

Doug Little, Assistant Director of University Police for Community Relations

Courtesy of Richard D. Cole

A BIG Step for Little

Doug Little Receives Promotion To Assistant Director Of University Police

By Richard D. Cole
Special to Statesman

Doug Little, who has been with the University Police Department for seventeen years, was promoted to the position of Assistant Director for Community Relations last week.

During the past four years, Little has been the supervisor of the Community Relations Team. According to Little, "the goal of the Community Relations Team, recipient of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Award, is to educate the campus community on such topics as personal safety, risk awareness, crime prevention, including date and acquaintance rape prevention, drug and alcohol risk awareness, and many other community safety issues."

Little, in his efforts to help the Community Relations Team meet this goal, has worked with the team on such projects such as setting up neighborhood watch groups in various buildings on campus, giving Personal Safety and Awareness talks to groups of faculty, staff and students, printing all the information publications for the University Police Department, and instituting programs like the University Police Campus Bike Patrol.

Dean of Students Paul Chase said, "Doug has earned this promotion." After commenting on the fact that he had known Little for sixteen years Chase stated that Little, "has a real talent for community outreach."

Professor of Sociology Norman Goodman, a Distinguished Teaching Professor and former President of the University Senate, also commented on Little's understanding on community relations. "It is good for University Police and the University as a whole to have someone who is sensitive of the constituency in a policy making position within the University Police. He understands the nature of the University and the role of Public Safety in such a university," said Goodman.

Little joined the University Police Department as an officer in 1977. After being on the force for three years, Joe Cassidy, former Interim Director of University Police, in conjunction with Little, started a Community Relations team. It was during this time that Little worked on such projects as creating a Student Volunteer Dorm Patrol and Escort, a walk service.

Cassidy's reaction to hearing the news

of Little's promotion was a hearty, "Hurrah!" Cassidy commented that he would have liked to make Little an Assistant Director but could not due to civil service guidelines. Cassidy referred to Little as an "absolutely outstanding law enforcement officer who did a superlative job."

In 1985, the Community Relations Team was disbanded and Little was given a promotion to the supervisor level and went back on patrol. Then in 1990, current University Police Director, Richard Young, reinstated the Community Relations Team and appointed Little as the supervisor.

Director of Conferences and Special Events Ann Forkin reminisced to when the Community Relations Team was reinstated. "Remembering to when Rich Young brought back the Community Relations Team I thought that community relations was extremely important and they could not have chosen a better person than Doug to lead it," she said. "Doug has an attitude of service. He realizes that the role of a Public Safety officer is one of service. Service to the students, staff, faculty, administrators and guests ... Whenever I've needed him, he has been there."

Little stated that his promotion was due to Young, who in Little's words, "has given me the opportunity to do my job ... Rich [Young] is a firm believer in empowering his personnel. I will never forget him for this as he has been my mentor."

Young, in a letter to the University community, announcing Little's promotion said, "Good community relations along with problem solving policing are critical to the success of today's law enforcement

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USB Graduate Waiting For Lung Donor

By Carl Corry
Statesman News Editor

Late last June, Barry Kihl, a recent Stony Brook graduate, was told that he was finally going to receive the lung transplant for which he had been waiting for more than one year. Kihl has idiopathic pulmonary cybrosis, a debilitating and irreversible disease that has transformed his lungs masses of scar tissue; the after-effects of the medicine given to him as part of chemotherapy treatment meant to kill the cancer he was afflicted with when he was 12-years-old. By the time he was transported to the airport to fly to the hospital where the operation was to be performed, he was informed that the lung was not going to be good for the procedure.

Almost a month later, Kihl was transported to Fairchild Airport again, where a Cessna airplane took him to Alleghany, PA. He was scheduled for a 6 a.m. operation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Hospital. After hours of delay and finally being prepped for the surgery, by 10 a.m., he was once again told that the donated lung was no good. A back-up of stomach fluid from the body made the lungs unsatisfactory for donation.

Since then, Kihl has been waiting for a donor that will give him the lung he needs if he is to survive past the winter.

He is currently at the top of the list at the hospital for a lung donor.

"Both my lungs are destroyed," he said on a telephone interview from his room at the hospital. "They find that a single-lung transplant is easier because you don't have to crack the sternum. The can do it underneath the ribcage on one side and go up that way. It's an easier operation, less complications. . . I will be able to function perfectly fine with one lung and there will be less complications. There is a much higher survival rate."

Kihl was initially diagnosed with his condition almost two years ago by the late Dr. Peter Morgan at Stony Brook. "I needed to have my vaccinations. . . because I had taken a leave of absence. I had some coughing. [Dr. Morgan] sent me over to have X-rays. They originally thought that I had cancer again. Then I had a biopsy at Sloan Kettering where it was revealed that I had cybrosis, and was caused by this chemotherapy that they themselves had given me 15 years earlier."

"It is kind of an oxymoron. To say that something is idiopathic means that you don't know the reason, whereas they do know the reason that caused my illness."

Every hour of the day Kihl is assisted by oxygen and is able to do everything
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agencies. In recognition of my commitment to the importance of these programs, and their expanding role on campus, I have reclassified the position of Supervisor of the Community Relations Team to Assistant Director of Public Safety for Community Relations."

Young went on to comment on Little, "Doug has been a member of this Department for seventeen years. During the last several years, he has worked tirelessly on my behalf to improve the quality of life on campus, and enhanced the image of our Department. His work has gained the Department both local and national recognition."

Little's promotion has been hailed by officers within the University Police due to the fact that he will be the only member of a six person management team that has been promoted up through the ranks at Stony Brook. The director and the four other assistant directors were recruited from outside the University.

Detective Winston Kerr of University Police, one of the police officers union (Council 82) representatives, commented on Little's promotion, "It's wonderful that someone has moved up from the ranks into management. I hope that he will open new avenues of cooperation between labor and management. He knows both sides of the fence."

It is important to note that assistant directors and the director are not officers. They are considered management. Therefore, Little will no longer be a lieutenant and will not be in uniform. Little claims that this will not change the way he or the Community Relations Team work. "I am not going to change my spots. The success of the Community Relations Team is due to the fact that we have been out in the publics eye," said Little and he guaranteed that this would not change.

Little stated, "I came to the Department as a young officer. Stony Brook has always been very good to me. I met my wife Jovanna [Duval] here. She is also a member of the University community." Little said his wife, who works as the Coagulation Supervisor at the University Medical Center, is working on her second masters here at Stony Brook, has always been very supportive of him and his career.

Little ended by saying, "I have had the good fortune to work with the most wonderful people and it has been an honor just to be able to take part as a member of the University family. It is important that the University community knows that the University Police Department will do whatever possible to protect and serve. We are also part of the education process because this community belongs to all of us."

AMERICA'S FIRST SEX ASSAULT HOTLINE OPENS

America's first-ever national sex abuse hotline begins taking calls today, July 26th. Run by the Washington, DC-based non-profit organization RAINN (the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network), the hotline is expected to help over 115,000 survivors of sexual assault each year. The toll-free number is: 1-800-656-HOPE.

Slated to run around the clock every day of the year, the RAINN hotline automatically routes callers to the closest of 341 rape crisis counseling centers around the country. A trained sexual assault counselor then answers the call and provides free on-the-spot counseling and referrals.

Funded by The Atlantic Group and Warner Music Group, with advertising and promotion

services donated by On The Scene Productions, RAINN is being provided as a service to survivors who either cannot reach a rape crisis center through a local call, or do not know that a local center exists. Currently, more than 43 percent of the country's population is a toll call away from a crisis center. many of these long-distance callers are being abused by someone in their household and therefore are unlikely to utilize a service whose number will show up on their home phone bill. The RAINN hotline marks the first time that survivors nationwide will have free, confidential access to counseling all day, every day.

Atlantic recording artist Tori Amos, a founding member of RAINN, chairs the organization's advisory board.

Grad Student Waits for Donor

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that he wants. Without the oxygen, it would be difficult for him to function since his lungs are working on 12 percent of their normal capacity. "I can't do anything I want without oxygen," he said. When Kihl goes out he carries small tanks of liquid oxygen with him. He receives the oxygen from a nasal canister. "It looks like I'm carrying a knapsack."

Saturday, he went to see *The Mask* and went to lunch with "three beautiful women." One of the women is afflicted with cystic fibrosis, her mother and a woman whose son was the first person to survive with an artificial heart until he received a real one.

He said that Pittsburgh is not the steel-mill, grimy, unattractive place that it is made out to be. "Pittsburgh is absolutely marvelous. . . . The people are incredibly friendly," he said.

Kihl is also continuing his research that he began here for cancer patients. "They are adventure games for children to play. They are doing research here (Pittsburgh), with the psychologist here and the social workers and it has been coming along quite nicely," he said.

"I have been using what I've been developing for cancer patients the strategy and trying to do the same thing, but for people that are going to get transplants."

Kihl expressed enthusiasm and excitement when explaining his involvement in a new experimental study. "I will be getting a bone marrow transplant with my lung transplant from this donor, so that when the person dies I will get his lung and I will get a portion of his bone marrow infused into my body through IV like a regular blood transfusion," he said. In it will include "immature T-Cells, immature stem cells and facilitator cells. What this hopes to do is create chimera in my body, which will prevent me from having to be on immune suppressant drugs for the rest of my life. It will trick my body into thinking that the new lung is part of my own body, preventing rejection, so this is to give me a much longer life span."

Kihl said that he is very positive about his condition and seemed confident that he will have a successful operation. "I've been really enjoying my life," he said. "One tends to enjoy life more when one understands the finality. I really enjoy little things and grown to really love eating and spending time with my friends."

One thing for sure, Kihl's humor isn't lacking. "I'm still waiting. I think that there is going to be a bus load of long distance Olympic athletes that are going to get into a tragic accident and I'll get one of their lungs. Seems to me that if it is going to come from somebody, it might as well come from the best," he said

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Editorial

Don't Let ARA Become a West Campus Monopoly!

It's not that we have anything particular against ARA, it's just that we have noticed that the only consistent West Campus food services not under their control are Colours and Sports Complex Concessions. Monopolies are not good for much of anybody, except the company reaping the profits.

It was only very recently (when Colours opened) that ARA lowered some of its prices in the Union deli. Pressure came from student who were fed up with the outrageous prices and fair-at-best quality of the food products. Now, ARA has taken over Stony Snacks and is expanding its base in Roth Quad; and it's becoming increasingly apparent that students have few vendor options left.

Before Colours opened, many predicted that it would fall victim to the same mismanagement problems that doomed its predecessor, Rainy Night House. Thus far, that has not happened, but Colours is young, yet.

Colours has many advantages and only a couple problems. However, if those prob-

lems are not corrected in a very timely manner, it may be that the cynics will prove victorious.

First, here is what we at Statesman like about Colours compared to ARA. First, no matter what the time of morning, noon or night, the employees of Colours greet their customers with friendly smiles. ARA seemingly tends to not care how their employees treat their customers.

If your bill comes to \$3.03 at Colours, it is likely that the cashier will check the "tip cup" to see if there is three cents to help you out. At ARA, it is likely that you will receive six singles, seven dimes, four nickels and seven pennies for change for a ten-dollar bill.

At Colours, you are pretty much guaranteed that you will receive exactly what you ordered and that the quality will meet or exceed your expectations. ARA reminds us of high schools cafeterias where you get what they give you.

Finally, what's best about Colours is that the "average" poor student can afford a com-

plete semi-nutritious meal and still have enough to do it again in five hours. With ARA, most are happy to leave the establishment fully clothed. As we said earlier, ARA has made an effort to lower its prices - a feeble effort, but an effort, nonetheless.

Among Colours problems are speed of service, the microwave system of cooking, and lack of students' ability to use their meal plan. The latter of these problems may work itself out with the new universal card (more on that in September). Many can also look by the microwave issue. But, if Colours does not find a way to improve its service time, the only "way" it may find is the one Rainy Night House did. Fast and Friendly go hand-in-hand, whichever service discovers that secret first is the one that will win the students' favor in the long run.

As for Sports Complex Concessions, "You haven't experienced Stony Brook until you've experienced a Stony Brook Pretzel."



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-Horace Greeley (1811-1872)

We Need Greater University Police Presence

Dear Mr. Masse:

My daughter is a recent graduate (May 1994) of Stony Brook University. She attended the University for four years as a full-time student in the Bio-chemistry program and also held a part-time position in a campus research lab. Given the amount of time she spent on campus I believe she has a good understanding of campus conditions and that is the subject of my letter.

Over the past four years she has told me of numerous incidents of crime, against individuals and property. Many times on her return home she would tell me of people being attacked, threatened and cases of vandalism. My daughter brings the *Statesman* home because she knows I enjoy reading about the events and news at the Stony Brook campus. Some of your articles report on the campus crime situation and campus police issues dealing with these events.

Just recently my daughter told me of an attack on a young woman in the campus parking facility and how upset this has made many of the young women on campus. When I visit the campus to give my daughter a ride home or visit a staff member I look around to see if there is police coverage. While often I see a car or two I have never noticed foot patrol officers.

Consideration should be made to beef-up our campus police with more foot patrols in all areas that students and the public frequent. The car patrols should also increase and be very visible at all intersections with-in the campus and especially on the wooded walk ways in and out of the grounds. Any student caught in

violation of campus rules or the law should be thrown off campus immediately and kept off until a proper hearing is conducted. Any outsider causing a problem should be turned over to the county police immediately.

Each and every student, with no exception, should have the right to enjoy and pursue his or her education and campus social life without fear of crime. Notice must be given to all visitors and students that our campus is policed and the individuals rights protected.

My daughter will continue her education and position in the science department because she has a love of the University. Both her and I share a concern for her safety and everyone else's. We must not allow this university community to become as dangerous as many of our urban centers.

Sincerely,
George R. Beyer

P.S. Perhaps background information on in-coming students should be part of the admission procedure. If a new student has a criminal history, no matter how minor, his admission as a student should be conditional based on his future conduct. Faculty, students and visitors on our campus must have freedom of movement within the university community without fear. The campus police have recently put bike patrols on campus and are to be commended for this program. The program, along with "weeding out" the trouble causing individuals and added police visibility, will help keep the campus safe.

Individuality Plus: Try Being Yourself

If you've read the last letter you've obviously assumed I have dug a social grave for myself, and that's painstakingly obvious, especially to me. But don't get me wrong, I actually asked for it. I do so because understanding anything about a person is about as rare as a three dollar bill. Unfortunately no one has come across one since money was printed. That's a figurative phrase meaning that if you really want to understand someone, especially someone like me, you really have to learn, you really have to be patient, you really have to be compassionate as well. Unfortunately it turns out that no one seems to be really worthy of compassion.

Now-a-days it's all look at you, look at me or look at what I have and look at what you don't have. I know I don't have much in the way of what you people as normal people, as you call yourselves, I don't have any of those things, and frankly I don't want them. I do this only because I believe it's right and I believe that individuality should triumph over conformity. It's just too bad that there aren't enough individuals in this world, that would bring this campus for now, that could match up against the conformists. So I say this only in behalf of myself, I like me, I like what I have, and I like also, what I can get later. Because what I can get later is understanding. The problem seems to lie, not within people of other races, because I love them regardless of their race. It seems to be my own race, which I have the problem with. The best part about this entire situation is I know it's my problem and I'm the only one who can solve it. Now, I may not have all of those things that you have and that you would want me to have in order to "feel accepted." But, as you may well know, individuality does rule because even though we all are our own person there are some of you out there who seem to need to have other people be a part of you, and that is unhealthy. Those of you who read this article and know me, know who you are. All I can really say is that there is no rest for the wicked. And the weak will remain weak.

Now, I know I am a weak person, in the eyes of all of you, but in the eyes of my maker and the things that do good by me, I am the strongest guy in the world. So I may not have your short hair or your fancy clothes or cars past the year 1985, but see, I have clothes on my back and I can get around on my own when I have to and the only way I will lose my hair is I grow old. So on this final note I ask all of you to do me one small favor. Do what you have to do within yourselves and simply leave me alone. I don't care if you give me the dirty looks, I don't even care if you give me the dirty words, just as long as I am not around when you do it. And also, try being yourselves. Believe me, take it from me, it's a lot of fun.

Kendrace! Miller

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Rape and Sexual Assault Legislation is Being Held Up by State Assembly

From the weekly column of New York State Senator, Ken LaValle, 7-15-94

There is a growing level of fear and frustration in society today - fear that we will become the victim of a crime, and frustration that violence and lawlessness have become a part of everyday life. As legislators, my Senate colleagues and I share the frustration that we cannot enlist the support of the Assembly and the governor to pass tougher anticrime legislation.

Our commitment to making New York a safer place to live and work is demonstrated by the more than 50 bills we passed in the Senate, but which failed to see any action in the Assembly. These proposals cover a wide range of issues, and I intend to devote a series of these weekly columns to explaining the rationale for our effort to strengthen the law.

This week, I want to discuss several bills that would deal with rape and sexual assault. Such crimes of power and domination are among the most vicious, and are even worse by the fact that so many are committed by repeat offenders. One statistic that underscores this fact is from Oregon, where officials at the Oregon State Hospital say that 53 sex offenders reportedly committed more than 25,000 sex crimes.

The bills the Senate passed by overwhelming margins approach the problem from two directions. One bill is the Rape Victims Services Act which would create a statewide rape crisis hotline and provide counseling and referral services. It also would require notification of rape victims if the rapist was infected with the HIV virus, and would legalize state-approved Mace-type sprays. Another bill would enact the Sex Offender Reform Act, which would increase penalties for sex offenders, require convicted sex offenders to participate in treatment programs, and make them provide blood and saliva samples which would be part of a statewide DNA databank.

Other bills would strengthen and expand laws against sexual assault and misconduct against a child, would require persons convicted of both robbery and rape to serve consecutive terms, and would provide that both males and females can be held criminally responsible for sexual misconduct.

There was one note of progress to report. A senate bill that would prohibit a victim's manner of dress from being admitted as evidence in a sexual offense case passed in both houses. After being rejected again and again, I am happy to see at least this part of our program was accepted.

The problem of crime in our society extends far beyond rape and sexual offenses. In next week's column I will detail the Senate's efforts to deal with crimes committed by our young people.

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Clear and Present Danger: Well-Worth the Price of Admission

By Thomas F. Masse
Statesman Editor in Chief

Harrison Ford returns for his second appearance in the role of CIA career man, Jack Ryan, in Tom Clancy's *Clear and Present Danger*. The film, distributed by Paramount Pictures, stars Ford, Willem Dafoe, Ann Archer and James Earl Jones and was released on August 3.

The story is of Ryan, now the Deputy Director of Intelligence (DDI) for the CIA, who lands into a situation where he could end up being the fall guy. His supervisors have received "unofficial" orders from the President to begin covert operations in

Director of Operations (DDO) Robert Ritter (Henry Czerny).

Cutter and Ritter set up the mission which is headed up by a deep cover CIA field operative Mr. Clark (Dafoe). Clark hand-picks a hard-core Latino-American insertion team to infiltrate the Colombian countryside and eliminate cocaine processing plants and the drug lords themselves.

For those who have not read Clancy's novel, the film *Clear and Present Danger* is a fast-paced thriller that keeps the audience on the edge of its seats. However, the movie is often difficult to follow, there

did read the novel often felt uncomfortable at the many storyline and character changes. One subtle change occurs in the film's opening scene. In the book, the Coast Guard cutter's commander is Red Wegener, "the oldest lieutenant-commander in the Coast Guard. . . The Man, the King of Search-and-Rescue missions." However, in the movie, the character's name is changed to DEA agent Fowler (Belita Moreno), and she commands the ship that locates the President's departed friends. Among other changes is the appearance of Ryan in situations in which he did not appear in the book.

The most aggravating change is the political tone that the movie acquired somewhere down the line. "*Clear and Present Danger* is a film for the new political era," said director Phillip Noyce. "This is a film that asks the question, 'When is it appropriate for this [the United States] powerful nation to act and what form should that action take?'" The film not only asks the question, but answers it as well.

Unfortunately, the novel does not ask that question and most likely would have answered it differently. This is indicated in the book just previous to the title page in two quotes: one by Pascal and the other by General Sir John Hackett. Pascal's, the shorter of the two, states, "Law, without force, is impotent."

Outside of the incongruities of the novel and the film, the experience is entirely enjoyable. The action is quick and non-stop. The performances are crisp and on target. Best of all, the characters are believable. Most enjoyable are the special effects coordinated by the father-son team of Joe and Paul Lombardi. The effects are so well designed and implemented, that the audience hardly realizes that it is viewing an effect and not actual footage.

Like its predecessors, *The Hunt for Red October* and *Patriot Games*, *Clear and Present Danger* is as good as the genre of intelligence-military thriller gets. Its clandestine outside-looking-in omnipotence (much like the CIA itself) and frightening realism is what keeps this style at the top of the best-seller and box office lists. If one is willing to look past the changes made by the director and the producers, *Clear and Present Danger*, is well-worth whatever price is charged at the box office. □

PETER GABRIEL'S MIRROR IMAGE: MARTIN PAGE

By Mike Kramer
Special to Statesman

In The House Of Stone And Light is the debut album by Mercury recording artist Martin Page. According to Mercury Record's press release, "The album is Page's spiritual odyssey; with its wide screen scope and its timeless melodies tethered to tribal rhythms, it is at once ancient and futuristic." Page has one major shortcoming; he is a Peter Gabriel wanna-be!

Martin Page comes fairly close to intentionally plagiarizing Peter Gabriel's unique sound and style. As I listened to Page's "Monkey In My Dreams," I was instantly reminded of Gabriel's "Shock The Monkey." It is uncanny how the two songs are almost identical! Don't get me wrong, the album is great, but only if one is into Peter Gabriel. I'm not saying Page is the average no-talent singer, I'm saying he is a really good no-talent singer.

The songs are romantic, yet moody and emotional, which bring to mind images of watching rain fall against a window. The title track is an uplifting and almost religious hymn, that tells of the quest for the path of righteousness within one's own "house of stone and light," which is the soul. "Keeper Of The Flame" is a bouncy reggae type love song, however, it had a generic-type quality that made it uninteresting. I particularly like "In My Room." The song is painful and honest. It recalls in detail a young boy hearing an alcoholic father abuse his mother and vowing, "You won't hit her ever again." I also like "I Was Made For You," which features Phil Collins on percussion. The song is, as the title suggests, a romantic love song that asks: "What are these arms for if I can't hold you through the nights?" The song is beautiful in its poetic promise of love.

Being a fan of Peter Gabriel, I enjoyed *In The House Of Stone And Light*. However, the album had no original sound or style that would give me the urge to run out and buy it. The only urge I get is the one to throw up. "Making this album has been a great adventure of self discovery," says Page. "I've chased away some demons and shed my skin. . ." Well, apparently Martin Page shed his skin and Peter Gabriel emerged. □



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Harrison Ford returns in his role as Jack Ryan in Tom Clancy's third novel-turned-silver-screen-smash, *Clear and Present Danger*.

South America. The mission is to disable the Colombian drug cartels, particularly the one responsible for the deaths of the President's close friends.

Ryan's plight is not helped by - in fact, it is the result of - his boss's (Jones) ailment. The DDI assumes the responsibility of the Director, one for which he has not prepared himself. He is, in essence, thrown to the lions in the National Security Advisor James Cutter (Harris Yulin) and the CIA's Deputy

being many characters and subplots. Granted, it is difficult to cram a nearly-700-page novel into a two-hour film, but so many details are left out that those not knowing the story missed out on a lot. For instance, the significance of a blue-colored bomb is lost. In the military, blue-colored bombs are "practice" bombs, not live ordnance; however, neither the bomb handlers nor the pilot that delivers the weapon realize that the bomb is real - that's covert.

On the other hand, many of those who

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Put These Girls On Hold For Now

By Joe Fraioli
Statesman Managing Editor

Imagine answering the phone one day to a woman claiming to be a 976-girl who wants to give you ten free minutes of phone sex. Only the joke is on you when she finishes her routine and asks how you will pay the \$250 charge for the call.

This was one of the many pranks featured on the album, *The 976-Girls - Phonephuct*, the D.I.L.L.I.G.A.F. Recording Company's second album after their debut release of *The Ballbusters - No Jerkin' Off*. Like *The Ballbusters*, *The 976-Girls* is a phone prank album in which live recordings of telephone conversations are recorded by pranksters trying to get a few laughs off of their unsuspecting victims. The album is the first ever all-female phone prank recording, featuring four young women who consist of the entire cast for the CD.

Phonephuct is a 15 track album lasting slightly over 35 minutes. One of the routines include a jealous 976-girl calling a woman and telling her that her boyfriend has been messing around. Another of the characters asks for a receptionist job in a doctor's office, adding that she will fulfill

any of the doctors' wishes, and another 976-girl asks for speech therapy so she can do her job better over the phone. Unlike D.I.L.L.I.G.A.F.'s first album, their new

release was extremely boring and poorly organized. The pranks were not funny at all, just revolting in that they included a lot of profanity and explicit situations. D.I.L.L.I.G.A.F. seemed to promote these characteristics by stressing the album as

a waste of time and lacked creativity. Each phone call was simply one of the characters calling her victim and making him or her extremely angry. In an ideal phone prank album, such as *The Ballbusters* or *The Jerky Boys*, the victim does not know that he or she is being pranked, they think it is an actual call, whereas in this CD, just about every victim could tell that he or she was being pranked. This only reflected the immaturity of the album and the obvious lack of time put into its compilation. In fact, it was thrown together so poorly that the word "raunchy" was misspelled on the CD cover!

Atlantic Records rated *Phonephuct* as, "Too racy and too rank to distribute!" But, good things come those who wait. The last labelled track on the CD was the only one that actually got me to laugh. It involved one of the females calling up a locksmith in tears asking him to unlock the handcuffs that her boyfriend had put on her and her bed. Only the locksmith caught on that it was a prank when he asked her how she dialed the phone if she was handcuffed. All in all, *Phonephuct* is only for those looking for an extremely raw and raunchy form of entertainment.

The Jerky Boys Dial Up Gold Album

On a sidenote, *The Jerky Boys*, the debut album from Select recording group, was certified as a gold record by the RIAA for U.S. sales in excess of 500,000 units in March. The announcement was made by Atlantic Executive Vice President/General Manager Val Azzoli. Produced by Johnny B. and Lou Gitano, *The Jerky Boys* was released one year from last March.

A collection of 20 candid phone calls made by Jerky Boys Johnny B., Lou Gitano, and Kamal, the album was an underground phenomenon for many years prior to its official release by Select, an Atlantic-distributed label. Word-of-mouth led to explosive sales for the album, which topped the national new artist charts - a first for a comedy/spoken word collection - and entered the national pop album charts for an extended stay. *The Jerky Boys* was 1993's biggest-selling comedy album.

The Jerky Boys are currently preparing a new album expected to be released soon. They have signed a multi-movie deal with Caravan Pictures, a division of Disney Films, and are in the midst of completing their first film. □



The 976-GIRLS

Courtesy of D.I.L.L.I.G.A.F. Recording Co.

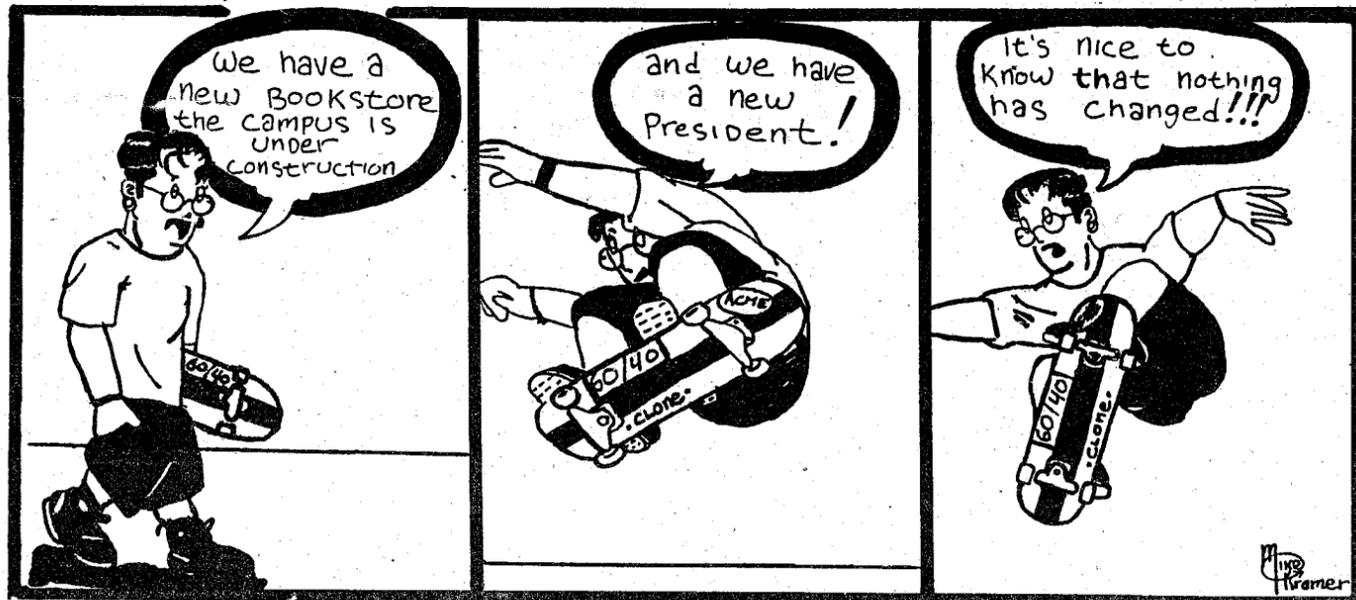
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Take Me Out to the (Foot)ball Game, or Let's Change America's Past-time

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For the baseball fan, it's unlucky thirteen, for it has been 13 years since the last Major League Baseball (MLB) strike - well... 13 years since the last one to which I paid any attention. Unfortunately, the owners and the players haven't learned much since then. Even more unfortunate is that neither have the fans.

At the time of the '81 strike, I was 13 years old. I was playing in the Little Leagues. I had four or five thousand baseball cards. Being from northeastern

Massachusetts, the Red Sox were my team. My favorite player was Carl Yazstremski. But then everything changed.

All my "heroes" went on strike. Sure, we as adults "understand" all of the monetary reasons behind this, but do the kids? Do the kids, who play only for the love of the game, realize what a bunch of money-grubbing, uncaring degenerates their "heroes" are?

For myself, I quit playing baseball after the '81 season. I sold all my cards for a ridiculously low price. And I have seen only four MLB games since - two of them live on free tickets. The other two were World Series games, which I watched because it's my job.

Much has changed since the '81 strike. Players, umpires and referees of every major sport have gone on strike. Many of us have grown used to it; however, I feel that that in itself is a very sad commentary on our society. How can a person who works nine months a year and "earns" seven figures go on strike?

Yeah, I've heard the argument, "If the owners weren't stupid enough to pay them, they wouldn't be asking for it." Then again, if the fans weren't stupid enough to pay \$30 for a ticket, the owners wouldn't pay the players that much. We could argue all day as to who's at fault, but what's the point?

Here's the answer: forget about baseball. Refuse to mourn the loss of the Boys of Summer. Dissolve Major League Baseball and leave the game (after all, it is just a game) to those who love it for the sake of the sport: the kids.

Here is part two of the answer: let's change America's past-time. Let's change it to football or basketball - some sport in which we can win a gold medal.

In fact, let's make it football. No where else in the world do they play football the way we do. The World League was a joke. Football is truly and purely American.

When it's Autumn and it's Saturday, there's nothing like donning a couple of sweatshirts and

heading out to the former Patriot Field to engage in rootin' for the 'Wolves. A hot dog and a soda and 1,500 howling fans is all I need every week to get me through Thanksgiving.

And, of course, on Sunday I can't wait to make lunch, call up some friends and tune into NBC, Fox and ESPN for some hard-core, bone-crunching gridiron glory.

I suppose eventually all the other major sports will go on strike again, since baseball has set the precedent and a bad example; and we'll have to choose another past-time - something like tropical forest burning or assault weapon toting.

Where have you gone Joe DiMaggio?

Waiting for the 'Wolves
On the brighter side of things, many people are gearing up for Stony Brook's upcoming fall athletic schedule. The football team rolls into training camp this week. After posting their best-ever NCAA record last season and losing only seven players, this year looks like it may be the one that puts the Brook and the 'Wolves on the map.

As for the other fall sports, most fans are hoping to see the men's soccer team repeat their conference-winning season, the women's soccer team to improve and come into their own in Division I. The women's tennis team to continue its winning ways, and the University's cross-country squad to run into the Stony Brook record books.

Did I mention the volleyball team? I realize that the loss of a few key players has set you back, but don't let that discourage you. Reach higher than you've ever tried, and the NCAA Tournament will once again be within your grasp.

A TV deal. A new stadium. A conference to call home. Among many others, just three more reasons to bleed Scarlet and Gray.

*These days not a damn soul prays
And there is no faith
'Cause there's nothing to believe in.
from "Blonde Over Blue" by Billy Joel*

To MLB players:
(Sing to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame")
*Take me out to the backyard.
Summer just won't be the same.
Bring me a soft drink and a paper-back.*

*I don't care if you ever come back!
Now, it's root, root, root for the other sports,
'Cause we still don't know who's to blame.*

*So, it's one... two...
Well... two strikes: you're out!
At the old ballgame.* □

Encouraging Words from the Dean of the Division of Athletics

Chance to Enter Conference, TV Deal, Two Stadiums Possible says Laskowski

By Thomas F. Masse
Statesman Editor in Chief

After having two applications rejected by the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYCAC), Stony Brook now may have a choice of two athletic conferences to enter. The news came in a series of bizarre twists over the last week, but no one in the Division of Physical Education and Athletics is complaining.

The NYCAC rejected Stony Brook's application twice this past spring. According to the Dean of the Division, Richard Laskowski, an athletic director from the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) inquired Stony Brook's Director of Men's Athletics, Sam Kornhauser, if the Brook would consider the more northern conference. Kornhauser passed on the information to Laskowski who promptly called the NECC Commissioner, Bill Moore.

"I called my friend at Dowling, Robert Dranoff, because they're in NYCAC," said Laskowski. "I said, 'I'm going to begin formal talks with the NECC conference.'" Two days later, *Newsday* staff writer Steve Marcus called Laskowski and informed the Dean that the NYCAC developed interest in the Seawolves, even after the two rejections.

There are a number of reasons for each conference's interest. For the NECC, adding Stony Brook means adding a Long Island university and expanding its already large recruiting base. It also means adding a school with some of the best facilities in the region, especially now that funding for a new stadium has been approved. For the NYCAC, it appears that the interest is more in keeping the NECC off Long Island than in accepting the school for its own sake.

As far as Stony Brook is concerned, either joining either conference is a plus. "There are some very good schools [in the NECC], both academically and athletically," said Laskowski. Many of them "are teams that in basketball in Division II are very outstanding teams." The NECC, which covers most of New England and now New York with the recent addition of SUNY at Albany, also appears to be more stable, financially. As a result of their athletic success, the NECC received more NCAA post-season money (\$172,000) than any other Division II conference in the country.

On the other hand, the NYCAC is much more convenient and less expensive. "With NYCAC, there are a lot of local schools, the furthest one obviously is Philadelphia Textile," said Laskowski. "Baseball to me is a problem when you do series," he continued. "You travel for a weekend series, you get rained out, you stay over

the next day. It's a really expensive thing between changing the airlines, the extra day in the hotel, feeding the players." Laskowski also said that basketball teams traveling by van in the winter to New England could be problematic.

However, there are distinct advantages just in joining a conference, no matter what their acronym. Scheduling is much easier for a conference-affiliated program than it is for an independent program. Also, publicity-wise, affiliated programs are more likely to receive more frequent coverage. With the NECC, Stony Brook could look forward to a lot of press, but in small papers with small circulations. On Long Island, the Brook would receive limited coverage (though probably more than it does currently) in a paper that is nationally read.

Furthermore, there are disadvantages to each conference. Laskowski has noted the frequent changing of athletic directors and coaches that takes place in the NYCAC, something he would choose to avoid. On the other hand, the NECC could be attractive to prospective athletes, even over Stony Brook. "A lot of students would like to get off Long Island. They see some of these schools [in the NECC]. It would be their advantage to play against us," Laskowski said. "I don't know how many students want to leave New England to come to us at this time."

Laskowski is scheduled to meet with the NECC directors on August 25. He will deliver a formal presentation and obtain as much information as possible. He will also try to obtain the results of a NYCAC mailing which is assumed to read, in essence, "Stony Brook has the opportunity to go to another league. If we want them to stay, we better consider it as soon as possible." When Laskowski has all the information he can secure, he will discuss the pros and cons with Kornhauser, Sandy Weeden (the Director of Women's Athletics) and incoming University President, Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny. Only after meeting with them will he make a final decision. Of course, there is no guarantee that both or either conference will extend an invitation, but Laskowski remains positive. "I think there's a very good possibility that we will have at least one to go with," he said. "If it's only one, then I'm going to take that... I don't think we're going to have a vote. I think it's a done deal then."

Laskowski said he will not submit a formal application until the decision is final. "I wasn't going to re-apply [to the NYCAC] anymore because it was an embarrassment to me and the University," said Laskowski. "The understanding [with the NECC] is that if they don't want us, then we would never have applied. And if we go somewhere else, we don't embarrass them either."

Finally, Laskowski said that he

harbors no hard feelings toward the NYCAC or the people that originally voted against the Brook. "They were concerned that we were going Division I and that we wouldn't be there for long," he said. "They were also concerned about the size of our school and the fact that we have good facilities."

Laskowski likened the situation to that of Notre Dame and the Big East. "If you're struggling athletically, to add another strong team could have its drawbacks. I think the Big East must have considered this when they just let Notre Dame in... the Big East was willing to look past that in order to get another very attractive team. Maybe in Division II that's not the priority, but that's okay."

Stadium Fever
The New York State budget includes \$3.6 million for the construction of a new football/lacrosse/track stadium on the Stony Brook campus. Laskowski is pushing to have the new structure built on top of the current track, which is in desperate need of renovation. Since the track is hardly used - Stony Brook has not hosted an intercollegiate track meet in years - it would make sense to build there than at the present football field. Lacrosse and football will continue to operate business as usual, but the tracksters will need to relocate for up to two years.

But, that's just the beginning of some potentially good news. *Suffolk Life* recently reported that Suffolk County legislators, led by Donald Blydenburgh (R-Hauppauge), are looking into building a major stadium in the county. The stadium, which legislators hope to house a Major League Baseball franchise or a National Football League team, is likely to be a domed-type, possibly retractable. Laskowski expressed interest in finding out more. "I would like to talk to whoever it is... about the possibility of bringing that stadium to Stony Brook," he said. "I think that would be a great asset."

Laskowski said that there may be a chance that land by University Medical Center may be attractive for such a plan. If such a plan is plausible, Laskowski asserts that it would be a "tremendous, tremendous boost to the University" and to the local high schools, which would likely be able to use the facility periodically.

SportsChannel Still Interested
Solidifying a position in a conference will add to Stony Brook's likelihood of finalizing a TV deal with New York SportsChannel. The Division is tentatively planning to deal for five televised events: September 27, women's soccer versus Hofstra; October 15, football versus Norwich (Homecoming); and three spring lacrosse dates, including games against North Carolina, Rutgers and one other team.

"We have to get the word out," said Laskowski. "This deal is going to throw us into the limelight." □