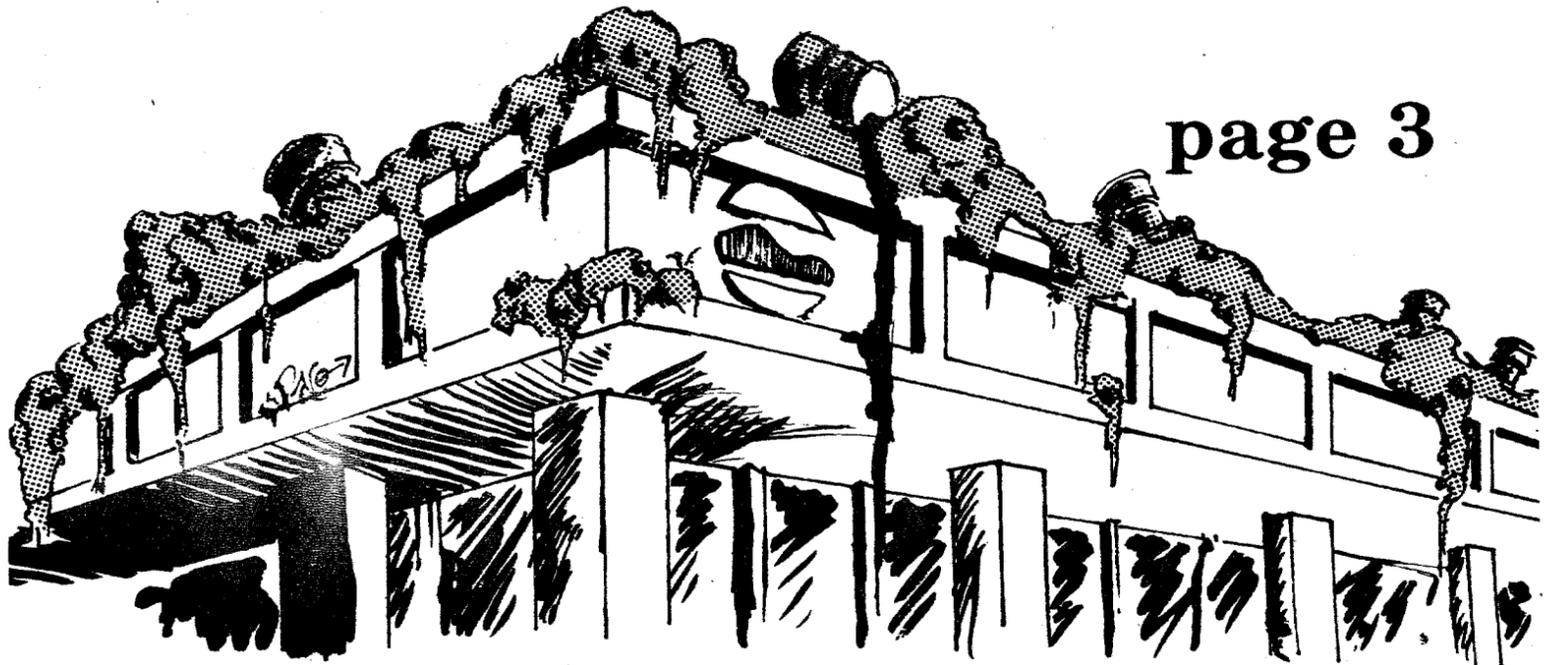


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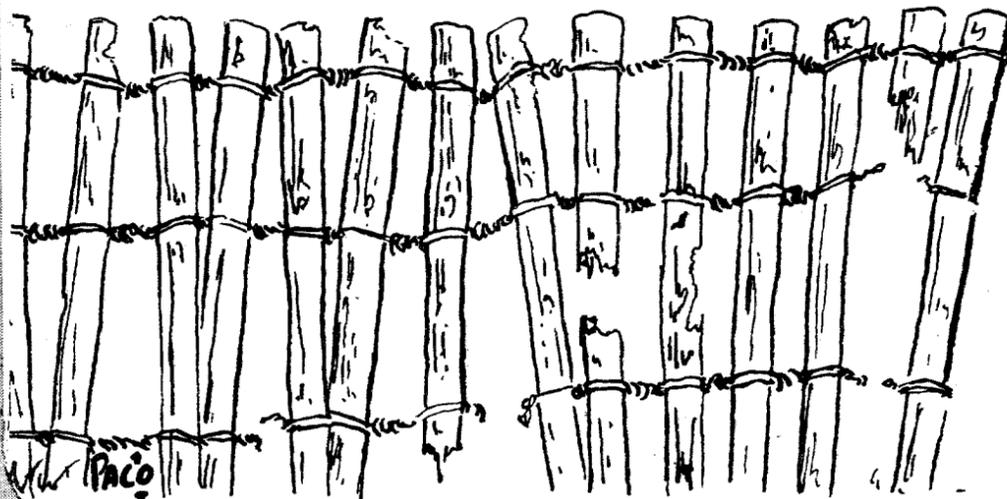
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BORED OF ELECTIONS

Some people just can't read. Like the Polity Election Board. Chaired by Rene Link, it is responsible for running elections and informing the public about them. The elections for Treasurer, S.B. Council, and Freshmen Rep. were scheduled for October 7, yet virtually no one knew anything about them. Polity's own rules clearly and precisely state how many, and where, flyers, newspaper ads, and radio announcements should be placed to advertise election board hirings, petitioning deadlines, and election dates. Despite this, no flyers were hung, and only one, instead of six, required newspaper ads were run.

Surprised by the lack of publicity for the fall elections, we at The Press undertook an inquiry into what the Election Board Bylaws and Rules and Regulations required. Awakened to the Election Board's malfeasance by the Press' attention, the Polity Council and Senate have acted firmly by postponing the election long enough to give the Election Board a chance to correct its errors. They must not, though, rest satisfied on their laurels. Much remains to be done to insure open, honest, and well-run elections.

It shouldn't take much to run a successful election. All it takes is the ability to read the election rules and the desire to follow directions without cutting corners. In 1984 the Polity Council rewrote the Election Board Bylaws and Rules and Regulations with the express purpose of removing the discretion on the part of the Board on how to operate.

Running the Election Board, in theory, then, should be as simple as playing connect-the-dots. Just put your mind on hold and follow the directions. Why then have there consistently been more ballots cast than people voting, polling places without ballots,

and continued accusations of improprieties at every single election since? Why did the Election Board validate the Vice-Presidential election two years ago when there were three different vote counts and the last one had the candidates separated by two votes with 13 ballots unaccounted for? Why were all the Class Representative elections invalidated last spring for improprieties, and had to be run again? The answer is not the system or the rules. It's the people.

Viewing their positions more as money-making opportunities than as a calling to be the guardians of the democratic process, the Election Board consistently tries to do no more work than they absolutely have to. Given the choice between doing the job right or cutting corners, they cut corners. Payment for the election board members was not instituted to provide student employment. Rather it was there to compensate people for a hard and thankless job, and to insure that the Board would go out of its way to run fair elections, no matter what.

Election Board chairs disappearing on Election Day instead of running the elections, and mandated polling stations not set up are horror stories we have lived through many times. We shouldn't have to live through them again.

Elections are far too important to be left to haphazard and uncaring administration. They, more than anything else, establish the legitimacy of Polity as the voice of the students. In a democratic society such as ours, only organizations that have an unquestionable claim to accurately representing a constituency can be considered legitimate. No amount of official blustering can replace this.

The cornerstone of American democracy is the belief that only through fair elections can the will of

the people be ascertained. If Polity is to be a force for improving student life it must be recognized as legitimate by both the students and administration. When poor election procedures resulted in a miniscule turnout in 1981, University Business manager Paul Madonna looked across the table to Jim Fuccio, the newly elected Polity President, at an FSA meeting, and said, "We don't have to listen to you. You don't represent anybody. You only got a few hundred votes out of ten thousand students."

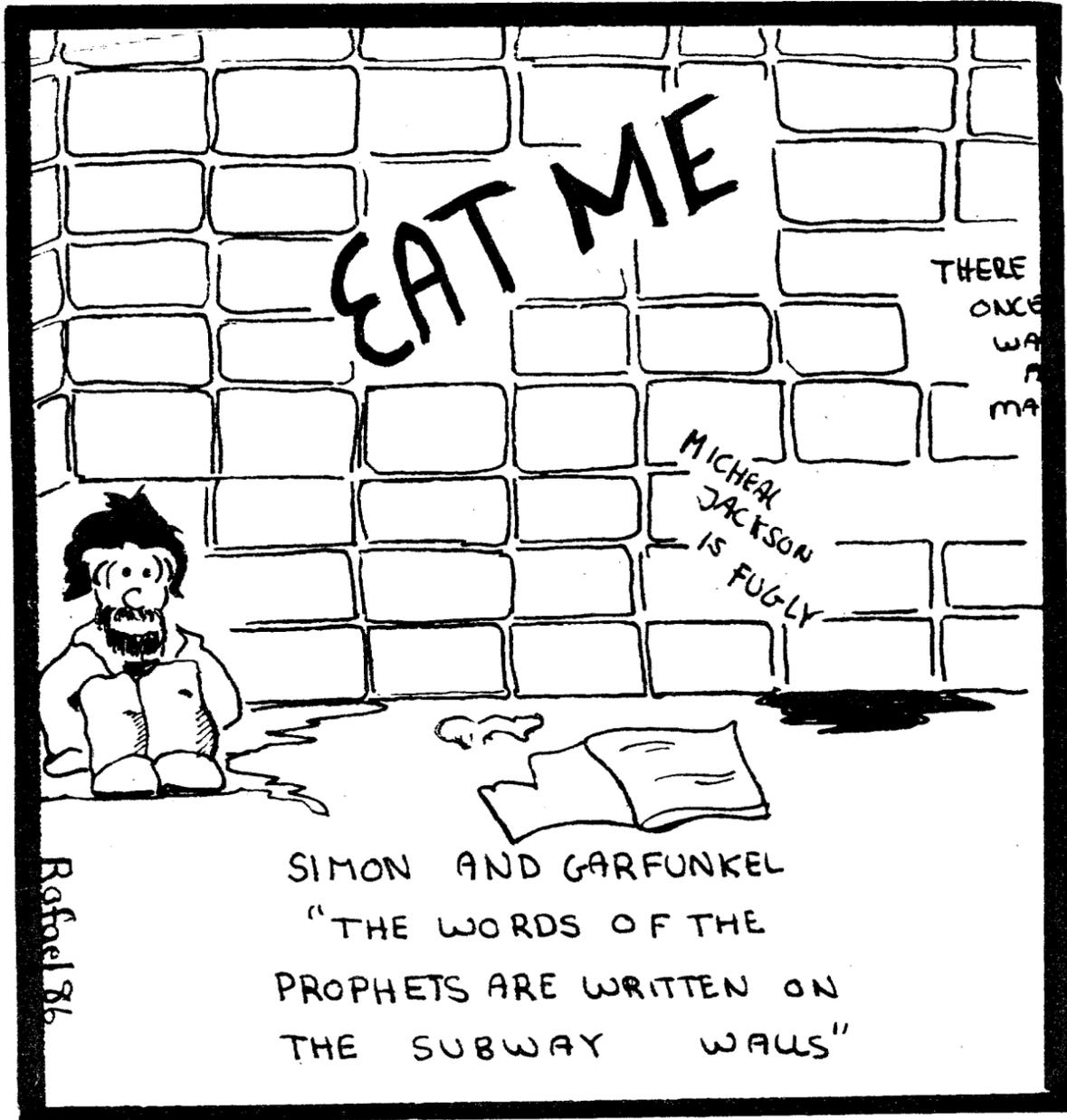
In an era of increased attacks on student rights we can't afford to have that happen again. Students won't stop seeing Polity as a joke until Polity stops treating its elections like one.

Cover by Paco

Where Was The Press?

The Stony Brook Press was unable to publish last week due to severe mechanical malfunction of our Itek 2110 typesetting machine. The string that pulls the blade that cuts the typesetting paper had become frayed, jamming in the machine, and there was nothing we could do about it. After two and a half days of waiting, Ed, our Itek repairman, came and fixed it in about four minutes. The replacement string was so cheap he didn't even charge us for it. Labor was \$180. At any rate, we're back on track. See you next week.

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Toxic Wastes On Campus

D.E.C. Stores Toxic Wastes

By Neal T. Drobenare

On Monday, Sept. 29, at a joint press conference with Assemblyman Halpin the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) announced that the Region I office of the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) was storing toxic wastes in violation of the Community Right to Know executive order. In addition, NYPIRG released a list of 1682 companies, municipalities, and state agencies that had failed to comply with the provisions of the order.

The Community Right to Know Act was issued by Governor Cuomo as an executive order in 1983. It failed to pass the Republican-controlled state Senate even though it was approved by the Democratic Assembly three times. The order requires the disclosure of "type, quantity, toxic quality, and locations of hazardous wastes generated, transported, and disposed of in the state since 1952."

To ascertain where potentially hazardous waste was being stored the state DEC sent out over 13,000 questionnaires in both 1984 and 1985. Failure to answer the questionnaire completely and truthfully is punishable by a civil penalty of \$25,000 and/or a \$25,000 fine, in addition to a one year prison term for

the first offense.

Walter Hang, NYPIRG staff scientist, obtained a list of governmental bodies and private companies that failed to comply with the act from the Albany office of the DEC. Hang then informed Richard Drury, the NYPIRG Stony Brook Project Coord-

containers are presently being stored on the office grounds, which are located behind the H-Quad dormitories.

Drury was ignorant of what the toxins were and exactly how much of it was being stored. He noted, "That's the purpose of the legislation. It is intended to let citizens

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inator that the DEC Region 1 office was on that list. Drury, and Suffolk Life newspaper then learned, upon contacting that office that there were unreported toxic materials present at the site.

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know what hazardous wastes are in the area. If DEC has not complied, we have little or no way of knowing what hazards are on the Stony Brook site."

When contacted, Albert Macklin, the DEC Regional Assistant Director, admitted that there were four barrels of toxins and

two smaller containers. These were being stored in a concrete block shed built for that reason. They were to remain in the shed until the Chemical Management company of Farmingdale, a DEC contractor, could adequately dispose of them.

The toxins were given to the Region I office by the local police, who found them abandoned in various locations.

Tony Coates, a NYPIRG spokesperson, stated that "either these companies and governmental agencies have dumped hazards they want to hide or they have not taken the governor's right to know order seriously." Drury's concern was with the governor assigning the enforcement of the executive order with the DEC. "How are we to trust with enforcement of the program the very body which is violating it?"

"Yes, we are embarrassed," said Macklin. "We will comply as soon as possible. We don't know how it fell through the cracks. It must have been a paperwork error - a bureaucratic error."

Other governmental agencies who failed to respond to the questionnaire include the Town of Brookhaven and the Brookhaven Highway Department. The Suffolk Materials Mining Company in Comsewogue Road in East Setauket is also not in compliance.

Problems With Lawyers?

by Joe Caponi

Stony Brook's Student Legal Services is entering a new era of activity with the hiring of Henry O'Brien as the new Polity attorney. Much of his work, however, will be dependent on the results of a unique investigation into the permissible scope of legal services. A task force is currently being formed to study the legality of the work being done by the legal clinic of SUNY Albany, the SUNY system's most comprehensive legal service.

Polity, like many other SUNY Student Associations, makes an attorney available to students for several hours a week for free legal advice on personal matters. The attorney also serves as Polity's corporate attorney, and from time to time represents Polity in court. Polity attorneys have been involved in suing the school for the restoration of heat and other services, as they did for Benedict College in 1984, and have defeated Polity's election procedures in the disputed Yearwood/Anderson vice-presidential election. Polity budgets about \$10,000 per year for these services.

At SUNY Albany, however, the student association's legal services department has a budget of about \$55,000 per year, which goes, in part, to retaining a full-time attorney, Mark Mischler, to defend students individually in court in criminal, housing, and other cases. Almost 100 Albany students were represented in court last year, most on criminal charges.

According to the Legislative Director of the Student Association of the State University (SASU), Justin Hixon, the system at Albany, the only one of its kind in the state, has been long criticised by SUNY administrators as being against Chancellor's guidelines for the use of Student Activity fees.

SUNY Counsel Stanford Levine has sent a number of memos critical of the legal services to SUNY President Vincent O'Leary.

In response to this, O'Leary has formed a Campus Review Board to investigate whether or not the legal services are allowed under Chancellor's guidelines. According to the guidelines, which spell out the composition of such a board, four of its eight members are chosen by the Student Association and four by the Campus President. O'Leary hasn't announced his selections

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yet, but one of the students chosen by Albany Student Association President Paco Duarte will be Lisa Codaspoti, a SUNYA graduate student, and Chair of SASU statewide Board of Directors.

"As far as we know, this is the first time in the history of the Chancellor's guidelines that a committee like this has been formed," Codaspoti said. "We feel that if a lawyer goes into court on behalf of a student in a landlord-tenant dispute for instance, the results will affect many students living off-campus housing offices to aid students, and

this is only an extension on that."

Mischler, as quoted in the Albany Student Press, said that the legal services fell within the Chancellor's guidelines not only because they, supplement University services, but also because they provide "cultural and educational enrichment," to the students involved, including those who take legal services internships. Those are two of the possible areas student activity fee money can be spent, according to the guidelines.

Recognizing SUNY Albany's "unusual situation" in its urban setting and large amount of off campus students, Albany President O'Leary said that he "got permission from SUNY Central for legal services to provide individual representation for the last three years. Now it's time to see if this is really appropriate, and so I've put students and faculty together to look at it." O'Leary said that no specific cases had led him to act.

Albany Student Association President Duarte was quoted as saying the "protecting the legal clinic will be the top priority for the year," and added, "SUNY Central and President O'Leary have made it clear that this is not only a campus issue. This is a statewide issue."

Hixon also noted that there has been an increase in scrutiny statewide on the activities of Student Association attorneys, in response to pressure from Levine and other SUNY officials. He added that he felt this was part of a statewide pressure to limit student control of their activity fees, and gave Stony Brook Vice President Fred Preston's attempt to have administrative control over the processing of Polity checks, a controversy that is still ongoing, as an example.

New Addition

By Denise Dalonzo

The completion of the long awaited undergraduate rathskeller, located in the Union, will occur sometime next semester, according to Faculty Student Association Executive Director, Ira Persky.

Opening of the new bi-level was originally scheduled for January, but an agreement on the preliminary design of the new social and recreational area has still not been reached. FSA is still in the "process of developing policies, such as drinking and the selection of menus," says Persky. A \$450,000 expenditure has just been approved and Persky believes the construction phase depends upon the ultimate design, which includes the fire and emergency exits.

The upper level of the rathskeller is to consist of kitchens and lounges, while the bottom level will feature live entertainment, food, alcohol, and non-alcoholic beverages. The entertainment will consist of professional bands and comedians. FSA also plans to schedule promising student bands on a regular basis.

The staff of the rathskeller will be 50 to 60 students, and will include professional management. The rathskeller will be serving the public from 11:00am to 2:00am, six days a week. Though still under consideration, Persky believes a separate designated area for those students 21 and over will be provided. Persky sees no problems with obtaining a liquor license and insurance because he believes "the liquor liability that we have on campus will most likely loosen up by next semester."

A survey for the rathskeller, which was done two years ago, produced an overwhelming amount of student support. Students are anxious and eager for the opening in what could soon be the cornerstone of nighttime entertainment at Stony Brook.

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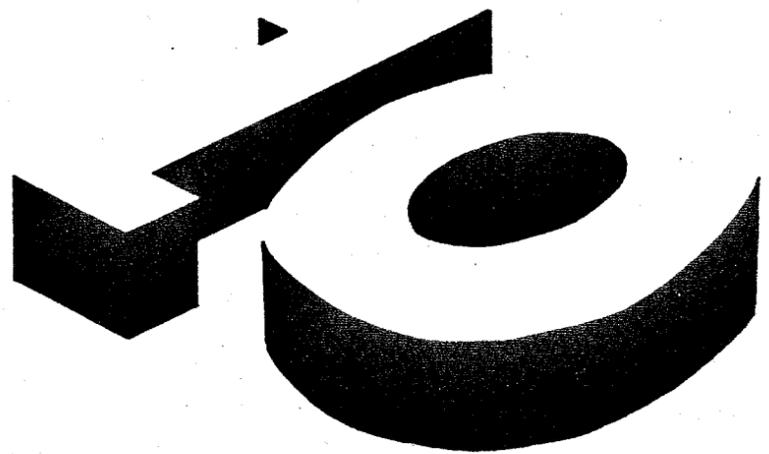
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Affirmative Action Meeting

by John Isbell

At 11:30 am Wednesday, September 24, there was an affirmative action meeting for the University staff. Although supposedly a meeting for affirmative action, there appeared to be little said on it, as most of the time was spent discussing the grievances of the custodians. The discussion also included such topics as the desire for a better, more varied daycare, and one affirmative action question concerning foreign students.

President Marburger prefaced the meeting with a few words. "This is the second time we've tried a series of meetings like this. The idea is to try to find an opportunity to talk directly to us." He said that there would be three such meetings: one for the staff, one for the faculty, and one for the students. "Different times of the year and different places and that way we'll try to break things up a little bit and cover the questions that are maybe of concern for one group, but not for others."

Marburger mentioned some of the changes in Stony Brook. "We are going through an interesting period at Stony Brook: we have a number of changes taking place — you can already tell there are some new faces up here. We have a new Provost, (Aldona Jonatis) a lot of new administration in the academic area, and we're trying to accommodate ourselves to the rules and guidelines that are coming down from SUNY in connection with the flexibility initiative. The first impact of the so-called flexibility initiative is to create more work for everybody, so we can change all of our systems to take advantage of this wonderful flexibility." Although this flexibility gives the University more control over its money, it still does not have enough.

The budget was another concern expressed by the President. He realizes he has not enough funds, but said that Stony Brook is "getting help from outside consulting firms." The Governor's office feels the University does not need all the funds it requests to run the campus, while Marburger maintains "the campus is underbudgeted about \$3-\$5 million." He is optimistic, however, thinking that hiring those outside consulting firms will "lead to some relief in the operating

areas." The University is and will be doing its best to rectify any difficulties due to this lack of funding. Nevertheless, "it will be another tight year, with freezes and inadequate supplies" for the custodians.

Marburger closed his introduction saying that the panel will try to answer any questions, but that the focus was on "affirmative action, and things related to that."

Dr. Francis addressed the custodian's main grievance; promotions. He said that they could not fill a GS 12 or GS 14 until the positions became vacant. However, the workers were not concerned with the Grade

money. Paper goods — paper towels, about \$26,000, and toilet paper another \$25,000. Plastic bags may be on the order of \$9,000. Then, if you add these things out and then take a look at what's left for powders, pads, liquids, you'll see the amount of money we have left to buy these materials. We ration all of our custodial supplies to buildings on usually a monthly basis, and, what I would say is that we've been able to keep the rooms reasonably well-stocked." Francis admits, however, that "there have been shortages. We try to adjust the shortages when they arrive, but I have \$178,000 to

The worker wanted to talk with administration about somehow finding funding for these items. He referred to another worker who mentioned upward mobility, "Grade 6's waiting to become Grade 8's wanting to become Grade 11's. We have two groups of painters on campus. One works for academics; one works for dorms. One group is grade 11, one group is a grade 8. What is the sense to that?" Next he threatened to do "whatever was necessary," including "putting people in front of the administration building on their day off" or a letter writing campaign. "We'll get some publicity, if that's what you want." The threat was emphasized by his closing with "I'll do it, and I'm sure these people will do it, too." This was received with great applause. Dr. Marburger responded, "Well, the budget process is a political process and any kind of efforts that our employees make on behalf of all of us to try to get adequate budgeting for this campus and for the state university would be greatly appreciated." The unions on campus lobby the legislature for more money, and "we get relief in some areas, not enough in others." Marburger said he will look into where the University employees could eat lunch. "It sounds like something that money isn't required to fix. And I promise to look into it." Concerning the disparities, "8's in one area; 11's in another," said Marburger, "there is a forum to discuss that, and I know there have been discussions."

As if things were not bad enough, freezes occur, thereby shortening the time in which the worker may be promoted, as a freeze, as the word implies, allows no one to advance. One worker voiced her opinion on this saying "the civil service should be frozen the same amount of time to give us our whole year."

The University has approached the "civil servant folks with a request to have a list extended. (A "list" is a list of names of those who have passed the civil service exam.) These requests were successful in the main when there were statewide freezes," said Krause. He then said that he is not sure about the present list's extension because it is a university freeze, not a statewide one. He will make an effort to extend them, but a problem exists. "The problem is that they have already scheduled this new test for early November. So everybody should be aware of it, that the old list will be expiring and there will be a new test coming up."

Civil service testing was attacked. It seems that people take these tests in the hopes of promotion, only to have to discover that, a few years later, after passing several tests, they are same level as when they first took the test.

One clerical worker claims to have taken the civil service test five or six times, passed, and has not been "reachable." Usually the three highest scores on the civil service exam are sent what is known as a "letter of canvas." These lucky few are then considered "reachable", while the others are then considered "unreachable." Since so small a number is reachable, one worker felt that the tests were really a waste, that taking the test so many times causes it to "lose its intent and purpose. The only purpose this test achieves is to make one feel helpless, denigrated, and most of all, very frustrated."

Yet, claimed on disgruntled worker, some people "below 79 (her score on the civil service exam) have been passed to a grade nine," while she remains a grade 8. "The test is not valid," asserted the woman, as

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"The Governor's office feels the University does not need all the funds it requests to run the campus while Marburger maintains 'the campus is underbudgeted about \$3-5 million'."

12's or the Grade 14's. Rather it was the 6's and 8's they were more interested in. "Promotion within the rank is determined by, principally, seniority: the most qualified senior person gets the job," replied Dr. Francis.

Another contributing factor in the difficulty of being promoted is that as a person is promoted, he is removed from the custodial services, "thereby leaving an opening in custodial." These positions are difficult to fill, claims Francis, as the University just does not have the funds it needs. In addition, the present worker is faced with an average workload of 30,000 square feet, which is three times what Francis considers a "reasonable workload." Not only is the large workload a problem, but there is also a need for more supplies, claim workers.

When asked "why there are never enough supplies in the custodial departments," Francis replied, "this year, just taking the academic custodial service by itself, not looking at the dormitories or at the Health Science Center, we budgeted \$178,000 for supplies. Of those supplies, I would say, plastic bags take up a very large amount of

spend on custodial supplies, including all the paper goods, all the plastic bags, and equipment — there's another \$6,000 this year for equipment. So those are the numbers."

"Given that we are so short on help, why can't we get overtime in the custodial department?" asked the moderator, as a proxy. Francis answered this question, saying that with the money he would spend on time-and-a-half overtime, by his calculations, about \$9,000 per worker, he could actually employ one extra worker, as the average Grade 6 worker gets between \$11,500 and \$14,000 a year. "Or look at it the other way," he countered, "if I reduce my overtime spending by \$20,000, that allows me to keep on the staff one custodian I would otherwise not have enough money to pay." That was not all, however. "I have an overtime budget that I have to meet, and this year it is \$300,000 smaller that it was last year. Through payroll number ten in this fiscal year, I've spent \$120,000 less than I did last year. So I am a little more a third of the way through the fiscal year, but I've only saved slightly more than a third of the amount of money I have to save on overtime spending. So there will not be any increase in spending on overtime, and, in fact, I am going to have to keep things the way they are just to meet my budget for the year." However, he was willing to meet with a group of workers "to discuss their concerns."

One person was curious as to the "university policy on job-sharing and on flex-time." The moderator asked Jurgens Krause, representing Human Resources, to respond. "On both job-sharing and flex-time," he began, "there is a state-wide policy as well as a university policy. We support it wherever that's possible. So we do have to take into account departmental needs and getting the job done within the department. So it's crucial that whatever arrangements can be worked out are done with the agreement of the department involved." When pressed for details on the statewide policy, Krause said, "that it be supported wherever possible." The statewide policy on flex-time and on time-sharing will be, according to Krause, "re-released this Fall."

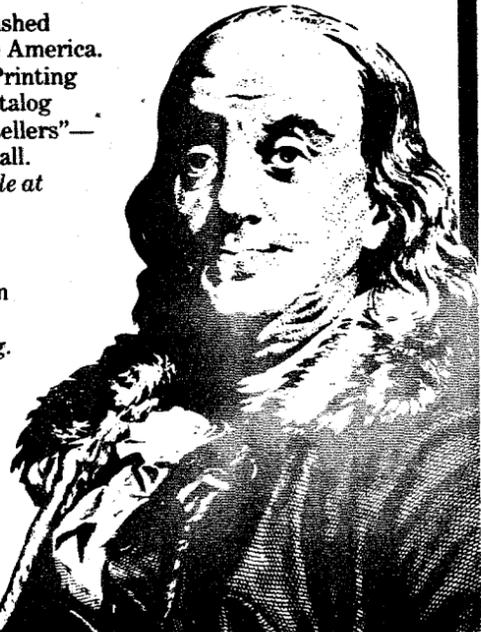
Anthony Ruggiero, President of CSEA (the Civil Service Employee Association), said he has heard stories of how workers "had to go and buy Clorox so that they could do the job for the University" and of workers who "had to eat their lunch in slopsink closets because they are not allowed to eat with the rest of the people."

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Food Failures

By Neal Drobenare

In March 1973 it was realized that the buildings' electrical transformers were too small to accommodate cooking both inside the suite rooms and in the hall alcoves as had been planned. Although dishwashers had been installed in these alcoves, they were never to be made into full cooking stations. It also became apparent that adjacent suite rooms in Roth Quad would not be able to cook at the same time because the rewiring had inadvertently placed these suites on the same circuits.

Poor contract management was not the only frustration for the administrators running the dorm cooking program; Albany bureaucrats had already started causing problems for the program — problems that would continue throughout the program's history. Eventually, Vice-President Wadsworth would lament about continual rejustification of the program, from the ground up, to cautious Albany pencil-pushers.

On October 15, Stony Brook sent a bid for range hoods to the SUNY Office of General Services for approval. George Wereskler, the office's purchasing agent, rejected it, stating that the campus would have to get something cheaper. After a period of infighting by Stony Brook officials, SUNY's Department of Standards and Quality Control shot Wereskler down for not meeting the University Housing Office's requirements in his decision. He later reissued the purchase order with a recommendation that the item be purchased from Sears Roebuck Inc., the second lowest bidder.

Originally submitted for routine approval in the beginning of October, the bid finally made it out of the Office of General Services by the middle of December and now had to be passed by SUNY's Department of Audit and Control. It took until February 23, 1973 for the 600 range hoods to finally arrive and be installed by "students hired under temporary service, under the supervision of an electrician from maintenance.

A bid for dishwashers went out on October 19, only four days after the range hood bid. By December 15, it had not encountered any difficulties in Albany and within 60 days Pevin Products (of Trenton, N.J.) was to deliver the dishwashers. Apparently the bid had gone out in October and the order for the dishwashers was not actually placed by the University until a month later, on November 29.

By 1974, dissatisfaction with the extermination contract reared its head for the first, though definitely not the last, time. A memo from the University Housing Office to the Residential Physical Plant requested that the Housing Office be responsible for monitoring of the extermination contract. In addition it requested that each cafeteria and each public cooking area be serviced once a week; each garbage room, janitors' closet, slop and sink room be serviced once a month; and each bedroom and living room be serviced once a year. It also asked that the exterminating company visit each quad office once a month to pick up special requests from the quad director.

The original dorm cooking plan called for the renovation and equipment installation required by Environmental Health and Safety, to be completed within five years from the date the program started. In February of 1972, only two and a half years after the program began, the five year plan was extended by two or three years. In 1974-1975, proper plumbing, dishwashers, sinks, and rewiring for ranges in all end hall lounges as well as three of each in all the buildings in Roth, Kelly, and Tabler were to be installed. From 1976 to 1978 H-Quad

was to see improvements. It was decided that the suites were never to receive electric ranges as had previously been hoped. An administration official noted "electrical ranges would seriously jeopardize building safety by overloading the transformers." These transformers could not be replaced because to do so would also involve replacing all the wiring from the physical plant to the building. Stage XII received three new kitchenettes, with all the needed dishwashers, plumbing, sinks ventilation and overhead lighting needed. From 1975 to 1976 Roth, Tabler, and Kelly had their original ranges and plumbing renovated.

By 1975, 41 electrical range/dishwasher-water booster systems had been installed in G, H, and Stage XII Quads and Roth's plumbing and rewiring had finally been completed.

In 1975, the University Housing Office, which was running the program, came under fire from disgruntled students again. This time their dissatisfaction did not stem from a misunderstanding of what the program was to provide but from its inadequate management. They cited the fact that dishwashers had been bought yet they had been left "to rot" in Tabler cafeteria for a year. They also pointed out such foolish purchases as tables for the suites that came with warning labels which stated that they should not be used near flame and/or heated objects. Student claims of mismanagement fell on deaf ears.

In March of '75 the University Housing Office issued an informal history of the dorm cooking program known as "Where is my \$25?" It claimed that "a significant amount of electrical wiring and plumbing rehab has been accomplished..." It continued "By September, 1974, in addition to ongoing required services and equipment maintenance, the program has progressed as far as the installation (wiring, plumbing, etc.) of 16 of each of the following:

- A. Electric ranges, fast cycle dishwashers, water heating boosters and sinks in H Quad.
- B. 12 of the same units in G Quad. *Note: these quads have 30-31 halls.
- C. 13 of each in Stage XII
- D. 600 electric hood filters and aluminum black splashes, one for each suite in Roth, Tabler, and Kelly.
- E. The revision of electrical circuits in each of those suite rooms for the purpose of making a more electrically adequate and identifiable "cooking station in those areas."

The goals of the program as outlined in "Where's my \$25" for G and H Quads were: one double oven/electric range, one commercial fast cycle dishwasher and water heater booster, and one sink in each end hall lounge. As for Stage XII, each of the original equipment kitchenettes, which proved "to be inadequate, will be replaced with two double oven electric ranges, a dishwasher and sink; in addition, a more adequate exhaust system will be installed; each of the newly created kitchenettes will have two double oven electric ranges, dishwasher, a sink and overhead lighting." The suites

asked for materials as if for an initial ad ova review of the program," she stated that "Dr. Pond has advised that we do not forward such material and we have not done so. I can understand that in any large system, people are made nervous by exceptional programs." Stony Brook eventually got this contract approved, but like so many others it was many months late.

The program suffered not only from problems in getting contracts approved but also in getting them carried out once they had been. Instead of having state workers repair dorm cooking equipment and having

"dishwashers had been left 'to rot' in Tabler Cafeteria for a year"

were to have six cooking stations per building that would consist of a fast cycle dishwasher with water booster and a sink. Also planned was construction work that would separate the kitchen area from the lounge area in the halls, so that "the original lounge functions would not be lost."

This construction work was never to happen. The program's informal history closed with the statement, "The University Food Committee ... will be meeting ... with college legs, to seek input and guidance." The committee never achieved a regular visitation program and the few visits that did occur seemed to be aimed at justifying the programs previous decisions rather than seeking student input and direction.

Two years after the program was extended, there were still problems with the completion of its goals. Wadsworth wrote Toll that "We have sent up a requisition for work which would complete the installation of facilities in G and H quads." Seh explained that, "after the usual delays which attend such contracts which include review/comments/changes by the dorm authority and SUNY staff, the contract was put out and bids received. At that late point the contract was referred to DOB — i gather because it was for an amount over \$100,000, although I am not sure... once at DOB, it arrived at Robert Klien's desk, and it has not moved since. (i.e. six weeks.)" Complaining that "he has

the maintenance department reimburse from the dorm cooking account for the labor, outside companies were contracted for repairs.

In March of 1977, the University Food Service Committee reported to Toll that "the facilities already installed have been subject to unpredictable maintenance under contracts we have negotiated." The committee recommended that a civil service employee be paid out of the dorm cooking funds to repair the equipment full time.

Monitoring of other contracts, especially the pest control contract, continued to present problems into the eighties. On May 25, 1980, Dave Grossman, chairman of Polity's Residential Life Advisory Committee pointed out in a letter to John Williams, the program's director, that there was "a controversy over whether or not B&L Exterminating is or is not fulfilling its service requirements." He went on to recommend that the exterminators sign in at each college, and that spot checks be done to see if the company was indeed "watering down" the chemical compound as was suspected. Williams never responded to Grossman. In fact, had the DCP been following its own guidelines Grossman's suggestion would have been unnecessary.

In October of 1979, Gary Matthews of Residential Physical Plant sent a memo to the quad directors informing them that

The Dorm Cooking Budgets

Dorm Cooking Expenses	Budgeted 79/80	Actual 79/80	Budgeted 80/81	Actual 80/81	Actual 82/83	Budgeted 82/83	84/85	85/86	86/87	87/88
Revenue			\$459,000	475,304	630,498	700,000	960,000	1,056,000	1,161,800	1,277,760
Expenses										
Admin. salaries	\$35,800	33,674								
Cleaners	89,200	81,348	300,700	200,503	133,200	150,000	162,000	174,960	188,957	204,073
Students	24,400	22,534			144,148	180,000	194,000	209,952	226,748	244,888
Supplies			93,000	58,995	123,571	130,000	143,000	157,300	173,030	190,333
Extermination	7,400	7,200	50,000	47,187	31,865	40,000	44,000	48,400	53,240	58,564
Equipment repairs	69,500	56,931	47,000	77,248	30,149	40,000	44,000	48,400	53,240	58,564
Equipment replacement			35,000		56,134	40,000	44,000	48,400	53,240	58,564
Equipment new			120,600	0	0	0	25,000	27,500	30,250	33,274
Benefits	39,900	36,614	89,900	82,499	45,523	50,000	54,000	58,320	62,986	68,024
Overhead	15,800	14,132	30,000	20,026	24,885	37,800	55,000	60,768	66,313	72,370
Structural Maintenance							30,000	33,000	36,300	39,930
Carting							70,000	77,000	84,700	93,170
Utilities							117,794	129,573	142,531	156,784
Total expenses	262,200	252,453	766,200	486,458	589,475	667,800	983,886	1,073,574	1,171,635	1,278,540
Surplus (Deficit)			(155,500)	150,800	41,023	32,200	(23,886)	(17,574)	(9,935)	(780)
Cumulative Surplus (Deficit)						73,223	49,337	31,764	21,828	21,049

The Dorm Cooking Saga, Volume II

"each quad is to design a weekly schedule to be followed by the exterminators. Each quad will be responsible for supplying a tour guide... it is strongly recommended that the Residence Hall Director be directly involved in this... a log is to be developed... each room is to be exterminated once a month."

William's snubbing of Grossman was only the beginning of a series of conflicts with concerned students. Rina Chinzler of Polity also found him uncooperative. She wrote, "When I worked for Polity Hotline in Fall of 1979, I asked you for these program guidelines, you've stated that since you've been employed in 1972 you haven't been able to locate them."

"The Polity Council," she continued, "Has now completed a full survey of all end hall lounges in G and H Quads. You stated in our meeting on June 24, 1980 that all facilities have been cleaned and repaired for the fall. We have found this to be false. If you call spraying the burners and oven's with 'Easy Off' or some equivalent thereof and then not wiping it off, clean, then we do have a difference in understanding of the definition of clean." Chinzler continued her attack on William's competence when she questioned the purchase of curtains for the end hall lounges with dorm cooking money before all the needed equipment was purchased and installed. She asked if the purchase wasn't frivolous, if they had been fire-proofed, if they contributed to grease build-up, if Williams had bothered to consider any of this when he decided to buy curtains. Like Grossman, she received no answer from Williams.

In September of 1980, the DCP claimed in its official publication "By Word of Mouth" that "repairs are done within twenty-four hours unless a special part has to be ordered. We will put a notice on each appliance that the repair is in process as soon as we take action." After surveying the situation, Polity's Residential Life Advisory Committee determined that this never happened in practice.

Polity's President David Herzog came up against Williams when he suggested to him that he "take six new stoves out of storage to alleviate the 64:1 ratio of students to stoves in G and H quads." Williams refused saying it was his policy to keep these stoves in storage just in case any of those in use needed emergency replacement. This was not the end of the Herzog-Williams conflict.

"What additional facilities will be needed in the future? How will we pay for additional facilities? How do we maintain the high standards of health and safety? These are the questions that the dorm cooking evaluation committee will be answering in the form of a report to Vice-Presidents Hanes and Wadsworth," wrote Williams. Whether or not this report was ever actually written remains a mystery, but the conduct or misconduct of the committee in preparing it is not. "The students (on the committee) were not given effective input," said Herzog. "We have not been going over the inadequacies of the program. The first day the committee met they were thinking of raising the fee."

"I am totally and irreversibly insulted... with your self appointed dictatorship," Herzog told Williams. He continued "John Williams is quoted as saying 'As chair of this committee I will not accept any proposals involving anything to do with an FSA or Polity takeover.' When I questioned your right as chair to dictate this policy you stated 'we do not run this meeting by Robert's Rules of Order... decisions have not been made by hand votes and never will be.'"

The full evaluation of the dorm cooking

"I am totally and irreversibly insulted with your self-appointed dictatorship..."

program that the students had hoped for never happened. Instead, the committee served only as the justification for the first dorm cooking fee increase. In addition to a fee increase, 1980 also saw the rehabs of both Roth and Tabler Quad in an attempt to bring them up to standard. As for the other quads, Stage XII and Kelly were scheduled for their rehabs during the 1982-83 school year. "With the completion of these two major rehabs all dormitories will have the

facilities that the University agreed they must have for a dorm cooking program," said Williams. At this point Williams was still claiming that the program would provide stoves in every suite room. This goal was quietly laid to rest.

According to "By Word of Mouth" the rehabs were to provide additional stoves in the eight double end hall lounges in G and H quads, finish the installation of dishwasher/sink alcoves in Roth, Tabler, and Kelly

which would also receive the installation of "cooking station electrical wiring in each suite common living area," Stage XII was to have the installation of "additional cooking stations, one per floor, with each building having a total of twelve." These rehabs all suffered delay in Albany causing them to be completed anywhere from one semester to one year later than expected.

William's relations with the consumers of the service he was running was obviously not good. His aversion to dealing with the student leadership extended to the student masses as well. In "By Word of Mouth" he stated that he was starting an incentive program to deter vandalism. One hundred dollars was to go to any hall that had no vandalism in any given semester, though a number of halls remained vandalism free, none received any money nor did any receive the promised visit by Williams to discuss how the money was to be used.



Photo by John Tymczyszyn

When Justice Is a Game

Why I Joined the Press Part II: The Wrath of Joni

by Anthony Tesoriero

In the last installment of "Stony's Brook" I told of my motive for joining The Press. We live in a society where we are told that we have the right to express ourselves freely. I discovered that this is not always the case. I found that when I exercised my right, I was in a violation of university policy. For me, the reason to get involved was crystal clear.

Stony's Brook

When I was at my pretrial hearing for violating the university's new Comprehensive Alcohol Policy, University Hearing Officer Gary Mis told me that I would be informed of the Judiciary's actions in my case. Little did I know that in a few weeks a file from another case would find its way to Mis' desk, only to fatten up my file in the Student Affairs office.

In the weeks after the hearing, I tried to get some advice from the polity lawyer to see if there was any legal action that I could take in defense of my position. Unfortunately, the lawyer was never at Polity during his scheduled hours. Thinking that this was a sign from somewhere, I decided to play it cool, lay low and hope that the whole thing would just be forgotten.

My new troubles began at a James College Legislature meeting in early November. At this meeting the James Residence Hall Director, Joni Esperian, explained to the legislature how the new "21" alcohol rules would affect the lives of the residents.

I had to ask, "Why can't you have a beer with dinner if you're over 21?"

"Because the new rules say you can't and there is nothing that I can do about it," was the all too obvious reply.

Joni went on to rave about how our last building party on November 23rd would be incredible. We would do it with class, we would do it with style; we would all have a great time. I couldn't believe what my ears were hearing.

Suddenly Joni went back to her true form, "I propose that we have an Irish Wake [for the 19 year drink age] with a

funeral march at midnight to help us deal with the emotional..." I was in a state of shock. What a stupid idea I thought, as I was nominated to deliver the eulogy.

I had a better idea, "I motion that we allocate \$300 for a special James Pub Saturday Afternoon Happy Hour, the same day as the party, complete with 4 kegs and 6 foot heroes." The legislature loved the idea and the motion was overwhelmingly approved.

We put the plan into action the very next day. The Leg people did the Polity paperwork. I ordered 21 (get it?) kegs from Clare Rose, the Budweiser people. Everything was going fine until...

tell us the next day? Possibly because she was not available. This woman was never at her scheduled office hours. She would probably get along well with the Polity lawyer.

In any event something had to be done. And it was, but not by this writer.

They began going up on the walls, slowly at first, but they were appearing. Cancelled by Joni flyers were hitting the hallways of James College. Joni didn't spy one until after the night of the party though.

Saturday, November 23rd. We were set for the biggest blast in College history and, since there were no other party type events that evening, we knew the main lounge would be

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Mac, the building Treasurer, was walking down our hall. "Stony!" he shouted, "Listen to this: We're not having the happy hour!"

"What? Why not?"

"Joni won't let us have it - she won't sign the L.E.C. form. She said that there would be too much beer in one day," he reported.

"Why didn't she say that at the leg meeting? She was there."

I already knew the answer to my question. If she had stopped the happy hour at the legislature meeting - just after the "We'll do it with style" comments - she would look like the loser RHD that she really was. Why didn't she

packed with people. Happy hour was finally permitted by Joni, only one day earlier than planned. It had gone well. There were no problems, as they were reserved for this night.

At midnight I noticed Joni dressed in black carrying a small drum. She actually wanted to go ahead with her "funeral march" plan. We meet at the main lounge doors.

"Tony, are you going to give the eulogy?" she asked.

"Joni, take a look in there," I said, "It's packed. You'll never be able to stop the party for a eulogy let alone get a procession through the masses."

She decided to go through with it anyway. Joni, a graduate of the Residence Life School of Crowd Control, decides the

best way to stop the party is to close the main lounge doors. Here is the abbreviated version of what happens: Joni closes doors. People inside want to get out. People outside want to get in. Pushing. Shoving. Yelling. Riot. Windows break. Public Safety comes. Fire Alarm. Only building residents are allowed in. Clean Up. Kegs confiscated. Altercation with Joni.

I went back to my room and found that the graffiti had already begun. She ruined the last party ever was the first one I noticed. That's when New Wave Dave arrived.

"Stony, I love that sign on your door," he said, motioning to the Joni flyer, "I'm gonna put it on her door."

"No, she'll think I did it, we were just arguing and ..." It was too late, he had gone.

Several days later, Joni comes up to my room for a talk. I figure that I should pull a polity lawyer on her. I had her make an appointment with my secretary (roommate).

I hadn't intended to actually miss the meeting, but my car died and I had to surrender the plates in Westburg. One of those huge lines in the Department of Motor Vehicles is what kept me from the meeting. It was about time somebody did it to her, though.

By the time I had returned from Westbury, Joni's "Official Directive" to appear before her, had already been slipped beneath my door. Since I wasn't exactly sure what an "Official Directive" was, I referred to my copy of the student conduct code: (II A, 4) "Students must comply with appropriate directives of University officials exercising assigned duties. Students may appeal directly to the Vice President for Student Affairs or the University Hearing Officer for a recision of any official directive, but they must be in compliance with the directive at the time of appealing it." In other words, you have to do what they tell you, or you're in more trouble than you were.

The meeting, Joni must have felt that her calling in life was to be a counselor, so, after 45 minutes of an AA lecture, she got to the heart of the matter.

"Tony, hanging that sign on my door was an act of harassment," she said. (Actually if you looked at this woman the wrong way she would call it harassment.)

"I didn't do it!"

"It has your catch phrase, Stony." She was referring to 'Drink til' you drop you crazy nuts'.

"So, somebody likes Press style." I retorted.

"I know you did it and you know you did it so just admit to it."

I wasn't going to admit to anything. "But I didn't do it."

"It was typeset, and you know J.C.," she said.

"So do a few hundred other people," I told her.

"Well, I'm sending this to Gary Mis' office where he will start a proper investigation." The tone in her voice inferred they would throw away the key after I was locked up.

The next day, I decided to go to Mis' office and counter-complain of harassment. I didn't need this crap during finals week. What happened? You'll find out next week in

Part III: Double Secret Probation.



Drink Till You Drop

**Drink Till Your Sister Drops
Drink Till Your Brother Drops
Drink Till EVERYONE Drops
at the**

**"Electric Brewski Party"
More kegs than you'll be able to
count at the end of the night**

No Food or Soda
Will Be Served

**Bring Your Own
Garbage Can & Get
Trashed!**

**Consumption
College
Beer Quad**

Wear Old Shoes

9:00 pm till Oblivion

Editorial

This party, unfortunately, will not occur. The Press is printing this ad, however, to make a point, and to exercise a right.

Recently, the University adopted a comprehensive alcohol policy. As part of it, a set of guidelines drafted by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, relating to the advertising of alcohol and events was made law. The campus policy states, in part "Advertisements which encourage individuals to drink irresponsibly, e.g. 'Drink till you drop,' will not be permitted." As a set of guidelines, the NASPA resolution is merely insulting, assuming that a poorly worded advertisement will turn a campus full of students into alcoholic drunk drivers. As a set of rules, however, they are both illegal and contradictory to the purpose of a university.

The first amendment of the Constitution guarantees the freedoms of speech and of the press. The fourteenth amendment stating, "No state shall make or enforce any

law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," extends that rule explicitly to states, and, consequently, to a state institution such as this university.

But that is merely the legal argument. If there is value to higher education at all, it is to teach the individuals that words, thoughts, and ideas are not the enemy, but are the tools of freedom, peace, and progress. We agree with the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Fred Preston, that alcoholism and drunk driving are serious social problems, and that a University is one of the best places to fight them. The alcohol policies as a whole in fact, are reasonable and prudent. But to censor advertising, and thus, even in a small way to censor ideas, does no good, but does serious harm. As Ben Franklin said, "A person who would give up a little freedom for safety deserves neither freedom nor safety."

We are the first to break the alcohol advertising rules. Hopefully we will be the last, if the rules are changed to suggestions, as they should be.

Meanwhile, drink till ya drop, you crazy nuts.

Catchphrase? This editorial ran in the Press almost a year before the Joni Flyer.

Henry James Pub
announces:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON HAPPENING CANCELLED

Saturday, November 23rd
2:00 to 7:30pm
at

The Henry James Pub

Mega-Kegs!!

Soda!!

6 Foot Heroes!!

Cash Prizes!!!

Drink 'Till You Drop You Crazy Nuts

Sponsored By Your James College Legislature

The "Cancelled by Joni" Flyer

Anthony Tesoriero
JA A319

2 December 1985

Anthony,

We had pre-arranged a meeting for today at 4:30 pm. You failed to attend this meeting. The meeting concerns your role in writing and publishing and posting on my door an announcement about a James Happy Hour on Nov. 23rd.

Since you failed to attend today's meeting, I am requiring, by Official Directive that you meet with me on Tues. Dec. 3 at 4pm, or Wed. Dec. 4 at 11am to discuss this matter.

Should you fail to attend either time, judicial action may be taken against you without your input.

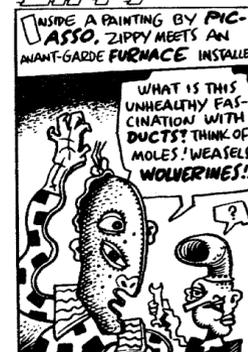
Sincerely,

Joni Esperian

Joni Esperian
James RHD

An Official Directive: Only They Can Act Like The Polity Lawyer

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"FRAMED and HUNG"



BILL GRIFFITH



AS A U.S. CITIZEN I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BRING YOU BACK TO REALITY!!



Jar Wars

By Dan Sarluca

As part of his Administration's "War on Drugs", President Reagan has reportedly been in the studio recording an anti-drug message to be broadcast on college radio stations throughout the nation. My colleague, Lyle S. Denison, was present at the recording session and was able to obtain an unedited copy of the tape. Lyle reports that the President seemed in high spirits during the taping. The President's wife, Nancy, was also present and supervised the session. She appeared nervous and irritable, and constantly interrupted her husband. What follows is a partial, unedited transcript:

"Good afternoon students of America. We, as a nation, have gone through many ups and downs throughout our history. Today, I want to talk to you about another grave problem confronting our nation. Drugs are numbing the minds of you, our young people and uh, well, Nancy and I have decided to conduct a joint nationwide campaign against this threat to our nation's security... You know, who would have thought that a few years ago when Mike Deaver suggested that Nancy do this anti-drug campaign to distract media attention from her, well, as Mike put it, "stuck-up rich bitch image of hers -"

"CUT!"

"Nancy and I are greatly concerned about the potential threat of drugs to the lives of you, our nation's youth, and we're sponsoring legislation that will...um, I know some left wing critics have wondered how come if we're so concerned

about young American lives, we keep sending them to places like Lebanon and Grenada and next spring in Nicaragua -"

"Don't worry about crack, Ron. It's only the jigaboos killing each other..."

"CUT! SHUT UP YOU OLD FOOL! IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SUPRISE!"

"And we're especially concerned about cocaine and this "crack" epidemic... Well, to be honest, at first we didn't pay too much attention to it. Bill Rehnquist told me over a pitcher of martinis just last month, "Don't worry about crack, Ron, It's only the jigaboos killing each other and -"

"CUT! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? JUST READ THE GODDAMN CUE CARDS!"

"And I promise you, that we will fund this war on drugs

without compromising our national defense buildup. I promise you not one missile will be sacrificed. How can we do this, you may ask... Well, the Secretary of Education, William Bennet assured me during our recent two week seashore vacation, as we listened to his new stereo, that we can take millions of dollars from those deadbeat student loan programs and -"

"CUT!"

"And in conclusion, I'd like to say that I know that if we all pull together, we can travel that drug free highway as a nation. Yes, it will be a long, strange trip, but I have faith that we can do it. Well, Nancy and I have to go now children, as I'm late for an important cocktail party... If you get there late, Ed Meese always drinks all the bourbon in the place - Why just last month, he got loaded and blew chunks all over the Duchess of -"

"CUT! I TOLD YOU, FORGET THE AD-LIBS - JUST READ THE CARDS!"

"Thank you, good day and God bless.... Is this mike still on? Good, I gotta take a leak like you wouldn't believe - Mommy, do you have a specimen bottle in your purse? - It's the darndest thing, but I can't just seem to tinkle into toilets lately... You know, I always like to pretend that the little jar is Gorbachev's -"

CUT! CUT! STOP THE TAPE! - WHO LET THAT REPORTER IN HERE? GET HIM - SHOOT HIM, SHOOT HIM!"

By Any Other Name

By Pat Flannery

The proposed changes to the FSA Bylaws would alter the number of undergraduate Class A members of the FSA from 8 to 7, and would guarantee two board seats to Graduate Students. From a political standpoint it would segregate the student members of FSA into Graduate Students and Undergraduate Students. The danger in this segregation is the graduate students are more easily pressured by the University Administration than undergraduate students are.

This pressure could come, for instance, in the use of discretionary research grants, and may be used by Admin. either in the form of an incentive or a punishment. If the graduate students want more research money, they will go administration's way, and sacrifice the best interests of other students so they may further their own personal academic pursuits. Such pressure cannot be placed upon undergraduates.

Graduate students and undergraduate students have many differences, but these differences do not abrogate the basic fact that both groups remain students, and as students both groups face certain identical problems in dealing with the university bureaucracy to affect a progressive positive change here at Stony Brook.

Kevin Kelly's proposed bylaw changes for FSA reflect an attitude that is entirely counter to the unity between undergraduate and graduate students. This unity has been the basic reason for the success that the students and FSA have enjoyed in this decade. Students have played a vital role, that of a catalyst, since Rich Bentley became FSA President a few years ago. FSA, under student leadership, went from

being an organization that was functioning on a marginal basis to one that was able to undertake a great expansion.

During Bentley's tenure, the Validine system was introduced, permitting students to eat at any location on campus, the Loop was built by FSA to serve the entire university community and towards the end of Rich Bentley's tenure, FSA committed itself to building a central campus pub. That central campus pub is something which we have come to call the Rathskellar, upon which construction will commence shortly.

Rich Bentley was followed by Chris Fairhall, who had been Treasurer of both Polity and GSO, as well as the primary founder of *The Stony Brook Press*, the campus feature weekly. Under Fairhall, FSA went through an adjustment period, as its staff enlarged slightly to accommodate the expansion of FSA operations. Were it not for the FSA Bylaw crisis at the end of Fairhall's term, which resulted in a staff turnover at the positions of Controller and Executive Director, it is likely that more would have been accomplished. However, it was during Fairhall's tenure that the Union was determined to be the sight of the Rathskellar.

Fairhall was succeeded by David Hill, President of GSO at the end of the FSA Bylaw crisis. Under Hill, the location of the Rathskellar was firmly squared away with a decision to locate the Rat in the location vacated by Barnes and Noble's move from the Union to the Library basement.

During the past year, FSA has filled the upper-level staff positions that were vacated during the FSA bylaw crisis the year before, and undertaken the expansion of the Loop, the awarding of a food service contract to the current vendor

bringing an element of, dare I say, stability to both FSA and the university community), the re-opening of Stage XII cafeteria as a food of five nations mini-mall, and the renovation of the Main Desk, the planned renovations for the Union Underground which includes a re-allocation of current space so as to allow the revenue-producing Amusement Arcade to expand, as well as the planned opening of the central campus Rathskellar in the near future.

The central point here is that these accomplishments were made by students, not graduate students, not undergraduate students, but by students. Graduate and undergraduate are only modifiers by which we determine which level of educational pursuit a student is pursuing, not terms by which segregation is accomplished. A car may be red or blue, but it remains a car, not a house or boat. Students are students, and should remain students, not graduate students, not undergraduate students. Student remain students and any attempt to differentiate one group from another is a crime against the accomplishments that student unity has brought FSA and the campus community these past five years.

It is my most sanguine intuition that these Bylaw changes would unnecessarily politicize student unity and jeopardize any future positive improvements to the state of campus life here at Stony Brook.

The writer is an FSA Class A member, and this viewpoint was taken, in part, from a memo that was sent to all FSA Class A members.

The Stony Brook Press welcomes your letters and viewpoints. Mail or carry them to the Press offices at

020 Central Hall. The Press reserves the right to disparage and destroy handwritten pieces.

Gay Republicans

To the editor:

It didn't take much to realize that the "Rally for Liberty" (partially sponsored by GALA, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance), was another in a series of predictable "Reagan bashing Rallies". The whole rally put light on GALA's ineffectiveness in the past years in its ability to truly reach out and bring gays and lesbians together (and out of the closet); I can say with a degree of certainty that there are more than 40 homosexuals attending the university presently (which is the approximate number of how many people, hetero and homosexuals attended the rally.) I got news for GALA as to why people showed up in such low numbers, and it's not "apathy in the student community".

GALA, however, is not exclusive to the following problem; as the same is true of other supposed non-political groups. Taking GALA as an example but including such groups as LASO and Black World News in describing what they (these groups) deem as an "apathy crisis" at Stony Brook, I will point out what is really wrong.

GALA (LASO, Black World) assumes that all gays (Latin Americans, Blacks) must be left wingers. It is the typical ultra-liberal assumption that "everybody really sees things like I do; It's just that some hold back their true feelings because of the frustrating infrastructure of society," or some reason thereof. As the Beatles once put it, GALA (LASO, Black World) "better free thier minds instead." They should do this (free their minds) before they try to correct the social injustices that exist today towards gays and lesbians (Latin Americans, Blacks).

There are two ways to solve problems in this society. One (the left), is to make laws (of which today's society is saturated with) and to throw money at a problem through taxation (and thus frustration of the average American). Another (the right), is to destroy fat-back laws (that create animosity between members of society) and thus reducing taxation (and frustration of the middle class) GALA (LASO, Black World) assumes that only one of these ways (the left) exist.

The problem of alienation of gays and lesbians (Latin Americans, Blacks) is further compounded when GALA (ditto) assumes an extremist position (extreme left) in using such quotes as "Nazi-like conservatism" ("U.S. imperialist forces", "Apartheid-Pig government of South Africa"). In effect, further reducing the number of gays and lesbians (ditto) that want to join their organization, because they view the organization as near-fanatic.

Not all gays are for "bearing arms." Not all Latin Americans are for U.S. non-involvement in Latin American totalitarian expansion. Not all blacks believe that divestment can dismantle Apartheid or racism in South Africa. And the assumption of these points of views by the mentioned groups serves as justification for the university community to brand these groups as "Flaky Fringe Jokes." It is one thing for these groups to try to expand the mind and awareness of the students about certain issues; it is another thing to offer only one political platform by which to expand the mind (and thus serving as justification for Polity's labeling of these groups as politically inclined and leading to the just non-funding of these groups). With the guise of expanding the mind these groups really serve to contract the mind.

We at the College Republicans would like to announce to the university community, that if you feel you have been left out in the cold winds of moderacy (left and right center) by these groups, there is an alternative. Come join the College Republicans in sheer outrage to political extremism by groups that carry a facade (and funding thereof by Polity) of non-political.

Juan C. Sanchez
Co-chairman
College Republicans

Club Funding

To the Editor:

The recent, and upcoming debates over the funding of politically oriented groups (H.O.L.A. and Red Balloon) has led me to write this letter. I am very disturbed at the way in which certain members of these groups criticise Polity in the *Statesman*. I've closely read the viewpoints written by these people and I'm always shocked to find these supposedly intelligent people, who supposedly debate often, write articles that are so overly ridiculous. For example, Josh Dubnau writes, "I know my rights and the rights of many of the students on campus will continue to be violated... Polity will never just fund student groups such as H.O.L.A. and I.S.O. without a fight."

First and foremost, Polity never just funds any group. Every group comes for an interview and the members of PSC or the Treasurer's office decide whether these groups deserve funding. They will receive funding if Polity has the money to give, and if the group falls within guidelines and

precedents set by Polity and the Chancellor's office. The Chancellor's guidelines specifically state that groups that are affiliated with a political party will not be funded. What the guidelines don't state is that all other groups falling outside that requirement definitely receive funding, but instead are only *allowed* to receive funding. There is no law that says that these groups will get funding. It will solely depend on the decision of our *elected* officials. These *elected* officials have funded political groups before. A perfect example is G.A.L.A. I, as well as many other members of Polity, believe that G.A.L.A. deserves funding due to the activities and services which they provide, i.e. activities and services needed and wanted by the gay and lesbian community on this campus.

Instead of showing Polity what services and activities that could be promoted by them, H.O.L.A. and Red Balloon members instead call Polity members "stupid" and say that we "have to fund" these groups. We Polity members don't *have* to fund anyone who we believe will not use the money to fund campuswide activities. Mr. Dubnau also threatens Polity that he'll come up and scream at us. So do it. Nobody is stopping you from pursuing your childish threat.

I do have an idea for you. Why don't you try getting some support from the community in a similar way to that G.A.L.A. does. Write in the *Press* all the services and activities you promote and see the community reaction. If the reaction is favorable to your cause then Polity has no choice but to fund your groups. Why don't you try this idea and abandon your immature criticisms and your childish threats. Up to this time, you haven't.

Adam Cole
Polity member

Affirmative Action

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"they ask you very few questions that are related to supervision or anything that has to do with clerical work."

Krause said that they "recommended that there not be an exam each time a person move from a grade 4 to a grade 5 to a grade 6, to a grade 7, 8, 9, etcetera. And that there be a different system, of having people advance through the clerical series."

Lynn Morris, the sole advisor to the 2700 foreign students, 1200 of which have foreign visas, the balance having a permanent residence on campus." She informed the panel that, according to a recent report she read, "foreign students are not entitled to affirmative action." In addition to this, she said that there are not resources, and this is a major problem. The report also revealed that although Stony Brook wants to be considered a "world-class international center of learning," there are "contradictions between what the university professes to be, and the resources it is willing to commit to achieving it." Aldona Jonaitis replied, "Clearly as we increase the number of foreign students, we will have to look into the staffing of the international student affairs." She asked for specific problems that could be addressed, but added that "resources are very hard to come by."

Another concern of the custodial workers is daycare, which they want "available for clerical people and staff on campus." "Daycare," one claimed, "has been a problem here for a number of years," and she was wondering as to what has been done to provide alternatives, "in terms of the type of care and the hours." Marburger commented on this, saying that the university "has

three daycare centers on campus." The board for these three centers is headed by Dean Ruth Brandwine, and that "the board has a great interest in expanding." Twenty-four hour care is a priority, but, "as usual the problem is finding out where the money can come from to get it going."

"While the rewards system does recognize the talents of minority women, there is little or no commitment for minority women to be promoted internally," accused a minority slighted for what was felt to be a justified promotion in the Finance Division of the University Hospital. The worker claimed what was needed was "a fair system of internal promotion for minorities and women." Each member was urged to "review the criteria for promotion in the state system." The worker then asked the following: "Given the fact that there aren't enough promotional or career-level guidelines in the university, what are the chances of a minority professional to be promoted to management level?" Jerry Krause, the representative of Human Resources, replied that the university has "been meeting with representatives from the affirmative action office and with others to develop search and selection guidelines and to come up with a posting procedure and a skills bank." Krause said he could not give specifics, but expects to be able to fill any vacancies by ascertaining "who would be qualified or who would be interested in particular positions on campus." Marburger added that there is an "affirmative action plan process with follow-ups that involve very detailed looks at all university offices. And if there is a problem in the area that you are referring to, it should come out in that study."

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L. DeVinci

Union Fees Threaten Movies

By Quinn Kaufman

The new maintenance fee which was appended to the regulatory usage fee by the Office of Student Activities for Union auditorium and ballroom events has caused problems for C.O.C.A. (the Committee on Cinematic Arts)

The auditorium and ballroom are used for events such as lectures, ballroom parties, town hall meetings, symposiums, Sci-Fi events, and campus movies. This semester Student Activities plans to charge groups a mandatory usage fee of \$25 per night for space usage in order to fund the necessary new maintenance fee.

Other campus organizations paid the \$25 usage fee per night, but C.O.C.A., and some other organizations had been paying a set rate of \$50 per semester.

Polity President Marc Gunning comments that the reason Student Activities "demanded" consistency for C.O.C.A.'s usage stems from an "increased number of employees needed for maintenance and the need to generate sufficient funds for the inadequately university funded Student Activity Office, so that they can improve the auditorium and ballroom by increasing play productions, building a dressing room, rug cleaning (for the new \$26,000 carpet), repairs and to make it an over-all nicer place."

Last semester, Gunning voiced displeasure about the fee, claiming that Polity's budget procedures, which fund C.O.C.A., were not adequate enough to support C.O.C.A. Gunning stated that "if C.O.C.A. had to pay the \$25 per night (\$750 per semester) many movies would have to be cancelled."

C.O.C.A. Chairperson Darlene Kane

explained, "The usage fee is way too high; it costs a great deal to show movies, and the \$25 fee, if invoked, could limit the amount of movies shown by as much as one half."

Although when Gunning spoke with Bill Fornadel, Director of Student Union and Activities about the issue two weeks ago, Fornadel stated that he did not want to see C.O.C.A. cancelled. Mr. Gunning implied

C.O.C.A., although, she continued "this semester because of funds needed by Student Activities to pay for the new maintenance fee, they decided to make the usage fee consistent, therefore C.O.C.A. will now have to pay it. There are too many groups in the same category and now everybody has to pay it"

C.O.C.A. shows the American Cinema

is if the ballroom and/or auditorium do not have to be cleaned up that much, the maintenance fee will decrease. Maybe then such groups as C.O.C.A. will not be hounded to pay the \$25 usage fee."

Fornadel states that the mandatory fee was implemented so that some kind of budget could be founded so that Student Activities may, at a later date, turn around and make some type of capital improvements, since Student Activities doesn't get enough funds from the University.

The extra money needed for these improvements would come from the usage fee, paid by student groups and the maintenance fee money would flow solely into the hands of the cleaning crews.

Marc Gunning sees C.O.C.A. as eventually paying the \$25 usage fee per night, "but that's not in the immediate future." Until then, Gunning said, "C.O.C.A. and American Cinema are the exception to paying the \$25 fee."

In the past, Hillel, the Science Fiction Forum, and the Asian Association were also exempt from the fee. This year that is no longer the case.

Students on the whole would be annoyed and upset if C.O.C.A. were to be cancelled. One student, Lisa Inomata, expressed that, "C.O.C.A. movies on Tuesday nights are not only a great escape, but also inexpensive... if it were cancelled, I'd become culturally defunct." Another student, Joseph Tegmeier, a senior, has student's interests as his priority, "If C.O.C.A. were to stop showing movies, students would miss out on the left wing political views often presented during Tuesday night flicks."

"If COCA had to pay \$25 a night... many movies would be cancelled."

that Fornadel was receptive, "I had talked to Bill about the increased costs to C.O.C.A. and he was willing to make some amends to help out because Polity had not physically budgeted itself for it. He did not want to see campus programming suffer because of increased fees.

Since C.O.C.A. only charges .50¢ per person to see a movie on campus, they did not have sufficient funds to pay the usage fee. In the past, Student Activities, knowing that C.O.C.A. had a limited budget, worked to help out of this dilemma, by waiving the remainder of the fee. Carole Friedman, Union scheduler in the Student Activities office explained that, "all the other societies were paying the auditorium fee except

series in the auditorium on Thursday nights, and Tuesday Flix movies on Tuesday nights.

Ed Quinn, Student Activity representative, also explained that C.O.C.A. has to pay the \$25 per night regardless of their lack of funds because, "unless a group writes to Student Activities in request of a waiver of fee or for an exception, which in turn is reviewed by a board, they are liable for the usage fee." He claimed that, "they (COCA) didn't live up to their end of the deal so they have to pay."

Although Quinn's regulatory procedures for implementing the usage fee differed from Fornadel's, he did show optimism. Quinn sees the maintenance fee as possibly decreasing. "If it works out really well, that

Rally For Freedom

By Sanford Lee

September 19, 1986, the Administration building. On this quiet and gray morning, with dark skies oppressive and prevalent, a group of 40 people, young and old, gathered at the "Rally for Freedom", coordinated by G.A.L.A. and D.S.A. The speakers of the rally took time to express their interest in and the moral justification for this protest.

After a formal opening by Ray Melville, the chair of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Joan Carlos, from the College Republicans, was the first speaker. "...indeed, I wouldn't be here if (there weren't any need) ... to state our strong opposition to oppression on any and all levels." Indeed, the prevalent oppressiveness in our society and others are not hard to find; however, though the rally was opportune, it was not well attended. Perhaps it was the weather.

Following was Paul Karmar, chair of the Democratic Socialists of America, who spoke about the journey towards peace, carrying the "tradition represented by Eugene Debs, Mother Jones, Martin Luther King, and thousands more." The tradition is by no means unknown to us. It is our foundation that has been the building structure of our progress, guarantee of our freedom, and duration of our society: of our freedom to speak, petition, and ultimately affect the legislature and the society's thinking. And if indeed there exists injustices in society towards gays women and blacks, DSA is a foe to the oppressive force.

Mary Fridly, the national chair of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the New Alliance Party, and Dr. Lenora Fulani, the independent mayor of Harlem, representing the New Alliance Party, were the next to speak. Their speech had the strong conviction and aggressiveness required of a party fighting

poverty, injustices towards lesbians and gays and the "scapegoats of the right wing." They also stood for the rights to abortion and an end to "U.S. intervention and profiteering from Nicaragua and South Africa."

"Where is everybody?" asked Rich Amato, a frank chair of the Long Island Gay and Lesbian Coalition. "The commitment of gays and lesbians for the cause of their freedom must be relied on in order to exert fully the potential and dormant energies that are necessary in any real accomplishments." said Mr. Amato. Unfortunately, it was lacking.

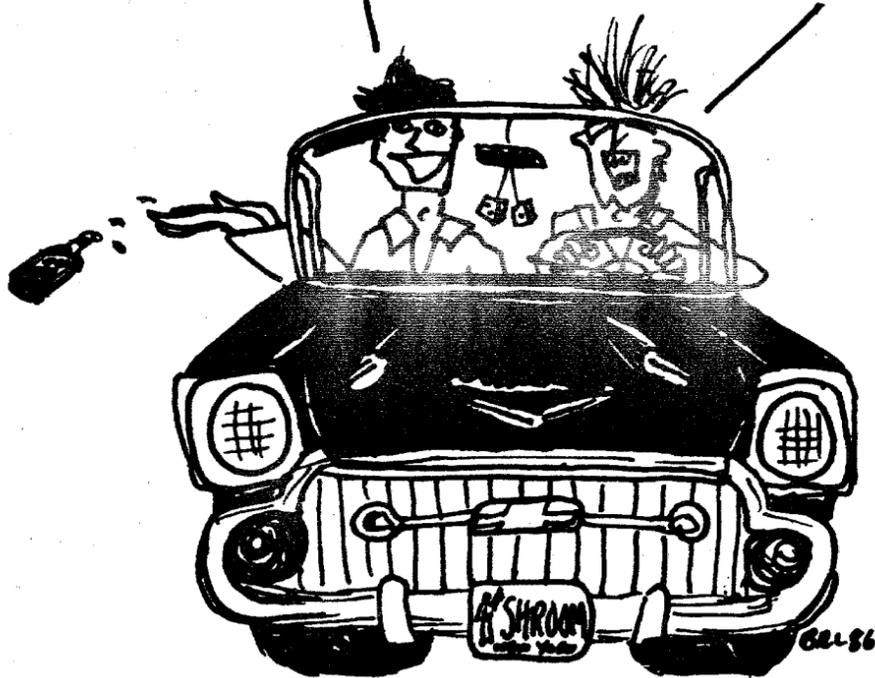
Next, Allen Roberts, a member of the Labor Party in the Parliament of Great Britain, spoke. He professed the nature of the problems and the way to go about them in both Great Britain and the United States. The three most effective means to protest against the common "bigotry" are, as stated by Roberts, "ideas, solidarity, and the ballot box. When an organization can meet the criterion of integrating the three," he said, "It will succeed."

The remaining speakers included Joe Topek, the director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Jesse Mentkin, representing the Committee to Fight Repression, and Carmen Vasquez, chair of Affirmative Action Committee at Stony Brook, who all articulated their concern for the repressed, and hope for improvement.

The clouds began to wither, as the rally persevered. Though there were moments when persons walked in front of the speaker, unminded and unconcerned, those that remained, even for a while, realized the urgent need of applause the peace advocates deserved. The acknowledgement among the grim faces of the audience was as prevalent as the clouds.

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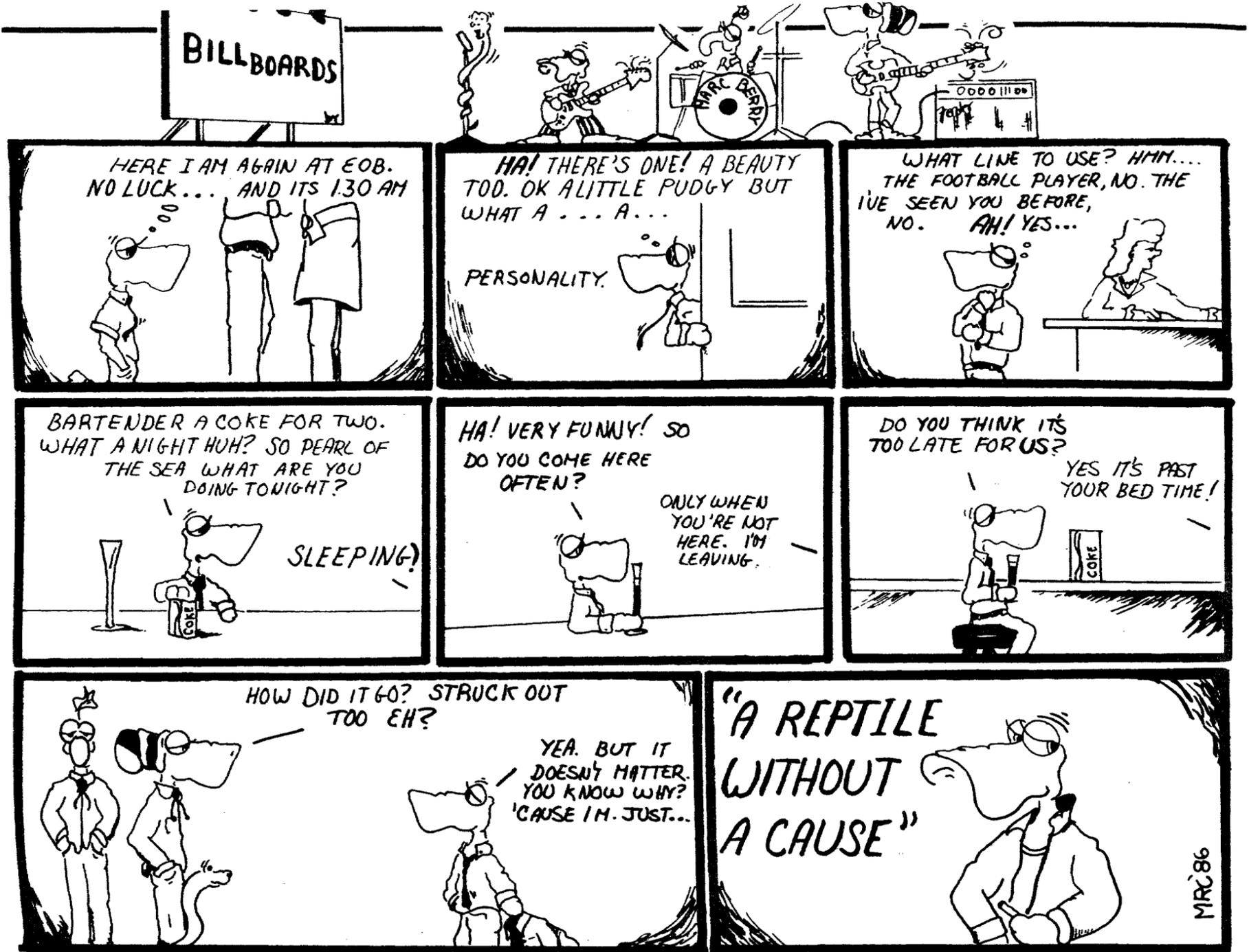
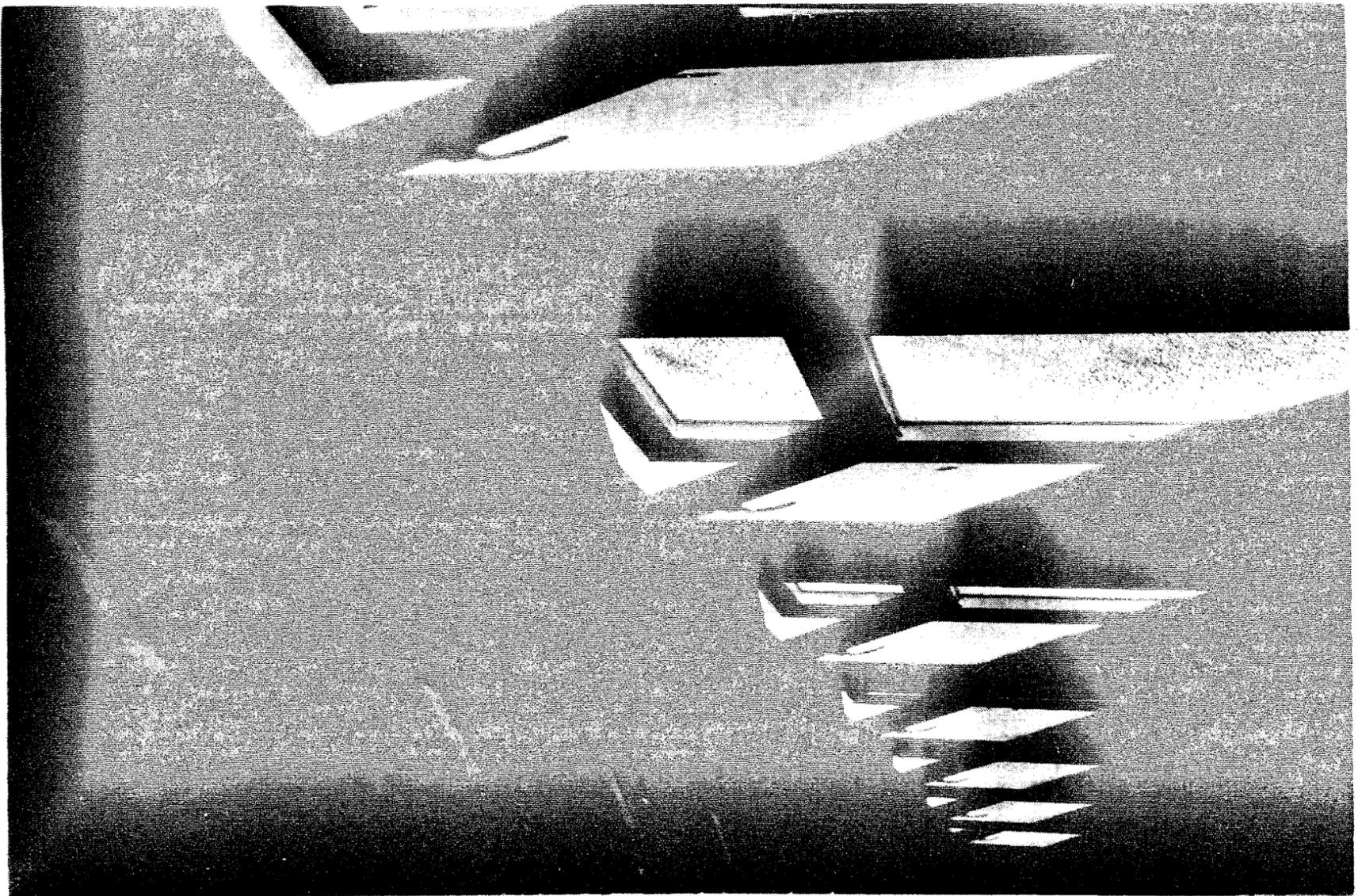
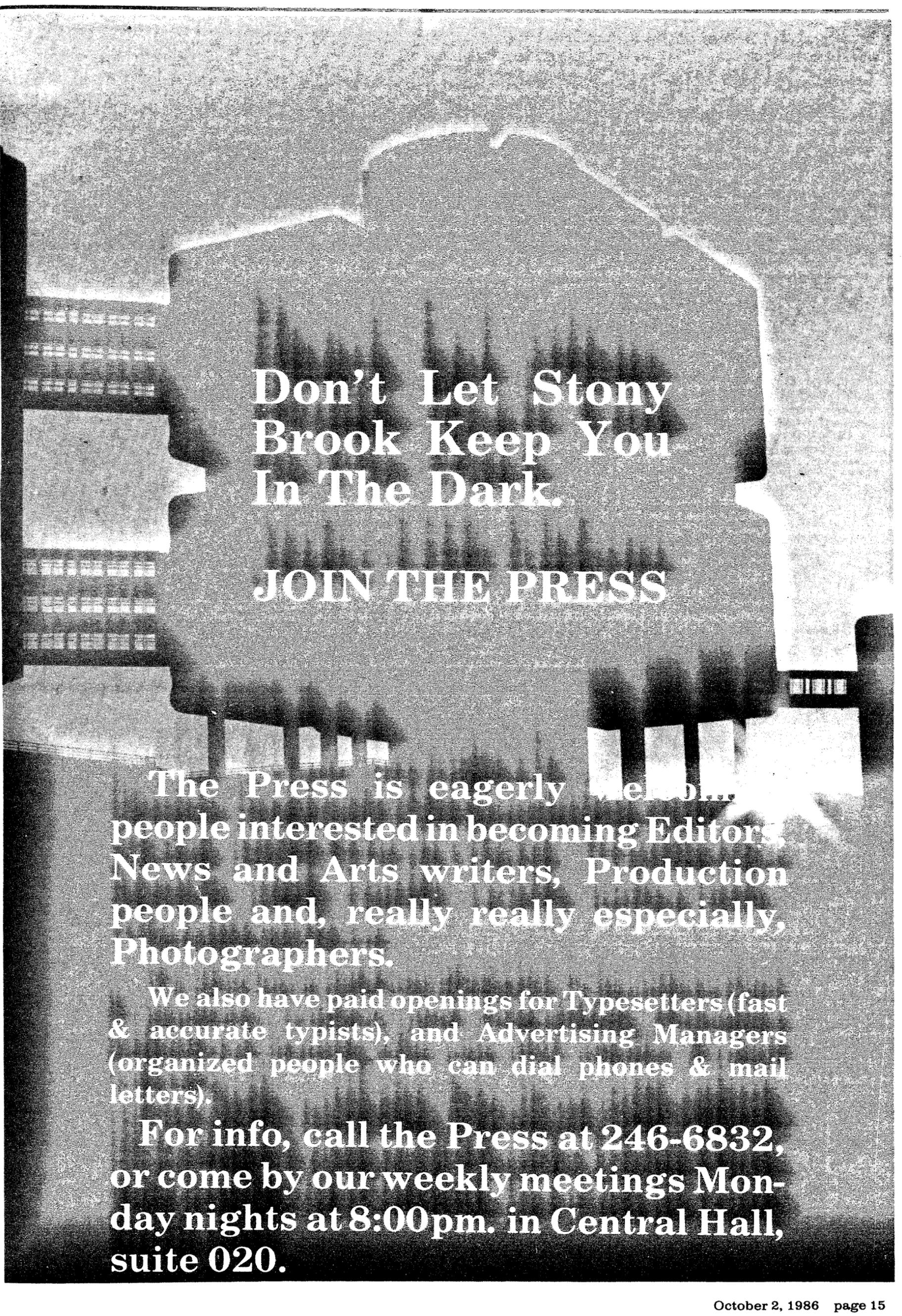


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Fallfest Highs and Lows

by Michael DePhillips

Fall Fest 1986, It had its fine points, NRBQ wailed, it was nice to see John Sebastian, and everybody mouthed 'Wham, Bam, Thank You Ma'am' at exactly the same time when "Suffragette City" was being played over the loudspeakers.

People seemed pretty mellow during the daytime Saturday, a nice day, some people were playing frisbee, some people were watching the warm-up bands, some people were holding hands, I even saw two eight year olds jump for joy when they saw the Fall Fest rides and attractions. Nice, real nice, but so is dinner at my grandmother's house. As a matter of fact my grandmother probably would have had a good time wandering around the converted parking lot, nice, but its kind of a disgrace. Fall Fest, let's think about these words for a moment. Fall, just another word for autumn, but Festival, from the latin Festivus, means to rejoice and celebrate. A festival in autumn on a college campus, what a good idea. Time to party, right? Wrong! If it wasn't for NRBQ everyone would have been sleeping by 11:00.

I spent much of the day sitting on the floor of the drinking cage sipping beer and talking to friends, definitely fun but the atmosphere really bugged me. There is

something about being ostracized into a corral due to my beverage choice, that rubbed me the wrong way. On top of that, it was a real bitch getting in that red cage. Being a minor in the eyes of our state and of our alcohol policy, and being cursed with a major thirst, I had to scheme to get a beer. It was hard, a lot harder than it used to be, like when I was an 18 year old freshman and the drinking age was 19. Why? Why was a girl with picture i.d. for 22, turned away because she didn't have double ID? Why were students making other students sign their names to make absolutely sure that nobody got into the pen who didn't belong? Who told these proofers to be that strict and why did they listen to them? Why do I have to ask these questions?

Maybe SCOOP showed remarkable intelligence and hired proofers with a really strong moral commitment to the new drinking laws, but I really doubt it. Maybe there was great fear that the FBI and Public Safety were going to sweep through the red stye checking it for youngsters trying to undermine our alcohol laws. I really hope it's not that we, as college students, aren't pulling together to set liveable standards in dealing with our new obstacle to fun. It is understandable to want to cover your ass and possibly save your one night job by proofing

adequately, however there are limits to how far you should go. It is possible to proof efficiently without becoming an asshole.

I did however beat the system, which shows there is still a glimmer of hope for this school. To further add salt to the wound, once inside they charged a dollar a beer. Somebody is making a huge profit off of each beer. I would like to know where the money is going to. I suppose it is going to the Future Fall Fest Fund for larger and grander Fall Fests of the future in which more kegs will be purchased and less people will be allowed to drink them. I really feel that this new attitude towards drinking and obedience has a lot to do with Fall Fest's mediocrity. The students running the show should think about canning fallfest next year and do something useful with the money like having SAB buy every student a yellow T-shirt so we all can be cool and drink for free no matter what our age.

SAB did however, get NRBQ, good move - they were great. John Sebastian shared the bill with them, he was cool in a nostalgic sense. He opened the show solo acoustic. He sang "Welcome Back Kotter," which was a mistake, but he covered it up with some nice Lightning Hopkins Blues and some sweet harmonica playing. He went off and NRBQ came on: Al Anderson, guitar

and vocal; Terry Adams, piano; Joey Spaninato, bass and vocals; and Tom Arbolina, drums. They opened up with "Shakin' All Over," they did it up well, along with the rest of the set.

Big Al Anderson sang and played with both confidence and arrogance that comes from years of living the lifestyle that gives his style of music validity, that being rhythm and blues. Rhythm and blues done right makes you feel good inside. Al Anderson's got soul. He's earned the right to sing the blues. The other members of NRBQ were just as hot, as their high level of musicianship really shined when Sebastian came out to finish the set doing some Lovin' Spoonful songs with the boys. John made it through "Summer in the City" but then he lost his voice on "You Didn't Have to be So Nice." NRBQ's harmonies and instrumentals more than made up for Sebastian's failing voice. Big Al sang the last song and Sebastian seemed happy just to play rhythm for him. NRBQ came on for the encore and finished the show with style. It is ironic that Fall Fest ended with one of America's premier bar bands tossing some soul out into the ESS parking lot. Hopefully, some of it rubbed off on the people listening.

Time Trippers By Bill

