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Admin Announces Changes In Management

By DOMINICK A. FORTUGNO
Statesman Staff

In a memorandum to the Stony Brook campus community, George Meyer, the assistant vice president for Presidential Initiatives and deputy to the President, gave his public thanks to Gary Matthews and Florence Boroson, two dedicated, hardworking faculty members who recently stepped down from their respective positions.

Meyer applauded Matthews' "leadership and caring vigilance," as the assistant to the President for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, and the "Caring stewardship... wisdom, fairness, willingness to help, and effective resolution skills," of

Boroson, who served as Campus Community Advocate.

Although Matthews left his position within the Affirmative Action Office in what he believes is a "good opportunity to let someone else step in," he intends to remain close to the department as an advising assistant. Matthews stated that he will still play a part, but more from the perspective of an active campus community member.

In actuality, Matthews is involved with several administrative positions, and has played such active roles in departments ranging from Human Resources to Campus Services. In his memorandum, Meyer stated that

Matthews held the position in the Equal Opportunity Department for two and a half years, and that he [Meyer] knows that he can "count on [Matthews'] ongoing support and mentorship as the Affirmative Action Office is re-staffed and organized in the days ahead."

Matthews explained that he has been carrying out duties towards "the development of University affirmative action plans," and that he has been "involved in community outreach." According to Matthews, his job also dealt with the investigation of complaints lodged against the University on confidential issues such as race and equal opportunity.

In the future, Matthews says the focus of the department will shift towards concentrating on diversity in the faculty. He went on to say that he will be helping to "improve the overall living and learning environment for students." Matthews commented that he has already played a part in such advents to the University setting as the increased number of parking spaces on campus, increased access to bus transportation and the added tables and chairs, umbrellas and benches in the academic mall, and he hopes that efforts continue to make the campus a warmer, more sociable place where students can congregate.

Boroson, who will retire from the position of Campus Community Advocate on February 28, founded the position in 1990.

She stated that her intentions were to build a center to serve as a troubleshooting department for the University.

"Any kind of problem with Stony Brook—faculty, student, staff, anyone we [the department] handle confidentially," she said. Boroson stated that she has been proud with the center's progress towards achieving these goals, and that she, "takes pride in what we do."

Boroson stated that the center is open to anyone, and they hear all different types of disputes such as, financial aid, housing, conflicts between students, grading disputes, etc.

"The center has had a wonderful response thus far these past seven years. It was created to be a very helpful office," she said. Students who wish to contact the office can call 632-9200, or they can walk into the office, located in room 114 of the Humanities building.

"I hope the office will continue to aim students in the right direction," Boroson concluded.

According to Meyer, "an internal search will be conducted for a permanent Campus Community Advocate in the near future." □

Relief is on the Way for Those Who Use Handicapped Parking

By RAYA EID
Statesman Staff

Students and other patrons of Stony Brook who have physical handicaps had been able to utilize the special designated handicapped parking spaces behind the SBS building for quite some time now. However, due to temporary construction of the Life Science's Annex nearby, these spaces have been rendered unavailable.

Construction workers have been occupying these spaces with their own vehicles and the handicap parking signs were removed in the process. This is an inconvenience which has not gone unnoticed by members of the University community. Monica Roth, coordinator for Disabled Student Services, reassures students that the handicap signs will be put back up behind SBS. Roth also mentioned that 12 new handicap spots

are going to be added to the new student activities center.

Problems concerning handicap parking facilities are not unique to the SBS lot. According to Doug Little, assistant director of Community and Traffic Affairs for University Police, 35 invalid handicap stickers have been confiscated this semester alone. Little feels very strongly about illegal parking. "Handicap spots are spots that no one is

allowed to park in unless they have a valid handicap sticker," said Little. "If they don't have a valid permit, we will ticket them." Little also urges anyone who has a complaint or sees someone parking illegally to report it and call 632-AUTO.

Although problems still persist with illegal parking and invalid handicap stickers, Roth believes that "Public Safety has been doing a fabulous job catching people and scaring away violators," and considering the importance of this issue, she said she hopes that Public Safety continues to do so. □



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Although finding a parking spot in general is difficult, it is even more so for someone who requires a handicapped parking spot. Many times, the spaces are being taken by drivers who are illegally park in those designated spots.

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Black History Month Calendar

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Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry and the Langmuir Living Learning Center present "Stolen Bones: African Influence on American Music," - a concert featuring Kelly Armor and David Sturtevant. 9 p.m., Langmuir Fireside Lounge

Tuesday, February 11

"Reflections," an exhibition of Robin Holder prints. SB Union Art Gallery. On view until Wednesday, February 26.

"Brave New World," art exhibition. University Affairs Art Gallery. Reception in Administration building, Room 230, 4-5 p.m. On view until Friday, February 28.

Wednesday, February 12

Print Making Demonstration, Robin Holder, Art Department, 10:30 a.m.

"Reflections," artist reception and informal talk. SB Union Art Gallery, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

"Black Love Poems and Letters from a Rock Against the Wind," Poetry Center, Humanities, Room 195, 7 p.m.

Tribute to Black Women, Uniti Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Friday, February 14

"In the Mood," Celebration of Black Love with poetry, jazz and more. End of the Bridge, SB Union, 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

"Cultural Program Dance Performance, Uniti Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18

"What you should know about Affirmative Action," panel discussion, Whitman College, Main Lounge, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

"Sing Sing Celebration," artistic theatric performance. Fireside Lounge, SB Union, 1 p.m.

"Tribute to Black Music," Uniti Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

"Ladysmith Black Mombazo," Staller Center Main Stage, 8 p.m. Tickets \$24/22, students, \$11.

Black History Month Semi-Formal, SB Union Ballroom, 5 p.m. Keynote Speaker, Lauren Niles, Tickets \$12 with SBID before 2/22, all others \$15 at box office.

Sunday, February 23

African American Read-in. Bring your poems, essays and thoughts to share. Uniti Cultural Center, 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, February 26

Tribute to Black Revolutionaries, Uniti Cultural Center, Roth Quad Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Friday, February 28

Taking It Back to the Essence II, Fireside Lounge, 8 p.m.

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This Week's Calendar of Events

Monday, February 10

Donald B. Kuspit, a noted critic and member of the Department of Art, will speak at 3 p.m. at the Staller Center. Kuspit's topic is "The Psychoanalytic Construction of Art." The public is invited and admission is free. For more information, call 632- 7264.

Wednesday, February 12

Stony Brook Players Welcome Back meeting will be held from 12:40 - 2:00 p.m. in Theatre 2 of the Staller Center. Stony Brook Players is an independent organization of actors, technicians and patrons of the Arts.

Saturday, February 15

Conductor Gustav Meier will lead the Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra in concert, at 8:00 p.m. on the Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. Tickets are available at the Staller Center box office, 632-7230. Tickets \$12 general admission, \$10 students and senior citizens.

A free pre-concert lecture will be given by Murat Eyuboglu at 7:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall. For more information call 632-7330.

Sunday, February 16

The exciting new early music ensemble, Amfiparnaso, will make its Long Island debut on the Baroque Sundays at Three series in the recital hall of the Staller Center. Concert begins at 3 p.m. and admission is free. A nominal good-will offering is requested to offset concert expenses and help further early music at Stony Brook. For more information, call the Music department at 632-7330.

Corrections

The Police Blotter, which was on page 3 of Thursday's issue ran an incident that read "During the dispersal of a party, a riot erupts in the Student Union Ballroom causing the injury of several students." The sentence should have read as follows, "A party held in the Student Union Ballroom was dispersed due to a riot that occurred during the event."



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NYPIRG: Serving the Students at Stony Brook

First "Open House to be Held on Tuesday

By ALEXANDRA CRUZ
Statesman Editor

For over the past 20 years, the New York Public Interest Research Group, established and run by students has been serving them as a resource on active citizenship, especially on organizing around issues that affect college students. Stony Brook is one of the 20 schools in the state, which have NYPIRG chapters located on their campuses.

"We teach college students to be active citizens," said Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, NYPIRG Suffolk County project coordinator, who manages the office on campus. He said this is done by educating students on issues that he said affects them. Consumer action, budget cuts to education, the environment, homelessness and voter registration are just some of the issues he names.

Last semester NYPIRG along with several other organizations on campus, ran a voter registration drive that registered more than 1,700 students who resided on campus.

On election day while students were being bussed to the polling site in Stony Brook, Fiore-Rosenfeld explained step by step what students should expect in the voting booth.

For the first time ever, a polling site will be located on campus during the next November elections. "NYPIRG was a major player in getting polling booths onto campus," said Nicole Rosner, Faculty Student Association president and former

Polity vice-president.

Not only has NYPIRG rallied on making voting easier for students, they also compiled reports on student-oriented issues.

In December, NYPIRG released a guide to help students choose a bank based on their financial needs. The report, which Fiore-Rosenfeld helped compile, lists every bank in Suffolk County. It lists both checking and savings accounts, and what kinds of benefits and charges come with the different accounts. "Students may know what they want but they may not know what questions to ask," Fiore-Rosenfeld said. Just recently, NYPIRG also released a six-year study comparing SUNY with other public higher education systems across the nation.

NYPIRG was founded on the principle of empowering college students to affect public policy, Fiore-Rosenfeld said. "My job is like a coach on civic activism."

According to Fiore-Rosenfeld, a group of students, with the help of Ralph Nader, created NYPIRG back in 1972. They created it to not just rally students together on educational issues but on others as well. "College Students have always been on the forefront of progressive change. . . look at Bosnia, and what happened in China in Tiananmen Square, students have always" been leading the world in democratic progressive stands on issues.

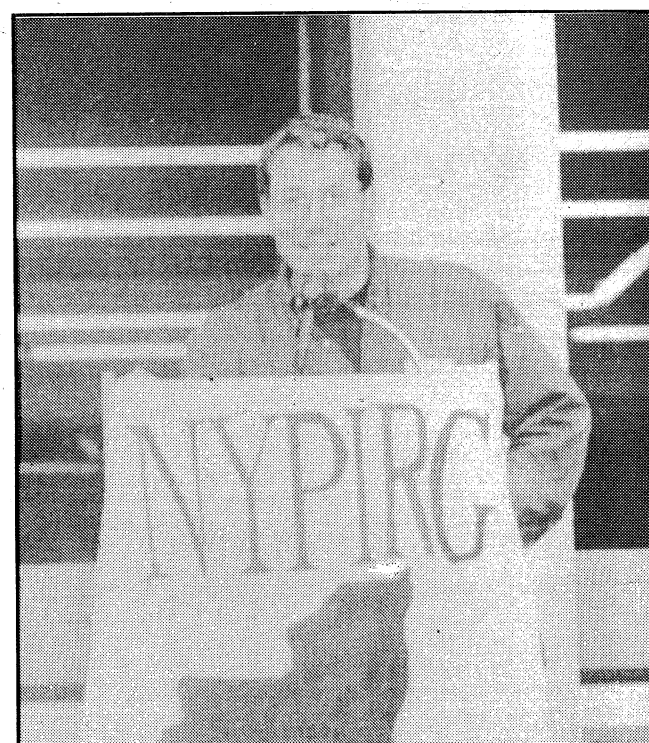
The organization gained national respect in 1983 after drafting and

lobbying to pass "The Bottle Bill," to establish recycling of all soda cans and bottles by having a .5 cent deposit charged on them, said Fiore-Rosenfeld.

NYPIRG, which is not-for-profit and non-partisan, is run by a Board of Directors which is composed entirely of students elected from the 20 campuses which have NYPIRG chapters. The amount of students at each campus determines the amount of representatives that campus will receive. According to Fiore-Rosenfeld, Stony Brook had two members on the Board of Directors. Those Board of Directors choose what issues NYPIRG will get involved in.

NYPIRG is located in the basement of the Student Union in Room 079. For more information they can be reached at 632-6457.

With their accomplishments, Fiore-Rosenfeld said they were a major force in lobbying students.



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NYPIRG Project Coordinator Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, at last semester's Student Action Meeting.

NYPIRG is "better than any other group on campus in getting students involved," said Rosner. "Students benefit from NYPIRG because of the outlet it gives to voice their opinion."

NYPIRG is having its first "Open House" Student Action Meeting of the spring semester. It will take place this Tuesday, from 8 - 9 p.m. in the Student Union Bi-Level. □

SB Scientist Receives \$200,000 Grant

(UNS) - The American Cancer Society has awarded \$200,000 to a Stony Brook scientist to continue his research on genes that cause cancer.

The scientist, Dr. Craig C. Malbon, a Leading Professor and Vice-Dean of the University's Medical Center, will use the American Cancer Society grant to support his research in oncogenes, genes that can cause cancers. Internationally recognized, Malbon's research focuses upon G-proteins. G-proteins function as molecular switches that turn important cellular pathways "on" and "off" in response to hormones and growth factors. The Malbon laboratory has shown that G-proteins are critical to mammalian development. Mutations in G-proteins can alter growth, alter metabolism and sometimes create tumors in various human tissues.

"G-proteins are critical elements in human development," said Malbon, whose laboratory has played a leading role in learning how these proteins regulate cell development and how their mutations may cause cancer. "The American Cancer Society continues to provide generous support for these exciting studies," he points out.

A native of Rhode Island, Malbon was educated in New England and received a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from Case Western

Reserve University. His postgraduate training was conducted in the Division of Biology and Medicine at Brown University.

Malbon joined the Department of Pharmacological Sciences at Stony Brook in 1978, establishing the Diabetes & Metabolic Disease Research Program in 1980. He served as Associate Dean, School of Medicine from 1988 to 1993 and was the University's first Vice-President for Research, a post he held from 1993 to 1996. He holds the title of Leading Professor in the School of Medicine and was appointed ViceDean of Scientific Affairs at University Medical Center last year. Malbon is a resident of Wading River, Long Island. □

By NADIA PERSAUD
Statesman Editor

The Long Island College Coalition is proud to host the 3rd Annual Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered Northeast College Campus Conference. This event will take place during the weekend of April 11, 12, and 13 on the Stony Brook campus.

The Long Island College Coalition is excited to bring the LGBT Conference to Long Island, continuing the tradition

started by SUNY Albany three years ago. The 3rd Annual College Conference is designed with two main goals: to educate college students about current queer issues, and to unite the Northeast LGBT college organizations. This year's conference promises to have more workshops, programs and caucuses. The cost is \$25 and includes all workshops, buffet dinner, a dance and lots more! Only \$15 for L.I. high

school students.

This is your chance to prove that there is a strong, active and supportive College Community on Long Island. To find out how you can get involved visit the Stony Brook LGBT located in the Student Union Room 045A. Please call (516) 632-6469 or leave an e-mail address at PRIDE@ic.sunysb.edu. We look forward to hearing from you. □

Fall '96 NYPIRG Highlights

Below is a list of highlights of what NYPIRG accomplished last fall:

roundtable discussion in the Union Fireside lounge.

- Registered with the Campus Coalition over 1,700 students to vote, persuaded the Board of Elections to create an on-campus polling site for resident students and organized a candidate debate in the student union, compiled a Suffolk County Voter Action Library on the candidate running for office in Suffolk County. The Get Out the Vote Drive led to an 85% turnout among students registered to an 85 percent turnout among students registered to vote at USB.

- Organized a Homeless Awareness Forum held in the Student Union with movies and speakers to educate the campus community on homelessness issues in Suffolk.

- Conducted surveys throughout Suffolk producing a "Shopping Smart," guide on bank fees and a "Toy Safety Report 1996" with tips for parents on the hidden dangers of some toys for children.

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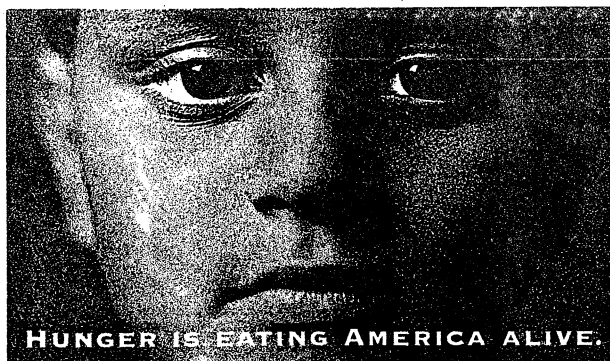
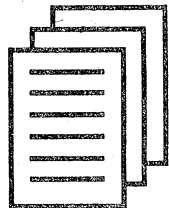
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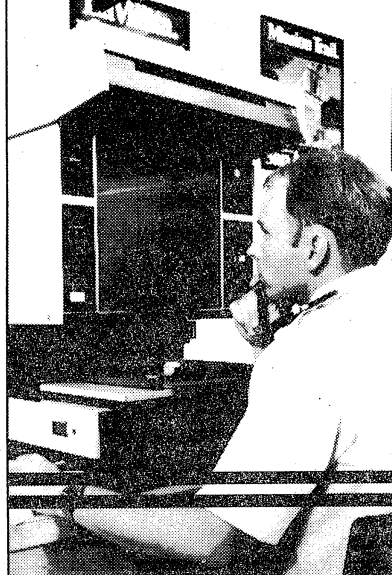
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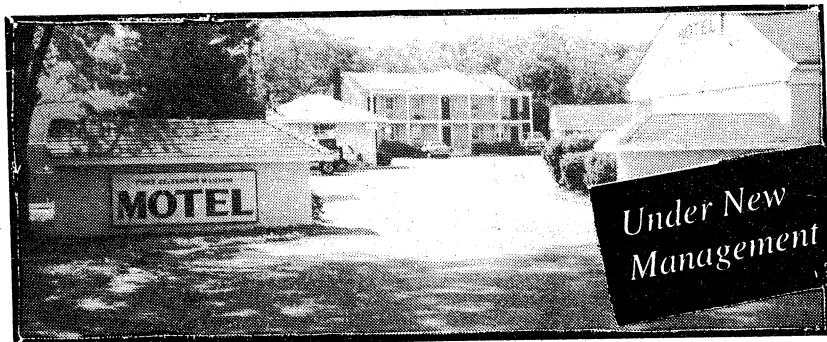
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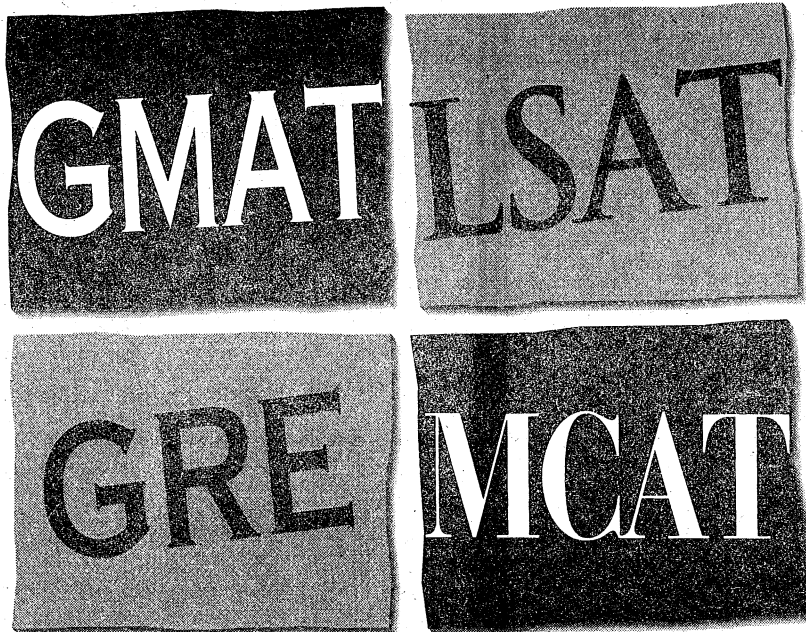
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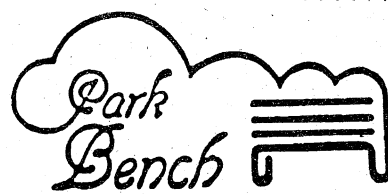
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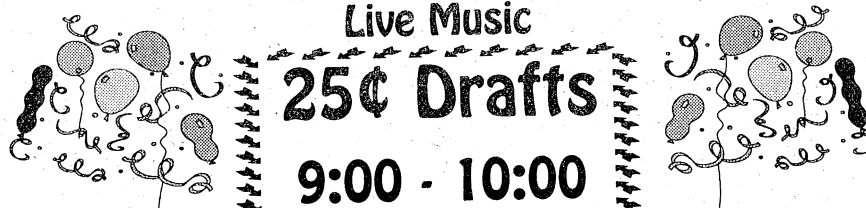
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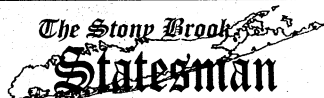
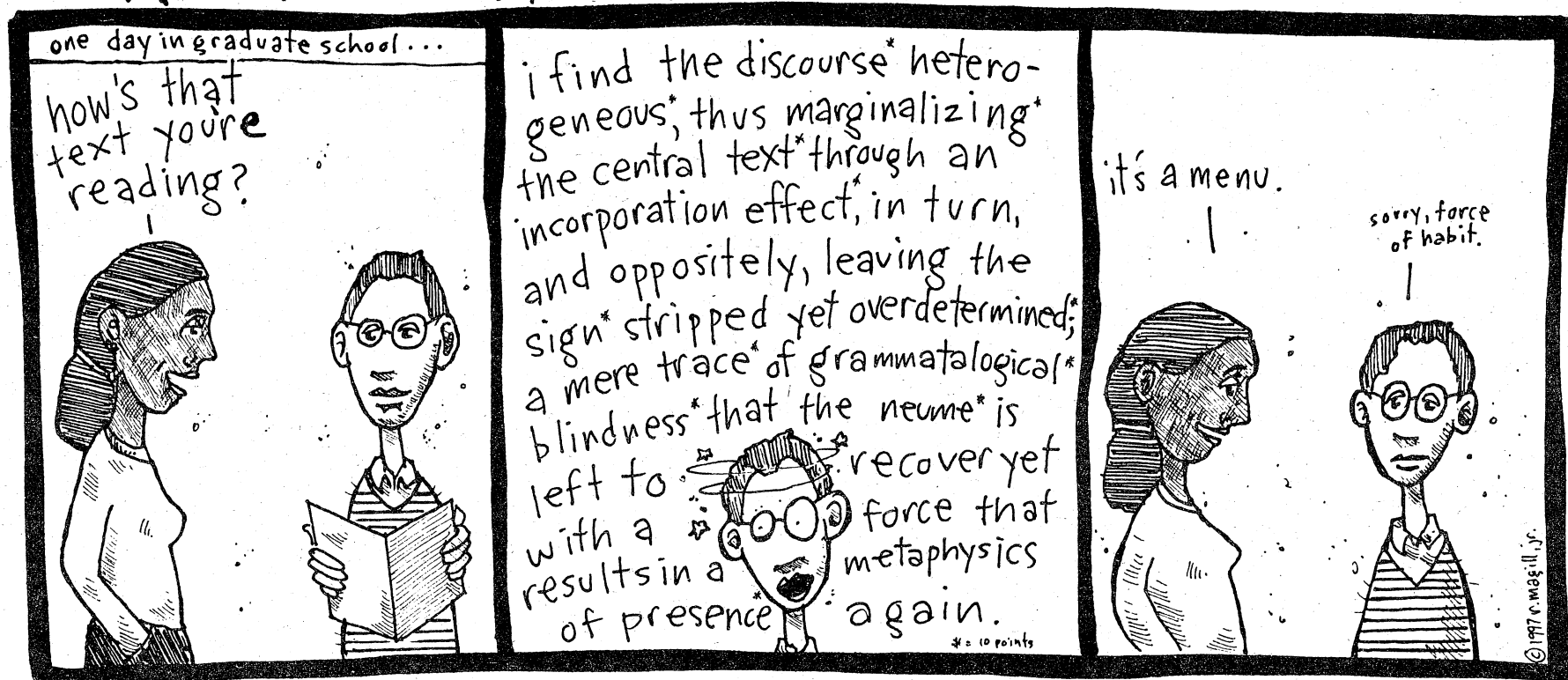
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AΦA Fraternity Apologize for Events at Party

To the Editor,

We, the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rho Rho Chapter would like to sincerely apologize to all those who witnessed, or were victims of the inexcusable actions that took place during the event a few days ago, on January 31. We would like for it to be known that the brutish display of barbarianism here at Stony Brook did all it could within its power to quell the fight, we could only do so much in that when people of brutish mentality want to cause a ruckus, they will find a way, no matter who they hurt. Our great fraternity was founded on the grounds of, "Many deeds, Scholarship, and Love for all mankind." This we have tried, and succeeded in living up to for over 90 years!

We cannot lay blame on one person, nor can we go without saying that as we grow older, so should our actions. Unfortunately, that does not hold true for some. True as it is that we as humans are not infallible, what sets Alpha Phi Alpha apart, as a whole, from other organizations is that we are not afraid to fail, for that is the true test of a man. Others find it intolerable for others to be as good or better than they; therefore they lash out destructively!

Black Greek fraternities in the nineties need to take a real good look

at themselves and ask the question, "Would many of the world's great men of color who happened to be members of Black Greek fraternities, just a few of which include the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the late Justice Thurgood Marshall, Rev. Jessie L. Jackson, Attn. Johnny Cochran, and countless of others, be pleased with what these 'Brotherhoods' have become?" You

be the judge. Let's not pinpoint the situation that we as people of color on this campus, are in to only "Greeks." Whether you are "Greek or not, does not excuse the apathy towards and lack of respect and love for one another that we all suffer from. When will the day come that we will be able to truthfully say that we are "Free at last, free at last...?" People of color, do you realize that we are the most

self-destructive people on the face of the earth?

In the wake of all that has come of this incident, and thousands of others like it, The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha ask all people of color - why?

DaShawn Thompson
President Rho Rho Chapter
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Injustice Done By Student Affairs

To the Editor:

I am writing a letter regarding my hearing in February before the Student Judiciary to answer severe complaints involving harassment and the actions the University took. These actions are based on allegation made by a couple of female students here on campus.

First, my rights were seriously violated by these women. They know my phone number and who my employer is outside this university, and yet I don't even know their names.

But second, my basic rights were not met by impartiality in Mr. Gary Mis' office on February 5. They handed me a typed statement, and Mis recommended that I withdraw from the University and save trouble. I had been judged guilty by Mis, before I was ever given a chance to tell my side of the story. All this resulted from free innocent activity. My side was never to be heard. I was prejudged. That's

not the law.

Based on Mis' refusal to mediate with myself and these other women unknown to me, I proceeded to seek an appointment with Stony Brook's president. Hopefully that will go better, before the embarrassment on February 27 at the hearing.

I believe my rights were taken away by the assumed guilt and the nature of the investigation here. I must go to that hearing. I have no choice but to go.

I now believe Mis has regrettably misused his power and the trust students place in a man who directs student affairs. Beware.

I close to say in my defense that I, like other people have limits and shortcomings and problems. I am a good person, well liked and respected, a mother and a worker. I have no political ties, no criminal record; I'm just a normal person.

Of course I regret any insult or injury implied by my actions. I tried to apologize, but in no way was I given the chance to. Now I have to obey a restriction order.

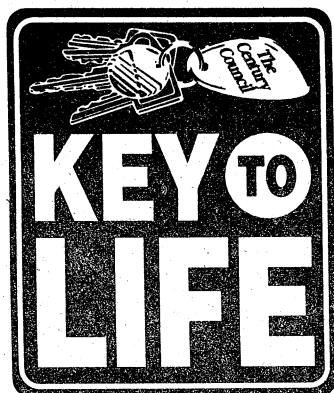
On the other hand, I have received an overblown reaction involving two events already from these people, and I myself have had to request intervention by campus security.

It's regrettable that I may now have to take a leave based on this.

This University is one of the best and the biggest schools in the New York State system. I appreciate the privilege to attend this school, with all sincerity. I am responsible for my actions. But, I also know what the rules are.

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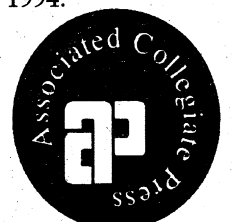
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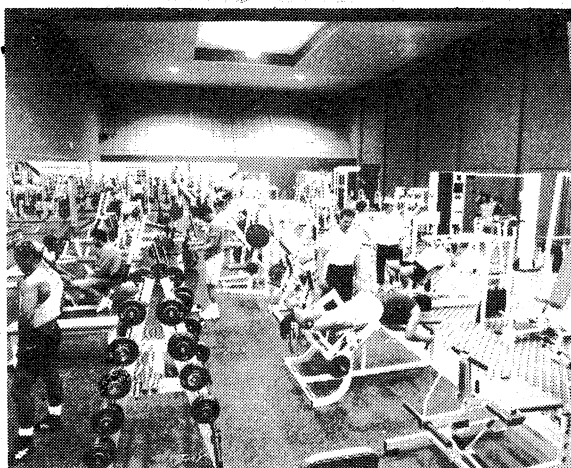
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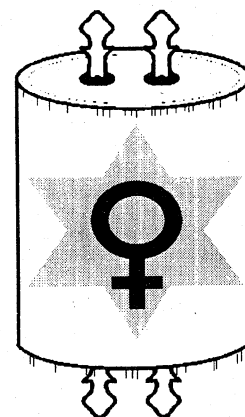
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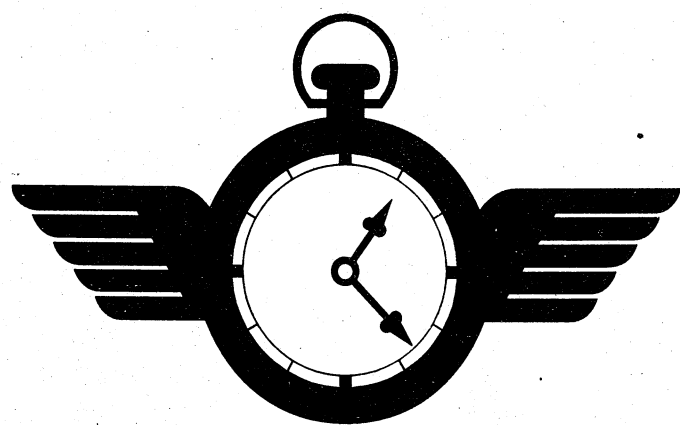
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Monday, February 10, 1997

Striking a Chord: Paying tribute to "The Smiths"

By MARC WEISBAUM
Statesman Staff

One of the most acclaimed bands ever, period, is **The Smiths**. The band had a totally original sound and one of the most original vocalists of any band, whether you liked them or not. Well, as everybody knows, the band split up and vocalist **Morrissey** went on to have an extremely successful solo career. Of course, like all legendary bands, there is finally an album that pays tribute to them: *The World*

Still Won't Listen.

Some of these covers are pretty loyal to the originals, while others nobody would ever believe were ever really derived from Marr and company's compositions. **The Meatmen** check in with "How Soon Is Now" which was also recently done (and received quite some airplay) by **Love Spit Love** for the soundtrack to *The Craft*. While I wouldn't claim myself to be a Smiths fan, this has always been one of my favorite songs of

theirs and Meatmen play it fairly straight but, of course, making it a bit heavier. Only complaint is some of their alterations on the lyrics which one could never see Morrissey singing. **A.C.** (if you don't know what it stands for, it can't be printed here!) offer us "You're Gonna Need Someone On Your Side" and it's quite interesting to hear Seth and his boys actually playing a song instead of screaming for four seconds and giving the "song" a humorous title.

The biggest surprise on this collection is **Leeway's** interpretation of "The Last Of The Famous International Playboys." Eddie Sutton does a great emulation of Morrissey and the band as a whole keeps a great feel contained in the original. While many bands on cover albums tend to make the song more theirs than the original artists', Leeway have found the perfect marriage of both. Other hard hitters are NYHC'ers **Subzero** with "What Difference Does It

Make" and punksters **Down By Law** doing "London." A total of 18 different songs by 18 different bands show the far reaches that The Smiths' music had. The only strange thing is when reading the liner notes to the album, it becomes clear that not all the people involved are fans of the group. It seems a bit bizarre to pay tribute to a band you aren't too fond of.

This tribute is the first release by the newly

formed Chord Records, a sub-label of Too Damn Hype Records. Their next release planned is a tribute to **The Clash** (finally!). In addition to the label, the Chord people also put out a zine by the same name (formerly All That). The zine covers a wide variety of underground and indie oriented music from **Avail** to **Warzone** to **Reverend Horton Heat**. Also, they don't just hype and promote their own releases and just give them good reviews and opt to offer a non bias view at non mainstream music. The latest issue (# 10) covers **Henry Rollins**, **Descendents** and tons more. It also comes with a 26 song CD sampler of bands from **Against All Authority** to **Yellow Scab**. The CD also comes with the contact addresses for all of the bands that it showcases. Chord offers more in its pages than most of the major magazines offer in theirs, not counting advertisements, of course.

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"Lovesick"- Relationship Addiction

We all spend a considerable amount of time exploring, mulling, discussing and defining what our significant relationships represent within our lives. Being involved in emotionally, sexually and spiritually intimate relationships enriches our lives, our growth process, our communication skills and our ability to open and share. Loving and feeling loved embraces our fears and enables us to tolerate the harder, more conflicted parts of living. The experience of intimate connectedness invites us to identify and locate our own strengths as well as the powerful strength that is often born from an intimate union.

Inherent and necessary in our significant relationships is a certain degree of dependency. This dependency to nurture and be nurtured propels us forward to seek intimacy and to experience others beyond the superficial. In addition to dependency in a healthy relationship, however, there are other drives that each person possesses that help maintain a necessary

The Life Column Deborah Freund-Baldwin

separateness, or, if you will, boundary of self. Separateness, or the ability to define and value one's self outside a relationship versus solely through a relationship is an important quality even within the context of a relationship. It is the assumption that if you "have a life" in addition to your significant relationship, you have a multitude of experiences. This input refreshes and inspires a relationship and more importantly, affords you a landscape of resources from which you can be nurtured (i.e. friends, family, school, sports, art, religion, etc.) You are then less inclined to feel that the relationship is the only resource available to you to meet your needs. By definition, you are less dependent within your relationship, more self reliant, and therefore, most likely involved in your relationship for reasons other than dependency.

Sometimes, relationships can be defined as an addictive substance, not unlike drugs, alcohol, gambling, spending. You may be saying to yourself that this notion is crazy; how can an interaction be like a drug? Addiction in general involves more than the actual use of a substance. It includes specific dysfunctional patterns of thinking, feeling, perceiving and behaving that eventually and progressively undermined and impairs self-esteem, autonomy, self-growth, judgment, communication, effective coping, and general wellness.

When reflecting on your significant relationship, what kinds of questions can you pose to yourself to help you evaluate whether you are addicted to your relationship?

Here is a sampling: Does your self-worth depend on the approval or affirmation of your

important other?

-Are most of your decisions based on how your important other feels or reacts to you?

-Do you surrender your priorities and goals to "keep peace;" to keep the relationship going?

-Do you avoid expressing certain feelings so as to not make your important other upset, angry or disapproving?

-Have you noticed that you have isolated yourself from family or friends??

-Do you tend to rationalize or make excuses for your important other's inappropriate or offensive behavior?

-Do you give up your needs for fear that these needs may cause conflict in the relationship?

-Have you noticed that you are not working to your potential in other areas of your life?

-Do you ruminate over the relationship so much that your concentration on other tasks is impaired?

-Do you remain in the relationship even though your psychological and/or physical well-being is endangered?

-Do you expect the relationship or important other to settle conflict for you or make it all better?"

-Do you feel lost, invisible or nonexistent when separated from your important other?

-Can you tolerate spending time alone or time without contact with your important other?

-Is your self-esteem and happiness dependent on what happens in your significant relationship?

-Do you consistently feel you "give too much" in relationships?

-Has your body weight changed significantly since your involvement with your important other?

These are only some of the indicators of relationship addiction. If you identify with some or all of the above, you need to explore your relationship involvement. This may be a less frightening journey if you reach out to others. On campus, you may contact the University Counseling Center, or make an appointment resource called Long Island Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA), a Twelve-step support group similar to Alcoholics Anonymous or Alanon at 336-6323. This number will provide you with meeting information. □

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