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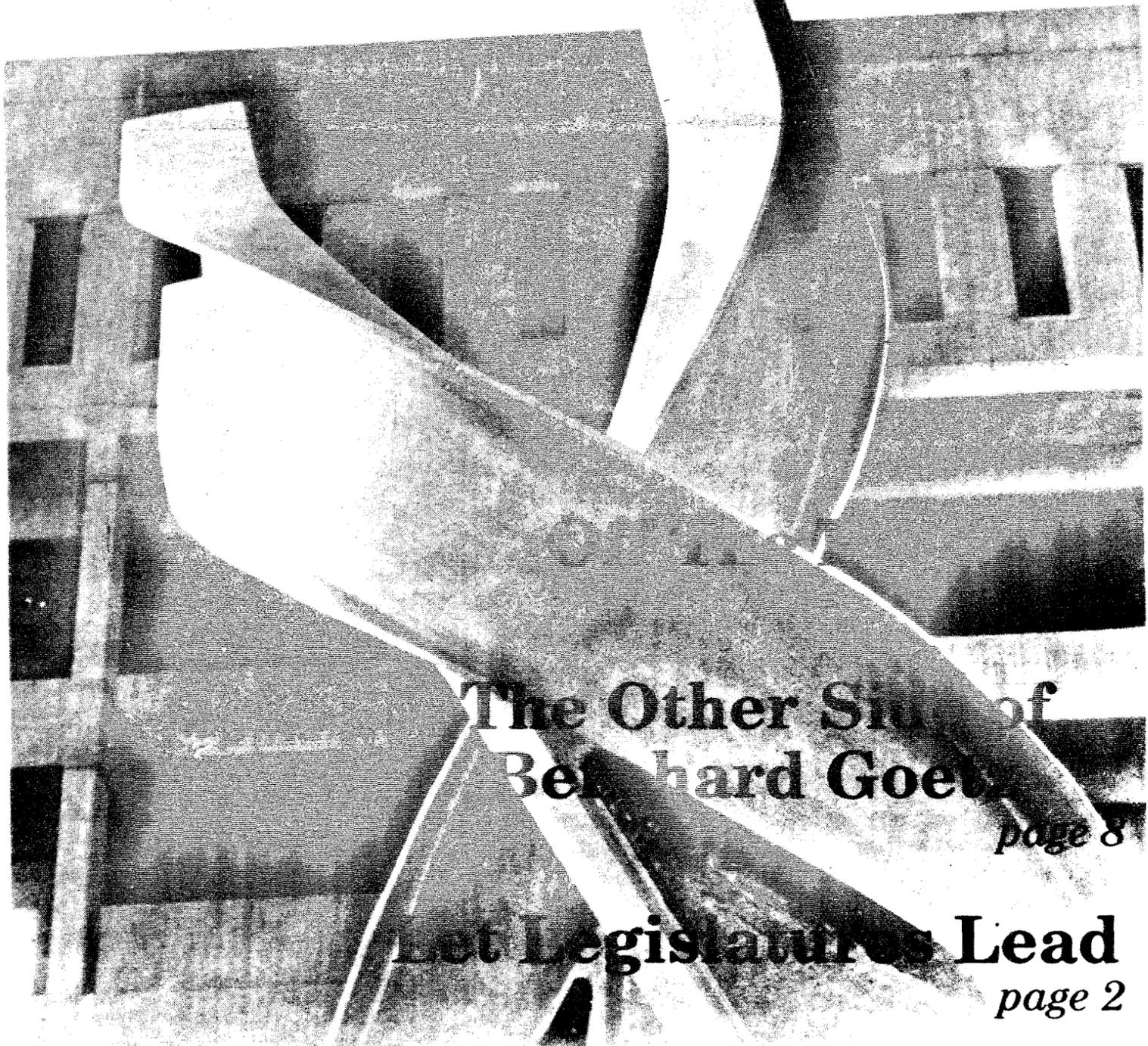
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Power To The People

The college legislatures: They deserve more than just a hand, they deserve a round of applause.

Stony Brooks college legislatures are not only a good idea, they work. Since their inception in the late sixties along with the Resident College program, the building legislatures have been as much a part of the education of Stony Brook students as calculus. The university experience is one of growth, intellectually, and socially. Its purpose has been to train professionally and socialize the future leaders of American Society. Educators and parents continually point to the state of education, higher and otherwise, and lay the faults of society at its feet. And rightly so. It is in school where we socialize our youth into roles they are to play, the roles they must play if our country and society are to continue to prosper.

In the Germany of Hitler as well as in every fascist or authoritative state, the first requirement of government was a docile populous. One that was trained, one that was socialized to obey orders. The thinking was to be done by others. The United States is a democracy in fact as well as in name. It success depends not so much in the soundness of its economy but on the soundness of its people. The competence of a people in a nation such as ours should, must be judged on their skill to lead themselves. We say skill, for it is a skill, a learned processes, not an innate ability inborn in all people brought into the world this side of the Iron Curtain.

That Stony Brook University has adequately professionally trained its graduates is of no doubt. Our ranking among the top 11 public universities attested to that. That we adequately socialize our

students to lead themselves and this country competantly is questionable.

That the students who passed through this college during the time of the Resident College program were adaqatly instructed in the art of democracy we have no doubt. They ran their buildings, deciding on their intellectual, academic, political and social atmosphere. They allocated space, determined student staff and acted on the world around them. When in 1969, a repressive student conduct code was presented by a University V.P. after he ignored a legitimetly formed committee to revise the existing code, the O'Neill legislature took to organizing rather than taking to the streets. The college leg. formed a committee that rewrote the conduct code, organized the other legs around it and finally presented it to the Stony Brook Council. After deliberation the council (which has final say in such matters) approved the student proposal and shot down the administrations version. The experiance was invaluable both for those students who participated and those who lived through the event. It taught the leaders the skills needed to affect lives in a democratic system and taught the others that we live in a society that can be changed peacably. This belief is the glue that holds democracy together. For if you can't change your government through the democratic routes already established, then methods such as terrorism and revolution become legitamate methods of expression.

That tradition of self-governence and activism remains with their counterparts to this very day. When O'Neill College was disgusted with conditions at this school they wrote letters expressing their

anger and directed their parents to bring their feelings to the attention of the administration.

Again late last semester when NYPIRG coordinated an effort to have a possible tuition raise die in miscarriage, it was the O'Neil Leg, lead by President Tim Whitlach and Vice-Pres. Jon Mofatomo that outdid every other building on campus by having close to two thirds of the building residents sign pledge cards against hikes.

The Kelly D legislature, along with others, stood up against President Marburger's original FSA demands last fall, and fought for months to keep an RHD they liked from being fired. James College produced over 300 letters opposing the 21 year old drinking age last year.

The most recent incident of students in a college legislature trying to affect their own lives is the passage of a letter of greivaneces against the university by the Hendrix Leg. When the university let

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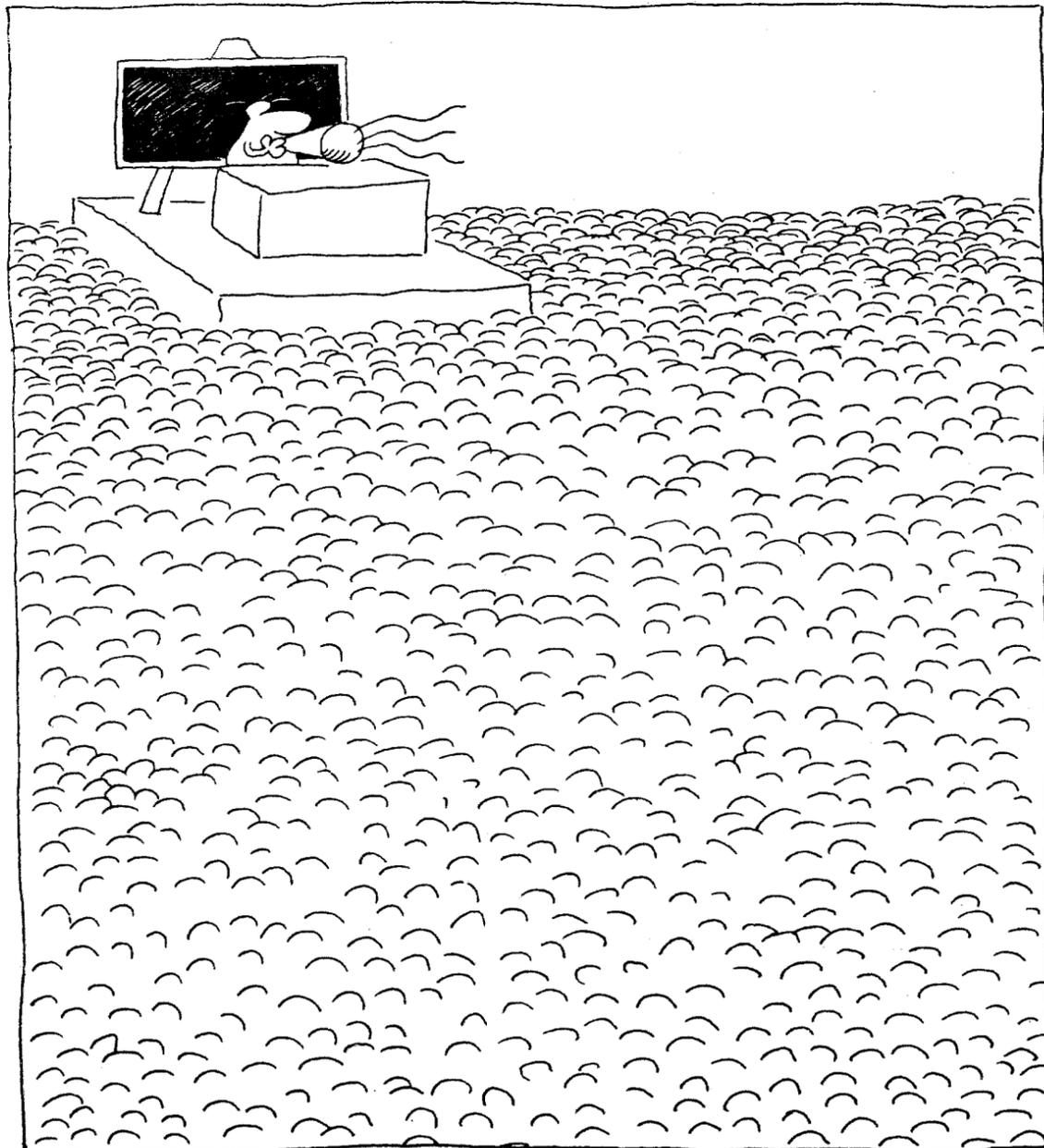
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Allocation Dispute Pits Students VS. Res. Life

by N Todd

Conflict between the Hendrix building legislature and Residence Life has focused on questions of the powers of the two groups.

By a vote of 23 for, 0 against, and 3 abstentions, the legislature passed a letter containing twelve grievances against the University. The letter, addressed to the Office of Residence Life, complains about Res. Life's attitude as being "one of overlordship of Hendrix residents," as opposed to being one of "public service for, and responsibility to Hendrix residents."

Building Treasurer John Higgins voiced the building's opposition to being forced to house the Resident Hall Association (RHA) office in Hendrix. Higgins maintains that the legislature originally allocated the room to the RHA only to be used for meetings, implicitly reserving the right to use the room at other times for other purposes. Although the legislature originally allocated the space to the RHA last April, Residence Life, through Quad Director Pat Love and Hendrix RHD James Noble, are attacking the legislature's traditional prerogative to allocate the use of public spaces and rooms in the dormitory buildings. Pat Love states that "Residence Life allocates all space," and that the legs have no real policy mandate to allocate space, though it is easier for Res. Life to allow the residents to handle most allocations.

There is confusion over the intent of the building leg when it allocated space to the RHA last April. The minutes from that meeting are , stating only that "Pat Love wants the room downstairs for RHA use for meetings." The leg. believes that this allows the RHA to use the room for meetings when they want but not make the room into a permanent office with furniture and a lock on the door. Love says that although he "doesn't remember if I made the request for the room or someone else did, I always had the intention of the RHA using the room as a permanent office." Love questions "the whimsical nature" of the legislature, citing an effort to remove the Science Fiction Forum, a club that has had space in the building since the building was opened, earlier in the year, and the case of a music room he tried to open on the request of building residents though it is against university policy to have electrified instruments used on campus, he arranged for a "music" room to be established; a situation he says Hendrix residents did not take advantage of.

The underlying question seems not so much to be whether or not the Hendrix decision not to have the RHA office in their basement is a sound decision or not but rather one of the building legislature's

right to allocate space. Love has said that "it's too late," for the leg. to decide to take back the space from the RHA and he will not recognize a reallocation.

Although Love denies that the legs. have, or ever had, the power of space allocation in any degree, that Stony Brook tradition goes back to the time even before the establish-

ment of the Division of Residence Life.

The division is a relative newcomer to the Stony Brook scene. It was created in the mid-seventies out of the now defunct Office of Housing and the separate Residential College Program, also now defunct. The Office of Housing was at that time mostly an administrative

Hendrix Resolution

We, the Residents of Hendrix College, feel that various actions by Residence Life and its officials need to be remedied. We find that various actions taken are both counterproductive to the social atmosphere of the college and quite often evince a total disregard of the rights of the tenants of this building.

Therefore, we find the following demands absolutely necessary and proper to restore an amicable atmosphere between tenant and landlord.

Asserting our right to constructively socialize, our right to be free from abuse, harassment or coercion, our right to just returns from exorbitant rental fees, and our right to share in the disposition of our public areas, we want:

- 1) Removal of a 6½ keg limit for building parties.
- 2) Replacement of LEC form requirements with a six-hour prior notification of RA, RHD, and Quad Director for parties originating from a suite.
- 3) Removal of furniture from at least one side of the Hendrix main lounge.
- 4) Removal of the lock from the "RHA" room.
- 5) Total and final dismissal of any attempt to seal off the Hendrix basement quarters any further.
- 6) The elevator fixed in the month of February.
- 7) Cessation of attempts to halt spontaneous constructive social activities, such as wiffle-ball, in the main lounge and basement.
- 8) A halt of any more money spent on end hall lounges and public access areas, aside from damage repair, until suite conditions improve.
- 9) A submission by Residence Life for approval by the Legislature [of Hendrix] of all constructions or alterations of Hendrix public areas prior to their execution.
- 10) A general change in attitude of Residence Life from one of overlordship of Hendrix residents to one of their paid public service for, and responsibility to, Hendrix residents.
- 11) Cessation of occasionally vindictive, harrassing, and counterproductive actions taken by Residence Life employees against a particular group of individuals (such as giving warning letters over minor issues as: ripping posters for building parties, having Comet on a suite room floor during inspection, or [as a means of disposal on the last day of the semester] throwing Christmas trees out the window).
- 12) Apologies by Residence Life employees to those individuals who have been libeled or unjustly accused of offenses by Residence Life employees.

Passed by Hendrix Legislature 23-0-3

Legislatures

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the RCP die, it instituted the Resident Hall Director Program, and removed the legislatures say in determining student staff. Pat Love, Roth quad director, has not only placed a limit on the amount of alcohol that can be served in Roth quad parties (a move which denies the fact that most students are above the age of majority and are legally able to make their own decisions), but has attacked an integral right of the legislature to determine the usage of space in their own buildings. Now that the building does not want to allow the RHA the sole use of space the building perceives it needs for other uses, Pat Love has said that he will not allow the leg. to re-allocate the space.

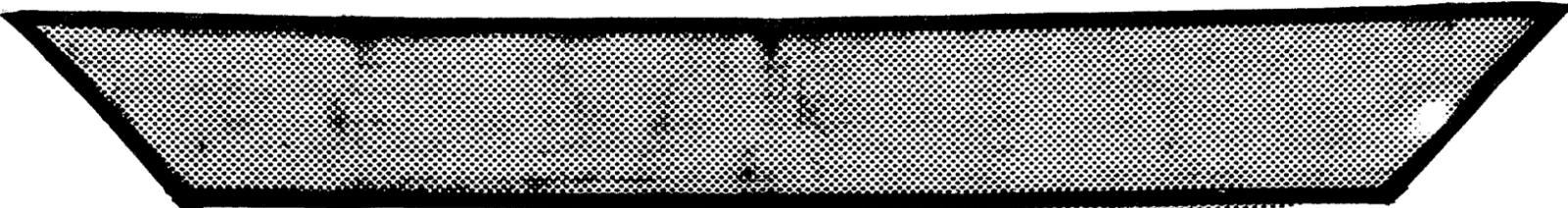
Pat Love has not been unreasonable. He informed the Press that he would like to work out a resolution of the problem between the parties. The problem seems

office handling room assignment and similar matters. The RCP ran the buildings.

The RCP, which was started under University President Toll, was based loosely on the Harvard "House" model of dormitory administration. One of its major goals was the integration of academic life with social life. In each building were not RHD's, but rather Faculty Masters. Usually junior faculty, many spent over 20 hours a week working within the dorms. They served as initiators of building events and advisors to the local governing boards, i.e., the college legislatures. Under the RCP most colleges ran their own affairs in conjunction with a Polity Judiciary that was an actual court of justice (a function now handled by Res. Life's disciplinary methods and the University's student judiciary committee). The legislature, then as now, determined building programming but had the additional power of determining the character of the building by selecting the student staff. This original power of the legislatures was abridged, despite great protest, a number of years ago, after the introduction of the RHD program in 1977.

The other major way the legislature determined the type of building it would have was through the power of allocating. It assigned rooms to be used as cafe's, weight rooms, lounges, etc. Although the university has final say over how the buildings are used, the power of allocation in the dorms was delegated to the legislatures. The power of the legislatures to allocate rooms has remained more or less without question until the Hendrix situation. The limited use clearance forms still require the President of the leg. involved to affix his signature before a permit for use can be approved. Last semester, for instance, a quad staff party was switched to a new location, after Residence Life officials forgot to get the assent of the O'Neill Leg. for use of its Golden Bear Cafe.

not to be the person but the office he works for and the principles it represents. For much of its history Stony Brook has had a reputation as innovation. Student self government has been a large part of it. It was based on the fact that students are adults and as such should run their own lives without the unwanted interference of other adults. Since the Division of Residence Life was established and the RHD programs inception in 1977, this principle has been virtually replaced by one of "in loco parentis." "In the place of parents." The attack on the Legislatures right of allocation, even if based on new guidelines, is still an attack on the mental capacity of the young adult population to run its own life. It seems that the Division of Residence life does not recognize 18 as the legal age of majority but rather sees only those students who live with their parents or by themselves full adults.



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and Wed Feb. 13 at 6:30 pm Returns at 8:30

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Time: 8:00 pm

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Date: Feb. 14, 1985

Time: 10:00 pm - ?

Place: Hendrix College Lounge
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Retirement Incentives Hit SUNY

by Joe Caponi

A SUNY-wide retirement offering has caused shakeups at other schools, but its effects at Stony Brook will not be as serious.

Late in September of last year, the state passed a bill offering retirement incentives to 55 year old faculty and professional staff. Almost 3000 individuals were eligible for the program statewide, 300 of whom came from Stony Brook, according to Dave Pappallardo, the Assistant Director of Personnel for the University. The incentives, depending on which of the two retirement plans the eligible individuals were, enrolled in, would either give three additional years credit towards a person's pension or a percentage annuity. Either way, the offer was worth approximately \$1500 to \$2000 extra dollars a year for people retiring with salaries in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range.

Thirty seven faculty and professional staff accepted the offer at Stony Brook, much less than the statewide results, where 611, or over twenty percent of those eligible, accepted. The 37 includ-

ed 14 faculty and 15 staff at main campus, and 3 faculty and 5 staff at HSC.

After an individual accepts retirement, according to Larry Noonan, Assistant to the Provost, the budget line for that person's job is adjusted by the state to the smallest salary allowable for the job's civil service level. Consequently the state saves enough money to make the bonuses worth while.

Statewide, the plan, which was touted as a way to bring in younger faculty and improve on Affirmative Action goals, had more far reaching results. The Chronicle of Higher Education quotes Saul Cohen, president of Queens College, as saying "My qualms have been realized...we are losing nearly the entire purchasing department, eight key people in the registrar's office, and admissions, almost half the bursar's office, and key people in general accounting and payroll."

In addition, the chronicle says that one of the individuals accepting the plan was a college president, but they do not name him or her.

SASU Opposes Reagan Budget

"There he goes again," said Sue Wray, president of the Student Association of the State University (SASU). "President Reagan is continuing his efforts to systematically dismantle the federal financial aid programs which provide access and choice to students. We must now convince Congress of the desperate need for educational support."

She referred to Reagan's proposed budget, released yesterday, which would reduce financial aid to college students by 2.3 billion dollars, cuts which would eliminate more than one million students from across the nation, according to Wray.

"President Reagan is pursuing his consistent trend of targeting poor and middle income people," stressed Wray. "To deny students loans because they come from families with incomes of \$32,500, regardless of economic need or family circumstances, is absurd and

dangerous."

Wray spoke of the potential adverse affects of the proposed \$4000 annual lid on total federal aid on loans, grants and subsidized college jobs. "This cap, combined with Guaranteed Student Loan cuts will result in a reduction of aid for 75% of all graduate students in New York state."

The Pell grant program, which presently aids 2.8 million students, is slated to be slashed by 650 million dollars, eliminating approx. 1/3 of Pell recipients. "These cuts are vicious," said Wray. "We will fight these proposals every step of the way."

Emphasising that aid to students has been cut 23% since 1980, Wray concluded, "The White House had demonstrated a glaring lack of commitment to the education of this generation, and of generations to come. We must call on Congress to restore our hope in the future."

Letters

To the Editor:

In Statesman on Friday, February 1, there was an editorial on the dorm cuts that I am proposing. I have a few points about the editorial that I am proposing. I have a few points about the editorial that I would like to bring to your attention.

First let me briefly mention how colleges are funded. As of last year's referendum, residents and commuters receive four dollars per head, an amount of \$40,000 to be divided up among commuters and residents. On top of this colleges receive a fixed amount of dollars, over a thousand, and also they receive over \$20,000 in video revenues. Out of that fixed amount I cut at the most \$250 from any one college excluding commuters.

I think Statesman's editorial staff should base their opinions on real facts, not what they think the facts are. In particular, I have no idea where Statesman came up with the \$4,000 surplus figure. The truth is that colleges were allocated approximately \$54,000 this year and as of the end of December colleges have about \$50,000 left to use. (This is excluding commuters.) Also, my main reason for cutting colleges is

not "well, obviously we've given you too much... sorry, but we're taking it back now." I have no idea whose quote that is, and it is certainly not my opinion or any opinion of others working with me.

Maybe it will be easier to understand if I put in this way. If I cut services, AV will not have potential to do as many parties so colleges would have to pay more for outside services. If I cut media colleges or other organizations would not get their events advertised. If I cut programs, SAB, COCA, Councils, etc., would not be able to provide entertainment for events like night pit hockey, G-fest, and others. Also I can not forget to mention the fact that COCA prices would rise, there would be less concerts, etc.

In closing this letter I want to state that \$250 is not a large sum of money and any one college could generate double that money in one night. I have seen this done before. When is the last time there was a major college event on a Saturday night?

Christopher Maryanopolis
Treasurer
Student Polity Association



To the Editor:

I was surprised by the characterization by an anonymous FSA Class A member of David Hill's resolution calling for FSA to "clarify the job descriptions of the professional staff" and "devise a process by which the operations of the corporation and the staff of the corporation can be evaluated at periodic intervals" as a virtual "vote of no confidence" in the staff. Nothing could be further from the truth. I did endorse the resolution, and I did so as a gesture of support for the staff and not as criticism. A reading of the resolution will show that the characterization by the anonymous Class A member has no basis in fact.

John Marburger
President

To The Editor:

It seems obvious that the 21 year old drinking age will become a national standard in a few years. No state can withstand the cuts in Federal Funding that are the consequences of refusing to pass a 21 drinking age law. Since the 18 to 21 year olds in this country, law abiding, tax paying citizens, will be deprived of the right to purchase alcohol for no logical reason. I feel they must be compensated.

I propose the following: Let the vote of every citizen who has been deprived of the right to drink count twice. Judging from the results of the last election, we need more sober votes.

Hubert Moore

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Social Awareness

by Alan Fogel

No one can doubt that there is a lack of social awareness among Stony Brook students. Also, it is difficult to argue with the impression that most students, here at Stony Brook, are here so they can earn more money in the future. Stony Brook is not unique in these respects. Nationwide, students are less socially aware and more concerned with high paying jobs. Having the desire to attain material satisfaction in terms of a high starting salary is in itself harmless. Danger arises when this desire so overwhelms all other desires that the others are essentially negated. What is negated is social awareness in terms of a sense of history and culture.

During the economic boom of the 1950's and early 1960's most Americans were too concerned with buying a house in the suburbs and keeping communists out of the State Department to notice America's involvement in Korea and Viet Nam. The emphasis was on jobs, school and material success. It was not until the late 1960's that the public became fully aware of the Viet Nam crisis. Only when the situation became intolerable to Americans did an outcry begin and our involvement in the war slowly decreased.

One can see an eerie parallel between the robust

economy of the 50's-60's period and the so-called "robust" economic recovery we are experiencing now. Both eras show an obvious complacency among Americans toward the governments' foreign policy. Today, as we experience a technological boom and many graduating college students go to work in defense related industries, our government gets more and more involved in areas such as Central America. On the other hand, the Apartheid policies of a trading partner like South Africa gets less and less attention from our government.

The point is, money and technology get the attention while social and cultural issues take a back seat. As our nation raises a new generation of social and cultural idiots, the future decisionmakers will lack the historical perspectives needed to guide their country away from the repetitions of past mistakes.

No one can be condemned for being materialistic and success oriented. These are qualities which have made our nation a world power. Recently, however, events have developed in such a way that this success orientation has replaced other essential traits which an educated American must possess.

The drive for material success without the social awareness necessary to guide the skills are the actions of an amoral robot rather than a moral human

being. The danger lies in the apparent lack of care that most Americans seem to have in terms of social issues. The re-election of Ronald Reagan by such an overwhelming margin is indicative of the priorities of the majority of American people. As the economy improved during Reagan's first term only moron could fail to happen in the areas of civil rights and education, not to mention the budget deficit and its relationship to the defense budget. Obviously what Americans considered most important was the state of the economy and keeping taxes low.

This brings us, albeit indirectly, to the scourge of science majors, the dreaded distribution requirements in the social sciences and humanities. Rather than being viewed as something which broadens the scope of one's education, distribution is viewed as an obstacle. It is something which must be adequately satisfied rather than its purpose, which is to satisfy one's curiosity in fields outside of one's major.

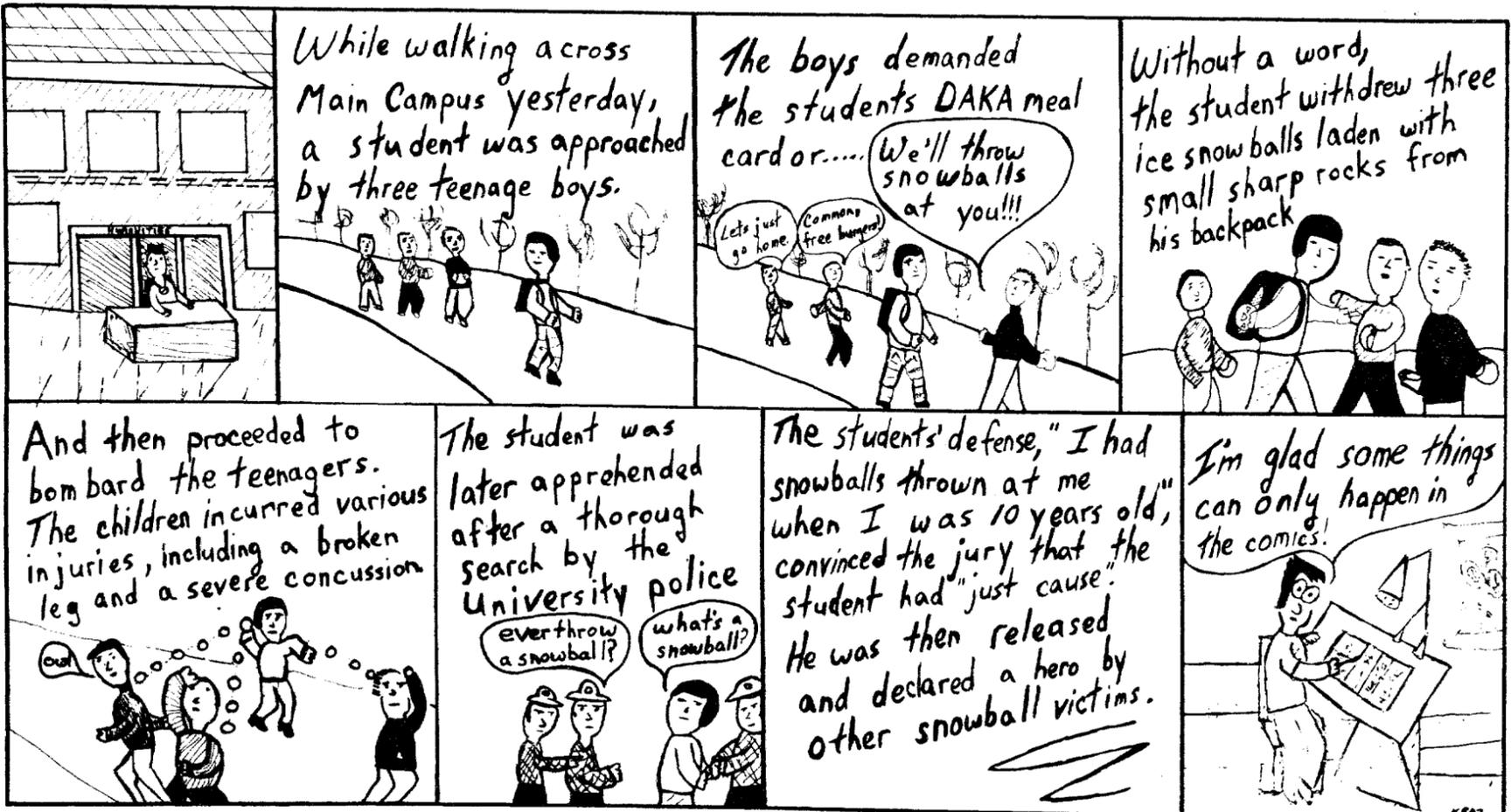
This is not an attempt to denigrate the system which we have here at Stony Brook. Rather, the fault is with our society and its failure to acknowledge the fact that the attainment of a social conscience through historical and cultural perspectives is equally as important as the attainment of the technological skills with which one makes a living.

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The Professor



Off The Koff

The Politics of Minority Programming

by Andy Koff

Before I begin this column I would like to say that I like all the people that will star in it, though I might not agree with their political views. The main character in this farcical endeavor is one Sharon King and the others include the minority community, Garry Jacques, Loretta Capuano, and the current Minority Programming Board. It looks like this is going to be a long column and quite a controversial one, so sit back, relax, and be prepared for a serious issue. (It might be my only one).

The question the community faces currently is, "Is Garry running the Minority Programming Board (MPB) well?" While doing Garry's personality profile it may be best to explain how he was appointed to the position he now holds. The newly created MPB has a goal, which was to make MPB the minority club piggy bank (ask a current PSC person what this means). Well, the current Council disagreed with that and the goal was redefined through the efforts of myself and Hawkeye (Polity President).

The new goal, with the approval of Garry, was to create a forum of cross-cultural activities. But let it be said that Garry was chosen to run MPB because he was the most qualified and was able to interact with people who would aid MPB in its formative stages.

Garry was appointed to chair the Minority Programming Board during the Summer of 1984 by the Polity Council. (At that time, I was a member). Before this, he served as a committee member on many University Senate sub-committees including the Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals (if you have ever been kicked out of school you know what I am talking about, and if you have not—ask someone who has been).

Now we will move to the minority programming board. Since they will not be mentioned after this except in relation to Garry, I would like to tell them that I was very impressed with the work they do. I wish I knew all their names. If you attended the Rhythm Club or the program in the Union on Monday, you will know what I am talking about. These people are great and provide great service to the campus in aiding Garry, and others. You should attend the Rhythm Club on February 15, and I assure you—you will enjoy it, the people put in a lot of work, and the club reflects it.



Andy Koff

Now I will move on to Loretta. I know Loretta means well, but I must say to her that while she created the idea of MPB, the times have changed. What MPB is doing is providing cross-cultural entertainment and that is what its function should be. If separate but equal is what is wanted, then the minority students should decide where they wish to be in 20 years. This whole topic will be returned to and will be the main thrust of this column, so stay tuned.

Not being in the minority community, I can not describe it, but I would like to say that the time has come for each member to make a stand at Stony Brook and decide what they wish to see in 20 years. I

hope the old guard is gone and the community is now ready to begin a new frontier.

About Sharon I refuse to say more than one sentence. Sharon is a politico. In my opinion this means a person who will push for change, but refuse the responsibility that is caused by that change. This is not necessarily bad since people who have ideas are needed but people who have ideas and act on them are more necessary. This means taking responsibility when something goes wrong as well when something goes right. Mind you, Sharon does deserve some credit as well, being one of the major movers of the MPB idea but now when she is needed she is only willing to change and not work on it.

The issue then, is MPB. The questions are: Is it as it should be? Are the people in charge of it adequate? Does it fulfill the gap that SAB left? And is it helping the University community better relate to one another. As I understand it, MPB was created to serve as a pseudo—PSC, to program events only geared toward the minority community and to assist the special interest clubs with their events as far as monetary support goes. Note that in here you never see the term majority or caucasian, this is because as I understood its original purpose, it was not meant to involve itself with these groups, since PSC and other clubs already existed to do so. To me this rings of separate but equal. This reminds me of a court case in which that was ruled unconstitutional. Mind you Polity is bound by the Constitution of the United States, whether we like it or not. This means that one can not be discriminated against or denied equal opportunity to a monetary source of funding. Therefore the establishment of an organization to do the above is also unconstitutional.

"My only major complaints with exclusively minority programming is the same complaint the minority community has with only exclusively majority programming"

Also, if my understanding is wrong (and if it is, someone ought to educate the campus to the real purpose) and MPB is supposed to provide cross-cultural events—what is it doing wrong? **Absolutely nothing!**

My only major complaint with exclusively minority programming is the same complaint the minority community has with only exclusively majority programming. That was, it is discriminatory in nature. I believe a major thrust of the fledgling MPB could be to provide a context in which all races could interact and through this interaction develop a sense of community above "color-coding." I attended the opening of Rhythm Club (the MPB sponsored night-club) and I am not ashamed to admit I was a little (really a lot) nervous. Through this experience (and it was enjoyable, once I got there) I learned a lot about myself. I "mixed it up" with all sorts of people, black, white, asian, etc. I found that people in this setting were a lot more relaxed, and this spread to me. I feel that each person at some time in their life should experience this for it promoted a kind of understanding I could never quite grasp. Through this experience I can understand why MPB was created, and while its original purpose I cannot condone, its current actions are magnificent and I hope will remain. It can serve as a vehicle for greater understanding of each other and



Garry Jacques

through this abolish the racism that often rears its head on this campus.

Hence the minority community and the majority community might be able to finally come to understand each other as relates to needs, values, and a whole plethora of other ideals. We need this now more than ever. It is black history month and all the great black leaders (as well as many respected white leaders, though not all) have said that the color barrier must be overcome, and if it is not, only discrimination can result. Is this what we want? Is that what you want? I hope that no one wants this or they are guilty of racism, right or wrong. Only now the decision seems to rest exclusively in the minority community. I hope the decision is reached by conversation and not personalities, as I am afraid that personalities will play a greater role than the facts or benefits that people have strived toward.

It seems we have answered all our questions in this on segment but many more arise.

Why are these problems happening now? What brought these problems around? Could it possibly be jealousy? The MPB was created, and during its first semester many problems did exist. These problems are on their way to being solved, as evident by the increased independent activities they sponsor. Is there such resentment in cross-cultural activity that the current members of MBP are coming under such fire? If so I am sorry to say that I am embarrassed to live on this campus and I hope I am wrong. I believe it is time for the student body to unite over this issue and try to protect what is just. Polity, through the guidance of the minority community, has created MPB to fill a need. This was modified, but was the modification wrong? As a person who was involved in the modification I do not believe so, rather I believe we made MPB to fill a gap, and in doing so promoted a better understanding of each other. There will always be people who disagree, and partly for this reason we attend a University in the first place.

Cultural fest is upcoming. Through this medium, hopefully campus will become a more pleasant place to live since perhaps we will admit we have a lot to learn from each other. My major point in this column echoes from the Supreme Court of the United States, that separate but equal is not equal and is not what we really want, even if it is politically expedient. It is important to remember that perhaps the problem does not lie with MPB but rather lies with other people and organizations involved in and within Polity.

Goetz Reality and Exaggeration

by Vincent Miragliotta

This letter is a response to an editorial which appeared in the Thursday, January 31st issue of the Stony Brook Press dealing with the behavior of Bernhard Goetz on a New York City subway. I am one of a growing number of people who have rather sharp convictions about this subject, and who are weary of the irrational, emotional and extremist viewpoints that have emerged on it, exemplified by the above-mentioned editorial.

To answer the question posed at the end of that exposition, the scenarios described in it are a gross exaggeration, adding no insight to the controversy, intended only to stir emotions and cloud the thinking of the reader. The point that the author of the editorial was trying to make is clear: the rage of public support for Goetz and his partial acquittal by the grand jury must indicate that society is poised to take a giant step backward into the dark bowels of anarchy. Sounds like a good idea for a movie, but let's put things in a realistic perspective now.

There is nothing frightening about the strong public support for Goetz. In fact, it is quite natural and understandable if one considers what these people are trying to say by expressing such support. Instead of quaking at the thought of the apparent blood thirstiness of these people, why don't you ask yourself why they uphold Mr. Goetz' action? Ask yourself, "what have these people been going through that makes them react so?" The explanation is that Mr. Goetz has done what thousands of police and newspaper reports and years of grim statistics have been doing, and that is calling for our attention. It is an urgent request that we recognize the need for legal

reform. The subway riders and tenement-dwellers of our cities are tired of being at the mercy of the criminal and of being viewed on equal terms with him. They are tired of watching their attackers freed after serving only a fraction of their original sentences. They are disgusted with the law's concern over the rights of the convicted killer when the basic right to live of the innocent have been wrecklessly cast aside.

"...No longer should the mugger automatically have an advantage upon confronting an intended victim."

They wish for a way of protecting themselves when the complexity and inefficiency of the law enforcement system makes them feel abandoned and insignificant. Mr. Goetz decided that the city was too big, and the intellects of the law-makers too small for his safety to be guaranteed. So, he acquired a pistol, and convinced himself that if he encountered someone who directly threatened his life, he would end that threat. There was no malice intended, no injustice planned, and he wasn't out to get black people. He was approached by criminals who were quite capable of killing him. They were not inconsiderate drivers on the expressway, they were not screaming kids in a grocery store. They were quite serious about their intent.

If, instead of using a pistol, Mr. Goetz had grabbed a pipe or a cane and beat the youths, injuring all of them and putting one into a coma, everyone would have accepted it, perhaps even being amused at the thought of this man flailing a stick. But, no..., Mr. Goetz used a gun, the heinous, evil instrument of destruction. Shame on you Mr. Goetz.

Fortunately, the grand jury hearing this case has realized all of this, and Mr. Goetz is getting exactly what he deserves, no more, no less. Refusing to indict Goetz for attempted murder states a message. A message that the over-tolerant victims of street crime cannot voice. A message that Mr. Goetz affirmed when he lashed out in anguish and frustration. A message stating that no longer should the mugger automatically have an advantage upon confronting an intended victim. No longer should he be allowed to perpetrate his terror without fear of reprisal.

General arming of citizens is not the answer. Selective arming of citizens coupled with stiffer penalties and increased policing of high crime areas is the answer. If we direct our efforts at preventing crime we can decrease the likelihood that anyone will ever be faced with the decision that Bernard Goetz faced.

We all like to believe that killing is wrong and we all want violent crime to just disappear like some bad dream, so that those who kill or attempt to kill can be locked up without question. But the perfect world which we all would like to be part of is not reality. The use of deadly force is occasionally necessary. The man pointing a knife at you and demanding money, or dragging you into the woods to rape you, is reality, and when it happens, you will wish you were Bernhard Goetz.

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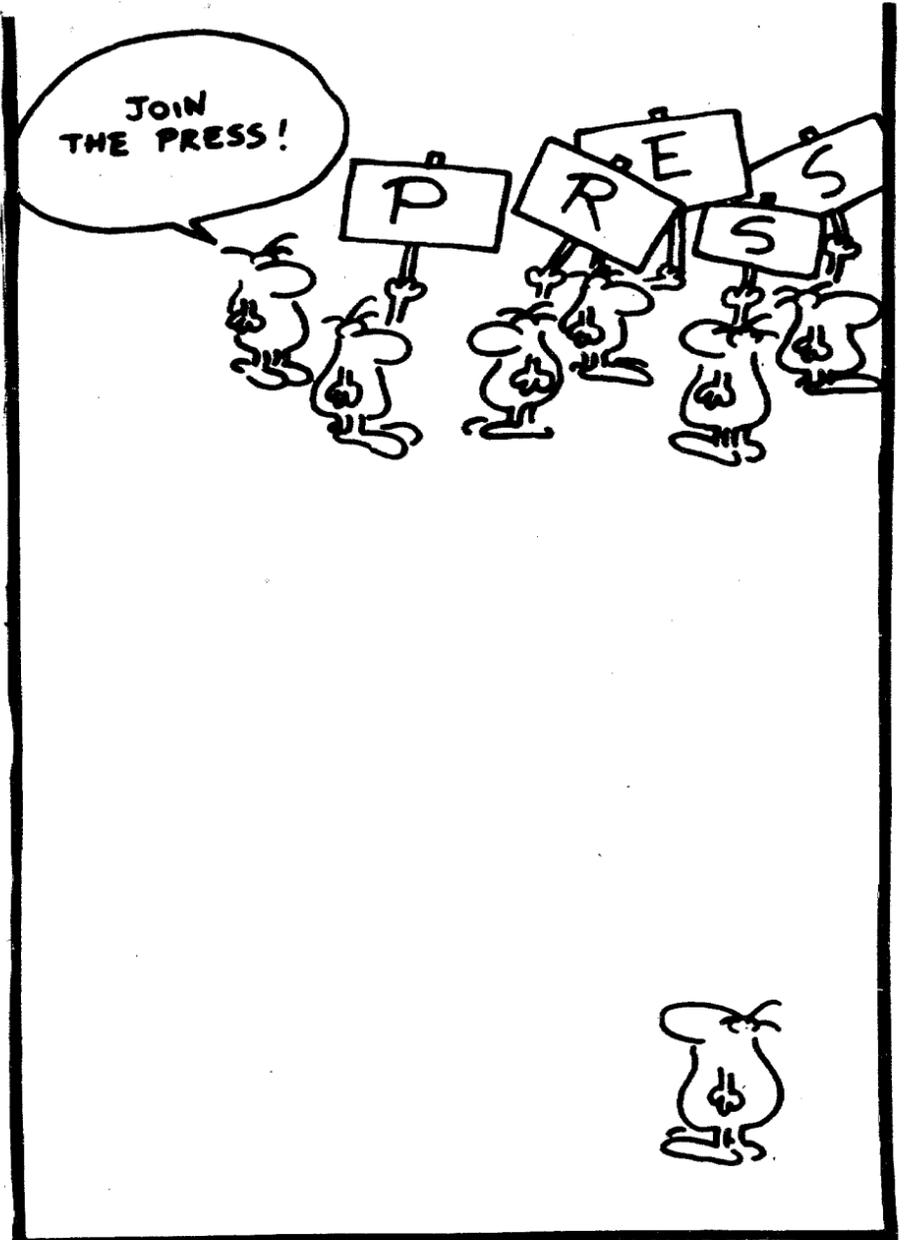
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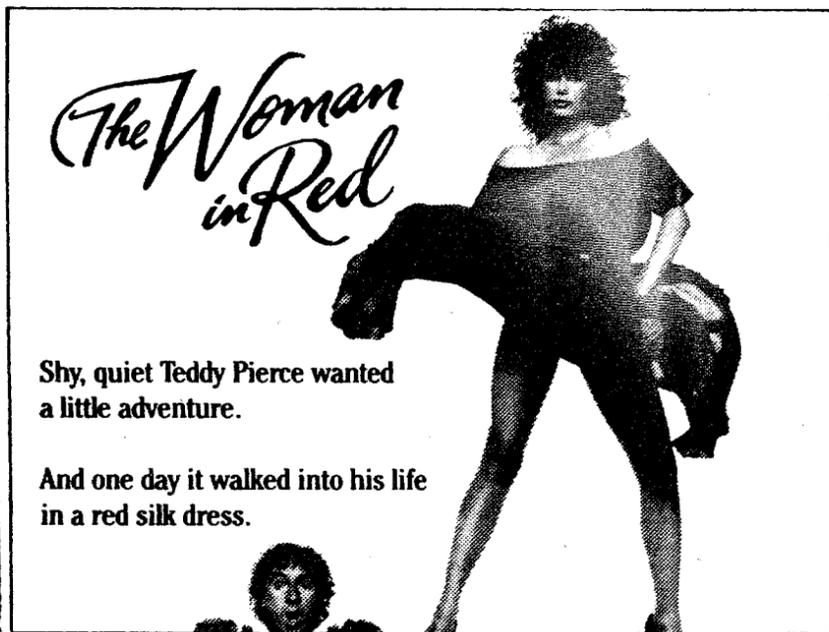
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7	5	The Nomads	Outburst (LP)
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by Yisroel Kaplan,

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After his Masters, Dovid entered the Buffalo public school system becoming the first teacher to wear a Yarmulka (skull cap) at work. At the Dr. Martin Luther King Community School in inner-city Buffalo, Dovid developed his much acclaimed Peer-Tutoring System for Learning Disabled Students (based on the traditional Yeshiva learning environment) which was written up in the N.Y. Times. "Learning disabled," coaching and helping each other to master their own studies and also tutoring in lower grades in "regular" classes. Results-self worth soared and the "tutors" own basic skills were reinforced. This together with his hands-on educational approach and out-

door education- including a freaky-pet center in the classroom, teaching ecology, first aid, CPR, nature studies and group cooperation with hikes and camping trips in the woods, netted him "Teacher of the Year" for the Buffalo public school system; plus the admiration, love and respect of his students, their parents, and fellow educators.

Nicknamed "Reb Nature," Dovid has become quite acclaimed as an outdoorsman, serving as the Nature and Scouting Director at Camp Gan Israel, where he teaches canoeing, mountaineering, life-saving and scuba-diving. Reb Nature even won the "Scouter of the Year Award" for starting an inner-city scout troop and a Kosher one.

I met Reb Nature a few weeks ago on a Saturday night on his front porch. He was passing a football from there to passing bearded chassidim on their way home from various neighborhood shuls in Crown Heights (Brooklyn). Since going through Spring Training as a wide receiver for the Buffalo Bills a couple of years ago, he's simply "keeping in shape," which also includes jogging and working out in his basement gym daily.

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