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What Graduate Students Can Do About Bosnia

By Shuva Paul, Sociology Graduate Student

"It is a double tragedy for all wartime rape victims that they must sacrifice their psychological and physical well-being twice: first under the onslaught of their rapists — then again in the arms of the international humanitarian relief community whose sponsors deem the provision of rape treatment and counseling unnecessary."

—from a petition formulated by a group of Stony Brook graduate students

By now, we graduate students, no matter what our individual fields of study, are more or less familiar with the horror in Bosnia. For months, images and accounts of a new genocide featuring mass rape, killing, and forced starvation have gushed from the region like from a broken main, flooding our modern marketplace of news.

In fact, the images and accounts have been so voluminous that they have started to seep into other spheres of public life, coloring even the way we talk. On a recent episode of NBC's *Sisters*, the mother of the four main characters cracked, "Sometimes I feel more like a U.N. observer than like a mother!", a line that no doubt drew a knowing smile from the audience. On *New WKRP*, reporter Les Nesman quipped about the difficulty of pronouncing "Bosnia-Herzegovina" — a small burst from the laugh track on that one. "To Balkanize" and "Balkanization" are terms now in vogue, as in a recent *New York Times* editorial warning about sentiments on Staten Island to "secede" from the rest of the city. (It's probably just a matter of time before the "B" gets routinely lower-cased.)

Then there's "ethnic cleansing", a disturbing locution that at once sounds ominous in its cool capsule

description of an act of mass killing and terror — and yet *defuses* our alarm by giving a new name to an old act, thus holding out the possibility, the hope, that what we are witnessing in Bosnian villages is not really as horrific as the "Final Solution," or as bloody as "The Killing Fields".

All this is not to suggest that it is wrong to toss around terms like "Balkanization" or "ethnic cleansing" (its linguistic inaccuracies aside — Bosnian Muslims and Bosnian Serbs are not "ethnically" distinct); or that the scriptwriters on television shows owe apologies of any sort.

Rather, the problem lies in what seems to be happening *unconsciously* to all of us who are interconnected via the modern miracle of global mass communications: we can now watch, virtually live as it happens, a people die off under military onslaught a day's journey away by plane; then wash the dishes and carry on with our day's duties and errands as if the brutality we just witnessed was just a wrenching made-for-TV movie.

If Vietnam was the war Americans watched in agony in their living rooms, and "Desert Storm" the video game most Americans marveled over during breakfast, then Bosnia is the desperate-looking group huddled over a heating grate most Americans are crossing the street to avoid. The increasing global telecommunication of human misery is compounding the effects of urbanization on our own humanity: just as urbanized generations grow up today immune to the shock of seeing the homeless on sidewalks *outside* their homes, the new global-television generation is becoming numb to the images of brutality beamed *into* their homes. We are all in danger now of becoming a little less human.

Why, you may ask, all this attention on Bosnia? All this Western professed concern over Bosnia's blood-bath is all so much hypocrisy and hyperbole, a few have said. Where were the hand-wringers when the Serbs were sounding alarms of minority-rights abuses in Croatia before war broke out there? Where were the sickened stomachs when the reports of brutal violence and misery started streaming

out of East Timor, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, Liberia, Afghanistan, Tajikistan — isn't it a bit unfair, some say, to talk so much about Bosnia when mass terror stalks so many other regions on the planet?

Absolutely: true justice, one could say, is embraced when all instances of brutal oppression are confronted with equal passion, conviction, and commitment.

But this is why we *must* act on Bosnia, collectively, for if the university community cannot collectively generate compelling arguments about something that presently dominates magazine covers and front pages in this country (and three-fourths of White House foreign policy discussions) — then can one really expect this nation's campuses to mobilize around a plight that news organizations are not sending their prize reporters to cover?

Making the Relief Effort Humanitarian for All

What to do? Traditional anti-war

groups have been eerily quiet, uneasy about what to say about a situation where it seems that only massive military intervention can stop the slaughter and terror of so many unarmed people. In other quarters, given that the besieged and dying Bosnians failed to own any oil wells, those who so passionately rallied support for raining devastation on Iraq haven't even bothered to clear their throats on stopping the merciless Serbian onslaughts. The result: powerful member states of the United Nations have tiptoed around their obligation to enforce basic international law, leaving the international humanitarian relief community struggling to salvage lives and hopes.

Clearly, the student community should be tackling both fronts: conceptualizing concrete geopolitical solutions; and monitoring and contributing to the alleviation of the misery that flows daily in the region.

But we must recognize that in the absence of a geopolitical solution, it is

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Learning to Live Together: GSEU, SUNY Work Out Their Differences Daily

By Sally Kuzma

Organizing graduate students on a campus as diverse and spread-out as Stony Brook is an enormous challenge. For GSEU, the job is complicated by the fact that the union is virtually "homeless." Although certified as the collective bargaining agent for the graduate students of the State of New York, the GSEU, unlike other unions on campus, operates without office space and with numerous restrictions on its use of phones, e-mail, public bulletin boards, copiers and other facilities on campus.

Complaints raised in the most recent issue of the *Union Times* (March 8, 1993) point out the range of inconveniences GSEU faces in its daily operations. Members have been asked to refrain from using campus phones and copy machines, for example, even when they themselves

pay the bill for services. Their poster has been called illegal when it extends beyond the bounds of official bulletin boards, yet it is common practice for any number of organizations to use other wall spaces when the boards are overflowing, and the prohibition on GSEU use would seem to be a selective enforcement of the rules. The restrictions have become "irritating," said GSEU president Maranthi Lianos in the newsletter; "It seems like they are discriminating against us."

Human Resources Manager of Employee and Labor Relations Randy Glazer handles the university relations with unions, and says he's just trying to keep everything legal. "My job is two-fold," he explained. "One is to ensure compli-

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Arming: Are We Really Talking About Campus Safety?

By Rob Cho,
GSO Speaker of the Senate

Over the past few months, I have done a lot of thinking about the dilemma now facing President Marburger. This single individual will, by the end of this semester, decide whether or not to equip the Public Safety officers at Stony Brook with firearms. A lot of people have discussed this extremely controversial topic. Students are worrying about it, the administration has debated the pros and cons, and many of the campus newspapers have taken a position on the issue. However, I have noticed that much of the debate surrounding arming appears to suffer from a muddled view of the pertinent issues related to President Marburger's impending decision.

Apparently many of us here at Stony Brook, whether we are students, faculty or administration, have approached the arming question as a safety issue. Essentially, we have asked ourselves whether or not the arming of Public Safety officers will decrease crime and violence on this campus. In fact, the *Report of the University Safety Council on the Issue of Arming*, which was released on February 1, 1993, focuses its efforts on this type of approach. In its section on the "pro" position for arming, the Report discusses topics such as the increased incidence of crime, the response time of Suffolk County Police, the safety of Public

Safety officers, and the retention of local control in security matters. Yet, I assert that all of these arguments camouflage what appears to be the major driving force behind the arming question: General Order #5a.

What is General Order #5a? It is a directive which mandates that Public Safety officers retreat and call for outside assistance if they are in a situation where a weapon is introduced. It is designed to prevent unarmed officers from placing themselves in danger when dealing with potentially armed suspects. As a result, if an individual was to pull out a gun in the Student Union, and threaten to shoot someone, Public Safety would be forced to avoid the

Now, what about the University's non-arming efforts to improve security and safety on this campus? I have heard a lot of talk about the Administration's desire to make this a safer campus, but I do not see any of these ideas materializing into concrete plans and programs. Oh, sure, we have seen a few more blue-light phones, we now have the Community Relations Team located in the Student Union, and the gray uniforms are a definite improvement over the old brown ones of a few years back. We even have to check in at the main entrance if we come onto campus after midnight. But are these improvements enough? Well, let me tell you a story. One

room when everyone knows that the officers are almost never seen outside of their patrol cars?

What we need are new programs that will increase the level of safety on this campus. In fact, the report by the University Safety Council (USC) states that "much can be done to improve campus security and the personal safety of the University's constitute *separate and apart* from the arming of Public Safety officers," including the improvement of campus lighting, the enhancement of the blue light phone system, the establishment of protocols for food service deliveries to campus, and the use of foot patrols by Public Safety officers. In July of 1992, President Marburger asked the various campus administrators to provide their input regarding the various safety recommendations, but the USC states that as of the writing of the arming report "none of the administrators has responded." If campus safety is the primary motive for considering arming, then why has it taken six months for the Administration to act on other non-arming safety measures which many people feel would improve campus security?

I am opposed to the idea of arming the Public Safety officers at Stony Brook. I am not convinced that the acquisition of guns would reduce crime on campus, nor do I believe that other alternatives have been fully explored. However, I do recognize the position the University has been backed into as a result of General Order #5a. It is time for the Administration to be up-front and honest with us. President Marburger, if it is General Order #5a that is forcing you to consider arming, then we deserve to know. However, if campus safety is truly your primary concern, then I offer you a challenge. Examine the vast array of alternatives available to you and this University as means of ensuring safety for all of us. Additional blue-light phones, utilization of foot patrols, negotiations with the Suffolk County Police Department, tapping student resources and energies, increased visibility of Public Safety officers, mandatory programs on safety awareness . . . your options are many. Guns should be near the bottom of your list as means of *preventing* crime, as their use is almost always *after* a crime has occurred.

Unfortunately, I realize there is a great deal of pressure on you to arm Stony Brook's Public Safety officers, and perhaps you will decide to sanction that policy. If that is the

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We wondered just how alert the officer at the main entrance would be at two in the morning. So, I took out my VISA card and flashed it at him as I drove by. What happened? He nodded and waved me on...

area, and wait for Suffolk County Police to respond to the situation.

Why do I feel General Order #5a is the driving force behind the arming dilemma? I have two reasons: the University's fear of liability suits, and the lack of effort by the University in enacting or augmenting other safety measures on this campus.

Let us consider the hypothetical scenario mentioned earlier, in which an individual with a gun threatens to shoot someone in the Student Union. Upon the realization that a weapon is involved, Public Safety officers would be prevented from entering the situation. General Order #5a would require the officers to retreat from the Student Union and request assistance from the Suffolk County Police Department. Now, let's suppose that during the time it takes for the police to arrive on the scene, the armed individual shoots and kills a student. At this point, the University potentially faces a costly legal battle, in which it could be decided that the University was negligent in providing adequate protection, resulting in the shooting death of a student. The University obviously wants to avoid this type of legal problem, and arming the Public Safety officers would remove General Order #5a's stranglehold on them, thereby reducing the University's liability in the event such a crime was to occur.

night, I came onto campus with a friend of mine, and we wondered just how alert the officer at the main entrance would be at two in the morning. So, I took out my VISA card and flashed it at him as I drove by. What happened? He nodded and waved me on, providing me and my friend with a good laugh. However, when I realized the seriousness of what had just transpired, I was quite appalled. Was that booth really making this campus a safer place that night?

What other safety programs are in place? Well, I have found out that there is an escort service for students who are concerned about walking around campus late in the evening. But I did not know it existed until just a few months ago, and I'm not alone. Many of my friends had never heard of the escort service, and therefore never took advantage of this important safety measure.

I think this last point underscores a major problem with security and safety here at Stony Brook: a lack of visibility and awareness. What good is an escort service if students are not aware that such a program exists? What good are the blue-light phones if a woman who is being chased by an attacker can't see the lights because some of them were vandalized last week? And how is an armed officer going to prevent a criminal from breaking into a dorm

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Reach Out and Touch Someone: NYPIRG Announces Phone and Letter-writing Campaign

Dear SUNY Stony Brook Grad Students:

We are writing to invite you to attend the NYPIRG/Student Polity Association Higher Education Teach-In. As you probably know, the New York State budget proposed by Governor Cuomo will have a devastating effect on SUNY Stony Brook. The tuition Assistance program has been cut for graduate and undergraduate students and there is no attempt to restore the over \$200 million that has been cut from SUNY's budget since 1989. The New York State Legislature needs to restore funding to SUNY and restore cuts to financial aid to ensure that everyone in New York State has access to an affordable, quality higher education.

The State Legislature will be deciding the fate of SUNY's budget by April 1. To ensure that SUNY Stony Brook's voice is heard in the budget making process, NYPIRG and Polity are cosponsoring a Higher Education Teach-In. At the Teach-In, Stony Brook faculty, staff

and students will explain how the proposed budget cuts effect the future of SUNY Stony Brook. We will also be educating the Stony Brook community on how to make our voices heard in the budget process.

There will be sample letters to state Senators and Assemblymembers and we will be providing a free phone line to call State Legislators to tell them to save SUNY Stony Brook. The Higher Education Teach-In will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 1:00pm in the Student Union Bi-Level. We urge you to join with us to convince our state leaders to make funding education a top priority in 1993.

Sincerely,

Desiree Petersen
NYPIRG Higher Education
Project Leader

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NYPIRG Project Coordinator

Safety yes, Arming no--

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case, then I offer you another challenge: demonstrate to all of us that campus safety is, indeed, your first priority with regard to the arming issue. If you do provide Public Safety with guns, then let that be only one of a series of new safety initiatives. Listen to the various committee recommendations mentioned in the University Safety Council's report. Hold open forums with the students, faculty and staff here at Stony Brook so that you can learn why so many of us fear walking down a dark path, or elect not to work late hours in our

offices. Remember, those of us who alter our behaviors out of fear for our safety are, consequently, victims of crime. Enact new programs that will increase women's safety and security here at Stony Brook, because we all know that guns will not help prevent rape and other violent crimes against women. In short, do not treat the arming option as a cure-all for Stony Brook's security and safety ills. To do so would not only be irresponsible, but also a considerable threat to our well-being.

Announcing Elections for Stony Brook Council Representative!

Free dinners! Something for your resume!
Get your name on a letterhead!
Get to vote on things like naming buildings,
campus alcohol code, and more.

Contact Ida at the GSO office, 632-6492 for more information on this fascinating opportunity.

SASU Leaps to the Occasion

"A Leprechaun roamed the halls of the NYS Capitol and Legislative Office Building wishing Legislators 'Good Luck' as he delivered thousands of postcards from SUNY students today, St. Patrick's Day," writes Glenn Magpantay of SASU, (Student Association of the State University of New York) in a recent reprot from his office. The postcards included a drawing of a four leaf clover stating SASU's four priority demands: 1) Upholding the Governor's Freeze on Tuition; 2) Restoring \$62 million to TAP (Tuition Assistance program) for last year's and this year's proposed cuts; 3) Restoring \$31 million to SUNY (\$11.8 million for the four year schools and \$19.4 million for community colleges; 4) passage of the Bias-Related Violence and Intimidation Act.

Magpantay explained the strategy of targeting certain lawmakers: "Members of the Legislature have strongly

indicated that they are willing to make several restorations to the Governor's recommendations to higher education, especially to ...cuts in TAP."

The governor recently proposed phasing out TAP for graduate students, beginning with incoming students in the fall of '93. Magpantay points out that not just incoming students, but all supported grad students, TAs and RAs and Minority Fellowships will be affected because TAP offsets part of the cost of these programs.

SASU is a student-run organization representing and advocating for SUNY students in the Governor's Chambers, State Legislature, the Higher Education Services Corporation, SUNY Central Administration, and other state wide organizations. President Glenn Magpantay can be reached at (518) 465-2406.

GSO EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

The Graduate Student Organization is holding its annual elections for officers. The four elected officer positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. These are paid positions with a stipend of \$200/month.

The deadline for submitting petitions to be included on the ballot is April 15th. Any graduate student is eligible to run for office; contact the GSO office, Room 206, Central Hall for full information.

This year's ballot also includes several referenda, including a referendum to increase activity fees to subsidize child care and a referendum to support NYPIRG.

The GSO is responsible for distributing graduate student activity fees, as well as RAP money, which graduate students can use toward expenses such as travel to academic conferences where they may be presenting their work. The GSO serves as the voice of the graduate students in dealing with the administration: when they want to know what grad students are thinking, they ask us.

The GSO Officers help keep the organization running and ensure that graduate students have representation on important university committees. If you're interested in getting involved, come to a GSO senate meeting and meet the officers and senators who get the work done.

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the international program of humanitarian relief that is vitally important for the suffering. Thus, during the period that debates over geopolitical solutions get worked out and fought, we must feel confident enough about the workings of the international relief effort to be able to turn to the longer term.

Well, upon scrutiny—it doesn't take much looking—it is apparent that a grave neglect characterizes the structure of United Nations humanitarian relief. And given the outlook for today's world—in which horrors are mushrooming all over the face of the "new world order"—it is a neglect that threatens not only a sizable population in Bosnia, but sizable populations everywhere where armed conflict has broken out, as well as a substantial portion of the world's 18.5 million refugees.

What is this injustice? On the face of it, one would think that a "humanitarian" relief effort would be free of bias, that it would aim to match needs with solutions—especially for those who have managed to find refuge in secure U.N.-supervised refugee centers away from the fighting. There those who had been starving and freezing would find food and shelter; those who had been wounded would find at least basic medical treatment; those who had been raped could choose to avail themselves of medical and psychological services.

The truth is that, for the tens of thousands of women and girls who were raped and in many cases impregnated, and who survived to find refuge in U.N.-supervised sites in Croatia and Bosnia, the "humanitarian" relief given them can hardly be called such a thing.

There is no systematic program for rape crisis treatment in place in U.N. relief centers in Bosnia, Croatia—or, for that matter, anywhere in the world where the U.N. has sent its "humanitarian" relief forces.

In Bosnia, women and girls who once had been rounded up and forced into rape camps, where they were raped daily for days, weeks, and even months—in many cases the victims were slaughtered—now languish in crowded refugee centers without proper attention. Rape crisis relief, with its attendant medical and gynecological services, never materializes excepts for the "drastic" cases—those who appear visibly severely disturbed or threaten suicide. The rest, many of whom are too traumatized to even speak about their experiences, walk numb and unattended through the refugee camps. Sights like the one described in the March/April issue of *Ms.* are not uncommon: "... a woman, about 35 years old and wearing rags, strides in barefoot. Arms outstretched and face expressionless, she shouts, 'I'm not a whore, I'm not a whore' before disappearing around the corner. All that anyone knows about the woman is that she had been raped and had lost her family."

Can we truly look on and do nothing? Can the UN truly allow such a situation to go unattended in the very site in which it is commissioned to provide relief?

How can such a situation exist?

It is not that the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, which is the

U.N. agency created in 1951 to manage international humanitarian relief efforts, is silent on the matter. On paper, the agency actually has a very good plan for rape crisis treatment in its own guidelines. It recognizes the particular dangers women and girls face in war, not just from "the other side"—being raped by enemy soldiers—but systematically wherever they find themselves in environments where normal law

and order has been suspended and where men and boys move freely.

The UNHCR seems to recognize, at least in its *Guidelines on the Protection of Refugee Women*, that from the moment war breaks out until some durable order is reestablished, women and girls face a suddenly and drastically increased threat of being raped—whether it be by advancing enemy troops moving through their towns;

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To be part of this effort, sign the petition below and send to:
S. Paul, Dept. of Sociology, SUNY Stony Brook 11794-4356; phone 516-632-7729

March 15, 1993

Dear President Clinton:

We commend you for your renewed attention to the people's plight in Bosnia. We know you are as pained as we are at the staggering flow of atrocities and misery in the region. We trust, therefore, that you are continually working to improve the international humanitarian relief effort that is so critical to the lives of so many.

WE THUS CALL UPON YOU TO RECTIFY A GRAVE INJUSTICE THAT CHARACTERIZES THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.

At present, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees IS NOT EMPOWERED TO PROVIDE SYSTEMATIC RAPE TREATMENT AND COUNSELING to the more than 20,000 women and girls who have been raped in the war in Bosnia.

We trust you are familiar with the terrible images: rape camps where captive women and girls are raped and tortured each night for months, many of them eventually slaughtered; soldiers raping mothers and daughters together, sometimes forcing their victims' sons and brothers to take part before killing them. Such images, created by a mountain of testimony, attest to a massive shared horror beyond description.

AND YET—THOUSANDS OF TRAUMATIZED SURVIVORS PRESENTLY LANGUISH WITHOUT PROPER TREATMENT IN REFUGEE CENTERS IN ZAGREB, CROATIA AND OTHER SECURE SITES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO RELIEF WORKERS.

It is not that the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees is silent on the issue of rape treatment and counseling. On the contrary, the UNHCR has the rudiments of a good plan in its own official guidelines. Relief workers and officials regularly state the need for more rape treatment programs. But faced with the immensity of the suffering in Bosnia, it has found itself funneling its precious resources into basic food and shelter needs. Rape treatment and counseling, as a consequence, has not materialized in a properly organized or systematic way.

THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS NOT THE LACK OF FUNDS.

Simply increasing the flow of cash to the UNHCR will not create a systematic improvement in rape crisis relief. The fundamental problem is that—despite the systematic occurrence of mass rape in war after war—world governments do not consider rape treatment to be a necessary relief measure in war-torn areas. The solution is clear: until an internationally-sanctioned program for systematic rape crisis relief is established as a humanitarian obligation, it will never materialize in international relief efforts.

We trust you will agree: it is a double tragedy for all wartime rape victims that they must sacrifice their psychological and physical well-being twice: first under the onslaught of their rapists—then again in the arms of the international humanitarian relief community whose sponsors deem the provision of rape treatment and counseling unnecessary.

WE, WHO BELIEVE THAT A HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORT MUST BE HUMANITARIAN TO ALL IT PURPORTS TO AID, hereby call upon you to sponsor the creation of a permanent U.N. Rape Crisis Mobile Mission (UNRCMM). The UNRCMM would be commissioned with the task of recruiting and sending a culturally-sensitive team of rape-response professionals to its first assignment: the thousands of raped women and girls presently languishing without access to proper medical and psychological services in regions around Zagreb, Croatia and other sites in the former Yugoslavia. As with all humanitarian relief, the UNRCMM's task should be to serve all victims in all wars—regardless of the victims' group affiliations. Funds for this mission can be drawn from the \$549 million the United States presently owes the U.N. for peacekeeping purposes.

President Clinton, on many occasions you have indicated that you bring to this office something none of your male predecessors appeared to display: progressive sensibilities regarding the very gendered nature of the world's vast array of economic, political, and social inequities. At this crucial hour, we trust you will express those sensibilities anew. Please act now.

Yours for the cause of peace,

Students Organizing for SYSTERS -
The Systematic Treatment and Empowerment of Rape Survivors

treasurer's report

Budget Committee Report: Activity Fee Increase Proposed

By Tim Morton, GSO Treasurer

As the semester winds down, we are beginning to see the last minute hustle of activity to get in those budget requests. The budget committee approved (pending support from the senate at the 3/24 meeting) several expenditures. *Brook Spring* is "the anthology of creative writing published by 'Poetry Brook', an international group of poets based at Stony Brook" (quote from the title page.) This is a fine example of Stony Brook talent with poems contributed by students, faculty and to a lesser extent the community at large. Free copies may be obtained in person from Amelia Salinero (co-editor with Billy Capozzi) in the Melville library. Funding was approved in the amount of \$250.

The Underrepresented Graduate Scholars (UGS) is a group of graduate students working to increase the numbers of underrepresented minorities who enter and successfully complete programs in all academic/professional areas. Retention rates of underrepresented minorities are 50-75% lower than that of their European-American counterparts and the UGS seeks to educate the campus community about the various concerns of these underrepresented groups. They intend to use GSO funding to finance a seminar (we don't have a date yet) and received a \$200 allocation.

ICON XII, the largest science fiction forum in the Northeast, will be coming up soon. ICON is generally a break even event (admission charges equaling expenses for writers, technicians and airfare for the big name speakers) but they usually request seed money from GSO and Polity. Seems they are

having some trouble with Polity this year (or is Polity just a particularly ornery lot this year) and they don't have Polity support. Much as we would like to fund them, we are not the fountain of wealth that Polity is and our allocation to ICON is limited to \$200.

One last funding note. The Explorers Club will receive an allocation for \$100 to be used for equipment maintenance and expenses. The Explorers are a group of graduate and undergraduate SCUBA divers who get together for diving and offer SCUBA certification classes. Their interests this spring center on underwater archeology and they have some wreck dives planned for a site on the East end of the Island. Watch for their flyers and though they suggest you bring your own gear, they do have a few extra rigs.

Don't forget your Departmental Allocations! We have received requests from only 4 departments this year. This is pretty much free money and it is intended to encourage student groups to form and organize. Our only rules are; there must be a senator (preferably elected, though some departments don't appear capable of this level of organization), a majority of the students in the department must approve of the proposed expenditure, and the funds must be used for some type of graduate student project. The total budget allocation for this category is \$5,500 of which \$4,500 remains. Drop by the GSO office for a departmental allocation request form.

The budget committee has recommended a raise in the activity fee to \$20 per semester for full time students and \$6 per semester part time. We are all

very conscious of how tight money is, we are students too. We feel this is necessary and a good expenditure because we intend to open a Graduate

Student Lounge (GSL) in the Fall '93 Semester. This is an expensive proposition and we have entered into an agree-

ment with FSA, who will take care of the day to day operations. We see this as a very positive change in what amounts to a very bleak social atmosphere here on campus. The cost to GSO is a total of \$14,000 per year (maximum) which basically subsidizes start-up costs incurred mainly by FSA. If the GSL is successful, it won't make a profit but it will break even. This isn't likely to happen immediately, any new business takes time to build up clientele, and this is the reason the GSO has agreed to foot \$14,000 up front. We want to see this enterprise succeed. We've been pushing to get this lounge for many years and we have been telling the administration "If you build it, they will come" (remember the film, *Field of Dreams*). The GSO is putting it money where its mouth is and guaranteeing to FSA that we will share any initial losses incurred during start up of the GSL. In the future, the extra income that is generated by this increase in Activity and Student fees will be used to fund events in our GSL, or maybe we'll get some comfortable chairs (the only ones

you'll find outside of the administrative offices)... who knows? Priorities will be set by a committee of graduate students responsible for lounge ac-

tivities. The proposed site of the lounge is the upstairs of the Fanny Brice Theatre. This location was chosen for its proximity to the New Grad (Schomburg) apartments, because we can secure it relatively

well against undergraduate intrusion and we have food preparation facilities there. What exactly the lounge will do, hours of operation etc. are still in the discussion stages. I envision a quiet coffee house by day and relatively quiet place to relax/socialize in the evening with a beer or glass of wine. Should we decide to throw a party like the ones we've been sponsoring at the End of the Bridge, the Theatre is just downstairs and can accommodate special events. The important thing is, it's ours and we have the freedom to do with it as we please. Many thanks to Kevin Kelly and Ron Willa of FSA for all their help in making this a reality.

The budget committee will be meeting every Wednesday through April 14th from 1:00 till 2:00 in an attempt to pull together next year's budget. Any ideas or suggestions on how to spend your money will be gladly entertained during those times. If you can't attend the meeting, call the GSO office or send an ALL in 1 to TMORTON. Budget committee meetings are held in the GSO office, 206 Central Hall.

As the Grad Student Lounge becomes a reality, the bleak social atmosphere on campus may change for the better...

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by their guards in prison camps; by other men and boys fleeing with them from the fighting; by other male residents of U.N.-supervised refugee camps; or by "liberators" — troops who fight off enemy forces and come into contact with those they have "rescued."

The fundamental problem lies in the way the UNHCR is empowered to deliver rape crisis relief. Given the immensity of suffering in Bosnia, where over 1.6 million refugees are in need of survival aid, and where hundreds of thousands are starving in towns the Serbs have cut off from relief convoys — the UNHCR finds itself funneling all of its precious resources into food and shelter needs. Rape crisis relief, as a result, never really materializes — no matter how much the flow of funds for humanitarian relief is increased.

What is needed is the creation of a separate, financially independent mis-

sion empowered solely to help women and girls survive and recover from rape and all its attendant traumas. Such a mission may still be under the supervision of the UNHCR, but only by its having a financial integrity of its own can the UNHCR allocate rape crisis treatment a certain minimum level of responsibility.

Perhaps it's because the male-dominated hierarchies of military and political structures around the world are loathe to recognize what every foot soldier has known — whether it's been the German soldier in Belgium or the Soviet soldier in Berlin in WWII, the Pakistani soldier in Bangladesh in 1971, the Japanese soldier in Nanking in 1937, the American soldier in Vietnam, or the Serbian as well as Croat and Muslim soldiers in Bosnia: that rape is not an aberration of war, but its systematic

Perhaps the male dominated military and political hierarchies are loathe to recognize what every foot soldier knows: rape is not an aberration of war, but its systematic activity.

activity. As Susan Brownmiller, author of the classic *Against Our Will: Men, Women, and Rape* puts it: "Rape is more than a symptom of war or evidence of its violent excess. Rape in war is a familiar act with a familiar excuse."

It is time that the nations that sponsor international humanitarian relief efforts recognize this fact. It is time that those of us safe in American universities make sure this happens.

Please join the new campaign sponsored by the newly-formed Students Organizing for SYSTEMS - The Systematic Treatment and Empowerment of Rape Survivors. The group

that formulated the petition is small and swamped with the challenges of making this campaign an effective public one. Your talents, ideas, and energies are welcome — for only through a broad-based effort can the necessary durable change be made in the way women and girls raped during war are subsequently treated by responsible international agencies. For more info, call the author at 632-7729 (Sociology) or examine the campaign's public information file available at the Women's Studies Center (Old Chemistry Bldg).

tips for hard times

Graduate Assistantships: How to find those small pockets of funding in Stony Brook's Administrative Offices

This time of year, those of us in the humanities wait to hear about our funding for next year, wondering what fraction of a line the lucky ones will get. Three quarters? A Half? A Third? We wait and watch while RA rates go up (\$14,500... do I hear \$15,000?) and begin to include things like \$500 extra for health insurance.

For the very lucky, there might be some mail in your box about some of the funding options outside your department.

(Some people in one of the humanities department got word of the Humanities Institute Assistantships that were up for grabs recently; some didn't.) Because the mail isn't always the best way to find out, we've put together a brief listing of some places to look for Graduate Assistantships, paid positions that pop-up in some of the administrative offices on campus, as funds allow.

The Graduate School has 3 GA lines currently funded, filled by the Vice Provost of Graduate Studies. These may become available again for

the fall depending on how the budget ax falls. Expect to see these listed some time in April (though last year, it was

*Not everybody gets word
of these paid positions--
we think everybody
should.*

as late as May). The Graduate School Office stubbornly insists all departments are notified of openings, though I know several students who were unaware of these positions. Be persistent when you inquire: 632-7040.

The Human Resources Office, on the other hand, is *actively* seeking a graduate student to fill a position in its office. Kelly Hampton is looking for someone to do administrative work, 20 hours per week (see ad on page 8). She can be reached at 632-6161.

Elaine Kaplan in undergraduate studies has one funded GA line that

may be available again for next year. She has offered to publicize it in the News & Views when the time comes; she'll be looking for someone who can make a two year commitment.

Foreign Student Services has two GA positions each year, filled by recommendation only. Both positions are filled for next year, according to director Lynn King Morris.

It is rumored a position exists in the Provost's Office for one Graduate Assistant. They could not verify this by press time. The Office number is 632-7000.

Another funded position in the Graduate School is the Graduate Student Advocate. The candidates are also screened by the GSO. A full waiver and full stipend go with this position (see ad at the bottom of this page).

These jobs are generally 20 hours a week of office-related work; some computer background may be required. Watch for announcements in your mail box and in this newspaper, or call the above offices for more information.

NYPIRG/Polity Higher Education Teach-In

*Come make a
difference
in your future!*

**Wednesday
March 24th
1:00-2:00pm
(Campus Lifetime)
Student Union
Bi-Level**

*Speakers, free phone line
to legislators in Albany,
30-minute open mike,
and letter writing.*

*Refreshments
will be served.*

IS THERE A SOCIAL LIFE FOR GRAD STUDENTS AT STONY BROOK?

Find Out at the next GSO Party

Friday, March 26

End of the Bridge, 2nd Floor Student Union

From 9pm on. All welcome.

Live jazz fusion with "Piltown Man"

Free snacks and generous discounts for grad students!

Library Gallery, March 1-12

GSO SENATE MEETING

Wednesday, March 24th at 7pm
Room 206, Central Hall

On The Agenda:

Pizza for All

Single Dean Issue

Grad Student Lounge Update

The Next Party

Search for new Vice President of
Research and Graduate Studies
Constitution Committee Report

**You could be the next president!
Find out about upcoming elections for
GSO executive council officers
and Stony Brook Council Representative.
Call Ida at the GSO Office: 632-6492**

GSEU Update

Contract Negotiations: No Surprises In First Round of Talks

By Jean Rousseau, GSEU Treasurer

Negotiations with SUNY and the Governor's Office of Employee Relations informally began last week with the exchange of bargaining "proposals" on March 17. We put proposals in quotes because, while the GSEU has worked on its proposal for several months, including virtually all of the important issues we would like to negotiate, the state's document amounts to little more than a reaffirmation of management prerogatives; missing is any indication of what the state believes the 4,000 members of the GSEU are entitled to.

The GSEU proposal, which is available through department contacts or campus organizer George Bidermann (331-3076; call George if you don't know who your department contact is), is divided into six areas of concern:

- 1) Union Rights and Contract Enforcement;
- 2) Job Rights;
- 3) Working Conditions;
- 4) Job Security;
- 5) Benefits; and
- 6) Pay.

The GSEU proposal lays out our positions on what should be an equitable relationship between the union and SUNY. The proposals constitute positions from which we would like to negotiate with SUNY, and are not in final form, but merely state positions developed through the GSEU survey and the past two months of GSEU committee meetings and discussions with members around the state.

Many members seem only to be concerned with the "major" issues of funding and line allocation, health benefits, and the fractionalization of lines, so I will summarize the GSEU position on these issues. The proposal

calls for guaranteed funding (providing a grad employee is in good academic standing) corresponding to the average time needed to receive a degree in each department, and GSEU input into the criteria for line allocation. This should be based upon figures determined over the past ten years, figures that SUNY is still compiling. Many members feel we should be negotiating for a guaranteed minimum of five years funding for doctoral programs and three years for Masters students, but we have not decided how to approach this yet.

GSEU believes all members are entitled to a year-round comprehensive, major medical health-care plan. What that actually means in terms of insurance options will need to be determined at the negotiation table, but GSEU is researching several plans to propose. Regarding fractional lines, GSEU believes that SUNY should make every effort to provide full lines to grad employees, but we do not want to see the number of grad employees decreased to accomplish this. If fractional lines are to continue to be granted, we will negotiate to ensure that grad employees working on fractional lines do not have to work more hours than they are contracted for.

SUNY's proposal provides a new metaphor for the word "emptiness." It offers nothing and reserves the right for each campus to "determine appropriate stipend levels in a manner consistent with the needs and interests of the institution." It also proposes that the State "may establish or increase parking fees in new or existing parking facilities as it deems appropriate." These are the only specific issues discussed.

GSEU President Marianthi Lianos

said the GSEU "was not expecting anything else from them. It is a management position and it is only through negotiations and pressure we will create that we will obtain what we want for our members."

At Stony Brook, our mobilization network has been spreading news of the negotiations directly to the membership, but it is still growing and many departments are not fully represented. We have created an international student caucus to address issues that concern our international student members, who represent about 25% of the GSEU's membership. These include taxation issues, a proposed raise in the cost of the mandatory health insurance policy, work eligibility, and funding criteria. The next meeting will take place in the Student Union at 1 PM on April 1 (room to be announced). The struggle to gain a good contract will be just that—a struggle. GSEU members are encouraged to get involved; call me (689-8510) or George Bidermann (331-3076) for more information

Excerpts From the GSEU Contract Proposal, presented 3/17/93

JOB ASSIGNMENTS: Each Department or work area, with the input of its graduate student employees, shall develop clear, standard written criteria for appointment and reappointment of graduate student employees; they shall also develop a clear, concise definition of "in good standing"...

HEALTH CARE: The university shall provide year-round, comprehensive health coverage to all graduate student employees and their families...

MINIMUM WAGES: ...\$1,300 month minimum salary for each full graduate student employee line (15-20 hours/week)...

PREPARATION TIME: Graduate student employees who are teaching shall be paid for the two weeks prior to each semester for preparation time. Any graduate student employee... required or expected to participate in training or orientation before the beginning of the semester shall be paid for that time.

UPCOMING ART EVENTS

Concepts with Neon

University Art Gallery, Staller Center

March 9-April 15. Open noon-4pm, Tuesday-Friday; 5-8pm Saturday

J.D. Larson

Library Gallery, March 17-26. Reception Tuesday, March 23 7-8pm.

Jeff Sturges

Library Gallery, March 29-April 3

Brave New Worlds For Women Artists

Works by Patricia Hubbard, Hee Jung Kim, Sally Kuzma, Tish Valter, Pamela Sienna, Sarah Jackson. Union Gallery, March 16-27.
Reception Saturday, March 27 4pm

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Graduate Recitals

have been rescheduled to Studio A, in the ECC building, next to the Javits Center. Please call the house manager, 632-7236 to confirm these dates and times:

March 23, 4pm Dena Levine, DMA piano

March 23, 8pm Kate Boyd, MM piano

March 28, 7pm Sandra Rogers, DMA soprano

March 29, 4pm Ellen Jewett, DMA violin

March 30, 8pm Stefan Letwin, DMA piano

April 1, 12 noon Karen Batten, MM flute

April 1, 4pm Linda Sinanian, DMA violin

April 2, 4pm Gynhong Chin, DMA violin

April 2, 8pm Julie Josephson, MM trombone

April 12, 4pm Lin Wang, MM piano

April 12, 8pm Maria Garcia, MM piano

April 13 4pm Chadd Merrigan, MM piano

Check the Events Calendar, page 8, for other music department concert listings.

Graduate Student Advocate Position Available for 1993-94

A paid position: full GA line with full waiver; responsibilities include mediating disputes and following-up certain grad student grievances.

Candidates will be screened by the GSO Executive Council and the Graduate School.

Deadline May 1st.

Call Ida Fuchs at the GSO Office for more information-- 632-6492.

calendar of events

A selected listing of events on campus that may be of particular interest to graduate students

Tuesday, March 23

Alternative Cinema presents: "Breathless" (France, 1960). Director Jean-Luc Goddard. 7:00 and 9:30pm. Student Union auditorium. \$2 at the door. Call 632-6136 for info.

Women's Studies/History Lecture: "Immigrant Women in the United States" Judy Wishnia, Associate professor, social sciences. 10:00-11:30am, Room 137, Harriman.

DMA Recital: Dena Levin, piano. 4pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Call 632-7230 for directions. Free.

Masters Recital: Kate Boyd, piano. 8pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Call 632-7230 for directions. Free.

Wednesday, March 24

Marie Puma Performs "Women in Literature: A Patchwork of Many Lives." 10:30-11:30am, Theatre I, Staller Center (Also Sunday, 3/28 at Port Jeff library). Call 632-7320.

Thursday, March 25

Thursdays at Noon, Department of English Lecture Series: "Women in the 1992 Election," Leonie Huddy, Assistant Professor of Political Science. The Poetry Center, Room 239, Humanities Bldg.

Music Department Colloquium in Conjunction with Women's History Month: Lisa Fishman, "German Romantic Music Criticism: Its Origins and Implications from a Feminist Perspective," and Elizabeth Keathley, "Alma Mahler: Toward Repatriating an Exile from Music History." 3:30-5:00pm, Room 2314, Music Building.

India Society Film and Discussion: "Knowing Her Place," documentary about immigrant experiences of an Indian woman. Discussion with co-producer Aisha

Abraham. 3:00pm. Room 105, Javits Lecture Center.

Stony Brook Dance Ensemble will debut with choreographies from students, faculty and guest artists. 8:00pm in Theatre 2, Staller Center. \$8/\$6 students and seniors. Call 632-7283 or 7230. Also 3/26, 3/27, 3/28.

Friday, March 26

Baroque Poetry Symposium: "Baroque Poetry and other Literary Forms: England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain." 10:00am - 5pm, Alliance Room, Library. Full conference \$40; one day \$30. For information, call Irma Jaffee, (212) 818-0515 or the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320.

Brave New Worlds for Women Conference: Speaker Mary Jane Irwin, Penn State, presents, "A Wise Choice: Women in Science and Engineering," 8pm, Union Ballroom. To register, call 632-9176.

Stony Brook Dance Ensemble, 8:00pm in Theatre 2, Staller Center. \$8/\$6 students and seniors.

Stony Brook Opera Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra present "Tamerlano", Handel's operatic masterpiece. David Lawton, conductor. Rescheduled for the Sagtikos Theatre, Suffolk Community College Brentwood Campus. (Off Wicks Rd., Exit 54, LIE) 8pm. Tickets \$15, \$13. Call the music department 632-7330.

Saturday, March 27

Brave New Worlds for Women Artists exhibit: reception for artists in the Union Gallery, 2nd floor Student Union, 4pm. Works by Patricia Hubbard, Heejung Kim, Sally Kuzma, Tish Valter, Pamela Sienna, and Sarah Jackson. Curated by Erika Smatana.

"The F-Word," Sleeveless theatre Company. Feminist comedy. Stony Brook Union Ballroom. 8:00pm, \$8.

Stony Brook Dance Ensemble, 8:00pm in Theatre 2, Staller Center. \$8/\$6 students and seniors.

Sunday, March 28

DMA Recital: Sandra Rogers, soprano 7pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Call 632-7230 for directions. Free.

Stony Brook Dance Ensemble, 2:00pm in Theatre 2, Staller Center. \$8/\$6 students and seniors.

Monday, March 29

Ethnicity in the New America Lecture Series: Trinh T. Minh-ha, San Francisco State University, will show discuss her film, *Shoot for the Contents*, at 4:30 pm, Humanities Institute, Library E4340.

DMA Recital: Ellen Jewett, violin 4pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Call 632-7230 for directions. Free.

Tuesday, March 30

Alternative Cinema presents: "The Trial" (USA, 1962). Director Orson Welles. 7:00 and 9:30pm. Student Union auditorium. \$2.

Women's Music Concert, 4pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Call 632-7230 for directions.

DMA Recital: Stefan Letwin, piano. 8pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Call 632-7230 for directions. Free.

Wednesday, March 31

Contemporary Chamber Players, "Five Premieres" featuring specially commissioned works by Wayne Peterson, David Stock, Osvaldo Golijov, David Soley and David Dzubay. 8pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Free admission. Call 632-7230 for directions.

Thursday, April 1

Amiri Baraka, Poetry Reading. The Poetry Center, Room 239, Humanities Bldg.

University Orchestra Concert Jack Kreiselman, conductor. Music of Mozart, Schumann, Haydn. 8pm in Studio A, room 143 in the ECC Building, next to the Javits Center. Call 632-7230 for directions. Free.

Monday, April 5

Spring Break. No classes in session 4/5 - 4/10.

Living Together: GSEU and SUNY work it out--

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ance with the Taylor Law standards and with the policies and practices of the university; the second is to act as facilitator" between the union and the university. He characterized his relationship with GSEU as basically a good one, without hostility and with both sides trying to foster a smooth working relationship.

The rules on use of space and resources are not ambiguous, according to Glazer. "Property is a negotiable item" at the university, he said. Other unions have office space and other privileges because they negotiated for it; GSEU will have to go through the same channels. (And the rate contract negotiations are going, that may take some time.) Meanwhile, he has been willing to grant GSEU meeting space, for example, on a request basis, as would be done for any other off-campus group. The issue of bulletin boards can be resolved when GSEU puts up its own, which Glazer's office has agreed to let them do.

The stiffest restrictions on publicity were just before elections, said Glazer, when State laws required that "laboratory conditions" be maintained for the duration of the election. "I wanted to make sure everyone had a fair chance to vote," said Glazer, in an atmosphere that was not politicized in any way. And so restrictions on poster and public discussion were enforced that seemed to contradict members right to free speech, so that even talking about the union in a university office space could be construed as against the rules. Glazer maintains he

is neither pro- or anti-union. "More than anything else our role is a facilitative one: to make sure everyone is following the rules."

Lianos, too, is philosophical about the situation, and does not try to make waves between the union and Human Resources. The most frustrating aspect, she says, is that rarely is the union shown any of these rules and regulations in writing. "When they say we're in violation on something, I ask 'Where is it written?'" says Lianos. GSEU rarely gets an answer,

according to Lianos, but generally complies with the requests, to avoid stirring up unnecessary tensions.

Meanwhile, both Glazer and Lianos will be sitting down at the collective bargaining table when GSEU negotiates its contract with SUNY-- effectively on opposite sides. She is on the negotiating team for GSEU; he will be on the State committee. Will their experience in smoothing out the smaller wrinkles in daily life at the university prepare them for the larger tasks ahead?

JOB OPENING:

University Human resources is seeking an energetic Graduate Assistant to provide administrative/clerical support to the Recruitment/Employment Section of this fast-paced department. The successful candidate must be enrolled in at least 9 graduate credit hours, be computer literate (proficiency in Word Perfect 5.1 and D-Base a plus), be a self-starter, have excellent customer service/telephone skills and be available to work 20 hours per week -- preferably afternoons. Interested candidates may call Lynn Johnson at 632-6151 to discuss their qualifications or may submit a resume to Graduate Assistant, University Human Resources, Admin. Bldg, Rm. 390.

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