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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK

# Senate proposes campus blood drive ban

By Mary Dunlop Stateman Staff Writer

The Polity Senate decided last night to recommend the banning of the blood drive on the Stony Brook campus because of its discriminatory policies.

This followed the Polity Council's unanimous decision not to fund the blood drive for the same reasons. "It is in our [Polity's] constitution that we cannot fund a program that discriminates against certain students," said Polity President Dan Slepian.

The blood drive adheres to the Food and Drug Administration's decision to prohibit blood donations from Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans because they are labeled as "high risk" groups for AIDS.

"Haitians cannot give blood and we want the FDA to change its policy," said Emmanuel J. Severe of the Haitian Student Organization. "I am not against the blood drive, but I am against the FDA's ruling."

According to the HSO, by not protesting the blood drive, Stony Brook students would be saying that the FDA's ruling is acceptable. The group says that the damage of Haitian stereotyping extends to all aspects of Haitian life.

"We don't agree with the FDA's ruling," said Carole Ahearn of the Long Island Blood Services, which has scheduled a blood drive on campus for Wed., Oct. 24. "But I beg you [the senate] not to take your frustrations out against the blood drive. Without Stony Brook's blood drive, many injured people will not have the blood they need."

Senator Steve Mauriello agreed. "People's lives are at stake right here on Long Island," he said. "The blood drive supplies them with hundreds of pints of blood a day."

The senate concluded that the they would recommend the banning of the drives as a statement to the FDA. "If the FDA realizes that Stony Brook is not donating blood, then maybe that will help to change the ruling," said one senator.

The senate's proposal to ban the blood drives, including student-run drives, now goes to University President John Marburger for approval.



Senators discussing blood drive ban during last night's Polity Senate meeting.

# Reverends debate abortion issue on campus

By Laurie Biggerstaff and Lillian Zajack Statemen Staff Writers

A heated debate about abortion took place yesterday between Pro-Choice representative Rev. Christine Grimbol and Pro-Life activist Rev. Joseph Lisante.

"Life begins at conception," according to Rev. Lisante, who believes that in the seventh week of pregnancy, when the fetus has moderate brain activity and a heartbeat is the moment life begins.

"Life is more than just breathing in and out. . . life is about being surrounded by a faith community," according to Rev. Grimbol.

According to Rev. Lisante there is no



Pro-Lifers argue with Pro-Choice last night in the Union auditorium.

stage of fetal development when abortion is justifiable. He said 98% of all abortions are performed out of social convenience. "Every person born or unborn deserves a right to life," said Rev. Lisante. "Inconvenience is not enough of a reason to terminate a life."

In rebuttal Rev. Grimbol said that she favors "any woman choosing the right to an abortion for any reason that she deems necessary or appropriate for her."

As for the effects an abortion has on women Rev. Lisante feels that women are not fully informed of the physical and mental consequences that come with having an

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# Freshman rep named

By David Joachim Statemen Editor-in-Chief

The Student Polity Council is now complete after Tuesday's election named Ken Bristow the new freshman representative.

Bristow edged Nadia Chanza by twelve votes in the runoff election in which 178 freshman students voted. Bristow receved 95 votes, Chanza 83.

"I'm glad people voted for me," said Bristow. He said, however, that he was disappointed in the turnout for the election. "Alot of people think their votes don't count," he said. In an election that draws only 178 people, he said, "every vote counts."

Bristow said that although he appre-

ciated the people who did vote, he thinks that the present by-laws concerning runoff elections should be changed.

"Each time there's an election, turnout is lower," said Bristow. The runoff election attracted 104 fewer voters than the original election.

Bristow said that he wished to thank former candidates Venessa Hammerbacher and Eddie Murphy for their help in the runoff.

According to Cyndi Anstey, election board chair, the election has been challenged by Chanza, which entitles her to a recount. The recount is scheduled for today.

Chanza could not be reached for comment.

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# Nassau students seize Office of president

By The Vignette and Student Leader Press Service

GARDEN CITY, Oct. 17 (SL) — Students at Nassau Community College seized the office of College President Sean Fanelli Tuesday, demanding cancellation of a planned blood drive because federal regulations prohibit Haitians from donating blood.

The students also said they had other issues involving people of color, including what they said was inequitable appropriation of student activity funds and "personnel issues" believed to involve a black faculty member whose contract may not be renewed.

Federal regulations prohibit Haitians from donating blood because they have

been associated with relatively higher levels of HIV, the AIDS virus, in their population.

Fanelli was off-campus meeting with SUNY Chancellor Bruce Johnstone in Manhattan at the time of the takeover, and returned Tuesday evening.

The October 18 blood drive, sponsored by the college's Engineerring Society, was cancelled by the Student Government Association (SGA) late Tuesday after more than 80 students and one faculty member, mostly people of color, occupied the president's office at about 1:15 in the afternoon.

The last students left the president's office at about 8 am yesterday after several tense negotiating meetings with Fanelli, in which

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# **Campus Blotter**

By William Jiang

Last Saturday at 11:30 PM, a female Stony Brook student was robbed at knifepoint at the Health Science Center's surface parking lot. The robber was a tall, white male between 25 and 30 years old. The robber stepped out from behind a van, demanded money from her, and threatened her with a knife. When she was slow at producing the money he demanded, the robber struck her face, stole her backpack and fled. No suspects have been apprehended, but the police are trying to find the mugger.

Biased harassments against minority groups, specifically homosexuals and Jews, occurred on the 9th and the 15th of this month. The Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Alliance office received numerous phone calls, with female voices on the line saying, "You are all guilty." A poster outside the LGBA office was defaced with anti-gay writing. A rabbi in the Hillel Office in the Humanities building received two antisemitic messages on his phone-mail system.

# Victim was not aware of attacks

By Eric F. Coppolino Student Leader Press Service

On the morning of Aug. 24, 1989, a 14-year-old junior high school student was walking along a bicycle path near the edge of the University Center at Buffalo's Amherst Campus when she was choked from behind with rope or wire, dragged into the woods, tied, gagged, raped and left for dead.

The afternoon of May 31, 1990, a 30-year-old woman was jogging during daylight hours on the nearby Ellicott Creek recreation path when she was attacked from behind, choked with rope or wire, raped and assumed dead by her attacker.

When sophomore Linda S. Yalem, 22, went out for a 15-mile training run the afternoon of Sept. 29, was she aware of the previous two attacks that had occurred in the immediate vicinity of the training path?

"The answer is absolutely not," her older sister Ann told New York State Student Leader this week. "Linda was very meticulous and she would have found out if the information was there for her. She didn't know and would not have ran there if she knew."

Thirty hours after she was last seen by roommates, Yalem's body, raped, gagged and strangled, was found during a massive search by police in the woods fifty feet from the recreation path, about a quarter of a mile from the Amherst College.

'Hard to Imagine'

In the three weeks since Yalem's death, evidence has been mounting that university officials did not specifically warn the students that two rapes had occurred close to the campus and in areas frequented by students, used by athletic teams and patrolled by campus public safety officers.

Student affairs officials at the university—the largest in the SUNY system-claimed not to know whether the rapes had been publicized, or said that were not publicized because they did not involve students and technically occurred off campus.

Division of Student Affairs head Robert Palmer told the Spectrum student newspaper, "I don't know if we didn't inform students. It's hard to imagine that no one told students."

Director of University Housing Joe Krakowiak, said the attacks, "did not occur on campus and no one from the university was involved."

The Assistant Director of University Housing Nancy Haenzel, said she had not even known about the two previous attacks, adding, "I don't think anything specific was said."

On Monday of this week, Krakowiak said he believed the Aug. 24, 1989 and May 31, 1990 incidents were listed as sexual assaults and not as rapes. Both incidents were confirmed as rapes by Capt. Frank Olesko of the Amherst police department, and have been extensively reported as such in the local media.

#### Mentioned at Orientation?

Monday, Director of Public Safety Lee Griffin told New York State Student Leader that the rapes had been mentioned during public safety presentations at freshman and transfer orientation sessions this summer.

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# How drugs and alcohol impair athletes

By Lies Volpicella

As a part of Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, Athletic Trainer Tim Barton spoke on Tuesday about the affects drugs have on student athletes.

"Many college athletes are faced with doubling pressures when entering college," said Barton.

Winning is what every athlete wants, according to Barton. "This pressure of winning leads to drug abuse," said Barton. "When you come to school the pressures are different; greater. It's hard to say no." Bar-

ton said many athletes use drugs to try and compensate for something that is not soing right. For example, their school work or their friends.

Different athletes use different kinds of drugs. However most opt for anabolic steroids, according to Barton. "Athletes feel like it will give them an edge." Anabolic steroids will increase muscle size and strength, however they also have short and long term effects, said Barton. "Your blood pressure will rise along with your heart rate, also, nose bleeds, baldness, acne, dwarfism and many more," he explained. Anabolic steroids can also lead to adverse effects

to your liver, cardiovascular system, reproductive system and your psychological

"Women are also using steroids," said Barton. Side effects that have been experienced by women include hair growth, deepened voice, menstrual cycle changes or stops, a personality change and many more. When taking these steroids, "Athletes feel like they are indestructable," said Barton.

Steroids are not the only drugs athletes are using to enhance their performances. 'Many athletes use pain killers, amphetamines, growth hormones, and blood doping," according to Barton. "Blood doping is extremely dangerous," said Barton. "An overload of oxygen has led to death a lot of times."

Recreational drugs, such as marijuana, alcohol, cocaine, and tobacco are also vastly abused, according to Barton. "They just feel like it's not doing them any harm because everyone is doing it. Alcohol is the most socially acceptable drug." He said alcohol is an energy waster and is not building muscle

Education of drugs plays a big part in athletes who use them, said Barton, "Student athletes need to be re-educated at least three times a year."

# Pro-Choice faces Pro-Life in abortion debate

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abortion.

Rev. Grimbol asked, "Who are we to judge what these women have gone through? She feels that women go through enough agony just making the decision to have an abortion.

In response to the proposed Parental Consent Law, which says women under 18 must have parental consent before having an abortion, Rev. Lisante is for it. "I think it's kind of ironic that people under 18 cannot have a tooth pulled without parents permission because that's the law, but if you are 14 and pregnant you can have an abortion performed without your parents

involved in one of the most crucial decisions of your entire life," said Lisante.

Grimbol, who is against parental consent said, "I think if parents truly are in favor of consent, then they darn well better work on talking to their kids."

In Rev. Lisante's closing statement he expressed his appreciation to the fact that such a liberal campus was open minded to his viewpoints.

"I believe it's not my choice to make for vou," said Grimbol. "Nor is it my government's right to make that choice. Just say no is great if it is spelled k-n-o-w."

The debate was mediated by Gloria Martinez, professor of sociology at St. John's University, and presented the questions.



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# Nassau students seize president's office in protest

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he refused to assure them in writing that the blood drive would not continue. The students said they were satisfied when the morning papers arrived, quoting Fanelli's verbal commitment to not allow the blood drive.

Meanwhile, students on the campus were expecting another direct action at a concert last night by Reggae performer Andrew Tosh, but as of press time the situation was reported as peaceful at the campus.

"We Won't Got"

The protestors, who described themselves as "African-American, African-Haitian and African-Caribbean students," entered the Administration Tower and took over Fanelli's 10th floor office. Students sat on chairs, radiators, tables, his desk and the floor.

They chanted "No justice, no peace,"
"Hell no, we won't go!", "Fa-nel-li," "We
want our names off the list" and "Haitians

When Campus Security Chief Joseph Portella threatened to call local police on campus in, student Prosper Sylvain, one of the organizers of the protest, responded, "If you do, there will be a major media blitz. This is not the 1950's [or the] 1960's. This is

A female protestor then said, "This is not a violent protest. We are trying to say we are civilized."

the 1990's. We will protest.

Michael Webster, another organizer, said, "Get comfortable. Get prepared to stay a while."

Student Government Reaction

Student government officers were called out of their classes just before 2 pm and entered a three-hour executive meeting. Emerging from the meeting, SGA President Francesca Damiano said she had no comment about the action.

At about 5:45 pm, Marion Lloyd, a spokesperson for the student protestors, issued a list of the group's demands. "We want the blood drive cancelled, then we will talk about the other issues affecting African American students," Lloyd said. "You need to realize that the only resolution will come if the blood drive is cancelled." He later added, "There will be no meetings, no conferences until the blood drive is cancelled."

Later that evening, Webster, Vice President of the Human Relations Society, described the other issues as, "Misappropriation of the [student activity] budget, the resistance that is met as far as some activities being set up by black organizations and the treatment and level of the minority faculty."

Specifically, Lloyd said he was referring to the fact that the largest black club on campus has a budget smaller than the smallest group of predominantly white students. The students are also expected to raise the issue of a black professor whose contract was denied on the basis of poor job performance.

The professor has been accusing the col-

ege of racism.

**NCC President's Reaction** 

Fanelli returned to campus at approximately 6:30 pm and went to meet with the SGA executive board and other members of the administration, including Vice President Jack Adams and Assistant Dean of Students Bruce Ferguson.

Before that meeting, Fanelli said, "That protest is legitimate... but to protest in my office is misplaced. They are challenging the

wrong person."

When asked if he felt there was any racial tension on campus, Fanelli said, "I guess like anything, it is a matter of perception. I guess to some extent there is that perception. I think that the college has tried in whatever way it can to create a situation where there is equal opportunity. Prior to the demonstration today, no one has ever come to me and told me that this is not the case."

—Reported by Joe Faughman, Maura McDonagh, Jon Riegel, Michelle Wallace and Rita Wallace at The Vignette.

# Rape victim was not aware of past attacks

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But Jerry Godwin, the acting director of orientation, said he was present at six of the nine freshman presentations, given by the department's public relations officers, Bill Brown, and said he had no recollection of any specific rapes being mentioned.

"He was always addressing personal safety and what people can do," Godwin said, but when asked if specifics were mentioned in the six sessions he attended, Goodwin replied, "Not that I remember."

Yalem, a new transfer student from the College at Old Westbury, attended a transfer orientation this summer. Brown said that it was possible that she skipped the personal safety sessions, which her sister said would be unlikely because Yalem was so concerned about her personal safety.

"Who is to say exactly what's on campus?" said SUNY Chancellor Bruce Johnstone. "What does the University have to take responsibility for in treating as though it were its own property with all the legal obligations that come from that? On campus, [rape incidents] need to be revealed and have to be revealed. But off campus, it's a more complex situation."

Off-campus and on, failure by colleges and universities to report rape incidents is a problem that is attracting national attention, and one which law enforcement officials say is a problem at the State University of New York.

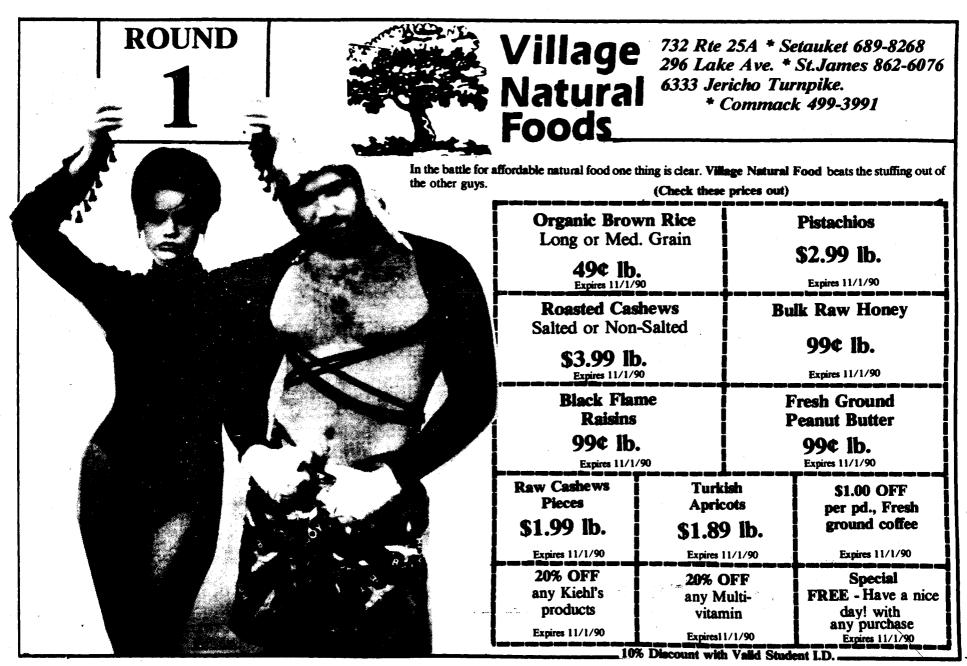
"There's a serious problem" with reporting rapes in the SUNY system, said Don Kreger, statewide president of the public safety officers' union. "I know SUNY-Central doesn't want it that way, but once you get down to the campus level, the campuses don't want the information to

get out."

Though Kreger, an officer at the University of Buffalo, said he believed his university was generally the exception to the rule, he added, "College campuses don't like to report crime and there is a serious problem with the underreporting of crimes on college campuses." He said, "There's a reason that people want to hide things, and that's to make "things look like they're not that bad."

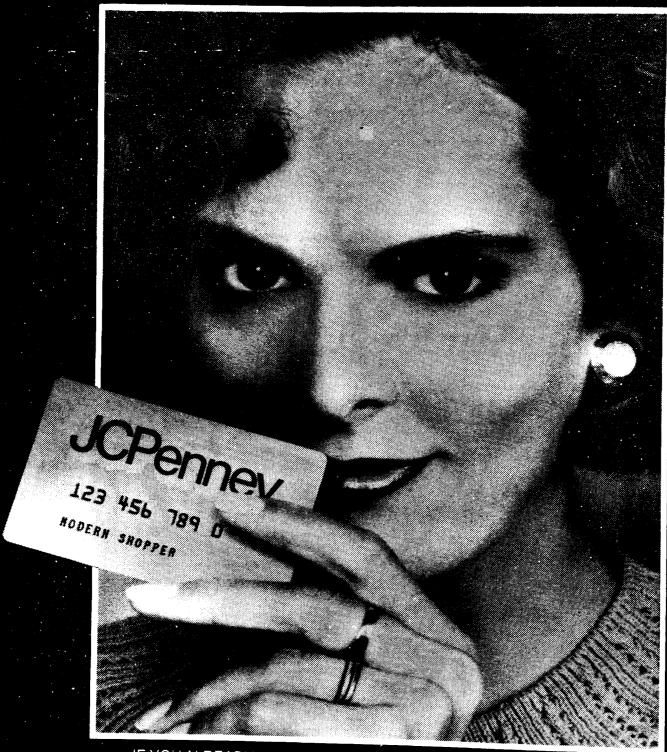
"Schools tend to downplay [rape] or keep it very quiet, which I disapprove of," said Lary Lorch, director of public safety at Plattsburgh State College.

"We let the information out. There's nothing to hide. It's going to happen, just like homicides or suicides. It's better to air it out, and get the facts out and clarify what happened or did not happen, as the case may be."



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### Pro-Black Does Not Mean Anti-White

Many people, white and black, have serious misconceptions on what being pro-black is all about. When pro-blacks are mentioned in the media they are usually labeled as activists, militants and even controversial. These labels tend to create a negative stigms in the minds of those that receive this information and trust the media wholeheartedly. People who are pro-black are not anti-white nor are they outlaws that are prone to commit violence.

#### Tones of Sedition **Dwayne Andrews**

To truly understand the notion of being pro-black or black nationalists, as it is called in the mainstream press, there must be an understanding of what it isn't. Being pro-black, or Afro-centric, the name the African-American community has adopted for this concept, does not consist of hating people because of their color or their race. To perceive that all white people are the enemies of blacks would be a foolish notion. Whites fought along with blacks to gain the civil rights that they did not have before the sixties. For some whites to believe that one day Afro-centric people will lead a militant retaliation against the nation in an attempt of revenge is ridiculous. Afro-centric people are trying to achieve their means through any way the law allows, only when bias and racism insist on stopping them from achieving their goals of true equality fo they use the words of Malcolm X as a rally cry: "By any means necessary".

Wearing T-shirs, buttons or buying Afro-centric posters to be trendy is not a facet of being pro-black. There are those who want to be in step with the "new consciousness" of black America but don't want to do the work that has to go with it. The only thing they know about the historical black experience is what Chuck D and KRS-One tell them. These people are not truly Afro-centric, but they are lost in the cloud of America's trendy and materialistic attitudes.

A person who is pro-black is a person who understands the origin of civilization and refutes the history that is taught in America's school system. This person is not anti-European, the person is antihistory. History has tried to rob blacks of their past and when they realize that they are responsible for a lot more in this world than slavery, they want the whole world to know. Correcting the wrongs of the school system is not an attack on a race of people it is an attack against a system that has been insitutionally biased against those that are not white, straight, Anglo-Saxon

Afro-centricity is about promoting this awareness of Africa and it's milestones through any venue possible. Some T-shirts of Africa that are being displayed may be offensive by the large symbol of the motherland of African-Americans. Slogans like "black is beautiful" have also been perceived to be anti-white statements. If in that case, I guess slogans like "Kiss me I'm Irish" fall in the same category. When a love of one's self and one's culture is being displayed that is self-love, not a hate of any other culture. African-Americans are finally finding out about who they are and where they came from. Unlike Europeans, who can trace their family roots several generations to the exact hamlet that they lived in, African-Americans can not. The slave trade decimated all ties and means of finding out most African-Americans true ancestry for as little as three past generations. This decimation is what made the book "Roots" by Alex Haley so significant. In his book, painstakingly traced his roots to Africa. When Afro-centric people acquire this new feeling of historical perspective, through course of human nature they are going to flaunt it.

Someone that is pro-black is against all forms of bias. It is understood by those that are Afro-centric that there are others facing oppression tool. Coalitions are formed with the notion that no group is free until evey group is free. Every oppressed group of people has a stake in the annihilation of institutionalized racism and an Afro-centric person realizes this.

Being Afro-centric means networking with other African-Americans to form organizations that will help them get their piece of the pie. These theories have been called "isolationist" by many people, and that is hardly the case. Every group of immigrants that arrived in America "isolated" themselves from the rest of the country and formed their own networks, except the Africans. Again, this can be related directly to the slave trade. It is absurb to call Afro-centric people isolationists, now that they are trying to achieve success through the same way that has proven successful for the Irish, Italian and Jewish immigrants of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Afro-centric people are building such networks so that they can be self sufficient and not having to rely on others outside of their community, who have their own biases, for help.

It is very important, in this dog eat dog society, that pro-black people be their brothers keepers. The importance of turning around and helping out their communities after they have been successful, can not be understated. Afro-centric people have a strong sense of community and will put what they can back into the community. The ideas of pro-black being antiwhite is a misconception that is widely believed on both sides of the track. Disregard this notion, and understand that a person that is pro-black is a person that is pro-love and pro-understanding of true



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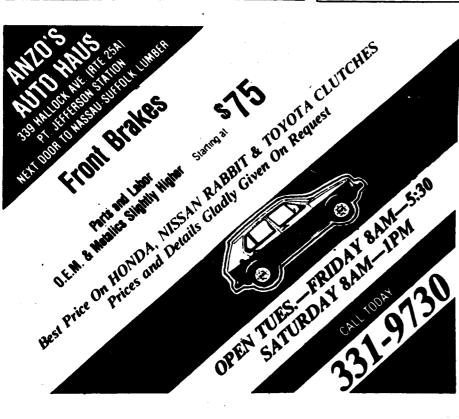
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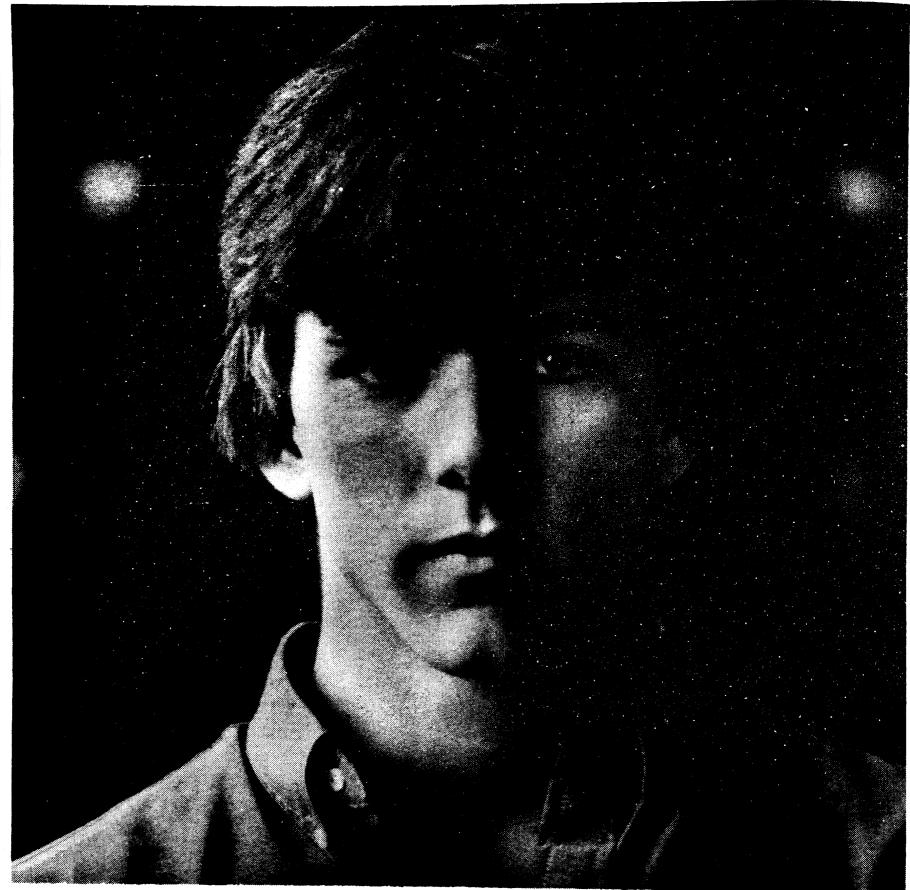
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# Senate's Proposal Will Threaten Many Lives

Although the Polity Senate's decision to recommend the banning of blood drives on campus was intended to protest the Food and Drug Administration's ignorant policy toward Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans, this decision threatens the lives of thousands of people who need blood.

The FDA's ruling, which prohibits donations of blood from people who emigrated from Haiti after 1977, is clearly racist. The fact is that the number of AIDS cases per 100,000 Haitians is 11.2 compared to 12.1 cases per 100,000 Americans, according to the Pan American Health Organization.

Therefore, we can infer that this policy is consistent with the ignorance that typically accompanies discusion over AIDS.

The FDA's approval of this guideline was strictly political, stemming from American fear concerning our blood supply. The organization simply wanted to seem like it was doing something about the crisis. But it did so at the expense of an entire people.

Although we should strongly protest this racist, ignorant policy, endangering thousands of lives is not the way to do it.

The University at Stony Brook supplies several thousands of pints of blood per year. Our campus gives the medical field a rare opportunity to access over 20,000 healthy adults during every blood drive. This means that without Stony Brook, Long Island will be losing one of its main sources of healthy blood. And it means that in an era when healthy blood is as hard to come by as it is in great demand, we are denying blood to sick Long Islanders who may die without our help.

Will banning blood drives be a statement to the FDA, rejecting its racist policy? Yes. But is murdering people worth it? Absolutely not.

To ban blood drives is also denying the students the right to conveniently donate their blood. This is as bad as the Haitian Student Organization's attempt last semester to block people from giving blood. And just as the HSO was accused by many students as committing murder, so shall the Polity senate.

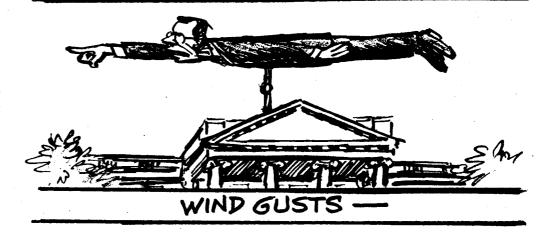
The senate is failing to see that there are other ways to protest an unfair governmental policy. As a potentially political governmental body, the senate must understand that applying pressure on local politicians is an effective means of voicing student opinion.

The typical politician could care less about the amount of blood donated by students. But do they care about the source of their paychecks? You bet.

Students are strongly urged to reject this potentially dangerous senate decision. The senate is supposed to be representing your opinions. And if your opinion does not match the senate's, a further injustice exists. The decision now goes to University President John

Marburger for approval. Students should call or write the president in disapproval, and urge him to veto the senate's blind recommendation.

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#### LGBA Responds on Criticism

This letter is addressed to Adam Kaminsky, author of the letter to the editor, "LGBA not Immune to Criticism" (Statesman, October 11, 1990):

First, I agree LGBA is not immune to criticism, however your letter has no points to criticize. Second, I do not believe you have any idea about what our group stands for or what it is about. Further it is rather obvious in your letter that you are taking a rather biased and homophobic view, since you do not mention one specific thing that our group does that you criticize. Instead, I believe you are questioning our very legitimate existence on this campus.

You mention our LGB awareness week and accuse it of being leftist propaganda with the intention of recruitment. It is true that many people in our organization are liberal, and this is understandable in an oppressed community. However the main purpose of LGB Awareness is to let it be known that there are all kinds of people who are lesbian, gay or bisexual; whether you are left wing, right wing, or people like you.

It is okay to criticize us, but ask yourself very carefully: why are you criticizing us? You do not think homosexuality is legitimate but I assure you there are many students here who are lesbian, gay or bisexual and therefore there is a need for our organization on this campus. For seventeen years, our organization has struggled to exist here and no one is ever going to take away our right to exist. We intend to grow stronger and be more of a voice on this campus.

We go to classes like everyone else, we eat at DAKA like everyone else, we love like everyone else, and we can get angry like everyone else... very angry. We engage ourselves politically in order to protect our freedom to live. We do not merely want to exist; why should we? If everyone is equal, why should we sit back and let ourselves be called perverts when we are not?

In your letter, you mention how you believe "awareness" has become synonymous with "legitimization" or "endorsement." This is completely wrong. Awareness means making factual information available which will cause one to become knowledgable and hence bring to light understanding. Information only becomes propaganda when it is frightening to an individual's psyche. The LGBA does not have to legitimize homosexuality because we know we are already legitimate.

Another rather strange point is your idea that our "cause" (we are not a cause in reality, we are a community) will cause the human race to be eventually wiped out. This is a curious statement and I am not sure what you mean by it exactly. I decipher two possible interpretations. One, that we are a group with a cause and at the crux of our cause is the recruitment of individuals to become homosexual. In the end, if our plan is successfully carried out, "common sense" indicates that no one will be left to reproduce and perpetuate the human race.

Two: perhaps you believe that homosexuality is unnatural since it does not lead to reproduction. Since it is unnatural, it is immoral and we are sinners who will all be destroyed by the wrath of our creator.

I can break down the logic of these arguments from both ends. First of all, our group is not a cause, we do not recruit people to be homosexuals. Individuals do not choose to be lesbian, gay or bisexual, it is just the way we are regardless of what causes it. Homosexuality has and will exist throughout history and throughout cultures. It was not until our Christian era that sexuality was branded with such guilt-ridden attitudes. Nowhere in any culture or population is there evidence of lack of individuals to reproduce due to everyone being homosexual; also remember that sexuality is very com-

plex and highly plastic.

Second, the idea that homosexuality is unnatural and therefore sinful is a very weak view of sexuality. The notion of morality being connected to what is considered natural is ludicrous. It is an idea that pervades our society in many other ways besides sexuality. I do not believe in a natural order; further, I do not believe that anyone has the right to impose their view of nature on somebody else and demoralize them for being unnatural, unclean or impure. The proper criterion for morality in my opinion is accepting each other for who we are; individuals should treat one another fairly because we are all ultimately part of the same world. There is no evidence that one form of sexuality is more natural than any other, and the traditional Christian judgements of what is normal/natural are extremely biased.

I do not quite understand what triggered this attack against the LGBA. Do you feel threatened about our awareness week? Is awareness dangerous in your eyes? What are you afraid of? Why the need to criticize so non-sensibly? Have you been to any of our events? LGBA is a reality on this campus. We provide an avenue for people to be themselves. We try to educate people and uncover the myths of homosexuality. Adam, I invite you to come to one of our panels and ask real questions; bring up real LGB issues.

One of the things your letter seems to indicate to me is frustration. You are probably frustrated that groups you do not agree with are getting away with existing without criticism. The fact of the matter is, you are grasping at straws. The reason we seem immune to criticism in your eyes is because any argument against us is so weak that no one can really express any logical sort of criticism against the LGBA. Believe me, you are not the only one to feel this way against the LGBA, however most people who have a problem with us realize that it is their problem, not ours. And so most people do not bother to publicly criticize us because they know deep down there is no rational basis for criticism. You bothered to criticize us however, maybe because it was frustrating you so much that you did not care how ridiculous your letter sounds even to the most homophobic people. The LGBA does receive plenty of healthy criticism from within our organization. Perhaps you should join and you might find something to really criticize.

#### Secretary of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance

The views expressed are not necessarily those of the LGBA.

#### Moans of Sedition

To the Editor:

I have been reading some of Mr. Dwayne Andrews' articles in *Statesman*, and it saddens me to conclude that he seems incapable of writing anything other than complaints. I'm certainly aware of the need to address the issues he takes up in his column, Tones of Sedition, but I don't understand why he approaches them in the manner he does.

In no way do I suggest that he discontinues writing about the black topics that he chooses [I agree that they are important, and as a foreign student I find them interesting], only that I hope he would make an effort at adopting a moderate stand and not present them as exercises in grumbling. Should he do so, I am certain that his many good arguments would reach a much wider audience and with far more effective results.

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### -Viewpoint –

# Legalization Is Answer To the Drug War

By State Senator Joseph L. Gallber

Former President Ronald Reagan defeated Jimmy Carter with his famous question, "Are we better off today then we were four years ago?" The drug warriors should be held to the same standard.

I am a public official representing the Bronx-an area plagued by the drug abuse epidemic and its related horrors. For 20 years I was a social worker in the Bronx and exposed, on a daily basis, to the consequences of drug prohibition. I wonder why we spend so much money on futile law enforcement efforts when we could allocate these funds to provide decent schools, job training, safe and affordable housing, necessary medical care, and other life necessities. Since I was elected to the State Senate in 1968, conditions have deteriorated and prohibition is a major cause of our problems.

Drug legalization would curb four evils of prohibition, the spread of illegal drugs through pyramiding, the promotion of violent crime, the increasing use of highly dangerous concentrates of drugs like crack, and blaming minority communities for the problems that result from prohibition and

The war on drugs supposedly curbs drug use, but the Bronx neighborhoods, I represent, are inundated with illegal substances. Prohibition causes drugs to take over a neighborhood. Dealing is an equal opportunity employers. At the top narco barons tempt youth into unhealthy paths, but even the emaciated addict can earn free hits of crack by being a look-out for the police. Youngster of ten and eleven scurry through the neighborhood on fancy bikes delivering drugs. The drug underworld doesn't obey child labor laws. Youngsters walking to school are offered drugs by their classmates. If drugs were legal, adults would sell the product in stores during regular business hours to other adults. Under prohibition it is sold on street corners by armies of children.

This network of seller and users is called pyramiding. The economies of pyramiding actually INCREASES the amount of illegal drugs, the opposite result from the one intended by the architects of the war on drugs. An addict with a \$100 a day coke habit can buy three grams from a dealer for \$200. The addict then dilutes or steps on this purchase making it four grams selling form \$400. In this way the addict pays for the habit and the total quantity of illegal drugs increases by a third. If drug were legal the product sold in the store would be the same as the one made by the manufacture. It would not be adulterated several times by young entrepreneuers learning a life of crime.

The drug market is an illegal market and robbery is the easiest and certainly the cheapest way for somebody to obtain drugs or drug money. Rip offs are a constant threat in the drug world, after a can call the cops and complain. This summer immigrations agents were arrested for robbing drug dealers, a mob was

indicted for robbing and murdering drug dealers and a drug kingpin went on trial. In his living room he allegedly kept a jar of his victims teeth, an object lesson to anyone who would even think about robbing him. Drug dealers not only carry terrible weapons, success depends on frequent displays of violence. Prohibition has the terrible unintended consequence of making violence rational; it is a form of public relations that intimidates employees and prevents rip

An illegal market permeated with violence distorts the normal processes of growing up. Every youngster wants to be tough, in order to avoid being picked on. But when the models of behavior are drawn from the drug world being tough means being brutal. And the violence becomes contagious. This not an Afro-American or a Hispanic problem; Bugsy Malone, Al Capone, or Dutch Schultz were famous bootleggers running empires produced by the prohibition of alcohol. They were white and brutal. Prohibition is a pressure cooker that turns its entrepreneurs into killers without regard to race or ethnic background. Nothing would do more to restore the amenities of urban life and improve relations betweens the races than legalizing drugs; it would bring a rapid reduction in urban crimes and violence.

I have been deeply moved, as I know everybody, has by the sight of emaciated addicts and the crushing burden placed on their children by the over indulgence in crack. It provides an enormous rush and then its effect quickly dissipates leaving the addict anxious and craving more drugs. It is this sudden loss of effect that makes crack so addictive. It is also the reason people won't buy it in a legal market; only a few people would spend money on a drug whos effect is so short-lived when other drugs are

We should stop listening to our fears and look objectively at a legal market. Why are we afraid to have mind-altering drugs made by pharmacists and physicians when they are made illegally today by criminals and amateurs? Drugs in a legal market would be more benign than those sold under prohibition. The manufacturer could be sued for toxic or harmful products and would have to carefully label the product to warn users about its dangers. Drugs are dangerous, but so are automobiles, boxing and mountain climbing. And like these other risky activities, the most drastic incidents are also the most infrequent. Managing these dangers is a more sensible approach than utopian efforts to make them go away by making the United States drug free. Let us start viewing drug abuse like we view alcohol abuse as a problem that the individual can solve and stop looking at it as a crime. We will make and ending a law enforcement policy that threatens to turn the United States away from its ideals of liberty and justice.

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# Reporters Are Entitled To Locker Room Access

By Sandra B. Carreon

In the October 4 issue of Statesman, Raymond Irayami writes in his viewpoint that the "NFL should block access of locker rooms to all members of the media." He suggests that by doing this "...many demands are satisfied."

First, "the sanctity of a men's locker room is preserved for players to do as they please;" Second, "the NFL will be able to stand tall again...;" third, "the media will be able to pursue issues as aggressively as it can." fourth, "female journalists in particular will no longer be subjected to such abuse on their assignments;" and fifth, "the fans will once again be able to appreciate and judge the game and its players, not because of their sensitivity toward women, but on how football is played."

In response to this simplistic yet myopic solution, to block full access to the locker room would destroy the essence of sports

Fans, for years, have been lucky enough to know the true emotions of players because of the effective and accurate way it has been relayed to them, in print, by sports journalists. How would a fan know that Roger Clemens cried after the 1986 World Series if the journalists were disallowed access to the locker room? Fans benefit from the system as it stands now because they are more closely in touch with the moments as they happen.

Case in point-Mel Hall of the NY Yankees recently engaged in a heated verbal rhetoric with manager Stump Merill after a game. If the media were forbidden entrance, this incident may not have even been reported. Similarly, the overwhelming joy of Texas Ranger pitcher after his 5000th career strikeout would never have been as vividly and palpably captured on print and picture had it not been for the established system of free locker-room access.

Iryami's points do not substantiate his proposed resolution: Why should the sanctity of a men's locker room be preserved for players to do as they please? Players today make millions of dollars to do waht they do on the field. The least one expects is that they lend some time after a game to act half-maturely in answering questions. There was once a time when players were civil to reporters. It was when making \$10,000 a year was special. Guys like Joe DiMaggio and Gordie Howe were permeating the locker rooms with grace and candor as they answered even the most trying questions. Where has this civility gone? Is it right to expect that the richer athletes get, the less they should be subjected to what they term uncomfortable situations. Athletes-grow up and make a little sacrifice.

Secondly, what does Iryami mean, "the NFL will be able to stand tall again?" With all the drugs, steriods, alcohol, sexual assault problems that the NFL has lived with for as long as it has existed, the last thing it will ever do is stand tall again. How is media blockage from the locker room relative to the reputation of the NFL anyway.

Thirdly, no-the media will not be able to pursue players as aggressively. How can they if they have to wait for players to come to them.

Fourthly, how noble it is to implement a plan just for the sake of protecting female journalists from abuse. Female journalists ask the same thing as their male counterparts: Decency, humanity, maturity and class. No one, upon entering a locker room, regardless of sex should be made to feel less of a person than another. Players have to subscribe to some code of ethics for at least

several minutes, while media people do their jobs. Why punish reporters for a player's crime?

And lastly, Iryami states that if such a system goes into effect, fans will once again appreciate the players and the game they play. Post-game interviews are not the only things that create controversies. Iryami makes it sound like reporters go out of their way to exploit an athlete's shortcomings. The Luis Polonia statutory rape last year was no post-game event; Wade Bogg's extramarital affair was no reporter misquote; and the Pete Rose scandal was far from a routine locker room happening. These cases prove that players make inauspicious headlines, not only in the locker room directly succeeding games, but for what they do outside the park, on their spare time. Fans, who invest effort, money, and heart into these people have a right to know about them, and judge them accordingly.

Where does it say that one can only write about the good things players do. They are people. They are capable of mistakes and failures. True, it is likelier that an athlete be heralded in a bronze statue before any doctor or teacher, but this dies not excuse him from public scrutiny.

Reporters are entitled to liberty of speech and press to write about whomever and whatever, so long as they are in good taste. Likewise, players should afford them the respect and time that they deserve. In a sense, the media makes the player. Half of these stars would be nobodies if reporters did not write about them. All that sports journalists, male and female request is a little respect, a little decency and dignity. A little class.

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### Hunter killed

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Stony Brook (22-4) defeated Hunter College in the finals of the Hunter College Invitational on Sat. Oct. 13. Down 12-7 in the first game, Stony Brook rallied behind Laura LaRock and Megan Dowd's kill-shots to close the game out 16-14, and to go on to win 15-7 to win the tournament.

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Patriots did not lose a game, hitting an amazing .411 as a team. Tournament MVP Dowd led the Patriots with 41 kills, 10 digs, and 100% serve percentage for the day.

Setter Melissa Axelrod recorded a fantastic 88 assists and was named to the All-Tournament Team for her efforts.

"It was a total team effort," said coach Terri Tiso. "Sara Helmer and Stasia Nikas did the blocking and middle hitting, Claudine Tomaiko and Kelkly Grodotzke plugged up the right side on defense, and Dowd and LaRock got us our power points. Especially nice was the contribution from freshman Jill Pessoni and Kristin Smith off the bench. They are returning from injuries and did a great job."

#### There's no Dowd about her consistent performances

By Bob Orlando

Tuesday-Wednesday

Sophomore outside hitter Meghan Dowd led the women's volleyball team to a perfect 7-0 week including a championship at the Hunter College Invitational. The team defeated Queens and NYU three games to none during the week and swept through the Hunter College Tournament without losing a game, and beat host Hunter for the championship 16-14, 15-7. At the tournament Dowd recorded 41 kills, 3 service aces, and 10 digs, and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player along with the Statesman/VIP Athlete of the Week.

Dowd's game was more consistent at the tournament and she raised her level of play.

"I don't like to lose," said Dowd. "I had to focus more because we were fighting the noisy home crowd."

Head coach Teri Tiso has worked with Dowd on perfecting all aspects of her game. "She is a power hitter and I expect her to kill the ball when given to her," said Tiso. "I want her to be more consistent in passing and serving. She really put everything together during the tournament." Dowd recorded seven service aces and passed well. "I want her to be a complete player and she was this weekend.".

Dowd went on the attack in the championship game. "Meghan had a 411 hitting percentage in the game against Hunter," said Tiso. "She converts many of her attempts to kill and rarely makes an error" (four errors in 91 attempts). "This is what makes her so good."

The Bellport native practiced lightly last week because of a sprained ankle and still had a tremendous performance. "Meghan is very aggressive and has a good work ethic," said Tiso. "She has a lot of energy and her self-motivation rubs off on the team."

Dowd knows that it was a team effort that helped her win VIP/Statesman Athlete of the week. "I feel like I'm getting all the credit but the team did a fantastic job," said Dowd. "We worked hard and got the job done."

Experience is the key to Dowd's game. She played one year at Cornell, plays club volleyball in the off-season, and competed in the Empire State Games. "I think that experience has helped me because I know what to do in pressure situations," said the outside hitter. "She is definitely a pressure player," Tiso added.



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#### STONY BROOK SPORTS UPDATE

WOMEN'S SOCCER (1-10-1): The Lady Patriots lost 2-0 at home last Wednesday to Adelphi University. Sophomore goalkeeper Lana Peterson continues to pile up her save total, blocking 12 shots against Adelphi. Saturday's game against the University of New Hamphshire was cancelled due to inclement weather. This week the women's soccer team will continue their five-game homestand on Wednesday at 4 p.m. against St. John's University. They will play Monmouth College on Friday at 4 p.m. and Boston College on Sunday 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL (0-6): The Patriots lost 13-3 at the hands of Bentley. Sophomore kicker Rich Black put USB on the board in the first quarter with a 30-yard field goal. Sophomore running back Mike Lugo led the offense with a 43-yard run. On defense, sophomore Chris Wilson, sophomore Victor Jean and freshman Richanrd McConkey combined for 21 tackles, two quarterback sacks, and a fumble recovery. Next Saturday the football team plays at Stonehill at 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER (2-10-1): The Patriots defeated New Paltz 3-0 as sophomore Mike Murray led the scoring attack with a goal and an assist. Junior Brett Buzzy and freshman Pete McGuinness also scored goals for the Patriots. This Wednesday the team plays at U.S.M.M.A. at 3:30 p.m.. On Saturday they will travel to the SUNY Centers Tournament at Binghamton for an 11 a.m. start.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (22-4): The Lady Patriots have won their last 14 games straight. They defeated Queens College 15-5, 15-3, 15-1 and NYU 15-1, 15-4, 15-12. At the Hunter Invitational, the women defeated Hunter in the Championship game 16-4, 15-7. On the way to the final game, USB beat Upsala 15-11, 15-8, Montclair 15-0, 15-10, Skidmore 15-5, 15-3 and Manhattan 15-5, 15-1. Meghan Dowd was named Most Valuable Player of the Tournament with 33 kills. Melissa Axelrod had 62 assists and for her effort was named to the All-Tournament Team. This weekend the Lady Patriots will compete at the Binghamton Invitational beginning on Friday at 5 p.m. and concluding on Saturday at 9 a.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS (3-3): The Lady Patriots matches against William Paterson and the Tournament at the Catholic University were cancelled. This week the women's tennis team will travel to Hunter for a 3:30 p.m. match and return home on Saturday for a match against Molloy at 12 noon.

MEN'S RUGBY (0-1) - The Patriot ruggers lost 9-0 at the hands of Downstate on Saturday. The 'B' side lost 12-0 to the same squad. This Saturday, the team travels to Amityville looking for their first win of the year.

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# Don't blame the umps on controversial calls

By Sandra B. Carreon

After the notorious "Ball Four" incident last October 10, in game four of the American League Championship Series, the popular belief has been to castigate umpire Terry Cooney for his seemingly hasty decision. He ejected the Boston Red Sox's ace hurler. Roger Clemens, in the second inning of a very pivotal game. Consequently, the Oakland Athletics swept the Bosox en route to their third consecutive World Series appearance.

It is very easy to point the proverbial finger at trigger-thumb Cooney. But one must examine more closely the rationality and soundness of his judgement as it relates to the sanctity and sustinance of the baseball rule book.

In hockey, referees have been known to swallow their whistles during the last two minutes of a contest, fearing that any calls they make would significantly alter the outcomes of the game. By not calling the obvious penalties, doesn't that change the game as well? Even more importantly, what kind of message is the arbiter relaying to the viewer - it's alright to call at such and such a time but not now.

Granted, game four was a big game and Boston was on the threshold of a series defeat, but Clemens knows better. At least he should know better. There are certain "magic words", as A's pitcher Dave Stewart said. that players cannot utter. Regardless of whether or not it was game seven of the World Series or game 112 in the regular

schedule, all players in spring training have been drilled not to go beyond specific verbal boundaries. If they missed those drills, at least common sense should tell them that some obscenities are less welcomed than

Mike Greenwell. Clemens' teammate. responded to Cooney's show of authority by saying, "It's unfair to Roger Clemens, it's unfair to the people of Boston. I felt like walking off the field and saying, 'put Roger in or we're not playing anymore.". A noble retort. It's insane for any player to think that his value to his team transcends the rules and the game itself. Rules were implemented for a reason; umpires were designated with the power to see to it that the players adhere to the regulations.

The Roger Clemenses and Mike Greenwells of the baseball world should be classy and graceful enough to accept that they were wrong. It is not their place to challenge the rules and cry injustice simply because it was game four. An athlete's stardom cannot vacillate between calling ball four or calling strike three because that particular moment and match has been deemed important. The more important the game, the more attentive umpires should be, the less abusive players should be.

Refs and umps have to be brave enough to call the game as impartially and effectively as they can, without fearing fan boocries and media scrutiny. Likewise, players have to be strong and mature enough to expect punishment for some overly extreme cussing pecadilloes.

#### Got \$5 million? Wanna buy a bowl game?

system. Many critics have called for a playoff system much like that in the athletes it recruits. National Football League or in the NCAA basketball championships. Many have opposed that idea since bowl games are a great source of income for universities, plus bowls have a great heritage behind Florida Citrus Bowl would begin accept-

Raven's Eye View **Eddie Reaven** 

College football is becoming sports' most commercial activity. Most bowl games have major sponsors; the ones that do not, don't need them, such as the Rose Bowl. But where does the commerciality

The whole bowl idea is becoming ludicrous. Teams are picked almost midway, through the season, excluding those who receive divisional winners, and many games have bidding wars for up and coming teams, such as Virginia, the top ranked team in the country.

Until recently, bowl games were their own entity: many had sponsors, but weren't actually controlled by them. Now, most sponsorships result in name additions, or worse, total name changes. Would you want your favorite team playing in the K-Mart Bowl?

sponsorships, they cannot pay the universities monies it needs to receive in order to pionship ties. Think about it.

In the past few years, there has been a continue recruiting. In other words, the major controversy over the college bowl better the team, the better the bowl, the more money it will receive, the better the

> Now we come to the big problem of the bowl system. When does the commercial-

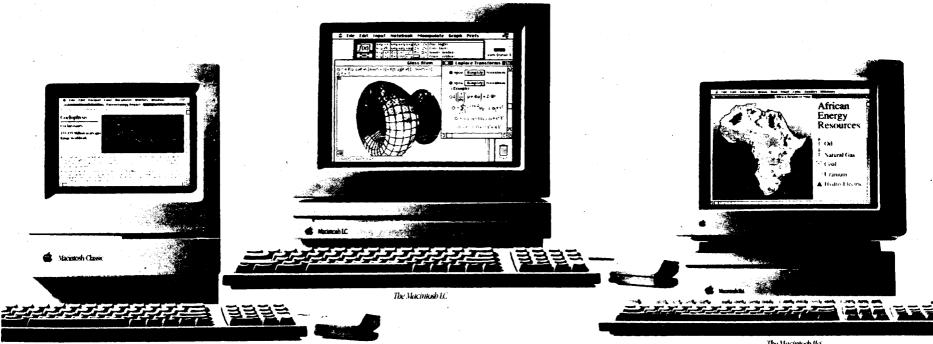
> Last year it was announced that the ing prospective bids for teams in the 1990 college football season. It was to be yet another game in the glut of bowls. Until

> Blockbuster Video announced Monday that it would sponsor the game, forming it in the mold of the Fiesta Bowl, and it would be held on January 1, 1991, the traditional day for the big bowl games. There was to be one change, however.

> The Florida Citrus Bowl, yet to be played, would now be known as the "Blockbuster Bowl," and Blockbuster officials announced that it would ante up in excess of \$3 million, doubling the \$1.5 million it was previously giving, to attract top teams. Considering the Orange Bowl, traditionally the best bowl, pays its teams \$4.2 million, and the Sugar \$3.2 million, it has just put itself in some good company.

What we have here is the downfall of the current bowl system. If the Blockbuster Bowl does attract top teams, and one year it has the national championship on the line, the theory of the bowl games having a "history" and "tradition" will have been shot down. Maybe in the next decade we will have personal sponsors instead of corporate ones, and someday be But, bowls do have a problem. Without able to see the "Donald Trump Bowl" or the "Adnon Kashoggi Bowl" with cham-

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#### OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### DAVE SHANAHAN, C.W. POST, SR RB

Senior Dave Shanahan lead C.W. Post to it's fourth LFC victory of the season, and into sole possession of first place in the conference as the Pioneers defeated Iona 32-14. Shanahan rushed for 135 yards on 32 carries and scored two second quarter touchdowns (1 and 19 yards). His game winning touchdown run of 19 yards put Post ahead 17-14. Shanahan's 100 yard day was the tenth of his career.

#### DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### ED McERLEAN, U.S.M.M.A., SR LB

Linebacker Ed McErlean lead at tough Kings Point defense that did not allow St. John's an offensive point in the Mariners' 10-8 road victory. McErlean recorded 12 tackles (4 unassisted), six tackles behind the line of scrimmage for minus 39 yards and three quarterback sacks. He also broke up one pass as the Mariner defense has not allowed a touchdown in 13 quarters.

#### Women's Volleyball

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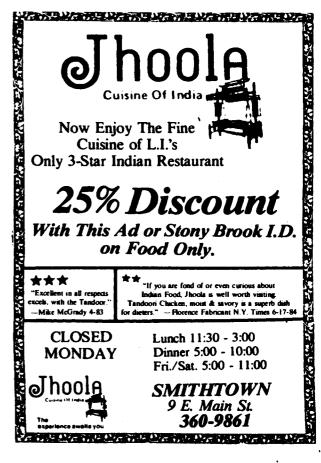
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## Ladies take Manhattan

Cruise to fifteenth straight victory with sweep

By Terri Manno Statemen Volleyball Writer

The Lady Patriots seem unbeatable, and for the past 15 matches they have been. Going into yesterday's game against Manhattanville, Stony Brook has beaten every opponent they've faced since September 25th, when they received their last loss. That seems like decades ago because the Lady Pats have taken the division by storm. Not only have they won their last 15 games, but they've captured two invitational titles as well.

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

A little over two weeks ago, the Lady Pats hosted their own invitational, playing teams such as Binghamton, Ithaca, Hunter, and Nazareth. They beat them all and came away with the first place trophy.

Just this past weekend, Stony Brook took part in Hunter College's Invite and once again there was no contest. The Lady Patriots dominated the tounhament, blowing away enemy opponents with scores like 15-0, 15-1, and 15-3, never losing a game. They then went on to defeat host Hunter for the championship, 16-14, 15-7.

At the tourney, Meghan Dowd led Stony Brook with 41 kills, three service aces and 10 digs. Also putting in a fine performance was Melissa Axelrod, who put up 88 assists overall for the tournament. For her performance, Dowd took home the tournament MVP award.

Stony Brook's game against Manhattanville yesterday was over before it started. Nothing Manhattanville tried worked. They were simply outmatched. Stony Brook dominated them just like they have every other team they've faced in the past few weeks.

Game one was pretty uneventful. The usual stars Dowd and Anastasia Nikas slammed a few kills to make it interesting, but there just wasn't a challenge as the Lady Pats romped 15-3. Games two and three weren't much different, as Stony Brook took them 15-2 and 15-3. In fact, it looked as if Manhattanville just stood there as the Lady Pats pounded out one win after another to sweep all three games.

These two games showed a star in the making as Jill Pessoni came back from a broken hand injury and took the court by storm. Slamming down eight kills, Pessoni showed the fans she was in top form and ready for more playing time.

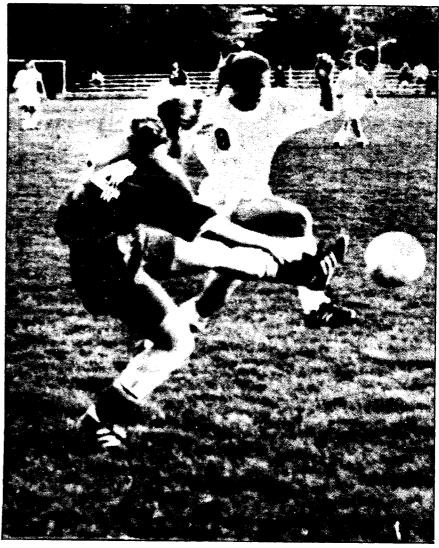
"I'm glad to be back," said Pessoni. "It's really great to be playing again. The team has great confidence. We feel good."

And they looked good as well, with strong performances from players off the bench, such as Kristen Smith and Kelly Grodotzke. Stony Brook is one team that definitely plays together.

"Everyone on the team is contributing," said coach Terri Tiso. "They're all working real hard. Every member has the potential to go out on the court and put in a good performance for us."

Hopefully, that teamwork will continue their winning streak as they travel this weekend to the Binghamton Invitational. There they'll face number one ranked Brockport.

"We're definitely going to dominate this weekend's tournament," said captain Nikas. "Our team is at full strength and with total team effort we'll win. We're psyched to play." With that kind of confidence, how can they lose?



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ALL TIED UP — The Lady Pats played St. John's yesterday to a 1-1 tie. Mary Krieg took a pass from Karen Adams and booted it through the goal for the Patriots only score of the game. The Lady Pats dropped to 1-10-2 with the decision.

# Patriots continue drive to national championships

By Peter Parides

Statesman Associate Sports Editor

The Lady Patriots continued their drive to the National Championships Monday, winning their second consecutive Public Athletic Conference championship. The Pats took the top four spots on their way defeating Adelphi University, 15-50.

#### CROSS—COUNTRY

The Patriots were once again led by Claudette Mathis and Nicole Hafemeister. Mathis pulled away from Hafemeister just before the race's last hill to finish in 21:02. Hafemeister finished seconds behind for a time of 21:28.

Delia Hopkins came up with an impressive effort, running her fastest race ever at Sunken Meadow in 21:30.

With a fourth-place time of 22:12, Dedee Meehan ran her fastest race ever at Sunken Meadow. For her efforts, Meehan was named Cross-Country Female Athlete-of-the-Week. Coach Steve Borbet was quick to recognize Meehan's improvement.

"She's just coming into her own. She's doing a real good job."

Borbet believes Meehan, a senior from Brentwood is going to be very important to the Patriots' chances for the NCAAs in Novemeber.

Vanessa Rose rounded out the top five, coming in at 22:57.

The men matched the women in winning the crown at Sunken Meadow. By edging the United States Merchant Marine Academy, 23-25, the Pats took their second consecutive PAC title.

Pat McMurray again led the team. He came in at 27:54, good for third overall. Dave Briggs followed with a finish time of 28:13.

Tony Parrado, coming off an inactive week caused by a badly bruised, stitched big toe, finished an amazing sixth with a time of 29:00. For his tremendous effort Parrado was named Cross-Country Male Athlete-of-the-Week. Borbet was extremely pleased with Parrado's run.

"I didn't exceet to see him run until this week. He's a tough guy."

Chris Magnifico rounded out Stony Brook's top runners. He finished just under thirty minutes with a time of 29:49.

Borbet was extremely pleased with the PAC results and the year's results, for that matter.

"I'm real happy with the way everyone has been running," he said. "They established themselves [at Sunken Meadow]. It's the first time since I've been here that we have a legitimate shot for the nationals."

Borbet explained that three teams from Stony Brook's region will be selected for the nationals. He feels that two of these teams will be Cortland and Ithaca.

An invitation to the nationals would give the Pats an automatic top 20 ranking. Borbet feels this would be a "real feather in the Stony Brook Athletic Department's cap."

Next week the Pats travel to Albany to

run in their invitational.

"Albany's real tough," said Borbet. Dartmouth, a top 10 team will be there. "There will be some powerful Division II teams there," he added.

"It's a fast course. We'll be trying to run our fastest races. If we score in the top five, that would be phenomenal."

# Pats blanked by Mariners

By Joe Bruno Statemen Scorts Write

The Patriots lost a tough game Wednesday to the Kings Point Mariners, 2-0. Forward Joe Gonzalez attributed the loss to taking the Pats out of their game plan.

#### MEN'S SOCCER

"We usually play possession-type soccer," said Gonzalez. Unfortunately for Stony Brook, this has been a problem in a number of games this season.

"We got into the kick and run," said defensive back Andrew Fermino, a style of play coach Jim Felix has tried to keep the team from playing. The teams' success lies in a controlled style of play with a quick transition from offense to defense.

Unfortunately for the Pats, the loss came at an inoportune moment, considering the closeness of one of the most important tournaments of the season: the SUNY Centers Tournament in Binghamton this weekend.

The tourney features SUNY Albany, Binghamton, and Buffalo, a newly assigned Division II team which is ranked 8th nationally.

The team will play Buffalo in the first round on Saturday, and hopes to take on Albany on Sunday to avenge a previous 3-2 overtime loss at the Stony Brook Invitational earlier this year.

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