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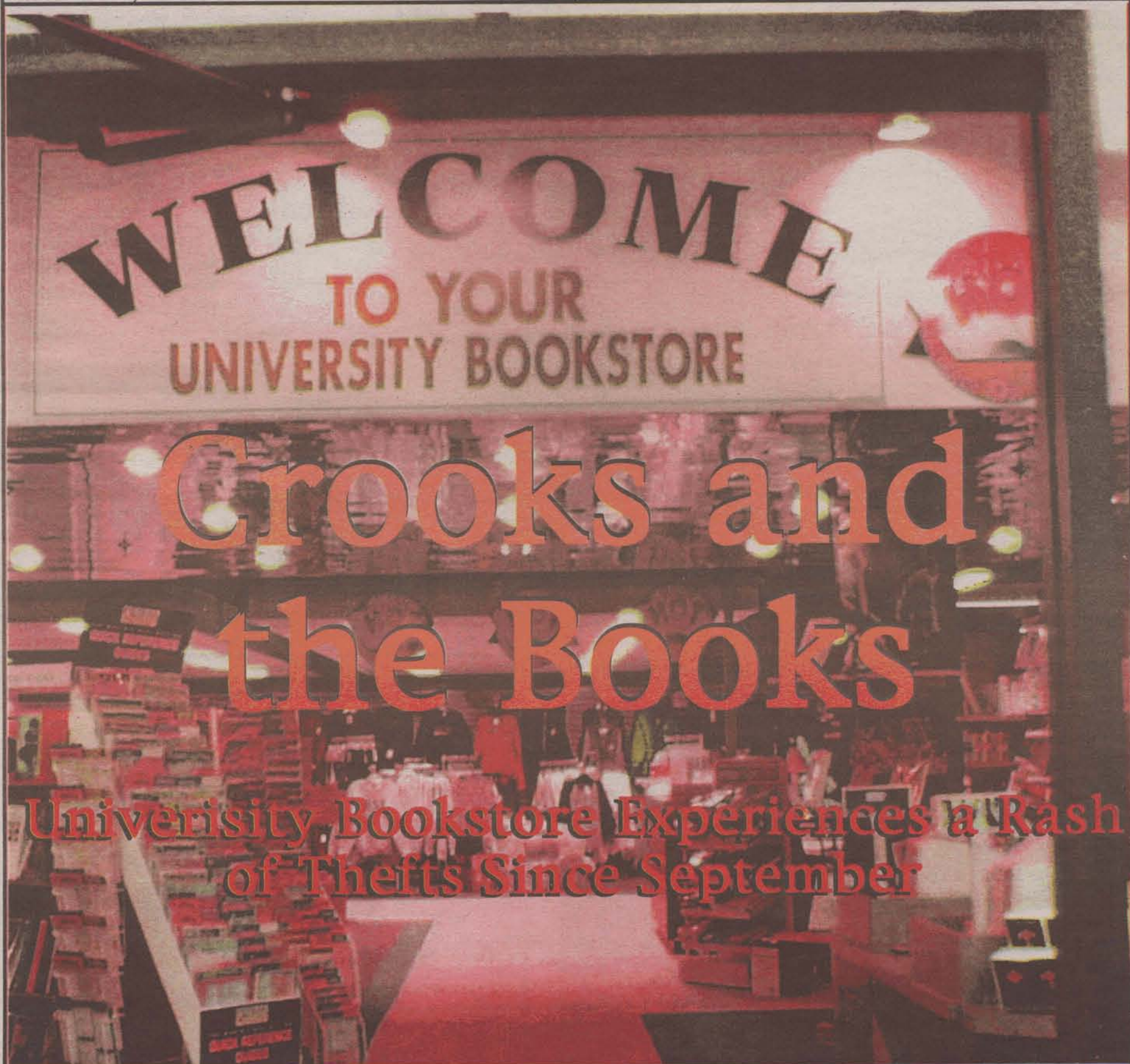
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University Bookstore Experiences a Rash of Thefts Since September

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Police Blotter

Disturbances, Suspicious Persons and Unfounded Calls

October 6

1:44 A.M. At O'Neill/James College four suspects were taken into custody by the police. The victims refused to press charges against the aggressors.

1:31 P.M. In the SAC Dining area, a suspect was arrested for shoplifting.

October 7

9:00 A.M. A victim was assaulted in Kelly Quad. The suspect was immediately arrested.

9:11 A.M. A vehicle parked was broken into by unknown person(s). Jewelry, an air compressor, and a parking permit were taken out of the vehicle.

12:49 P.M. At Grey College a verbal dispute took place between a boyfriend and a girlfriend. A domestic form was completed.

7:01 P.M. In Hamilton Inner Quad, a group of people were arguing. Some officers responded to the incident.

October 9

8:15 A.M. A report was made that there was some graffiti on the wall of the Computer Science wall.

2:08 P.M. A smell of marijuana was detected at Wagner College.

5:27 P.M. There was a report that some individuals were seen walking

near the Roth pond. It was unfounded.

October 10

10:25 A.M. In the Grad. Chem. Building, university club, a report of burnt toast was made.

October 11

12:37 A.M. In Grey College, a subject refused to comply with R.A.

1:04 A.M. At Wagner College, a suspicious person was reported to be on the top of the roof. The suspect was gone upon arrival. All was in order.

3:25 A.M. A crowd was dispersed at James College. All in order.

4:26 A.M. Baruch College, a person reported some prank phone calls.

October 14

2:11 A.M. At Schomber P-lot, a group was creating a disturbance, it was dispersed by the police.

4:31 A.M. There was a report of disturbance at the Spot landing zone, the group was later dispersed.

4:46 A.M. At Stimson Dinner Quad, a group was causing a disturbance. Group gone upon arrival of the police.

October 15

7:20 P.M. In the E.R at the University Hospital a person tripped and fell.

12:04 A.M. In the Douglass P-Lot, a window was broken in a car, and its radio was stolen.

1:07 A.M. A report was made that two males were peering into some vehicles. The individuals were escorted off the campus by the university police.

October 16

3:49 P.M. A patient struck another patient.

1:29 P.M. Ess, there was a report of some harassing phone calls.

October 17

2:16 A.M. At Hand Inner Quad, a male hiding in bushes was reported. Area was patrolled. Unfounded.

Blotter of the Week

12:09 In the University Hospital garage, a vehicle hit a sign and scraped the top of the vehicle.

1:20 A.M. There was a report that in the exterior of Dewey College two males were seen fighting. It was unfounded.

3:13 A.M. At Schick College, a male suspect climbed onto a balcony and entered the building.

October 12

12:09 In the University Hospital garage, a vehicle hit a sign and scraped the top of the vehicle.

October 13

1:15 A.M. At Kelly Café, there was a report of a large crowd in the dining area.

1:37 A.M. Outside Grey College, a group was seen smoking marijuana. Gone upon arrival.

1:39 A.M. At Tabler Quad, a group was creating a disturbance. Gone upon arrival.

1:44 A.M. ISC P-Lot, there was a report of two females intoxicated and vomiting. Subjects gone upon arrival.

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The Story of Crime in the Bookstore

Wallace's Employees Face Taunts, Threats, Harassment and the Occasional Theft

BY ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

According to store manager Julie Masone, working in Wallace's bookstore is a tough job. After working there for six years, she has seen numerous instances of theft, harassment and threats from patrons to employees. This semester alone has had numerous incidents, including calls to University Police, claims of sexual harassment and even an arrest. "We really need to do something," Masone said. "It's alarming."

In addition to shoplifting, Masone explained the often elaborate tactics some students use to steal. She said that one popular strategy is to hide a University Bookstore bag in a pocket or down the front of the pants and then go to the text department and fill the bag with books. At this point, the perpetrator either can walk out with the books or drop them and run in the case of getting caught.

In order to get text books for free, some students come into the store to purchase books, making sure to keep their receipt. They return later that day with the receipt and the bag, sneak to the text book section, where they fill the bags with the same books listed on the receipt. "They return them and they get the books for free," said Masone. "This is a regular scam in the bookstore." She also mentioned what she referred to as "frequent shoppers," patrons who come in the store on a regular basis and never buy anything. "These people are casing us," Masone said, "to find out when we go to lunch and when we leave."

Masone said that before hiring a student to work at Wallace's, she warns them of the potential problems. "I tell them that the word



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To get books for free, perpetrators keep their receipts, sneak into the store with a bag and claim that they are returning books.

will get out that they work here," she said. "I tell them that they will have friends they never knew they had." To prevent her employees from having any sort of problem, Masone lets her employees know from the beginning that she is aware of the potential problem and that if they feel they are being pressured, they can feel comfortable coming to her. "I let them know that they do not have to give names," Masone said. "They just have to tell me that they are getting pressured and I can move them around."

But sometimes the problems are beyond relocating employees. In a prepared statement created by the employees of Wallace's to

document the rash of incidents they have encountered since this past September, students have harassed security and regular store personnel. On September 7, a student was stopped exiting the store with a calculus book when he was stopped by Masone who asked him for a receipt. The person claimed to be visiting a friend in the text department and that he had entered the store with the book. The book and the student's ID card was confiscated by Masone, who asked him to return with the receipt to get his ID back. He entered the store four days later, demanding his ID, which Masone refused to hand over and she threatened to call University Police.

The student returned the next day with some friends and "got very loud regarding the issue," according to the report.

Claims of "loud and abusive" behavior occur in the bookstore frequently, according to the report. On occasion the harassment can become sexual as it did on September 14 at the return counter when a female employee had to leave work due to being upset by a group of males who she claimed made sexual comments about her body and because she was wearing a skirt. "I couldn't stop the tears from coming to my eyes," said the employee, who remains nameless. "I had to leave work."

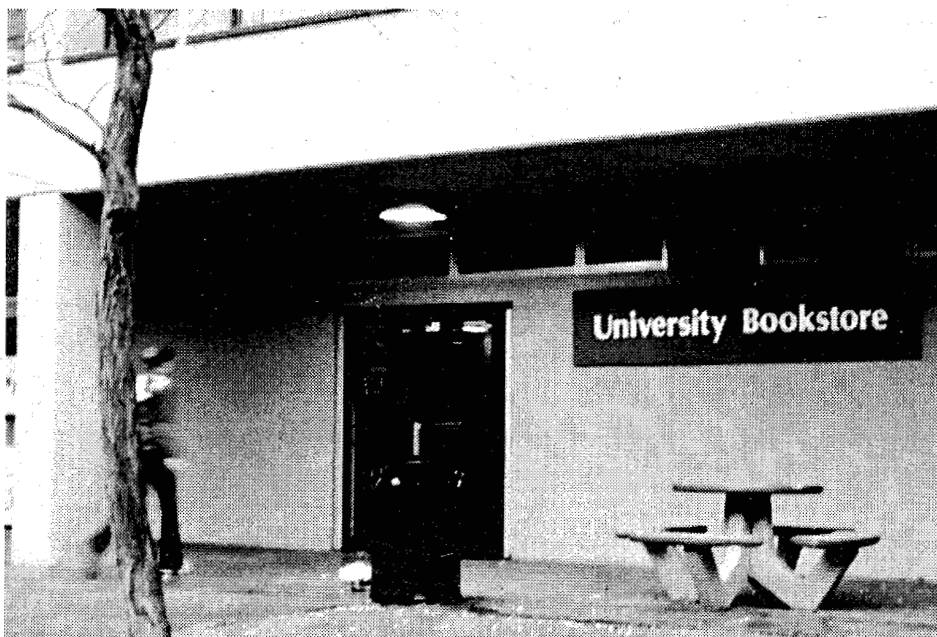
Events at the book store got so bad on September 15 that two students were arrested. According to a police report, at 6:30 pm, two resident students were arrested and charged with petty larceny. One student purchased 10 books but had

not paid for seven of them. The employee that rang him up totaled the sale and then voided it. They were arrested, charged with a misdemeanor and issued a field appearance ticket. The cashier is the treasurer and the customer is the president of the programs and services council, an organization that is located in the Polity suite but which is a separate entity from Polity.

Masone explained that although she was not working that night, she was told that a customer was observed "acting suspiciously" so he was asked to produce a receipt. When the employee that stopped him looked at it, she saw that he had not paid for all the books he had in his bag. University Police were called to the scene where the cashier admitted to voiding the sale, according to Masone.

"I was completely shocked," Masone said. "She was an extremely nice girl and an excellent cashier." Masone said that although the employee did come in and apologize to Masone, it was not enough to get her off the hook. "I told her I accepted her apologies but that I was still pressing charges." The store manager said that although the employee claimed that the theft was her first time, Masone was concerned because she had worked the Summer 2 session.

With all the difficulties that have plagued the bookstore and its employees, Masone said that she would like to have security cameras installed, something she has been pressing the company for. "The company should enforce security," she said. "It is not a safe environment for employees."



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Store manager Julie Masone said that she does not have a safe workplace for her

not paid for seven of them. The employee

The Story Behind Statesman Thursday, October 19, 2000

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Polity Election Debates Held

Candidates for Freshman Rep and President Talk about Unity and Working for the Good of the Students

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

In preparation for Polity elections slated for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, candidates for freshman representative and president met in the Union bi-level yesterday during campus lifetime for a round of debates which were mediated by former Polity president Andrez Carberry.

The audience, which never included more than forty people, listened as freshman rep hopefuls Ricardo Martinez, Marc Anthony Rodriguez and Sophia Moore offered their thoughts on issues facing freshmen's, including tripling in dorm rooms and not having the same amount of clout as upper class students. Candidate Eric Garcia was not in attendance. Bouncing around buzz words and phrases such as "unity" and "giving students what they want," and referring to their fellow classmates as "freshmans," all students said that if elected, they plan on working for the students.

With hundreds of residents still living in tripled up rooms, all three candidates focused a lot of attention on this issue. Martinez noted that tripled up students are getting reimbursed \$100 for every three weeks that they are tripled up against their will. "But after paying \$12,000 over four years, \$100 off is not enough," he said.

Rodriguez, who is in a triple, agreed with Martinez that the money is too little to compensate for the inconvenience. "They take in more people and they can't account for them," Rodriguez said, pointing out that putting a bed into a room built for two does not solve the problem. "Anyone can sleep in the bed but what about having only two desks and two closets," he asked.

Moore responded that while she will try to fight for more money to be returned to students that are tripled, she said that it would be "unreasonable" to promise that she would stop the tripling. She pointed out that the University is currently remodeling and she said that not tripling up students could have negative consequences. "We shouldn't turn away students because we can't fit them," she said. When asked what would make them suitable for the job, Moore said it was her ability to best communicate with people, Rodriguez claimed it is his open mindedness and Martinez said that it is his aggressive attitude. "When I want something done, I don't take no for an answer," he said.

After the freshmen debates were finished, the crowd emptied out further before candidates for president Claudine Stewart and Jonnel Doris took to the table. Stewart stated her platform as being

committed to listening to students and finding the root of problems without making 'blind decisions.' "I believe in my heart that we have to listen and see where students are coming from to do what is best for them," she said. She said that she is qualified for the position due to her past three years involved with Polity as well as her experience as both a resident and a commuter student which has allowed her to see the both negative and positive sides of many campus issues.

After excusing himself for the paper he had in front of him as a guide to what he wanted to say, Doris said that his experience as a resident assistant and member of the career expo has allowed him to gain skills important to being a leader. "I can present to the table things leaders should have," Doris said, "such as honesty and being well prepared." He called himself a visionary and he claimed that when he sees something that needs to be done, it is taken care of. "I am here to carry out what is best for the school," he said. Parking issues are one of the problems Doris would like to take on, noting that there are only 11,000 parking spots to accommodate the 30,000 drivers that are on campus daily.

One of the more serious issues on campus involves the eight semester rule where campus residences will cease providing housing for students that have lived on campus eight semesters or more. Doris said that this problem stems from how money is distributed and he called it a "business venture" for Stony Brook. "It is turning higher education into business," Doris said, noting that after eight semesters, transferring to another school that will provide housing is not an option. "Who is going to want to transfer when they only have 15 credits left," Doris asked.

Stewart said that the rule is the result of over-enrolling now that Stony Brook has become a Division 1 school. "We have to get to the root of the problem," Stewart said. "The tripling was a solution that really not a solution." She called the rule a quick fix that is not working. "Freshmen are still tripled up," she said.

After the resignation of elected president Calvin Coleman last month, vice president Kaedrea Jackson has been acting president. After warning Stewart and Doris about the work involved in being president, she raised the question of whether or not the two candidates would be willing and able to work with the Polity that is currently functioning. She pointed out that the candidates cited what they wanted to change within the organization. "How much change are you planning," she asked. "Can you work with what is already functioning?"

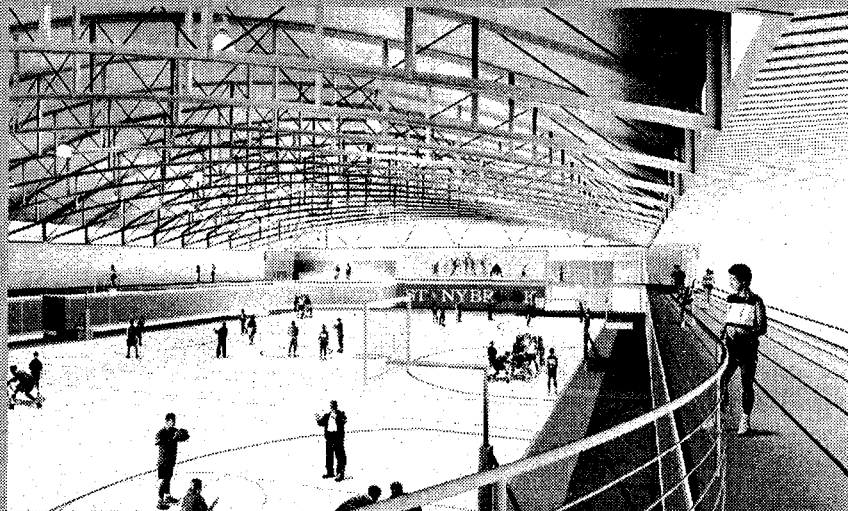
To respond, Doris said that he would take time to gather himself to see what is going on before he set out to make any significant changes. "Some people are better at brainstorming and others are better when you tell them to do A,B and C," Doris said. Stewart acknowledged that Polity is currently running smooth and that there shouldn't be changes all of a sudden. "Coming in and changing things is not the answer," she said. "Obviously something is going right."

Return of the Rec Center

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

After being voted down last semester by thirty six votes, the campus recreation center is set to come up to bat again next Tuesday and Wednesday in the Polity elections. Along with candidates running for freshman representative and president, the rec center will reappear on the ballot with some changes from last election.

Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston, a major proponent of the center, said that one of the main reasons the center failed to pass on last year's referendum was the concern of upper class students. "They were opposed to paying the fee because they would be paying for something and not using it," Preston said. In order to resolve that issue, Preston explained that now students will not have to pay a fee until the facility opens. "We had to do a little financial gymnastics to do this," Preston said, adding that the change will mean a higher fee for students, jumping up \$25 to \$75 a semester to fund the \$17 million project. Under the revisions, total charges to students will be a mandatory \$150 per



The Center will feature an elevated jogging track, as shown above.

academic year in addition to the student activity fee. Had the Center passed last semester, the price tag would have been \$25 per semester and up to \$50 once construction began. Campus administration funds would cover the costs of custodial and maintenance.

Preston explained the rise in cost as the result of an increased interest rate combined with a the higher risk. "Earlier, we would have had money built up to pay off the bond which would start us at a low rate," said Preston. "Now we would be starting with nothing."

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Editorials

To Pay Or Not To Play

Do we need a rec center? That is one of the more significant questions facing Fred Preston and others from Campus Recreation that are major opponents to building the facility, which is going to cost a cool \$17 million.

The answer came back last semester and although it was just shy of a yes, in the end it was a no. Losing on the referendum by a mere thirty six votes, the center was voted down, something Preston blamed on upper class students being reluctant to pay for something they will not ever get to use. Nothing out of the ordinary and no one can blame them. Who would want to pay lots of money so that other people could have fun after they were gone?

But Preston was not prepared to let this baby go. He is holding on to this for dear life and he has presented a shiny new plan for the center, one that exempts those of us who may even be done with graduate school by the time the facility is up and running.

Definitely a good and logical plan but as they say nothing in life is free and even

these changes come with a price tag. Because there will not be a fund for the Center before it is built, we will not get the same interest rate which will raise the cost for students from \$50 a semester to \$75, not to mention a higher interest rate. All told, should the Center vote pass, students can get ready to start paying an extra \$150 per academic year for the Center.

So is it worth it? The Center will have a rock climbing wall, a sauna and steam room, a lounge area with a large screen television, courts for practically every sport imaginable and an elevated jogging track. At that price, it is a bargain compared to the prices of gym memberships which may not even offer such a variety. Preston said that the Center will be open 6 in the morning until midnight.

But again, do we need the rec center? We have the gym, we have the playing fields but as Preston is quick to point out, all things sports are under the control of all people sports. In other words, if you get a bunch of your friends together to play ball in the

gym and the team is scheduled to practice at the same time, guess who is getting kicked out? Certainly not any Division 1 people. The Center will be under the jurisdiction of Campus Recreation so sports people will not be kicking anyone off that climbing wall.

But do we need the rec center? At last night's Polity Senate meeting, senator Gina Fiore asked the basic yet relevant question of whether or not there are more appropriate ways to spend money. Preston said that yes, money should be spent on fixing up buildings and improving the library but he countered Fiore's question with an even better one: should students have to pay for that sort of stuff?

Students should be able to spend their money on how they see fit and with the constant cries that there is nothing to do on campus, maybe the answer is voting yes on the ballot. We still don't know where we stand, to play or not to play, but at least make a decision one way or the other as to how you spend your money.

Letter to the Editor:

Was the Homecoming Parade Fixed?

Within the past several months my organization has had several close encounters with the University's administration. It was our belief that the administration despised us and were willing to go through any attempt to destroy my organization.

What we did not know is that the University's bureaucratic policies extend well beyond my organization.

As a freshman in the fall of '97 I noticed that the homecoming parade (float and banner competition) has traditionally been an event won by fraternities and sororities. Along with the usual fraternity and sorority competitors would come very minimal student support.

It was clear that the University was lacking in student support. This year the University enacted some new ploys to involve more students in

schoolspirit. In past years the winners for the parade were announced promptly at midnight in front of the SAC. This year after the parade, in order to learn if your organization had won the parade, students were forced to sit through Midnight Madness.

Perhaps the most disturbing ploy the University has enacted is the betrayal of the fraternities and sororities, the organizations that have always shown support. This year the first place prize went to CSA. The second place prize went to Whitman College.

Based on the fact that the University spent so much money to become a D-I school and student spirit was slipping it was imminent to allow other organizations to win.

The theory goes like this: by allowing CSA to win the competition,

not only do the 25 students who worked on the float win, but all the commuters on campus win. By allowing a college to come in second over 200 students win. As opposed to limiting the competition to a fraternity or sorority which only supports about 20 students each.

Next year it is possible that every college on campus will begin thinking, "why if Whitman came in second, why can't we."

Fraternities and sororities have always shown spirit when it comes to homecoming, now the University has taken their only existing school spirit and stabbed it in the back in hopes of new found spirit.

Evan Liebman
Vice President
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Majority Rules:

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance Returns

By CHRIS LATHAM
Statesman Staff

Feminists are the majority. Fliers say so at the SAC and the Union. As does a giant female gender symbol pasted to the ground outside the library. As do the swarms of other fliers strewn about the campus. It's all part of the plan to spread the word: the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance has returned in full force.

Awareness was the name of the game at the latest FMLA general body meeting, held Tuesday, October 17, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Room 302 of the SAC. Going beyond the stances more closely associated with feminism, such as women's rights concerning abortion, sexual orientation and gender disparities, the group also addressed human rights issues such as police brutality, the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, and America's actions against Columbia in the drug war.

The group has several key principles. Among the primary goals is to promote equality between the sexes, and to support legal measures to give women full equality throughout the world. The group also supports the choice to safe, legal and accessible abortion and birth control. "We don't discriminate in any way, said Diana Milillo, a devoted club member. "We fight for everyone's civil rights." She explained this to mean affirmative action for women and minorities, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights.

Despite supporting these diverse issues, abortion rights remain integral to the FMLA, according to club president Nancy Rich. "To take away a woman's right to choose is an attack on her body and her humanity," said Rich.

Just how strong the group advocates abortion rights is evidenced by the pro-choice items blanketing the room. Buttons such as those that read "Against Abortion? Don't have one," and fliers asking "Did You Know? 58% of women having abortions had used birth control when they became pregnant" serve as public information pieces and advertising strategies for the club.

The FMLA plans to do more than talk about these issues, however. They plan to act. The group is organizing a Diversity in Sexuality

Week, beginning next Tuesday, with the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance (LGBT), and a Latin sorority. The events will consist of a series of short skits, speakers and discussion panels on the nature of sexuality and how it impacts the groups involved.

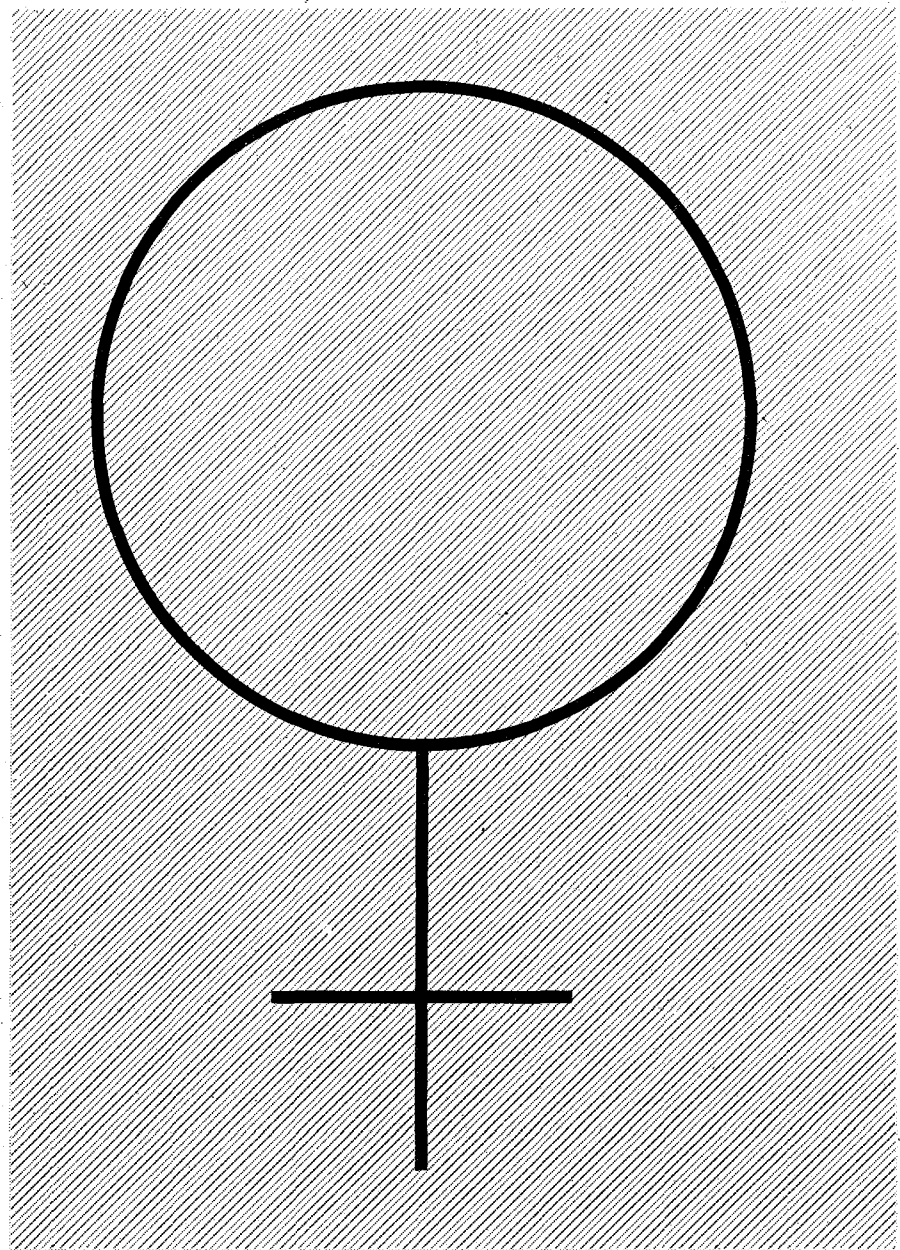
The group has also formed a partnership with the newly formed Native American Cultural Club (NACC) to help put on "The Real Thanksgiving," which will seek out the true role Native Americans and women played in the first Thanksgiving dinner. "We're going to have big meal with traditional dishes, and even a Native American storyteller," said Rich, who also serves as the secretary for NACC.

The FMLA doesn't quit there. They are co-sponsoring the Stony Brook contingent of a rally against police brutality, with Malik Sigma Psi and Bold Hope. Supporters will mark themselves by dressing completely in black. The rally takes place this Sunday, October 22, on 14th Street and Broadway, Union Square, at 1:00 p.m. Those leaving from campus plan to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Long Island Rail Road Stony Brook Station.

Steve Preston, with the Student's for Peace and Humanity, was on hand to mention the lecture on America's drug war being held Tuesday October 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Union. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible U.S. transgressions on the civilians of Columbia, and the racial and economic issues associated with the drug war.

Another important issue the FMLA is involved with is the oppressive Taliban regime in Afghanistan. "Women have no rights under the Taliban," said vice president Cheryl Edelman. "There have been 80 year-old women beaten for accidentally showing their toes."

A stirring video detailing the plight of Afghanistan showed that before the Taliban women were prominent in government and education, but quickly vanished from the public scene under the new system. The video referred to the abuses as "gender apartheid," but it showed the Taliban oppressing much more than women. Children could not play with toys. Men could not



wear Western clothing, and had to grow traditional full-length beards.

It went on to say that the Taliban rose to power in 1996 as a result of an earlier American push to force out the Communist power established there by the Soviet Union. Muslim extremists from Pakistan trained a faction of the rebel groups supported by the U.S. Some of those rebels eventually gained control of Afghanistan, forming the Taliban.

The FMLA is considering multiple ways to help the fight against the Taliban. They currently support a hidden home school for some young girls, because it's illegal for girls to attend school in Afghanistan. The group is also considering a plan to fund a scholarship program that will bring an Afghan student here to Stony Brook.

After the video, Ritch Calvin, the club's faculty advisor, ended the

meeting with an inspirational message. He read the story of a feminist-in-the-making, as reported in Ms. Magazine. Told from the perspective of the kind but "different" high school girl, the piece captured her conflicting desire to fit in with the same classmates and teachers whose ignorance constantly angered her.

Her ultimate victory came when she confronted a boorish male figure at the school, and was congratulated for it by a fellow female classmate. "It was time someone stood up to that asshole," her classmate said. Her words served as both a powerful conclusion to the story, and as a final rally to those at the meeting.

For more information about the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, send an email to USBFMLA@yahoo.com, or come to a meeting on Tuesdays, starting at 8:00 p.m., in the SAC.

Culture Talk

For Hispanic Heritage Month, Students Discuss How they are Affected by their Culture

By KAREN RICE
Statesman Contributor

On Tuesday, October 17 in the Bi-Level of the Stony Brook Union, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc. sponsored "Cultural Pride Night" at 8:00 PM. This event was hosted by faculty guest, Professor Aisha Khan of the Africana Studies Department, event facilitator, James Drinkwater, and fraternity president, German Felix. "Cultural Pride Night" was open to all students and provided each student with the opportunity to represent their own culture while learning about the cultures of others.

This comfortable event consisted of a circular seating arrangement which allowed each student to have equal opportunity to participate in the cultural discussion. The object of the discussion, as described by Drinkwater, "Is to discuss what some people feel they are not necessarily proud of from their culture and also what they are proud of. Also to hopefully heighten awareness of cultural facts and basically leave here with a positive self image."

The discussion began with each student stating their first name, their ethnic background and where they live. This helped the students get to know each other and become familiarized with people of various cultural backgrounds. The discussion then continued with Drinkwater asking students to consider cultural misconceptions. After listing several characteristics such as illiteracy, driving with no fewer than eight people in a car, inability to speak proper English or Spanish, and playing loud music in public, Drinkwater threw out the question, "Are certain people coming to mind when we mention these things?" Drinkwater said his intention was to get out into the open certain misconceptions of different cultures, and to gain a better understanding of ourselves and others.

The discussion progressed with the students touching on numerous ethnic topics ranging from how difficult it is for African-Americans who do not know which African country they descended from, to the importance of parents teaching cultural awareness to their children.

The students were encouraged to think of the various negative aspects of culture as well as the positive aspects. However, the students found the

negative aspects more easy to come by; they would often find themselves inadvertently going from the good to the bad. Khan attributed this to the fact that we live in a "fundamentally racist society were the negatives are heard more often than the positives."

In addition, another topic that was discussed was the use of the word "mutt" to describe one's cultural background. Drinkwater, a self proclaimed "mutt," explained that this is a simple way to describe a person of mixed ethnic background. Professor Khan said, "I cringed when I first heard students refer to themselves with this term," but later resolved this issue by

staying, "I realize that in saying it, students are empowering their identity and accepting who they are."

One concluding thought of this discussion was the great ethnic diversity of Stony Brook and how this helps students learn more about other cultures. Jackie Rizk admitted, "Coming to Stony Brook has helped me meet people from many different cultures."

However, the most prominent closing topic was the importance of role models. Khan stated, "The idea of role models is very important. We need strong examples of self fulfillment and achievement from people of many cultures."

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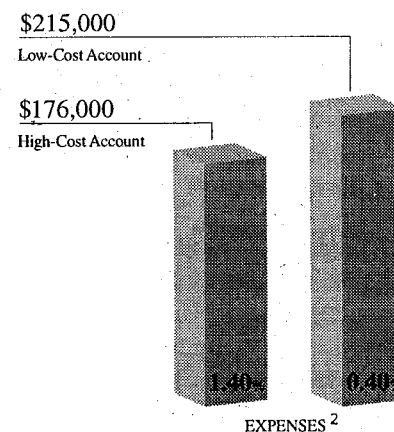
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The Carey Years

Symposium Examines the Role of Former New York Governor Hugh Carey

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Staff

With the government always a hot topic, the Center for Study of Executive Leadership and Center for Regional Policy Studies, along with Senator Kenneth P. LaValle set up a series of programs to help the public more fully understand the complexities involved in executive leadership.

On Tuesday, October 17 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm in the Student Activity Center, the third installment in this series, a day-long symposium, examined former New York State governor Hugh L. Carey's role in helping New York City's fiscal crisis as well as some of his other important achievements.

The symposium, "Leaders in Government: The Carey Years" brought together a large number of former public officials to participate in panel discussions on Carey's term as governor of New York. President Shirley Strum Kenny started off the event, welcoming the panelists and attendees at 8:30 am, followed by Senator LaValle who made the opening remarks. The first panel discussion, "The Fiscal Crisis: Carey Saves New York City and the Urban Development Corporation," began at 9:30 am and was moderated by James M. Klurfeld, vice president and editor of the editorial pages of

Newsday. The second panel, "Key Carey Accomplishments," began at 11:15 am and was moderated by Robert Keeler, who covers religion, ethics, and values for *Newsday*. Directly after the discussions was an elaborate luncheon set in the SAC lobby, with exotic foods such as couscous and beans and a choice of either red or white wine or iced tea for the few students in attendance. There was no cost to attend the symposium or the luncheon but registration was required. "It was open to the general public," said Jean Segall, Senator LaValle's press secretary. "They were supposed to pre-register, we sent a 1000 invitations out." LaValle, who hosted the event, said state government affects people more than any other government and he felt it was important for people to understand how the government works. According to LaValle, the best way to do this was by bringing in former governors. "We did Rockefeller last year and hopefully Cuomo next year," said LaValle.

At the end of the luncheon, Carey addressed the attendees with his keynote speech. He was introduced by President Kenny who referred to him as "one of the smartest governors we have ever had." She went on to highlight some of his achievements during his



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While in office, Hugh Carey cut taxes, balanced the budget and reduced state spending, all during his first term.

two terms as governor of New York and to give the attendees a little biography. Carey was elected the 51st governor of New York on November 5, 1974. When he came to office, New York ranked number one among the states in total tax burden as a percentage of total income, and taxes were still on the rise with new ones implemented. In his first term, Carey cut taxes, balanced the budget and reduced the growth of state spending. He campaigned hard to bring business and tourists back to New York, and after fighting for, at that time, the toughest anti-crime legislation in New York State's history, he won. Kenny also mentioned under Carey's leadership New York's economy prospered as well as the general well being of its residents. Carey's most notable achievements include saving New York City from bankruptcy and establishing the award-winning campaign "I Love New York" as well as founding the Empire State Games. Carey's response was, "I was raised in this city. I wasn't going to let the greatest city in the world dissolve to bankruptcy."

Carey, whose nostalgic speech was filled with history and humor, paid tribute to the leaders who influenced him. "I saw leaders in my lifetime and I tried the best I could to follow them," said Carey, "leaders like Harry S. Truman." Throughout the speech, Carey stressed his theory on superior intelligence and the help of dedicated people. "In order to have leadership, you have to have people with talent that can help you through crisis," Carey said.

His belief is that with the help of understanding people in government you can use crisis to create change for the better. Currently Carey thinks the government needs to do a better job preparing immigrants for citizenship. "They need schools for immigrant's education," said Carey, "to bring people out into the work force. There isn't one problem that we can not solve by working together." To conclude his speech Carey said, "Yes I wanted the job, I loved the job, I would rather be governor than president, I would rather be in New York and today, with your hospitality, I would rather be in Stony Brook than anywhere."



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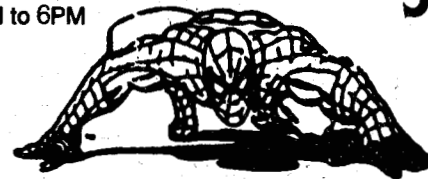
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Thanks to NYPIRG, Record Number of Students Registered to Vote

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

With the elections right around the corner, students have been diligently working on an intense voter registration drive for the past two months. Leading the charge was NYPIRG (the New York Public Interest Research Group), whose efforts registered 2,220 students, the best numbers ever. Derek Ianucci, a Voter Registration Project Leader, couldn't be happier. "I'm impressed with how many students registered," Ianucci said. "We focused on the importance of students registering, and showed them how registering and voting affects them on campus."

NYPIRG did not waste any time, right from the first day of classes they started registering students to vote. It was on the first day when Ianucci and Project Coordinator Meagen Reeve registered over 100 students to vote, that they realized how big the project could become.

The process continued through September and into October, as more and more students realized the importance of voter registration. Led by Ianucci and Gina Fiore, Project Intern, a squad of volunteers set up tables daily and voiced their feelings about the need for students to vote. "It was tough sometimes," said Fiore "especially when I had to argue with people on just how important it was to

The final two days of the register to vote campaign was intense as volunteers called for an outright "blitz" on the campus. Additional tables were set up either inside or in front of the Student Activity Center, Javits, the Library, SBS, South P Lot and Humanities. Between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm on both days, hundreds of people were registered to vote. NYPIRG was also glad that so

the Stony Brook Greens, and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance.

Next up NYPIRG takes their task up a notch as they will now work on actually getting people of vote. This is something that is definitely important to Fiore. "Voting is the most important right that we have. I'm glad that so many students realized that voting affects their quality of life, both on campus and off."

Between now and November 7th, NYPIRG will focus on educating people on the candidates as well as instructing new voters on what the ballot will look like, the inside of a voting booth and just how to use it. Anybody with any questions is urged to either stop by the NYPIRG office in the basement of the Student Union, or call 632-6457.

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at least register." Duties of the volunteers included tabling, dormstorming, knocking on residence dorm doors and asking if the residents were registered.

many other clubs lent their support to the voter registration process said Fiore. Among the clubs that contributed were MU Alpha Phi, the Commuter Student Association, Polity,

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Recreation Center Goes Back on the Ballot

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In addition to money issues, another concern students had last semester was the fear that varsity sports would take over the Center, something Preston says will not happen. He explained that because the Complex is a facility of the athletics department, they control it. However, the Center will be under the jurisdiction of Student Affairs. "I can assure students that [sports taking over the Center] will not take place," he said.

If it is approved, the Center will be built in between the Pritchard Gym and the Student Union and it will include indoor arena courts for soccer, roller hockey, lacrosse and field hockey. There will also be an elevated jogging track, a climbing wall, a sauna and steam room and a lounge area with a large screen television. Preston said that it will be open seven days a week, 6 am until midnight, a feature he said he believes will alleviate the complaints of



Courtesy of Campus Recreation

If built, the Center will go in between the Pritchard Gym and the Student Union.

students that there is nothing to do on campus. "During opening week activities, during the times when there was nothing scheduled, there were many students walking around with nothing to do," Preston said. "They weren't hidden by classes." If passed, groundbreaking for the Center is set for December 2001

with expected completion by Fall 2003.

Another controversy surrounding the Center revolves around the wording that appears on the election ballot. Preston said that there was a debate between the Polity Senate and Council and when the Council approved the ballot, it included what Preston called "normal language." But a faction of commuters from the Commuter Student Association did not approve of the wording, which included a listing of some of the Center's features, claiming that it might have included information that would sway voters in

favor of the Center. "They wanted to strip down the wording to the bare bones," said Preston.

Mike Bernardin, vice president of the Commuter Student Association, said that he would like to see the Center pass vote. "It will change things on campus," he said. "Students go home all the time, you cant do anything with an empty campus." Bernardin explained the opposition to the wording by saying that he did not oppose information of the Center available at each polling site, but that it was wrong to have it appear directly on the ballot itself. "We want the information to be there," Bernardin said. "We just want it done correctly."

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Don't Call That Man! A Book On Surviving Relationships

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

There is nothing like being in love. For many women it is a heart-pounding roller coaster ride that all too often drops you off on the platform feeling dizzy, disoriented and a bit queasy.

This is not an uncommon scenario, and it is the starting point for Rhonda Findling's new book, *Don't Call That Man! A Survival Guide to Letting Go*. A practicing psychotherapist operating primarily out of Forest Hills, Findling dishes out hearty portions of TLC, while at the same time encouraging unfettered females to mourn the loss of their relationship in order to "stop obsessing about getting that man back," and to start "...putting energy into you!"

Don't Call That Man! is an empowering book for women that provides helpful suggestions to enrich one's life after that man. Surprisingly, however, Findling does not bash or

lament the shortcomings of men at all. The book instead is a practical, entertaining read that offers insights into motivations for the dastardly deeds some men commit (e.g. Chapters 7 and 8: "The Ambivalent Man" and "He's Not Going to Change").

The primary focus of the book is

women that there are many going through the same trauma no matter how in control they seem to be.

Don't Call That Man! also stresses the importance of understanding why some women cling to the dreaded "Ambivalent Man" of Chapter 7, whose "...unpredictable behavior can make



The book provides women with 50 exercises to not call their ex's



placed on the reader, and shares the stories of some of Findling's patients who have had a difficult time letting go.

Findling also discusses her own personal experience about the one who got away; an unusually endearing approach to self help.

Despite a woman's career status and success, "...many self-sufficient women stay in emotionally and physically abusive relationships...than risk the terror of being alone."

Happily, the book makes for a smooth, easy read and serves to remind

you feel rejected and abandoned, leading to your panicking and clinging to him." Findling also encourages the exploration of one's own mother/father memories to provide insight, a task most find as nauseating as the Ambivalent Man himself.

The writing exercises, charts and fill-ins contained in the book are all specifically designed to keep a woman's resistance to calling that man strong and unwavering, but does acknowledge that slip-ups do occur. When contact is once again made with that man, Findling

urges ladies to forgive themselves and remain on the straight and narrow course away from the ex. And for those on the edge of Do I Call Him? mountain, a precipice familiar to millions of women, Findling offers "Fifty Things to Do to Not Call Him," to strengthen a woman's resolve.

In chapter 3, Findling urges the lovelorn against calling that man to express their anger and frustration. Said Findling emphatically, "Engaging with him again will make you feel even worse. Chances are, you'll feel abandoned and separated all over again." Instead, she instructs the dumped to vent that rage in a journal, to a friend or a therapist. "Expressing your anger by not calling is more empowering," she said.

Findling has served as a relationship expert on national talk shows such as Maury Povitch, Eye Witness News, and Good Day New York; and has also been featured in the New York Post, L.A. Times and Essence magazine. Check out November's Cosmopolitan magazine for more of Findling's advice. Anyone interested in getting over a troublesome ex can visit her web-site at www.rhondafindling.com, or contact her private psychotherapy practice in Forest Hills by calling (718) 459-3284 (and not you know who!).



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