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Polity ready to act

Plans 'Save SUNY' rally for next Wednesday

By David Joachim
Statesman Editor-in-Chief

The Student Polity Association has "educated itself" about the current SUNY budget crisis and says it is now ready to take action, according to Polity President Dan Slepian.

Polity's first course of action will be a "Save SUNY" rally next Wednesday in the administration building, co-sponsored by Polity and the Graduate Student Organization.

"So far we've been uncommitted," Slepian told the Polity Senate last night. "Our only stand is that we want to save SUNY at this point."

Slepian said that the only issues Polity has

taken stands against have been the transportation fee and health fee. "The other fees, we have publicly said we don't like, but we are accepting them because we have no choice at this point."

According to Slepian, the recent \$50.9 million cut in SUNY's budget, added to SUNY's \$10 million energy shortfall due to rising fuel costs — a result of the Persian Gulf crisis — will force a 6.2 percent "across-the-board" cut for Stony Brook. This will result in the layoff of up to 350 Stony Brook employees and a cut of 3,000 class sections SUNY-wide.

Slepian expressed concern for Gov. Mario Cuomo's recent proposal to cut TAP awards by \$100. Added to the proposed \$150 per semester tuition hike, "We are actually facing a double tuition hike for people who receive TAP," said Slepian.

Although University President John

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Statesman/Chris Vacirca

University President John Marburger played the role of a student yesterday as part of the 'Trading Places' event. Above, Marburger (left) puts in hours as the Student Union Building Manager. See story on page 3.

State considers \$300 SUNY tuition increase

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—State lawmakers are considering raising yearly tuition at the State University of New York by \$300, beginning in the spring semester, a legislative aide said yesterday.

Assembly Speaker Mel Miller told rank-and-file legislators on Tuesday that a \$150 per semester increase may be considered as part of a plan to close the state's projected \$1 billion budget deficit, said Geoffrey Taylor, Miller's spokesman.

The Legislature is due back in Albany next week in a special session to deal with the budget problems and other issues.

The University says it must find \$10 million in additional savings to offset energy cost increases brought on by the Persian Gulf crisis.

SUNY tuition has been \$1,350 a year since 1983. Although tuition has not increased, the university has raised a host of fees in recent years.

Cuomo, who vetoed a \$200 a year tuition increase two years ago, has not ruled out raising tuition to deal with the state's latest fiscal problems.

Any tuition increase approved by the Legislature and Cuomo would be subject to approval of the SUNY trustees, who are scheduled to meet Dec. 20.

Buffalo student senate dumps SASU

By Eric F. Coppolino
Student Leader Press Service

BUFFALO, Nov. 28 — Student senators at the University at Buffalo voted overwhelmingly yesterday to pull funding of the Student Association of the State University (SASU).

SASU said it would respond to the action with a lawsuit.

The brief resolution to cut off funding to the statewide student advocacy group passed by a vote of 14 in favor and 6 against.

The resolution read:

"Be it resolved that the Student Association of the University of Buffalo discontinue all funding to the organization known as the Student Association of the State University (SASU). Be it further resolved that [SA] disavows membership in the organization known as SASU."

Sources said that the action was organized by SA President Kelly Sahner, who told senators, "For four years this has been going on. Finally let's do it." Sahner was apparently referring to problems of past SA administrations with the 20 year-old student advocacy group.

No Statements

Discussion lasted two hours, though senators used the meeting rules to prevent SASU officers, who traveled from Albany, the opportunity to make any statements or defend their organization.

"We were not allowed to speak," SASU Executive Vice President Mary Kate Cullen said last night. "We would have been glad to discuss what SASU is and what SASU does, but we were not given the chance to educate them, nor were we given a chance to answer any of the allegations that were raised."

"I don't think I've ever been that frustrated," Cullen continued, adding that she felt "bashed by people who would not listen to what I know is true."

While five different senators attempted to yield the floor to Cullen or SASU President Judith Krebs, speakers besides senators can be silenced if one member objects. Each time, different senators objected to allowing Krebs or Cullen to speak, with the fifth objection coming from Sahner. At UB, members of the SA executive board and other appointed people serve as voting members of the senate, along with 12 elected members.

Involves Conference Incident

Sources inside SA said they believe Sahner's decision to organize the action was the result of an incident that occurred in Buffalo at a SASU conference in October.

The incident involved several black senators who were ousted from the elections on a technicality, accusing Sahner and the student government of racial bias and abuse of student funding. The senators publicly alleged that Sahner had abused SA funding while on a trip this summer to the US Stu-

dent Association conference. Sahner has denied all allegations.

But Sahner is reported to have been angry with SASU officers for not siding with her in the dispute. She was not available for comment on these issues.

Class Action Lawsuit Possible

SASU officers said last night that they had contacted their attorney about filing a class action lawsuit to block the senate's action. Because SASU is funded directly through the student activity fee by a referendum, they said that the SA senate does not have the right to pull funding between referendums.

The most recent referendum was passed by students earlier in the semester.

Student Polity Association President Dan Slepian told *Statesman* last night that although he has problems with SASU, the UB senate's decision was "premature." He said that he had planned to discuss the matter at a meeting of University Center presidents next week in Binghamton, where they were supposed to "make a decision collectively."

The United States Student Association was faced with a similar situation recently in which a student senate cut funding protected by a referendum. USSA sued the student government at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and had its funding restored by a judge. The final judgement was handed down earlier in the semester.

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Senator Eugene McCarthy speaks on Persian Gulf crisis

By Lydia Johnston
Statesman Staff Writer

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McCarthy gave a general overview of the mentality of the Cold War and compared it to Vietnam and the crisis in the Gulf.

He discussed how, as opposed to the crisis in the Persian Gulf, Vietnam developed much more slowly. And, that the U.S. did not install enough power at the beginning of Vietnam, which added to its downfall. The fact that it developed over a period of twenty years, which was a major factor, gave society too much time to become critical of the war, said McCarthy.

In addition, the presence of the draft added much unrest and disapproval, which was heard throughout the nation. All of these factors "were responsible for the lack of success in Vietnam and now the U.S. has them in effect working," said McCarthy.

In comparison to today's situation in the Persian Gulf, McCarthy felt that since it developed within a smaller time frame, only four months, it gave little time for any criticisms to develop. Also, the U.S. has had a sufficient amount of power present in Kuwait from the beginning. McCarthy felt that the fact that the armies present in the Persian Gulf are volunteers, makes resistance much lower than if a draft was in effect.

During Vietnam more and more objectives were needed to justify the United States' presence of military until the U.S. was there "to save the free world," according to McCarthy. In comparison to today, he explained how at first, the U.S. was present in the Gulf to protect Saudi Arabia. Then, the U.S. was present to liberate Kuwait. To justify our presence in Saudi Arabia now, McCarthy referred to James Baker's comment that the U.S. is now present "to protect the oil supply and jobs". Ultimately, to eliminate Saddam Hussein. All of which are to give a justification for the presence of the U.S. in the Gulf, therefore to keep it from moving "outside the range of rationality."

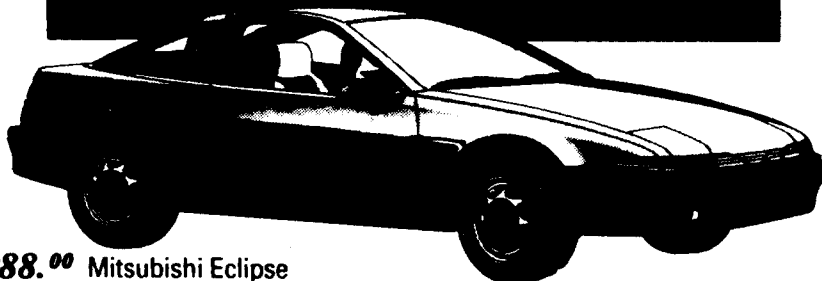
McCarthy described Bush as "vague." Bush, McCarthy felt, is always talking about something that is "there," yet he is never discussing "now." McCarthy added that when Reagan was in office, he knew where he (Reagan) stood, however in the twenty years that Bush has been around he has never had anything to say about anything.

Also, McCarthy seemed unsure about whether Bush was a good choice for president because he was the head of the Republican party and also the head of the C.I.A., McCarthy felt this is "no recommendation for someone running for president." Bush was also a vice-president for eight years, which is enough to "undo" anyone, according to McCarthy. He may now be trying to prove himself, thus having a "clouded conception of the presidency."

McCarthy felt that Bush's decision to send troops to Saudi Arabia was "a disrespect for tradition if not a clear violation of the constitution."

McCarthy said he didn't think a draft would be activated soon. "It'll be the last thing they do." He stated that the volunteer army has saved them from criticism, therefore, they are in no hurry to install a draft.

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Marburger, student 'trade places'

By Pete Mavrikis
Statesman Staff Writer

Students may often wonder what goes on behind the doors of University President John Marburger. At the second annual Trading Places event Monday, one student was granted that opportunity.

The winner of the contest was senior Bob Merli who is the president of the sailing club, a student ambassador, and a Student Union building manager. Merli also works in the Staller Arts Center and delivers Chinese food part-time.

All of Merli's tasks were fulfilled by Marburger as a part of the event, which began at 8 am when both Marburger and Merli met for breakfast in the president's office before their new duties for the day began.

Part of Marburger's day consisted of working as a stage hand in Staller Arts Center and attending Merli's History 371 lecture, where he, according to Merli, took five pages of notes whereas Merli ordinarily takes one. He said Marburger recognized and expressed satisfaction on the level of teaching and the content of the class.

Marburger also worked in the Student Union as building manager and found that many students asked him for assistance and information without ever knowing who he was. Marburger said he was surprised at the diversity of students and large number of them that use the Union during the evening.

Merli's duties consisted of a meeting with Provost Tilden Edelstein, a senior staff meeting and a tour of the campus with Vice President for Campus Services Harry Snoreck to look at the Physical



Student Bob Merli (left), who was president for a day, meets with Polity President Dan Slepian.

Plant. "Some of the problems discussed while touring the Physical Plant was the landscaping which is occurring in front of campus, the plans to close the bridge [connecting the Union to the Library], and some other minor maintenance problems," said Merli.

Merli also took a tour of the Health Science Center and said he was impressed with all the advanced equipment. He also met with Student Polity Association President Dan Slepian where they discussed campus issues including the budget crunch, tuition hike and the bus fee.

At the end of the day both Merli and Marburger returned to Shorewood, Marburger's home, for dinner where they exchanged their ideas and reactions.

"Being president for a day was truly a

memorable event, and I loved every minute of it," said Merli.

Marburger said he witnessed some of the problems students are facing on campus and is more aware of the student needs and concerns. "I rarely go out and witness life on campus," said Marburger. "So this provides me with a chance to see everything as a student. It is really refreshing and provides both me and Bob with a change in the routine."

Trading Places was sponsored by the Student Alumni Chapter (SAC). Ben Katz, vice president of SAC and chairman of the event said, "Our goal is not to raise money for our chapter. Our main goal is to bring the students and administration together in a capacity to raise school spirit."

100 students attend young communists convention

By Sean Springer
Student Leader Press Service

NEW BRUNSWICK (SL)— More than one hundred students attended the Young Communist League (YCL) 4th national convention at Rutgers University.

Students from more than 12 states and seven nations gathered for the weekend-long conference, and elected its new National Council. Star Sanderson, a student at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, was elected to the council. Sanderson also serves as the student member of the Board of Trustees at Dutchess.

The council, the members of which serve for two years (until the next convention), oversees the activities of the national organization. Minor changes to the YCL constitution were also voted on and accepted by the membership.

YCL chapters from across the country were represented, including chapters at SUNY Albany.

Guests from a variety of organizations such as the United States Student Association (USSA) and the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) were present, as were several special international guests including youth groups from Germany, France, the Soviet Union, and Canada. Gus Hall, chair of the national Communist Party, delivered a special address. Non-member guests were also present and attended the workshops and cultural events.

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Graduate President challenges SUNY's tactics

By Eric F. Coppolino
Student Leader Press Service

BINGHAMTON, Nov. 19 — SUNY Binghamton Graduate Student Organization President David Baranov says he and other student organizers will challenge what he's termed SUNY's "Gestapo" tactics of moving Thursday's SUNY Board of Trustees meeting to a secret location, then guarding the building with armed police to

prevent students from attending.

Baranov was arrested while attempting to enter the building at Buffalo State College, where the meeting had been moved after unionization protests by graduate students prompted the board to switch locations.

Board of Trustees meetings are required by law to open to all members of the public under the state's Open Public Meeting Law, or "Sunshine Act." But large crowds of

observers and graduate student supporters were blocked from entering even at the original location, which had a fire occupancy limit of 80.

The day before, student leaders had obtained a ruling from a special state agency dealing with open public meetings that even the larger room was too small to accommodate the large crowd expected to observe both the graduate student protest and the vote to raise SUNY tuition as high as \$300 a year.

Student Association of the State University (SASU) President and student trustee Judith Krebs said she told trustees at the outset that in its new location, the meeting was being conducted illegally. SASU's attorney is working on challenging the validity of the meeting on behalf of both graduate and undergraduate students.

The graduate student protest against the trustees was directed at SUNY's refusal to allow the system's 5,500 teaching assistants and graduate assistants the right to vote on whether they want to form a labor union. More than fifty people overflowed outside the original meeting room as graduate student leaders dominated the meeting by reading letters in support of unionization from legislators, a former trustee and other state officials.

But frustrated by the graduate students' action, the trustees recessed twice, then voted to go into closed session, and were taken by police across the campus to an unannounced location.

An hour later, Krebs returned to the original location and negotiated a deal with the graduate students to end their protest to allow the meeting to continue at the original, larger location.

The trustees, however, refused to move their meeting back to the original room, and five minutes after the meeting went back into "public" session, a meeting notice was posted on the door directing students to the new room, which reportedly had a legal

capacity of about 40, according to Baranov.

Approximately 30 observers were in the new room, of which about 6 were students, and none of whom were graduate students. Most of the students who managed to get in were those familiar with the Buffalo State College campus and literally ran to the new location of the meeting and were allowed in by police.

When dozens of other students arrived at the new location seconds later, police had blocked off the building and would not let them. Only two student reporters — one from *Student Leader Press Service* and the other from *Buffalo State Record* — were allowed in the room to observe the proceedings, while a number of others were forced to wait outside.

According to statewide graduate student president Jane Ely, "Because the room capacity was 80 where we were originally and then it was 40 where we were going, it was an obvious attempt to prevent the graduate students from attending the public meeting." Ely speculated that the trustees wanted to avoid further interruptions of the meeting by graduate student protestors and chose to keep them outside.

"The board is willing to hide behind club-wielding police force and secret meeting locations to avoid confronting issues of basic student rights," said Baranov, who was arrested and handcuffed to a fixture inside and a men's room.

When a janitor found him in the bathroom, Baranov reportedly said that he was having "communications problem" with SUNY. He was bailed out shortly after being arrested. Four other graduate students got as far as the lobby and refused to leave, while police refused to arrest them.

"This is not in the spirit of the open-meeting policy and furthermore, was in the tradition of Gestapo tactics," Baranov added. "I was a speaker at the meeting. I was speaking and they said stop speaking so we can move into a secret location."



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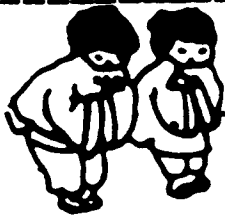
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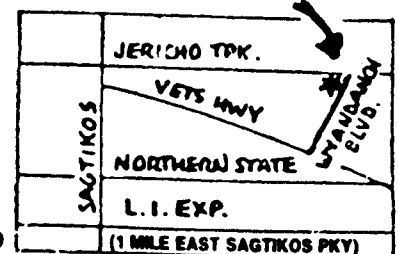
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Polity to act on budget

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Marburger has not released a definite decision, Slepian predicted that the proposed 50 cent per ride bus fee would be approved by the president. "This means that commuters will be paying for the new busses," said Slepian.

In a statement, the president of commuter college, Lee Wiedl, urged commuter students to fight the transportation fee, saying that the fee is "nothing less than extortion."

Slepian said that although Polity has caught up on its knowledge of the SUNY budget crisis, "Things are happening daily."

GSO President Jane Ely said that next

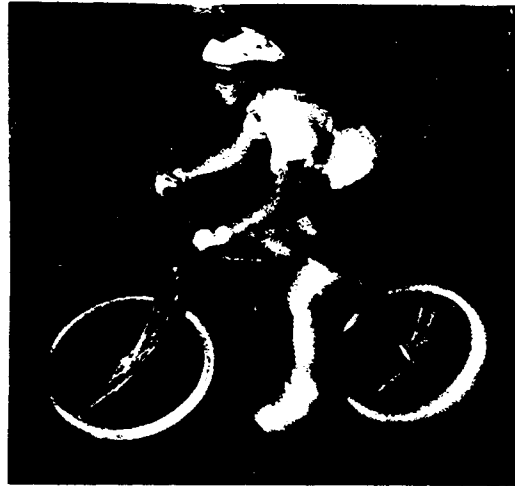
week's rally is not intended to block services inside the administration building, and urged protestors to avoid any confrontation with the university and Public Safety.

In other Polity Senate business, the Blood Drive Committee Chair Danielle Schwagger announced that the committee will be attempting to educate students on "all perspectives" of the blood donor issue before the Dec. 4 campus blood drive.

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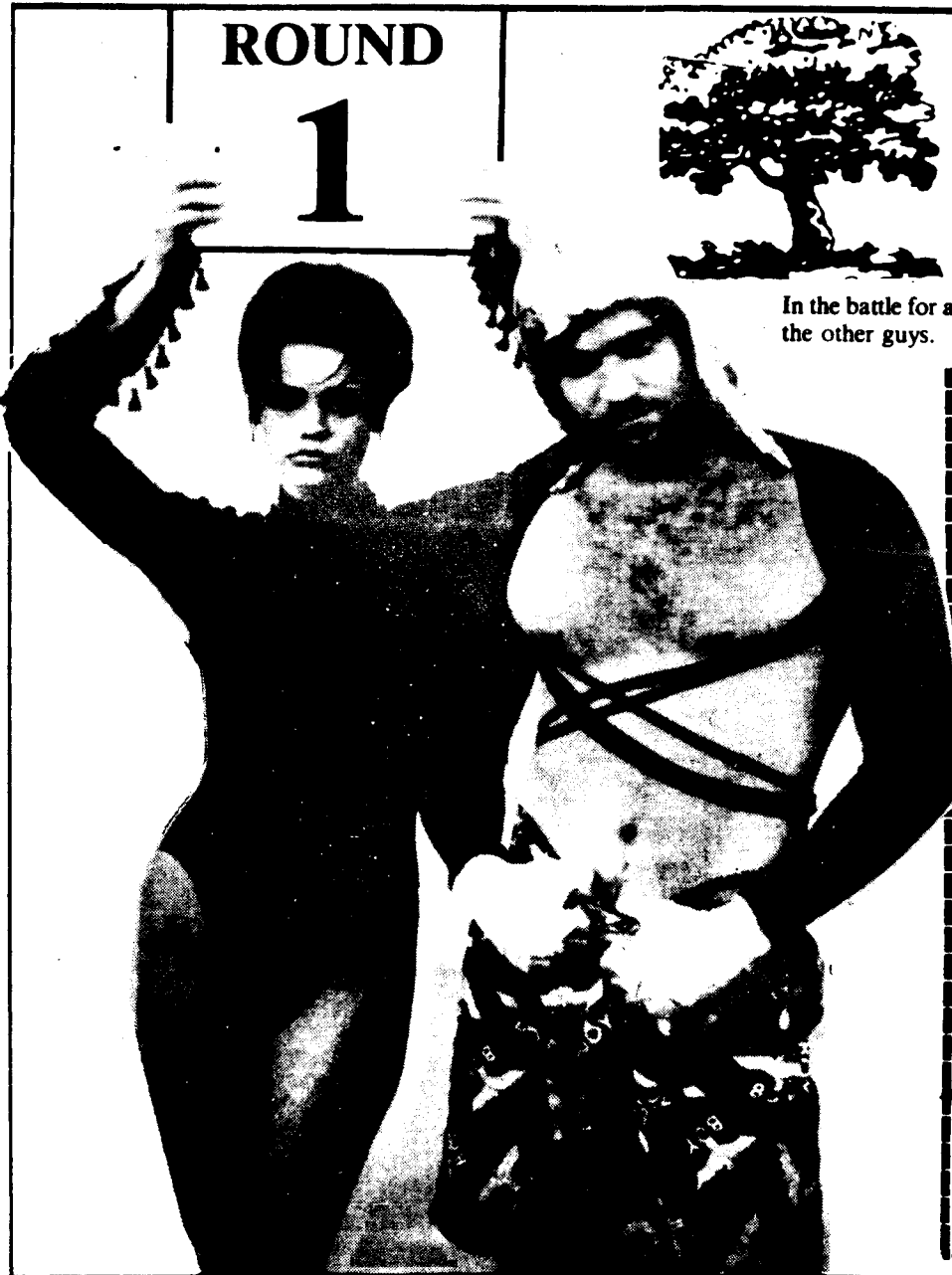
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Like many people I spent Thanksgiving weekend absorbing the two T's—turkey and television. The turkey was great and fattening, but the television, particularly the images that were being displayed through it, made my digestion process difficult.

Tones of Sedition Dwayne Andrews

Watching television is supposed to be for entertainment and information, but I found myself analyzing the pictures that were being shown and the images from the new film Predator 2.

Watching George Bush eat with troops in Saudi Arabia was nauseating because it was an obvious public relations maneuver. I perceived his anti-Sadaam Hussein rhetoric and his morale boosting speeches to be nothing more than trying to get America to support his increasingly unpopular actions. What better day to dot it on than a genuine American holiday like Thanksgiving.

Not only was Bush's rhetoric sickening, but it seemed as if he visited the whitest squads in the Middle East to quell all of

the discussion of the disproportionate number of minority troops in the Gulf. The careful observer—watching to either disprove or verify this claim—would notice that the situation is not as bad as reported. When looked beyond the surface, it seems to be another move by the Bush propoganda machine to dispel the realistic fears that different sectors of the American public has. It was also disappointing to see O.J. Simpson and N.B.C. sports fall report from Saudi Arabia in the same manner.

portrayed as the violent, voodoo practicing, drug overlords of the year 1997. There is total chaos in Los Angeles, the city where the story takes place, and it is all caused by the Jamaicans. This stereotype is obviously an offshoot of the problems that New York City and other urban police are having with Jamaican posses, but is that the way to portray them in the future, without one sane character being a Jamaican? The villain of the movie, the Predator, had dreadlocks himself. Is this a message saying that dreadlocks are some-

psyché of any minority group. Watching commercials like Chevrolet's "The Heartbeat of America" one notices how these American dream shots of life that last 30 seconds lack a sufficient number of blacks. Obviously being more than 12 percent of the population does not warrant Madison Avenue putting too many blacks in these ads.

Not only is there a small amount of blacks in these ads, but it seems as if other minorities do not exist. Where are the Asians or the Hispanics or the Native Americans? Shouldn't they all be included in these American dream shots? When was the last time you saw a TV family celebrate Hanukkah or Kwanzaa or any other holiday besides traditional Christian holidays? Television still has a very WAS-Pish look to it.

Psychology is not my field of expertise, so I will not say that these images have a negative effect on children growing up. I do not have the evidence to support such a claim. I will say, that the lack of other lifestyles that are very American, but are not portrayed on the television is not conducive to keeping this great melting pot that this country is supposed to be. It is disturbing that even in this day of supposed awareness and sensitivity that stereotypes are being reinforced and cultures are being ignored.

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Predator 2, besides being a very disappointing movie, was an example of bad stereotypes being reinforced on the silver screen. This has always happened and until everyone bands together in an attempt to curb malicious stereotypes of all people, all people's "characteristics" will be exploited in order to achieve the almighty dollar.

In the case of Predator 2 it was the Jamaicans, specifically the Rastafarians, getting the short end of the stick. They are

thing alien or evil? This is an especially pertinent question when one considers that a black woman with cornrow braids or a man with dreadlocks will be asked to take them out before she or he can accept a job.

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Buffalo Senate Takes a Step in Wrong Direction

The SUNY student movement took a big step in the wrong direction yesterday as University at Buffalo's student senate withdrew funding and support from the Student Association of the State University.

This may not seem like a big deal to many students, but this action's ramifications are potentially disastrous. As SUNY tightens its belt after news of a 6.2 per cent cut totalling \$50.9 million, what SUNY students need more than ever is unification. Without it, we are subject to further administrative exploitation in the form of tuition hikes, fees, and massive program and departmental cuts.

Although SASU has been under scrutiny for its recent acceptance of a mid-year tuition hike, it has played a pivotal role in uniting the SUNY system for years. It has been the student voice to the SUNY Board of Trustees and has had considerable state lobbying power. But now 20 students have taken it upon themselves to break this unification and divide student power.

It may be possible that not even 20 students made the decision. In many student governments, we have seen that the higher-ups have enormous persuasive power over the legislatures. And according to many UB sources, this is the case in UB, as the senate approves any recommendation made by the president. This makes it possible for just one person to destroy what students have been striving for for years.

And according to wire reports, SASU wasn't even given the chance to speak in its defense at the senate meeting. This sort of legislating is unacceptable and must be condemned.

The cut in funding will be felt immediately. The Student Association at UB was responsible for \$37,000 worth of funding, a huge portion of SASU's support. And undoubtedly, if just one other University Center student government has the same whim, we will see the downfall of an important political student advocacy group.

Also, as part of the largest university system in the United States, Buffalo will now be less politically accessible in crises such as the budget crisis we are now experiencing. This will cause a slower reaction time when students need to mobilize quickly. And it will result in a less informed UB

campus, a *must* in this era of recession.

If there was ever a time for student unification, it is now. As SUNY raises tuition, implements fees, and cuts financial aid, students need to be constantly informed and ready to act.

UB's decision was shortsighted and irresponsi-

ble to the students of Buffalo University and SUNY. But hopefully, the senate's action will backfire on it as it helps students to realize the importance of a statewide student government, and we will see a better utilization of SASU as a result.



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The Evil of Discrimination Will Always Exist

By Adam Kaminsky

Ever since I have first set foot on this great campus of ours nearly a year and a half ago, I have been harassed and hounded, bullied and browbeaten, for being "closed-minded" on issues which have greatly differing and/or emotional opinions. One of these is the issue of discrimination.

Discrimination is a sad and all too ingrained part of American history and modern ways of life. Each day, the media, family, friends, and associates barrage us with stories of how they were "discriminated" upon — stories ranging from the poor soul who was denied the opportunity to purchase a house in a certain neighborhood even though he put down the required down payment, just because his skin was the "wrong color", to the story of the barfly who was denied a "last call" because of obvious intoxication. People became angry that "discrimination" cases were all too often ignored by everyone from legal representatives down to the rand-and-file citizens, which sent out the message that discrimination was okay, and even encouraged, just as long as it was covert.

A bounty of civil protests, letters to the government, television spots, and an all out "awareness" blitz ensued, sending a shock wave of government leaders scurrying to find pieces of legislature defining "discrimination" and the penalties for performing such acts, if caught. As we speak, the legal definition of "discrimination" (and its older and less euphemistic brother, "racism") is being prepared, and already there have been a myriad of lawsuits brought forth which have resulted in awards totaling millions of dollars. People were finally being, at least outwardly, treated as equals. That is the good part.

The bad part is that the "d" word is being overused to the extent that anyone who is intentionally or otherwise excluded from any function, regardless of reason (legitimate or not), constitutes discrimination. The word has caused such mass hysteria that governing bodies in such institutions as banks, employment agencies, real estate brokerage firms, and SCHOOLS have enacted tough anti-discrimination statutes that sometimes infringe on the constitutional rights of their constituents.

This school is about to embark upon the most progressive piece of legislature ever established in an institution of higher learning. A proposal passed in the Polity Senate stating that any off-campus organization that wishes to solicit or recruit on campus must sign an affidavit with the school stating that the organization does not discriminate according to the university statutes. Finally, or at least so it seems, discrimination has been conquered in one small place on the map.

Before champagne bottles are popped and the victory toasts are made, let's discuss some of the consequences and hidden dangers that will come forth should the establishment of this proposal become reality; consequences that will be present long after the champagne goes flat.

There has been a lot of controversy surrounding the recent verbal attacks on blood drives, the ROTC, and the presence of Coca Cola on campus. If you don't already know (since probably more than half the school doesn't), the blood drive is under fire for not letting the blood of Haitians be transfused, the ROTC for discriminating against homosexuals, and Coca Cola for its alleged "conspiracy" with the South African government against blacks in that country.

Political and social conservatives, like myself, have stated that 99.999899% of the students that attend this campus are of legal age, and should have the freedom to asso-

ciate with whatever organization turns them on, without being labeled "racist" or made uncomfortable by a vocal and very minor group of radicals who seem to be walking away with a grossly disproportionate amount of the campus voice, and the kicker is that your student approved this proposal with "little if any opposition."

Think. The Federal Aviation Administration is proposing a law preventing blind or otherwise handicapped persons from occupying seats near the emergency exits of aircraft. Is this discrimination, or is there a legitimate overriding safety concern present? Will the FAA be allowed to recruit employees on campus? Banks obviously don't hand credit cards to the impoverished. Will the two on-campus teller machines be therefore removed? Will anybody who holds a credit card be labeled an "elitist"? I surely don't think that the anti-smoking ordinances discriminating against smokers will be repealed any time soon, while at the same time the tax money collected on the sale of cigarettes on campus (notice how cigarette smokers are selectively taxed, and are even further discriminated against when they can buy cigarettes, pay the tax, and then not be able to smoke them!) will eventually return to the campus via the state.

Will it end there? Will fraternities and sororities be a thing of the campus's past (frats take note), since we all know how

selective they can be? Will political organizations such as the College Republicans and the University organizations such as the College Republicans and the University Democrats be shunted off campus due to their barring of applicants from rival parties? Will there be stiff fines for doing laundry and separating whites from colors? It is not that far-fetched, as it is quite possible that these further sanctions may be taken if we keep our mouths shut now.

It must be further noted that this is not a high school where it is in some cases legal to withhold information or censor thought, since high schools are dealing with minors. As I have stated before, there is only a fraction of one percent of the students on this campus that are not of age 18. What the University is trying to do is tell you, John/Jane Q, what you are and are not allowed to believe, and who you can and cannot associate with. Therefore, it must be undermining your right to independence of thought, freedom of association, and character. Fifty-five percent of you, including myself, decided to live on campus because our parents have constantly set forth. Deep down, you know this is the truth, since I cannot find another reason for wanting to reside here except for the presence of that ubiquitous and yummy DAKA cuisine. Yet look at what the University is trying to push

down your unsuspecting and uninformed gullet—something worse than any tuition hike, user fee, or inconvenience...a blatant encroachment on your rights as a sound and independent-minded American citizen. Think about it.

Friends, and may I call you friends, this is no time for apathy. The gay community is right when they say "silence equals death". In this case, it can potentially mean the death of rights only dreamed of by the majority of the human race. Discrimination must continue to be fought, but we must also realize that we will never reach total equality, since, as mentioned before, there are certain situations which will ultimately lead to the demise of the vast majority. On the airplane, it can mean the difference between one's life or death; in the University, it can mean the difference between ultimate freedom and servility. Without slinging any mud, it is the liberals who are for the freedom of thought, expression, and association, whether it be in the arts or in everyday speech, yet it is they who tout this bill as the biggest boon to the campus community, without regard to its crushing the basic rights they uphold. And another thing, my mind is open on any issue regardless of one's opinions until one closes it due to the laughability of those opinions, and this university has slammed my door shut and threw away the key.

Threat of War in Persian Gulf Is Real

By John Nolan

This article is in response to Stephen Augeri's inappropriately personal assault on my knowledge and views of the Middle East Crisis. I feel it is vitally important to seize opportunities like Viewpoint publication to share facts and insights. Personal hyperbole belongs in grocery store checkout tabloids.

The threat of a tragic war initiated by the U.S. is very real. The administration is rejecting a suit filed by 45 congressmen and 11 leading lawyers from Harvard, Yale and the like. They file that the constitution explicitly gives only Congress the authority to call troops into action. The president can only power troops in defense. Instead of facing free reign over the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent lives. We must dedicate ourselves to controlling this monster and supporting our constitution.

Mr. Augeri claims some of the facts about the administration's cover-ups are mere rumors. It is a fact that we have actively pursued alliance with Iraq and Saddam Hussein up until August 2. Six days before the attack, the administration sent our ambassador to Iraq to make it clear that we would stay out of any Islamic confrontation. This trip was the result of a congressional discussion between Lee Hamilton, chair of

the subcommittee on MidEast issues and John Kelly, under secretary for MidEast/Asian Affairs. Hamilton asked what the U.S. response to conflict in the MidEast would be. Kelly confirmed that "there would be no response." Ambassador Glaspie's trip was discussed in the N.Y. Times, on CNN, McNeil Lerher News Hour and is documented in the congressional proceedings report. Another cover-up surrounds the shipment of 150,000 U.S. body bags to Saudi Arabia. This was mentioned by Rabib Hade in the "Demilitarisation in the MidEast" conference in Albany, a social justice center expert, and several other well-connected sources around New York City peace networks. In addition, 40,000 caskets have been ordered from a company in Massachusetts.

We also can not afford to be righteous enough to say that the administration's unilateral military build-up has been to defend international rights of self-determination and democracy. We are supporting many dictators right now and we have destroyed the sovereignty of Panama, Grenada, Guatemala, Chile, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Vietnam, Philippines and supported to destruction of self determination in Gaya and the West Bank.

Retired Rear Admiral Eugene Carrol, now deputy director of the center for defense information estimated that it would take at least 3-6 months to complete an offensive take over. A pentagon aide to Dick Cheney leaked a report of a four day strike plan, "Operation Night Canal" including estimates of 20,000 American casualties, not to mention the unimaginable foreign death tolls. This was reported in French weekly, L'Express.

There is by no means international cooperation behind a U.S. assault. The Soviet Union, France, and Egypt have made it clear that they support a defensive posture to allow sanctions to have an impact. The only countries supporting the U.S. role as an offensive world police force is England and a minority of Americans. If all these casualties are for oil and jobs, is 7% of the world's oil which is held in Kuwait and Iraq worth hundreds of thousands of lives? We must talk with Hussein and the Al-Sabah family of Kuwait and later punish Hussein without war.

Anyone who supports a peaceful settlement of this crisis should go to the coalition meeting Thursday at 7:30 in the Fireside Lounge.

Letters

ROTC Ban Is Censorship To The Editor:

I recently read a letter published in your paper from someone advocating Dr. Marburger's signing a resolution that would bar ROTC and military recruiting on campus. In the letter, the author suggested that Dr. Marburger is perhaps 'homophobic.' This touches on two issues which I believe merit review.

The first is the practice of many homosexual advocates to routinely label people who may be opposed to their goals, actions, or methods as being 'homophobic.' By definition, someone who is 'homophobic' suffers

from an unreasonable fear of homosexuality or those people who practice it. These people seem to try to cast their opponents in a bad light by portraying them as suffering from an unreasonable fear which 'must' be guiding their actions. I don't believe this to be the case with many people who question the actions of these advocates. When a person questions the actions of another, it is usually based on a difference in philosophy or judgement—not fear. To slander someone of another viewpoint as suffering from a phobia is irresponsible, and in fact can undermine support for one's own objectives or movement. I hope people will take a little

more care before trying to label anyone as being a phobic, and will instead advocate their view based on its merits and not name calling.

The second issue is whether or not to maintain ROTC and military recruitment at Stony Brook. Apparently, opponents of these programs feel that Stony Brook students have no right to participate in ROTC programs or to listen to a military recruiter on the grounds of the University.

I can understand the argument of these opponents, who point to the military's pol-

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icy of not accepting homosexuals. While this is a blatant form of discrimination, with perhaps questionable ethical standing, it is the Congress that mandates this policy, not the individual branches of the armed forces. If the policy is to be changed, it must be done so by changing federal statute. Long Island has several Congressmen who sit on the House Armed Services Committee, the committee that would be most influential in making such a change. It's Congressmen Lent, McGrath, Hockbrueckner, Mrazek

and Downey that should be the focus of those efforts, not Polity, Dr. Marburger, or anyone else at Stony Brook for that matter.

Experiencing college means taking advantage of all that there is to offer at a school like Stony Brook. Restricting the freedom of students, denying them the chance to hear about other opportunities, and the censorship, which the left wing on this campus is advocating, will not enhance the Stony Brook experience, it will diminish and tarnish it.

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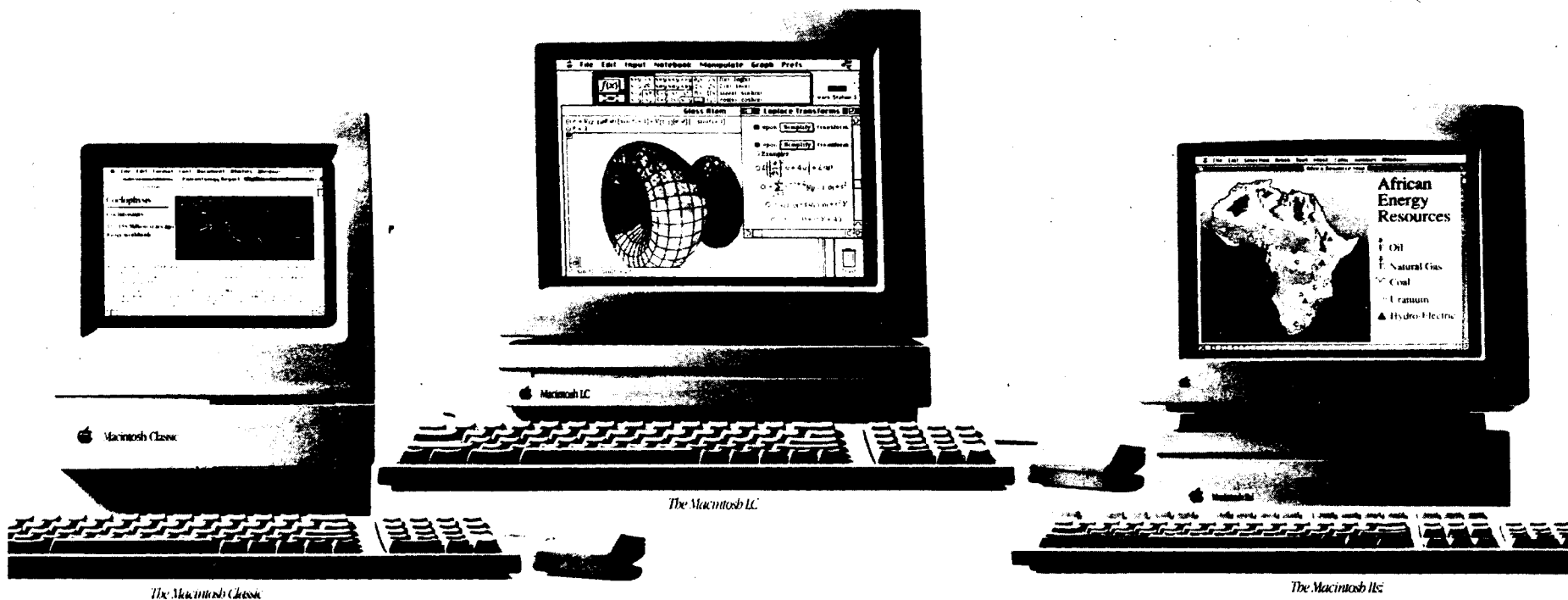
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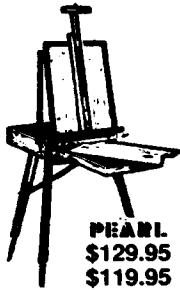


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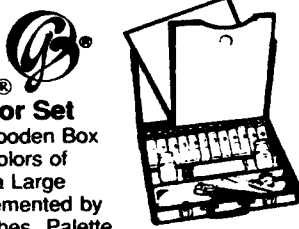
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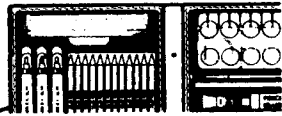
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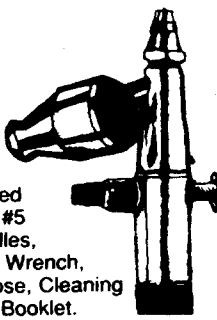
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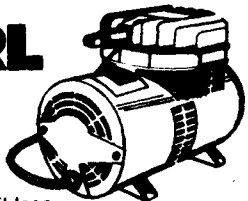
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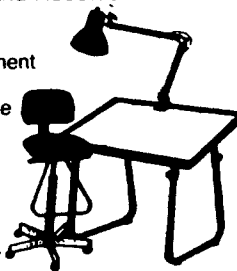
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STANDINGS

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Guest Professors	34	25	3	—
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Otto Strong	31	28	3	3
Pete Parides	31	28	3	3
Eddie Reaven	29	30	3	5

What a miserable week for all hands as everyone was at .500 or lower. It was especially miserable week for The Cat, who hit a season-low three winners. The Cat, incidentally, has had a name-change and will now be known as The Gooch, in return for his poor showing.

Guest Professor Norm Prusslin hit only four winners, but no other competitor had enough wins to take advantage of the horrible showing. This week's Guest Professor is the Chemistry Department's Dr. Richard W. Kerber, who must maintain his charges three-game lead with three weeks to go.

—Eddie Reaven

Women's

Patriot Basketball Statistics

Men's

Player GAM FGM FGA FG % FTA FT % PTS AVG OFF DEF TOT AVG

Player	GAM	FGM	FGA	FG %	FTA	FT %	PTS	AVG	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	
Browngardt	3	22	53	.415	10	.800	54	18.0	14	16	30	10.0	
Arnold	3	18	41	.439	12	.750	46	15.3	5	10	15	5.0	
Gandolf	3	11	20	.550	7	.857	28	9.3	13	13	26	8.7	
Gaylord	3	12	30	.400	7	.429	27	9.0	6	10	16	5.3	
Gallhue	3	10	21	.476	5	.600	23	7.7	10	9	19	6.3	
White	3	7	13	.538	9	.333	17	5.7	10	8	18	6.0	
Hugelmeyer	1	2	4	.500	0	.000	4	4.0	0	0	0	0.0	
Cream	3	1	5	.200	2	.500	3	1.0	1	0	1	0.3	
Carew	3	1	3	.333	2	.500	3	1.0	0	2	2	0.7	
Manfredonia	2	1	3	.333	0	.000	2	1.0	0	1	1	0.5	
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Player GAM FGM FGA FG % FTM

FTA FT % PTS AVG OFF DEF TOT AVG

Player	GAM	FGM	FGA	FG %	FTM	FTA	FT %	PTS	AVG	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Smith	3	20	46	.435	30	31	.968	75	25.0	6	7	13	4.3
Bunche	3	24	42	.571	6	10	.600	54	18.0	1	13	14	4.7
Farmer	3	16	28	.571	10	13	.769	42	14.0	4	12	16	5.3
Hayn	3	14	25	.560	10	14	.714	38	12.7	10	15	25	8.3
Wardally	3	9	16	.563	6	10	.600	24	8.0	0	7	7	2.3
Agard	3	5	10	.500	2	21	.000	12	4.0	0	4	4	1.3
Simon	3	3	16	.188	3	6	.500	10	3.3	6	17	23	7.7
Williams, V.	3	3	8	.375	2	3	.667	8	2.7	4	1	5	1.7
Francis	3	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	2	0.7	0	0	0	0.0
Howard	1	0	2	.000	0	2	.000	0	0.0	0	1	1	1.0
Williams, S.	2	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Heitmann	2	0	2	.000	0	2	.000	0	0.0	2	0	2	1.0
David	2	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Baptiste	2	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0

Giant-49er game is ruined

By Eddie Reaven
Statesman Managing Editor

In what would have been the most anticipated regular season game in NFL history has lost some of its luster.

On Sunday December 3, the Giants travel to Candlestick Park to take on Joe Montana and the 49ers a week after both teams dropped their first game of the year. Never had two undefeated teams met this late in the year.

The Giants suffered a demoralizing blow after being crushed by the Philadelphia Eagles, 31-13. Phil Simms had a sub-par day, completing only 17 of 40 passes while doubling his interception total at four.

The Niners were defeated by the Rams, with Montana throwing three interceptions in a game for the first time since September 16, 1988. It was the first loss for San Francisco in 19 games, coming after a streak that tied the 1933-34 Bears and 1972-73 Dolphins for the longest in NFL history.

New York, however, clinched at least a wild card after the loss. San Francisco needs only a win to clinch the NFC West.

Both teams should take the losses with a grain of salt as every division leader lost in one of the most bizarre Sundays ever.

The Giants just did not have the dominating offense it had in their previous 10 games, controlling the ball for only 53 plays. The rushing game wasn't stressed, though, as Giant backs ran for 108 yards on only 13 carries, led by Dave Meggett's 61 yards on two carries.

The Niners had a sloppy day, turning the ball over seven times in the rain, three on Montana interceptions.

Both teams should feel lucky, though, as the Bears were humiliated 41-13 by the Vikings at the Metrodome.

The division winner with the worst record must play the worst wild card team, giving them an extra post-season game. The Bears are currently 9-2.

But many Giant fans are happy about the loss. "It's a wake-up call," said senior Rob Manfred. "Now it's gut-check time."

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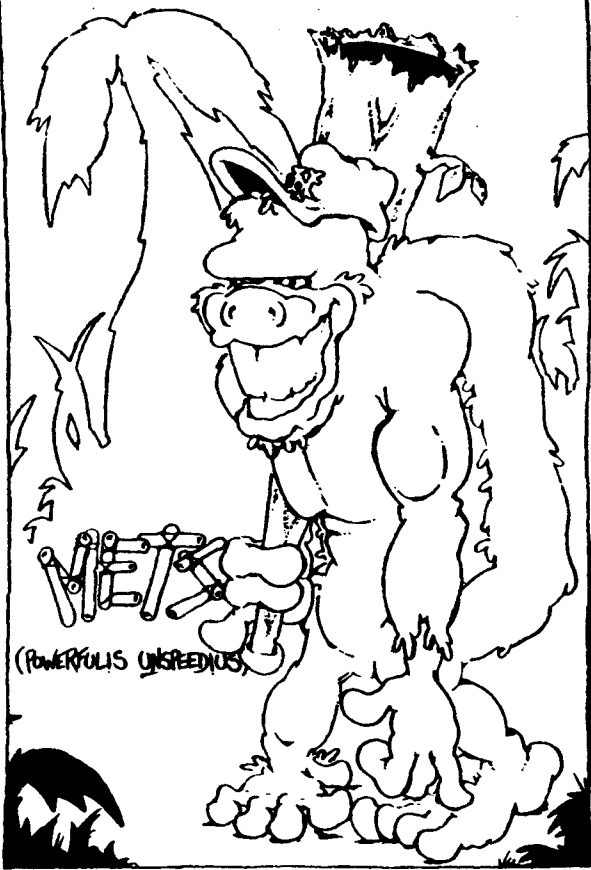
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This won't be easy to do. So Frank, here are some suggestions:

— **Fire Buddy.** Davey Johnson had to go, but did you have to replace him with Buddy Harrelson, the worst third-base coach in Mets history? Harrelson did manage to light a fire under the boys for a stretch there, but he really can't cut it. Remember that second game in the second to the last series against the Bucs? Who did he start? Julio Valera, a 21-year old rookie who only had one previous major-league start. With a rested Bobby Ojeda on the bench, why did Buddy throw an inexperienced right-hander against Barry Bonds, Bobby Bonilla and Andy Van Slyke? He's got to go.

— **Hire Whitey.** Just imagine it — "Whitey Ball" at Shea. The Mets could actually play good hard-nosed fundamental ball. Whitey Herzog is the man could make this happen. He knows how to take a team with good speed, good bats, and good pitching to the World Series. Look at the Cards from 1982-87. And another thing, when the Mets used to be a sound team that knew how to play the game correctly (fundamental-wise) back in the late 60s, who was their man in charge of the minor leagues? None other than the "White Rat" himself.

— **Sign Vince Coleman.** Coleman is just what the Mets need, a bonafide lead off hitter. Frank, if you want to re-orient the team, signing Coleman is the place to start. He can hit, bunt, field, and most importantly, can steal 75-100 bases per year. Instead of having everyone swing away and hope runs are being scored, the Mets, with Coleman, could actually manufacture runs without having to rely upon power-hitting, which the Mets lost when Strawberry walked.

Forget about the mumbo-jumbo "Coleman can't play on grass." Most of his hits are bloopers over the infield. True, he does rely on infield hits. So, just have Pete Flynn grow the grass high on the left side of the infield. When Coleman hits one there, the ball will slow down to where he could walk to first. Growing the grass high at third will also help out Greg Jefferies, an inexperienced third baseman.

— **Trade for Gary Sheffield.** Sheffield in right. How about it? You've got to admit it's better than HoJo in right. Sheffield is a great player with an excellent future ahead of him. He's just what you want, Frank. He can swing the bat and he's got very good speed. He's got good bat control, something you want on a team that uses speed to manufacture runs. And in time, he'll learn to play the outfield.

But is he available. Why would Milwaukee want to trade him? Word has it that he can be obtained. The Brewers want pitching; just what the Mets have and can afford to part with. Offer the Brewers Sid Fernandez and Keith Miller. Throw Daryl Boston in if you have to. Most importantly, getting Sheffield will keep Dwight Gooden from following Strawberry to LA because he is Sheffield's uncle. And speaking of the good doctor:

— **Sign Gooden to a Strawberry-like deal.** Doc is the heart and soul of the Mets. More than ever now that Straw is gone. And, he can declare free agency after this coming season. You can't let Doc get away. Yeah, he had an off year last season. I'd like to have an off year in which I win 19 games.

— **Keep HoJo at short.** He played a good short when Kevin Elster went down last year; and that was in the clutch. There's no reason he can't do it again. Also, it's not a good idea to keep moving him around.

— **Get some middle relief help for John Franco.** Franco faltered at the end of last season. His bad play was part of what cost the Mets the pennant. Too bad Ken Dayley was signed by the Blue Jays. Sure, you have Terry Bross and Eric Hilman in the minors. But you need someone now.

— **Teach your minor-leaguers how to play ball.** When are we going to stop seeing minor leaguers come up from Tidewater who don't know the rules, can't execute the fundamentals, and can't field. Sure, they can hit, but hitting isn't all of it.

This is admittedly a pretty comprehensive plan. But if executed correctly, it will produce a championship caliber team. The lineup could look something like this: 1)Vince Coleman - CF, 2)Dave Magadan - 1B, 3)Greg Jefferies - 3B, 4)Howard Johnson - SS, 5)Kevin McCreynolds - LF, 6) Gary Sheffield - RF, 7)Tommy Herr - 2B, 8)Mackey Sasser - C.

Now when you have a team of rabbits just hacking away slowly to manufacture runs for a pitching staff that doesn't allow many earned runs, you win a lot of lack-luster games 1-0, 2-1, 3-2, etc. But when you get right down to it, Frank, what is more important and exciting; Darryl Strawberry hitting a 450-foot homerun that smashes a light in the scoreboard or having a world championship flag hanging above that scoreboard?

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AHL is now aiming for eastern Long Island team

By Vic Dubrow

The New York Islanders have made professional hockey on Long Island a booming success. A group of businessmen will attempt to follow in the Islanders' fortune, but in a smaller way.

Their desire is to place another professional hockey team on Eastern Long Island. They are aiming for an expansion franchise there for the American Hockey League hoping to start play in the 1992-93 season.

But the group, Supermarkets General, and its leader Herb Laxton, must face numerous questions about their quest from the "hockey public."

The most important question that must be asked is, can a minor league team survive out there?

"That's the question I get asked the most and the answer I tell people is if I didn't believe so, would I put my time into such a venture? Of course not," stated Laxton.

Laxton's voice seems confident considering that the team doesn't have an arena yet, or definite location for that matter. "As far as the arena goes," he said, "we have in planning stages that will seat about 5,500. As for location, our prime interest is in Southold, but that may change in time." Other areas that have been speculated upon are Hampton Bay and Orient Point.

Laxton, 31, a Winnipeg native, considers himself the ultimate hockey fan. The former University of Maine defenseman was drafted in 1977 in the 11th round by the now defunct Cleveland Barons. He never made it to the NHL and considers it too late now, but the game he loves still burns inside him.

Laxton isn't concerned about fan support. He feels the Eastern Long Islander can look forward to an exciting and entertaining brand of hockey, even in a place that affords people more activities in the summer than the winter months.

"That's because there isn't much doing there then," explained Laxton. "A professional hockey team there would give people a reason to get out of the house and from there, fan support would grow. The main reason that people there may not have a huge interest in hockey now is because the closest source they have, the Islanders, play more than 100 miles away."

The [New Jersey] Devils are the best example of what I'm talking about. They gave people a closer source of hockey than the Rangers or Flyers and they have huge support now. Many have converted from their original alliances. So what we are doing is giving people a more convenient version of the Islanders."

Laxton says his group has no intention to compete with the Islanders. "That would be impossible. The Islanders are major league and we are minor league." Though attendance for the Islander's home games has declined from an average of 15,000 to an average of 8,000 now, Laxton projects full capacity for his team's games, while possessing an amicable relationship with the neighboring Islanders.

"Maybe, we hope that we can set up an affiliation with them as their farm team to develop their players for the NHL. It would be preposterous to spend \$13 million on a franchise to compete with an NHL club. That doesn't mean we won't be competitive in our own league, though."



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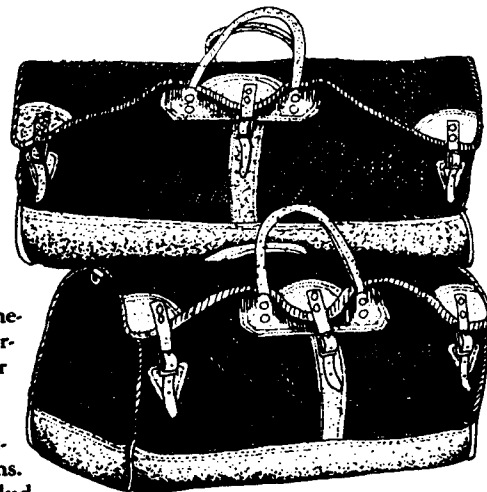
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Statesman Sports

Thursday, November 29, 1990

Pats kill Hunter, remain undefeated

By Pete Parides
Statesman Sports Editor

The men's basketball team, behind a tremendous second-half rally, took their first Skyline Conference game Tuesday night at Hunter, 93-78.

It didn't look as though the Patriots would win by a margin of 15 points as the first half closed with Hunter on top 50-48.

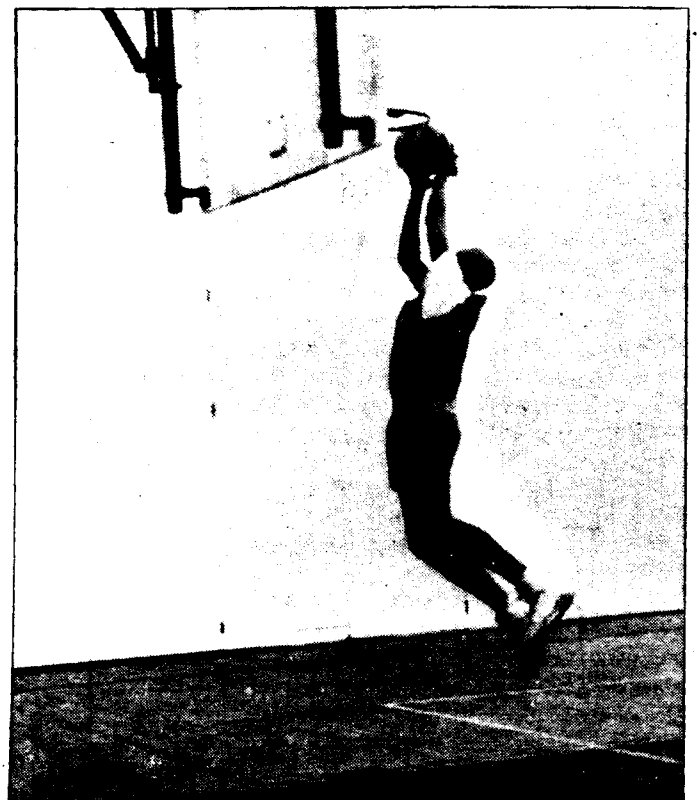
But the Pats took over in the second half. The turning point of the game commenced when guard Curtis Bunche came up with three exciting steals in a row. In the rally that followed, Bunche scored 10 of his 26 points to lead the Pats to an outscoring of Hunter, 45-28, in the second half of play.

Following Bunche's 26 point effort was Emeka Smith, last week's Athlete of the Week. Smith put up 20 points in an impressive display. He was also 11 for 12 from the foul line.

Vincent Farmer, who also put in a good effort, garnered 15 points.

With the victory, the Patriots move to 3-0, 1-0 in conference play.

The Pats continue their ECAC title defense on Saturday afternoon at the Elmira College Tournament. They return home after this five-game road trip on Thursday, December 13th versus Lehman College.



Slam Dunk!—The Patriots' hard work paid off Tuesday night as they defeated Hunter, 93-78

Statesman/Chris Vacirca

Browngardt takes award

By Bob Orlando
Statesman Sports Writer

Senior Katie Browngardt, in guiding the women's basketball team to 59-49 victory over Division II Southampton, captured this week's Athlete of the Week award. Browngardt scored 23 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in the victory.

At halftime the Lady Patriots were trailing 33-24. A change in strategy was needed to nullify the strength of the Lady Colonials' press.

"We went player to player and we dominated the boards in the second half," said head coach Dec McMullen. "That was the big difference."

"We knew about the press," said Browngardt. "It took us a while to adjust to it but we worked it out."

The Sag Harbor native explained the comeback. "We played better defense in the second half. We stopped rushing out shots and our offense opened up," said Browngardt.

McMullen pointed out Browngardt's influence on and off the court. "Katie hit some key baskets for us and played well on the boards and the floor. She also picks up the spirits of the young team."

The coach knows that his star forward has not played up to her capabilities. "She needs time to adjust to the young team. I'm confident that she will get better and better as we go along. I expect her to play well on both ends of the floor. Katie hasn't put it all together yet."

"It has taken some time to adjust," said Browngardt. "But, we have three wins under our belt and I am starting to feel more comfortable."

Smith is leader on and off court

By Sandra B. Carreon
Statesman Sports Writer

Taking into consideration many of sports' greatest stars, it is fair to preclude that their paths to stardom have been testaments of fortitude. Take for example slugger Kevin Mitchell who emanated from a gang-torn neighborhood in New York to be one of baseball's most powerful offensive forces. Or Brian and Joey Mullen, who learned to rollerskate in Hell's Kitchen, and now rank amongst the best in the National Hockey League. And to examine the cliché more locally, look no further than Emeka Smith.

The Stony Brook Patriots' sophomore point guard channelled his youthful energy into sports. At a young age, he learned to appreciate the intricacies and excitement associated with football. But injuries and a mother's fear eventually made way for the game of basketball.

"I played basketball to stay out of trouble. If I didn't have basketball, I would've hung out in the streets."

In the sixth grade, Smith was introduced to organized basketball. He proceeded to anchor South Shore High School in Canarsie, where he starred. He continues to distinguish himself here under the watchful eye of head coach Joe Castiglie.

"Castiglie helped me to blossom as a player and as a person. He brought out the best in me. I was surprised at some of the things that happened last year."

What Smith fondly refers to as "last year" was earning the first-string point guard role as a freshman; averaging more

than 21 points per game; and being named the E.C.A.C. Rookie of the Year.

The second-year guard asserts, "All that was from hard work. I worked hard based on other people's criticisms." He goes on to say that he is confident in the team's chances of gaining an NCAA berth. "We beat a team that was in the NCAA games by around twenty points (Tuesday) night... we got short-changed last year. But I think if we all stay together, no one can touch us."

The strong promise does not come as a shock because it is from a strong-minded and strong-willed individual. Emeka Smith adds more to campus life than mere passes, steals, and shots. He is intelligent, a clear-thinker, and a man with opinions.

He is skilled at the art of mathematics just as he is skilled in the art of basketball. He is a declared business management major with very realistic plans of engaging in the world of corporate finance. But there's more. He has something to say about many issues which either directly or indirectly involve him.

Smith opposes the moot "Prop 48", maintaining that it does more harm to athletes than good. He offers a solution that reconciles the status quo with a fairer approach: "They should have it so that it's not based on the 700 on the S.A.T. It's better if student athletes are told they have to get a B- average. Forget the 700."

Just as he challenges the stance concerning Proposition 48, so too does he challenge America's involvement in the Persian Gulf. Smith subscribes to *laissez-faire* attitude, questioning what right the

U.S. has in countries outside of itself. He believes more should be done domestically to show loyalty to the American people before America shows loyalty to other people.

Smith is big on loyalty: commitment to his team, the Patriots, and commitment to his brothers, the Maliks. He has recently gained admittance to this exclusive fraternity after a six-week pledge. He believes in the Maliks and what they stand for; likewise, he believes in heroes and in idols and what they uphold.

The Patriots' number 11 looks up to the Detroit Pistons' number 11, Isiah Thomas. He patterns his play after the NBA All-Star, enjoying the point guard position because "I am able to control the game and have it go on my tempo."

Smith respects Thomas' contributions to the National Basketball Association almost as much as he respects the contributions made by Malcolm X to society. Like Malcolm X, Smith is a devout Muslim who feels strongly about the Black Movement.

Needless to say, Stony Brook is fortunate to have this student athlete under its wing. His dream is to play pro for Chuck Dayley and the Detroit Pistons. He laughs, "Yup, that's my dream. Everyone has dreams like that."

Only six players in NBA history have been products of Division III college basketball. So Smith will try his best to be the seventh. And in the words of Malcolm X, "By any means necessary."