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# Happy Birthday

Five years ago at Stony Brook University, there was a Boston Tea Party of sorts. A group of disgruntled Statesman editors, unhappy with the direction that that once fine newspaper had taken, decided that they had had enough. They, along with a variety of political and minority student groups, attempted to take over the Statesman offices in a protest, with the goal of producing a newspaper responsive to the needs of the students who were paying for it. Upon being thrown out of the Statesman offices, Statesperson, a mimeographed protest paper was produced. One month later, three editors, Chris Fairhall, Eric Brand, and Melissa Spielman assembled the first issue of the Stony Brook Press.

**Stony Brook is quite young, but in its 26 years it has grown and accomplished a tremendous amount. We would like to say the same for the Press. In five years, it has grown, and while just holding together has been quite an accomplishment, the Press has not merely just held on. The goals upon which the paper was founded have remained to this day: to establish a weekly newspaper which would gear its editorial content to investigations and high quality feature writing, and maintain a solidly pro-student voice in university and outside matters. While much of the format and style of the paper has adapted with the times, those goals are what we still are striving for today.**

**The two cover stories on our first issue on October 25, 1979 were headlined "The University Tightens Control" and "Racism Continues at Stony Brook." It seems, given the fact that either of these stories could**

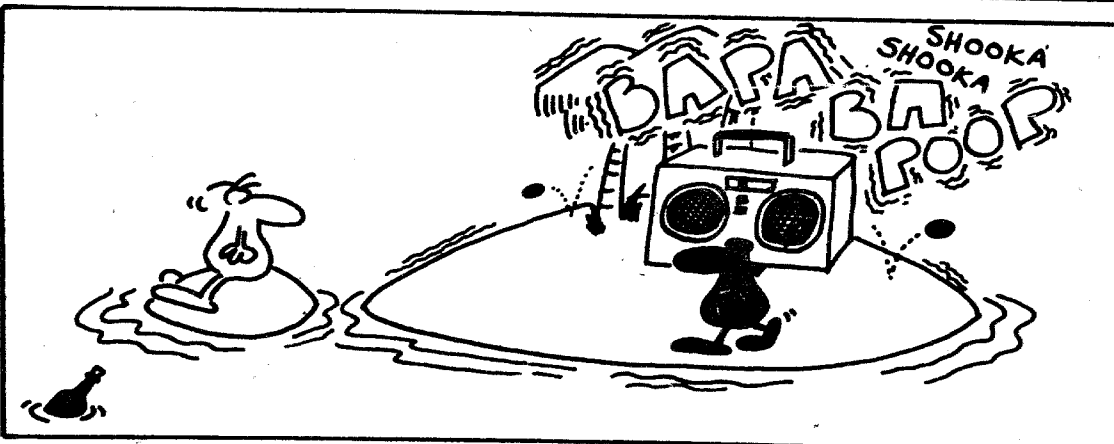
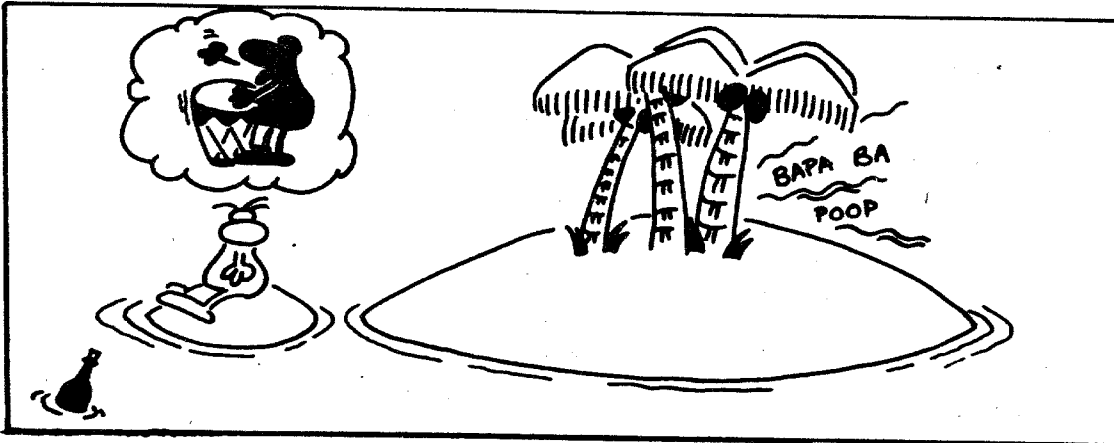
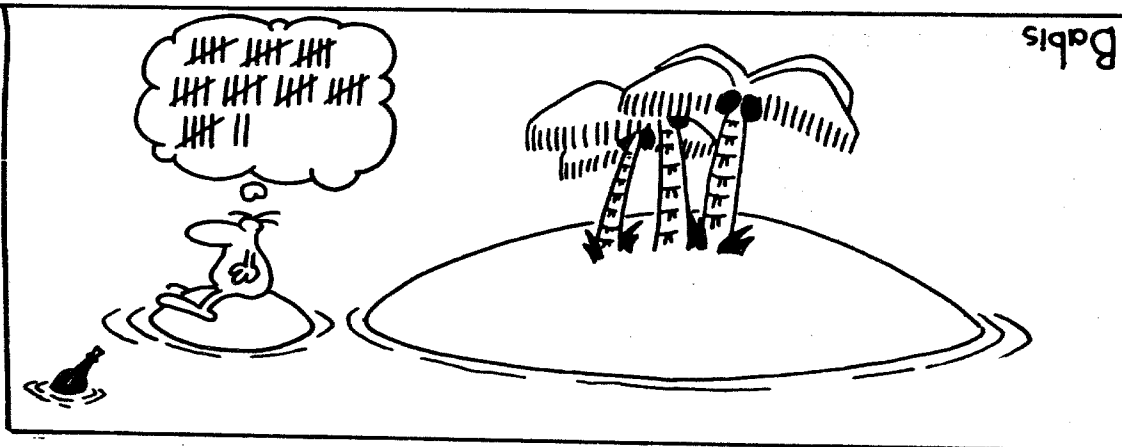
While Stony Brook has been changing greatly since its founding, and especially in the last five years, changes to genuinely benefit the quality of student life here have been rare. There are a number of possible reasons for this, including poor communication, administrative turnover, pressure from Albany and elsewhere, conflicting student demands, and most significantly lately, the tightening state budget, causing more and more cutbacks in areas where expansion is needed and has been promised. The Press has tried to be a channel for discussing these problems and a part of their solution in the last five years, and we will continue to be so. If administration realizes that what makes a school outstanding is not how well it mimicks other great schools, but the strength and diversity of its own programs, and if it decides to really discuss matters with students, rather than hand down decisions on marble tablets, if Polity presents student needs clearly and directly, and if faculty can be pulled away from research long enough to become involved in education, than this university can continue to improve and reach the lofty goals that have been set for it. If these groups don't come together, they can be counted on to fight each other to a standstill, while problems mount and resources disappear. Either way, it will make for interesting coverage in the next five years. Hope you enjoy it.

A large number of issues of The Stony Brook Press which were stacked in the Union two weeks ago were vandalized by a presumably well-intentioned but nevertheless fanatic religious group. The Press would like to apologize if anyone was offended by these unidentified people's actions. If any of our readers see anyone defacing copies of the Press in the future, you have our permission to hit that person with a baseball bat. Thank you.

The Stony Brook Press can be picked up beginning Wednesday nights at the following locations: The Stony Brook Union, Library, Administration Bldg., in front of the Press offices in the basement of Old Bio (Central Hall), the Javits Lecture Hall, Psych. A, Humanities, SBS, Grad. Bio., Engineering, Computing Center, Physics, Chemistry, Grad. Physics buildings, HSC cafeteria and library and at the cafeterias and at several off-campus locations.

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# Students Join SUNY Task Force

by Joe Caponi

After a highly controversial first year of existence, the SUNY Task Force on the Quality of Student Life has begun its second phase. Stony Brook students on the task force are now confident that it will be far more successful in this phase than it was in the first.

The task force, organized by the Chancellor of the SUNY system, Clifton Wharton, and including a number of SUNY presidents and other officials, was boycotted by student members in its first phase because of the low number (four) of students permitted to serve on it. In their absence, the task force adopted a plan backed by SUNY Buffalo President Stephen Sample for an athletic fee and the takeover of control of all NCAA athletics from student governments by the University administrations. After intense lobbying against the measure by student government leaders across the state, the measure was defeated by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Obviously the Task Force was in trouble.

Before beginning the second phase of the study, the Chancellor agreed to allow the number of students on the task force to be increased to twelve, ending the boycott. Of the 12, three are from Stony Brook: Polity Senior Representative Danny Wexler, VP Joyce Yearwood, and SASU Representative Andrew Chin. Vice Provost Graham Spanier also sits on the Task Force.



Press photo by Haluk Soykan

Danny Wexler, Polity Senior Rep.

In its second phase, the group is studying four areas for improvement: Student Support Services, Extra-Curricular Activities, Academic Ambience, and Housing. "Phase one of the study had nothing to do with the quality of student life, really," said Wexler, "it was mainly concerned with what SUNY could do to improve Sample's football team at Buffalo. Now, however, I think the rest of the task force, other than Sample himself, are genuinely interested in what we are saying. We are discussing a number of important topics."

The Task Force met in Albany last week, and will hold several more meetings by the end of the year. Any recommendations the group might make will probably not be announced before the spring.

# Polity To Defend Vice Presidential Election In Court

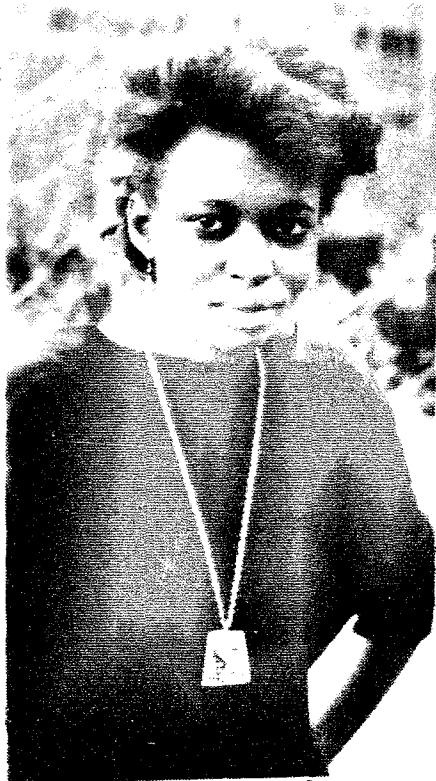
by N. Todd Drobenare

The Student Polity Association was served last week with a restraining order from the State Supreme Court, preventing Joyce Yearwood from taking the Vice President's post until a hearing on the election is held this Friday. The VP election, held a month ago, resulted in Yearwood defeating former Polity Secretary Belina Anderson by two votes, 890-888. However, thirteen more votes were counted than there were signatures on the voting registration forms, and on the basis of this irregularity, Anderson went to court, after the Polity Judiciary refused to over turn the results of the election.

Polity must prove to the satisfaction of the presiding judge that the election was fair and within the bounds of the state not-for-profit corporation law, or the election may be thrown out. If he rules that the election results are genuine, Yearwood will be allowed to resume the powers of the Vice President's office immediately.

Polity's lawyer, Camille Gianastasso, is confident that Polity will prevail in court on Friday.

Polity Senate Pro-Temp Matthew Cresser has been chairing the meetings



Press photo by John Tymczyszyn

Joyce Yearwood

of the Polity Senate in the absence of a vice president. Yearwood had been chairing them until the imposition of the restraining order.

# O'Neill Legislature Writes Home

by N. Todd Drobenare

Back in 1969, then Stony Brook President Toll dissolved a legitimately established committee charged with rewriting the student conduct code. His vice President for Student Affairs then drafted a severe code without student input and presented it to the Stony Brook Council for approval.

The O'Neill College Legislature was outraged and established its own committee to revise the Code. Other college legislatures were later brought into an expanded version of this committee. The O'Neill draft of the Conduct Code was to go on to be accepted by the Stony Brook Council over the administrative proposal.

Today O'Neill College is outraged once again. This time it is incensed at the poor quality of student life on campus and the administration's seeming lack of concern in improving it. At its October 30th legislature meeting, O'Neill voted unanimously to mail a letter of protest to their parents informing them of the conditions under which they live. The letter seeks not only to inform the parents, but to get them to complain. The letter suggests that the parents attend the University's Parent's day on Nov. 10, an question Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, on the administration's plans to improve student life.

The letters also ask the parents to write or call John Marburger or write a letter to the editor of Newsday to express their concern.

Debbie Johnson, the sponsor of the resolution got the idea to write the letter when leading a group of visiting parents on a tour of G-quad earlier this year. One father asked about what was being done about repairs to the courtyard and why it wasn't being fixed right then! Neither could her M A answer to her why Debbie had to sleep on a mattress whose springs were popping out and why it was not being replaced. All this, along with the other frustrations of residence life prompted Ms. Johnson to write the letter. She has said that she would be happy if "a dozen angry parents come down to parent's day."

Ms. Johnson and the members of the O'Neill legislature are planning to give copies of their letter to the other colleges of G and H Quads and hope that they will also mail them to every parent before the University open house. O'Neill has allocated \$25 for printing and bulk mailing of the letters. Leg President Tim Whitlash suggested that, "if the legs don't have time to allocate the money for mailing, they can have each student mail a copy home, as we were originally planning to do." The text of the letter is as follows:

Dear Parents,

We are sending you this letter to inform you of the conditions under which your son/daughter live. We are sure that every parent cares enough about their son or daughter to read and act upon such an important letter.

The following is a list of items which have been brought to our attention by the Statesman and the Press, 2 campus newspapers

- 1- There exists a serious shortage of toilet paper, light bulbs and paper towels on campus. Despite several requests to have these items replaced, very little has been done so far.
- 2- This shortage also exists outside of the resident buildings. Some of the academic buildings have inadequate lighting, making it difficult at times to read a blackboard; the studying carrels in the library are missing lights, making it hard to find a place to study.
- 3- There is inadequate exterior lighting, which is not only an inconvenience, but a dangerous situation. (five sexual harassment cases have been reported on campus this semester.)
- 4- Damaged lounge furniture has not been replaced, kitchen facilities are not maintained, and as always the roaches are still here.

We're sure ther are more problems which your son or daughter can bring to your attention. Remember that each student pays \$775/semester for housing the average dollar total being collected is over semester per hall. We feel that the forementioned items are not asking for much. For instance, we are not asking for the \$1.5 million park that the town suggested be built on campus, of which the administration proposes to contribute half the cost. If there is that much money lying around, why can't we use it to buy light bulbs?

As parents what can you do? The students and staff have complained, but apparently no one is listening. So, we turn to you hoping you care enough about us to help. Please come to Parent's day on November 10 (you should be receiving information about it in the mail). Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, will speak and take questions on "Student Life" from 12-12:45pm on this day. This is the opportune time to ask about the above items. If you cannot attend, then write a letter expressing your concern to John Marburger, President of the University, Administration Building, SUNY Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794 or call him at 516-246-5940. A letter to the editor of Newsday might be another possibility. Please do anything you can to help!

Thank you for your time and action,  
O'Neill College Legislature

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## **PRE MEDS**

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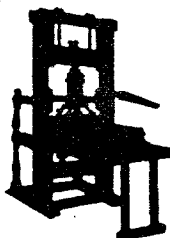
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# The Press: A Step Forward

The Stony Brook Press is not a puppet of Polity, though the student government has funded this first edition. The Stony Brook Press is not a leftist newspaper, even though the Red Balloon in an off-handed sort of way helped it get started. The Stony Brook Press, however, is biased because it is geared to the students at the State University at Stony Brook.

Following an occupation of the Statesman offices by a coalition of members from different campus groups, and the subsequent publication of the newsletter Statesperson, the announcement was made that the campus would have a new paper—Independent of Statesman and Statesperson. While Statesman seems to be an event-oriented paper, it was decided that The Stony Brook Press would gear its editorial content towards investigations and high quality feature writing.

Members of the University Community have periodically mentioned that Stony Brook might benefit from another publication. Some people felt that there is a need for another news medium to fill the holes between Statesman, Fortnight, Black World, other

campus publications and WUSB. A need was felt for a publication that would go beyond the surface of important issues and dig into their true measures.

Some people feel the campus needs another publication; others do not. We hope that we do not disappoint any group with high expectations, and we also hope that those who thought the University Community did not need another publication find something appealing in The Stony Brook Press.

If you have an opinion about this first issue, we ask that you let the student government know what it is. We ask that you let the Campus Community know what it is through Statesman or The Press. We ask you to let us know your opinion.

The Stony Brook Press has received enough funding from Polity to cover the costs of its first issue. It will be published bi-weekly, every other Thursday. With the editorial strength and financial support that come with time, it is intended that The Stony Brook Press will be a weekly.

# Passion, Pain ... Growth

May 1, 1980

"We may affirm absolutely," wrote Hegel, "that nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion." If Hegel was correct, then certainly Stony Brook is in for great accomplishments.

If nothing else, the first era of Stony Brook's campus has been marked by passion: political in-fighting, resignations, rallies, protests, sit-ins, demonstrations, firings, hirings, births, deaths, and violence. If perhaps the intensity of passion of the sixties has slacked off a bit the last few years, then the events of the last few weeks give testimony to the passion lurking beneath the lackluster surface.

At the threshold of a new decade, and with a new president ready to step into position, it seems that Stony Brook is indeed passing from one era to another. The massive, pervasive construction that was both the boon and the bane of the campus has all but ceased. The grounds, once host to incessant activity and change, seem now to lie dormant, in muted anticipation of things to come.

And what's to come?

The old saw has it that out of pain

comes growth, out of turmoil, progress. There was a time, months ago, when a small group of angry editors struck out on their own and created a newspaper. In the months, the issues since, that paper has grown, learned, faltered, persevered—even incorporated. That paper, this paper, now has every prospect of being a respected campus fixture, one that will grow, learn and falter with the University.

John Kenneth Galbraith wrote: "People are the common denominator of progress. So .. no improvement is possible with unimproved people, and advance is certain when people are liberated and educated." It is our hope that the Press can contribute to the liberation and education of the students of this University in particular and the campus community in general.

With the era of physical construction behind it, Stony Brook heads for an era of educational, spiritual construction—a shoring up of what Presidential nominee John Marburger called our "academic community." Postulating the dawn of a new day, is it too optimistic to conjecture a tinge of excitement?

## The Stony Brook Press

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## The Fourth Estate: Editorial

April 30, 1981

# Mandate

All the events of this year—indeed, all the events of Stony Brook's history—rush by and sweep us along to an eventful climax. Along with the classes, programs, newspapers, and support services, that begin and end with the ebb and flow of each school year, a chapter, perhaps a whole way of life, comes to an end at Stony Brook.

As the recalcitrant students looks with distress at the calendar stating he has fewer and fewer days left for procrastination, and the preoccupied professor becomes more itchy for that lengthy vacation southwards, another year winds down at the Brook. Freshman breathe a sigh of relief, seniors a sigh of melancholy.

This has been an eventful year. Most importantly, John Marburger and his new ideas and style brought change and movement to almost every area they touched. Both the academic and non-academic organizations have been examined and overhauled, for instance. Color has come to the campus through innovative sidewalk and busstop-painting. An emphasis has shifted from substance to substance and style. The upcoming presidential inauguration is a prime example of this. Pomp and pagentry is planned to bring some much-needed pride and sense of tradition, as a matter of fact, is that of...mud.

For years, due to the omnipresent construction, and the landscaping peculiar to Stony Brook, mud reigned supreme on the ground. Now, its vestiges are all that remain. The only tradition Stony Brook had is now forever part of the past, out of the daily experience of presentday S.B.-ers. Ridiculous lament? Perhaps. But this transition is representative of the overall evolution of Stony Brook.

As was pointed out in this space last year, the installation of John Marburger as president seemed to mark the end and the beginning of two eras for Stony Brook. The first era was that of construction. Thanks in the main to John Toll and Nelson Rockefeller, Stony Brook was the hapless recipient (victim?) of enormously rapid growth and development. Within a relatively short period of time, this university was planned, built and prodded into being a world-class institution of higher learning. Detail and frill gave way to speed and expanse. Present amenities gave to future hope. A system of checks and balances held together by hearsay, rhetoric, informal formalities, and rote developed. Mutual understandings grew up between student and administrator, student and faculty. A firm belief in Murphy's Law and a reliance on the austerity rationale became the backbone of policy-making.

But now, with the gentlemen from California and their big plans, things will change—have changed. Stony Brook has slipped into the second phase of its existence. For the first time, the digging machines have stopped, and the thinking caps have been replaced. Now will come attention to detail, the spit and polish. Stony Brook will move but of its troubled childhood and into its troubled adolescence. It will become like the other respected schools, full of pomp and circumstance, tradition, alumni, etc. Gone will be the rough edges, the open-air cat-fights, the sense of risk.

Without a doubt, this transition is necessary and welcome. But a little nostalgia for the chaotic years, the first stumbling steps, towards stability is in order. Before it becomes just a memory, some pictures in somebody's

yearbook, a lesson to be learned, a creed to be embraced, from that era.

Protest.

In the ideal sense, the university will teach its students—it is hoped all its members—to be free-thinkers. The open discussion of issues will be held inevitably to wiser choices and a better existence. No greater legacy can a school leave its students than that of dissent. We live now in an age that sees the United States government at odds with its citizens, fighting to deprive them of basic standards for existence. The world is a better place now for those would dissent, and needs it now as never before—as nuclear nightmare threatens to rise with each morning sun. Protest is mandatory. On this campus, where the administration seems bent on improving the University, and seems willing to comply with reasonable wishes and lend an ear to all views, protest is no less important. As citizens, we must attempt to effect change where current policy is detrimental, if not malevolent. As members of the campus community, we must try to affect change, where policy is—at least, presumably—responsible and broad-minded.

As the end of the semester looms, and the beginning of an era beckons, we must promise the old Stony Brook—the radical, unpredictable, mythical Stony Brook—to revivify and maintain one tradition: protest. All the alumni fund-raisers, all the invocations, all the paint, all the sugar-coating in the world will not paint the facequiet campus. Don't let the old Stony Brook go without promising to make the new one live and breathe. For in a university community, silence is death.

# Vote For Your Life

by Sue Wray  
SASU President

SUNY students will be tested next month. We will be tested on local, state, and national levels by policymakers who are waiting to see how valid are students' strength of the student movement depends largely on how well students respond to the challenge presented to us this fall.

SUNY students have, in the past, responded effectively to efforts by SUNY administrators as well as Board of Elections officials to weaken our power. Student representation on auxiliary service corporations is vital to the protection of student interests; the validity of this representation, however, has been questioned and threatened by university higher-ups who fear loss of

their own control. We were able, a couple of weeks ago, to prove in a federal district court that we deserve the same rights as any yet the right of SUNY students to vote in their college communities has long been threatened. These and other examples of infringement of student rights—including the recent attempt to levy an athletic fee on students—represent a growing trend.

It is heartening, in the light of this apparent trend, to witness an increase in SUNY student solidarity. Our defeat of the proposed athletic fee last month is a case point: student leaders from across the state travelled to Albany to defend the right to control our own money. We united to defend SUNY's mission and proved to the SUNY Board of Trustees that we believe this mission is to provide low-cost, quality edu-

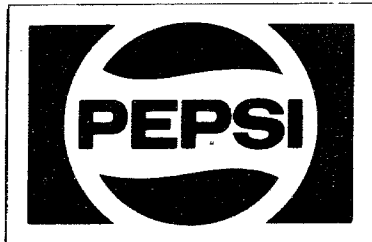
cation to the citizens of this state, NOT to fund big-time sports on the backs of students. The recent statewide student voting rights victory remedied our long-time second-class citizenship and enfranchised many students. Looking back to last spring when SASU united SUNY students to beat both a proposed raise in the drinking age and a tuition hike, it is clear student power is strong and growing.

SASU has been working in Albany and throughout the state to ensure that the student movement continues to grow. SUNY student must display power and unity in order to have a voice in decisions which affect every facet of our lives. Students nationwide have been able to stop over 50 percent of the federal financial aid cuts proposed by Congress and the present administration. There will be countless more tuition and fee hikes proposed within the SUNY system—we must be ready for them. Education has become a double-edged sword of skyrocketing costs and decreasing financial aid: it is time for students to call a halt to and reverse this course. Our futures depend on it.

There are many issues which demand our immediate attention and action. The State University presently funds oppressive regimes in South Africa and elsewhere in the world. This will occur until SUNY students demand that it stop. SUNY campuses are unsafe due to the lack of emphasis placed on proper security, funding and procedures. The assaults and rapes will continue until students insist the present situation is unacceptable and demand that it change. And our civil rights are being eyed by anti-youth legislators who see us as easy political targets. Unless we act in the polls, on our campuses, and in legislators' offices, we will be faced with a 21-year-old drinking age fruitless battles for an Equal Rights Amendment.

SASU, the largest student advocacy organization in the nation, is funded by SUNY students to represent and advocate your welfare and interests in the Governor's office, to the SUNY Board of Trustees, and in the New York State legislature. The key to our success is student participation and unity. By working together, we may improve our lives and the world in which we live. I urge each SUNY student to learn more about SASU, the SUNY system, and your rights as students and citizens. Become familiar with the candidates and the issues, and express yourself in the polls on November 6th. We will not be ignored in '84.

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### REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE

James Dean, who during his short career epitomized the misunderstood and rebellious youth of the 1950's, vividly created this image on the screen in the dramatization of a teen-ager caught in a web of alienation and juvenile violence.

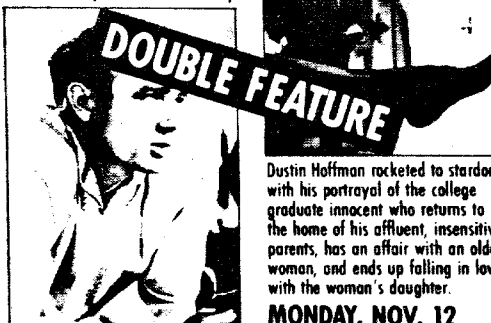
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### THE GRADUATE



Dustin Hoffman rocketed to stardom with his portrayal of the college graduate innocent who returns to the home of his affluent, insensitive parents, has an affair with an older woman, and ends up falling in love with the woman's daughter.

MONDAY, NOV. 12  
9:00 p.m.



### THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

The Star Wars saga continues with this thought-provoking follow-up to 1977's box-office block-buster. Spectacular special effects catapult viewers into the center of this spell-binding fantasy world. The Force is still with us—and better than ever!

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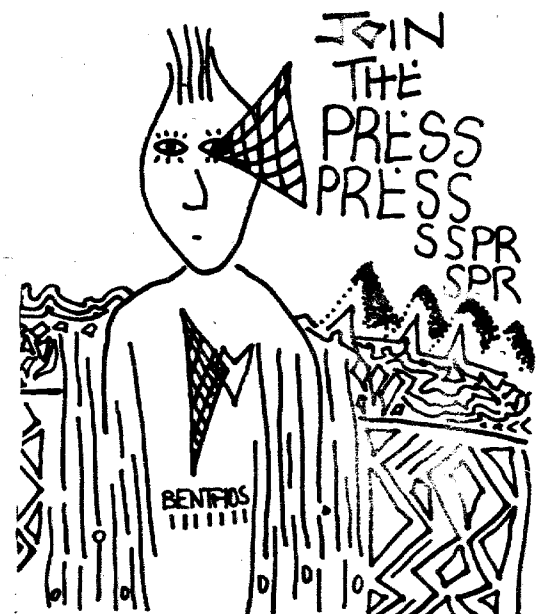
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# Off the Koff

Andy Koff is the former Polity Vice President and currently represents Polity on the Food Service Planning Group, and is a Class A member of FSA. He is writing a regular column in the Press about people and issues which affect students and the campus.

**Aboretium** is defined by Webster's New World dictionary as a place where many trees and shrubs are grown for display or study. The Off the Koff dictionary defines the same word as an *abhoratorium*. An *abhoratorium* is defined as a place that this University gives to the Stony Brook community to appease them, and/or waste money. This column is prompted by the recent statement by Dr. Robert Francis (yes, another vice president, I know there are a lot but don't confuse them, they are all different) at the last Stony Brook town meeting, that our university will donate the land behind South P — Lot (if you don't know where that is ask a commuter) and match whatever monies the community raises to plant a big flower pot there.

Well, I guess due to the circumstances and Dr. Francis (herein after called Bob) being involved, I should give a short portrait of Bob. Bob has an office in Admin and he used to be part of the Admin brothers singing team. Bob is one of the few (proud and brave) administrators on this campus that you could talk to, and walk out of his office feeling that you made your point and something will be done. Of course, six months later as you are seated in your room drinking, studying, or whatever, it dawns on you that nothing has occurred; *c'est la vie*. Bob has other problems, just as the belief that the university is not a place to study. OK, granted the carrels were not used frequently, as was his excuse at the town meeting for not replacing the light bulbs there, but being a place of studying, if just a small percentage of the campus population uses it their goal is achieved. But Bob occasionally does have the students in mind. He did push getting the systems in Gopher — Quad (commonly referred to as G — quad) fixed, and that deserves some credit.

The purpose of the aboretium is to appease the community so that they won't force us to close our south entrance. Well, I myself am sick and tired of appeasing the community, and I think that it is about time that the administration started looking out for us, the students, first, and not the community.

Some other examples of the community hand in our university are late night parties. The loudest parties

(that will effect the community) are the fests; Fall Fest, G — Fest, Oktober Fest, and perhaps one or two others a year. These fests usually account for two nights a year a piece to bring the maximum total of noisy nights up to ten. For those in the community, this equals (break out the old TI — 30 if you want to check my calculations) 2.737851% of the year. Okay, I understand that the noise could be intolerable on certain days of the week (Sunday to Thursday), but isn't it the fact that fests are held on weekends? Also, the complaints are understandable if these parties lasted until 5am, but they usually could turn down the music at 2am and nobody would mind (except the self — righteous community). But nnnnnnooooo, they don't want us to have parties, and our illustrious leaders in Admin don't fight them with all that they have (they do not think twice though, about fighting us).

We have also appeased the community before. anybody remember where North P — Lot was? Yes that's right, it was where the LIRR commuter lot is now. We did this, and we allowed them to build a new North P — Lot further down the road. Well, those of you who pay any attention to what is going on now also knows that our illustrious community doesn't appreciate our using some of their roads (like the one out by South P), and wish us in our gregariousness to close our entrance. Boy, what nerve!! I would like to point out to this middle class slum community that most people who use that entrance are either commuters, faculty, staff, and even administrators (Fred, why don't you tell them how you used to get home when you lived at Rolf's). Yes *mon* community, these people pay taxes, have children who might go to school in your district, elect your legislators, have a Fine Arts Center in Suffolk (mind you the only real one) at which you are the predominant attendants at performances, and you wish to force us to close the only entrances to the campus on the South side. I suggest that you move.

Most of the people of the outside community bought their houses knowing full well that there is a university here, and knowing where its hospital is etc. etc. Why complain now, you shouldn't have moved here. Oh wait, did you move here because taxes were low, or because it is easy to get a job at Stony Brook. Yes, interested readers, we are one of the largest tax sinks in Suffolk, and are one of the largest employers in this area. Perhaps you moved here because you know your children will have a place to hang out (video arcade in the Stony Brook Union) or perhaps

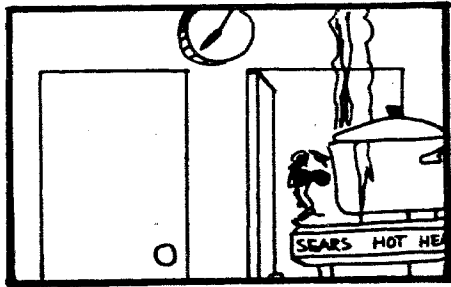
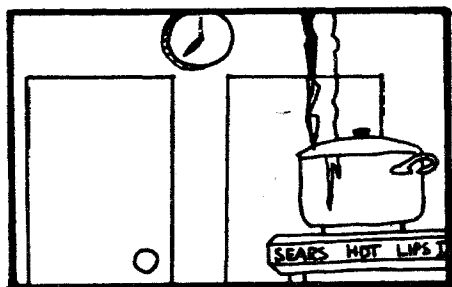
you are a masochist. Whatever the reason your sons and daughters come on to the campus and can cause trouble and then be simply escorted off, and rarely are charges pressed (ie. G — Fest 1982).

Now in order to keep the South gate open we are being forced to build a huge flower pot, **NO WAY**. This money could be used to put lights in the dorms (or possibly toilet paper). It is important for Bob to remember that the university is a place where students should be learning, and to do this lighting is often necessary (consider that most studying is done at night). And if we are to improve the **QUALITY OF STUDENT LIFE** (remember this from the last column), we might try to improve the living and educational conditions at this university, the administration does have an obligation to do this.

Therefore, like the athletic field monies, since it hasn't yet been requested of Albany to fund the flower pot, redirect it to the dorms and TA lines. This will be more in line with the university mission in life. Also, if the community wants an aboretium, let **them** build it and we in the goodness of our hearts (and at no cost to us) will donate the land to them (which was originally donated to us). But before we do this, we ought to keep in mind that the South P gate will still be closed since they will probably complain that the exhaust emissions are killing all the little flowers. So it seems there is only one way to stop this complaining from the community and that is to either nuke them (not really appropriate), or to tell them to get lost (definitely more appropriate). We can tell them to get lost since we come under the domain of the state, and no lower level of government can make us do anything.

I will advise you to tell your administrator (pick your favorite vice president and tell him/her, perhaps the new vice president is your best bet though, considering this is part of her job responsibilities) to try to invoke the state power (through incantation or whatever means it takes) to achieve our South gate's permanent opening. To get yourself involved, it might pay to point out that your gas bills will probably increase and you will lose time by driving around campus to get out (remember there is no large parking lot or any foreseeable facility of the north side). You residents sitting here, also lose time and money (for gas) because McD's, Burger King, and the Smithhaven Mall are all on that side of campus. So, if the mood strikes, write a letter or go visit an administrator and tell them what you think.

## NO Chesco-



# Polity Check Shortage Hurts Clubs

by Al Bosco

Checks are to Polity what toothpaste is to a toothbrush, one doesn't make much sense without the other. Polity is in the entertainment business; your student activity fees are distributed, though them back to you ultimately, in order for you to have fun. The main basis for fun is of course, money. Money for a corporation like Polity is, of course, checks. Here is where the fundamental problem currently lies: Polity has almost run out of checks.

At last count, according to Brian Kohn current Polity Treasurer, there were approximately 12 blank checks left at noon last Tuesday. According to Dan Hank, COCA Chairman, "we had 26 yesterday, now we have a dozen." Polity usually writes up to 300 checks a week. Why is our Student Government out of those precious checks, the only

reason in many students minds that they even exist? "I have no idea," said Polity President 'Hawkeye' Aylward, adding "we ordered checks, but someone sent them back for some reason." Robin Rabii, Polity Executive Director, claimed that "events aren't being hurt,...the checks were ordered in August and should arrive this week."

The only foreseeable problem for students at Stony Brook is that great and oft asked question: "How will we pay for the beer?" Currently only "urgent" requests will be receiving checks for now. Also, if the blank checks don't arrive from the printer by Thursday morning, Polity must issue cash for the "executive agencies," which include SAB, COCA, and Hotline. If the checks don't arrive soon, we may have to check into this further.

To the editor:

On October 4, 1982, the University Senate adopted the following resolution:

The University Senate urges that all members of the University Community, faculty, staff, and students, vote in the upcoming elections on November 2, 1982.

Recognizing that students registered in their home districts may find it difficult to both vote and attend classes, the Senate urges and asks President Marburger to urge that faculty take this into account when planning classes for that day. In particular, exams should be avoided and an extra effort should be made to enable students to make up any work missed on that day.

Finally, the Senate urges that serious consideration be given to not scheduling classes on Election Day in making up future calendars.

The Senate Executive Committee has recommended the same course of action for the election to be held on November 6 this year. I endorse this resolution and ask that faculty members take Election Day into account in planning their classes, avoiding examinations and enabling students to make up work they might miss on that day.

John Marburger

To the editor:

As a student working at the Office of the Disabled on campus I find myself outraged at the immature behavior of some of the students here at Stony Brook. Three times in the past month I and another student have placed braille signs in and outside of elevators used by blind students. These signs serve not only to identify the buttons for floors but also to locate the alarm and stop buttons in case of an emergency. Each time that we returned to the elevators all of the labels were removed.

Students should think about what these signs mean to blind students. When someone who is blind enters an elevator they have no way of finding the correct button without these labels. If no one else is in the elevator they have to play a guessing game hoping that eventually they will find the correct floor. The blind and people with other disabilities can lead normal, productive lives if a little concern is shown for their needs. Making buildings and classrooms accessible to students with disabilities enables them to take full advantage of the learning opportunities available. Why place unnecessary barriers in their path? The next time you are about to rip off a braille label think about what you are doing and what this will mean for the blind. Based upon honest reflection, any sensitive, caring person would have to reconsider his/her actions.

Kathryn Klein  
Graduate Student  
School of Social Welfare

When I was a freshman the meal plan was the worst. When I became a sophomore, it got no better. By my third year I was convinced that there was no

hope. However, contrary to popular belief, here in my final year there seems to be hope for the food service. Sometime during DAKA's first year on campus (Jan. 1983 if I don't miss my guess) they placed an extraordinary competent individual on this campus to provide quality food (or at least a real concerted effort) for the students. This individual's name is Charlie Thrasher, and if there is a future for a food service here at Stony Brook it lies with him.

I understand that the people who at this moment are on the "mandatory" meal plan (all freshman and transfer students) may not be overly enthused with the food service, and what I have to say may not console you, but what proceeded DAKA was so many times worse than to those few souls around who still remember Lackman, DAKA appears to be a blessing, though it may be in disguise.

The reason for this letter is that earlier this evening (October 30) in Kelly Quad Cafeteria there was a Meal Plan Advisory meeting that had some 6 or 8 people come and give feedback on DAKA's efforts to deliver quality food to our students. That number might be adequate if those 6 or 8 students had to go out of their ways to give their input, however, this was not the case. This meeting was scheduled for the height of the dinner hour when 300 — 400 people were in the cafeteria, eating. So, if you people on the meal plan would stop wasting your valuable time bad mouthing the food, and spend some of it giving constructive criticism and ideas to Charlie Thrasher and his able bodied associates here on campus, you might all be in for a pleasant surprise. The quality of both the food and service will increase proportionally to the amount of input that you give these people.

If you are interested in the next Meal Plan Advisory meeting, please call FSA at 6 — 7102 and just ask for information.

Sincerely,  
Danny Wexler  
Senior Rep.

TO: All interested parties  
From: Joyce Yearwood  
Polity Vice President

We are all aware of the recent reduction in the campus bus service. This reduction is due to recent cut backs in the Administration's budget. Polity/Student Government and the Administration are working together to rectify this problem. One idea that was put forth by the student government, in concurrence with Dr. Robert Francis/Vice President of Operations, is to hire student bus drivers. The position would be a Work Study/Student Employment position. This, the student government feels will not only enable the Administration to increase the bus service, but will also provide more jobs for the student population. The Administration is willing to start a training program as soon as possible, all they are waiting for are student volunteers. Responsibility and a drivers license are the only qualifications needed. Applications and more information will be available through Joyce Yearwood/Polity Vice President, whose office is located in the Polity suite. I encourage any student to get involved.

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## Viewpoint

# Public Safety Dance

## Public Safety Responds

In the last issue of the Press, Stony Brook student Jeff Leibowitz wrote a viewpoint sharply critical of Public Safety's actions in the impoundment of both his car and motorcycle. Public Safety Director Gary Barnes responds:

Dear Mr. Liebowitz:

The members of Public Safety and myself feel compelled to inform this community of all the facts, reference your case. In your Viewpoint we found distortions and lack of facts. Your opinions infer many dangerous statements by yourself reference Officers of my Department.

Now let's go over the facts the way they really are — on the week of October 15 you came to Doug Little's office accompanied by a Statesman reporter wanting to lodge a complaint. You were welcomed to the office to give what you felt was your side of an injustice. The Statesman reporter accompanying you was there to see if, in fact, an injustice was committed. You proceeded to give your account of your story at which time Mr. Little asked me, the Director, to take part in this meeting. We sat down and listened to your story. We then spoke to Sgt. Valentine (Towing Officer) who had all the facts of your case prepared. Sgt. Valentine had all the facts because the evening before he had spoken to your father about the entire case. May I add, this investigation was not completed in five minutes, and that it is still pending.

Upon reviewing all of the facts, you, George Bidderman Statesman Reporter, Sgt. Valentine, Doug Little, and myself had a conference concerning your case. It was explained you had reported your car stolen from Kelly roadway on 9/22/84, and a nationwide bulletin was sent out on our computer that date. Your vehicle

was then towed on 10/8/84 from Roth Quad for being parked on the grass. The vehicle had no forced entry nor was it damaged in any way to indicate that it had been stolen. The vehicle was impounded and secured in the impound lot. We do not do computer checks on routine violator tows because of the volume of violation, unless the vehicle is left for 30 days making the violation delinquent. This is a Standard Operating Procedure for our Department, as we explained to you. As you know, you reported your vehicle stolen on 9/22/84 and yet your vehicle was impounded in Roth Quad on 10/8/84 for being illegally parked. There was no damage, no break-in, no evidence of being a stolen vehicle. This we find odd and may I add as I stated previously, this case is still pending.

After impoundment of your car, three weeks later you were driving your motorcycle and was pulled over by an officer of this Department. You did not have a proper license, nor insurance, nor were you wearing a helmet. So, ultimately your motorcycle was impounded. After going to the impound lot you stated that you found your motorcycle and your vehicle well secured.

After giving the facts of this case to you and explaining procedures and odd accounts of your case to you, it was determined that your complaint was unfounded as was presented. The gentleman from Statesman refused you a story of our injustice because there was no basis for it. You failed to let the community know of your numerous moving violations and outstanding parking tickets all received prior to reporting your vehicle stolen, and then you have the audacity to state, after the facts were relayed, that Officer Paukner was harrasing you. Do you remember when Mr. Little asked you if you had ever met Officer Paukner before he had pulled you over for moving

violations. Well, let me remind you — you stated you had never met him before, and yet he made a practice of harrasing you. Officer Paukner's duties are to uphold the laws of the State of New York. It is not his or our fault that you make a practice of violating them.

Enough of this case at this point, now your slanderous attacks were out of line and to the point that the officers may go their legal route with your defamation of character acts. We, as a law enforcement officer, expect to be placed under the highest scrutiny of any professional because of the trust that is placed upon us by the People of the State of New York and the University community. We expect such scrutiny and cannot allow the remarks that you have made go unnoticed by our account of the facts. Based on the above contradictions that you made on your Viewpoint, I feel that a public apology is forthcoming from you.

At this time I would like to open up this Viewpoint to the entire community stating that if one of my officers uses his peace officer powers in an unjustified manner, I will be the first to see disciplinary action is taken after a full investigation of the facts has been lodged. This is the proper way to run a law enforcement agency. We work for you — our community and your safety and security is our foremost concern. We, totally, are in agreement with President Marburger when he stated the quality of life on this campus must never be jeopardized.

Sincerely,  
Gary B. Barnes  
Director  
Dept. Public Safety

## Viewpoint

# Touchdown

## Scoring the Elections

by Christopher Whitbeck

"And it's a touchdown!" says Dandy Don, as only he can.

"Oh yeah!"

"It's about time."

"So what do you think of those Republicans?"

"Whaaat?"

The room is utterly quiet for just a split second.

Let us picture a typical 12' x 12' room in the H Quad complex of dorms. There are ten guys hanging on Don Meridith's every word while he calls the plays on Monday Night Football. If you bring up the subject of the upcoming presidential election, in such an atmosphere, you will get a variety of responses.

"No really, who are you guys thinking of voting for, I need to get your opinions."

A cry is heard from under one of the bunkbeds, "Gus Hall all the way!"

"Yeah," this call is answered by Mr. Bunkbed's roommate Tom, "He's got a female running mate and she's black. He's my man."

Gene, the one senior of the bunch lets out with, "You guys are a bunch of... You never think about anything. If it were up to you morons Mickey Mouse would be running this country."

"No the Beav' would!"

"Well I'm voting for Reagan," says Gene the intelligent.

"H...H...H...How come Wally?" asks Mr. Bunkbed in his best Beaver Cleaver voice.

Ignoring him, Gene goes on, "Well, I know that in my area people are better off because of his financial plans, I say that we give him another term and he'll have this country back on its feet again."

"Give him another four years and he'll have us in war again!" whines one of the few girls who dare to walk into this room.

"It seems as though we're headed straight for one,

and to tell you the truth, I'm afraid."

"Well, I say he's got us on the right track and I'd rather vote for him that for someone who says that he'll raise my taxes and cut my money for school."

"But look Gene," John, the self proclaimed political genius bellows, "He'll have to raise taxes and cut aid to schools anyway. It's inevitable."

"OK, maybe...but he looks and sounds much more impressive on T.V. than the other candidates."

"So does Mickey Mouse!" chimes Mr. Bunkbed.

"Oh come on Gene...everybody knows that he doesn't know what he's talking about. He needs aids and prompters to sound the least intelligent."

"You know what I have to say to you guys — I don't care about any of this — I'm not voting."

"Why Howie?" is the general question asked throughout the room.

"I can't find the place to register. It's not in the same place it was last year."

Pillows and punches fly, along with a few verbal abuses, and the topic and all discussions of politics are over.

Sometimes in the classroom students try to sound more informed. "It's obvious that the Reaganomic Trickle Down theory has not worked, therefore I believe in Mondale's plan of placing people who make over sixty thousand a year in a higher tax bracket. You realize that this is the direct opposite of what President Reagan wants to do." But most of the time statements like that are not heard during an informal conversation over baked Ziti.

Of course students care about what is going to happen to their generation, they think about the issues; deficit spending, abortion, etc. Most students are informed and so there is no need to worry about a bunch of guys watching Monday Night Football, drinking beer, and making "Beaver Cleaver for President" signs.

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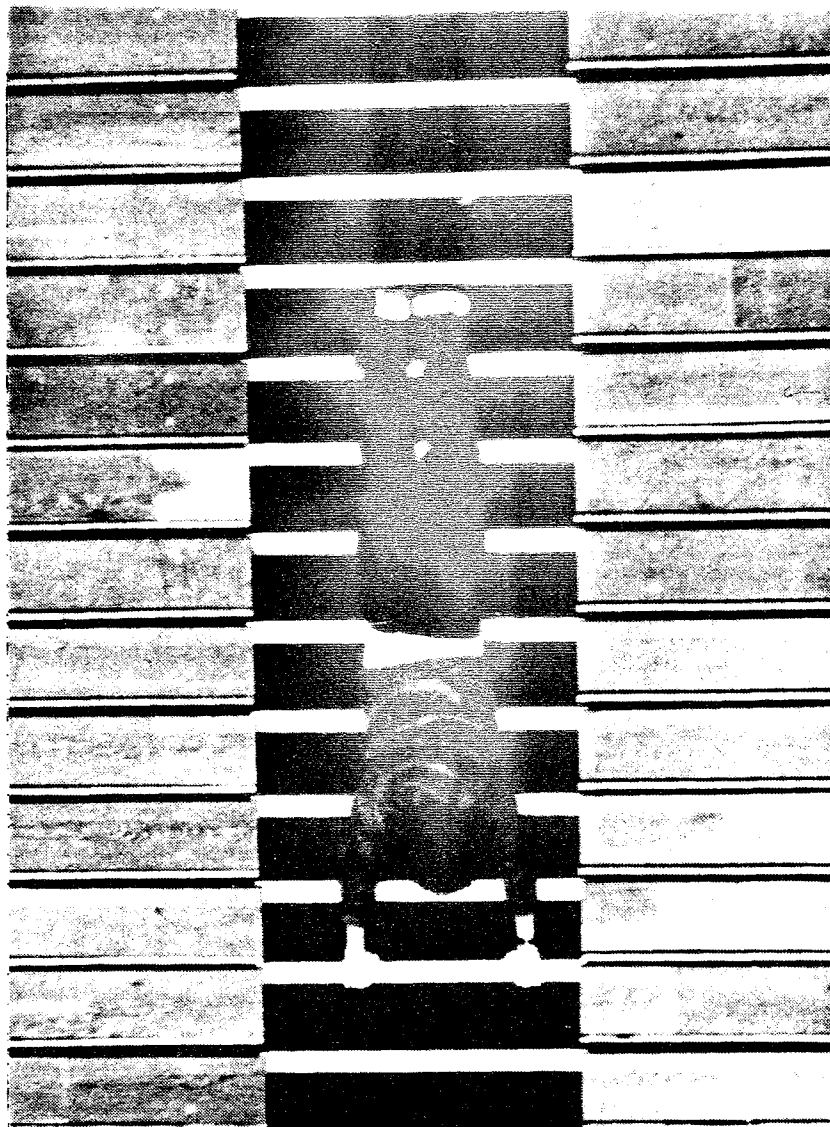


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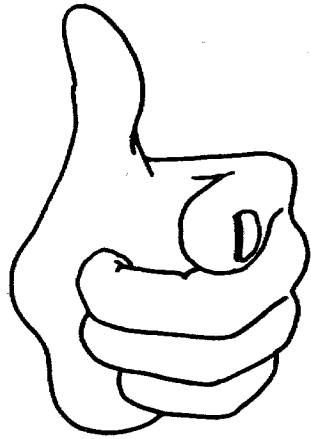
# The Finger

by Malcom Murphy

Vin Scelsa was a great disc jockey. He worked for several years on WNEW-FM in the 70's and for about a year on WLIR. He turned me and the rest of his listeners on to so much great music, I can't begin to list it all. Besides that he was a person, a great guy that you could hang out with just by listening to the radio. He told lots of great stories (remember Razoo Kelly?) and had an interesting perspective on life and Rock'n Roll.

The reason I bring up his name is because I talked to Vin this past weekend and I realize just how much I miss his voice coming out of my radio. At first I didn't recognize him. He said he lost 100 pounds since January, and felt alot healthier. I laughed when he told the story of his being fired at WLIR because he played some Hot Tuna. He also talked of some of the things that happened at NEW-FM and his friends there, Like the Butch and the Brick show that would go on and on into the night.

When asked if he misses being on the radio, his answer was the well yeah but I finally realized it was time to grow up. Rock'n Roll is not that important to him anymore and the radio is just a big



business where the music comes close to last in their thinking. So the public loses another great personality. I think it's great that he's standing up for his ideals but damn if I had a radio station the first D.J. I'd hire would be Vin Scelsa.

This Is News: Jane Wiedlin has announced plans to leave the Go-Go's, to launch a solo career. Rumours that the group is disbanding are being denied by their management. ....NRBQ is about to embark on their first European

tour. Included is a gig at the Berlin Jazz Festival. ....The new Big Country LP is scheduled to be released this week. It is called "Steeltown" and the tracks I've heard sound great.

Some Records to Check Out: Los Lobos-How Will The Wolf Survive?-These guys won a Grammy for their EP form last year. This continues in that vein, mixing rock, Tex-Mex, and traditionally sounds into the most refreshing LP of the year. If you can't dance to these guys, you're probably dead. XCT-The Big Express--(Geffin)--I have to admit this band is a favorite of mine. However this record doesn't disappoint. Lots of great new tunes, some messages for us all. It's just to bad they don't tour.

The Replacements-Let It Be--Twin Tone--Since I really didn't like any of their other records, I'm not sure if my taste has changed or if these guys their sound has changed. Just let me say this rock'n roll, pure and simple. Fun stuff to annoy your parents with.

I just realized that I could talk for a long time reviewing new records. My next record will be giant review marathon. Sort of a X-mas buying guide for the discriminating shopper. I hope you'll check it out.

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