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Time And Again

Knee-jerk reactions to crises are never adequate, for no situation exists in a vacuum. Life is a continuing process of interrelated events, never isolated ones. And when foresight and hindsight are not exercised, anarchy results.

Because of its young age, Stony Brook is without the signs of perpetuity and tradition that are inherent at other schools. There is little to remind a student here that life went on before he arrived and will continue to do so after he's left. Additionally, all college students are at a disadvantage because their residency in the college community can be nothing but temporary. So, at Stony Brook there is little sense of permanence, of continuity.

But it is just this awareness which is imperative to real progress.

Human advancement has been predicated on building upon others' achievements. Obviously, things would be rather slow and cumbersome if we had to re-discover electricity every time we wanted some reading light. It is only by using what others have done, by adding and adapting past accomplishments, that we can progress.

One of Hegel's greatest contributions was his theory of history and its move-

ments. One conclusion we must draw is that it is impossible to view events as being isolated and unrelated. Crises are the high tide of a ceaselessly pulsating sea of activity. To deal just with the waves and ignore the sea is to misunderstand the situation. And misunderstanding leads to mistakes and confusion.

At Stony Brook, crises, like the threatened bar closings, seem to spring from nowhere and require spontaneous, specific reactions. Often, no solutions are seen. Because the situations are dealt with as isolated incidents, because they are dealt with as symptoms, because no thought is given to the history of the problem, student power is seriously threatened.

At one time, the student government had a historian — a person who kept track of major and minor events of the past, events that transpired too long ago to be remembered by the present officials. Though the position seems frivolous, it may have been the most important one in Polity.

The idea is the same as that for a legal historian. What precedents exist for this case? What are the previous rulings? By checking what administration has done in the past, a future plan could be charted out; some sort of guide was available.

But this resource, the past, is not used now. The past is neglected, often repudiated. Polity Councils, upon first taking office, are traditionally eager to ignore the previous council's efforts. At times, out of an insecure assertiveness, they reverse those efforts, regardless of the outcome.

This denial of the past is harmful. No understanding of the flow of power and events exists. Denial does not mean eradication, and refusal to see will not make that which is refused to be seen go away. We must deal with the past as part of an evolutionary process in which everything is a part. The past can be used as a resource, a suggested that perhaps things were a little different now, even we were surprised at his answer. The events now transpiring and the reactions to them run parallel to events which have occurred not once but several times, in Stony Brook's past.

This is not to say that things cannot change, or that growth is impossible. But it is a fact that current events are rooted in actions taken years ago, and that the scenes of tomorrow are being written — unwittingly or no — today.

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Letters

To the Editor:

This is in response to the September 9, 1982 article entitled "Residence Life Cracks Down". Once again, another student media falls prey to University scare tactics and propaganda. Responsible information and opinion gathering holds second or third to the establishment's dictate.

FACTS:

- a) guidelines on promoting "Intelligent and Responsible Drinking" were not distributed to every RA.
- b) RHD's and Res-Life cannot require colleges to spend their money on any particular object as a prerequisite to Limited Use Clearance.
- c) no person is legally responsible for the reporting of a criminal misdemeanor.
- d) open beers in the room of an underage resident does not legally reflect back to that resident.

It's about time that Res-Life stops scapegoating the residents of this campus for its own inefficiency. The University would receive a lot more respect and cooperation from the students if it would return some back.

FACTS:

- a) the University has failed to replace major equipment relating to cooking and cleaning in lounge areas.
- b) the University has failed to replace damaged bathrooms over a three year period.

- c) the University has failed to replace damaged windows over a one year period.
- d) the University has failed to fully "rehab" areas over a three year "promised" period.
- e) the University has failed to fully remedy the tripling problem over a four year period.
- f) the University has failed to repair major electrical problems in the corridor quads.
- g) the University has failed to distribute adequate furniture and supplies in storage to residents.

After having the Dormitory and New York State Courts investigate major housing problems in SUNY: the State and this University have consistently failed to live up to their promises and contracts. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has repeatedly issued reports in the past decade about the deplorable SUNY housing conditions. SASU Dormitory Advisory Committee issued suit against the State over failure to provide sanitary living conditions as provided for in contracts with students. New York State courts have advised tripling to be breach of contract.

Still, this University and Dept. of Res-Life passes the buck to the four year transient student, while the problem is over ten years old.

Keep trying John and Dallas; maybe a better idea will wash next year.

Jim Quinn
Benedict College Resident

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An Open Letter to the Campus

We, the Polity Council, are outraged at the University's attempts to deny people of their basic rights as individuals for the sole reason that they are students. Since Stony Brook is a public institution, one would think that Stony Brook is a democracy. WRONG!!! Stony Brook, that former forerunner of ideas and proponent of free-thinking, is turning into a bastion of fascism. Perhaps you think this is overreacting. We think not. For example, as students, we pay \$700-\$725 per semester for rent, yet we do not have rights as we would have if we lived off campus (i.e. we can't sue the University if we have no heat and hot water for a period of time). We don't even have a copy of our lease (the housing contract we sign each spring) to refer to if we get angry because our living conditions are substandard. We are told that this is the best the University can do. Obviously, it is not good enough.

RA's and MA's sign job contracts. When they are informed of responsibilities in their contract, they can't reach into their files and read the contract. They were never given copies of that contract either. So, student staff is doubly blessed.

That's just the tip of the iceberg. The present University Administration has stated countless times that they are committed to "improving the quality of student life on campus". They want students to feel that their room on campus is home. We have always felt that whatever one, or two, or ten people did in their own home is their business and no one else's. Obviously, the University feels differently. Residence Life staff members (RA's, MA's and RHD's) can key into your room during an emergency with no prior notice. Our concern is: what constitutes an emergency? Cardiac arrest is an emergency. Is suspected drug use an emergency?

These same Residence Life employees can enter your room during a fire drill to make sure that you left the building. What happens if a student has an ounce of marijuana in their room in clear view of Residence Life staff? How would they feel about one line of cocaine?

These are not new rules and regulations. However, Residence Life has never been so determined that students (RA's, MA's) should monitor and police the behavior of their peers. Let it be noted that most RA's and MA's do not want to do this but they have been told by their superiors that if they don't adhere to these rules, they will be fired. It sounds like Standard Oil of 1898 or, more recently, Poland. It appears that the University's commitment to improve the quality of student life is nothing but a sham. Instead of controlling students' behavior, the University should be more concerned with expanding hours in the Computer Center, providing basic furniture in the dormitories, and enrolling smaller classes so students can learn to think, not spew.

University Administration: Students today are old enough to fight your wars, get married, vote, drive cars, pay taxes, drink, and enter into contracts. A person who is over 18 today and is not in school is granted all the rights and privileges entitled to them as legal adults.

Let us exercise these rights. Speak out. It's your life.

Adina Finkelstein
President

David Gamberg
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NEW CAMPUS NEWSREEL

SB's Polity-funded filmmaking club will hold its first meeting of the year tonight (that's Thursday), at 7:30 in the Fine Arts Center, Room 3022 (just above the Bridge entrance). We've got a lot of organizational matters to cover, and new faces will be as welcome as the old.

**Don't be shy.
Don't be skeptical.
Come on out!**

The Haitian Student Organization will be holding its second meeting of the semester on Thursday, September 16 in the Stage XII cafeteria at 9 PM.

All members are urged to attend. New members (especially freshmen) are always welcome.

*You are invited to attend
a meeting of the*

GAY STUDENT UNION
of Stony Brook

*Thursday, September 16, 8:00 p.m.
Student Union Bldg., Room 223*

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*— Wine and cheese served —
Meetings in English and Italian
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all others are welcome.*

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*'There once was a girl from "The Brook"
Who buried herself in her books
She studied her best
And passed all her tests*

Obviously she didn't join the Player's Improvisational

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graduated and she died

Theatre and she

never had any fun at all and she got hit by a truck on the day she

'Don't let this happen to you!

P.S. The rumors are true, there is a film deal in the works.

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Register & vote!

Dallas Bauman

Man With A Dream

by Jeff Zoldan

There are some people in the University who would have us all believe that Stony Brook is entering a period of unprecedented growth. What with the addition of new computer terminals and the blacktopping of more Academic Mall grass, Stony Brook is vaulting up that pole of success so quickly that soon other universities, like Columbia and Berkeley, will be safeguarding their enrollment lists from the new kid on the block. In fact, there are many people in the university who would have us all believe that despite the federal cutbacks to education in general, and to SUNY in specific, Stony Brook is managing to press on ahead full steam to the realization of its goal as the Berkeley of the East. But, in truth, the situation at Stony Brook is dismal with the moral fibre of this institution being eaten away by Administration policies that are based on misguided assumptions on what is in the best interests of the campus.

From day one, President Marburger's administration has been seriously involved in shoring up Stony Brook's image. In these days of shrinking economic commitment to higher education, one must make due with what one has. When you know that your old car is going to have to stay with you a little longer than expected because you can't afford the price of a new one, then you start fixing all the old dents and scratches. When the Federal and State governments tell SUNY that they'll have to make less go farther, the Marburgers start taking out the varnish to shine up our tarnished image, an image that doesn't sell too well in today's conservative market. Thus, we have higher academic standards, creation of alumni associations, greater emphasis on varsity programs and a tightening of the liberal standards in the dorms — all the ingredients this school didn't already have that prevented it from seriously competing with the top schools across the nation.

While most of these improvements can work toward the benefit of the Stony Brook student, as well as the man with the purse strings, the new direction taken on by Residence Life toward improving life in the dorms can be seen only as an intrusion into the daily lives of the students who reside on campus.

The Residence Life Advisory Committee met with Dallas Bauman, the head of Residence Life, and after an hour and a half of discussion, it was clear that the Administration has a view of what campus life should be like wholly different than the students. Dallas Bauman cannot accept the fact that the majority of students resent Res-Life's meddlesome attitude in creating a better academic environment in the dorms with the RA's and MA's acting as "role models". In outlining his concept of student development, a concept that ventures deeply into the fields of psychology and sociology, Bauman iterates the need of the University to make us all "fully functioning human beings in our society". The dormitories are our classrooms; the Res-Life staff our educators.

The approach Res-Life has outlined for staff members to become better "role models" ranges from achieving "eternal autonomy" to "development of appropriate lifestyle plans". In order to spare the reader the lecture on "task groups" and "sub-task groups", I take the liberty of quoting Bauman:

"Our task as a Residence Hall program is to provide a student staff with the skills and abilities to deal on both (individual



Dallas Bauman

and group) levels. First of all, a commitment to one's own development. Second is an ability to identify development needs in others. Third is the ability then to respond to that and the response comes either on the individual level or group level. In terms of on the individual level, it's necessary to know both in terms of the assessment and to be able to respond to the people on the floor on a very personal level, to establish a personal relationship with these people."

All very noble, a little idealistic perhaps, but meritorious nonetheless. However, Res-Life also wants RA's-MA's to be enforcers of University policies, as well, with herpes-curfews on parties and reports on pot-smokers. Big Brother moves into the dorms.

In discussing the issue of dorm curfews at 1am on weekdays, 2am on Thursdays, and 3am on weekends. Bauman is quick to point out that this "policy has been in existence for four years now". After all, "if there's a purpose for a policy in the first place then let's use it; let's not ignore it. I think there was a basis for it in the first place when it was established." Until recently, oral sex was also illegal on the books.

Bauman, who is fond of pointing to "the world outside" and quoting "reality", has a problem accepting certain

realities of Stony Brook and even the world outside of his own Midwest. RA's-MA's should enforce University policy and New York State law by turning in people who are seen smoking pot in dorm lounges and halls because "it's unfortunate people have the perception this is a sanctuary where the law doesn't apply." In essence, an RA's-MA's role has been extended to enforce laws that most police officers don't deal with. Maybe a cop will bust you for smoking a joint in the streets of Peoria, Illinois, but not in New York City. If it's under two pounds, the desk sergeant will ask you to go home and stay out of trouble.

Yet the real issue that Bauman does not see as a problem is the effectiveness of the RA-MA who turns in a peer for smoking dope in carrying out his future role in Res-Life's concept of the model RA. "I've seen hundreds of people do it effectively," he says regarding RA's-MA's who become policemen. If that is the case, I wouldn't want to go to school with Bauman.

How Res-Life plans on implementing the enforcement of the laws as written depends on the cooperation of their staff. If staff members refuse to adhere to these strict guidelines, Res-Life might have a little problem. But with today's bleak economic outlook and the reality



Dallas Bauman listening to Michael Meltzer's request for housing

that most RA's-MA's are such because of the \$1400 a year saved in room fees, Res-Life will not be too troubled in finding a new set of "good little Germans" who will follow orders from above. And then things could get hot in the dorms.

The fact still remains, whether Dallas Bauman or anyone else acknowledges it or not, most of the college community uses pot. If student staff members become lackeys of the Administration in enforcing very unpopular laws, their functions as RA's-MA's will be virtually destroyed. No one likes a stoolie. Nobody will turn to the "role model" for aid in development of any kind. An RA's ability to function on a hall is dependent on his image. If he/she is uncool, you'd better believe their role and/or effect on the hall will register one big, fat zero.

Now try to convince Dallas Bauman of this Stony Brook reality. "I cannot accept that the effect (of RA's turning in pot smokers) is that pervasive and that there's that much washing out of all these other possibilities for contact because it's only a small part of the role." Small part of the role or not, it's something that has no place in the college atmosphere. There is no valid reason to give students police power over their peers. Why don't we just issue badges to RA's-MA's and send them out to police the classrooms for academic dishonesty or the campus roadways for speeders? Taking the student staff member out of the context of his role as a student and placing him in the position of authority will only create a wider rift than the one that already exists between students and Administration.

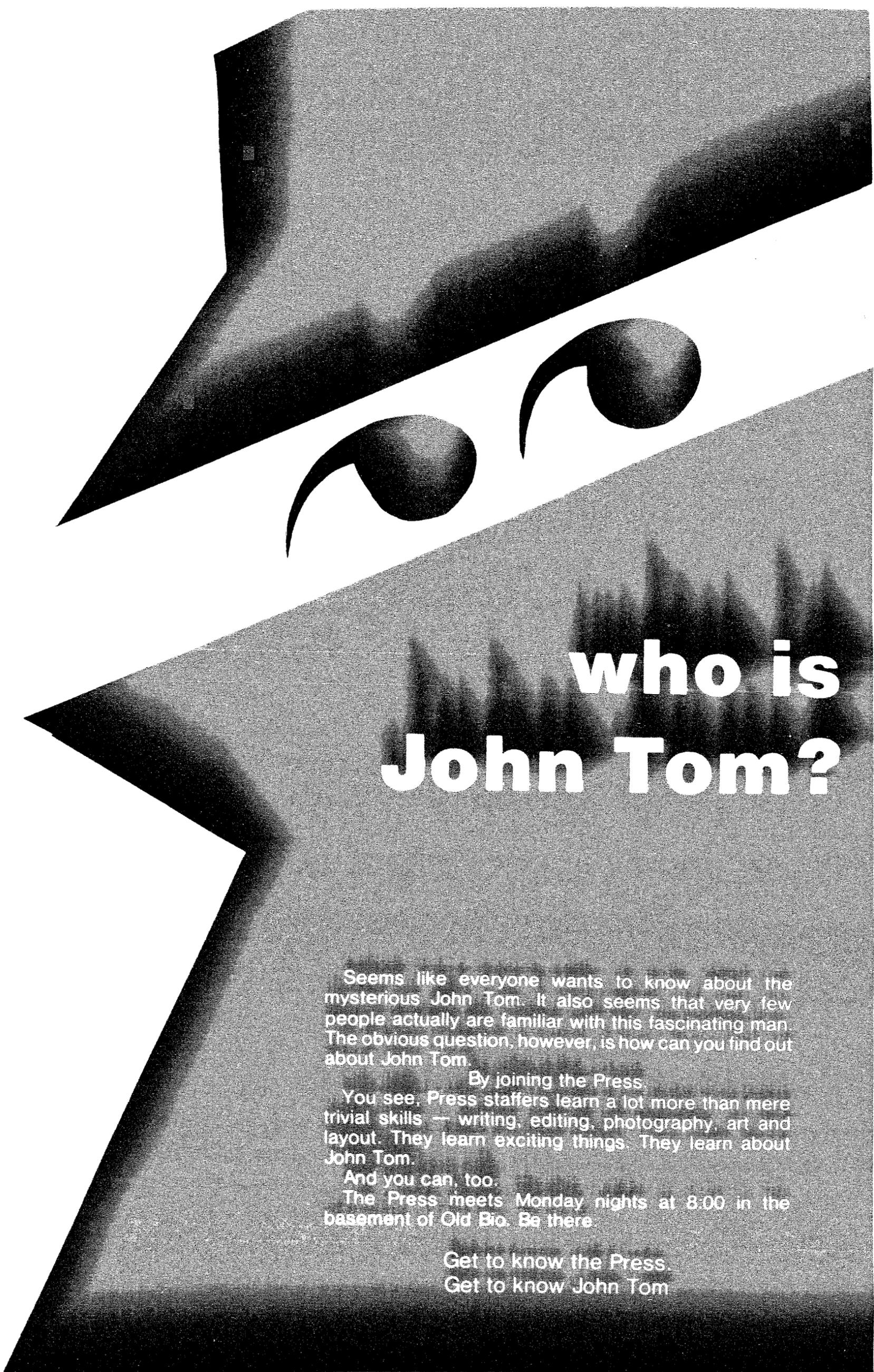
There is a deep paradox in Res-Life's desire to establish the "eternal autonomy" of the residents and to place student staff members in positions where they must enforce University policy, regardless of the policy's validity or enforceability. The results will be a paranoid campus and the assumption that the University is the sole governing voice. In short, there will be no intercommunication and thus, a stop to the free-thinking attitude of the University.

There are some University officials who would like this very much. What better way to mold the University image without the challenge of differing views? Repress the students now, shape and mold them later. Soon the image will be complete. Everyone can graduate Stony Brook as a Dallas Bauman with ideas that neatly fit into the mold of society. Presently we are dealing with administrators who want to affect change in order to make Stony Brook a better place than it already is. Stony Brook's drug image of the 60's still pervades the inner haunts of pale-dry administrators' minds like Bauman's who have brought their conservative ideology to Stony Brook. "The reputation academically is very positive." So the story goes from the Midwest. Stony Brook is still that drug crazed school of the 60's. And the only way to change that image and, thus create more revenue, is to clean that image up.

It's time now for the Administration to realize that their manipulation of the campus, its resources, and its policies directly affect our lives here regardless of what it will do to attract some higher classed students five years from now. We are not faceless numbers on David Stockman's budget board. We are people, adults who have the same rights as those in power. So when we send a message to Res-Life to be cool in the dorms, they'd better listen.

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Interview

Polity's Controversial President

Adina Finkelstein on Her Reinstatement

by Joe Caponi

This summer, newly elected Polity President Adina Finkelstein was informed she was academically dismissed from the university. Having been reinstated as a student after a retroactive withdrawal from a previous semester on medical grounds, the Press talked to her this week about her reinstatement, Polity, and student life.

Press: Do members of the Polity Judiciary still refuse to recognize you as President?

Finkelstein: Some members of the Judiciary have never and will never recognize me as President. Or they recognized me but didn't think it counted that much since the internal politics of the situation never required it of them. It's a sad thing to say but I'm used to it. I went through it all summer, and I gather that through the next year they will still be trying to get me.

Press: Doesn't that damage the effectiveness of Polity?

Finkelstein: The problem was my status as a student. I wasn't in school; now I am in school as a full-time student, just as I was at the time of my election. I've paid my activity fees and therefore I am the Polity

it will hurt us. Polity needs a strong voice, and that's the main place where we lapsed last year. I don't think we educated the students as much as we should have, and I don't think we expressed our concern with the policies the University has set down that hurt students. While certain people persist in this fighting, nothing will get solved and the administration will keep running away with these nice little policy changes. No one will do anything since we will all be fighting amongst ourselves.

Press: What does Polity plan to do this year?

Finkelstein: Polity has to restrengthen itself in terms of its goals. We must try to educate students to what is happening on campus, what Stony Brook was and what it could be. Also, we will try to get as many students as possible involved in Polity and University committees. There will be "R.O.C. Again", a "registration on campus" voter registration drive to get as many students as possible involved in the fall elections. We are dis-

parties. When Dr. Marburger came here three years ago and said, "We're going to stop the bars now", he was making a personal moral decision, and there are about 10,000 people who don't agree with those morals.

Press: What are your personal feelings about campus drinking?

Finkelstein: My philosophy on campus drinking is very different from that of the administration. They say students shouldn't drink because it creates vandalism. Well, it doesn't. And if students go off campus to drink, they may just kill themselves.

Press: Do you think Residence Life is sincerely concerned with students?

Finkelstein: I'm not living in the residence halls by choice because it's not fun to live on campus anymore. Take the Facilities Use Form. I don't like having to ask permission for every event. I'm going to have in my building. I live there and I know how to take care of it. Why should I go to someone who doesn't live in my college to ask to use it? If you give students something to take pride in, they'll take care of it. I lived in Toscanini for three years and took pride in where I lived, the people I lived with, and what we did together. If you treat them like children, they'll act like children. If you treat them as adults, they'll

"People say that I got back in just because I was President, and I sit and laugh because that's the reason I got kicked out!"



Adina Finkelstein

President. And as a friend of mine said, just because I'm two credits away doesn't make me any less a senior. I have to make up those credits, but that's my problem as a student, not as Polity President, and so anyone who gives me that argument (that she's ineligible to be President because of a lack of credits) is giving me the holier-than-thou rap and I don't buy it.

Press: Why do you think that Vice-President for Student Affairs Fred Preston still opposes your being recognized as President?

Finkelstein: Dr. Preston has put himself in a very uncompromising position. No one in the world believed that I'd get back in school. Students just aren't readmitted, and while Preston didn't tell me in specific terms, he implied that being Polity President wasn't going to help my situation. Dr. Preston has his own perspectives. As David Gamberg (Polity Vice-President) said, Preston doesn't pay a student activity fee, so he has no business in our affairs.

Press: Specifically, who else opposed your reinstatement?

Finkelstein: I can't tell you how many people were pissed off when I got back in. While I was surprised at the support I received from some administrators, I knew certain ones were totally embarrassed that I got back in. They thought, "ha, we've gotten rid of one of them." But the worst was the lack of support from many students. People say that I got back in just because I was President, and I sit and laugh because that's the reason I got kicked out! At the time I was trying to maintain my grades and still be Polity Secretary and run for President, all at a time when my health was poor. I was in and out of hospitals all year.

Press: Many people feel that because of its internal struggles, Polity hasn't fought for students in the past.

Finkelstein: I agree with that totally, but we've reached the point where we're not even concerned with the bickering anymore because it's going to happen to us all year long and the more time we waste, the more

cussing with our lawyer now the possibility of creating a Main Campus Residence Association, so that students will have a forum with which they can fight for their rights and for better living conditions. Finally, one of my most important goals is to work with the University Senate to establish ways to give academic credit to those students who have been seriously involved in school activities. It is important for students not only to get credit for what they do, but also for the administration to recognize the commitments that students have to making this a better university. Everyone has a perspective that the University doesn't care about its students, and they don't support them, but I think they basically don't understand what's happening here. Polity and the students have to show them.

Press: How have administrative changes influenced changes in the campus?

Finkelstein: The campus has had a complete overhaul. My first year here everything started changing: no more liquor in pubs, no more this, no more that. They're saying you can't do things but they're not explaining why, not trying to educate, and I think that's wrong. I'm very much against the one o'clock curfew on parties during the week. Students can and should be responsible for setting their own rules for

act accordingly.

There are even better examples of the University's disregard for students. My Quad Director lived in my building. The first thing my ex-Quad Director told us was, "I don't drink, I don't smoke, I don't believe in parties." Already you see the University perspective: they have people living with students who don't like what students do.

Last year in FSA, we were voting on the new meal service, DAKA, and the Director of Residence Life, Dallas Bauman, came in and said, "We don't think students should be able to get off the meal plan after three weeks; we think that they should have to stay on all semester." They think everyone should be on the meal plan, all eat together, all sit together. Sure, offer a good meal plan but don't take away dorm cooking. Dorm cooking is an innovative program not found on any other university campus. Administration should take pride in it and make sure it works. Instead they try and fit the students into a mold. You come in and go through a little machine, and they put you in a nice little box. No one here should have to fit someone else's box.

Press: Can the students really affect an improvement?

Finkelstein: Sure we can. We can use the Polity Residence Life Advisory Committee, organize rallies, protests, anything. I don't think the University realizes that the same coverage we got for last year's rally on cuts we can get for anything else, because we have that power. Senator D'Amato got two thousand letters from Stony Brook — there was no other campus that equalled that. The same commitment and spirit we gave that, we can give to this type of thing.

Press: Any final comments?

Finkelstein: I feel very sorry for the future freshmen of this school unless we stand up and say, "We're not going to let this happen." Students are losing more than just campus rights; they're losing their rights as individuals and people.

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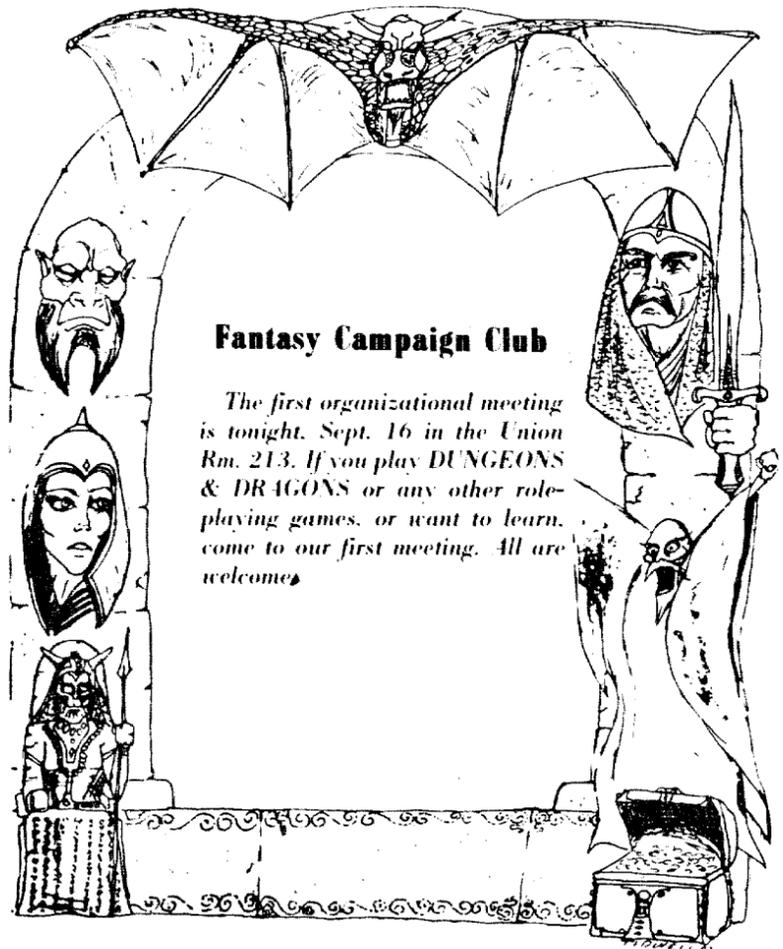
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& DRAGONS or any other role-
playing games, or want to learn,
come to our first meeting. All are
welcome.*

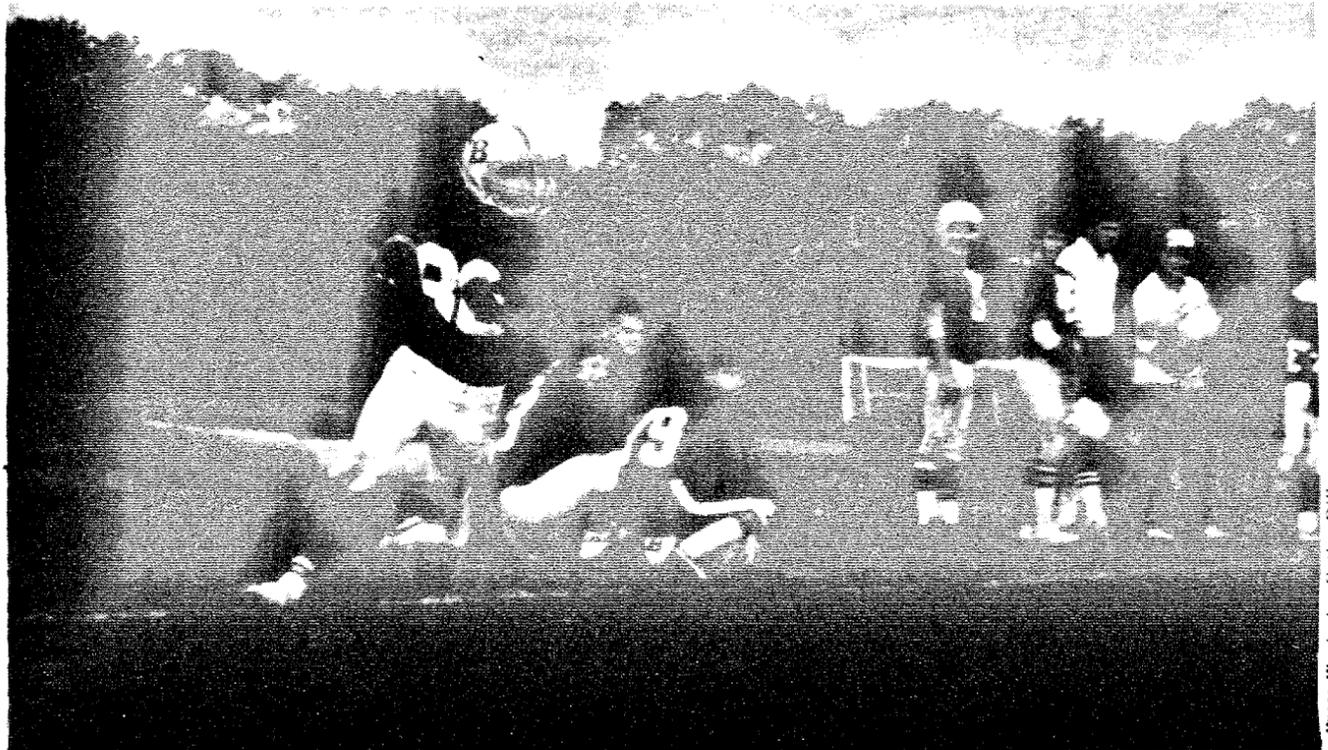
Pigskin Preview

Another Season Without NCAA Status

by Gregory Scandaglia

No season has a more profound visual impact on our surroundings than fall. One can not help but notice the changes: the sight of the green summer landscape fading to brown and orange, the sound of fallen leaves rustling in a cool breeze, the reappearance of frost on our windows, and sweaters on our backs, all announcing the arrival of autumn. For the sports fan, however, this scenario is incomplete. Despite all of mother nature's cues, no loyal enthusiast will acknowledge the arrival of fall until he hears the crunch of shoulderpads, the grunts of middle linebackers, and the nasal drone of Howard Cosell. Here at Stony Brook, fall has arrived even for the sports fan as the Stony Brook Patriots prepare to kick-off the 1982 football season.

The players as well as the coaches are very optimistic about the upcoming season. Jeff Schwartze, first string defensive cornerback, expects this season to be the best since he joined the team three years ago. "We have incredible potential this year. We've been practicing hard all winter and it's gonna pay off." Last year the Patriots finished the season with a 5-4 record, tying them for second place in the National Collegiate Football Association (NCFA). Head coach Fred Kemp is equally optimistic. "We are a much better team this year. Last year we had a young offense which has matured and developed much since then. Especially our quarterback." The starting quarterback for the Patriots is Ray Mckenna who looked very sharp in a scrimmage against a semi-pro team from Levittown last week. Tom Brusca, first string defensive cornerback, also envisions a big season. "We're gonna be very tough to beat. Our offensive attack is much more balanced this year. We can run and pass effectively. Our defense is really psyched up and ready, too." Most impressive of all is the opinion of the National Collegiate Football Association to which the Patriots belong. Of some 82 teams, the NCFA ranked the Stony Brook Patriots third.



Patriots scrimmaging

Press Photo by Cathy Dillon

Besides the promise of an excellent season, there are two other reasons for the positively charged attitude around the Patriot camp. First is the welcomed addition of Tom Black to the coaching staff. Black will be joining Barry Molloy, Marv Weitz, and Ed Urban on the assistant coaches' staff, having come to the Patriots after coaching football at West Islip High School.

Second is a brand new Homecoming celebration on Saturday, September 25th. Although Homecoming is traditional at Stony Brook, never before has it been designed in such grand style. The Stony Brook Alumni Association has joined forces this year with Polity and the Office of Student Activities in bringing this celebration to the campus community. It will all begin at 12:00 noon with a buffet lunch on the athletic field. At 1:30 the Patriots will take on

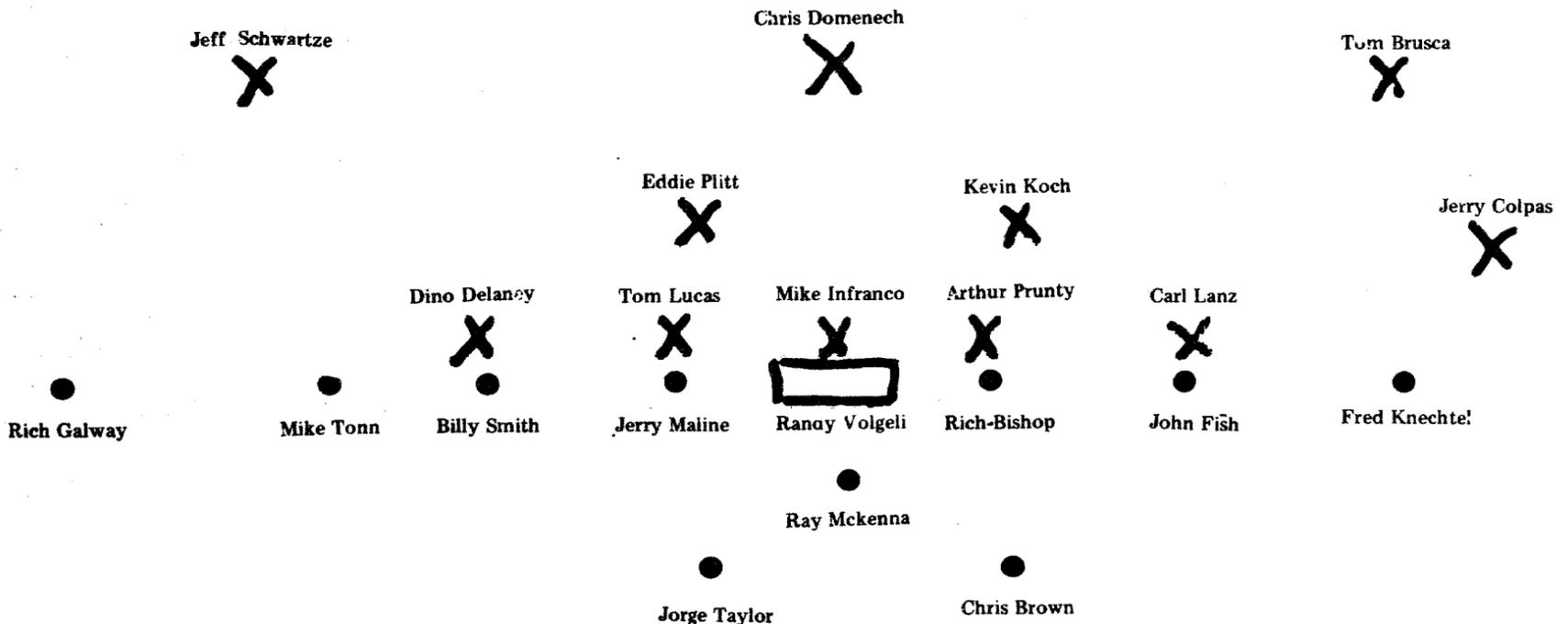
Sienna College. Half-time entertainment will include a marching band as well as a student float competition. At 4:00 cocktails are scheduled to be served to heighten the celebration. Finally at 7:30pm the first Patriot Club Alumni Dinner Dance will be held where trophies will be awarded to the football team. All are invited.

Despite the optimism however, the talent and the Homecoming extravaganza, the Stony Brook Patriot football program cannot escape the painful fact that it has not yet been granted Division III status. Head Coach Fred Kemp expressed his frustration on this subject: "It's incredible. We have the talent. We have always had the talent. We have played Division III teams before. In fact, we haven't lost to a Division III team in 5 years." It is common practice, especially among SUNY schools, for

the football program to begin at the club level. SUNY at Albany played for three years at the club level before attaining Division III status. SUNY at Buffalo waited two years to become a Division III football team. SUNY at Stony Brook, however, is entering its ninth year without this hoped for standing. "The worst part of it," stated Kemp, "is that our kids are denied NCAA scholarships because we are not Division III." However, there is a feeling that the Patriot football program is getting closer to this goal. "I'm optimistic that in the near future Stony Brook will have a Division III team," stated Kemp.

Although they herald summer's end, the signs of autumn deserve our welcome. The kindling of a bright September fire, the turning of the leaves, but most of all the teeing of the pigskin lend high spirits to autumn's return.

Starting Offensive and Defensive Teams



Those Were the Days

by Roger Sauterer

Once again, either from the short-sighted, shoot-from-the-hip kind of policy making that has typified Residence Life for years, or from a deliberate effort to slowly ease the students back into the "good old days" of in Loco Parentis, Residence Life has instituted a policy that should draw heavy criticism and anger from students and dormitory staff alike. Residence Life plans to strictly enforce the student conduct code, using the RA's and MA's as a sort of narc and morality squad to achieve this end.

Taken literally, the conduct code places quite strict limits on many activities we take for granted; there are party curfews, overnight guests (such as girlfriends or boyfriends) must be registered with and approved by Public Safety, with a five dollar fee for each night the guest stays, and drug use on campus is strictly forbidden. In practice, however, the University has followed a policy of benign neglect: the rules were there, but violations were generally overlooked as long as they did not significantly disrupt the University or violate the rights of others. One could have your girlfriend or boyfriend stay in your room for a weekend or even a week, (so long as your roommate didn't mind or you had a single room) smoke pot, or party till 5 a.m., without fear of official sanctions. Now all of this is a thing of the past, if Residence Life has its way.

Worse yet, the student staff are expected to act as policemen in enforcing these rules. Pot smokers, unauthorized guests, and partying after hours are to be reported to the RHD. Not surprisingly, most student staff members are furious about the new policy, at least in private if not publicly, where they would put their jobs

at risk. After all, they are human too, and like to smoke marijuana and have their girlfriends or boyfriends spending nights with them as much as any other student.

More importantly, the new policy will change both the role of the student staff, and students' perception of that role. Instead of being coordinators of dorm activities, people to go to when you have problems, or to report safety and maintenance problems to, the staff will be perceived as, and indeed are supposed to be, a kind of police, agents of the administration, to be feared and deceived.

This will certainly lead to an adversary relationship between students and staff, an "us versus them" attitude. Besides affecting the personal relationships of the staff members, whose official duties will often conflict with the actions of their own friends and acquaintances, this adversary relationship will cripple the staff in other, far more important functions, such as fostering a community spirit in the dorm, and keeping track of safety or security problems. People will be much more reluctant to report problems such as suspicious persons in the hall, drug or alcohol overdoses, or accidents, knowing that the staff members are supposed to be spying on them. The results may be tragic. An atmosphere of fear, distrust, and contempt will prevail, hardly "an atmosphere more conducive to an academic environment" that Residence Life wants! Also, the new responsibilities of the student staff will provide opportunities for abuses of power on an unprecedented scale. Some staff members may report infractions of people they do not like for one reason or another, while continuing to overlook infractions by personal friends, thus satisfying Residence Life and dealing with personal grudges at

the same time. Pressure for an informal quota system, where each RA is expected to report at least some violations, will make abuses of power even more likely.

As for strict enforcement of drug laws, at Stony Brook, like most colleges, at least half of the students, as well as staff members, use illegal drugs of one kind or another, at least occasionally. In all but a few cases, this causes little or no harm, even to the users. Whether or not to use drugs is regarded by most students as entirely a personal decision, and nearly all students oppose strict enforcement whether they use drugs or not. Whether undercover police agents or student staff are forced to act as such by misguided policy, "narcos or stoolies" are despised more than the roaches that infest this campus both by drug users and non-users alike. One only has to look back to 1970, when the worst riots in Stony Brook history occurred over the issue of undercover narcotics police on campus, to realize the deep-seated feelings about strict drug enforcement held by nearly all students. Although the political situation on campus is different today than in 1970, one must realize that narcs on campus is still an explosive issue.

As for the actual result of the new policy, probably little will change. Few, if any, staff members will be willing to act as police on the scale Residence Life wants. The student staff can act effectively as coordinators and helpers of the students, or as police for Residence Life, but not both! Residence Life has chosen the wrong one of these two roles; the student staff may well choose differently. There may be a few firings of staff members as an example for the others, and a few resignations in protest, but there will still be minor rule infractions, and overlooking of

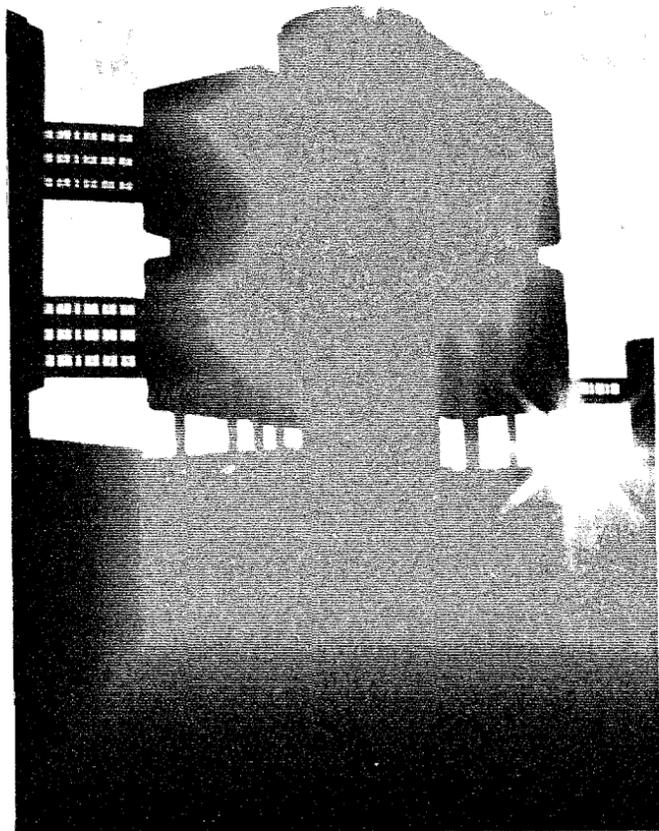
them by staff members. What will be changed is the community atmosphere, one of a community being replaced by one of fear and distrust, to the detriment of all.

Many students now fail to realize that many of the rights as to choice of life style and values that are taken for granted today were not given to us. Fifteen years ago, there were no co-ed dorms; instead there were visiting hours and 2 a.m. curfews. Our predecessors on campuses across the country fought for change, sometimes breathing tear gas, getting beaten with nightsticks, or going to jail, for what we enjoy today. There are many today, ranging from some parents and legislators to political and religious conservatives, who would love to turn the clock back 15 years, and restore the days of in Loco Parentis once again. Residence Life seems to want to aid these people in their goals, by slowly whittling away at the reforms we have won. The old system of benign neglect of the rules has served us well, preventing serious abuses of the rights of others, while at the same time allowing us a wide variety of choices in life styles and value systems. Now, with the new strict enforcement policy that Residence Life has implemented, some of these choices will be taken away. If we accept this, what will be taken away next? Will we eventually return to the days of curfews and single-sex dorms? The price of freedom is vigilance against those who would take it away. We students and staff should recognize this new policy as one step closer to in Loco Parentis, and should oppose and resist it, for if we don't, we're bound to lose more freedoms and hard-won reforms later.

(The writer is a graduate student.)

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Black Uhuru Canceled



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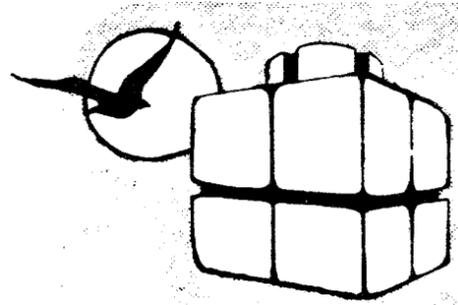
by Jeff Zoldan

What you should have been reading in this space was a review of Black Uhuru in the Stony Brook Gym last Sunday. However, reggae concerts and Stony Brook don't mix. After being detained by Canadian officials in Montreal on a visa infraction, Black Uhuru lead singer Michael Rose was forced to extend his stay in that country a few days longer than originally scheduled, forcing postponement of the group's dates in the states. It seems that at the time of granting Rose a visa, the Canadian govern-

ment was unaware that he had a previous arrest record on the possession of large quantities of marijuana. The Canadians, not to be daunted, corrected their initial oversight and revoked Rose's visa, preventing his entrance to the U.S.

The only casualties of the Black Uhuru tour were, of course, Stony Brook and the Ritz. The group has rescheduled dates in Washington, D.C. and Boston for later this week. Tomorrow night, they will be at the Peppermint Lounge for two shows. Well, at least no one collapsed on stage only to die a little while later. Irie!

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Music

We're Having A Party

by Kathy Esseks

An all-out war was developing in my room. I was sitting around with a group of friends, trying to agree on songs for a party tape. The project may seem rather straightforward, but we were experiencing great difficulties. Apparently, every rock group has some basic defect that goes unnoticed by its fans and is glaringly obvious to others, i.e., You like *them?*, gasp, gasp, gag... Anyway, we were sitting on the floor, on the bed, on the desk, you get the idea, drinking Tab and eating celery (some of us; some of us were indulging in beer and eating pretzels) and voicing our opinions on various artists and their songs.

—All right, I said, of course we have to have the Stones. Of course. In fact, the whole tape could be Stones, if you ask me. —Well I don't know, Judy says. The Stones, they're sexist, they're so old. I gaze longingly at my posters of Mick. No Stones? Will life have meaning if we leave them off the tape? I'm not sure. One of the beer-drinking guys rescues me from despair: Aw, they have good party songs. Yeah, yeah, some murmurs of agreement. Okay, says Judy, as long as it's not "Under My Thumb." But, but... in the interest of peace and friendship, we agree on "Shattered" and move on.

Donna has just finished applying "Mocha Mist" to all ten fingernails and is starting on the toes. —Bruce, we've got to have Bruce. Other nail polishers fervently agree. I delicately gag. The Bruce Boos-

ters hurl abuse on my soul. —He's great, he has a feel for what the melancholy side of life is like. His songs are like poetry. —Hah, I say, he writes songs about car engines, they go "Ooooo I have a car, ooo she's a terrific car, ooo yeah her carburetor is just divine and her spark plugs call to me softly in the night..." Three of them try to spear me with their cuticle scissors but I escape. Jean says come on Kath, "Born to Run" isn't bad at all. Everyone agrees, and Bruce goes on the list. John is tuning his guitar. —We need Zeppelin. —No, no, no, scream all the women present. —Why not? They are *the best*, ever, how can you *not* like them? —Ugh. Too high school, too immature, too loud. Zeppelin sounds like dinosaurs bounding over the fields. John is breathing hard and grinding his teeth. He has an altar to Jimmy Page in his bedroom. —Hey, calm down, who can object to "Stairway to Heaven"? No one can, so it's added to the list.

—Joan Jett, someone yells. —Who? The one with the raccoon circles around her eyes? —She's fantastic. She has a super voice and she's got, I don't know, *personality*. Definitely party songs. You've got blue circles around your eyes so who are you to talk. —I don't look like I'm at death's door. —Hold it, hold it, let's not get personal, how about "I Love Rock 'n' Roll"? That's pretty basic. Grumble, grumble, and then approval. Someone mutters She wears *black sneakers*...

—This is gonna take forever, I say. Why can't you people agree? How about AC/DC? Loud cheers of approval from a freshman who has acne and is still uncomfortable around girls. Deafening silence from all other quarters. Judy looks at me. —After I said the Stones were sexist, you have the nerve to suggest that repulsive, puerile band? Only frustrated sixteen-year-olds who have yet to shave listen to them. —I'm not sixteen, I'm not frustrated, I'm never gonna shave, and I listen to them. The freshman is chugging Coke and busily looking out the window. —Well, then I fear for your mind. It's obviously deteriorating at a fast pace. I look sorrowfully at my poster of Angus Young and sigh. —Not even one song? No, even the guys don't offer any support, the freshman has slunk off to do integrations.

I'm insulted now, so I jump right in with my opinion of the next suggestion. —R.E.O. Speedwagon is a definite. —R.E.O.??? Gross, gross, gross. Yuck. Ick. No musical merit whatsoever, devoid of redeeming qualities, a threat to the hearing of any sane person... Someone sat me down and handed me a cold Tab. —You're taking this personally, Kath, here, just look at this picture of Mick Jagger and you'll be all right. We're putting down "Don't Let Go" and you just concentrate on the picture.

I did feel better. Works every time. On to the next: Cars. —No, no, the Police. —What? Are you out of your mind? Who is to the Police with that dumb

blond singing doo doo doo daa daa daa? Retards. —No way, they're the best. The Cars, now, *they* are putrid. That guy Ric Ocasek? He looks like he's been dead for years. —You just have no taste. No taste. It's sad to see in someone of your purported intelligence. —Actually, I say, they sound alike to me. Bad move. They proceeded to explain every point at which the two groups differ. There were many. We settled with one from each, with the two fans glaring at each other from opposite sides of the room.

—Okay, said Jimmy, we need Van Halen. Donna looked up from doing her toes. —Oh yeah, David Lee Roth is so *cute*, he is just a hunk... (passage deleted out of delicacy). Everyone was kinda embarrassed when she finished. —Uh, didn't that guy marry Valerie Bertinelli? No, that was Eddie the guitar player. Their marriage is on the rocks. —How do you know? —I read it somewhere. At the checkout in Pathmark. —Right, good, reliable sources. I put down "You Really Got Me" and left it at that.

—This is taking an amazingly long time to do, someone complained. —Yeah, and we've picked all the most boring songs, too. —Well nobody likes any group but their own, except for one or two of the most overplayed songs by any other group. What do you expect? In fact, I said, the light dawning on me, in fact we can tune in PLJ and forget about making the tape at all. Unanimous GROAN. —All right, let's start again...

Stray of the Week Wall Poster



“Let Them Eat Hash”
