There is no #2.

5. I would like to see many things instituted to make myself and Polity as a whole more responsive to the student body. I would like to see the organizers of programs and concerts on campus expand their efforts towards diversity, so

that a greater variety of activities and music becomes available. Everyone has something to offer to this community, and the community must have something to offer to each student. Needless to say, my door has always been open to my constituents at Gershwin College, and that invitation extends to the entire student body. I would also like to start a newsletter for the Senior class, where our seniors will be able to quickly find vital information. I would also bring our class into the information age with a site on the Web, where students could exchange ideas and express their concerns to me. Furthermore, I intend to work closely with Specula, our yearbook, and with the commencement organizers, to make sure that our final days at Stony Brook are ones that we can fondly and proudly look back upon.

6. I am not a politician. I am a serious student and a member of the USB community that is willing and able to make a positive difference. I am not about to forsake the students of this school to engage in political vendettas and feuds. Whomever emerges from this election as our new Polity officers, we are bound by duty to lay aside our differences and get behind our legitimately elected representatives. We must turn aside unbridled ambition with unbridled enthusiasm for the work that lies ahead. I have great enthusiasm for what we can accomplish next year, but all the enthusiasm in the world shall go for nothing if we do not unite as students. Not students divided according to resident or commuter, nor by lines of partisanship, religion, color or of any other sort. Only one line matters, the line we draw with those who would put our education in jeopardy; the line we draw and say with one strong voice, "No more !"



Christopher Grant
Sophomore
Junior Class Rep. Candidate
Undecided
Resident

Resident assistant, football player,

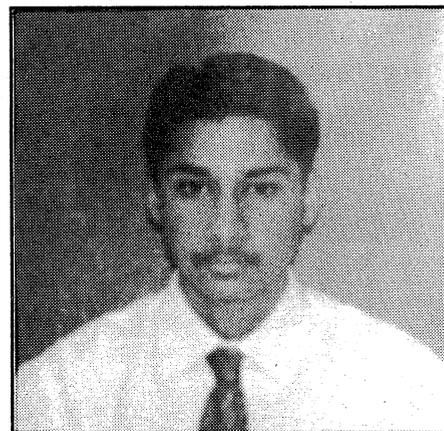
assistant treasurer

2. This position allows me to represent the collective voice of the junior class. Because of the positions I hold and my previous experience working in Polity, I feel that I am the best candidate for this position.

3. The most important issue facing undergrads at Stony Brook is receiving an affordable higher education. Stony Brook is ranked highly among Public schools in many areas budget cuts and tuition hikes will keep many students from getting this high quality, low cost education.

4. Students should vote for me because I am the most qualified candidate.

5. The junior year is a very important year in a college student's life. This is the year the students pick their majors. As junior representative, I would set up job and internship fairs to help these students decide what they will do after they graduate college.



Niranjana Sagapuram
Sophomore
Junior Class Rep. Candidate
Political Science
Commuter

2. I will utilize my position as Junior Representative to help inform students by utilizing all our possible resources to the full extent. I believe that Polity has attempted to make students aware but not enough. I would like to move Polity into the twenty-first century by implementing its own web page. With a few clicks of mouse, a student would be able to find out what Polity is up to and planning. In addition, I would like

to see every official post his or her e-mail address. It may not be all that can be done to increase awareness, but it is a good start.

3. I have gotten the general consensus that the undergraduate population feels that students do not get enough time for their night mid-term exams. I myself am one of these people and feel that this should change. I would like to see that every person have at least two hours for every exam they take. We should be tested for our knowledge and not our speed.

4. Students should vote for me because I feel I am the best man for the job. I may not have any experience in Polity. But, I can bring fresh blood to a dying system, a system that has become stale and is in need of a shakeup.

5. As previously stated, I would like every person on this campus to feel that Polity is not esoteric thing that only a few are entitled to know about. I believe the way we make Polity more accessible to students is by going interactive and of course by the old-fashioned way of just word of mouth.

6. In light of all that as happened with the previous election, I just want people to know that their current government is not doing all that it can do. But, don't be discouraged my ticket and I are coming to make what is wrong, right! It's just **Common Sense**.

Polity Elections will be held this Wednesday and Thursday. Let Your Voice Be Heard, VOTE.

Polity elections will take place on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling stations will be located in the Student Union, the Library, Javits, HSC, Roth Cafeteria, Benedict Cafeteria, and the Student Activities Center. On Wednesday all polling sites will be open. However, on Thursday, only the Union, Javits, the Library, and the SAC will have polling stations.