

# JDL Director Speaks at SB

By Barbara Ann Fein

A coalition of Jewish organizations on campus consisting of Hillel, Masada, and Jewish Association for College Youth (JACY) sponsored a lecture featuring Brett Becker, national director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), in the Humanities Auditorium Wednesday evening.

In addition to defining the purposes of the JDL and establishing some basis of recognition between Jewish youth and the JDL, Becker concentrated on the topic of anti-semitism in America today. Quoting figures and names frequently, many from recent Jewish history, in an effort to "shake" those 30 people in attendance, Becker repeated his key points at various stages of his lecture. He stressed the urgency of a Jewish return to Israel.

"We have no future here. Come home! But if you stay here, be prepared. Be prepared to fight to protect yourselves," he warned.

The JDL, founded by Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1968, is, according to Becker, a "militant Jewish youth movement primarily distinguishing itself by employing civil disobedience and soft-core violence, if the need arises, to defend Jews and Jewish interests." Becker defined soft-core violence as sit-ins, chain-ins (for example, chaining oneself to the gates of the White House), and mild forms of violence. Becker carefully elaborated on the differences between murder and killing. The JDL, he stated, does not advocate murder.

According to Becker, the JDL focuses its efforts on five principles of Jewish life, those being love of Jews, strength-iron-might, Jewish pride, faithful Jews and discipline. The organization's main interests in these areas revolve around cultivating a Jewish identity and a Jewish education, relieving the problems of oppressed Jewry (specifically mentioned were Soviet and Iranian Jewry), Jewish defense matters both here in the United States and abroad and, again, the need for a mass migration to Israel (Aliyah).

On the topic of anti-semitism, Becker presented an impressive array of materials, including National Socialist party platforms calling for the

wide-scale genocide of Jews, postcards sent to Becker himself by Nazi party members internationally, and American election results in an effort to impress those present with the reality of, and the likelihood of another Holocaust. He chose particular cases of violence and uprising to support his philosophies.

Citing the national leanings towards right-wingism, the wide-scale loss of liberal politicians in the recent elections, and more specifically, the fact that a known Nazi, running for attorney general in North Carolina, received 56,000 popular votes, he intensified his efforts to bring the danger closer to the minds and hearts of his audience.

Becker concluded his hour-long lecture with a question-answer session. Anxious students reacted with positive support and real interest.

Originally, Becker had been asked to speak here in rebuttal to an article printed by Stony Brook's Blackworld (newspaper of the Black Student Union). In an article entitled "Zionism and Apartheid," reprinted from Amsterdam News in Blackworld (9/3/80), Becker was quoted as saying that Israel supports the system of apartheid in South Africa. Becker claims that, in reality, he said that Israel will do what is necessary and right to maintain her strength and political standing and if that includes maintaining diplomatic ties with South Africa, so be it. As to the alleged misquotation in Blackworld, Becker laughed it off. "Let them think what they want to think." Regarding a comparison linking Zionism and white-supremacy in the aforementioned article, he further chuckled, "then they're stupid."

Becker tried to give what he considers a basic synopsis of the JDL, with less emphasis given to violence than to the ideologies behind the actions.

"The only ally for a Jew is another Jew. Too many of us feel the need to be loved by the non-Jew, to curry to the non-Jew. Jewish youth are apathetic today. If we don't change that, we're on the same road as European Jewry. Be prepared."

## CRIME ROUND-UP

### Bomb Scares Plague Campus

By Nancy J. Hyman

There have been four unfounded bomb scares in campus buildings since Monday, the department of Public Safety reported.

The latest bomb scare occurred yesterday shortly past 10 PM in the Engineering Quad. The building manager for the three buildings in the Quad, George Wolf, notified Public Safety. The Engineering, Light

Engineering and Heavy Engineering buildings were all evacuated and secured until 1:30 that afternoon.

On Wednesday, Public Safety received an anonymous call from a male stating that a bomb was set to go off at 5 PM in the Humanities Building. The building was evacuated and searched.

Earlier Wednesday, just after 1 PM, the Department of Public

Safety received another anonymous call saying that a bomb would go off in 30 minutes in the Lecture Center. The building was evacuated and searched.

And, on Monday, at 2:45 PM, Stony Brook Union Director Bill Fornadel reported that a phone call was received saying that a bomb would go off in the Union. Public Safety responded, but the building was not evacuated at the request of Fornadel.

No actual bombs were found in any of the above incidents.

### NYPIRG Seeks Students Denied Voting Rights

The Stony Brook chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) is seeking students who were denied their voting rights, or not sent their absentee ballots. NYPIRG groups throughout the state reported an unusually high incidence of students not receiving absentee ballots this year, said Stephen Johnson,

NYPIRG Project Coordinator. The group is trying to collate names of students who either did not have their requests for absentee ballots fulfilled, or were told their requests were submitted too late, or were not allowed to vote here. Anyone falling under any of these categories should contact NYPIRG at 246-7702.

### New Bus to New York

Travelling to and from New York City and Stony Brook will be made easier with the start of a new bus service, commencing operation on December 1.

Running across Long Island from Stony Brook to Queens Plaza, the bus will operate Monday through Friday for a flat rate of \$5 per one way trip. However, a weekly rate of \$40 and a monthly rate of \$110 are also available.

The bus, sponsored by the Winston American Transportation Company, will leave Queens at 7:30 AM, arrive at Stony Brook two hours later, and then return to New York City. In addition, a bus that leaves Stony Brook at 3 PM and reaches Queens Plaza at 5 PM will also be offered.

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