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Power Plant to Electrify Campus — Page 2

Full steam ahead for campus power plant

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The university expects to finalize a contract next month for the construction of a new cogeneration power plant that will produce energy for the campus.

Construction will start next March and the plant will begin operating by early 1994, according to university officials.

Carl Hanes, deputy to the university president for special projects, said the university is putting the "finishing touches" on a contract with a partnership of two companies: Community Energy Alternatives, Inc., and Gas Energy Cogeneration, Inc., subsidiaries of Public Service Enterprises Group, Inc., and Brooklyn Union Gas Company, respectively. The contract should be finalized by August 15, according to Shari Sachs, Hanes' assistant.

Unlike the two plants currently operating on campus — which produce energy for heating and cooling but not electricity — the new plant will use cogeneration, a process by which natural gas is converted to steam, which provides electricity. The excess steam is used for heating and cooling.

"We'll get more bang for our fuel buck," said David Seabrook, a representative of Community Energy Alternatives. He said that while cogeneration is often criticized because of its high production of waste, the system will be efficient on campus because of the university's high energy use. "The campus is an ideal site," he said.

The university, which spends about \$32 million a year in utilities and buys its electricity from the Long Island Lighting Company, plans to save as much as \$6 million a year by producing its own electricity, said Harry Snoreck, vice president for campus operations.

The plant, which will be located on a one and one-half acre lot next to the Long Island Rail Road station in Stony Brook, will produce an average of 40 megawatts of energy. Since the the university is expected to need an average of only 30 megawatts, the remainder will be sold to LILCO. The amount of money LILCO will pay has not yet been determined.

Hanes, who said the university is "one of LILCO's biggest customers," said the added energy will reduce the occurrence of power outages on Long Island.

"We'll get more bang for our fuel buck."

— David Seabrook

"The new plant is much better for the community," Hanes said. The cogeneration plant, which will use natural gas as its power source, will burn much cleaner than the existing two campus plants that use oil, he said.

And the new plant will be more strictly regulated for emissions by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation than the existing plants, which were built before the present emissions standards were set, according to George Marshall, director of the department of health and safety at the university.

But some surrounding area residents, who say pollution from area power plants has become a problem, fear the problem will continue with the new plant.

"The DEC has not done its job with the environment," Bonnie Zentgraf, president of the Long Island Civic Association said at a public information meeting on June 25 in the Melville Library.

Steven Sangesland, an environmental engineer for the project, told approximately 20 area residents at the meeting that the plant will be equipped with devices to test emissions on a continuous basis.

"New York State environmental standards are among the toughest in the country," Marshall said. "The air quality will be better and cleaner."

Other community members are concerned about the appearance of the new plant. "I have major problems with smoke stacks in the sky," said Kathi Bogensberger, Three Village Civic Association president. The 98-foot stacks will be 22 feet higher than the existing stacks, said Seabrook.

"We will build the smallest stacks the DEC will let us put in," said Seabrook.

"We do want it to blend in with the surrounding community," said Snoreck.

But one area resident, who refused to be identified, replied, "The area is already a disaster. Don't say it'll blend in."

The two companies for the project will own and operate the facility until the end of the 20-year contract and will lease the land from the university, Hanes said. After that, the plant will become the property of the state.

The companies run similar plants for Grumman Corp. and the Nassau Coliseum.

Condoms stolen; buses vandalized

Condom machines were vandalized and their contents stolen in Gershwin College last Wednesday at 11:51 am. The two machines received \$775 in damage.

Three university buses were broken into at 7:14 am last Wednesday. Windows and change boxes were found broken, but no money was missing from the buses.

A woman was reportedly heard screaming near Roth Pond at 12:32 am last Monday. When Public Safety officers got to the scene, a disturbance could not be located, and no woman was found.

More than \$5,000 worth of com-

puter and office equipment was stolen from an office in the Health Science

Center on July 7, including two printers, a lap-top computer, and a Macintosh Plus computer. No one has been arrested in the burglary.

Public Safety received a complaint of two suspicious males looking into cars near Gershwin College July 6 at 1:16 am. Officers could not locate the men.

The Life Science building was partially evacuated

after a professor complained of a noxious odor in the building on July 4 at 12:29 pm. After investigation, officers

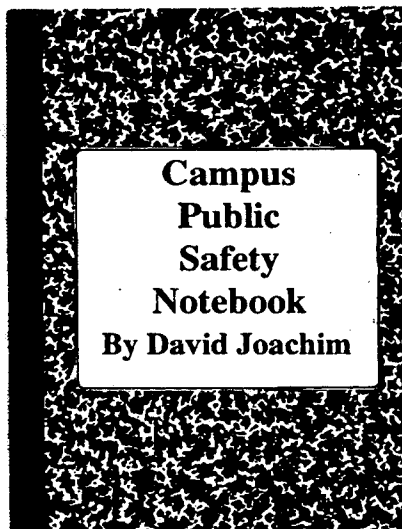
found that what was thought to be harmful odors were actually paint fumes.

A woman was injured at 10:55 pm on July 2 in a car accident on South Loop Rd. Her boyfriend, who was in the passenger seat, administered first aid before the Setauket Ambulance Corps arrived at the scene. The woman, who said the accelerator pedal stuck to the car's floor, was treated for minor injuries at University Hospital.

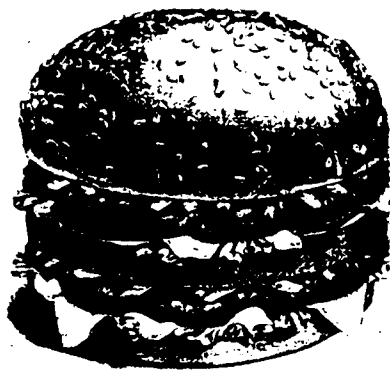
A Cardozo College resident was arrested July 1 for possession of stolen property and a dangerous instrument.

An electrical fire in the University Hospital cafeteria was extinguished by hospital employees on July 1 at 3:15 pm. No one was injured by the fire.

Gas that spilled from a car caught fire on the corner of South Drive and Stony Brook Rd. at 9:12 pm on June 28. The Stony Brook Fire Department put out the fire and no one was hurt.



Campus Public Safety Notebook
By David Joachim

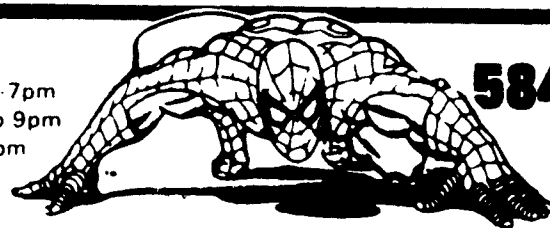


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Who will get the ax?

Departments to cut five percent, 130 jobs

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

As the university prepares for an estimated \$9 million state cut, university vice presidents have been asked to make reductions in their budgets of at least 5 percent, which may result in the loss of 130 campus jobs.

Glenn Watts, vice president for finance and management, said "work is underway" to determine where service and staff reductions will occur. "Few areas will be unaffected," he said.

Hardest hit will be the administration and physical plant, said Watts, while departments like student affairs face less severe cuts.

University President John Marburger told *Statesman* last night that most cuts in jobs will be absorbed by not filling job vacancies that have opened in the past year.

"We don't want anyone to lose their jobs," said Marburger. He said the university will cut back in paying overtime, cut part-time help, and lower its energy use to avoid laying people off. "But it looks like we will have to give some people notice."

Marburger refused to speculate on specific cuts to programs or staff positions. "Until we make the final decisions, we don't want to get people alarmed," he said.

Although Lawrence Noonan, assistant provost, said some services have already been targeted for elimination, he would not disclose specific services or which staff positions will be cut until the university contacts those employees affected. But Watts said the university plans to cut at least 130 jobs.

While Noonan said there is no plan to eliminate any academic departments or programs, he said some research units and such items as cultural programs in the Staller Center for the Arts will receive a lower priority during the cut process.

The Health Science Center will be forced to eliminate or reduce some programs, said Sheila Reilly, assistant vice president for health sciences. Already suffering from a "\$3 million hole," cuts to the center — which governs five schools — will be "larger than anywhere on campus," said Reilly.

Some decisions have already been made, but specifics will not be released until Marburger reviews the center's budget, Reilly said.

Campus services plans to absorb much of its five percent cut by not filling vacancies caused by the budget cuts last year, said Joyce Wellinger, assistant to the vice president for campus services. She said the department plans to reorganize in order to continue all services it currently provides.

The department, which runs services like the Department of Public Safety, Environmental Health and Safety, and campus mail service, will "trim," but not eliminate services, Wellinger said. And while non-maintenance



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— University President John Marburger

work, such as painting offices, will receive a lower priority during the budget process, emergency services such as the campus police will receive practically no cuts, she said. "[Public Safety] is one area we can't afford to cut," said Wellinger.

Wellinger added that "much-needed" renovations of campus buildings will have to wait. "If we had a couple million dollars, we could do a lot with it," she said.

Dallas Bauman, assistant vice president for campus residences, said that although the department is "not really affected by the budget" because it is independently funded by students' rent, there is "a degree of uncertainty" about next year's budget.

But despite predictions that a \$500 tuition hike will cause many students not to live on campus next year, Bauman said the department expects the same occupancy as last year.

Bauman said the effects of the tuition hike are "unknown at this point," and he will have a better prediction later in the summer.

Marburger said he expects to have the vice presidents' proposals by the end of the week. And he predicted a final budget would be completed by the end of next week.

State budget finalized after veto

By Eric F. Coppelino
Student Leader News Service

ALBANY — After more than six months of delays, political battling and political sportsmanship, the state legislature and Gov. Mario Cuomo finally agreed on a state budget just hours before the close of the legislative session on July 4.

It was the latest budget in New York State history and, in pure numbers, the hardest on SUNY students, who will pay increased tuition and fees, take cuts to financial aid, and attend a shrinking university system.

In his proposed executive budget released in January, Cuomo called for the second consecutive round of tuition hikes, budget cuts and financial aid cuts — including an unprecedented tuition hike of \$500 a year.

State lawmakers, though locked in battles over how to close a \$6 billion budget deficit, managed to restore much of what Cuomo cut, including replacing much of the funding to several financial aid programs that the governor proposed eliminating entirely. These restorations also included about \$17 million funding for the State University, after Cuomo proposed cuts of about \$50 million.

The Regents Scholarship program, in existence since 1913, did not survive the budget ax, however, which will cost many students \$250 a year.

Much of the funding to restore higher education came from state agencies, a decision that Cuomo opposed vehemently.

Cuomo then exercised his power to veto much of what the legislature restored, throwing months of student organizing and lobbying efforts to chance and setting the legislature practically back to the beginning of the budget process.

Most lawmakers agreed there was little chance of a legislative over-ride of his vetoes, and were attempting to strike a compromise with the governor.

In the final weeks of the state legislative session, lawmakers agreed to a compromise in which 80 percent of their restorations would be preserved, with the other 20 percent being reallocated back to the state agencies from which the funding was taken.

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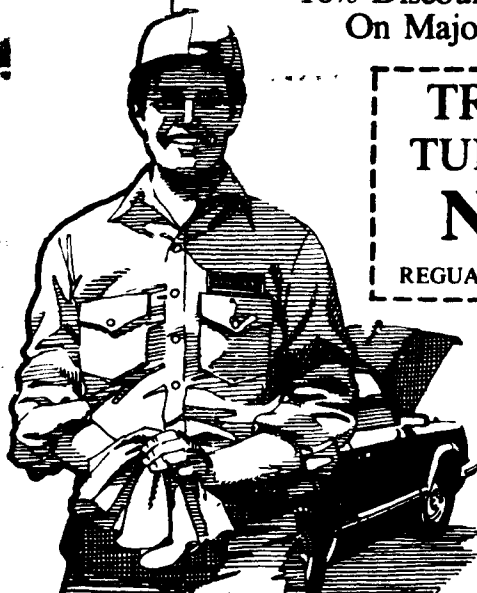
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Editorial

There Are Few Winners in the Budget Game

For anyone who has attempted to register for Fall classes, the effects of the \$9 million state budget cut to Stony Brook have become a painful reality. There are simply fewer class offerings available to students for next semester and the quality of public education is certainly on the decline.

And for those campus employees awaiting word about the 130 layoffs, the huge budget cuts may mean a reservation on the unemployment line.

It almost seems like the students who will not be coming back next year because of the \$500 tuition hike are lucky. They don't have to witness the deterioration of state education.

But there is some hope. The raise in tuition, as undesirable as it is, may hopefully cause a closing of the budget gap, and many of our class sections may be restored soon.

And many campus jobs may be saved as the state offers incentives for early retirement and the university freezes hiring to fill existing vacancies.

Few people would say they envy University President John Marburger right now, who must make some tough decisions next week after he reviews his vice presidents' budget cut proposals. Undoubtedly, few decisions he will make about slashes in programs and jobs will be popular. Every program is *someone's* program. And every job is *someone's* job.

At least Public Safety will remain intact. University officials say campus security is a top priority and the department will not face cuts. And Public Safety is indeed an essential service. The campus needs more security, not less.

The administration is also right to try to shield student affairs from massive cuts. This department is the main liaison between administrators and students. Programs and services through student affairs are usually well utilized and productive. Without the communication the department encourages, students and administrators would be constantly at each other's throats and little would be accomplished.


But through this tough budget process, students should certainly not forget the faculty and

staff who may lose their jobs. Not only would massive layoffs damage services and the quality of education here, but we owe it to the employees — whose dedication make the quality of life better in the campus community — to stand beside them in their struggle. And it is essential that we keep the elder members of the community, whose experience relieves the pressure of the campus. After all, this crisis will end one day

and we will need the most experienced people to run the campus in the future.

And let's not forget that many campus employees only wanted this kind of working environment for the stability of state employment and benefits. If we keep laying state workers off, we are discouraging many other qualified, competent people from seeking employment in our community.



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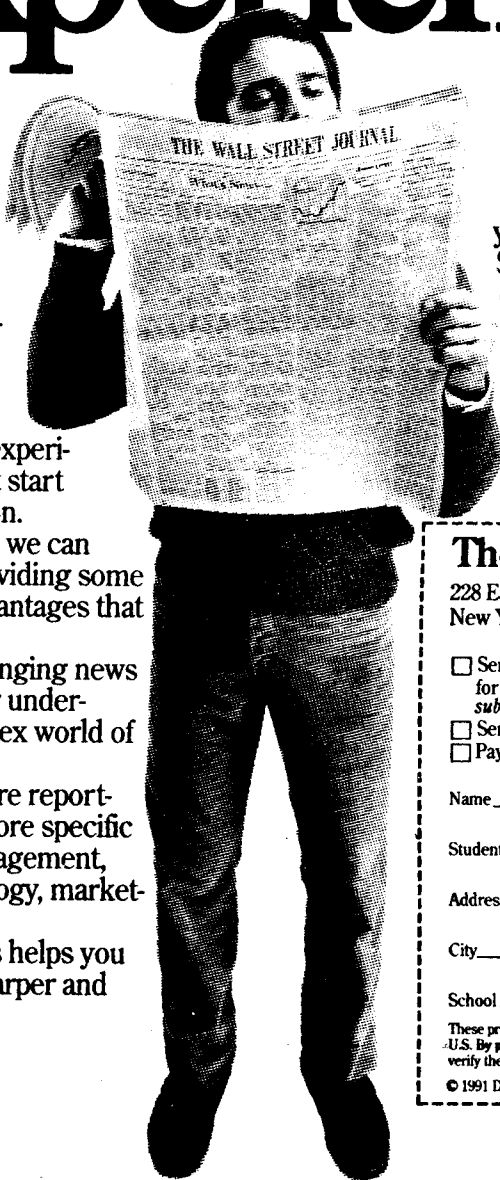
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John Nolan

Grad students elect new officers

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

John Nolan, co-founder of the Stony Brook Global Action Plan and an active opponent of U.S. policy in the Middle East last year, took office on July 1 as this year's president of the Graduate Student Organization.

Nolan, who served as a GSO senator last year, beat his opponent, Nancy Perini, by 140 votes. Nolan received 230 votes, Perini 90.

Dominic Chan will serve as vice president of GSO next year after beating Gerald Manginelli. They received 238 votes and 82 votes respectively.

Running unopposed, Chris Kushmerick, who served on the budget committee last year, took the treasurer's position with 265 votes.

In the secretarial race, Fons Haffmans beat Charles Jordan by receiving 225 votes to Jordan's 95.

And David Senator will represent

students on the Stony Brook Council next year after claiming 202 graduate votes. Perini, who lost the presidential race as well as the council race, fell short with 107 votes.

Senator succeeds undergraduate Dan Slepian, Polity president, in the council seat, as undergraduates and graduates alternate in selecting representation on the council.

Graduate students mailed-in their votes for the 1991-92 election.

Haitian students await court's decision

The two Haitian students who were arrested last Dec. 4 for their participation in a blood drive protest still await a decision from the court for dismissal in the interest of justice.

Henry O'Brien, the students' attorney, told *Statesman* yesterday that a decision regarding dismissal of the second degree riot charges against Emmanuel Severe and Philippe Valbrune should be made by next month. If the court decides not to dismiss the case, it will go to trial.

A dismissal in the interest of justice would mean the court thinks a trial would cause harm to the community and would not be just.

Severe and Valbrune were arrested Dec. 4 for allegedly breaking through police barriers to gain entry to the Alliance Room of the Melville Library, where a blood drive was in progress, and causing the protest of the Haitian Student Organization to become violent.

The HSO was protesting the Food and Drug Administration's ban on Haitian and sub-Saharan African blood donations because of the groups' supposed high-risk to the AIDS virus.

The arrests have resulted in several student protests, including a sit-in in the administration building for several weeks last semester.

Severe and Valbrune were also suspended one year



Emmanuel Severe (left) and Philippe Valbrune.

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and six months respectively by the Student Judiciary last semester. Their suspensions begin in September.

The two students have received support from the

Student Polity Association and Graduate Student Organization

— David Joachim

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Terminator 2: Worth every million

By Robert Diaz
Statesman Staff Writer

THAT BIG GUY is back. Huge, hulking and a tad lean in the brain area. This time it doesn't matter, because Arnold Schwarzenegger isn't playing a human. He's mimicking that killing machine from *Terminator*, but with a softer touch in *Terminator 2: Judgement Day*.

You wouldn't want to meet him in a dark alley. In fact, you wouldn't want to meet him in a well-lit alley. But in a movie theater? That would be a good choice.

Set 10 years after the original, the new Terminator is young John Connor's (Edward Furlong) protector. Mother Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton, reprising the role of the original) is no longer the helpless damsel in distress but a psychotic mercenary doing whatever is necessary to stop the chain of events that would create the nuclear cataclysm that will turn the world into a global South Bronx. Hence the title, *Judgement Day*.

The movie is fraught with messages of impending holocaust with one particularly ominous scene that makes *The Day After* look like an outdoor barbecue. In addition to themes of Armageddon, the relationship between Sarah, John and the Terminator makes for a warped but workable portrait of the nuclear family (pun certainly not intended). As Sarah observes the man/machine interacting with young Connor, she wonders about the would-be fathers she's considered and how they would have gotten drunk, stayed out late and eventually leave and never return. She dubs the monster "the perfect father," no doubt a social commentary on the

status of fathers everywhere. But Schwarzenegger's portrayal of a killing machine with the capacity to learn human emotions — although retaining as much the killer instinct — does prove the man is quite emotional. But of course Terminators don't cry.

Sarah seeks to thwart the creation of Skynet, the defense computer system that would be responsible for the future holocaust. And to do this she plans to kill mild-mannered scientist Miles Dyson (Joe Morton), who would eventually create the doomsday program. Questions of morality are thrown around as Sarah curses Miles for thinking he is blameless for whatever destruction his work would result in.

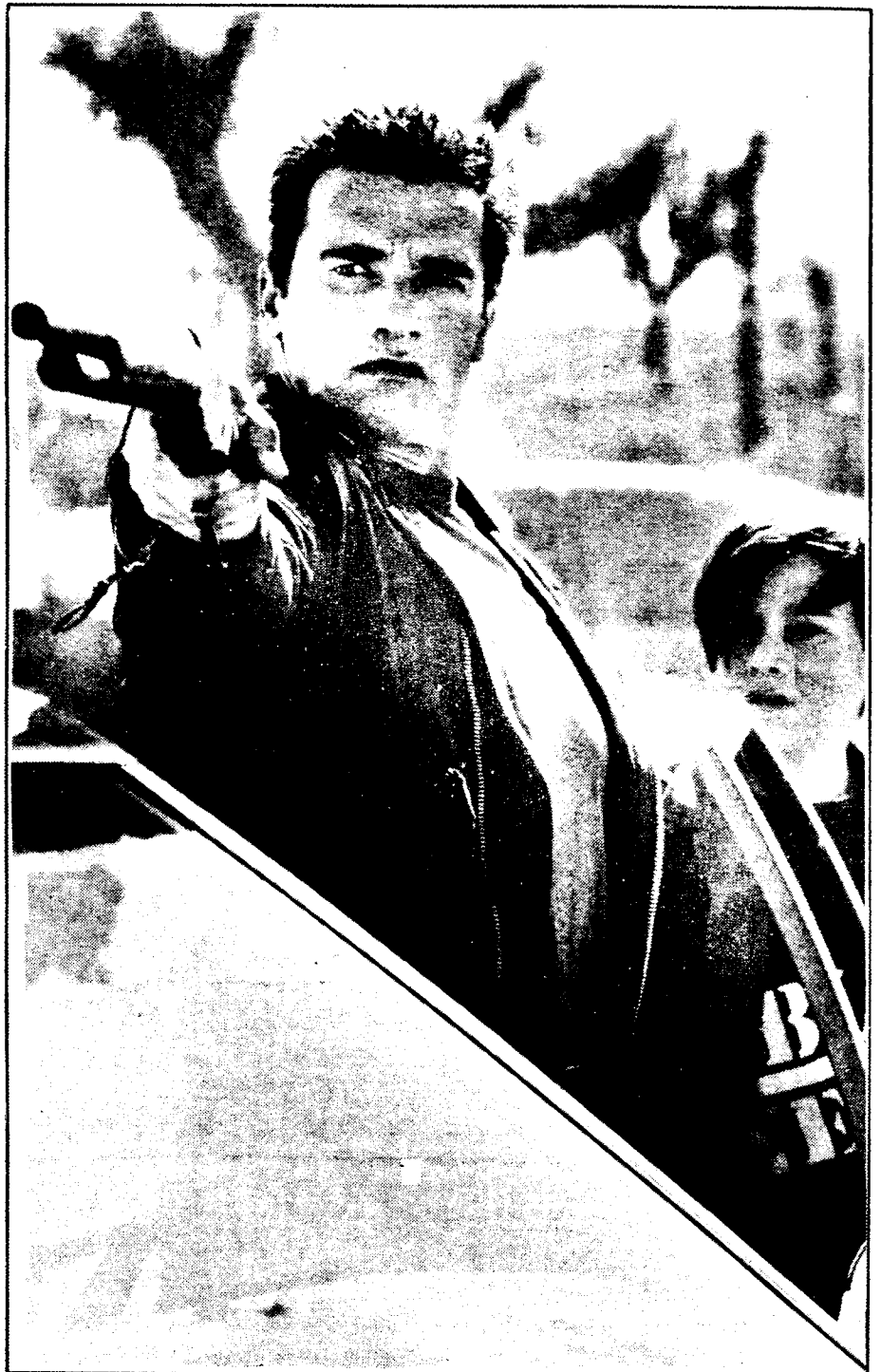
The same thing was said by the creators of the atomic bomb, yells Sarah. Finally questions of destiny and fate underscore the plot to save the future by destroying just a little of the present.

In addition to one hulking megabucks box office draw, the \$80 million plus

price tag included four production studios, which produced 150 special effects shots that included rival Terminator series T-1000 (played by the grim Robert Patrick, back from a fiery end in *Die Hard 2*), with a liquid nitrate body with the ability to transform itself into any form. For this film, Tri-Star Pictures seems to have spared no expense just as it shelled out over 10 million dollars to Schwarzenegger alone. But there is no doubt this was money well spent as this is one of those movies with a long box office life as well as looking to be a big payoff when it hits the video racks.

There's lots to see and lots think about with this release. To quote the beefy and less than verbose star, "I'll be back" — to see it again.

The relationship between Sarah, John, and the Terminator make for a warped but workable nuclear family.



The Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger) and John O'Connor (Edward Furlong) flee from the killer cyborg.

BEE'S WAX

BY DANNY deBRUIN

