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On The Side Of Right

Holocaust Survivor Speaks at USB

by Carl Corry
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Taking the microphone from its stand and pausing long enough to inspire a room of about 250 people to relax in the comfort of silence, Holocaust survivor, Alex Rosner, spoke of his childhood experiences in World War II Nazi Germany. He spoke on the occasion of the Hillel Annual Holocaust Commemoration Program in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium on Monday.

The event, which was scheduled for 8 p.m., was largely attended by the Jewish community, who came to see a man who attested to the brutality and savagery that Jews were subjected to during the Holocaust.

Rosner's comments enlightened everyone about the events of the Holocaust; however, his refusal to look at the past and use its events as a learning tool surprised many of the audience members. He said that he believes that we can learn from the present if we take notice. He also said that he does not consider himself a victim because he does not believe in the concept of a victim. "Life is like a game of cards, which are dealt by a higher power," he said. "That was the hand that I was given."

Upon Steven Spielberg's request, Rosner was involved in the making of the Academy Award winning movie "Schindler's List." "For the most part, the depiction in the movie was accurate," he said. He thought that "the movie hit a nerve with the public." "The point of the movie is praise. It was about a man who stood up in the face of difficulty, on the side of the right." Rosner described Schindler as a man who caught the attention of everyone in the room when he entered. "When you looked at his face, you felt safe," he said. "He gave that impression to everyone, even the bad guys."

In order to be spared from death, Rosner's father played the violin for his

German commandant, and told him that he would not play if his son was hurt.

From the ages of five to ten, Rosner believed that the way of living and the situation around him was just "the way of life. I never cried or showed emotional terror," he said. "I put myself in the defense mode. My prime directive was to live."

Rosner said that Oscar Schindler befriended his father and took him to his enamelware factory to work. However, two weeks later, when Schindler was away from the factory, Rosner and his family were taken to a concentration camp in Dachau. Rosner was the only child to survive.

He was later taken to an Auschwitz camp, where they were liberated by American troops. "If the American soldiers had come a few weeks later, I would have been gone," Rosner said.

He announced that "it is fair to say that a majority of you have never seen the 'American character' in action. I have, and it is something to behold." Rosner's facial expressions turned bright in recollecting his initial experience with the American soldiers, who had "such a tremendous love of freedom, great sense of fair play, humor, bravery, courage and love," he said. "These were young men who stumbled on us, whose ambition was to get Hitler, not to save Alex

Rosner."

When he learned what actually happened through a different perspective he "couldn't make heads or tails of it," he said. "For 25 years I operated in a mechanical fashion. I turned my back on the Holocaust. I was angry at everyone but my parents and the U.S."

"By me thinking and talking about the past was like devil worshipping" he said later.

Rosner believed that it all happened because he was a Jew and refused to be Bar Mitzvah. "It took me 25 years to believe in God," he said. It took him the same amount of time to develop "a solid understanding about what life is and what the

U.S. had done anything less than it could have. As far as I am concerned, Hitler wouldn't be gone if it weren't for the U.S.," he said.

A woman stood up and said that she was the daughter of a World War II G.I. She said that her father had never been able to talk to her about his experiences in the war, and was appreciative of Rosner's depiction of the G.I.'s role in liberating the concentration camps. With the voice of sincerity and admiration, Rosner emotionally stirred the audience when he said, "when next you see him, for me, kiss him."

Addressing the issue of neo-Nazi organizations and the KKK, Rosner said that they have the right to free speech. However, "they do not have the right to lie," he said. "You have a duty stand up in my face and call me a liar. That's what we have to do."

For those people who are trying to say that the Holocaust is a hoax, Rosner said that those people fit into the same category as those who thought the world was flat. "Even if you try to convince some, they won't listen," he said. "Some don't believe because they don't believe in the concept or reasoning that such a thing could happen."

Upon answer to a question from the audience, Rosner said that he doesn't believe that a Holocaust could occur in the United States, but possibly could happen elsewhere. "I don't believe that the love of freedom has fallen enough (in America)," he said.

Marty Denman of Port Jefferson disagreed with Rosner in that he feels "that memory of the Holocaust must be perpetuated. It is important to our youths of today to learn from the past," he said.

Stony Brook Sociologist Norman Goodman said that he "can't judge for him. I didn't want to expect anything" before he came to the lecture. Each of the men shared a respect for Rosner and his experiences.



Statesman/John Chu

Alex Rosner speaks Monday at Hillel Function.

Holocaust was." He added that everyone has to deal with and decide what the Holocaust meant in his or her own way. He said that he still does not want to be Bar Mitzvahed and said that "the relationship with God and me is very personal and very direct."

Asked later if he thought that the United States should have done more in the war effort, Rosner quickly responded by saying that "not for a minute have I thought that the

Bid To Defund Campus Papers Fail

The Polity Senate rejected a motion that would have put the defunding of *Statesman*, *Blackworld*, and *The Stony Brook Press* on referendum at last night's senate meeting. If the motion passed, the student body would have voted on whether to continue the Polity funding of the three newspapers during next week's elections. The motion failed with seven votes for, 20 against and eight abstentions.

The original motion by Dreiser Senator Kikuyu Wills was to place the defunding of only *Statesman* on referendum. *Statesman* was approved for a three year referendum during last spring's elections. Wills read a statement after he made the motion. "*Statesman*, which is supposed to be the campus newspaper and the campus voice, has been counterproductive to this end [multiculturalism] by encouraging and allowing wanton crass attacks on the heritage, culture and intelligence of its readers," said Willis, reading from the statement. The motion outraged a number of fellow senators. "We have reached the lowest denominator with this motion," said Commuter Vincent Bruzzese. Bruzzese threatened that he would resign if the motion passed. "I will not be associated with a student government that would approve a motion like this," he said.

Senators and those in attendance were debating if the motion was an infringement on free speech or if it was giving the student body a right to decide. "This gives the students an opportunity to be given a chance to voice their opinion," said Polity

situations for an organization for an extended period of time. I would dare to say that, if this was common practice, there would be few groups supported and funded by Polity, through the students."

"We're giving the students an opportunity to vote. Who are we not to allow the students a right to vote?" said Irving College senator Dwight Bartley. "Freedom of press is legal. If it causes a problem, it is against the law," said Commuter Senator Carl O'Brien. "We should have a way where we can check what they write."

Bruzzese added a hostile amendment to the original motion, adding *Blackworld*, and the *Stony Brook Press* to the referendum. Originally, Polity Vice President Crystal Plati refused to accept the hostile amendment, the senate later overruled her decision. "If we let students decide on one paper, let them decide on all papers," said Bruzzese. "I've picked up some articles of *Blackworld*, they are just as racial," said Commuter Senator Alex Bard. After the defeat of the motion, Bruzzese had it noted in the minutes that the people who wanted the students to voice their opinions voted no on the motion. "Everyone that claimed that they wanted the students to decide voted no," he said.

Polity President Jerry Canada criticized the original and the amended motions. "I have always supported the freedom of speech. Get involve in the paper, write for the paper," he said. "I think it would be irresponsible to take their money away because you don't like their articles."

After the vote, Commuter Senator Manjula Gill motioned for a referendum with three separate ballots for each paper.

SUNY at Stony Brook" in the paper's staff box. Some people argued that if the issue was the line in the staff box, then taking the paper's money away is not the answer. "If it's a question of etiquette, then this is not the way to do it," said Polity Presidential Candidate Jonathan Hanke.

Plati suggested that senators should take the issue to their residents and ask for their input. She stated that if there is enough support, the referendum could be placed for the run-off elections which will take place in two weeks.

Richard Cole, the former *Statesman* Editor-in-Chief whose columns started the controversy accused the people that are attempting to defund the paper of not having any concern for what they are doing. "*Statesman* has offered the time and place of our board meetings and production nights, they refused to show up," he said. "They have no balls."

Referendums Added For Elections

Three motions to place items for referendum for next week's elections were passed at the Polity Senate meeting last night. Two of the items placed on referendum were non-binding polls on the quality of the ARA food service. The first question will ask students if they believe that the quality of ARA's service has improved or has gotten worse over the past year. The second question will ask students if they would support the termination of the "all you can eat" cafeterias in favor of

an all points system. Both questions were suggested by Hendrix College Senator Jonathan Brumet. *Specula*, the school's yearbook was also placed on a referendum for \$5 a student. Polity Treasurer Corey Williams made the motion to place *Specula* on referendum.

Treasurer Blasts Senators

Polity Treasurer Corey Williams condemned a number of senators for their lack of effort in devising next year's budget at last night's senate meeting. Williams said that the budget is not prepared and that he has only received four senate budget committee reports. Williams read from a statement that he had handed out to the rest of the senate. "These reports were due on March 18, 1994, but as of today, I have only received them from four budget committee chairs. Nelson Taijong, Chair of the Academic Committee and Sandra Barrientos, Chair of the Cultural and Advocacy Interest groups Committee have failed to fulfill their duties as Polity Senators. These individuals should be held personally responsible for the delay in the submission of the Polity budget," said Williams.

Williams said unlike previous years, he will not solely compile the entire budget. "Like yourselves, I, too, am a student and I am not about to see my grades suffer because of the irresponsibility of two students," he said.

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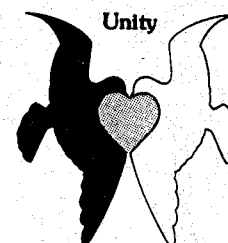
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Meet the Candidates

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If elected Vice President of Polity Nelson Taijong would like to, "move the Polity Senate in a positive direction that will serve students' needs." Taijong also cited promoting cultural diversity and education as two of his goals for Polity next year.



Courtesy of Richard D. Cole
Nelson Taijong: Vice President
Sophomore: Bio-chemistry

Taijong, who currently serves as a Polity Senator from Benedict College, is also the Polity Athletic Budget Committee chair, Polity Security Distribution committee chair, and a member of the Stony Brook Gospel Choir, SAINTS and the African Student Union. Taijong works in the admissions office as a Stony Brook Tour Guide. When at home he volunteers his time at a youth center at Westchester County Medical Center.

Taijong said that the vice president should check up on and keep in touch with Polity clubs and organizations to ensure that they are programming for the students. "Polity should take a more active role in how clubs and organizations program," Taijong went on to say that he felt the current mode of programming in Polity left many students out. "The vast majority of students are not in any club; they're unaccounted for. No one does programming for them."

Taijong also believes that commuter students are, "not getting their fair share from Polity." Taijong would like to work to change the bus fee to \$0.25. He also said that, "we need more inclusive programs for residents and commuters to be involved in."

Taijong feels very strongly that, "If students don't want to come up to Polity, it's our job to take the issues to them - to present the facts to them," said Taijong.

In his spare time Taijong enjoys sports and listening to music, specifically R&B and classical. Taijong described himself as, "dedicated, concerned and equipped to do the job."

By Richard D. Cole

Ken Daube is a nineteen-year-old sophomore running for Junior Representative. Although he is leaning toward Sociology as a major, he is basically undecided. However, one thing Daube is certain about is what he wants to accomplish for the students, particularly the juniors.



Courtesy of Richard D. Cole
Ken Daube: Junior Rep.
Sophomore: Undecided

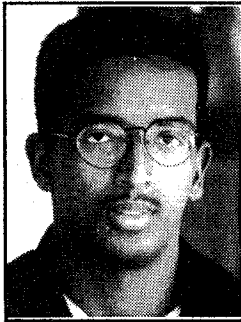
"I want to set up the atmosphere, where, if they want to participate, they can," said Daube of the junior class. "If they want me to do something, I'll get it done."

Daube points to past recurrent problems that have kept Polity from accomplishing much of anything. He particularly points to infighting and by-laws/procedures discussions as the number one progress block. "We have to take the focus from inside and place it outside," he said. "We do that by better programming - more accessible programming, programming earlier in the day."

More importantly, Daube said, "The first thing we have to do is show administration that we actually are a student government and not just a programming board." Among the more prominent issues, Daube feels that parking, bus fees, campus food quality and prices, and daytime programming are the most important.

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During his three years at Stony Brook, he has shown interest in the University both academically and in leadership. Dawit Fikru, a political science major, is the Programming Service Council chairperson in Polity, dealing with the Inter Fraternity Sorority Council.



Courtesy of Richard D. Cole
Dawit Fikru: Vice President
Junior: Political Sci. / History

In the 1992-93 academic year, Fikru was a Resident Assistant, a leg senator and a chair of the budget sub-committee. On the academic front, he is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society and Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society.

If elected vice president, Fikru said that he would like to "make the Student Activities Board more involved in the programming," he said. "If SAB is efficient, then programming will be more efficient." He said that he would like to see SAB work as a group and put on at least one concert a semester, even if that means allocating their whole budget to that.

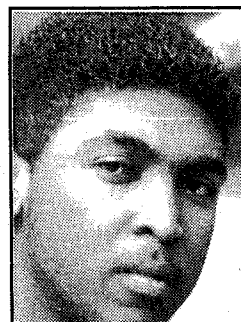
Fikru said that he would also like to see the library open until 2 a.m. He said that he would like to see these hours held all year round but if it is not possible, he would like to, at least, see the library open until 2 a.m. during May and December. In order to fund these late hours, he wants to reconstruct the Polity tutorial services.

Although he realizes that the Vice President has limitations, he would like to see the senate remain focused. To do so, he wants to stay within the limits of Robert's Rules of Order, but start meetings on time and keep an accurate attendance list.

He also said that he would like to see the students get involved with the school sports, including support for our present Division I teams, men's lacrosse and women's soccer.

By Robyn Sauer

Junior Representative candidate, Mark Thomas, is currently a Polity Senator from Hamilton College and has served in the Polity Senate for more than three semesters. Thomas also has served the students of his building via sitting on the Earth Action Board, has acted as the building damage officer, and has done extensive residence hall programming.



Courtesy of Richard D. Cole
Mark Thomas: Junior Rep.
Sophomore: Business Mgmt.

Thomas said that if elected he wanted to work on a developing a "Campus Unity Month." Thomas elaborated that he would attempt to get outside corporate co-sponsorship of events and tee-shirts. Thomas envisions there being two "Unity" months each year, one at the beginning of the Fall semester and another at the end of the spring semester.

Thomas expressed a great deal of interest in developing ties with outside corporations in order to help students get internships while they are students and jobs once they graduate. "I plan to implement a system in which students can get into contact with corporations during their junior year," said Thomas. "This would give them an opportunity to have a major job prospect observing them during their final year. It also allows the student to discover the atmosphere in which they will be working." Thomas also said that he was interested in developing inter-class programming.

In his spare time, Thomas enjoys playing and watching soccer, reading, coin & stamp collecting and playing chess. Thomas describes

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As a sophomore, Annette Hicks, a candidate for vice president, she is an active member of the university community. She is presently a member of the Polity Judiciary, Caribbean Student Organization, Ujamma Student Leadership



Courtesy of Richard D. Cole
Annette Hicks: Vice President
Sophomore: English / Sociology

Network, Minority Planning Board, Gospel Choir, as well as being a Resident Assistant in Wagner and an Orientation Leader.

Hicks would like to see, as vice president, education to be promoted "through continuing Polity funded tutorial services, as well as initiation further programming." She said that she would also want to see training implemented to further student empowerment, because, "no one's born a leader." Diversity is a part of Hicks' platform, as well. She hopes to see a "greater community intermingling."

As vice president, she would like to change the senate to meet twice a month, instead of the existing every week format. Hicks said that the extra time that the senators will then have will enable them to work on committees, which will also have attendance policies. These committees, according to Hicks, will make Polity more effective.

Other goals she will work for is to make the educational initiative stronger for Polity and

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Presently a council officer of Circolo Italiano di Stony Brook and Hellenic Society of Stony Brook, Jim Gounelas is hoping to take his leadership abilities into Polity as the vice president.

Through his involvement in these clubs and other occurrences, Gounelas said he

has "experience running meetings" and "gained experience in dealing with diverse people of different backgrounds, both professionally and socially."

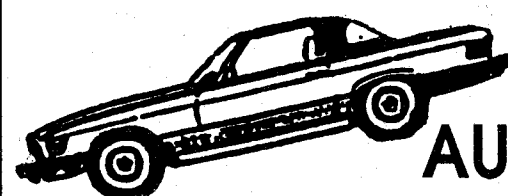
Racial and Multicultural relations, Gounelas said, is one of the most important issues facing the students today. He said that he would like to better the situation within the ethnic, racial, and cultural groups, which includes gay and lesbian students. "I feel that many ethnic or cultural Polity-sponsored clubs should try harder to share and educate students of different backgrounds about their culture," Gounelas said. "I believe that only sharing and learning about different cultures that surround us can we truly experience 'campus life.'"

Another issue that Gounelas said was important is the "improvement of campus life for both commuters and residents. I believe that more university/Polity sponsored events be held at more accessible times and places for both commuter and resident students," he said.

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Jim Gounelas: Vice President
Sophomore: Pol. Sci. / Italian

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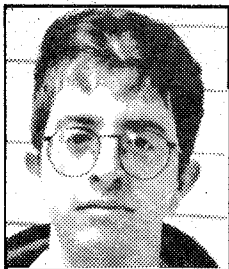
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The Politics Of Whores

When I tell my friends that I will be attending the Washington College of Law at American University in the fall, they tell me that I will eventually get back into the lovely world of politics. What my friends don't know is that there is no place in my life for politics. Politics is a disease of which I can proudly say "I am cured."

Politics is a game, and it was a game at which I was really good.

As many of you know, I was the president of the College Republicans. My tenure as College Republican President was generally successful, but ended eating me up. The work was strenuous and the politicians were looking at what I could do for them, not what they could do for the organization. I joined *Statesman* (last year) as a way out of the Republican political world.

When I joined the College Republicans, I was definitely more idealistic than I am today. I was a Republican who cared more about the issues than about the candidates. I supported a limited government, lower taxes, academic freedom, and belief in the rights given to us by the Constitution. However, I did not support the "Republican stances" on abortion and gay rights. I've always tried to have a policy of "live and let live." I only have problems with people who are trying to infringe on my rights.

My disillusionment with politics was because of the politicians, especially our

elected officials on the local level. These Republicans were more interested in patronage jobs and how they could profit from government. Four of these upstanding Republicans were recently indicted for the McNamara scandal. Idealism is nice, but it has no place in politics.

Being away from the political world, I can honestly say that politicians are generally "shmucks." Politics and politicians have ruined far bigger and better places than just our government. Our government is run by "shmucks," our University is run by "shmucks," and Polity, our student government, is also run by "shmucks." By the way, the people running the dis-information campaign against *Statesman* are also "shmucks." You don't have to be elected by the masses to be a "shmuck."

Politicians are the heathens of this planet. They lie, they distort the truth, and they will do anything to win. One of my favorite politicians happens to be Senator Al D'Amato. I admire D'Amato for his willingness to take very tough stances. But when D'Amato ran against Bob Abrams, back in the 1992 elections, he won because of his attacks on Abrams' liberal stances. Some people suggested that D'Amato willingly distorted his opponent's record. I could believe it. Former Mayor David Dinkins unsuccessfully tried to do the same thing to Rudy Giuliani. The "heathens" also try to do good for their electorate through some of their concocted programs. Bill Clinton's health care plan (a disaster in the making), will be another

notch for his re-election bid in '96. Unfortunately for him and fortunately for us, Clinton will be drowning in some Whitewater. If you believe that politicians want to do good for their electorate, I have some swamp land in Florida for sale. Politicians will always remain politicians.

As stated earlier, politicians aren't relegated to the halls of our government. If you want to see future politicians in the making, one must not look any further than our student government, Polity. The problem with so many of our student politicians is that they will be horrible politicians in the future. That's another thing: Do you believe that any of our student politicians will be leading us as leaders of this Land? I don't really think so. Pretending that you are actually important at the Senate meeting does not guarantee a future career as a politician.

Our student politicians argue about nothing, and get nothing done. Any progress that our student politicians want to make in Polity is blocked by the Executive Council. There are only a few student politicians who could have a career in politics such as Jonathan Hanke and Corey Williams, but they are the exception rather than the norm. If any of our other student politicians is elected as leaders of our country, I will be moving to Canada. Heck, I love hockey and I know the words to "O' Canada." However, I still have a problem with Canadian football teams punting on third down.

Politicians are the biggest hypocrites around. Politicians will do one thing and say another. Clinton's waffling is all the proof you need. By the way, whatever happened to that middle class income tax cut? I guess that went out the window just like Clinton's promises to stop the killing in Bosnia.

Some of our school administrators and students are masquerading as politicians. University President John Marburger is a politician, but he has to be one. Marburger is the president of a 16,000-student university with thousands of more faculty and staff members. He has to deal with important issues that affect us all. Marburger wouldn't have survived fourteen years in office if he wasn't a good politician.

Many of the people involved in the

dis-information campaign against *Statesman* are politicians. They also happen to be the biggest hypocrites I have ever met. Some of the leaders of the *Statesman* lynch mob, who accuse us to be racists, actually, in my opinion are some of the biggest racists and anti-semites that I have ever met. I remember one person who accused our former editor-in-chief of being a Jewish-Nazi writer. This person actually cites "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" as proof of a world-wide Jewish conspiracy. The Protocols is an anti-Semitic forgery that has been dismissed by many foreign governments since it was published. It was a forgery concocted in the late 19th century by the czarist government in Russia. In 1921, "The Protocols" were dismissed as a forgery of a French pamphlet that actually never mentioned Jews.

However, many of those campaigning against us are not racist, they simply got caught up in the dis-information. I pity them because they got caught up in lies. People who live in glass houses should never throw stones. Some of the leaders of the lynch mob should realize that too.

Why did I write this diatribe against politicians? I wrote it because they are responsible for the many problems we all have. High taxes, lousy roads, lousy public education, et cetera, should be blamed on the politicians. Then again, I always said we should never expect anything from our government.

Some Nice Words About Hillel

I went to Hillel's Holocaust commemoration service to listen to Alex Rosner, a "Schindler's List" Jew. I don't agree with many of his views, especially those involving the Holocaust museum (see related story), but I don't have a right to criticize his views because I don't know what he went through.

My favorite part of the evening was that the Union Auditorium, where the event was held was jam-packed. This is the type of event I always wanted Hillel to hold. They deserve congratulations for a job well done.

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The 1993-94 freshman class of Stony Brook has not been involved with the activities that go on at the University, according to Mark Devera. Besides orientation, there wasn't much else that freshmen were involved in, he said.



Courtesy of Richard D. Cole

Devera, a **Mark Devera: Sophomore Rep.** Physical Therapy Freshman: Physical Therapy major, is the Irving Leg Treasurer and a member of the Stony Brook track team. As their possible representative, he wants "the sophomore class to be more involved in Stony Brook activities."

Through his experiences here, he has noticed that students basically have no school pride. "I want to have people be proud of going to Stony Brook," he said. One way of doing so, while focusing on the class that he may represent, would be to set up a sophomore picnic, getting a permit from a park so that everyone can socialize and have some fun.

To ensure that the sophomore class has a voice in Polity, he would like to see the representative of each building come him to summarize what the students want on a weekly, or bi-weekly basis. "Many people hear about Polity, but don't know what they do," he said. I want the sophomore class to give more input, (so they could be better represented

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himself as, "devoted, innovative, and honorable." Thomas went on to say, "Honor is very important. There are certain things I wouldn't allow myself to do. Doing what's right is extremely important. The ends do not justify the means." Thomas also said that he felt it was necessary for elected officials to represent their constituents and not their own views. "I wouldn't allow my own personal judgment to interfere with the way I represent my class," said Thomas. "I would carry my vote according to my constituents."

"Polity should be more of an advocate for students to express concerns and dilemmas that they're experiencing with faculty, administration, et cetera," according to Sarit Levy, one of three Sophomore Representative candidates.

Levy is currently a member of the Hillel Foundation and of Chevre, as well as being an appointed member to the Polity Judiciary. Levy is also a member of the Voter Registration Committee, which is trying to bring New York Governor Mario Cuomo, or possibly Howard Stern, to Stony Brook to discuss the upcoming New York State gubernatorial election.

As a former Dreiser College Vice-President, Dreiser College alternate senator and member of the Polity Budget Committee, Levy believes that she has the experience and ability to fully represent the sophomore class.

She considers herself to be "funny, outgoing, and sharp" who is "down to earth and approachable." She feels that her personality is a plus to being representative in which constituents can go to and talk about their concerns.

Gounelas From Page 3

Also touching on an issue that effects both commuters and residents in different ways, Gounelas said that he would like to see improvements in the parking lots. He said that the lighting should be improved, and the potholes should be filled, along with other campus physical improvements.

Gounelas said that he would, as vice president, encourage the senators to be more in tune with their constituents because "being a representative is a privilege, not a right." He said that he would not give the senators ultimatums but discuss, debate, and compromise.

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Sarit Levy: Sophomore Rep.
Freshman: Undecided

Senior Representative candidate Vincent Bruzzese, better known as "Vinny," is one of the most senior members of Polity today.

Bruzzese has been in the Polity Senate for more than three and a half years. During that time, he has served as President of the Commuter Student Association (CSA), chairman of the Programming Service Council, Captain of Blood Drive '93, President Marburger's Drug and Alcohol Committee, as a Polity Senator to the University Senate, and is currently Polity Senate Pro-tempore.

Bruzzese said the most important issue he wants to address as Senior Rep. is his class having an outdoor graduation. According to Bruzzese, "many students have shown concern because of the limited number of tickets available due to the fact that graduation is inside the Sports Complex." He went on to say that some students in the past were forced to buy tickets from seniors not



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Vincent Bruzzese: Senior Rep.
Senior: Sociology

partaking in graduation for as much as \$100 a ticket. Bruzzese said, "Students should be able to graduate with their whole family watching, not with just two in the audience and the others watching on some TV set," he said. If graduation took place outside, there would be less of an availability issue with seating, plus, the fact that it would simply be nicer to have it outside." Bruzzese said that he would have to do fundraising to get an outdoor graduation (\$15,000). To help raise this money, Bruzzese suggested having a one-dollar-a-year referendum added on to the Student Activity fee.

Bruzzese also said that the number one goal of Polity "should be returning the Activity Fee back out to the students. He said, "students should be able to see tangible evidence of their fees at work." He went on to say that, "Polity should be programming-oriented." However, Bruzzese warned that programming should have equity in it because currently, "many students, are ignored in terms of programming."

When not in Polity or CSA, Vinny likes to play baseball and socialize - especially with his fiancée, Marie. In describing himself Bruzzese said that he was "motivated, caring and accessible."

Daube From Page 3

One of Daube's projects aimed at finding solutions is the formation of a Political Action Committee. "When a student has a problem, they come and they talk to the Political Action Committee," he said. According to Daube, the Political Action Committee will take on three or four topics per semester.

Among Daube's qualifications are his experiences as Commuter Senator (two years), Senate Secretary (nearly one year), Blood Drive recruiting supervisor, Steering Committee member, undergraduate representative for the Honorary Degree Committee, and Orientation Leader (last year and this year). Daube said that he resigned as Senate Secretary because he found that in the time that he used to take and type minutes for meetings, he could accomplish much more for the students in other capacities.

Hicks From Page 3

Polity has two roles, according to Hicks, service and true representation. In order to service students Hicks said that those elected should be available, approachable, and sacrifice its time. In order to provide true representation, Hicks would like Polity to do a poll of the students to see what their true concerns are. She also said that senators should be more social with their constituents because right now many senators aren't in touch with those they represent.

When Hicks is not working in Polity organizations she likes to listen to a wide range of music, including R & B and jazz, sing, and workout. The three words she would use to describe herself would be optimistic, amiable, and thorough.

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Editorial

Polity Elections: What A Mess!

The Polity elections, as predicted by this publication, are in shambles. The election board is being questioned about its authority, knowledge, and possibility of conflict of interest.

During the past couple of days, our offices have received numerous phone calls regarding the relation of the election board to candidates. The concern, overwhelmingly, was directed in the direction of vice presidential candidate Annette Hicks and election chair Courtney O'malley. We have tried to investigate this matter to the best of our ability. Although there appears to be no direct correlation between Hicks and O'malley, Jerry Canada, who at one time ran track with O'malley, appointed O'malley to the position. Canada presently is a

member of the track team, as is Hicks' boyfriend. In addition, O'malley was Hicks' boyfriend's roommate, apparently, until the first of the year.

Although this may seem to be gossip, these facts have been documented and it brings about concerns beyond those that were addressed in the last issue of *Statesman*. Calls that we received were from "concerned students" and we spoke to candidates, as well. Is there a conflict of interest within the election board? Hicks and O'malley denied all counts of a conflict of interest, as did Hicks' boyfriend. Asking others familiar with the workings of Polity, current Polity Vice President Crystal Plati, agreed that no conflict seemed to be present.

Other concerns expressed to us included the workings of

the debates yesterday. The debates started more than a half an hour late, and to compensate for time restraints students were not allowed to ask questions of the candidates. Who are electing these individuals? The students. Just about anyone can get up and give a list of ideas and prepared speeches. But, some students want more than sound bites, they wanted to address their concerns and see what each candidate had to offer. Was this just another example of how certain individuals with administrative roles in Polity, told you, the students, that they just don't care about what you want and that the program was not there for your interest? It must be said that the candidates were willing to answer these questions.

They're Doing It Again

Last night's senate meeting was further proof of the hypocrisy shown by the groups of students who want to defund Statesman. It seems that the issues that occur in Polity are always the same year after year, yet the sides change.

Two years ago, there was a debate on campus on whether Polity should fund a speech that was to be given by Khallid Muhammad, the then national assistant to Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan. Many students were offended that Polity would let one of their funded organizations pay for Muhammad to speak. The people that defended Muhammad, claimed that he

had the freedom to speak and that the only way to dis-fund the speech was if they could prove financial mismanagement. That event set the precedent that Polity would support the right for people to speak with alternative viewpoints.

The same people that are asking for the defunding of *Statesman* are the same people that screamed free speech when people questioned Polity's funding of Muhammad. We don't believe in double standards; one standard for Polity will do.

Last year, an overzealous senator wanted to defund the Stony Brook Press because of some nudity on the front cover. The senator wanted to place the Press on referendum to

defund them despite the fact that their referendum was approved the year before (doesn't that sound familiar?). One person that was disgusted with what happened last year was then-Polity Vice President Jerry Canada. Canada is a firm believer in free speech, as he was also appalled by the attempts to censor us.

These people were, obviously, just trying to be rash and destructive. If they were interested in change they would have taken one of the many invitations to come to an Editorial Board meeting and voiced their concerns. They would have joined this organization and took action to turn it around. But, no, progress is not their goal.

Write Us!

New York Needs The Death Penalty

by Rick Resnick

Pretty soon both houses of the New York State Legislature will pass bills to reinstate the death penalty. As usual his hierarchy Mario Cuomo will veto it. By vetoing the death penalty for the twelfth straight year Mario Cuomo is saying he doesn't give a damn about the rights of law abiding citizens.

I say and I think I speak for most New Yorkers that we must reinstate the death penalty. By having a death penalty it will make may criminals think twice before they commit murder. I know that all the liberals will say that the Death Penalty won't act as a deterrent to murder. I say well if the death penalty won't act as a deterrent, then what will?

The Liberals answer to that is the punishment called life imprisonment without parole. Well there is nothing wrong persay with life imprisonment, but there is one problem with that. If life imprisonment without parole is the maximum penalty allowed by law then what do you do with someone who's serving life without parole if they kill a prison guard. There was a case like this back in 1981. A scumbag by the name of Lemuel Smith who was serving two life terms for murder killed a female prison guard named Donna Payant. Now many people don't know this but New York State actually had a death penalty in 1983. Lemuel Smith received that sentence. The law was that if someone was serving 15

years to life and they killed a prison guard the penalty was a mandatory death sentence. Unfortunately, the pinko liberals of the New York State Supreme Court overturned that law and Lemuel Smith was given a third life sentence. That meant Lemuel Smith who was serving two life terms for murder was given a third life term which meant he essentially received no more punishment for the vicious murder of Donna Payant.

Now I would like to know the Liberals answer to this question, "If someone is serving life without parole and they kill a prison guard, what more punishment can they get". The answer is none. Theoretically a prisoner could kill 20 prison guards and receive the same punishment which he was already serving. Make no mistake about it if you're a liberal Liberal, then you are weak on crime. Life imprisonment without parole can only work if you have a death penalty to back it up. People like Cuomo say that the death penalty doesn't work because in states with the death penalty the murder rate has increased. Well I then have as much right to say that in states like New York that don't have a death penalty, the murder rate has also gone up. I could make the argument that since New York's maximum penalty for murder is 25 years to life and the murder rate skyrocketed during the 1980's that 25 years to life doesn't work so why do we bother giving murders 25 years to life.

The death penalty will work if its implementation is expedited. It now takes on average 10 years to execute someone. Anti-death penalty people say that the death penalty costs more then life without parole. That's because the ACLU files lawsuit after lawsuit delaying its implementation.

Now when a person by the name of Colin Ferguson shot 25 people on the Long Island Railroad, Mario Cuomo said his punishment must be swift. What exactly is Mario Cuomo talking about? In our maximum security prisons, murderers, rapists, armed robbers, carjackers, etc. have TV sets, recreation rooms, a law library, medical care, three square meals a day, etc. Is that the kind of swift punishment that Mario Cuomo is talking about. For Colin Ferguson and the other murderers of New York, my idea of swift punishment is sending 1000 amperes through their f**king bodies. I would show their execution to all kids between the ages of 10 and 18 and after watching an execution, it will scare the shit out of them that they won't even think twice about committing a murder. I don't think anybody should be surprised about Mario Cuomo's position on the death penalty because after all during the 1950's and 1960's, Mario Cuomo defended death row inmates and that is why I truly believe that if somebody raped and murdered Mario Cuomo's daughter, the Governor would give the guy

a pat on the back and say "Way to go fella, keep up the good work."

Now, New York State could have a death penalty if the New York State Legislature would override his vetoes or if Mario Cuomo is defeated in the upcoming election. The only reason why the Legislature voted on the death penalty is because during the 1980's, the speakers of the Assembly knew that Mario Cuomo was going to veto it. If the speakers of the Assembly knew that Cuomo's veto was going to be overridden they never would have let it come to a vote. A committee of the Assembly approved a Constitutional Amendment which would have let the voters of New York decide if they wanted the death penalty. Assembly speaker Saul Weprin would not let it out of committee because the governor could not veto it. Well, fortunately, this year Saul Weprin died and was replaced with a speaker who does support the death penalty. Since this is an election year, the Democratic speaker will protect his governor. But after the elections of 1994, the death penalty will probably be back either being approved by a Republican Governor or with Mario Cuomo's thirteenth veto being overridden. Now if the death penalty is brought back, the people of New York will be breaking out the champagne. I don't drink but hey if I live to see a murderer in New York get executed, I will definitely drink to that.

Baraka's Stream Of Consciousness Discourse

By Alena Walters

After reading Mr. Baraka's opinion piece, I was compelled to write about this disjointed free association session.

Mr. Baraka decided to reinvent etymology. He examines the word normal and comes up with northern sickness (nor+mal), and the word discover is exposed to be (dis+cover). I wonder what Baraka would do with the word justice (it's only frozen water). Maybe Baraka can expose earnest people to be secret advocates of establishing retreats for auditory organs (ear+nest).

Mr. Baraka says, "When we say America, we are really saying Pan America." When we, in the U.S., say America, we aren't really saying Pan America. When a U.S. resident speaks of "American Culture," he or she is referring to the U.S., and isn't referring to Mexico, Brazil, or Canada.

The American culture reflects European culture, Baraka says is a "racist fraud". Being that people of European descent make up the largest percentage of the U.S. population, doesn't it follow that American Culture would, most likely, be largely shaped by European Culture?

U.S. Population
% European descent over 75
% Asian descent 3
% African descent 12
% Hispanic 8

Source: U.S. Census 1990

Furthermore the term "European Culture" was questionable, to Baraka, because "neither Germany nor Italy exist, as states, prior to [the 19th century]". This stupidly assumes that there existed blank, cultureless people waiting to be assigned

the name "Germany" ("Italy") or that upon becoming of a new state, their cultures were struck down at once and replaced with new ones. Of course, long before Germany (Italy) became named so, there existed people there with viable culture.

On o multi-culturalism. Just because it is impossible to teach all cultures in school does not (contrary to what Mr. Baraka purports) imply that there is only one acceptable culture. How can we teach every different culture when we have problems, in resource scarcity and time constraint, teaching basic math skills, reading, and science? And which of the literally thousands of cultures would you choose to include, Mr. Baraka, and which would you choose to exclude?

Baraka charges that the curriculum in public schools is "blatantly racist" and that its continuation is the propulation of slavery! (I differ.) Not all cultures and ideologies are assigned equal bearing in the classroom. Generally, those that have had the most influence on us as a nation and a society are more stressed. For instance, when studying the founding of U.S. government, we learn that it has been greatly influenced by the principles of John Locke. It is both difficult and problematic to try to avoid teaching the European thought that has had such a great impact (if we are to teach American History at all). To refrain from denying the impact that European culture and ideology has had on our country does not conflict with the policy of teaching history from various perspectives- not just European descendants' (the policy that, for instance, shows that Native Americans of "frontier land" aren't "wild Indians"). Also, teaching students of the European influence on the shaping of our country does not imply that

American Culture is static; the influence, over time, of more and more peoples with diverse perspectives (internally and through immigration) has been food for the evolution of American Culture. This is what makes the culture of our great country so rich and beautiful.

Fortunately for all Americans, blacks have had considerable influence on American Culture, despite the fact that blacks comprise only 12% of the population. Baraka refers to some of these influences in his letter.

So, what about the curriculum? I believe it is advantageous to learn about one or two cultures other than your own. It gives us a better understanding of others and ourselves, and very importantly, the experience imparts objectivity. Requiring one study-of-another-culture course is fair and good. Academia, though, should mainly be in the business of teaching academics, not cultures (unless, of course, you are a sociology major).

What of Baraka? He is right that black Americans living below the poverty line is a tragedy for both black people and for the whole of U.S. livelihood and economic development. But, what of his bizarre comparison of the status of the U.S. to that of the Weimar Republic? Or his complaint that the English department is big relative to Black Studies? Well, gee, much of the English department deals with language itself; that is, reading and writing skills (I will not, here, diverge to speak of the absolute necessity of the teaching of these skills). Furthermore, American literature and other non-English literature also falls under the English department.

How about his statement that "The Jeffries CCNY issue was not so much about what Jeffries said." Well, it was

about what Jeffries said. Jeffries said that the climate (temperature) of the region which one's ancestors inhabited determines one's personal character: Sun people can be characterized as warm and friendly, while ice people (those with Nordic backgrounds) are cold and greedy! Of Course no one would want this man to serve on a board which will decide how history should be taught. Baraka conveniently omitted such information about Jeffries' opinions.

Generally, Mr. Baraka's opinion piece was incoherent. Mr. Baraka, did they misprint your letter or do you actually have the writing abilities of an eighth-grader? (Tell me, exactly what are musical lovers?...and which American has masses?) Maybe if the English department were a little bigger, you'd wander into it one day.

Baraka has made the most ludicrous assertions, mistaking daydreams for analyses. I refer you to an article (TIME April 4, 1994) which describes this unfortunate occurrence in other schools.

It is really an injustice to outstanding, respectable black professors who might suffer from being associated with delusional people like Professor Baraka simply because they are African Studies professors. I trust that the Stony Brook students are able to make the distinction.

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To The Editor:

Just a brief note to let you know that Richard D. Cole's entertaining piece in the Monday, April 4

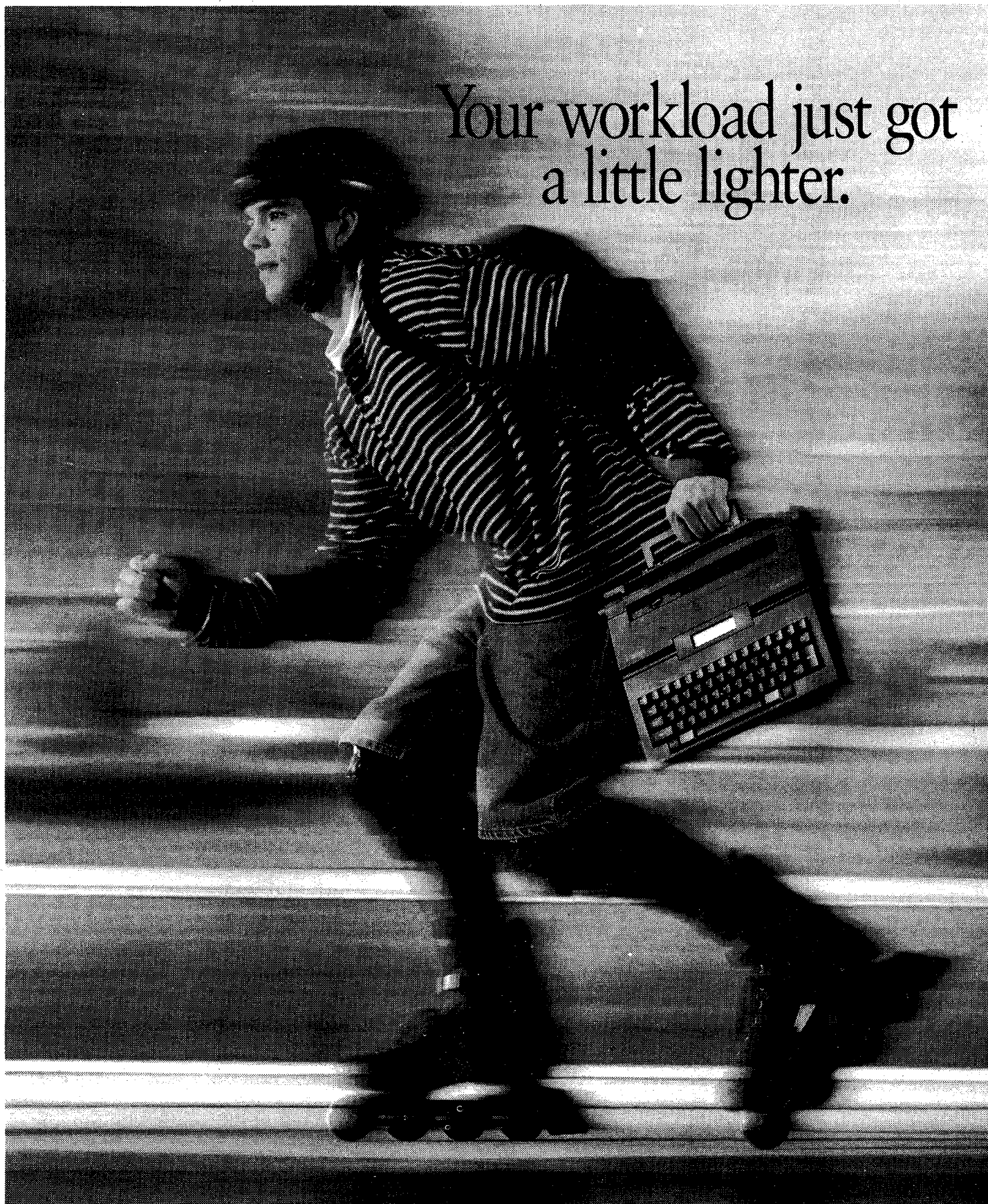
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Campus Life, People, and Events

Reaching Out For UNIVERSITY RESPONSE

By Joe Fraioli
Statesman Features Editor

Imagine yourself driving a car down a long and seemingly endless road with a destination in mind. An intersection lies ahead with two other automobiles approaching the intersection, one coming from the east, the other from the west. As all three vehicles prepare to turn north, they unexpectedly merge together and continue in a compromised direction. This can be seen as a brief history of UNIVERSITY RESPONSE, possibly Stony Brook's newest campus service.

Ellie Demberg, a senior majoring in Psychology, rode into Stony Brook from SUNY Albany last summer and was unable to locate a hotline intervention center around the campus. "I came to this campus in the summer of '93 and I worked at a hotline previously and noticed that Stony Brook didn't have one," she said. "So, I got in contact with the Department of Residences through Step Beyond."

Step Beyond is an internship program that was offered in the Fall where students and staff strive to combat acquaintance rape on campus. It was there that Demberg developed her decision to provide the campus with a crisis hotline. "So this was my project, to do a hotline," she said. "One of the people I contacted when I started researching this, was Jen's advisor."

Jennifer Jordan, a senior enrolled in the School of Social Welfare, was currently under the supervision of Carmen Vazquez, director of Student Union and Activities. Jordan had just left her volunteer position in the Veterans' Hospital due to the poor working conditions she claims were present. With the absence of her position, Jordan found herself looking for a way to fill a lot of volunteer hours. "Through the BSW program, I'm required to fulfill 210 hours per semester internship," she said. "Because of my interest in women's issues and feminism, I wanted to create an accessible service for those in need of counseling."

At first, Jordan wanted to start a hotline service specifically for women. "I was personally interested in providing a service for women when the Counseling Center was closed [after 5:00 p.m.]," she said. "To have something available and easily accessible."

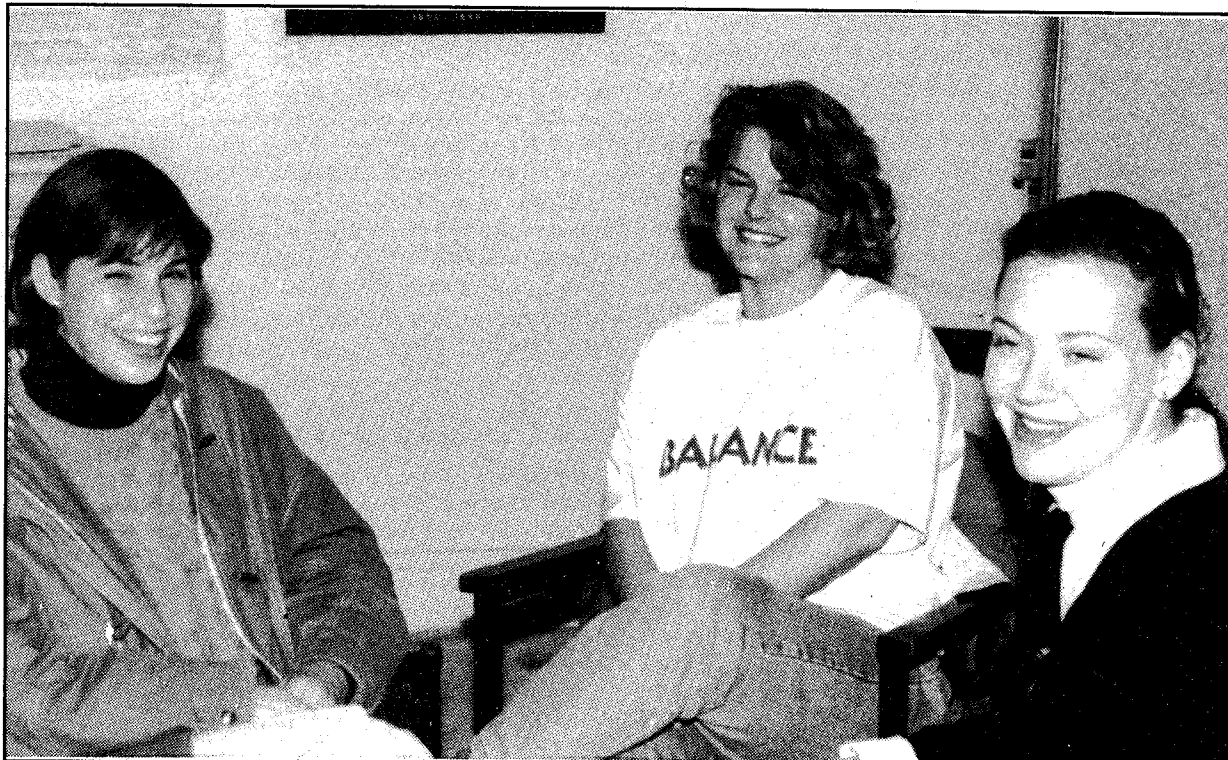
Also a student in the Step Beyond program, Jordan had never met or made contact with Demberg. It wasn't until Vazquez linked the two together, that they finally met. "Carmen was our connection," said Jordan.

Jordan and Demberg then went to Anne Byrnes, director of the University Counseling Center with their ideas. Both Jordan and Demberg wanted a hotline service accessible to students after the Counseling Center closes at 5:00 p.m. The hotline service would provide counseling by trained individuals to those who called in. "I suggested they make use of a pre-existing one [hotline service], instead of starting from scratch," said Byrnes. "I suggested a joint university-community venture to provide a crisis intervention hotline."

Byrnes is no stranger to the hotline service. She was director of "Bridge to Somewhere," a hotline service offered by Stony Brook approximately ten years ago. Byrnes also said that a phone line would be "more doable and feasible than a walk-in service..."

Last Spring, Claudia Solin, a junior majoring in English arrived on campus and also saw the need for a support and counseling service for Stony Brook. "At my previous college, which is Kenyan College in Ohio, along with one or two other students, I established a rape education and awareness program," she said. "That was something needed to fill a void."

Earlier this semester, Solin wanted to start a hotline counseling service as well, to fill Stony Brook's own void. Solin, who is also a commuter senator, first went to Polity to seek funding for an intervention service. She was then directed to the Division of Campus Residences who, in turn, directed her to Step Beyond. "Because of the things I worked on, I noticed that Stony Brook didn't provide



From left to right: Ellie Demberg, Jennifer Jordan, and Claudia Solin.

Photo Courtesy Richard D. Cole

those services after five," she said. "I approached the already existing Step Beyond program and hooked up with Ellie and Jen."

Now complete and merged together, Demberg, Jordan, and Solin took Byrnes' advice and sought a pre-existing telephone hotline service. Byrnes recommended RESPONSE, a hotline counseling service funded by Suffolk County. Demberg, Jordan, and Solin arranged a deal with RESPONSE to use the physical structure of the organization in exchange for the payment of training and overhead costs. "I think it's the best bargain I've ever heard of," said Byrnes. "They're [RESPONSE] high-quality."

Demberg, Jordan and Solin are currently working on a credit system where students may volunteer for the service, receive training, and obtain actual hands-on experience with the counseling. Through donations from various academic departments, they have already been able to incur the cost of \$3,000 that is needed to update the phone lines so that Stony Brook students will be able to reach the hotline from the 632- phone number. "We developed a 24 hour hotline crisis intervention telephone counseling and referral hotline with a 632- number so that it is easily accessible to students on campus," said Demberg. "It also gives the campus community an alternative for after the University Counseling Center closes."

Byrnes agreed saying, "The hospital is the only counseling center open during the evening and an emergency room is not a place you want to go when you want to talk about something."

Students will be able to talk about almost anything if the UNIVERSITY RESPONSE is established. Topics may range from suicide, stress, sexuality orientation issues, rape and dating violence, to pregnancy and birth control issues. "It really is a campus issue, the fact that we don't have accommodating and accessible counseling services after hours," said Jordan. "You should be able to find someone with the push of a few buttons."

These few buttons do have a hefty price, though. For overhead, rent and training, costs are expected to total to about \$14,000 a year. Jordan, Demberg, and Solin have decided to combat this cost by placing an item on referenda in this year's Polity elections. The referendum asks for \$.75 from each student per semester. Demberg said they will support this referendum and raise student awareness by "campaigning like hell."

Jordan, Demberg, and Solin plan on posting flyers for the item and getting endorsements from clubs and candidates as well. They currently have ten candidates endorsing the referendum. "The referendum passage is more important than the money, because it says students support this at a community level through their individual vote," said Jordan. "[UNIVERSITY RESPONSE is] the only service of this kind on campus to this community."

Arlene Davis, executive director of RESPONSE, sees the venture as an opportunity to benefit both organizations. Stony Brook will be operating its own hotline crisis intervention service and RESPONSE will expect to receive many student volunteers for the center. "It will be a double blessing," she said. "It is an exciting proposition a long time in coming."

Davis said that the training is very professional and callers responses are kept in strict confidentiality. "The training is very professional with very high standards," she said. "It's [RESPONSE] a very important service and a service available to all students."

With the Polity elections approaching on Tuesday, April 19 and Wednesday the 20th, Demberg, Jordan, and Solin plan on campaigning highly for their referendum item and on keeping their eyes on the road ahead.

Music Trivia

Congratulations to last week's winners, John Lyons, Andrew Kasen, Kerry Sakadi, Amy VanDuessen, and Augustine Tornatore. They each won the new Proclaimers CD for correctly answering the question, "What movie featured the Proclaimers' biggest hit, 500 Miles?" The movie was, *Benny and Joon*. Be sure to read Monday's edition for a new question and chance to win.

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AIDS: Just the Facts

Angela Mori
Statesman Staff Writer

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed here at Stony Brook last weekend. The program is over, but the number of victims of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is increasing every day.

In the United States, as of December 31, 1993, there were 361,509 reported cases and 220,871 deaths. Internationally, there have been 752,225 reported cases, an estimate of 2,500,000 cases and 500,000 estimated deaths. AIDS is the sixth leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds and the number one cause of death among American men between the ages of 25 and 44.

More locally, Nassau and Suffolk Counties comprise the area with the highest number of AIDS cases of any suburb in the country. There are 2,893 cases of AIDS that have been reported, but

epidemiologists say that U.S. cases are under-reported by about 18 percent.

On Long Island, 41 percent of cases are due to the sharing of injection equipment, 35 percent of cases are due to men having sex with men, nine percent of cases are due to heterosexual transmission, four percent of cases occur from blood transfusions/products and eleven percent of cases by other means (such as sexual abuse, mother-to-child, et cetera).

Ignorance of the disease is as widespread as the disease. The most important thing to know is that the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is not transmitted by casual contact. It can only be contracted in four ways through blood-to-blood contact, semen or vaginal secretions to blood, mother-to-child during pregnancy and by breast-feeding. You cannot contract the virus by being near or by living with an infected person; from a cough or sneeze; sharing glasses, dishes,

utensils, soap or towels; touching toilets or doorknobs; from bug bites, mosquitoes, ticks or bees; by donating blood; from showers or swimming pools; shaking hands with, hugging, kissing, or petting.

The amount of children, out of the 2,893 Long Islanders with AIDS, is 56. The most common way a child becomes infected with HIV is through its mother during pregnancy or birth. The virus can be transmitted from the mother to the child even if the mother has no symptoms of infection. During mid-1985 a few children were infected through blood transfusions. Blood screening is now performed to help assure that HIV is not transmitted through transfusions. A mother who is HIV positive and breast-feeds her child can transmit the virus to her child through her breast milk. There have also been a few cases of children who have been infected through sexual abuse, since HIV is contained in semen.

To help prevent the spreading of AIDS, people should either postpone having sex or ask questions about your partner's sexual experience and drug usage before engaging in a sexual encounter. Be monogamous; the more partners you have, the higher the probability that you will become infected. Don't drink alcohol or use drugs before engaging in sexual activities, because people do things they wouldn't normally do if they were drug-free. When having sex, always use a condom to help prevent the transmission of the virus. Finally, refrain from anal sex, since tears in delicate tissue of the anal passage increase the chance for contact with blood and HIV.

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SPJ Convention To Be Held In Stony Brook And Port Jeff

By Jill Posner
Special to Statesman

The Society of Professional Journalists, the oldest and largest professional society for journalists in the nation, is organizing a regional convention in conjunction with the student chapter of SUNY at Stony Brook. The convention will take place on Long Island, April 15th-17th.

On Friday, April 15, journalists and students interested in journalism from states ranging from Maine to Pennsylvania will congregate at Danford's Inn located in Port

Jefferson, Long Island. Panels will be held there as well as on the campus of Stony Brook. Various aspects of journalism will be discussed. Representatives from television, radio and newspapers will be there to talk about the things students emerging into the journalism world should know. For those who have already established themselves as journalist, there will be panels discussing what needs to be done in order to become better journalists as well as how to get a better job in today's market. "I think this is a great opportunity for both students and professionals to learn as much as there is to

know about journalism," says Jamie Martorana, co secretary to the Stony Brook student chapter of SPJ. "It is also a time when students get to meet some of the people they might be working for in the future, and it allows the students to hear some of the experiences journalists have gone through."

Many print journalists wonder if there is a future for newspapers in the upcoming century. There will be a panel to discuss this, as well as the recent popularity of "yellow" journalism. Rafael Abromovitz, a former "Hard Copy" employee, is one of the panelists who will talk about the recent change of ethics in journalism.

Speaking of "yellow" journalism, Eric Naiburg, the attorney who defended Amy Fisher, will be speaking about his experience with the many journalists who have kept the saga of Fisher and Joey Buttafuoco alive for almost two years after Fisher shot Mary Jo Buttafuoco.

The students of the student chapter at Stony Brook are getting ready for the big event by purchasing t-shirts, mugs and various other miscellaneous items with the hope of earning some money for the organization. The students will also greet the visiting students off the buses, who will be arriving from many different universities. "I think it's a great opportunity to share ideas, insights and experiences with the incoming students," said Tom Flanagan, vice president of the student chapter. The Stony Brook students will give the other students tours of the university as well as the town of Port Jefferson.

There is always room for a little fun and the student chapter at Stony Brook went to Port Jefferson and took down the names and addresses of places that appeared to be exciting for the other college students to visit. Besides the many bars located in Port Jefferson, places that topped the list were the delicious smells of the seafood restaurants. Not only will the students take an entire weekend of journalism, they will also get a taste of one of Long Island's finest features, its restaurants. And when they leave for home wherever that may be, they'll bring a little taste of Long Island back with them.

For those interested in the media aspect of journalism, there is going to be a former writer of "Rosanne" to tell about her experiences in writing for sitcom television. Judy Farkas, of MGM will also be talking about her experience in dealing with the fast-paced and exciting life of journalism in the media.

With the recent publicity of the movie, "Schindler's List", topping the list of guest speakers is a man who was on Oscar Schindler's list. He will tell about his experience during World War II and will talk about the media's recent interest in this oscar-winning movie.

Vickie Katz, regional coordinator at Stony Brook, has been working extra hard to make sure this regional is even better than last year's, held in New York City. "I'm really excited that the regional is taking place on Long Island, and with tours of News 12 and Newsday taking place, I think people are going to learn a lot, as well as have a good time," said Katz.

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The Gender Conspiracy, Part Two: Just a Wink and a smile? ¹¹

By Brooke Donatone
Assistant Features Editor

"Hey Baby, do you know what would look good on you? Me." Most girls have heard come-ons such as this from men at one time or another. Or how about being pinched going up the stairs or receiving those little "love taps?" Most girls think these things are innocent enough, so let them pass. But, those alarm bells should start screaming "sexual harassment!" While it may be in man's nature to "compliment" the female body, there are some places where it is not appropriate. It's actually a form of mental rape, where a person feels violated and vulnerable. From her song, "Me and a Gun," Tori Amos expressed harassment against women by singing, "So I wore a slinky red thing. Does that mean I should spread? For you, your friend, your father, Mr. Ed?"

What's the difference if a stranger or your boss makes a pass at you? Not a thing. Harassment is harassment no matter who does it - friend or stranger, man or woman. Many women put up with the suggestive comments or wrongful touching from an employer because they fear they may lose their jobs. Women shouldn't be made to feel victimized and if they are made to feel vulnerable, it is harassment and it is illegal.

Sexual harassment occurs more with women than with men, probably because "women are viewed in society as being more vulnerable, but they're not," said Kayla Mendelsohn, assistant dean for student affairs.

"In early cases, people's consciousness were not quite raised and women no longer are taking embarrassment and humiliation quietly. Snide remarks and put downs have decreased markedly," most likely between the sexes in the workplace and other such areas, Jeanette Hotmer of University Police said.

Sexual harassment occurs more than people may think. The Association of American colleges reported that twenty to thirty percent of college women have been sexually harassed.

"In the past, students complained about outside contractors," Hotmer added, and there was also some harassment from fellow students and employees. The university sent letters to the contractors saying that they wouldn't be able to continue working if the harassment didn't stop. The university takes sexual harassment very seriously, however, for whatever reason some women refuse to report their experiences.

"A lot are still in denial," Mendelsohn explained. Most people have seen "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle" where the doctor abuses a pregnant woman. This may leave women feeling afraid to visit male physicians for fear of sexual harassment. Many (male) physicians and physician's assistants, especially in the urological and OBGYN professions have a female

present in the room during an examination to protect both the doctor and patient.

Paul Lombardo, Physician's Assistant Chairperson, would "prefer to have a woman present because it sometimes opens a female patient for communication, especially on the first visit," he said. It also makes the patient feel more comfortable." At the same token if a male was having an examination by a female doctor, they may want a male present.

Even though official legislation has not been passed for the explicit requirement for a female to be in the room with a male caregiver and a female patient, there is an unwritten policy that if a female makes a request then it must be met.

"It's not necessarily unwise to pass legislation but people that have this problem will find a way around if they have the intent of doing it," Lombardo added.

Physician Assistant programs are now teaching aware-

ness about issues of domestic violence and sexual harassment in their curriculum to prevent such cases.

The medical director of the PA program, Dr. Anne Robbins explained that "a physician should be clear with the patient about what the exam entails and why they are doing it and not assume permission. We encourage physician's assistants and doctors to understand this is a risk for both parties and want to prevent misunderstandings."

Women do not provoke sexual harassment, in the same sense that they do not provoke rape. Women, as well as men, should be taught "to be assertive, let the other person know they are uncomfortable and communicate. When the other person doesn't respond by changing their behavior, that's when there's a problem," said Mendelsohn.

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Velvet Hammer Time

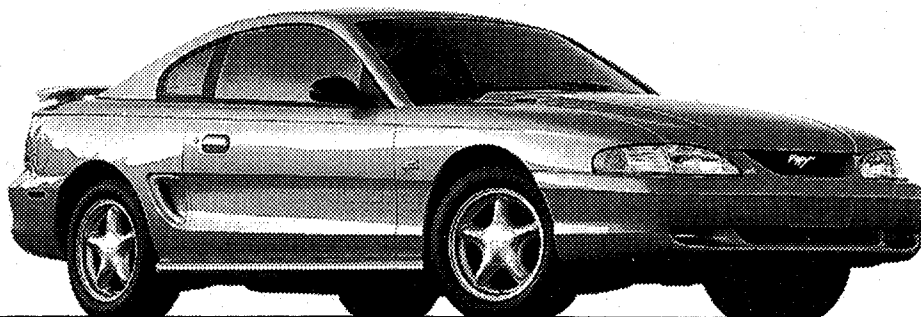
By Tom Berkin
Statesman Staff Writer

No, Velvet Hammer isn't some fabric coated power-tool, it's a local band that hails from New Hyde Park, Long Island. They've recorded a four track demo tape that has a hard drive to it, with understated, dirge-like, velvety riffs that undoubtedly created the name for the band.

The four-song cassette is surprisingly good for an independently produced demo. The cassette includes full color artwork and lyrics, which is a classy and probably somewhat expensive touch.

Velvet Hammer's sound is sort of a mixture of Soundgarden, classic Alice Cooper, and Pearl Jam. Don't be misled by the comparisons, Velvet Hammer does have elements reminiscent of the "Seattle sound," but Velvet Hammer's music has a much more layered, change-laden characteristic to it. It is not "grunge rock," it's more power metal with a melodic edge to it.

The tape will tempt your appetite for more Velvet Hammer, which can be easily satisfied by going to one of their many local gigs. A prime opportunity to catch Velvet Hammer will be at Stony Brook's own Ultimate Spring Bash on April 23. The group puts on an impressive live show, playing their original material as well as covers of bands like Black Sabbath, Jethro Tull, and even the Doors. To receive information on their latest gigs and/or to purchase their demo tape (about 3 dollars) write to: Velvet Hammer, P.O. Box 40-2115, New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040.



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Rutgers Upends Lacrosse Pats

The lacrosse team fell 12-5 to Rutgers University, Tuesday afternoon. The Patriots were outshot 57-29, including 31-11 in the first half, and 46-16 through three periods. Kevin Banks made ten saves in goal for the Patriots before being relieved by Steve Cox, who added five stops.

Chris Aitchison scored the games' first goal with 8:24 left in the opening frame, but the hosts scored the next three goals. James Covino brought the Patriots within 3-2 when he tallied with 9:01 left in the second quarter. Rutgers tallied three goals to take a 6-2 lead at the half.

Chris Chamberlain scored the first goal of the second half, but Rutgers scored the next four goals to build a 10-3 lead. Courtney Wilson scored Stony Brook's next goal to make the score 10-4 at the close of the third period. The Scarlet Knights tallied two more times at the start of the final quarter, before Derek Reyna scored the game's final goal with 5:36 left.

The Patriots will be back in action Saturday afternoon when they travel to New Hampshire.

Bonura Captures First At Trenton State

Sophomore Julie Bonura and

teammate Rokhaya Cisse both captured firsts at the Trenton State Lion Invite on Saturday. Bonura claimed victory in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.9 seconds, while Cisse won the 10,000-meter run in 42:54.8. Christina Velea finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (17.6) for the Patriots.

Volleyball Team Playing Better

The volleyball team played three games, winning one and losing two, at the Hofstra University Spring Volleyball Tournament April 9. The team opened the tournament with a 3-0 loss to tourney-host Hofstra and followed that with a 2-1 loss at the hands of Providence. The Patriots finished the round-robin tournament with a 2-1 victory over Boston College. All of the teams the Lady Pats opposed were from Division I programs.

"I enjoy working with this group," Stony Brook volleyball coach Teri Tiso said. "If you can work together, you can overcome your weaknesses. I'm very proud of the way they played this weekend."

The Patriots will travel to Hofstra, again, this weekend, to play in its' last tournament of the year.

Softball Team Struggling

The softball team fell to 1-4 after

losing three games last week. On Thursday the Lady Patriots hosted Old Westbury and were defeated 14-2. Joanna Kerney and Denise Resta paced the Pats' offense with two hits apiece. Saturday the team traveled to Clinton to play games against Hamilton College and Russell Sage. Kerney once again led the way collecting four hits in the two setbacks.

Women's Soccer Team Impresses In Virginia

The women's soccer team ventured to James Madison University this weekend to compete in the seven-aside invitational. The Patriots came home with an impressive 3-1 record in the tournament, losing only to nationally-ranked James Madison 4-2.

In its' opening game the team came from behind to defeat Davidson College 4-3. "That game was our best competitive effort," head coach Susan Ryan said. "Everyone put forth a tremendous effort. They fought back and we came back to win the game."

The Lady Patriots also won games over Navy, 6-1, and American University, 3-1. "We generated much more offense and power than ever before," Ryan added.

"We played much better than we expected, especially after how long the trip

was," freshman Kim Canada said.

"Overall, it was a positive experience. We proved that we are capable of playing at a higher level," junior Amy Coakley said.

The team returns to action this weekend at the Bloomsburg Invitational in Pennsylvania.

Coming Next Week

Part III of "Shuffling the Deck": Players from the women's basketball team express their views on their head coach and look toward next season.

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Sports Trivia Question Of The Week

We received a record number of calls last week. However, only our final caller (at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon) had the correct answer. Just because you can't call Thursday, don't count yourself out!

This week's question deals with Stony Brook athletics. The present head coach of the lacrosse team is John Espey. His assistants are Sal LoCascio and Jim Strub. Our question to you is: **What current Stony Brook coach has served as an assistant lacrosse coach?** (Hint: He is still presently coaching at Stony Brook, but no longer coaches lacrosse (obviously)). The usual people are ineligible to win.

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Friday, April 15

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Saturday, April 16

Softball at Staten Island (2), 12 pm
Baseball versus Mt. St. Mary (2), 1 pm
Lacrosse at New Hampshire, 1:30 pm
Men's Tennis versus Staten Island, 3:30 pm
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Sunday, April 17

Baseball at Staten Island (2), 12 pm

Softball versus Manhattanville, 1 pm

Monday, April 18

Men's Tennis versus New Paltz, 3:30 pm

Tuesday, April 19

Baseball versus St. Joseph's (at Patchogue), 3:30 pm

Men's Tennis at Dowling, 3:30 pm

Wednesday, April 20

Men's Tennis at R.P.I., 3:30 pm

Baseball at Lehman, 3:30 pm

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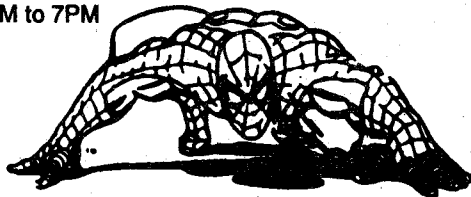
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Minnesota	1	6	.143	4	Charlotte	36	39	.480	16	Quebec	34	41	8	76
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Exciting First Week of Hardball

By Den Cariello and Kris Doorey
Statesman Staff Writers

Now that all the opening days have been completed and now that all the ceremonies have been done, we have found ourselves in week two of the 1994 baseball season.

We can get over the Mets fabulous 3-0 record of a week ago. We can forget about the notion that players will keep up the torrid hitting of the first week (that is unless you happen to be Carlos Delgado or Ryan Klesko when will these rookies ever learn!). Yet, it is still early enough to talk of Pat Kelly being second in the league in doubles. Jim Abbott leads the American league in ERA, along with four others with the always remarkable 0.00 mark. Jose Vizcaino is batting .400, while the early triple-crown favorite is Colorado Rockies' outfielder Dante Bichette. Yes baseball is well underway with all the hope and expectation of a starry-eyed child on Christmas, waiting for his/her team to win the pennant like he/she awaits Santa Claus.

Mets' Notes

The 4-3 Mets take on the 3-4 Chicago Cubs at 1:40 p.m. today on WWOR. Bret Saberhagen (1-0) is scheduled to hurl against the Cubs' Jose Guzman (0-2). Unless Dallas Green and/or Cubs manager Tom Trebelhorn decide to go with yesterday's scheduled pitchers Eric Hillman and Steve Trachsel. The Mets have slumped since their impressive 3-0 start, thanks mostly to the broom action handed to the Cubs by the Mets last week. Bobby Bonilla, injured in Sunday's loss to the Astros, is listed as day-to-day while he rests his shoulder. The same shoulder that cut his season short, last year, and required him to have surgery. Jeff Kent has continued his impressive offensive progress from last year. Through seven games, Kent has nine RBI, two homers, three doubles and a .370 batting average. Vizcaino and Ryan Thompson have also been impressive, with Vizcaino sporting an team-leading .400 batting average and seven runs scored. Thompson is batting .368 with two homers, three doubles, seven RBI, and five runs scored. Starting Friday, the Mets take on the Jeff Bagwell and the 4-3 Houston Astros in a three game set.

Yankee Doodles

In the junior circuit, the Yankees are a team of ups and downs. In the season's opening week, they went 3-0, but like last season they followed that with a three-game losing streak. This team continues to refuse to go on a

prolonged winning streak (see last year). Going into the season Buck Showalter's biggest concern was the bullpen and it is already being viewed as a weakness. Before we get to the bad, let's take a look at the lone bright spot, Steve Howe. Howe has been very impressive, and looks like his improved curve and rejuvenated fast ball will land him in the closer's role. The bad starts with winter-acquisition Xavier Hernandez and continues throughout the pen. Like Hernandez, Bob Wickman has started the season with a good outing here, and a bad outing there. Sterling Hitchcock, who complained openly about the Yankees lack of faith in its younger players, is currently sporting a 20.25 ERA and could be sent down within the week when Bob Ojeda is recalled from Columbus. The high ERA's continue as Jeff Reardon throws up a 5.40 ERA, and Scott Kamieniecki waves a 5.79 ERA in your face. The offense continues to be one of the best in baseball, averaging over five runs a game. Wade Boggs is in his usual form, back batting .500. Danny Tartabull leads the team with three homers, eight RBI and is hitting at a .364 clip. Tonight the 3-3 Yanks finish a series in Chicago and on Friday they will begin a three-game set with the Tigers, who won two out of three last weekend.

Mercker No-Hits Dodgers

Atlanta Braves' pitcher Kent Mercker hurled baseball's first no-hitter of the season April 8 in the Braves' 6-0 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers. The hard-throwing southpaw struck out ten Dodgers, including last year's N.L. Rookie-of-the-Year Mike Piazza three times. Mercker's gem was aided by two key plays by third basemen Terry Pendleton early in the game and the gem was saved by 'Lady Luck' in the sixth inning. With Erik Karros at bat and Brett Butler on first base, Butler broke for second with the pitch and Karros lined a shot back up the middle, only to have Braves' second basemen Mark Lemke racing over to cover the bag. Lemke caught the hot smash and turned it into an easy double play. Mercker was also involved in a no-hitter in September of 1991.

Strawberry Fields Forever?

Two weeks ago, Darryl Strawberry of the Los Angeles Dodgers was AWOL for the Los Angeles Dodgers' final pre-season game and last Tuesday admitted to having a drug problem and checked himself into an unnamed drug clinic. Strawberry claimed the money and the pressure were too much for him to handle and this is why he turned to drugs. In an ESPN interview, Dodgers Manager Tommy

Lasorda bashed Strawberry and his so-called sickness, calling it a "weakness." "There are plenty of guys who deal with the money. Orel Hershiser doesn't do it. Delino Deshields doesn't. Bret Butler doesn't. Tim Wallach doesn't do drugs."

Cooper Hits For Cycle

Boston Red Sox third baseman Scott Cooper did something no Red Sox player has done since Mike Greenwell did, way back in 1988. He hit for the cycle. Cooper completed the feat by hitting a single against Kansas City shortstop and mop-up pitcher Dave Howard. Cooper went 5-6 with two doubles and five RBI in the 22-11 Boston rout of the Royals. The Red Sox 22-run outburst was the most runs ever given up by the Royals in their 25-year history.

Jewish Congress Condemns Carlton

The American Jewish Congress demanded that Hall-of-Fame pitcher Steve Carlton be barred from the Baseball Hall of Fame until he apologizes for comments he made that were deemed Anti-Semitic.

Carlton claimed, among other things, that the "Elders of Zion rule the world" and that "twelve Jewish bankers meeting in Switzerland rule the world." Carlton also said that "the world is run by a committee of 300 which meets at a roundtable in Rome" and that the "AIDS virus was manufactured in a laboratory in Maryland to get rid of the gays and blacks." AJC president David V. Kahn wrote interim-baseball commissioner Bud Selig, who is also Jewish, and called for "induction plans for Mr. Carlton be suspended unless and until he issues a full apology."

Other Baseball Notes

Monday night, John Kruk of the Phillies played in his first game this season, going 3-5 against the Colorado Rockies. Kruk is currently undergoing radiation treatment for testicular cancer. He reported there was some soreness in his legs, which he attributed to being out of shape, among other things... Former New York Yankee Kevin Maas signed a minor-league contract with the San Diego Padres on Tuesday and is expected to be in the major leagues by the All-Star break. To get back into playing shape the Padres have assigned Maas to their Double-A affiliate in Wichita and will move him up to Triple-A Las Vegas in two weeks... Chicago White Sox prospect Michael Jordan is hitting .250 (4-16) with one RBI and a stolen base for the Double-A Birmingham Barons.

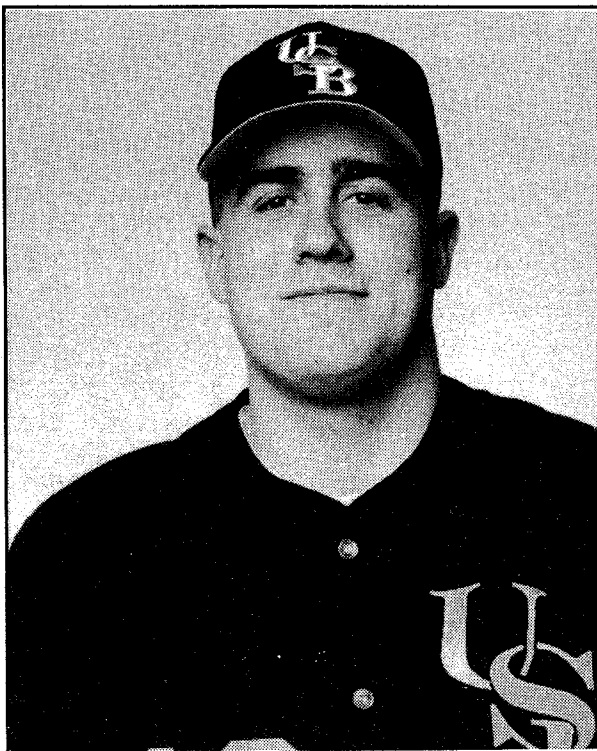
Haag's A Hit For Patriots

What a difference a year makes. Erik Haag joined a strong Patriot baseball team last season as a promising rookie hitter and proceeded to hit .200, as the expectation-filled team compiled a 13-14 record. After 12 games this season, Haag is batting an impressive .514, already has nine more hits than last year and is a key reason that the team has raced to a 10-2 start.

"The team is so much different this year," said Haag. "We all get along well and love coming out to play every day. We had something to prove this year, and from the first day of practice, everybody has worked real hard."

Haag, a sophomore designated hitter, has been red-hot at the plate. In a 19-7 rout over St. Thomas Aquinas, he was 4-4, including back-to-back doubles in the first and second innings, and finished the game with six RBI's and four runs scored. His two run single capped a three-run first inning as Stony Brook went on to defeat Kings Point 13-2 in the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday. In a 10-3 win the second game, the Patriots once again raced out to an early lead, scoring three runs in the first inning, keyed by a two-run single from Haag. After finishing the week 8-10 with 11 RBI's and five runs scored, Haag was named the VIP Club Athlete of the Week.

"Erik is the consummate designated hitter. He knows his role and it's a perfect role for him," said head coach Matt Senk. "He is such an intense person that last year, he would let his fielding carry over into his hitting. This



Erik "Boog" Haag

year Erik is focused solely on batting and he's done a tremendous job."

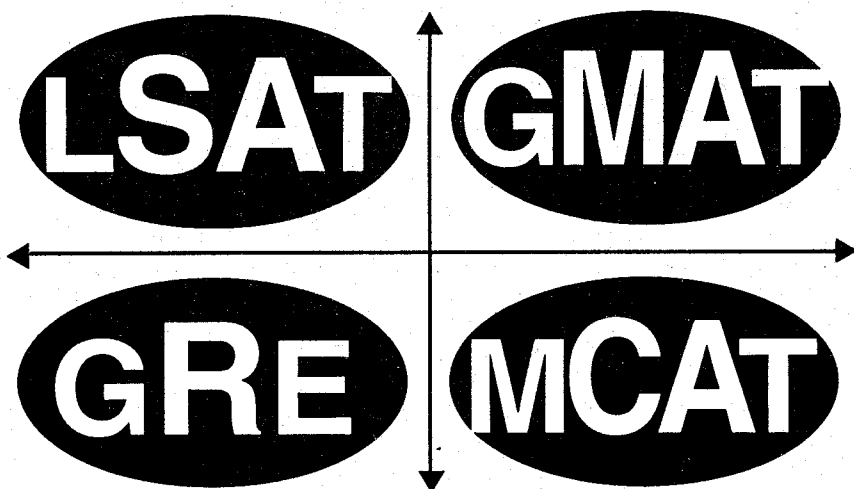
"Being a designated hitter is tough because if you're not hitting well, you can't make up for it on the field," said Haag. "To stay focused I'll usually take a couple of swings on the practice tees between innings, or try to keep into the game by staying aware of the count and what the fielders are doing. Anything so that I'm staying in the game and focused."

Another factor in the quick start for the Patriots was their Spring Trip to Cocoa Expo, Florida, where they registered a 7-2 record. "Florida was great. Ninety-degree weather and games everyday," said Haag. "It was also very important because we played almost a third of our season down there. We needed to get off to a good start so that it would carry over to the rest of our season."

As the season began this year, Haag "vowed to never let last year happen again," and is quick to point out the lessons learned from last year. "We are trying to stay within ourselves right now and not look ahead," said Haag. "Every now and then, one of the guys will say something about the playoffs or how good we are doing, but there is always someone who stops it. The big lesson we learned from last year is not to look ahead, to concentrate only on the next game. When that game is over, we'll look at the next one. The big thing is to stay focused."

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Pure Adrenalin

Men and Women's Rugby Clubs Excel at the SUNY Albany Tournament

By Tom Trainer and Ed Chase
Special to Statesman

Rugby at Stony Brook started, finally, this past weekend.

After having to cancel two matches due to poor field conditions, the men's team was able to travel to Albany and play. On Saturday, the men's team traveled to the SUNY Albany Tournament. The first team Stony Brook played was Albany 'B'. The pack dominated the game in the scrumdowns, mauls, and rucks but had difficulty getting the ball out to the wing. "We have a lot of new players and the team needed to become comfortable with each other in a game situation" said Match Secretary Dustin Kollar. Wing Captain Mike Bergermini's precision kicking ability won the game with a first half penalty kick, making the final score 3-0.

Fordham, who had placed second in Division A in the regular Fall season Stony Brook had won Division B with a record of 9-0, was the Patriots next opponent. The game was very intense and the teams were well matched. "It was one of the most competitive games I ever played," said Nick Marchenco. Stony Brook played with more unity, as the players became more familiar with each other, but Fordham was able to score a try in the first half and converted for a final score of 7-0.

Stony Brook returned to their home pitch for the season home opener versus New York Fire Department Men's Club. A modest crowd gathered in the rain. "Perfect Rugby weather," commented Vic Bernardo. The older ruggers' years of experience and higher level of technique showed. "They were tough in their rucking," said Karl Mattsen. N.Y. Fire scored in the end of the first half leaving the score at 7-0. This is all that would be allowed. Bergermini proved himself as the M.V.P. of the weekend by completing two penalty kicks, scoring, and converting his own try. All 16 points scored by Stony Brook during the weekend were by Bergermini. The final score ended at 13-7.

Pack Captain Chris Stedman explained Stony Brook's future plans. "In



Division B men's rugby champions, Stony Brook, made an impressive showing at the SUNY Albany Tournament over the weekend. Both the men's club and the women's club competed.

the spring tournament season, we like to challenge ourselves by playing more difficult teams in preparation for the fall," he said. We've won Division C, came in second in Division B, and won Division B in the last three regular seasons for a total record of 23-3 all without the assistance of a coach. Next semester, we will be in A. Which is the top Division and Fordham will be among them." Next weekend Stony Brook men's travels to Rugby Import's Rhode Island 40 Team Tournament. The first scheduled match for the Patriot ruggers will be against Harvard. The only other chance to see Stony Brook at home is on April 23 when they play their Alumni.

Women Ruggers Play First-Ever Match

This weekend was an active weekend

for Rugby at USB as the women's team played the first game in the school's history. The Lady Pats scored a 5-5 tie with Iona College. Building on the recent success and popularity of the men's team the newly founded team sent eight anxious rookies to Iona, most of whom had never seen, nevertheless played a rugby match.

Stony Brook struggled through the first half, giving up Iona's only try of the game with two minutes left in the half. Pack members Kristine Brenner and Alison Tarplee warmed up in the in the second half; featuring three long runs that were stopped short of the Iona try zone. Finally, hooker Pam Romero broke the second-half dead lock with a breakaway, burning three defenders for the team's first ever score. Freshman fullback Brandy Timò was not

able to convert the two point extra kick leaving the final score tied 5-5.

The many fans in attendance "oohed" and "aahed" at this contest and were generally surprised at the aggressive rucking and hard tackling of the Stony Brook rookie squad. After the match, Romero, also the team's president said, "After shaking the pre-game jitters, we settled down in the second half and executed just like we did in practice." She also added, "Unfortunately the halves were too short (only 10 minutes a piece). I'm positive we could have scored at least twice more had they been longer."

Overall, the team was extremely satisfied with their play and are excited about their upcoming match on the road against Drew on Saturday.

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