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Students Rally to

By KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

Cries of outrage echoed all over campus from students who stormed the Administration Building and the Student Activities Center to protest the Chartwells meal plan yesterday during campus life time.

Initiated and organized by the Student Polity Association, the overwhelming majority of students surveyed at the event said that they felt that the rally was a rousing success. No official head count was taken.

For the first time since the 1970s, students of all ethnicities, organizations, and class status gathered to unite against a common enemy - the University, disproving the common complaint that student activism is dead on the Stony Brook University campus.

Students met at the Student Union armed with signs with angry slogans, including "Activation fee - spend it on me," "We're starving," "Take this meal plan and shove it," and "Stop robbing us!"

A great deal of work was done to get the proverbial ball rolling for the rally. Polity senator and Student Activities Board representative Stanley Bazille originally proposed the idea to Polity President Andrez Carberry over a week ago. Distraught over the plight of a

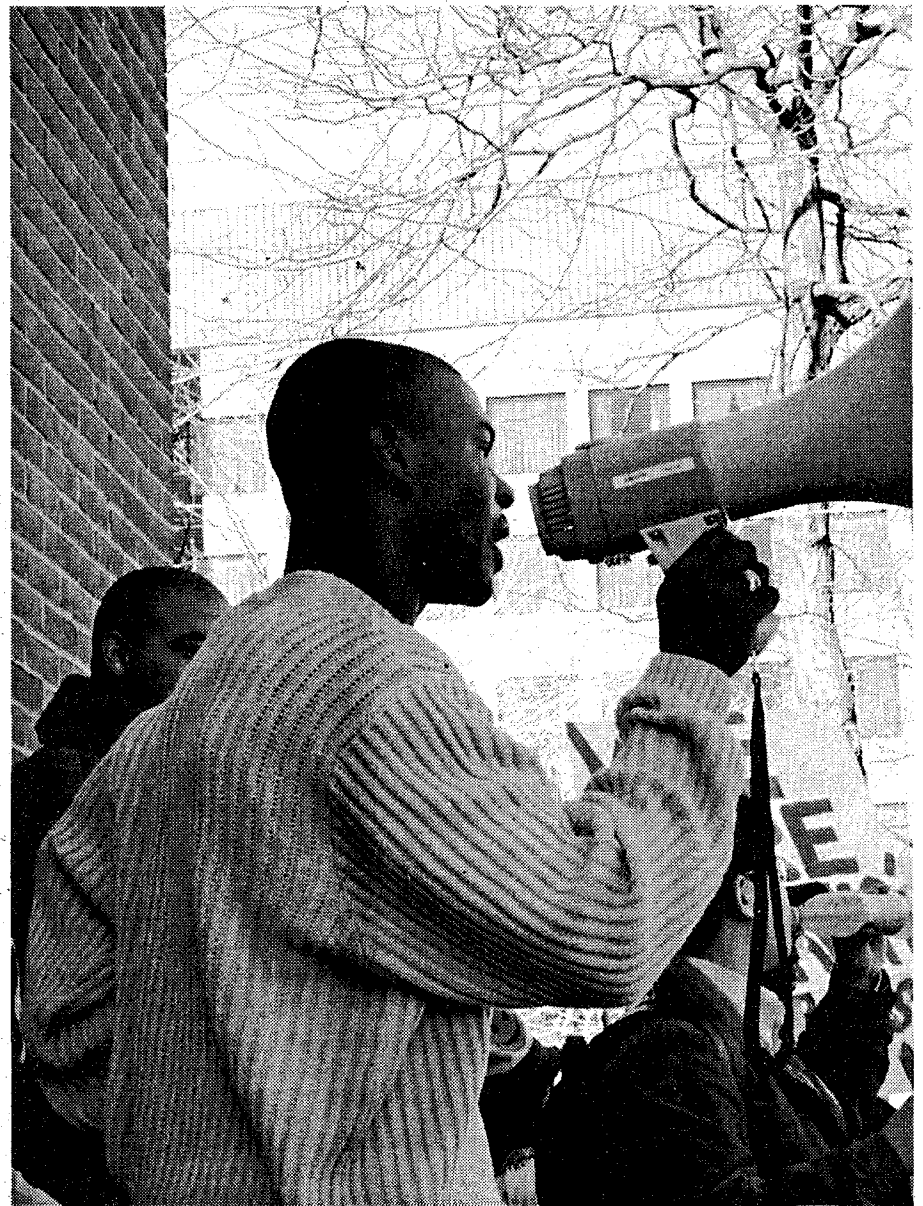
fellow student, a pregnant undergraduate with no money left on her meal card, Bazille brought his concerns to Carberry, and the two, aided by the efforts of the rest of the Student Polity Association, the Minority Planning Board, the Student Activities Board, and many other campus organizations, hammered out a course of action.

"As a student, I cannot sit idly by and watch students starve," Carberry said, "If they continue to fight against us, we are going to fight back."

And fight they did. Word of the rally was passed to the students through the phone mail system, through flyers strewn about the campus, and dorm storming. Resident Keri Whitenack participated in a grassroots campaign to spread word of the rally by going to buildings all over campus and letting residents know about the event. Whitenack is vehemently opposed to the current meal plan. "We pay a \$125 activation fee for our meal plan, commuters don't have to pay it, and then they use the money to build dining halls that we won't be allowed in between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m."

The anger over the SAC's policy of not accepting meal cards during lunch is high on the list of resident complaints, along with the confiscation of unused residence points.

A letter composed by the Student



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Polity President Andrez Carberry led the student marchers.

Polity Association that was distributed to the heads of the Faculty Student Association, Chartwells, and University President Shirley Strum Kenny listed the demands of the students in regard to the meal plan. Dafina Roberts, Executive Chair of the Minority Planning Board, who distributed many copies of the letter to different administrative offices during the rally, explained that "unless we receive a positive response to our demands by 5 p.m. on Friday, we will take further action."

At the start of the rally, participants were herded into the Union Ballroom. Polity provided a free meal of pizza, salad, and sandwiches to everyone assembled. Andrez Carberry led the audience in chants decrying the eating situation on campus, and students responded in an enthusiastic manner. "You love it, we hate it, take this meal plan and shove it!", roared the assembled, as they surged to the second floor offices and over to the administration building.

"Hey, ho, this meal plan s— has got to go," yelled the students. Some of the angrier students resorted to a simpler chant of "F— the meal plan," as the march continued.

Armed with a megaphone and the drive to match the amplification it provided, Carberry led the marchers to

the SAC. On the way, angry students stormed through the newly constructed fountain, which is not yet operational. At the SAC, the marchers gathered outside the office of Dean of Student Affairs Carmen Vasquez, where the aforementioned letter was placed in her mailbox.

"I think it's wonderful to see activism at Stony Brook again. I'm proud that they're fighting for their issues, their agenda, and their demands," Vasquez said about the rally.

Nothing could assuage the students involved. Polity treasurer Renee Johnson, a resident who is not on the meal plan, voiced her anger. "I could feed my whole family for several months with \$1100. Students here are starving. We want real changes. We mean business."

The president of the Fraternity Sorority Council, Jacobson Bathelmy, echoed Johnson's sentiment. "It's time the school starts taking the concerns of the students seriously. Stop building fountains and do something for us. The meal plan is changed every year. It's supposed to get better, but it consistently gets worse."

Departing from the SAC, the march paused halfway down the zebra path, but the chanting continued. SBU police officers were present, but did not



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The students demonstrated in the Administration Building.

Protest Meal Plan



Both photos by Ruth Chung, Statesman Editor



The march started at the Student Union, preceded to the Administration Building (above), to the SAC (left) and circled back to the Union.

interfere with any of the protest activities. "I think it's been nice and orderly so far," said Doug Little deputy chief of police, "Demonstrations of this nature are important." Little estimated the turnout to be more than 250 students.

The assembly on the zebra path drew the interest of passing students, some of whom joined the group as they returned to the front of the Student Union for a final rallying cry. Greely College Polity Senator Storm Morales surveyed the group of students and said, "I'm very proud of the students that showed up. People talk about a lack of morale on this campus, but this proves them wrong."

Jessica Vito, the Leg president at Wagner College, watched the demonstrating students with a measure of relief. "The student body isn't content and they're doing something about it. The meal plan isn't fair. Why do they keep taking points from us? Can't they at least give them to the people that have absolutely nothing?" Resident Yasmine Diaz summed up the sentiment of the crowd with a simple explanation for the anger. "Two words. This sucks."

When SAB Executive Chair Faustine Joshua was asked her opinion on the whole situation, she said,

"We're mad as hell. They're treating us like children. Well, we'll keep fighting them until we get a response."

The demonstration ended when Carberry asked for silence, and then invited every student assembled to raise their fist in a show of solidarity. "We are showing that this is the last time you will hear silence from this student body. We are students united."

The remaining protesters were invited back to the Union Ballroom for a Polity-provided drink. Carberry said he was happy with the turnout and the tone of the rally. "People say Stony Brook is divided, but there were no cliques here today. I want to extend a big thank you to all the students who came out."

Another demonstration is tentatively planned for Monday at 10 p.m. if the demands are not responded to by 5 p.m. on Friday. The students involved with this issue will continue to fight until changes are made. Carberry summed up the driving reason behind the extensive activism. "We have compromised for as long as I can remember. Now it is time for us to stand up for what we want."

Statesman Editor Jennifer Kester contributed to this article.

Wednesday, December 1, 1999

- 1:40 a.m. An RA in Hamilton College reported the smell of marijuana, the report was unfounded.
- 1:55 a.m. A fire was set in a first floor hallway of Benedict College.
- 9:38 a.m. The driver side window of a vehicle in Sanger College was damaged, the vehicle's stereo system was stolen.
- 12:23 p.m. A cell phone was found in the University Hospital.
- 2:15 p.m. Hackers were found tampering with computers in the Library.
- 4:22 p.m. A wallet containing credit cards, \$20, and an ID card was stolen from the third floor of the Library.
- 10:25 p.m. The stereo of a vehicle in the Tabler P-Lot was stolen. The interior of the vehicle was severely damaged.

Thursday, December 2, 1999

- 2:05 a.m. There was a complaint of noise from the Benedict Cafeteria. The cause was a party sponsored by the RHD.
- 3:13 a.m. A Chapin resident received harassing phone calls.
- 3:30 a.m. There was a complaint of noise from the Mendelsohn P-Lot, the complainant thought it might have been males pledging. The cause was due to the evacuation of James College during a fire alarm.
- 7:52 a.m. A bicycle was stolen from a rack outside of Dewey College.
- 8:00 a.m. Unknown persons defecated in Javits Room 104.
- 11:54 a.m. A James College resident was harassed.
- 12:46 p.m. A Greely College resident received a harassing telephone call.
- 1:41 p.m. Hand held equipment, valued at \$600, was stolen from the Dental School.
- 2:22 p.m. There was an incident of harassment in Benedict College.
- 4:04 p.m. Ten rings were found in a bag in the University Hospital.
- 4:55 p.m. An ATM card was found in the University Hospital.
- 5:41 p.m. A pay phone in the University Hospital was damaged.

- 5:57 p.m. A Cardozo College resident received harassing phone calls.
- 7:48 p.m. The trunk of a vehicle was damaged in the Mendelsohn P- Lot.
- 8:10 p.m. A male in the Roth Quad Cafeteria refused to pay for his meal.
- 9:18 p.m. A Sanger College resident received harassing phone calls.

Friday, December 3, 1999

- 5:30 a.m. A fire alarm was pulled in James College.
- 6:03 a.m. Residential Life staff in James College requested assistance when a staff meeting after a fire alarm got out of hand.
- 11:47 a.m. A person was hit in the head by a rock that was kicked up by a bus in the vicinity of Roosevelt Quad.
- 12:02 p.m. A small fire started when a copy machine caught fire in Dana Hall.
- 12:47 p.m. A Wagner College resident receive a harassing phone call.
- 1:27 p.m. An Irving College resident was caught smoking marijuana, the problem has been ongoing.
- 2:06 p.m. A Gershwin College resident reported a lost ID card.
- 2:54 p.m. There was a report of marijuana in Hand College, the student was smoking cigarettes.
- 3:28 p.m. A ladies wallet was found in the University Hospital.
- 4:05 p.m. A cell phone was stolen from the Library.
- 7:21 p.m. A person was found in possession of controlled substances, the subject was arrested.
- 8:53 p.m. A Dewey College resident received a harassing phone call.
- 8:58 p.m. There was a disturbance outside of the SAC Auditorium, the subjects were escorted off campus.
- 11:38 p.m. Five males were found drinking and possibly doing drugs. They were interviewed and referred to Student Judiciary.

Saturday, December 4, 1999

- 6:57 a.m. A large group of people were reported to be making noise in the woods behind Kelly Quad, all was in order.
- 2:41 p.m. A backpack containing books was found in the University Hospital.

4:21 p.m. Money was stolen from the University Club.

Sunday, December 5, 1999

- 8:50 a.m. \$40 was taken from the Long Island Veteran's Home.
- 9:30 a.m. \$42 was taken from the Long Island Veteran's Home.
- 5:18 p.m. A wallet was lost in the Indoor Sports Complex.
- 11:51 p.m. A Benedict College resident reported receiving a harassing phone call.

Monday, December 6, 1999

- 2:33 a.m. There was an altercation between roommates in Hendrix College. The RHD was notified.
- 9:47 a.m. An enunciator panel, worth \$1100, was taken from the Roosevelt Cafeteria.
- 12:18 p.m. A wallet was taken from the pants of a person in Gershwin College.
- 12:19 p.m. A small fire occurred in the basement of the Library. Four people were trapped in an elevator as a result of the fire.
- 12:36 p.m. An inspection sticker was taken from a vehicle in the Health Science Center loading dock.
- 2:28 p.m. An ID card was taken from a tray in teh SAC Cafeteria.
- 2:38 p.m. A cell phone was stolen from a Benedict College resident.
- 5:31 p.m. The key to a medicine room in the Long Island Veteran's home was stolen.

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The Statesman will be holding its Editorial Board Elections for the Spring Semester, this Saturday, December 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Statesman's offices (room 057-058 of the SB Union). All staff are welcome to attend. Please note that in order to run for an office, you must first fill out a nomination form.

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**A Thought
From
Rabbi Adam**



Is being Jewish about being part of a people or is it about religion? According to the rules of religion, if one is not a believer, then one is no longer an identified member. So it could be that one's parents are of one faith yet the children are of another. However, with issues of ethnicity, one directly follows the ethnic lines of one's family. Both the parents and the children are always of the same ethnic group. Now Judaism is a religion, as it is about G-D, Moses and belief. Yet it's an ethnicity in the sense that even if one doesn't believe in anything, as long as one's mother is Jewish, they are too. Thus Judaism is an inseparable weave of religion and culture. The celebration of this weave is Chanukah. Chanukah marks the Jewish liberation from ancient Greek oppression. The Greeks were not out to annihilate the Jews. Nor did they want to extinguish the Jewish tradition. Instead they wanted to undo the Jewish weave of religion and culture. The Greeks accepted Jews and Jewish culture as long as it didn't have anything to do with the one G-D. Therefore the Greek oppression expressed itself not against the Jews, but against their Temple. Similarly, victory over the Greeks resulted in the rededication of the Temple by the lighting of the Menorah. Our reaffirmation of Judaism as being an inherent weave of religion and culture is Chanukah. With the lighting of one's personal Menorah one attempts to understand the weave of their own Jewish identity.

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"A Burning Issue"

No Candle Rule is No Problem for Jewish Students Celebrating Hanukah

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Although Hanukah is not the biggest holiday within the Jewish religion, the Jewish students on the Stony Brook campus are still celebrating. This is in spite of the fact that an integral part of the celebration is prohibited in their dorm rooms.

As most residents can read off of the flyers posted in their rooms, in addition to microwaves, free weights and hot plates, any type of candle is not allowed in the dorms. This rule effectively denies Jewish students from observing the lighting of menorahs in honor of Hanukah.

But few resident assistants or residence hall directors experienced any complaints from Jewish students objecting to this rule.

Neither did Rabbi Joseph Topek the director of Hillel, Stony Brook's Jewish organization. "I have not received one single complaint," said the Rabbi. "I would say that it hasn't been a burning issue," he remarked.

This is because a candle has been lit in a menorah all the nights of Hanukah thus far, and not one resident has gotten written up for it.

Every night at 5:30, a gathering of Jewish students have been converging at the large menorah that is facing the Melville Library in the Academic Mall. Here, a candle is lit in celebration of Hanukah, signifying the lighting of eternal light.

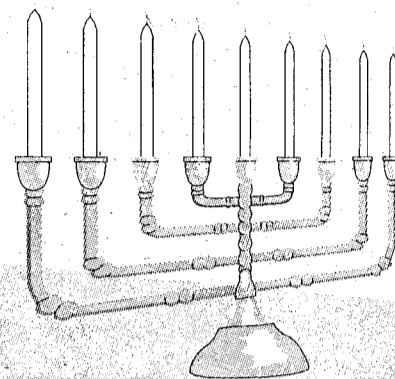
The large menorah was built about 12 years ago by engineering students and Topek. While it used to be in front of the Union, the celebration

has since moved to the Mall and according to Topek, people like it. "It's become a quaint piece of Stony Brook tradition," he said.

Topek also mentioned other options for Jewish students. He pointed out that Jewish students can bring their menorahs, which only need to be lit for about thirty minutes, to Roth Quad's Kosher cafeteria to observe the holiday. "Every night a small group gathers and we pass out little Hanukah gifts to those who come," said Topek.

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In addition, there is always the option of electric menorahs. Topek pointed out that these are options when lighting an actual flame is not a possibility, such as in the case of a person in the hospital who may be near such things as oxygen tanks.



While there are other possibilities to celebrate Hanukah, which ends on Thursday evening, not all students agree with the candle prohibition. Junior Martinez, who is not Jewish, said that not allowing menorahs is a violation of the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of religion. He questioned why candles are not allowed at all. "I guess the administration doesn't trust us to have candles," he said.

Peter Morales agreed. He also pointed out that other religions require candle lighting, such as Kwanzaa.

Jonathan Marrero said that students who want to have a menorah should be allowed to have one. "If there's a reason for it, it should be fine," he said. "Otherwise, they're keeping people from their own beliefs."

Taking A Stand Against The Church

Reverend Crusades for Gay Rights

By ANN X.L. ZHU
Statesman Staff

This Monday, the controversial Reverend Gregory Dell spoke out on homosexuality as part of the Protestant Campus Ministry's "Diversity of Religion" month. Dell's lecture, titled, "An Inclusive Society" was given at the SAC as well as in various classes throughout the day.

Dell has become a highly controversial character because of his position towards homosexuality as presented in the Church. He came under fire for conducting a Holy Union between two men. A trial was held and he was promptly found guilty. The charges brought against him were for "disobedience to the order and discipline of the United Methodist Church."

The ruling in the trial will only change if the rules of the Church change. He is no longer allowed to practice as a religious figure in the Church, as his ordination credentials were suspended earlier this year. He has served the United Methodist Church for 35 years, and in June received the "Courageous Register" award from Refuse and Resist, a national human rights organization.

Dell is the director of a movement called, "In All Things Charity", which "...is working to change the Church's official position on homosexuality,"

said Dell.

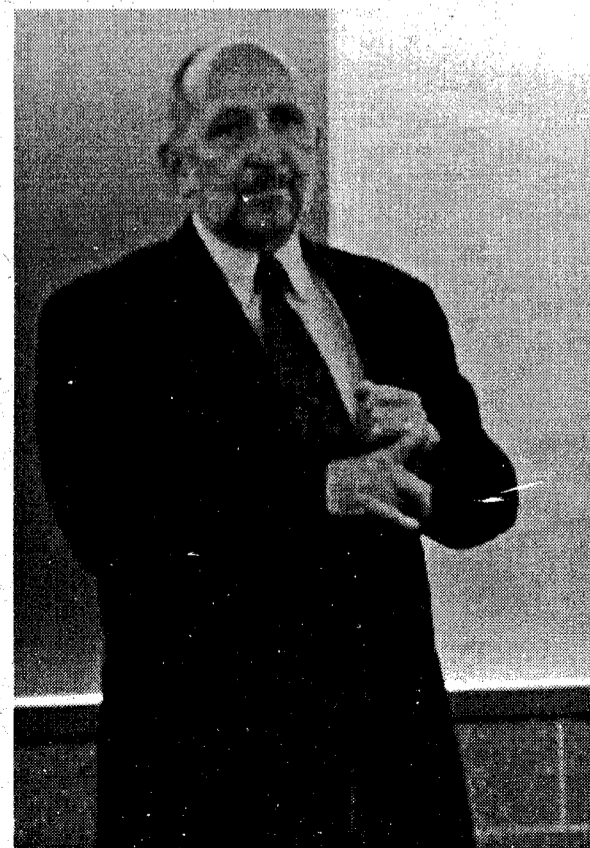
The recent trend of gay pride is seen by the Church, said Dell, as a "destruction of the natural order of power bound by the Bible and tradition." But, according to Dell's beliefs, "Tradition is not to be bound but to learn from."

Senior Arda Guvenel was surprised by the lecture. "Hearing a person of the Church take such a contrary position is unusual."

A common misconception, according to Dell, is that being gay is something that can be changed. "There are no defined points to where a person can be reformed to being straight," he asserted.

The lecture was sponsored by Protestant Campus Ministry and co-sponsored by the Dean of Students Office; the University's Arms Control and Peace Studies Center; the Women's Studies program; and the Gay/Lesbian Staff and Faculty Network at Stony Brook.

To conclude his lecture, Dell spoke of the dangers of suppression. He contends that it is a dangerous thing, and evidence of that exists throughout history. He strongly cautioned all present of using "cultural values to suppress others." When one person's rights are encroached upon, "...you could cause a rebellion. Do that to a whole group, and it could be a call for revolution."



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Reverend Dell speaks out on the Church's view of homosexuality.

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Editorials

Finally!!

By all accounts, the recent rally held to protest the disgusting and practically criminal meal plan was a huge success. This is a far cry from the usual rallies and demonstrations that somehow wind up defunct before they even start. There was a sad rumor going around that students on this campus were unspirited and uncaring about anything and everything. But we have rewritten the facts.

For once, the student body has come together to fight for a common cause and it is about time. Each semester, there are countless complaints regarding unfair meal plans, unsatisfactory food choices, exorbitant prices and just a general disdain for all things edible on this campus. But in spite of the relatively meek complaints that got lost somewhere in the echo of the SAC

cafeteria, each semester, the meal plan seemed to actually get worse. This semester's not only unfair but just plain weird policy of "Use it or Lose it" is beyond ridiculous. It is as good as robbing both money and food right out of the pockets and stomachs of every resident on a meal plan. But where does that money go? Do students derive any benefit out of it whatsoever?

Overhearing students mention trips to Waldbaum's for groceries is truly something that all administrators should feel ashamed of. Imagine having to spend close to \$1500 and not even getting to eat all of that money's worth. Can you fathom being charged eight dollars for a case of soda and six dollars for a burger but never even getting to drink or eat them? That is about what the policy adds up to. But

to top it all off, having to spend still more money on food? It is inexcusable.

We want to applaud the efforts of each and every one of you that came out for the rally. We are keeping our fingers tightly crossed that the fire in the bellies of all of you is not extinguished by egg nog and all the other calming effects of a long vacation.

Also, we want to especially recognize the efforts of Polity president Andrez Carberry. He showed himself to be a fantastic leader and force to be reckoned with. It's about time Polity was headed up by an effective leader.

We would also like to remind everyone that if demands are not met by Friday at 5pm, another rally will take place on Monday night at 10pm. Now if only you would feel as strongly about your wallets as you do about your food!

Behavior Modification

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

Pressure. Stress. Nervous tension. Apprehension. All of these emotions are abundant on Stony Brook's campus this time of year. Each and every student is feeling the crunch of final examinations, final projects, and final papers. The semester is indeed coming to a close, but not before your professors mercilessly squeeze every last drop of energy out of your weary brain.

Well, surprise of surprises, the University itself is also squeezing something out of students, namely residents, and that is money. As each and every resident student is painfully aware, the current meal plan options are absolutely unfair. The general consensus among students is that we are being brutally taken advantage of by a University that seems to do all it can to make life more difficult.

There is no point in rehashing exactly what the problems with the meal plan are. We've heard them a hundred times, and muttered them under our breaths along with a string of other choice words. Anyone who dines on this campus is aware of the meal plan's inadequacies. What needs to be discussed is change. For this reason alone I attended the Town Hall meeting

on Monday night in the SAC. As I reflect upon that evening, I don't know why I even bothered. The meeting was run by Dafina Roberts, Executive Director of the Minority Planning Board. She was the only person in the auditorium with a commanding, sensible, and mature presence. If given the proper forum, she has the intelligence and diplomacy to effect change. It's too bad that no one else present at the meeting had her ability to forcefully yet calmly explore ways to fix things. Perhaps then something would have been accomplished.

Rather, Monday evening's Town Hall meeting turned into the raucous disarray that is usually reserved for Polity Senate meetings. Introduced first was Matthew Johnson. He is a student and vice president of the Faculty Student Association. His presence at the meeting caused many students to become irate, as he dared to provide everyone with some insight and some facts. He attempted to explain state laws, wrote down the concerns of the students, and addressed questions. While I completely acknowledge that he came across as a slick politician - making promises and nodding understandingly - he was not shown any measure of respect by the students present at the

meeting, except for Roberts. Throughout the meeting, Roberts tried to placate the rowdy crowd while giving Johnson ample time to speak.

The aim of this Town meeting, as stated by Claudine Stuart, co-chair of the Polity Senate, was to decide what "feasible" changes needed to be presented to University officials at Wednesday's rally. Stuart said that food prices should not have been a focus of the meeting because that issue would be addressed in the Resolution Committee, which she is a member of. In her own words, "I changed the price of the Philly cheese steak [in the SAC] and I can do it again." Perhaps someone should remind Stuart that a ten percent reduction in the price of a dead cow sandwich and a complete menu cost overhaul are two vastly different things. Her plans for this transformation of the price list would have been interesting. But over all the yelling by the audience, anyone beyond the first row probably wouldn't have heard it anyway.

When the crowd began shouting about rioting and looting campus eating establishments, any rational person should have made a beeline for the exit, stage left.

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How sad that when students are passionate enough to head out to the SAC on a stormy night to plan their course of action in evoking change, there are always those who let their logic fly out the window and fail to act like adults. There is absolutely nothing wrong with passion and fire concerning an issue as heinous as the current meal plan. It truly is the only way to bring about change, as long as that vehemence is accompanied by respect for fellow students as well as for authority figures, as undeserving as they seem to be.

Wednesday afternoon's mobile rally was an excellent idea, no thanks to the Town meeting. Hundreds of students showed their support, led by Polity President Andrez Carberry. The students let the administration know their demands for the revision of the meal plan in a loud, forceful, and united showing. The rally took place with no looting or violent behavior. Now that the students' grievances have been aired, we will see how far pure passion can go.

Letter to the Editor:

This letter is addressed to Eric Crammer, the writer of a letter to the editor regarding the donation of blood by homosexuals. It appeared in our Thursday, October 7 issue.

Dear Mr. Crammer,

I would like to comment on your statement "until the blood services re-evaluates their policies, I will not promote such a homophobic endeavor as donating blood."

You are most likely basing your assumption on a specific question that is asked in confidence as to whether "a male donor has had sex with another male, even once, since 1977." This question and deferral determination was decided by the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research of the Food and Drug Administration(FDA). As a licensed organization under the FDA, the New York Blood Center (NYBC) must ask this, and other direct questions in order to operate, collect and distribute the most safest possible donated blood and blood products.

Argument c be made that a gay man in a monogamous relationship represents less risk to the blood supply than a promiscuous straight male. However, public health agencies are still concerned by the high prevalence of HIV infection among gay men. The FDA has been trying to address this issue and held a workshop on November 23, 1998 in Rockville, Maryland. The transcripts of the Workshop are available at the FDA Internet site. It is the "Donor Suitability Workshop" and can be downloaded at: www.fda.gov/cber/minutes/workshop-min.wtm. You may also choose to contact FDA directly and provide your input. You may write to:

Jay Epstein, MD
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Until there is a change in FDA policy, licensed Blood Centers remain unable to accept blood donations from men who have had sex with other men since 1977.

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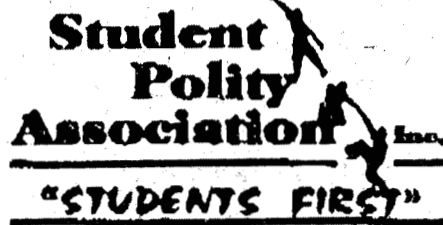
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POLITY - YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT



TO: FSA
Chartwells
Shirley Strum Kenny, University President

FROM: The Student Polity Association: Andrez Carberry, President

DATE: December 8, 1999

RE: SUNY Stony Brook Meal Plan

The students on the Stony Brook campus are angry! For over a semester, we have had serious questions, doubts, and issues with the current meal plan, however nothing has changed. Petitions have been signed and questions have been asked, but a brick wall always seems to come between questions and answers.

Right now we feel there is a **lack of communication** between FSA and Chartwells (those who contracted for the students) and the students themselves. Most students, thought they have an interest in these issues, do not know how to get involved. Although information is somewhat available, students still do not know how to access this information or where to go in order to get involved. We don't feel any proactive steps have been made in order to solve this dilemma. Those students who have gotten involved or at least made an effort have **NOT** found themselves in a student friendly atmosphere.

Meeting times, which are not conducive to students' schedules.

Votes are cast without proper student representation.

- Meetings are made when school is not in session.

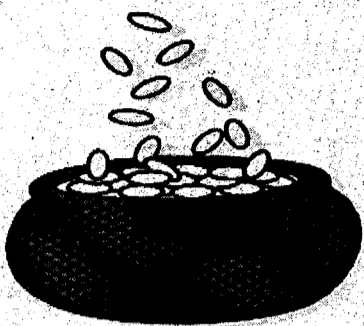
We are not here to place particular blame right now, but feel a change needs to be made. Students have lost faith in their ability to seriously effect the bureaucratic processes that affect them on a daily basis, especially in regards to the meal plan. Unfortunately we no longer believe in the promises and empty words of your administration, therefore we have decided to take a stand! We are now publicizing our demands so that the greater campus community can know that we are unsatisfied with the services so far rendered.

Our demands are as follows:

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- Allow Residence and Campus points to be interchangeable immediately
- Create competitive and consistent prices immediately
- Immediate change in how students are communicated with
- End shut out of resident students in the SAC during midday hours
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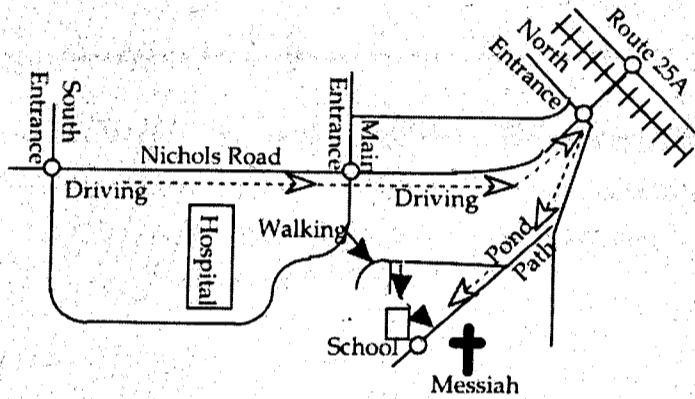
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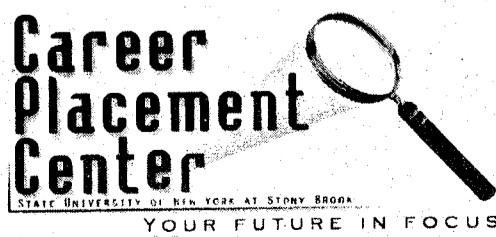
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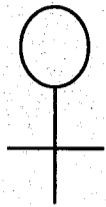
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SBU Suffers Loss to Drake

By JOSEPH BAILEY
Statesman Staff

The Stony Brook Seawolves men's basketball team suffered a loss of 64-57 last Wednesday night against the Drake Bulldogs, in their third home game of the season.

The Seawolves had played three games in five days at that point, were 37 percent in free throw shooting for the night, dropping their record to 0-6.

Backup point guard Terrill Ware (#11), missed two critical free-throws despite a Seawolves steal with 4 minutes left in the game. With 3:20 in the game, Ware had another steal, but missed the lay-up off the fast break.

The Drake Bulldogs, who averaged 75 percent from the free throw line, were unstoppable, as junior Aaron Thomas landed two free-throws that led to a 17 point lead in the second half with 10:16 remaining in the game.

Senior forward Dontay Harris also helped to lift the Bulldogs to the win, with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

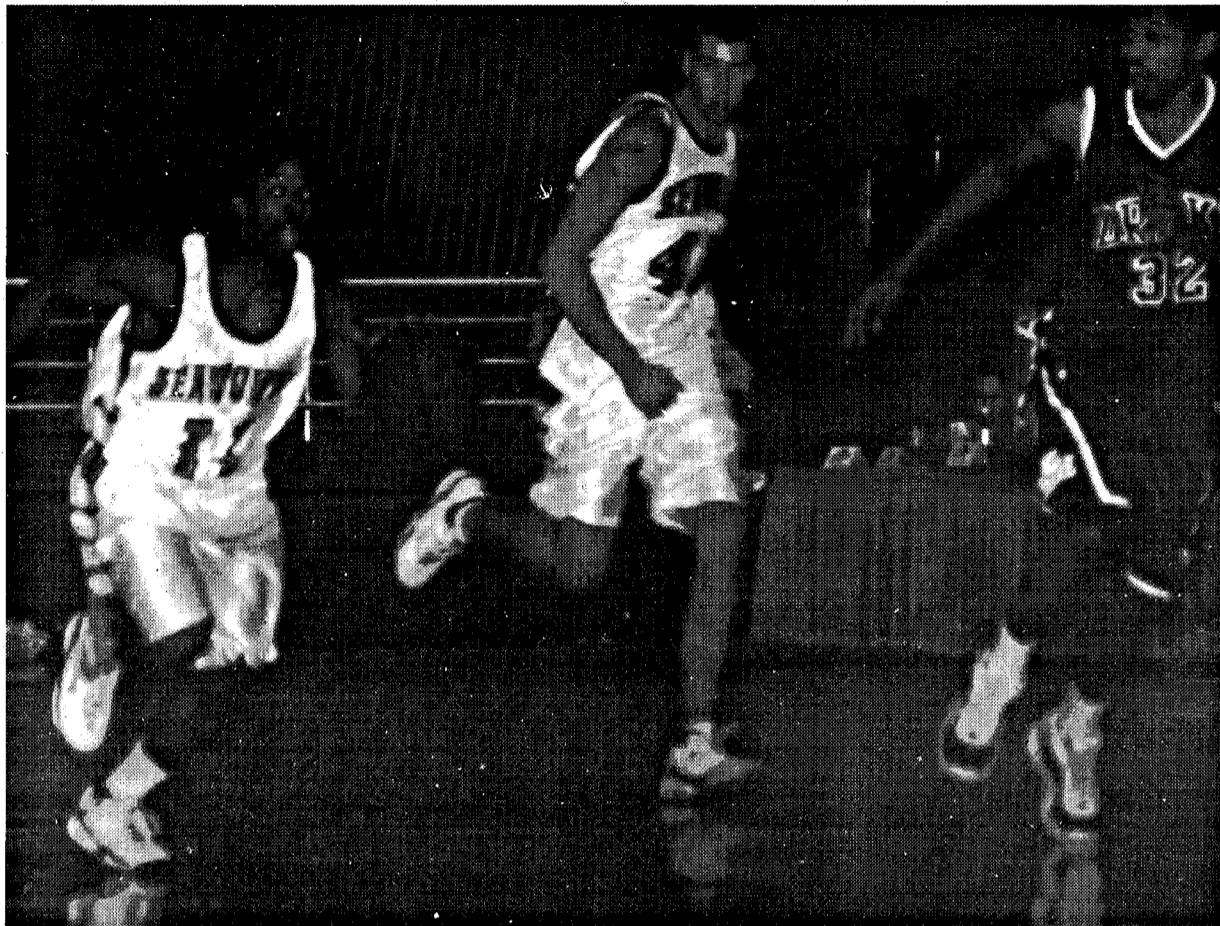
"We have to improve on everything, there isn't anything that we do real well," said head coach Nick Macarchuk, "We have to work on our offense and our defense."

Although the Seawolves trailed by six before the half, the team made a good showing during the game. Senior Pablo Porras (#44) hit a three point field goal to close out the game, and senior Mike Sales (#40), scored 14 points and put nine rebounds on the board. Sales also caused the crowd to rise to their feet with great excitement when he caught a monster slam dunk with three minutes left in the game. Sales later fouled out of the game.

"They are playing hard, so we have to continue to play hard and keep working," Coach Macarchuk said.

Junior forward Chris Balliro (#33) hit a three point shot to bring the team within six, with 2:06 remaining on the clock.

Although the Seawolves could not get a lot



Terrill Ware, left, missed two critical free throws at the end of the game.

Statesman/Michael Kwan

of their shoots to drop in the second half, efforts by senior forward Francois Oloa were helpful as he brought the team within five with an inside shot with 1:21 on the game clock. Despite his many three point attempts, Oloa also fouled out of the game with nine seconds left.

However, other efforts were not helpful to the team, such as an air ball shoot by junior forward Donte Blades.

The foul attempts by the Seawolves didn't do much good as Drake increased the score by making most of their free-throw shoots.

Drake's Dontay Harris also made a three point

play, scoring a two point shot off a foul by the Seawolves, and making an additional one point foul shoot.

The Seawolves' missing senior guard Rob Hartman and star player Josh Little are among the many key elements why the team has lost its sixth game of the season Coach Macarchuk said. "We had two guys injured tonight who could of helped us in our backcourt because our backcourt was a little thin."

Little who suffers from a bad hip, ankle, toe, and finger, and Hartman who turned his ankle during the Hofstra game, are both working diligently to return as soon as possible.

Swimming Teams Attend Delaware Invitational

The men's and women's swimming teams had a disappointing showing at the Delaware Invitational on Saturday, finishing fourth behind Lehigh, Delaware and American.

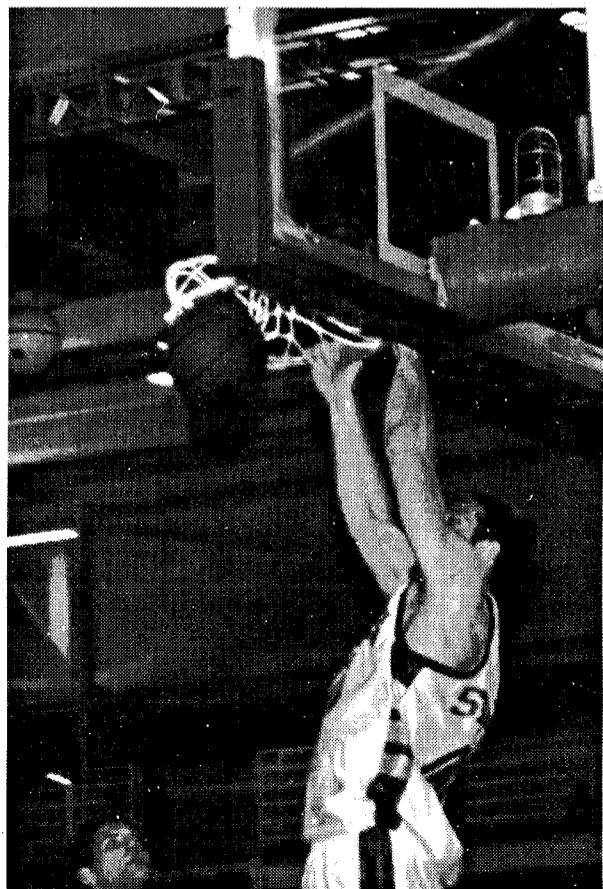
Lehigh used 11 first-place finishes on the women's side and four in the men's competition to score 1118 points, almost 200 points more than second-place Delaware, which finished with 950.5.

American came in third with 889, while the Seawolves were fourth with 383.5 points on the afternoon. The women's swimming team picked up two victories while the men went 1-1 against St. Francis and Iona in a tri-meet at University Pool Tuesday night.

The women (5-2) defeated St. Francis 99-6 as the Seawolves finished first and second in every individual event. The two 400 medley relay teams finished first and third.

Laura Bartlett (Orchard Park, NY), Sarah Doret (Dix Hills, NY) and Patty Prehm (Bethpage, NY) each won two events, and diver Kristi Schubert (Deer Park, NY) won both the one- and three-meter diving competitions.

The Seawolves narrowly defeated Iona, 56-52, Bartlett finished first in the 100 freestyle, and Doret won the 500 freestyle. The Stony Brook men (1-3) beat St. Francis, 88-20, but fell to Iona, 80-20. Against St. Francis, Mike Chang (Setauket, NY), Devin Bougie (Badnais Heights, MN) and Tim Larkin (Campbell Hall, NY) each won two events to lead the Seawolves. SBU also won both relay events, the 400 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay. Chang also won two events against Iona, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Gaels' six first-place finishes in



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Senior Mike Sales scored 14 points in last week's game.

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Tell Me About It

Advice for the College-Age Crowd

By Carolyn Hax

Dear Carolyn:

I am 16 and have a very complicated life right now. I'm very busy and trying hard to work toward opportunities for my future. People often say I'm very mature for my age, but sometimes I still feel like a child. I have never had a boyfriend, been asked out on a date, kissed, nada. It is getting rather frustrating and I don't know what I can do. I know that I don't NEED a guy, but I'd like to have someone there to make me laugh and comfort me when I have problems at home or school.

I can't talk to my parents about this because they grew up in a different culture and won't approve of my feelings. What type of guy should I look for, and how can we start a relationship?

—Advice Needed

There's serious entertainment value in a teenager wanting a boyfriend so she can have fewer problems—but I'm not going to exploit it because, frankly, it sounds like you've been through enough.

"Mature for your age" isn't a compliment if you've never been a kid. Where is this pressure to succeed coming from? You? Your parents? Their culture? Caffeine? Wherever it comes from, it seems to say that a social life isn't a productive use of your time.

The question, "What type of guy should I look for?" tells me a social life would be a very productive use of your time. (Hint: You date people, not types.)

At some point, everybody has to go from being a child to an adult, from having no idea there's a world beyond your navel to having (one hopes) some sort of perspective about being one of 6 billion souls. That transition is what your teenage years are about, and so to reduce them to an opportunistic sprint toward Getting

Into College or whatever it is you're chasing is to tragically miss the point. The point—the full glory (or is it gory?)—of adolescence is not in escaping the doubt-infested, abjectly humiliating social-calibration process, but in embracing it.

Have I talked you out of dating yet?

Of course I haven't.

But since you're starting a little

late, I'd pass on the boyfriend—first-time driver plus eight-lane highway equals splat—and work on making good friends. Besides, laughter and comfort are easiest to find among our own kind, and I can't imagine another lonely, overworked, self-conscious, 16-year-old girl with strict parents who just don't get it would be terribly hard to find.

Hi Carolyn:

I'm having a major problem with my boyfriend of two years. He's mid-30s and getting serious, I'm late 20s and getting scared.

He's fun to be around, and we're unusually compatible in lifestyle and outlooks, but he's terrible when it comes to emotions. He bottles up his completely, and refuses to interact with me emotionally, good or bad. I realize he has issues—child abuse and has been divorced—and I would like to support him. I know his ex tried to get him in counseling, and he dropped her like a hot potato. Yes, defense mechanisms, I know.

I know you can't force a sick person to seek help. My father has severe depression and has made my family a living nightmare for years because he feels it is more "honorable" to deny it. I also know if I tell him go to counseling or else, I'll be out the door.

Should I cut my losses, or do you have a creative idea for cracking his shell?

—Maryland

I do! Just take this quiz: Troubled, stubborn, emotionally inaccessible, defensive. Quick, whom have I described?

I'm afraid the counseling you need here is for you, to find out why you're dating your father.

Hi Carolyn:

I was curious to know if you believe in the theory "what goes around comes around." Specifically, if a man is rotten, do you think eventually in his life justice will be served and someone will treat him as badly as he treated a former girlfriend? Yes, that would be me.

—Houston

I don't think there's a celestial bean-counter making sure he gets his, if that's what you mean. But I do think he will make sure that he gets his. Absolutely.



HERE'S YOUR CHECK, AND A TIP: ALWAYS INSULT THE WAITER AFTER HE BRINGS YOUR FOOD.

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unpleasantries a guy can look forward to if he hasn't learned how to treat another human being. (I don't even like to think about what an alienated waiter can do.) So just curl up with your dolly and your straight pins and enjoy the karmic show.



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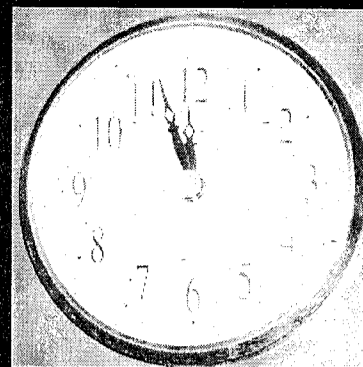
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Greek Life: Not What You Think

An Alternate View of Frats and Sororities

By STEVEN IOANNOU
Special to the Statesman

College can be overwhelming for the incoming freshman. Huge buildings encompassing a large landscape, and an endless sea of unfamiliar faces. With more than 18,000 students at Stony Brook, the typical newcomer feels like a small fish in a big ocean.

To diminish that ocean, undergrads choose different paths towards social life, one of them being Greek-life, better known as fraternities and sororities.

"The goal for me as a freshman, aside from academics, was to meet people," said Brian Kelly, a new member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. "The college fraternity is the best of all places to make friends at the best of all times. It was the best way to get involved."

To get involved in such organizations, the school has planned a week in the beginning of each semester where each fraternity and sorority can present themselves to students. This is called Rush Week, a serious event in the Greek-life calendar. For seven days, all sorority sisters and fraternity brothers hold events that are tools to draw attention to their organizations, enticing others to pledge for the semester.

On the pathway connecting the center of campus, eight fraternity brothers, all dressed in tee shirts and jeans, gather around a table in front of the Student Activities Center during Campus Life Time. All wear Greek letters that represent the name of their fraternity.

Three of them are wearing letters embroidered on hats, while the remaining five bear the letters sewn on their shirts all spelling SAM. None of the eight are wearing more than two sets of letters.

"It's bad luck wearing more than one set of letters," said Damias Wilson, a member of Sigma Alpha Mu (SAM). It is not well known amongst Greek organizations that wearing a hat and a sweater with fraternity or sorority letters is taboo. This is primarily because, "...it's an overstatement," added Wilson. Members of Greek organizations do not want to be seen as ad campaigns or billboards when they walk around campus. They say it appears tacky to the students that they are trying to coax into joining.

A young man, smoking a cigarette, approaches the rush table. He shakes hands with Wilson and introduces himself to the remaining seven.

"Hi, I'm Dan," says the potential candidate. "I'm interested in maybe joining. What are you guys all about?"

He is dressed with letters across his chest, only they spell "NIKE". Dan glances at the composites that show past and present brothers and then looks back up at Wilson.

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Courtesy of Steven Ioannou

Greek organizations are totally unlike the life portrayed in *National Lampoon's Animal House*.

on and off campus," Wilson explains. "Being a brother is more than meets the eye. Sure there's parties and fun, but we have a trust amongst us that measures above all. Why don't you give me your number and we'll keep you informed of our upcoming events; see if it's for you."

Dan shows a hint of interest by raising an eyebrow writes his personal information down. He then shakes Wilson's hand once more before departing.

"Seemed like a cool guy. This is how it's always been done," Wilson says to his brothers as if he were teaching them the trade of rushing. "Events like parties, football games and barbecues allow the rush to meet every member

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-Christopher Sroka

on a personal level, giving him clues as to whether the fraternity is worth pledging to him."

Before pledging for such organizations, candidates must be interviewed and asked a series of questions pertaining to their values, beliefs and character.

"This gives insight on whether the person is a good match for the group," says Wilson. "It gives an in-depth impression."

Not everyone is given a "bid," or chance, to pledge such organizations. There are certain criteria for candidates who want to pledge.

"I wouldn't let somebody pledge if I knew they would not benefit my fraternity," said Jason Newman, member of Sigma Alpha Mu. "People are often attracted to fraternities because of what they see in the movies and the myths they hear from other

people. Some that come into an interview just think that we're only about partying and drinking. That's what most people think when they think of fraternities - the 'Animal House' myth - but there's more to it."

In 1978, John Belushi starred in the movie, *Animal House*, which conveyed fraternity members as drunks who accomplish nothing either scholastically or socially, leaving a strong negative impression of Greek organizations.

Fraternity members say their organizations make them strong role models and promote leadership through the eight definitions of brotherhood as defined by Christopher Sroka, a member of Sigma Alpha Mu: "Secrecy, discipline, respect, honor, dignity, trust, unity and responsibility..."

"You learn a lot about yourself," he said.

Once pledging begins, due to time honored secrecy, most of the non-members of Greek life organizations are clueless as to what it takes to become a member.

What goes on behind closed doors during pledging can make people wonder, leaving everyone to make their own assumptions. Many draw conclusions from the media. Some infer ideas from first-hand events seen on campus, such as men marching in lines and grunting at two in the morning.

"Honestly, I think it [Greek life] involves taking time away from school work," says Jamie Merino, a junior engineering major who is not involved with a fraternity. "I see this marching on campus and public thing and think it's pointless."

No matter how hard one tries, though, the secrets of pledging these organizations are difficult to unveil.

"If a 'regular' person asks such a question about pledging, the topic is usually avoided," said Harlisha Kalmanson, a member of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority.

"People can think what they want," Sroka said. Avoiding the subject further, he adds, "Don't get me wrong, pledging was hard, but well worth it. I gotta go."

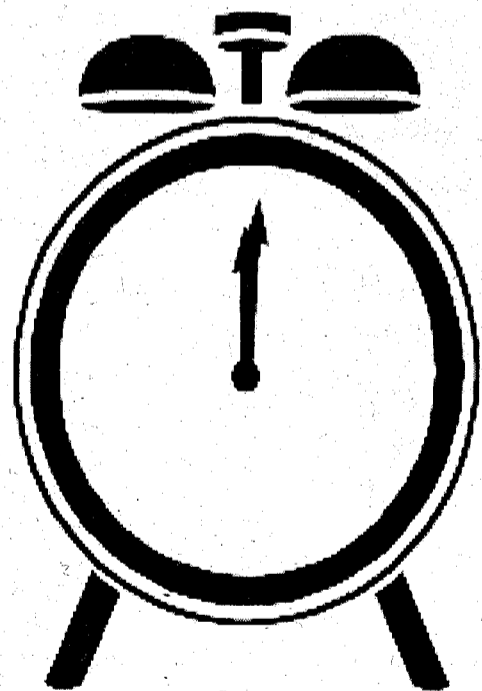
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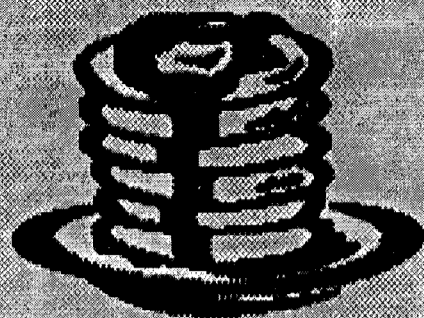
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Music for the Season

A Look at Lullabys for the Little Ones

By MICHAEL KIMMEL
Special to the Statesman

With the holiday season upon us once again, it's time to think "gifts." And considering the veritable baby boom that's taking place these days, many of us must now contend with the question, what to buy for that baby niece or nephew, godchild or friend's child?

Consider music. Yes, of course, everyone and their underpaid child care worker knows about "The Mozart Effect," the effect that listening to classical music, especially Mozart, has on babies' cognitive development. Turns out it's over-hyped; it's music in general that is a stimulus to brain development.

So consider some music that's both functional and fun. Three new releases are perfect for that tiny new stocking on the mantle for the first time this year.

Two are sets of lullabies, one for fathers and one for mothers. Well, in this era of egalitarian parenting, "his" and "hers" makes perfect sense.

Daddies Sing Goodnight (Sugar Hill Records) leans towards the country and folk side, which is fitting for this independent North Carolina country-folk music company. From the opening track by ex-Byrds and Burrito Chris Hillman ("Lullaby Time in the Desert"), through the sweet sounds of Jesse Winchester, Doc Watson, Townes van Zandt, egalitarian daddies are going to love singing along with these. My favorites are Watson's "My Little Buckaroo" and Tim O'Brien's rendition of "Full Circle," which, while treacly and cloying still warms the heart. All told, twangy and nasal though the vocals may be, will take those little buckaroos (both girls and boys) right off to nodsville.

Till Their Eyes Shine... (Columbia) is a wonderful

compilation of lullabies by some of the best female performers working today, including Emmylou Harris, Roseanne Cash, Laura Nyro, Carole King, and Mary-Chapin Carpenter. Most are mothers, and sing as if, they are singing their own children the sweetest and softest lullabies.

it's nap time, our 10 month old has yet to make it through the entire album. Nor have his parents, I should add.

On the other side, though is the latest offering from Putamayo's ambitious world music collection. This clothing company has branched

leads off with the bouncy African "Fatou Yo" and already the child will be smiling. Buckwheat Zydeco offers the rousing zydeco number "Mardi Gras Mambo" and the Congo's Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca offer the playful "Boom Boom Tarara." There's the occasional lullaby here too, as the Canadian singer Teresa Doyle sings the gentle Irish lullaby "Home by Barna."

Two of the more interesting tracks are Trevor Adamson's "Nyandi Matlida" which is the aboriginal rendition of the Anglicized "Waltzing Matilda." It's startling to hear the original version in a language other than English, but the lilting beat will be familiar to virtually everyone. And the collaboration between Israel's Shlomo Gronich and the Ethiopian Sheba Choir on the Hebrew song "Zichronot M'Africa" reminds listeners that the Jewish diaspora embraces a world far more diverse than Eastern Europe and the "Pale."

Our favorites, though are a furiously bouncy Greek song "Tik Tik Tak", sung by Glykeria, and "Bongo Bong" by the French singer Manu Chao. Chao has cleverly constructed a children's rap song that is so catchy and so bouncy that I am now certain that our baby's first words are going to be "I'm the king of bongo, baby." He squeals with delight when we play that song.

And, I'll confess, so do his parents.

All three are pleasant enough to listen to. The lullaby albums do their job and then some. But *World Playground* does more than that, like the old collections of children's songs by Peter, Paul and Mary or Pete Seeger, they reveal a common humanity among the children of the world. In so doing, they make the world a little closer and a little kinder. And for us grownups, that's what we need to help us all sleep better at night.



DADDIES SING GOODNIGHT

Courtesy Sugar Hill Records

Carole King's "If I Didn't Have You to Wake Up to" reminds the listener of King's genius at crafting the simplest and most memorable tunes in pop music. And Carpenter's "Dreamland" is the perfect ending. If you are still awake after that, the album has failed utterly.

Of course, lullabies are less about form and more about function. Do they put the kid to sleep? I can offer first-hand testimonial that both "work" exceptionally well. When

out to become one of the most influential purveyors of world music with more than thirty compilations of music from around the world. The current favorite in our house is *World Playground*. I don't mean it's the baby's favorite - it's *everyone's* favorite. It rarely leaves the CD player.

The album features bouncy and lively children's songs from all over the world, most by well-known world music stars. Toure Kunda (Senegal)