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Semester Shortened; Finals Next Week

In an unprecedented move, the Stony Brook Council has shortened the current semester by three weeks. The immediate implication of the measure is that finals, which were scheduled to be held the second week of May, will now be administered next week.

Hans Christian Anderson, Stony Brook Council president, called the action, "the most ambitious endeavor in Stony Brook University's history." Anderson furthered contended that, "the abated semester will prove beneficial from both an economic and academic standpoint, and let's face it, our fine young students will still have plenty of time to cram—that's all they ever

do anyway."

The support for the shortened semester has been unanimous among the Stony Brook administration. James Black, vice-president for University Affairs, was enthusiastic about the proposal, stating "the lessened semester will give me time to catch up on my golf game. As for the students, they've been through worse and I'm sure they are as anxious as I am to get the hell out of here." Even University President John Hamburger expressed delight at the three-week cut in the semester, stating, "I think we've finally made our first demonstrable step in improving the quality of life on campus."

Surprisingly, student leaders on campus reflected the administrators' favorable outlook on the three-week slash. Polity President Rich Zuckerman commended the Stony Brook Council for their wisdom and insight, stating, "This will be the first in a series of 10-week semesters, and if my hunch is right it will mean that future Polity Presidents will be able to devote less time to the responsibilities of office. Hooray!" Senior Class Representative, Ruth Suppository and Junior Class Representative, Martha Rippoff bubbled in unison, "Wow!"

Although the ramifications of the shortened semester are severe, attitudes on

campus remained fairly positive. Scores of students could be seen scurrying late at night into the library's 24-hour study lounge, while the illicit sale of amphetamines reached all time highs (as reported in Business Digest).

There is, however, a touch of irony to the decreased semester. Anderson, in a typical example of Stony Brook logic, added, "If they (students) think this is great, wait till August. That's when the surprise tuition and dorm increases should arrive. Increased payment for decreased services, that's what makes Stony Brook such a fascinating institution of higher learning."

Alexander Haig Named New SB Security Chief

Alexander Haig resigned last night as Secretary of State to become the director of the Department of Public Safety.

Haig, had been threatening resignation for the past two weeks because of White House attempts to quell his power in determining foreign policy.

At a news conference early this morning, University President John Marburger hailed Haig's appointment as "a big step forward for the University and for the quality of student life on campus."

"I'm both pleased and delighted that a man of Mr. Haig's military background will be heading our campus security force," said Marburger. "Unlike the real President in Washington, I will give Haig a free reign to implement whatever new policies he

deems necessary."

When contacted yesterday at the State Department, Haig said that he is taking the job, which pays only half as much as what he is presently earning, because "I think it's time we teach those college kids a lesson. We're getting tough with Russia and other societies infiltrated with communists and Stony Brook should be no exception."

Haig, who has been the supreme NATO commander in Europe, and an aide to former President Richard Nixon, spoke enthusiastically about what he planned to do to cut the high crime rate on campus. He outlined some of the measures he would take:

- Arming each public safety car with at least one neutron bomb.

- Replacing the nightsticks now carried by most officers with Israeli-made Uzi machine guns.

- Disbanding the Crime Prevention Unit for a specially trained force, to be called the "Brown Berets." Its mission would be to "seek and destroy" townies and any students who get in the way.

Haig said these proposals were only a beginning and he did not rule out the use of helicopters, Minute Man missiles, and F-15s.

Student reaction to Haig's appointment was mixed. "It's about time they (the administration) brought in a Public Safety head who means business," said one student who donned an army fatigue and a shaved head. Polity President Rich Zucker-



Courtesy of the author.

"WHERE'S THAT COMMIE Mitch Cohen, anyway?" asks Alexander Haig on his first tour of the Stony Brook campus last week.

man concurred, saying, "That Haig is going to kick some ass, and, if nothing else, put Stony Brook on the map with some of his innovative policies. Underneath that cold, hard stare, and communist rhetoric, Haig is very concerned about students. I should know, I had lunch with him the other day."

But an NYPIRG spokesman, Jim Leotta, was of a different opinion. "What concerns my organization is the bringing of

the neutron bomb on campus, he said." "That thing is radioactive, and we're against anything which is radioactive." Leotta called Haig a "nice guy with a perverted sense of values."

Haig will assume his duties next Monday. He is replacing Bob Comute, who resigned under pressure in January after his car was towed from a handicapped parking space, and he refused to pay the fine.



No Way

Gov. Hugh Carey last night sternly denied Stony Brook's request for more funds, asserting that "those damn SUNY schools are costing more every day."

Carey's meeting with University President John Marburger ended abruptly after Carey made his feelings quite clear.

Cooking Fee Raised

The dormitory cooking fee will be increased \$150 to \$200 next semester to encourage students to use the University's meal plan, Statesman has learned.

The increase came after months of discussion between administrators and Faculty Student Association (FSA) members and was decided upon as the only way to reverse the increasing number of students cooking for themselves. The University has in the past attempted to get students back on the Lacking Food Services meal plan by limiting the size of refrigerators students may have and by infesting dorms with roaches to deter students from storing food in the dorms. Both plans failed, according to one FSA member, and the fee increase became necessary.

"Obviously, the Administration had to get students back on the meal plan", according to John Millions, director of the dorm cooking program, who is now out of a job. "If we didn't we wouldn't get our kickback from Lacking — oops, better not print that."