

Former Employees Upset by ARAMARK Lay-Offs

By BEN VARGHESE
Statesman Staff

For two employees at Stony Snacks, it seems that ARAMARK employees are slowly becoming former employees of the University's food corporation.

Ancy Augustine, a junior and psychology major, and Amy Alvarez, a senior and psychology major, had been employed at Stony Snacks for two and a half years and four years respectively, were suddenly "laid off" for reasons that seem controversial.

Rick Cinicola, the district manager for ARAMARK at the time was responsible for the cut backs. Cinicola, who is no longer employed with ARAMARK, could not be reached for comment directly. However, Dennis Le Strange, the current district manager commented on his behalf.

"Frankly, in Stony Snacks, it's very slow," Le Strange said. "All we're doing is 150 customers a day. When Stony Snacks sold cigarettes, we pulled in \$7,000 a week. There is no need to have all these employees. There is one union employee. That's it. Everyone else is a student there."

"Well, the situation is that he [Cinicola] offered this person [Augustine] a position in the deli at the time because of the overstaffing in Stony Snacks," Le Strange said.

"He was trying to be as flexible as possible with . . . some of the hours, but not all of it matched, but she [Augustine] refused. I know she worked there for a couple of years, but sales have gone down dramatically when we stopped selling cigarettes. We tried to do what we can."

Le Strange added that they don't want to lose employees after a couple of years. "I rather keep them here for the whole time because they're just better for the whole dining program."

However, Augustine's view of the whole ordeal paints a different picture. "I'm sorry to hear that but that's not true because I was not aware of my lay-off because they didn't inform me," Augustine said. "The way I found out was I bumped into a co-worker on campus and the co-worker said, 'I heard you got laid-off. And it came as a shock to me because I had no clue."

"I called back Stony Snacks and they said, 'I had been laid off,'" Augustine said. "When I asked why they did this, they said they had to cut out people with hours that didn't meet their minimum. So I asked how could you do that to someone who's been working there two and a half years? Augustine said she feels that some priority should be granted to employees with seniority.

"It was all a scheduling mistake,"

Augustine said. At the beginning of each semester, the manager shows the employees which slots are open and the employees sign into the slots which are convenient for them, usually when they don't have classes. According to Augustine and a number of other employees, "management had been showing the same open spots to all the other employees, who then also signed up, and when those shifts started, four or five people were showing up at the same time." The result has been a drastic cut back on employees.

"When they laid off people, they didn't look at who was working there first, who had priority, or the amount of years they worked," Augustine said. "They just looked at who can we get rid of without having to waste time fixing the schedule. It wasn't because I was a poor employee. It was just that I was most convenient to take out. The worst part is that they didn't even call us up and tell us that we lost our jobs. And when I told Rick [Cinicola] that he could've at least informed me, he said, 'Oh, I'm sorry, I thought they had informed you.' So they don't even know who's informing us. They have no organization."

When asked why she didn't accept the position in the deli, Augustine responded, "Well, if they can offer me a job in the deli, why can't they give

me priority at Stony Snacks and have the people who have been working there for less time to go work in the deli?"

Augustine also pointed out that "Cinicola didn't want to change the schedule at all and the deli position was his only offer to her. 'If they put me in the deli, who knows if this won't happen again?'"

Alvarez, another long-time employee at Stony Snacks, was also distraught over the whole situation.

"I'm kind of over the initial shock and anger. But I know I'll never work there again," Alvarez said. "I invested four years of my life there. They say they'll work around your schedule, but they don't. I needed the money and if my hours weren't good for them, they should've known that ahead of time. They should've told me that they couldn't work around these hours and I could've looked for something else. It's wrong for them to do this to me . . . I was a hard worker. I'd be there every day, worked, did what I had to do."

Alvarez and Augustine said they both refuse to be employed by ARAMARK again. Augustine also pointed out that this was not the first time that this has happened. "I have seen that they have done this to

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Senators Dispute Over Referenda Terms

By ENEIL RYAN DE LA PENA
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Referenda was the main issue at last week's Polity senate meeting. The issue of referenda items during this Polity election as being considered annually instead of the usual three years was widely discussed after senators approved the wording of how the referenda items will appear on the election ballot.

Polity President Keren Zolotov asked the senate to reconsider a unanimous motion that passed in its February 26 meeting. The motion stated that the 10 referenda items on this election will be considered for only one year.

Zolotov explained that if referenda items will be considered

annually, the cost of running elections will increase due to the number of organizations that will be on the election ballot. Organizations being at a financial risk is also another reason Zolotov gave for her opposition.

"It's really going to cause a lot of problems," said Monique Maylor, Polity vice president. Zolotov and Maylor expressed their concern on organizations having to apply for funding on a yearly basis. Zolotov pointed out that since Student Polity Association itself goes through referendum, there might be a chance that it will not pass and therefore endanger the funding organizations that are under it receive.

Senators reconsidered their previous motion of having this year's

referenda items for only one year, but the motion to change it from one year failed to pass the majority vote.

Neshanda Walker, president of the Polity funded African American Student Organization, spoke on the senate floor about her opposition to the yearly funding. "I don't think the majority of people sitting in the senate are voting for students, but for themselves," Walker said after the decision. "Half of the people don't even listen, then vote."

"Organizations will have to run around to campaign every year," Walker said. "It's a hassle. Why do they have to fight with us?"

The campus Student Association of the State University of New York (SASU), a statewide student-run organization that trains and organizes

students to promote student rights and concerns, is one of the referenda items on the ballot. Michael Leslie, SASU senator, was opposed to having the ten organizations considered for only one year of funding. "Three years is a nice block of time," Leslie said. "If organizations will be applying every year, the ballots are going to be so long. A lot of people are not going to look over it."

Among the referenda items on the election ballot are Academic, College Legs, Intramurals, SASU, Stony

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International Women's History Month Calendar

Courageous Voices: Leadership and Community

On campus, on going

March 1 - 31

Exhibit Courageous Voices Leadership and Community. Administration Building, Admissions 1st Floor.

March 5 - April 12

Exhibit: *Text and Identity 12 Women Artists*. Women Explore Identity (sexual, religious, social) in written and spoken words. Staller Center, Art Gallery Opening Reception Saturday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Gallery hours, Tuesday-Friday 12:40 p.m.

March 4 - 20

Exhibit: *Unfolding to Evolve, To Become Opened/Expand*, Stony Brook Alumnae Show. Twenty works by six alumnae. Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. Opening Reception Friday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Gallery

talk by Curator Mary Leto Wednesday, March 12, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18

Sexuality Outside of Marriage in Jewish Law. Speaker Carol Kessner, Physics Building, Room 113, 12:50 p.m.

The Odd Couple. A female version of Neil Simon's comedy, directed by Alicia Martinez. Dancers will perform during intermission. Refreshments will be served. Stimson College Living Learning Center, Main Lounge, 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19

Portrait of Teresa. A film about a Cuban housewife who encounters hostility from her husband when she becomes involved in politics in her workplace. Social and

Behavioral Sciences, Room N320, 12:40 p.m.

Violence Awareness Workshop Self Defense Seminar: Jiu Jitsu Sensei, Phil Theodoro. Domestic Violence Speaker: Gayle Rawlings, Long Island Women's Coalition; Sexual Assault Speaker: Susan Koenig, Victims Information, Bureau of Suffolk. Student Activities Center, Lobby, 12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

The Retelling, Imagine the Voices: Sarah and Hagar. Peace Center, Old Chemistry, 12:40 p.m.

Take Back The Night March. Meet under the Bridge at the entrance to the Student Union, 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

Women and Music. Folk Singer/Speaker Judy Gorman. Langmuir, Fireside Lounge 8:30 p.m.

Acoustic Alternative Singer/Songwriter Marci Geller. The Spot, Roosevelt Quad, Opening 8:00 p.m., performance 10:00 p.m. \$

A Historiography of Technocriticism. Speaker Catherine Sousloff Staller Center, Art Gallery, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 21

Maborosi. Hirokazu Kore-eda's mesmerizing film about hope and regeneration. Staller Center, 7:00 p.m. \$

Tuesday, March 25

Women's Softball Game. Softball field behind the Sports Complex, 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 632-7200.

Saturday, March 29

Women's Softball Game. Softball field behind the Sports Complex, 12:00 p.m. For more

information, call 632-7200.

Monday, March 31

Women's Leadership Recognition/Awards Reception Stony Brook Union, Ballroom, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Material Girl: Job Placement and Career Development for Women. Langmuir Fireside Lounge, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1

Conversations with Kate Millet author of Sexual Politics. Peace Center, Old Chemistry, 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, April 2

Breast Cancer The Hidden Disability. Speaker: Carol Baldwin. Stony Brook Union, Ballroom, 3:00 p.m.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday, March 18

"Meet the Composer" — Earl Kim Concert Staller Center, 8:00 p.m. The Stony Brook Contemporary Chamber Players will present a free concert honoring the composer Earl Kim. Mr. Kim, Professor Emeritus from Harvard University, has had a long and distinguished career, and is one of the most influential teachers of composition of his generation. One of the pieces to be performed is *Dear Linda*, a setting of a letter by

the poet Anne Sexton, for speaker, flute, piano, cello and percussion. Guest actress Eva Kim, Earl Kim's daughter, will be the speaker. The Stony Brook Camerata will perform Kim's *Some Thoughts on Keats and Coleridge*, a choral work written in memory of Roger Sessions. Three Poems in French for string quartet and soprano (originally written for Dawn Upshaw) will also be performed.

Thursday, March 20

A *Historiography of*

Technocriticism presented by professor of Art History at University of California Catherine Sousloff. Staller Fine Arts Center, 5 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free. For further information call 632-7464.

Saturday, March 22

Marketpro Computer Inc. Show & Sale. Open to public from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Unbeatable prices on IBM and IBM compatible equipment, printers, scanners,

modems, monitors, multimedia, drivers, cards, cables, connectors, software, services at savings of up to 80% off retail prices. Admission is \$6 for adults (children under 12 free with adult).

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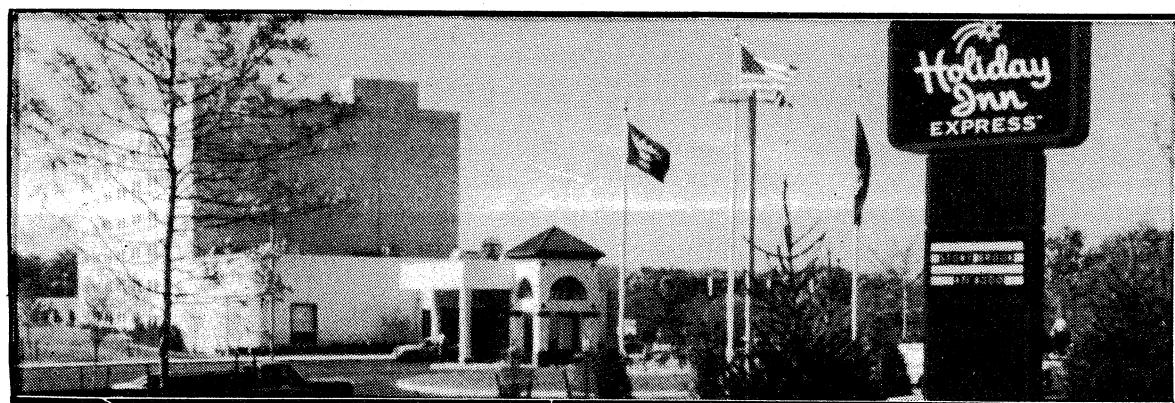
drivers, cards, cables, connectors, software, services at savings of up to 80% off retail prices. Admission is \$6 for adults (children under 12 free with adult).

Tuesday, March 25

Softball — vs. Adelphi at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29

Noon — Men's Lacrosse. UMass-Lowell NECC doubleheader.



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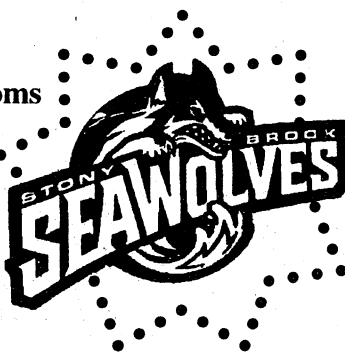
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Family Feud Breaks Out on Campus

By RAYA EID
Statesman Staff

And the survey says . . .

This will be a phrase that you will become more familiar with as Family Feud, the legendary game show comes to Stony Brook. All the anticipation and hype that has built up for the last two semesters has finally paid off, as the Family Feud game show is finally in effect for the next four weeks.

In the Spring of 1996, the idea of Family Feud at Stony Brook was born, however it was not implemented until the Fall of 1996 by Jose Pena. Pena's main purpose was "to promote campus community and unity." Pena's Family Feud orientated fall semester was filled with collecting and tallying seven different surveys with over 150 original questions. Once the questions were accurately tallied, the long process of implementing a campus wide event began. The main problem that Pena was facing was the lack of manpower. In order to remedy this problem, Pena asked his roommate Matthew Edwardsen to assist him in organizing and executing the activity. Together, Pena and Edwardsen distributed the survey questions and team applications to friends, students and building Leg's. To their surprise, over 52 applications were turned in and the applicants included residents, commuters, RHD's, Graduate Students, RA's, and organizations such as CSO, LASSO,

Polity Council, The Press, sororities and fraternities.

Family Feud would not have been possible without the sufficient funds provided by RHA, The Student Life Council, CSA, and Hamilton College. The money provided by these sponsors

second and third runner up will receive tickets to Great Adventure, and the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh runner up will receive bowling voucher tickets.

The first Family Feud competition took place in Hamilton College on March 12th. The two opposing teams

Pena, "the first competition was a good learning experience," because it gave them a general idea of what to improve in the game.

Presently, Pena and Edwardsen are running the game alone, performing the jobs of host and judge. Being understaffed has presented Pena and Edwardsen with a problem. Due to the fact that both Pena and Edwardsen are running for positions in the Polity elections, and are also involved in several other organizations, full time dedication to Family Feud has been difficult for them. They urge anyone interested in volunteering to call them at 6-4183.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final competitions will be held in the Stony Brook Union respectively. For those interested in joining the Family Feud game, the quarter finals competition will be held in the auditorium on April 2nd, the semi finals in the Bi-level on April 9th, and the finals also in the Bi-level on the 16th of April. Hopefully, this campus wide activity will do what it was intended to do and promote community on campus.

According to Edwardsen, "bring students on this campus together. Whether the game will continue or not in the years to come depends on it's success and if people are willing to volunteer to help with the game and promote community at USB." □



Family Feud organizers Matt Edwardsen (l.) and Jose Pena.

has primarily gone to prizes for the contestants, advertisement, and T-shirts that will be distributed to the audience. First prize includes five Sony Discmans, the first runner ups will each receive a \$40 gift certificate to Red Lobster, the

were asked a question already answered by 100 people and the most popular answers were put up on the board. It was up to the two teams to guess the most popular answers that the Stony Brook students had given. According to

WUSB Radiothon Hits the Airwaves

By KENYON HOPKIN
Special to the Statesman

WUSB 90.1 FM's Radiothon, the annual pledge drive to raise funds for the non-commercial campus station, is now airing through March 29. During this time of special and regular diversified programming, WUSB invites their listeners to support the station by making a pledge and perhaps join its activities. In return for a donation, the listener will receive a premium as a thank you. Premiums offered include mugs, hats, shirts, CDs, and additional items donated by local businesses.

"Radiothon is an opportunity for students to get involved with the station," said Norm Prusslin, Assistant Director of the Stony Brook Union and Activities for Media and

General Manager of WUSB. "Students are invited to stop by and see what the station is all about.

Currently, the cost for operating WUSB is \$125,000 a year. 55 percent of this is paid by Polity, which comes from Student Activities Fees, 3 percent by the Graduate Student Organization and 3 percent by SUNY. WUSB receives no federal monies. All other funds are raised through the Radiothon, which are needed for general operating expenses. These expenses consist of the lease for the tower site at Bald Hill, where the station's signal is transmitted, NYNEX links from the studio to Bald Hill, electricity, and maintenance of equipment in the studio itself.

WUSB provides an outlet for local bands and artists who otherwise would

not be heard on commercial radio. It is staffed by volunteers, who are not restricted to following playlists. This gives DJ's the freedom to present a variety of music that may forever remain out of the mainstream.

"WUSB continues to thank the Student Polity Association for its support of the station through the Student Activities fee," Prusslin said.

WUSB, which airs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, will celebrate its 20th anniversary on June 27, 1997. It is located in the Student Union, room 240. For those interested in joining the station, a training course is held every semester.

You can e-mail WUSB at wusb@ccmail.sunysb.edu, call the studio at 632-6901, or leave a voice mail message at 632-6498. □

Polity Senate Disputes Over Referenda Terms

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Brook Child Care Center, SBVAC, Blackworld and SPA Security.

Brad Hausman, vice president of the Commuter Student Association, brought up the motion to have this year's ten referenda items be considered for only one year. Hausman said that the idea behind the yearly funding is for these items to be easily incorporated into the new Polity constitution, which is expected to be established this fall.

"I don't want a yearly referenda," Hausman said. "The idea behind it is that we'll have a viable constitution by next fall. If I wasn't confident enough that a constitution is viable, I would never have proposed it."

By having the ten referenda items on the ballot considered for only one year, these organizations will not have to wait three years to be incorporated into the new constitution. Hausman stated that the new constitution will not have referenda items that will be

yearly. In the current Polity constitution, there is no mention of a specific length of time for referenda items to be considered.

Hausman acknowledges that the organizations that are up for referenda might be at risk because the new constitution has yet to be established. "It was something that I considered but any change is a risk," Hausman said. "Establishing a new constitution is possible. If you don't take a risk, you won't have change and what good does that do?" □

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students before but I never thought it would affect me," Augustine said.

"What gets me is that they supposedly say they'll work around your schedule and yet you're supposed to fit into their schedule. I mean we go to school for schoolwork not to work," Alvarez said.

"I can't work for a company who doesn't appreciate what their employees have done and doesn't appreciate how long they've worked for that company," Augustine said.

"I will never work for them again. They don't know how to run a business," Alvarez said. □

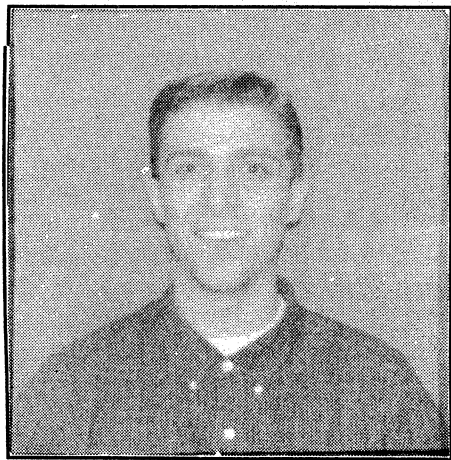
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Meet the Candidates for Polity Elections '97

All of the candidates were asked to answer the same questions:

1. What do you see as Polity's biggest challenge?
2. How do you propose to tackle that issue?
3. Why did you decide to run for this position?
4. Why should students vote for you?
5. What do you think is the biggest issue facing the undergraduate population at Stony Brook?
6. How do you propose to tackle apathy on this campus?
7. What do you like about Stony Brook?
8. What don't you like about Stony Brook?
9. What do you think is the worst thing about Polity?
10. What do you think is the best thing about Polity?

Ed. Note: The written responses from the candidates are preserved verbatim from their original text.



Paul Perrone, Senior Presidential Candidate
Major: Biology
Resident Student

1. Establishing itself as a leader in the fight against the state's intended tuition increases and Tuition Assistance Program.
2. Getting in touch with the student leaders and representatives from every SUNY and CUNY to cooperate and create the greatest opposition to Pataki's plans that the state has ever seen. I also would be working very closely with the USSA/SASU representatives on this campus to ensure larger turnouts than in previous years for trips to Albany.
3. In my four years that I have attended this university I have felt the student government was being controlled by individuals who either didn't take their position seriously, or who used their position for their own personal or financial gain. In the past, I was not very pleased with the choices for office. Many of my peers also expressed this to me and this was also indicated by a low voter turnout. Those that did get elected often times did not act in the best interest of all the students. They represented only for a limited number of groups who got the bulk of the funding. Last year I wanted to run, but realized I would not have the time with my extremely busy schedule. This position requires a lot of

Matthew Mahoney, Junior Presidential Candidate
Major: Political Science
Resident Student

Currently, I do not hold any positions within Stony Brook's Student Polity. However, at my previous College I was the Vice President of its Student Government.

1. I believe that the biggest challenge to the Student Polity next year will be trying to overcome the failures which it is associated with. Whether it's the lack of sufficient parking, or the opening of a Student Activities Center which caters more to faculty and staff than to students, failing to beat tuition hikes, or the current massive apathy that students on this campus have towards a student run government, the Polity must take responsibility for its actions, and make good on its promises.

2. The problems which face Polity are, indeed, enormous. However, the remedies are simple. First, I intend to write one or two paragraphs on what is currently going on in the Polity, and to distribute this letter every week to the editors of every campus newspaper and newsletter. This will help to better inform students about what is going on within Polity, since many students do not have the time to run down to Senate meetings every Wednesday night. Next, I will become a thorn in the side of this University's Administration. I will never take NO for an answer, and will always make sure that we are being properly represented. Finally, my experience in dealing with legislators in the past, and my knowledge as a Political Science major, will give this University an edge when it comes to fighting cuts in SUNY and tuition hikes.

3. I decided to run for Polity President because like many students on campus, I was tired of paying more and getting less. I was tired of a Polity which tried, but did not succeed. I was tired of not having enough events on campus, and I was tired of driving around for a half hour just to find a place to park.

4. Students should place their vote for Matthew Mahoney if they want someone who will get the job done. I'm an honest hardworking

dedication, responsibility and time which I was not prepared for last year. This year is totally different, I know I will have the time to give 100 percent of the time required for my goals to be completed and I know can handle the responsibility that lies ahead. I am a firm believer in the filling of office positions with the best person for the job.

4. Polity is a very large organization in the sense that a lot of money passes through that office every year. This is money that belongs to all of the students of this University. With that kind of responsibility you need a reliable, honest, unbiased representative to distribute the funds fairly. I will act in the best interest of all the students without bias based on race, sex, nationality, or religion. I will not favor any club over any other club and I will always support multiculturalism and diversity on this campus. I want to see diversity without segregation. I transferred to this school four years ago and my other campus exhibited this idea of diversity without segregation. It can be done and I will take steps to make it happen.

5. Financial difficulties seems to be the biggest problem facing this campus. I came to this University because it had good science programs and because I could afford it. With tuition increases, TAP decreases and the ever additional fees imposed by the administration

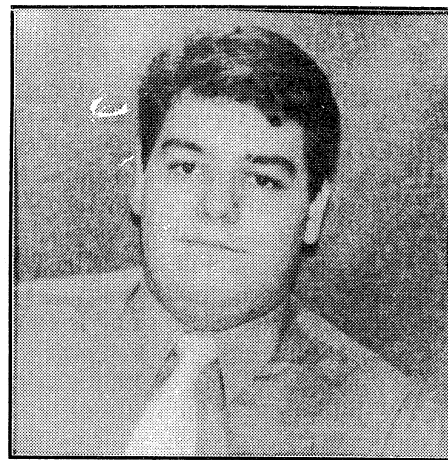
student who wants nothing more than to see Stony Brook reach its fullest potential. Students should vote for Matthew Mahoney if they want more activities and events. Students should vote for Matthew Mahoney if they want results.

5. I truly feel that the biggest issue facing the undergraduate population here at Stony Brook is the current threats of tuition hikes, cuts to SUNY, cuts to TAP and the proposal for differential tuition. Right now, these are the issues which students and their Polity should be most concerned about. If tuition goes up **AGAIN**, if TAP goes down **AGAIN**, if SUNY is cut **AGAIN** or if differential tuition is put in place, there may not be that many students left for Polity to represent. These are the issues which concern every student on this campus, and which need to be dealt with immediately. We need a Polity President who will do more than just get on a bus and join a protest. Stony Brook is one of the four University centers within the system. Some of our science programs are listed within the top 10 of the entire country, and *Money* magazine ranked us number 48, as a college where you get the most for your money. It is time that Polity realized that Stony Brook is a major player in SUNY events, and that we must be taken seriously by legislators in Albany. When elected President I will, on my own time, travel to meet with legislators in both Washington and Albany, some of which I personally know, and work towards resolving these issues. I know the people, and I speak the language in Washington and Albany, but I believe in the individual student. I feel that both my experience and my personal qualities will be a tremendous asset to this university.

6. The apathy here at Stony Brook is clearly one of the biggest problems facing Polity, and it is also the fault of Polity. To combat apathy, I intend to enact a three step process which will get students more involved in campus activities. Step 1 is to inform the student population, by means of the student media, an *informed* student population is a *powerful* student population. Step 2 will be to increase the number of activities on campus and funding to cultural and other groups, in order to get the campus more involved. Step 3, the final step is leadership through example. This Polity needs strong leadership to erase the immense apathy on this

it is becoming more difficult to get an education without having to take time out to work on the side just to pay for it. There are many other way to save students' money without going to Albany, such as helping students bypass the bookstore when buying or selling books, and investigating the monopoly of FSA and Aramark. Just by implementing the first plan alone can save students about \$200 a year. This might not sound like much, but many of these simple plans can add up. While going to school I almost always held two jobs so these issues have held great personal significance.

6. Apathy shows itself in many forms on this campus. There is apathy towards the administration and polity itself, and there is apathy between different groups of student on this campus. The first task of tackling the apathy on this campus is to let the students know they have an organization that is fighting for their rights. Polity has been nonexistent for the past year in the eyes of the students leaving them feeling left out of any and all decisions made by the administration. They only find out when the plans are already laid out in the campus newspapers. As far as battling the apathy between the various groups I plan, as stated earlier, to promote diversity without segregation. There is also no school spirit here as there is at other universities and it has nothing to do with the rank of the teams or the rank of



campus.

7. What I love about Stony Brook is the fact that it is a wonderfully diverse campus which is full of opportunities for every student. There are many opportunities which can be taken advantage of here on campus, that are not available at any other SUNY.

8. What I don't like about Stony Brook is the fact that our polity has not been doing enough to protect our rights as students. I also feel that there aren't enough activities on campus during the weekends, nor are there enough services for Commuter students.

9. The worst thing about the Polity is the way in which they go about fighting for our rights as students. When you ask a Polity member, "Why doesn't the Student Activities Center take the meal card?", or "Why it isn't even finished yet?", you get a response like "We called, we wrote letters, we went to offices etc." You will get the same answers if you ask them why our tuition went up. What you don't hear is stuff like, "We made sure that the students knew what was going on." You'll never hear "We're organizing a student protest against the new meal plan." The fact is you don't hear much from your Polity, with the exception of a bus trip to Albany every so often, which by the way, is mostly sponsored by SASU and NYPIRG, not by Polity.

10. I think that the best thing about Polity is that it has the potential to do so much more for students here at Stony Brook, but only if the leadership of Polity is ready to work for it.

the university. It has to do with the lack of consideration for the students. For one, the attitude towards students gives them a feeling that they are not welcome here. While we as students have been getting treated a little better by the administration there is much to be done in this area. Also, this campus is too business oriented while not always looking out for the students' best interest. We don't need retail outlets in the commuter lounge that will only serve to rip off the students, we need a free bus ride to the Smithaven Mall.

7. I like the many highly ranked areas of study to choose from, many taught by professors with the highest qualifications. I like having the second largest sports arena on Long Island, and a wonderful performing arts center.

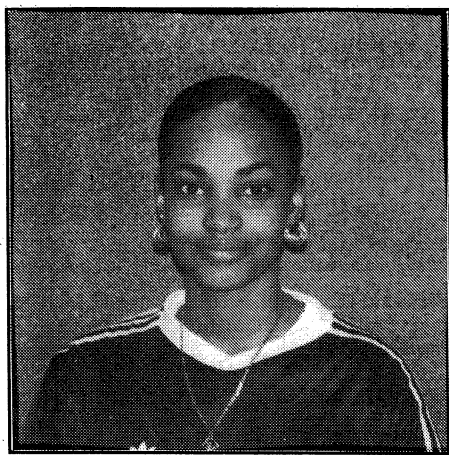
8. I don't like being forced to be on the meal plan because I like the building I live in. I also don't like the parking situation or the number of staff in the financial aid office. That office is packed from the time it opens until closing time.

9. It's reputation of scandals, biased relations, unfair representation, and lost funds.

10. It's system of checks and balances so that there is not a total monarchy with a small group of individuals holding all of the power of the entire student body.

Monique Maylor, Junior
Write-in Candidate for Polity
President
Major: Africana Studies
Resident Student

Currently I am the Student Polity Vice President, last year I was the Sophomore Representative, and my Freshmen year I was a volunteer in Polity, working with the Class Representatives.



pressure on our legislatures and our elected officials, will help. Also, I would like to take action in Albany with a mob of SUNY students, screaming Pataki's name with our Voter Registration cards in our hands, telling him that he won't be back in office after this term.

3. As the Polity Vice President I understand the seriousness of Polity. I understand how

it works and it's history. If Polity is placed in the hands of individuals who do not know enough about Polity, then it will be taken right from underneath us. While I strongly believe that everyone should have an equal opportunity to run for an office, experience is a key factor in dealing with individuals who are seeking to break down student empowerment, student advocacy, and student voice.

4. Students should vote for me because for two years I have been a vanguard for student rights, in fighting against the budget cuts and tuition hikes. I am an extremely serious candidate, who chose to work very hard as a write-in candidate, because I wanted to continue to fight and 'Put Students First.'

5. The biggest issue facing the undergraduate population at Stony Brook, aside from Pataki's proposed budget, is student representation on all campus wide Committees, that make decisions affecting students. Too many times decisions are made on campus without any student

input, and by the time we find out it is "too late." 5

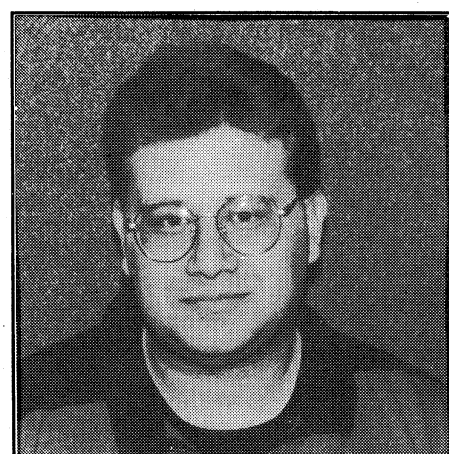
6. Student apathy is one of the hardest things to tackle on this campus. I propose that students are tired of talk and that they are waiting for action. I think that if more action is taken against the individuals who claim to represent us, such as rallying or shutting down a building or closing down a highway, then students will want to get involved.

7. I like Stony Brook because of it's diversity.

8. I don't like Stony Brook because although we have diversity, the campus is still very much segregated.

9. The worst thing about Polity are the elections, because not only is it stressful but too many people play dirty.

10. The best thing about Polity is the structure. It is an organization run by students, for the students.



Bradley R. Hausman,
Sophomore
Vice Presidential Candidate
Major: Business
Management
Commuter Student

Current Positions held: Vice President Commuter Student Association, President USB College Bowl, President USB Pep band, Facilities Director for I-CON, and Polity Senator.

1. Polity must do a more effective job of placing student representatives on all university wide committees, and ensure the students attend all the meetings of the committees.

2. I plan on creating a committee to be called the Nominations and Elections Board, which will be a group of ten to fifteen students whose mission is to ensure there is a student on every committee with decision making power at the university level. In addition they will monitor the attendance of the students to ensure they are present to give input.

3. Polity is capable of so much more than it does. We have the potential on this campus to have one of the most active voices on a college campus throughout the nation. Active in Albany fighting for the budget, active with administration to bring Stony Brook into the twenty-first century, and active within ourselves promoting the unity of all people.

4. I can rake the students concerns to Albany, and ensure they are heard. I already voice concern, and effect decisions made by the administration, and will continue to do so. I will celebrate the diversity while promoting the unity of what could become the most dynamic community in the nation.

5. The budget cuts are the most crucial issue for students. If all the cuts are approved, what will be left of SUNY? How many of the students will be lost? If students can not afford to attend, their voice is lost.

6. Information. This is the Information

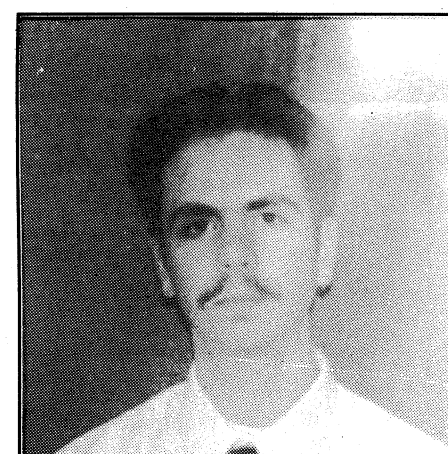
Age, and speaking to the students more often, and more directly, informing them as to what's happening is the first step. Next is to create more activities, and more events to have an activity available for almost all interests. Last, publicize the benefits of being active, and have more fairs promoting the clubs and organizations of polity in more accessible places (out in the academic mall).

7. Potential. This campus has a student body and a faculty capable of making it a top tier school instead of a second tier school (according to the US News and World Report college rankings). If we all work together, we can and will get there.

8. The lack of a desire to change that which is broken. All to often a student has said to leave a system alone, even if it doesn't work. We are too afraid of change. Change is good, on any level, and we should accept it.

9. Bureaucracy. There is far too much red tape at polity that organizations go through. With some new computerized systems, polity can easily become more efficient, and waist less time and money.

10. One last time, potential. Given guidance and leadership, the Student Polity Association can lead SUNY Stony Brook into the next millennium.



Vincent Medordi, Sophomore
Vice Presidential Candidate
Major: Business Management
Resident Student

Current positions held: Held no position here, but was part of the student government in my last school

1. Students not being properly represented.

2.. If elected, I will try to solve this problem by encouraging the students to take an active role in both Polity, and Leg, functions. I will attempt to do this by informing the students of what is going on at the meetings by either distributing fliers or writing in the student papers. I hope that by doing this the students will become aware of how badly they are being represented and help me change this.

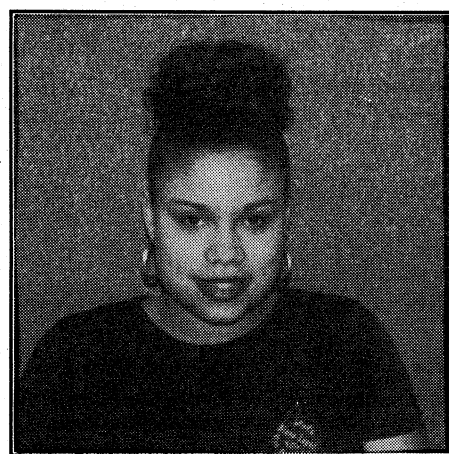
3. I decided to run for Vice President to make sure that each and every student will be properly represented.

4. Students should vote for me because I plan to work with Polity, Leg, and the other student clubs on campus to make sure that each organization is doing the best it can to reach out and represent every student.

5. I believe that the biggest problem facing the undergraduate population is the package containing cuts in both TAP and SUNY, as well as tuition hikes, and the proposal for differential tuition.

6. I believe apathy can be defeated when this campus starts sponsoring more events and activities, and

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Diane Lopez, Freshman
Vice Presidential Candidate
Major: Liberal Arts
Resident Student

Current positions held: Polity's Freshman Representative

1. Being that I have worked in Polity

previously what see as Polity's challenge for the coming years is to combat with the lack of awareness our campus has towards issues concerning students.

2. My plans to tackle this is to continue educating our community about the problems affecting us as a student body. I plan to hold monthly meetings with the heads of clubs/organizations to inform them what will be and what is affecting its constituency directly. Together we can organize and end the lack of awareness.

3. I decided to run for Vice President of Polity because I feel that in order to keep the organization moving in a positive direction, you need someone strong like my self will to fight against anything that doesn't keep students' as the main priority.

4. Student should vote for me because throughout my first year her at USB I have shown my sincere concerns with student involvement on decisions which affect students. I also feel due to my experience

and efficiency attained as Freshman Rep I have what it takes to totally represent the students.

5. The biggest issue facing the undergraduate population today are the drastic tuition hikes, cuts in SUNY's operational budget, and the Welfare reforms proposed by Governor Pataki.

6. Apathy only exist because students' aren't aware of the problems affecting them, and as a result cannot effectively get involved.

7. I plan to increase awareness by promoting the different attacks to students'.

8. I like the diversity Stony Brook has to offer it's Student Body.

9. I don't like the fact that students just don't care.

10. I believe that every thing Polity does and has to offer the student body is a positive for the organization. Mostly I feel Polity's best is its desire to champion students rights.

Student Polity Election Referenda March 18 & 19, 1997

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Referenda Items	Yes	No
1) Academic Clubs (Continue)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2) College Legs (Continue)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3) Intramurals (Continue)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4) SASU (Continue)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5) S B Child Care Center (Continue)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6) SBVAC (Continue)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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8) Intramurals (Increase)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9) Black World (New)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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2) Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Need Amount <input type="radio"/> No Opinion <input type="radio"/>
B. 1) Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
2) Satisfactory <input type="radio"/> Unsatisfactory <input type="radio"/> Neutral <input type="radio"/> No Opinion <input type="radio"/>
3) Advantage <input type="radio"/> Declining Balance <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/>
4) Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> No Opinion <input type="radio"/>

The following student organizations are requesting funding from the Student Activity Fee for the year(s) specified. The Student Activity Fee applies only to full time undergraduate students. The Student Polity Association, Inc. Budget is developed by using an estimated academic year enrollment.

Listed below are Referenda Items that have been funded by the Student Activity Fee in the past. These organizations are seeking a continuation of funding without an increase in the Student Activity Fee, for the next academic year: 1997-1998. Voting No, would mean the organization would not receive any Referendum Funding next year with a decrease in the Student Activity Fee.

CONTINUATION WITH NO INCREASE IN FEE BELOW

- Do you wish to continue allocating \$1.00 per student per semester (\$2.00 per academic year) to fund **Academic Clubs**, which funds the programs sponsored by Academic related clubs and organizations on campus?
- Do you wish to continue allocating \$2.00 per student per semester (\$4.00 per academic year) to fund the **College Legs**, which funds the programs sponsored by the Residential College Legislatures and the Commuter Student Association on campus?
- Do you wish to continue allocating \$3.00 per student per semester (\$6.00 per academic year) to fund **Intramurals**, which funds the campus intramural & recreation program?
- Do you wish to continue allocating \$2.00 per student per semester (\$4.00 per academic year) to fund the campus **SASU**, **Student Association of the State University of New York**, a statewide student-run and financed organization that trains and organizes students to promote student rights and concerns?
- Do you wish to continue allocating \$0.50 per student per semester (\$1.00 per academic year) to fund part of the **Stony Brook Child Care Center**, which helps support the children of undergraduate students on campus?
- Do you wish to continue allocating \$2.00 per student per semester (\$4.00 per academic year) to fund **SBVAC**, the **Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp.**, which provides emergency medical services, treatment, and transportation to the nearest medical facility, for the campus community?

Listed below are two Referenda Items that are currently being funded by the Student Activity Fee. These organizations are seeking additional funding by an Increase of the Student Activity Fee, for the next academic year: 1997-1998. Voting No, would mean the organization(s) would Not receive an increase in Referenda Funding, but may continue with its base allocation for one year, depending on the outcome of Referenda No. 3 & No. 6. on the other side.

CONTINUATION WITH ADDED INCREASE IN FEE BELOW

- Do you support an increase in funding of \$0.50 per student per semester (\$1.00 per academic year) to fund **SBVAC**, **The Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corp.**, which provides emergency medical services, treatment, and transportation to the nearest medical facility, for the campus community? This would increase their total current allocation from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per student per semester (\$5.00 per academic year).
- Do you support an increase in funding of \$1.50 per student per semester (\$3.00 per academic year) to fund **Intramurals**, which funds the campus intramural & recreation program? This would increase their total current allocation from \$3.00 to \$4.50 per student per semester (\$9.00 per academic year).

Listed below are Organizations that are not currently funded by their own Student Activity Fee Referenda. These Organizations are seeking funding which will result in an Increase of the Student Activity Fee, for the next academic year: 1997-1998. Voting No, would mean the organization would not receive any Referendum Funding with no increase in the Student Activity Fee.

NEW WITH INCREASE IN FEE BELOW

- Do you wish to begin funding \$0.50 per student per semester (\$1.00 per academic year) to fund **Blackworld**, a campus student newspaper? Blackworld is also partially funded under the Newspaper Media Referendum.
- Do you wish to begin funding \$1.00 per student per semester (\$2.00 per academic year) to fund **SPA Security**, which serves and maintains the Student Security Service at all student sponsored events on campus?

OPINION SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

Below are questions concerning campus dining services. The Student Polity Senate is asking for your input to advocate the student body opinions in this area. The results are non-binding and are only advisory in nature. Circle one answer for each question.

- Should the Meal Plan be accepted at the new Student Activities Center?
yes _____ no _____ don't know _____ doesn't apply / no opinion _____
- If yes to above, would you be willing to pay more money for the meal plan?
yes _____ no _____ no opinion _____ need specific amount to decide _____
- Do you use the Campus Dining Services?
yes _____ no _____ (if no, don't answer the following questions)
- Overall, my opinion of Campus Dining Services is:
satisfactory _____ neutral _____ unsatisfactory _____ no opinion _____
- Which of the following would you like to have for the campus meal plan?
"Advantage" _____ "Declining Balance" _____ "other" _____
- Should Aramark's contract be re-newed when it expires?
yes _____ no _____ no opinion _____

Polity Candidates

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VINCENT MEDORDI

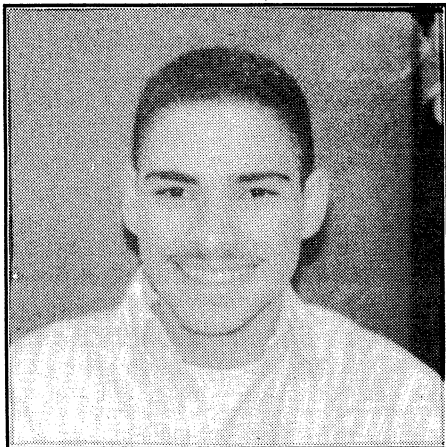
promoting a "can do" attitude instead of a "cannot" attitude on this campus.

7. What I like about Stony Brook is its friendly campus environment. You can really feel like you can make a home here.

8. What I hate about Stony Brook is the lack of parking available to students, both Resident and Commuter.

9. The worst thing about the student Polity, to me, is their misrepresentation of the individual student.

10. I feel that the best thing about Polity is the potential that it has for success. With an effective Polity, tuition hikes can be defeated, students will have a strong voice, and this campus can truly live up to what it should be. What it should be, is an environment for learning, not an environment for worrying about how to pay your tuition.



Jose Peña, Junior
Vice Presidential Candidate
Biochemistry/Anthropology
Resident Student

Current positions held: Hamilton Senator, RHA Quad Representative and C-STEP Quad Representative.

1) Polity's biggest challenge today is lack of student participation and input on the daily activities organized by Polity.

2) As Vice-President I would like to try to get the students aware of what Polity is and what it can do for them. The resources which Polity has are available to anyone. But only a few know about them. Polity cannot continue to function as an organization run by few. We need to get all the students involved.

3) Having known and worked with Monique Maylor since my freshman year and working along with her this year in senate, I felt she was most deserving of the position of President. Also, due to the goals that I would like to accomplish I feel that the vice-presidency would be the most logical position from which to tackle these problems. As I would be in contact with all organizations on the campus. I feel

that I am the best candidate for this position, if not I would not run.

4) I am very responsible and hardworking. Anyone that knows me, knows that. I would like to devote my last year to working to remedy those problems which I have encountered through my stay here.

5) At this present moment our main concern must be the budget cuts which have been proposed by Governor Pataki. Our whole educational system is in jeopardy and we must fight to secure

6) We must make the students aware of the issues. We must inform them of the consequences that these issues have. One of the main things that needs to be addressed is how we can make the commuter students become more involved with the happenings of this campus. I intend to try to unite or at least establish a foundation from which others that follow me may follow which is designed to bring the students together. Hopefully as one united student body, we will more efficiently tackle any challenges that may face us in the future.

7) Stony Brook can be a very good school for many reasons. The most important one is that all the resources are here for the students as long as they get them. The choices are almost limitless. This is a very well equipped institution.

8) This school somehow does not and has not met or addressed the needs of the students.

9) Polity has not been able to successfully mobilize the student body when it needed to.

10) Polity is an organization that is meant to unite us all under one roof. As our student government it serves the purpose of promoting cultural diversity while still stressing student unity.

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**Sayed Ali, Sophomore
Secretary
Major: Undecided
Resident Student**

Current positions held: Sophomore Class Representative, Senator of Gray College ('96), coordinator for voter registration and education for national elections, Sigma Beat Honor Society

1. To rid off apathy on this campus.
2. Using the Polity newsletter to broadcast to the campus various issues related to Stony Brook and SUNY as a whole. I feel that this newsletter has not been used to its fullest potential and I would like to maximize its use.
3. Being a secretary entails organization in one's work. It is also the backbone for the entire organization. A secretary is a public

relations officer working to bring everything together. A secretary is also a communication link between club, organizations, fraternities, sororities and other groups. I feel I am capable and ready to do this and that is why I am running for this position.

4. Experience is the key to success and I already have the necessary experience.
5. Presently, the biggest issue facing us is the tuition hikes proposed by the governor.
6. The Polity newsletter is an instrument that has not been used to

its fullest capacity and if elected, I intend to use the newsletter to try to rid off apathy on this campus.

7. The diversity among the student government.
8. The no care attitude.
9. I don't feel that there is any bad aspect to Polity.
10. Its experienced and willing staff. The eagerness of the council and other students and staff to get involved and represent issues affecting students. To always work on behalf of students and make sure the campus is a better place for all of us.



**Josh Alpert, Junior
Secretary
Major: Political Science
Resident Student**

Current positions held: Senator of Toscanini, member of the services budgetary subcommittee, and constitutional subcommittee.

1. I believe the biggest challenge of Polity is student involvement. Without student involvement, there is no reason for the administration or officials in Albany to believe that Polity represents all the student body. They will have no problem making decisions at the expense of the students including a \$400 tuition hike, or building a SAC that excludes most students.
2. I plan to use the many newspapers, the radio station, and 3TV to inform the students of the issues. I would also hold rallies to help students speak out. I believe that if the students understood the importance of the issues, and that they as individuals could make a difference, they would in fact stand up for themselves.

3. I am new to this school, having just transferred from Rockland Community College, but I believe I can make a difference here. Elected senator for my dorm, becoming involved both within the dorm and the senate, I believe that for too long the voice of the senate as well as that of Polity have been ignored. As secretary, I believe I will be able to inform the student body, making the administration see that Polity does lead the students as a whole.

4. I believe that students should vote for me because I have already demonstrated my skills as a strong leader for the students. In my former college, I was a founding member of the Political Science Association and on the debating team. Both of these activities show that I can speak out for the students. Since coming to this school, I went up to Albany along with SASU to lobby legislators for the cause of the students. I have become an active member of the senate, speaking out strongly in the interest of the students. Given the chance, I will assist the president and the VP leading this school the way that it should be lead, for the interest of the students.

5. The biggest issue that undergraduate students face is the lack of a voice in the issues that affect them. I believe that undergraduates at Stony Brook have entered a vicious cycle of apathy. Students have not spoken out in recent years for issues that concern them. Once the administration sees this, they have begun to believe that students do not care, and that their leaders do not truly represent the students as a whole. Individual students no longer believe that their voice will make a difference in these issues, so they do not bother to speak out about them. This vicious cycle must be stopped. We as undergraduate students need leaders to lead the group as a whole, not just speak for themselves. Only by picking leaders that will motivate the student will their voice be listened to.

6. I plan to tackle the apathy by putting an end to the apathy that I referred to in the last question. By informing the students of the issues, I believe

that students will begin to speak out. Once the first few students have started this process, the administration will begin to listen, more students will see that their voices will be listened to. We as students need leaders that will take both the steps to speak out themselves but to inform the students of the need for them to speak out.

7. I like the fact that people on campus are willing to help one another. When I first arrived on campus, and needed help finding my way, people always helped me. I did not know anyone here, but total strangers were willing to help a fellow student. I believe that this is an example of the facts that students do care. If individual students understood the issues, and believed that their voices could make a difference, I believe they would speak out.

8. I do not like the fact that most people keep to themselves. I live in a suite in Toscanini, I know the people within my suite, but I have had to make a real effort to meet the people in the other suites. I believe that the campus as a whole should be a community. When people stay locked in their individual rooms, they begin to lose sight of the big picture. Classes are extremely important in college, but we should be students of life as well. I do not believe people can learn about life while locked in their room.

9. I do not believe that Polity is a true representation of the students. I believe that Polity has spent too much time talking for itself rather than for the students that they were elected to represent. I believe that Polity would have a much stronger voice if it did actually represent all the students at Stony Brook.

10. I believe that the people in Polity now are hard working people, fighting hard for the students. I know that they went to Albany many times to fight for our rights. Despite these facts, I do not believe that they informed the students of what they were doing well enough, and they did not seek their support.

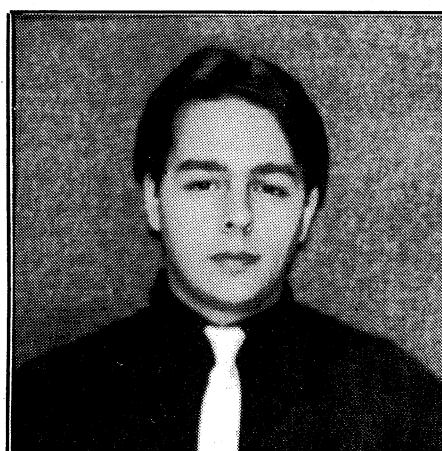
**Secretary
Major: Political Science
Resident Student**

Current positions held: I have not held any positions here at USB, but I am currently active in many community service activities, all of which I hold a leadership position in.

1. Two words . . . "STUDENT APATHY."

2 To tackle this problem, we need increased activity, and better communication throughout the student

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Mike G. Mahoney, Sophomore

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3. I am running because I believe, that I can seriously help student government by offering them my experience, my ability, and my determination.

4. Students should vote for me because I, more than anyone else, can get the job done.

5. Clearly, the upcoming battles concerning tuition hikes, differential tuition, and cuts to TAP, will be the greatest problems facing the undergraduates here at Stony Brook.

6. I propose to eliminate the apathy on

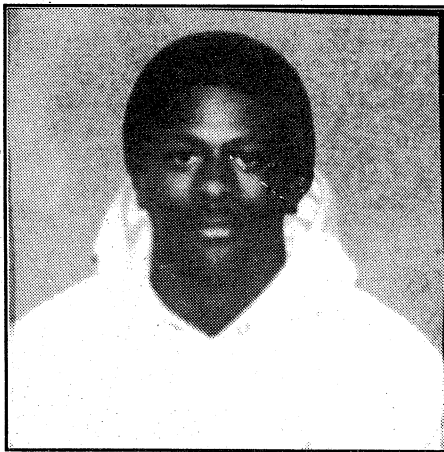
this campus by actively involving as many students as possible in the Polity.

7. The tremendous resources that are available here for both academic success and cultural enrichment.

8. The inefficiency of the communication between the various parts of Polity, in relation to the rest of the campus community.

9. The unclear definition of its purpose, and how it goes about accomplishing this.

10. Its flexibility to become a potent force in life here at Stony Brook.



Christopher Grant,
Sophomore

Junior Representative
Major: Undecided
Resident Student

Current positions held: RA in James College, Audio Visual Sound Engineer, Assistant Treasurer of Polity

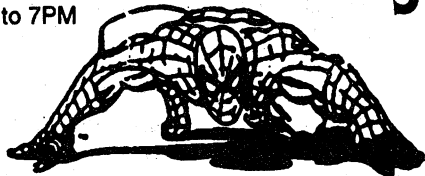
1. Polity's biggest challenge is uniting the entire student body's collective voice.

2. Making more of an effort to alert students to decisions being made for them without their participation.

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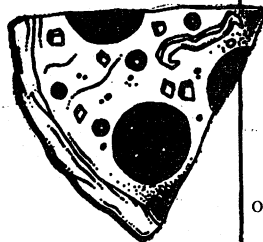
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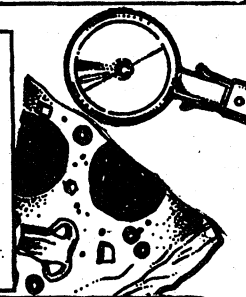
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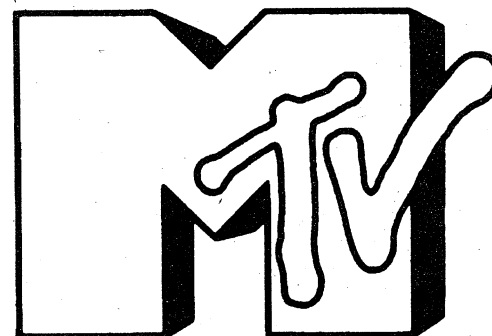
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EDITORIALS

Get Out and Vote

As an organization, the Student Polity Association has faced a predicament common on this campus: students are unaware or indifferent to its function as part of the Stony Brook community. All full-time undergraduate students are, of course, members of Polity, and pay for its administration through their student activity fee. Polity's budget is currently at \$1.4 million, of which \$400,000 is paid in administrative costs.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, elections will be held for Polity's leadership positions. In addition, students will be able to vote on various referendum items, and may take part in a survey concerning Aramark food services. Polling stations for student voting include the Student Union, the Melville Library and the Javits Lecture Center. The sites will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All eligible students are, of course, urged to vote in this election, but more importantly, to seek an understanding of how their student activity fee is spent. We continue to be distressed by most Polity office candidates' inability to address concerns regarding the Polity

budget. Approximately 35 percent of Polity's budget is spent solely on administrative costs, money that can be better spent on the academic, athletic and cultural programs that the activity fee is supposed to fund. In addition, a majority of the candidates for offices this week have had precious little to say regarding the excessive \$100 per week stipend, that if elected, they will receive as

Polity council members. While we are glad that each candidate has expressed a willingness to fight tuition hikes, we are left with little more information upon which to gauge the other elements of their candidacies. Not all candidates for the Polity council fit into this characterization, and students should reward these candidates with their vote.

Tell 'em what you think

As mentioned, this week's Polity elections will include a survey regarding the ARAMARK food services. The survey will be non-binding but will provide the Polity Senate and its leadership with a measure of student opinion on this subject. Students should not miss this opportunity to display their displeasure with the so-called "Advantage" plan that is currently provided.

Under the current program, ARAMARK charges nearly \$1,000 per semester for the current programs for the average meal plan, with approximately two-thirds of this amount assigned to paying those costs ARAMARK incurs in providing

their food services, including labor and expenses. Students are then assigned several hundred dollars in "advantage" points, to be used in food halls around campus.

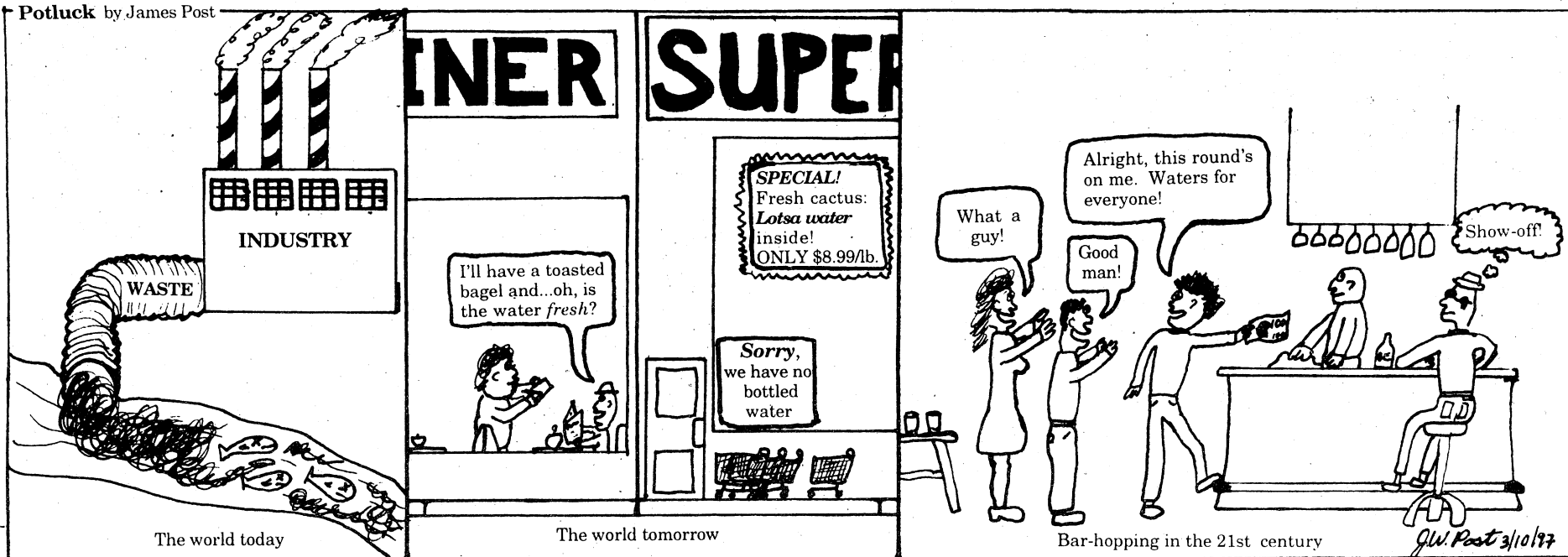
Voters should press Polity council members to consider competing bids more thoroughly this year by answering survey questions accordingly. For instance, one question in the survey asks whether the Polity Senate should renew ARAMARK's contract for another year. By answering in the negative, students can send Polity and ARAMARK a clear message that the current system in place could use improvements, if not overhaul.

Let's Be Fair

The Polity election race, to be ended this week, has been marked by not so subtle attempts by competing candidates to silence their opposition's ability to disperse their campaign messages. Candidate's flyers, which in the past have proven invaluable in providing name recognition within the campus community leading up to Polity elections, have been repeatedly torn down. In addition, some candidates' supporters have forwarded phone-mail throughout the campus in last minute efforts to belittle opponents.

Candidates and their supports should always look for dynamic methods to furnish increasingly apathetic students with their vision of what they would like to see accomplished with a position in Polity; the techniques listed above should not be among them. The silencing of other candidates does not befit those seeking offices that require, at its base, an ability to hear and acknowledge the voices of a diverse campus community. Our campus deserves a quality debate regarding the future of this community. The methods seen thus far in this election race has shown that yet another opportunity for this debate has been missed.

Potluck by James Post



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LETTERS

It's Time to Take a Stand

Greetings,

My name is Niranjana Sagapuram and I am running for the office of junior representative for the 1997/1998 school year. Listen, I've got to be up front and say that I have no prior experience in Polity, but that means nothing. I have full confidence in myself that I will be able to handle anything that comes my way. We all have to take a stand at one point, and this year I take my stand. I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell all you future juniors what I intend to do as your representative. The following is just a few ideas that I have been thinking about:

Stony Brook has every web page you can imagine, except a web page dedicated to Polity. By the beginning of the fall semester, I would like to set up a Polity Web Page. With a few clicks of a mouse, anybody on the internet would be able to find out what Polity is up to and planning. This will help students become aware of what their student government is doing.

Second, I want to amend the petition process. I understand that obtaining a person's social security number is important to verify information, but it is also private. Some alternate method of verifying information should be utilized. Instead of using the entire social security number, only the last 4 digits should be used to sign a candidate's petition. With your social security number floating around, it can lead to trouble.

I have saved the best for last, I would like to focus my attention on the test taking policies of the University. It is my opinion and perhaps others, that we are not given

enough time for our night time midterms. I would like to see every person have at least two hours for every exam they take. An hour and half just does not allow sufficient time for every person to take an exam. We should be tested for our knowledge and not how fast we can work.

These are a just few of my ideas

and I more than welcome your suggestions and concerns. Whatever is on your mind, please e-mail me at nsagapur@ic.sunysb.edu. Remember your student government works for you. If you do not let them know what is on your mind, no one will do anything about it. Regardless, whether I am elected or not. I will no

longer hide, there is just too much at stake. I offer the same advice to you. Lastly, I sincerely want thank everybody who supported me, you will not be forgotten. Thanks again and on March 18 and March 19 get out and vote!

Sincerely,
Niranjana Sagapuram

University Needs New Voice in Polity

To the Editor:

Many students here at Stony Brook University have complaints ranging from the price of tuition, to the lack of activities on campus. Although many of us complain, we rarely do anything about the situations which upset us. This term, however, I decided that enough is enough! I decided that I was tired of having my tuition go up, that I was tired of getting stepped on by this University's Administration, and that I was tired of having nothing to do (especially on weekends). So what did I decide to do? I decided to run for Polity President. My name is Matthew Mahoney, and I would like your vote for Polity President if you care about the future of your education. In this short letter, I would like to list what I stand for, so that some of my fellow students who have not heard my platform, will now have the chance to hear some of it.

First and foremost, what this University needs is a potent voice to voice our dissent over the current plans to raise tuition and to cut funds to TAP and SUNY. In the past, I have

had the opportunity to meet and work with several Members of Congress, as well as the New York City Council. As a Political Science major, I know how the political system works, and how politicians make decisions. In short, I know how to speak the language which can help us in our quest for the best education possible at the lowest cost.

Second, we need someone who will fight for us right here on campus! We need a leader who will stand up to this Administration. Our Student Polity must never again let us fall victim to ill-conceived plans like the new Student Activities Center, or meal plans which leave you hungry by the time finals come around. Not to mention the lack of parking available for students. After all we pay to go here, yet when it comes time to divide up parking, the Faculty and Staff (whose salaries we pay!), always get priority.

Third, when was the last the time you felt like you were getting the most for your money? Just why is it there no activities on this campus you enjoy going to? If it weren't for our many cultural clubs, as well as our Fraternities and Sororities this campus would be completely dead. At other Colleges and Universities, events that are held year round, are very similar to those sponsored here, during Opening Week Activities. If this University can organize fairs and events, which all students can enjoy at the beginning of the term, why can't we do it year round? After all, we pay

one of the highest student activities' fees in all of SUNY.

Finally, there have been rumors spread by opponents of my campaign that myself, and other candidates currently running, will stand against cultural diversity, and cultural organizations. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE!!! I have never in any way opposed, nor will I ever, oppose any group because they are different, or because they represent minorities. My platform, signed by 500 students, stated that I would stand for cultural diversity, not against it, and I said the same during the Polity debates last week. Now let me tell you what is true. At my previous college I was the Vice-President, while in that position, I cut the Administrative budget there by 5% saving thousands for students there, and I intend to do the same for Stony Brook. I have received countless awards for my work in community service, and my leadership efforts. I have been awarded by both Presidents Bush and Clinton, along with other political leaders such as Al Gore, David Dinkins, Rudolf Giuliani, Mario Cuomo, as well as Senators D'Amato and Moynihan just to name a few. What is true, is that when elected, no one will work as hard for you as Matthew Mahoney. Regardless of which candidate you chose, please vote for SASU during the Polity Elections march 18~ & 19'h. Thank You.

Matthew Mahoney
Candidate for Polity President

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FEATURES

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & STUDENT LIFE

Monday, March 17, 1997

The Career Placement Office Can Help For the two most frightening words "I'm Graduating"

By SHEEJA FRANCIS
Special to the Statesman

For those graduating seniors confused about their futures, the Career Placement office at the State University of New York at Stony Brook is ready to give a helping hand.

The office aids students with everything from choosing an appropriate career to hunting down the numerous jobs that are out there in the REAL WORLD.

"We try to work with students for them to understand what their strengths and abilities are," said Kenneth Bohrer, the senior career placement associate at the office. "It is important for a student to know the skills that are needed to go around to find a job and that is what we are here for."

The services include career tests, career library, Internet access, career workshops and individual career counseling.

According to Bohrer, the Career Placement Office Web site, on the Stony Brook server, is the most technical and futuristic source available to students at the university. The Web site address is www.sunysb.edu/career.

"It is going to be the thing in the near future," Bohrer said. "A lot of companies are advertising for jobs on the Web."

"Most of the companies, if they are big enough, will have their own website," said Bohrer. "In many of them you can apply directly to them, which is great."

For those not comfortable with the Internet, there is a new workshop at the office, titled "How to Use the Internet Job Search," which teaches you the process of hunting on the Web.

"They find so much stuff through the home page," said Sean Perkins, a freshman

business-management major who is working part-time at the office. Perkins' duties include assisting people access appropriate information through the computer. According to Perkins, many people who use the Internet system are successful in locating jobs.

"Generally, students who use the services are more successful than students who don't," Bohrer said, "because 80% of the jobs that are available today are not listed anywhere, so it's important for a student to know the skills that are needed to go around to find a job and that is what we are here for."

"There are counselors for everything," said Perkins. The office has counselors who can help you with everything from choosing a major to choosing a profession. Even though the counselors give advice as to what the best course of action is, the decision is ultimately up to the

person.

Bohrer, who is also a counselor, said that a counselor can even help you decide what to do if you are unsure about attending graduate school or entering the workforce after commencement.

According to Bohrer, students who are planning to go to graduate school also need to go through the process of making themselves marketable since low grades and low test scores usually slow down the process. "Most students need to have a backup plan."

According to Bohrer, the skills attained through searching for a job can be very helpful in the course of a person's professional life. "For the college graduate, statistics say 8 to 10 job changes, 3 to 5 career changes and the bad news is that they should expect to be laid off or fired at least once."

The office also tries to help the freshman, sophomores and juniors search for internships. "We encourage internships because what employers are looking for today is related work experience," said Bohrer. "It is always good to be focused and try to gain some experience."

The Career Placement Office is also involved in recruiting major companies to the campus. There will be a Job/Internship Fair on April 9th. The office has sent out more than 1,400 letters of invitations for companies to attend the Fair.

The office, located in the basement of the library, provides Stony Brook students an opportunity to get a head start. To make an appointment with a counselor, call 632-6810.

New Releases by Tess Records

By MARC WEISBAUM
Statesman Staff

With all of the industrial tinged music that is currently being gobbled up by the lemming mainstream, the possibility of gothic bands enjoying such popularity doesn't seem entirely unimaginable. The only thing that may make it difficult for the herd to swallow is the darker depressing currents that goth acts employ, versus the stupid choruses of lame Brit-pop like **The Spice Girls**. Still, despite all its murkiness, there are many goth bands that write songs just as catchy and, as **Bauhaus** has proved, can become legendary.

One such act is **Blade Fetish**. While the band trods similar ground that Peter Murphy and co. pioneered, **Blade Fetish** have as much quirky originality as their mentors. Their 1992 release, *absinthe* (Tess Records), while obviously not new still has goth circles enthralled in the eery atmospheres that they've created. Album opener, "Jabberwocky," (taken from Lewis Carroll's poem of the same name) shows the band mixing up older goth stylings of acts like **March Violets** with newer acts such as **Corpus Delicti**. The result is a sound that is

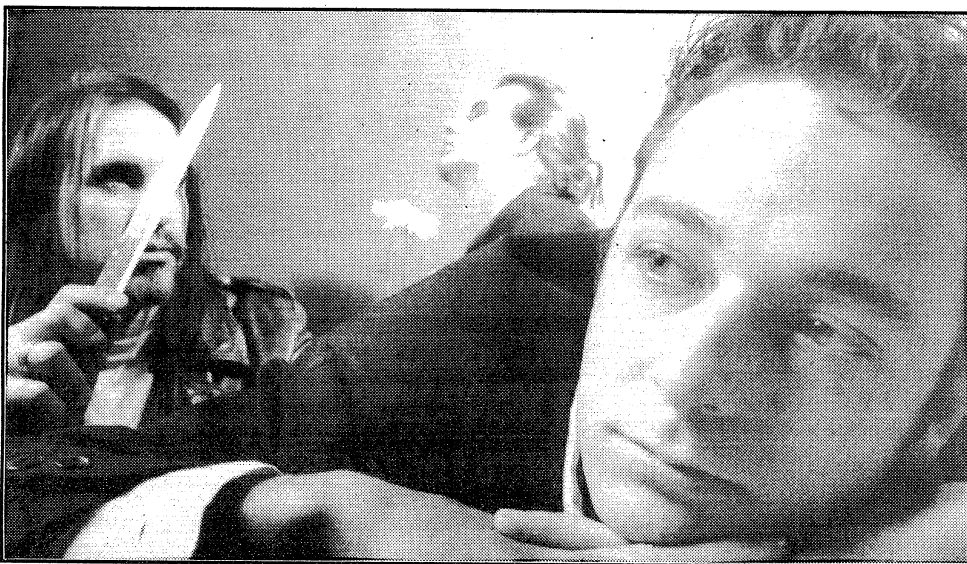
undeniably **Blade Fetish**, granting new life to the goth genre.

Particularly of note to this release is the musicianship, especially the bass work and the creepy, but not over the top, haunting vocals. The trio of Mark, Ian and Matt form a potent and heavily original base to spread their darkness. What is amazing is that these guys have taken all the gloomy aspects of this genre and kept it from becoming a sloppy mess. Many of the goth bands of late blur their passages together and try to make it sound dreary, but it just turns out dreadful. Is it lack of talent or a bad judgment call? Either way, **Blade Fetish** are

far too competent to let it drag them into the shadows. Ultimately, at the end of *absinthe*, it's hard not too flashback to the first time you heard

bit by the pop bug the way **Siouxsie** did. 21 songs. 74 minutes. Get ready for the descent.

Vocalist Terri Kennedy delivers



Blade Fetish (Left to Right) Matt, Ian, Mark

Mask.

A little newer is **Stone 588** with *Door In The Dragon's Throat* (Tess Records). A lot of people are comparing this quartet to earlier **Siouxsie and the Banshees** and that isn't entirely inaccurate, but it's difficult to see **Stone 588** getting

the dismal lyrics in a dreamy but at the same time bewitching fashion. Another strong point of this band is that they gel together perfectly to form foggy soundscapes that many of their peers strive for, but fail. Rather than showcasing how great they each

play their instruments, **Stone 588** opts for teamwork and create the deepest dungeon of sound. Kennedy's lyrics match the music so complimentary that most lyricists and/or bands should be ashamed at their attempts. Kennedy takes your hand and guides you through the dragon that she and her bandmates have devised. It's unfortunate that more bands can't be quite this effective.

Referring to this monster by individual song titles cheapens it. It's better to think of this as one big song, "Door In The Dragon's Throat," because **Stone 588** conjure up imagery far more intense than most of this genre's bands who choose to let their image supercede their music.

Actually, a quick glimpse at the band's photo and you'd never know that they were a goth band, which shows that you don't have to fit a mold to break one. For all of the vampires who have been searching every corner of the planet for a band dark enough to bathe in, they need only enter the dragon's throat.

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Private Parts Goes Public

Howard Stern's new movie "Private Parts", is nothing short of hysterical. The film depicts Stern's life from a young boy scolded by his father everytime he utters a word to today's obscenely funny radio personality. Stern's movie, adapted from his first book, can appeal to those who hate or love

him to be an eclectic entertainer.

The supporting players contribute to the "Private Parts" success. Mary McCormack, who plays Stern's wife, gives sentiment to the film. The scenes between Stern and his wife are the most touching. The WNBC program manager is



The Final Grade By Natalie Casale

played by Paul Giamatti. This actor makes the WNBC scenes extremely funny.

Stern's radio family, Robin Quivers, Fred Norris and Jackie Martling, all play themselves. However, Fred Norris steals every scene he is in just by the dumb-founded look on his face.

"Private Parts", directed by Betty Thomas, will be more funny to Howard Stern fans, but it will also appeal to those who are not.

The movie shows a quiet-sentimental side of Howard Stern.

His abrasive side, however, pops up throughout the film. "Private Parts" is a comedic adventure.

Grade: A

him.

The outspoken "King-Of-All-Media" is not the focus of this movie. The scenes range from a little Howard accompanying his screaming father to work to a college student unlucky the with-female species to a somewhat recent Howard's maniacal antics with the executives at WNBC.

The most amazing part of the film is the acting ability of Howard Stern. Fans of the radio show know he is definitely interesting, but no one knew if he could act. This movie proves

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3. Because of my involvement in many activities on campus. I believe I can represent a large number of students on campus.

4. I am the best candidate for the position.

5. Students are unaware of the critical decisions that are being made on their behalf by this school's administration. They must open their eyes and ears.

6. Did not respond.

7. There's always something to do.

8. The food. Just kidding. Student disunity.

9. The worst thing about Polity is that the organization doesn't get enough credit. Polity is on point.

10. They get stuff done.

better. I feel it is Polity's duty to increase student awareness before everything else. For example, last week Polity held a debate which hardly anybody came to see. I feel they did not advertise enough or advertised in bad places. This past Friday, I saw an advertisement for the debate on a garbage can in Kelly Quad. Now, it may be just my opinion, but I don't think that is an appropriate place.

2. I intend to tackle this issue several ways. First, functions such as the debate should be advertised well in advance, not just two days before the event. Second, all events should be posted everywhere on campus. I literally want to see the campus plastered wall to wall with posters and flyers announcing Polity events. Third, if elected I would like to make a web page dedicated to Polity. The university has every web page you can think of except a Polity page. As more people are exploring the Internet, I feel people will look at the Polity web page if it is made available.

3. I decided to run for Junior representative

because I feel I can make a difference. Just running for office, I feel I have touched a nerve with some people, making them aware that there is somebody looking out for their interests.

4. Students should vote for me because I have desire to change things. At some point, we must all take a stand. This is the year when I take my stand because simply I am not happy with Polity. Change is the only reason why you should vote for me.

5. I think the biggest issue facing the undergraduate population at Stony Brook is the test taking policies of the university. I feel we are not given enough time for our night-time midterms. An hour and half is simply not enough time for some people to take an exam. I would like to see every person have at least two hours. We should be tested for our knowledge not our speed.

6. I propose to tackle apathy on campus as stated before with a Polity Web Page. I feel this is the most effective way to reach people,

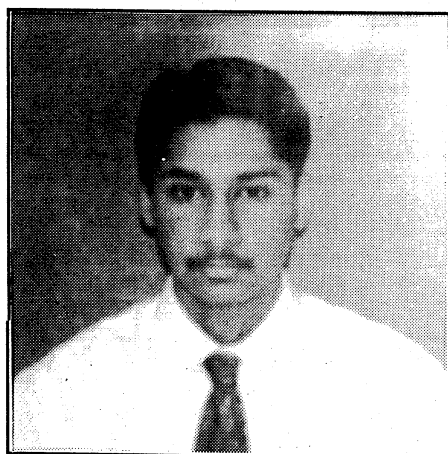
since the Internet has become a part of everyday life.

7. I like that Stony Brook has a lot of diversity. As an Indian, I have found out more about my heritage than ever before and at the same time I have been exposed to other cultures and ideas. Being a student of Stony Brook you can't help but stand back, and admire all the different types of people who enrich our lives.

8. The worst thing about Stony Brook is the people who complain and whine about this school, but are not willing to speak up. All I have got to say is, if you don't like it get out.

9. I don't have too much negative things to say about Polity. I feel that it is doing a sufficient job, but more can be done. What I think is important to remember is that nobody will do anything until you take the initiative and tell Polity what is on your mind.

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Nirnanjan Sagapuram,
Sophomore
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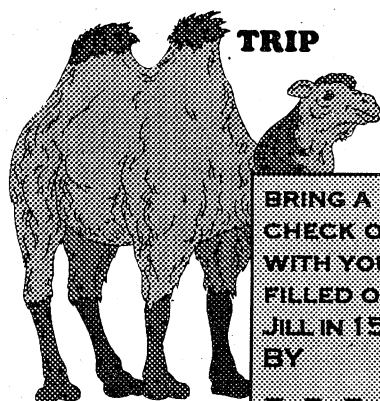
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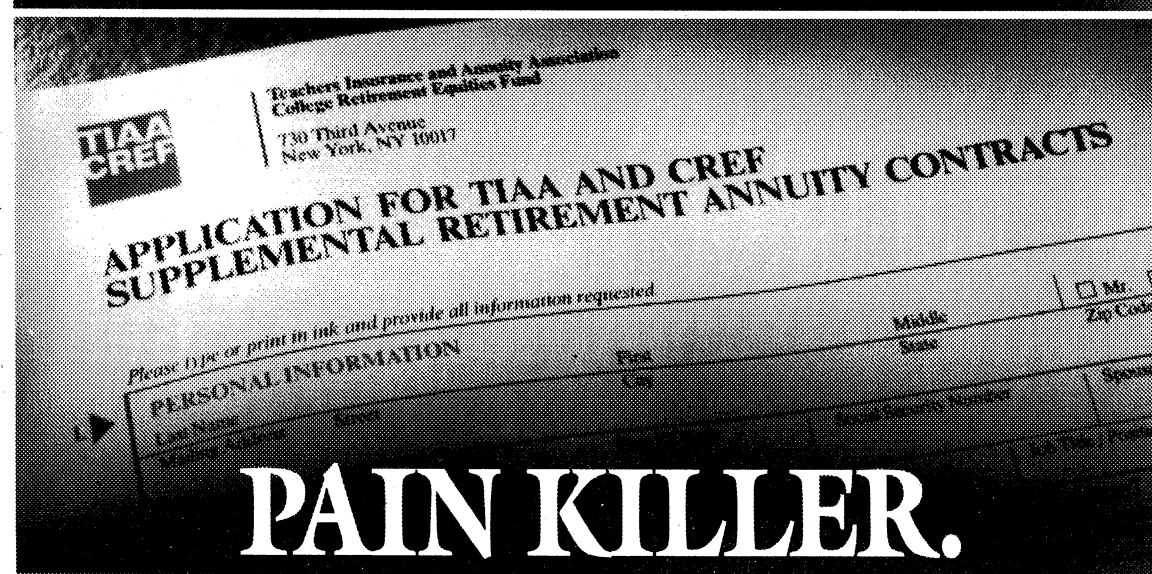
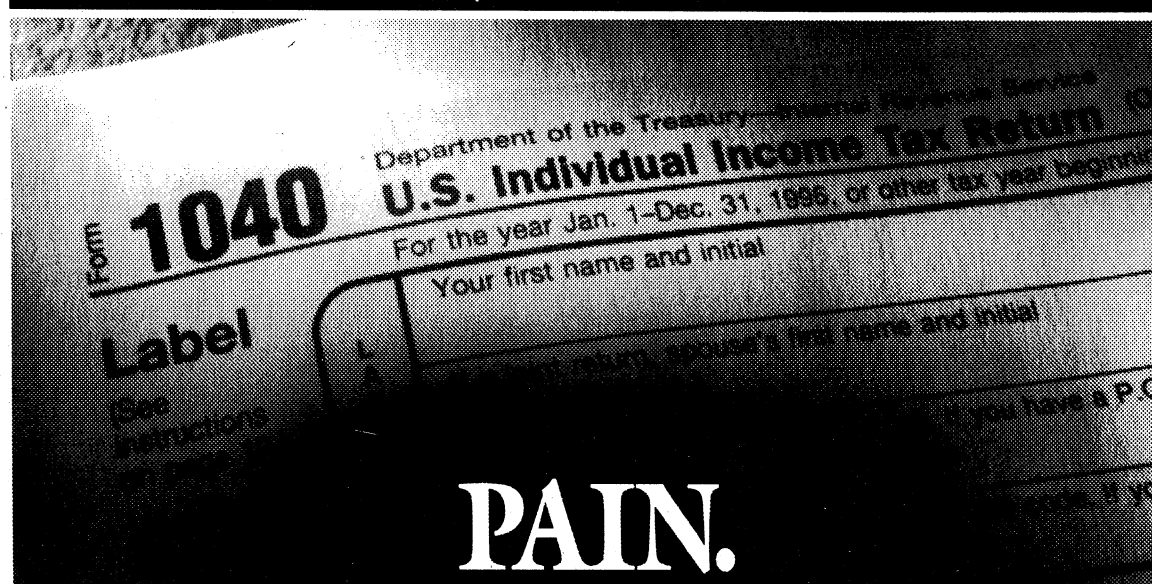
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Blur Grabs Supper Club By The Balls And Strokes The Shaft

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Around 10 p.m., **Blur** vocalist, Damon Albarn and bassist Alex James led their procession of Euro-trekkies onto the stage of the Supper Club to spill out what would become a finely-polished blend of pop-jism, English-flavored punk and hardcore, and organ hypnosis. And not one buzzard in the sold-out ballroom could care that **Metallica**, who had taken over NYC with an occupation of police were mixing it up 20 blocks down.

In between decrees of "Damon, I love you, you're so great" from an overzealous fan, Blur blasted immediately into a set that lasted over an hour, and concluded with a greatly deserved encore. Positioning himself frequently atop the massive stage amplified speakers, Albarn kicked and split like some decadent hair-band junky, took on the guise of some perverse pitch man for the merits of "cool water," which he dowsed his little army of raved

out teeny-boppers with in between tracks, and enjoyed a high level of lax camaraderie between himself and his boys — but the music was as clean as Mother Theresa's ass.

The performance focused on their fifth, self-entitled release, which is a direct stab at them being labeled as 'another Oasis-type' band. There are other British pop acts, and aside from Oasis, Blur also has a snazzy Brat Award (British equivalent of a Grammy) mackin' on their shelf. Their latest effort has a new brass crank of jolting rock and organ proficiency, blowing away anything they have produced in the past and elevating them from one-hit-wonder — "Girls And Boys" from *Parklife* was as close as they came — to flavor-of-the-month and potential candidates



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"Girls And Boys" came and went three songs in. Dreary pop tunes like "Country Sad Ballad Man" arose during the show to shift flow and mood. One of the most notable attributes to their performance was a daunting light set capturing the mood and was stirring in unison with the meter of each tune; such as the case with "Theme From Retro," which had the acid-inspired-raver-clad chicks ready to strip their cloths

for one of the most impressive albums of the year.

Standing amidst grasping teenagers and hungry adults alike, who were eager for a taste of live cuts from the new album, Blur fans got a face-fuck full of new material like the eloquent ballad "Beetlebum" and the ratty "Song 2." It's off with past and on to the new, so

off.

One of the most notable elements of the set seemed to be the high level of English-punk syntax; while they were strutting around licking the proverbial pop-Lolly with one hand, they were sportin' an iron dildo in the other. When a tangy pop band does more than one punk tune, it's a big industry buzz and it's evident that they stirred a few chubbies and wet some panties in the process.

Taking on a role that may have been reserved for **Bikini Kill** or a low-level **Buzzcocks**, Blur rocked through a version of "Chinese Bombs" that almost put a load in my draws and "Globe Alone," the aggressive Euro-punk-fist-fuck off of *The Great Escape*. They also buffered oldies like "Stereotypes" and others into a set that included over half the material from their new album.

Blur has successfully appeased a demanding NYC audience — for now — that

desires more than the morning glory poo contained in a **Beetles'** coffee mug; reinventing their version of 'English pop' and leaving more building blocks for tomorrow.

That's it for this week Special thanks to Pete at Virgin Records. As always, you rock the house.

Next week. March is for my Irish kin: a review of some killer Celtic releases. Then hold on to your crotch, the interview with **Helmet** is gonna blow you away. If you're not reading "Turn It Up," get down with the vibe — or get out of my face!

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who would start second was the toughest decision for Senk to make this spring because all the players were so close in ability.

The outfielders will also need to show

improvement. Collectively they made some errors, in a position that should not need to have that statistic at all. Jason Fiermonte, Chris Manna, A.J. Verunac, George Kearnes and Scott McAleer should all share considerable playing time. The Seawolves will not hesitate to pull a

player who is not performing with the glove.

Senk said with conviction, "If someone goes out and just gives back defensively what they gave us on offense, then they're not going to get the job done. If I have to play a lot of players then I will. I like going deeper into my

bench, because the more guys that play, the more guys will be happy.

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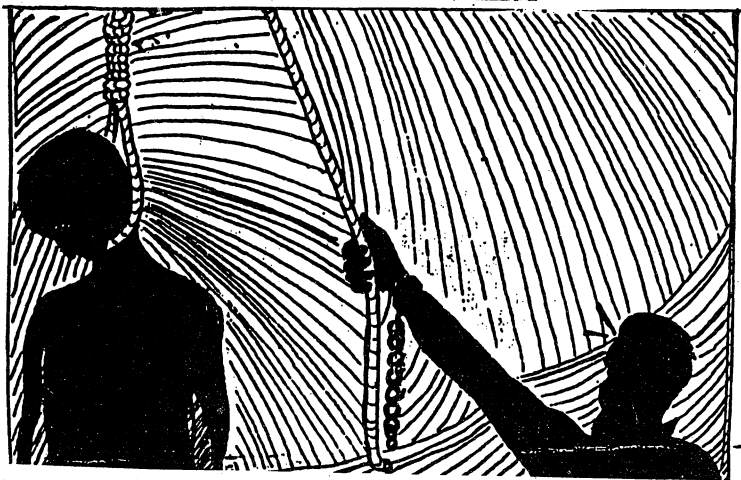
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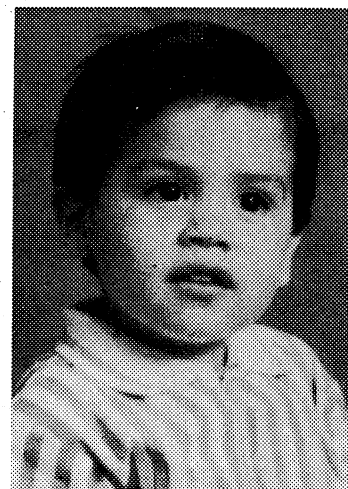
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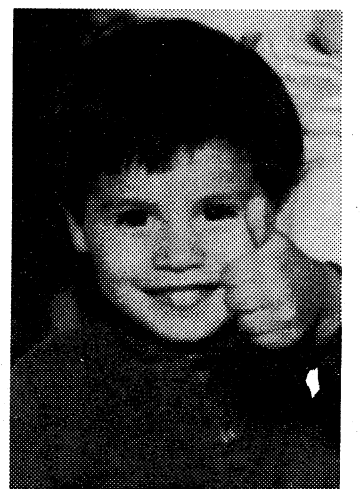
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**Jugdeep Singh, Freshman
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Current position(s) held: None

1. I believe Polity's biggest challenge is informing people of what is going on around this campus, so that people can be involved with

it. Many people that I know, claim that they are not informed about the issues dealing around this campus.

2. I would tackle this issue by mailing all the information out to every building RAs and RHDs, so that they can spread the word. I would also work with every club and organization (including fraternities and sororities) to get them also to spread the word around. In addition I will try to get the commuters involved by sending bulletins to each person's home. This way, most people do find out what is happening around campus.

3. I decided to run for this position because I wanted to be involved around campus and get others also involved around here. This way, no one can complain what is going on if they participate in activities promoted by Polity.

4. The students should vote for me because I believe I can do this job most effectively and get the word out to the students on issue that concern them.

5. The biggest concern facing a lot of Stony

Brook student population is the crime level on campus.

6. I will try to tackle this apathy:

1. Putting up light around dark passages such as Kelly Quad Cafeteria, near the Student Union, etc.

2. Try to increase funding for RSP and the Campus security, so that they can do an effective job without the worries of funding.

7. I like Stony Brook because it is away for home. This way I can learn to become dependent on myself and not on my family. In simple terms, this is a learning experience for me.

8. I really believe that the food on this campus is really terrible. In addition, I really hate how the Campus Security is doing its job.

9. The worst thing about Polity is that it usually does not get its word cross to its audience.

10. The best thing about Polity is that it is supposedly the voice of the students as a whole.

**Donna McGowan, Freshman 17
Sophomore Representative
(Write-in)
Major: Health Sciences
Resident Student**

Current Position: Active Whitman Leg member

1. Making all students aware of the organization, its purpose, and all that it has to offer.

2. Develop a public relations campaign, in conjunction with Polity Pride week, visiting all Leg's (resident and commuter), and student organizations.

3. I decided to run because there are many students and organizations which are not aware of the issues which affect them most such as the budget cuts, relationships between students, faculty and administration, and ways in which they can actively take a role through Polity.

4. I am very open minded, concerned about the welfare of others, I am dedicated, and I am willing to do what ever it takes to ensure that the students voice is represented in all facets of the University.

5. It is important that all students unite and fight against the assault that Pataki has made on SUNY. We need to come together despite all of our differences and urge our legislators to fully restore the cuts to SUNY and to TAP, and to oppose legislation that does not allow welfare recipients access to higher education.

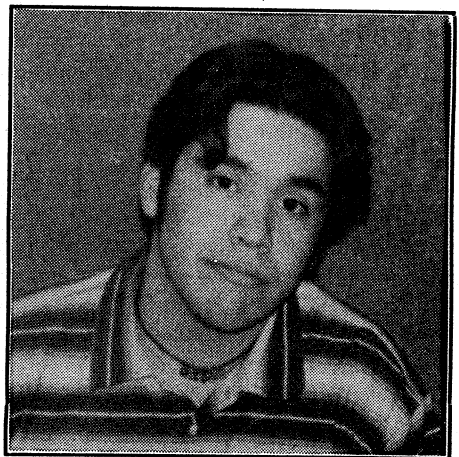
6. I believe apathy is a myth. I think that the problem is that people may not be educated on certain issues and do not know what it is that they can do to bring about change. One on one interaction is key. I will do my best to ensure that as many students as possible are made educated so that they can in turn organize.

7. Did not respond.

8. Did not respond.

9. People do not know enough about it.

10. I believe that Polity tries hard to make sure that everyone's issues are represented academically and socially.



**Alejandro Cantagallo, Freshman
SASU Representative
Major: Earth & Space
Sciences**

Resident Student

Current Position held: Vice President of the Stimson College LEG

1. Polity's biggest challenge in the coming year is to get the student body as a whole involved.

2. Give the people what they need: information and a safe platform to begin their student activism.

3. After having participated in a rally in February of this year I realized that there has to be a strong student participation. By running I know that I can change this.

4. Students on this campus need people in their student government that can advocate for their rights.

They need people that are experienced and prepared to take on the challenges ahead of them. I'm more than ready for this.

5. Pataki's proposed tuition increase of \$400, his cut to SUNY, his cut to tap and his views on the welfare reform bill.

6. There is no such thing. Apathy is an excuse for leaders to not do their job. Everyone likes something. It's our job to find out what.

7. The diversity.

8. The reluctance of some people to accept other cultures.

9. There is none. Polity's phat!

10. It serves as a medium for the student body to be pro-active.



**Matthew Edwardsen, Sophomore
USSA Representative
Major: Philosophy/Political
Science
Resident Student**

Chairman of Food and Finances for the Earth Action Board, Crew Chief and driver at SBVAC, volunteer on NYPIRG Environmental Project, Advertising Chairman for the Blood Drive, Member of Model UN.

1. The biggest challenge facing Polity is the lack of student unity and participation on the campus.

2. I propose a Polity that keeps the students better informed through culturally unifying campus wide activities.

3. I feel that I am a qualified candidate because I have worked with lobbying before

and have participated in numerous campus activities allowing me to convey the messages of the students here effectively.

4. Students should vote for me because I am a qualified and devoted candidate for U.S.S.A representative.

5. The largest problem that students are facing are the cuts to education budgets on the state and national level and the increases in tuition.

6. Not alone. Working with the student government and the numerous organizations on campus I would like to gather the leaders groups and do some basic problem solving. Complimenting ideas with other ideas in order to effectively cater to individual students we would then mobilize the students at Stony Brook around issues vital to Stony Brook's survival.

7. The facilities on our campus are conducive to an effective education and allow for students to receive an excellent education. There are almost unlimited options for students to explore and to diversify their education.

8. The apathy of the student body.

9. Polity's inability to effectively mobilize the students toward a unified goal.

10. Polity's ability to sponsor campus events and organizations in order to unify the student body on a cultural level.

**Vivian Salazar, Freshman
USSA Representative
Liberal Arts
Resident Student**

Currently, I am an R.A. for Hendrix

1. Polity's greatest challenge is to overcome the apathy on campus.

2. I feel that by informing the students about the issues and showing them what they can do to get involved will get them to be more active.

3. I chose to run for this position because I want to make a difference and show students what people like Governor Pataki are doing to us.

4. Students should vote for me because of both my experience and close contact with the president and vice president of both S.A.S.U. and U.S.S.A.

5. Did not respond.

6 Did not respond.

7. What I like most about Stony Brook is its great diversity.

8. What I least like about Stony Brook is that with so much diversity too many times I see the same groups of people together. I feel that the ethnic groups on campus should become



more involved with one another and stop forming so many cliques.

9. I feel that the worst thing about Polity is that relative to the size of this campus there are not enough people who care to make a difference.

10. The best thing about Polity is the fact that the students have a chance to be represented and have their voices heard.

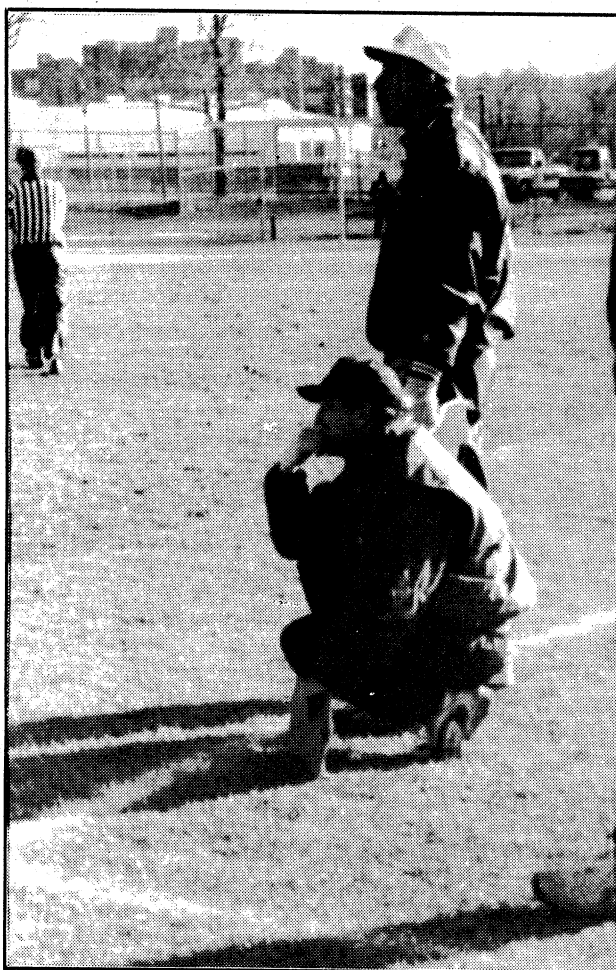
USB LOSES CLOSE ONE

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The Seawolves looked to open their season 3-0 for the first time since 1989 as they took on the Lehigh Mountain Hawks at Loyola College in Maryland on Saturday. Once again, Stony Brook got off to a quick start as it built a 3-0 lead behind a goal by Derek Reyna and two tallies from Chris Kollmer. Lehigh did not go away however and pulled within 5-4 at the end of one quarter. Stony Brook again took control in the second stanza and began to pull away at 9-6 but Lehigh scored three straight goals to knot the game at the half. In the third quarter, Courtney Wilson and Kollmer scored to put the Seawolves ahead 11-9 but again Stony Brook could not hold the lead as Lehigh responded with four straight goals to go up 13-11. Reyna notched his third goal of the game with 3:23 remaining but Stony Brook was unable to get the equalizer as time ran out. Kollmer paced the Seawolves with six goals while Courtney Wilson added two goals and two assists. Robb Aitchison continued his solid play as he set up four goals and freshman Dominic D'Orazio recorded his first collegiate goal in this contest. Despite the loss, Stony Brook remains upbeat as it heads to Boston College on Wednesday to face the Eagles at 3:00 p.m..

Coach John Espey said of the game, "Our team played great offensively in the first quarter. Kollmer scored three goals and got us off to a fast start. We started to pull away on several occasion but we suffered some lapses and broke down defensively and they came back. They scored [a couple of goals] on deflections so there were some odd situations that went along with the game. Lehigh has a very deep team, they played us very hard the entire game.

"[We're] very disappointed that we didn't win this one. We had a chance to open the season 3 and 0, and if we beat them we would had a good chance of getting ranked. The team is not where I want them to be right now. Our seniors are great players, so if they can keep it going and help out the some of the other guys [it will] be good," he said.



Head Coach John Espey

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Stony Brook (2-1)	5	4	2	1	12
Lehigh (3-0)	4	5	4	0	13

SCORING SUMMARY		
First Quarter:		
SB 13:24	Derek Reyna (Unassisted)	1-0
SB 11:59	Chris Kollmer (Ceballos)	2-0
SB 10:40	Chris Kollmer (Unassisted)	3-0
LU 8:23	Daman Cuzmanes (Duncan)	3-1
LU 6:38	Mark Duncan (Baker)	3-2
SB 4:46	Chris Kollmer (Unassisted)	4-2
SB 3:35	Dominic D'Orazio (Aitchison)	5-2
LU :50	Dominic Souza (Unassisted)	5-3
LU :06	Doug Malone (Unassisted)	5-4
Second Quarter:		
LU 14:21	John Fowler (Cuzmanes)	5-5
SB** 12:54	Derek Reyna (Aitchison)	6-5
SB** 11:33	Chris Kollmer (Reyna)	7-5
LU** 9:09	Ian MacGivray (Duncan)	7-6
SB** 7:20	Dourney Wilson (Aitchison)	8-6
SB 6:12	Chris Kollmer (Wilson)	9-6
LU** 2:56	Ian MacGivray (Duncan)	9-7
LU 2:42	Vince Cepi (Unassisted)	9-8
LU** 2:15	Mark Duncan (Baker)	9-9
Third Quarter:		
SB 12:23	Courtney Wilson (Unassisted)	10-9
SB 9:50	Chris Kollmer (Aitchison)	11-9
LU 8:52	Brad Baker (Unassisted)	11-10
LU 4:59	Mark Duncan (Unassisted)	11-11
LU :38	Brian Houle (Unassisted)	11-12
LU :19	Ian MacGivray (Duncan)	11-13
Fourth Quarter:		
SB 3:23	Derek Reyna (Wilson)	12-13

** Denotes extra-man goal

INDIVIDUAL SCORING (Goals-Assists-Points)

Stony Brook:	
Chris Kollmer	6-0-6
Derek Reyna	3-1-4
Courtney Wilson	2-2-4
Robb Aitchison	0-4-4
Siege Ceballos	0-1-1
Dominic D'Orazio	1-0-1

Lehigh:	
Mark Duncan	3-4-7
Ian MacGivray	3-0-3
Brad Baker	1-2-3
Daman Cuzmanes	1-1-2
Dominic Souza	1-0-1
Doug Malone	1-0-1
John Fowler	1-0-1
Brian Houle	1-0-1
Vince Cepi	1-0-1

GOALIE SUMMARY

	Min.	GA	Saves
Stony Brook:			
Greg Taylor	60	13	15
Lehigh:			
Brian Crawford	60	12	14
Stony Brook			
Shots	37		40
Saves	15		14
Ground Balls	34		28
Faceoffs Won	14		12
Penalties (Min.)	11/8:00		13/10:00
Extra Man (Goals-Att.)	3/13		3/11

BASEBALL NOTES

By DAVE CHOW
Statesman Staff

Defense wins ball games. It's the one of the oldest proverbs in sports. It has been the Seawolves' collective mantra all spring and it will continue to be the rest of the season. Head coach Matt Senk won't let his team forget it.

Very little seems to get under the skin of the seventh year coach, he appears as the epitome of a laid back, easy going person with his eager smile and informal attitude. But when he talks about his team's collective fielding a sliver of agitation shows through nowadays.

"We made it clear to the entire team that the defense was not up to the level we need it" he said. "We had a lot of tough losses last season because of defense." The most stinging of those losses in Senk's mind are probably the two losses in the Eastern College Division II Baseball Championships last May, in which the Seawolves closed out their first Division II season in unspectacular fashion. USB lost two error laden games, the first to Southern Connecticut and the second to Keene State. In the first game the 'Wolves led 6-0 in the fourth inning but subsequently gave up five unearned runs en route to a 10-6 loss. The 'Wolves committed six total errors in the second game, a 12-6 loss to Keene State.

"When your up by that much [6-0, game one], and you have Sal Tavemese on the mound, you usually expect to win" Senk says with incredulity still ringing in his voice. Tavemese, the 'Wolves former ace, graduated and gone with him are the three other starters from last year. As the Seawolves begin their second season in Division II, the current team has the misfortune to be the survivors of the biggest mass exodus of talent in the school's history. The only hold over from last year's pitching rotation is sophomore Tim Loyal.

As Senk prepares to navigate the 'Wolves through their second season in the league, there is much to be concerned about. The team defense was bad enough last year playing behind the schools best ever collection of throwers. Now the crux of the games will be started by players with minimal experience. Freshmen Sean Quinones and Chris Collins will be initiated by fire. Even junior transfer Greg Makoul, who is trying to make the switch from first base to pitcher, will be doing some serious on the job training.

Senk and the assistant coaches are hoping that the Seawolves offense will carry them like it did last year. USB graduated their best position player in second baseman Dan Paradis who led the team in hitting, but return almost every other position. All of them can hit. The most notable additions, defensive wise, are third baseman Greg Foster and first baseman Jeff Fiermonte. Foster is a freshman with great athleticism. He will snag countless balls hit down the line and sure up the gap between shortstop. The first base line will also be well protected by Fiermonte who is left handed. Lefties have the advantage on balls hit down the right field line and have the good angle on 3-6-3 double plays.

Vin Causeman at shortstop will be the biggest question mark. He led the team in errors last season. Gabe Correa will try to fill in at second. He will get the nod over the other reserve infielders for the job because he has the slight edge on defense. Deciding

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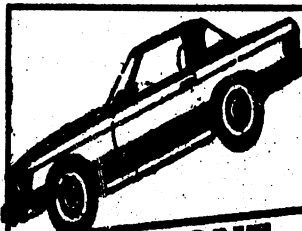
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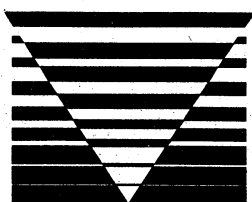
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TAKE MINORITIES OUT TO THE BALL GAME

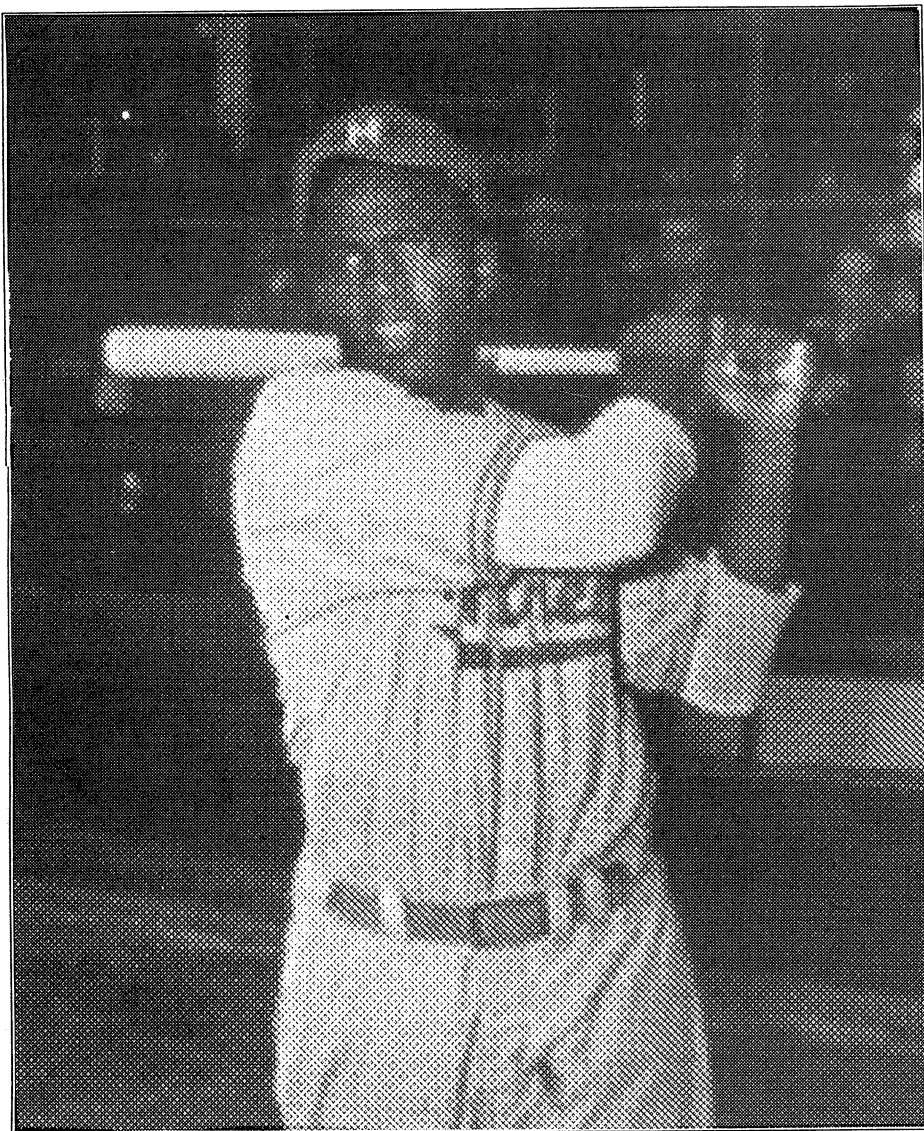
Since the strike of 1994, baseball has seen a decline in attendance at ballparks and ratings of televised games. If baseball wants to see a resurgence of fans, they should start by trying to appeal to minorities.

In Jackie Robinson's autobiography, *I Never Had It Made*, he spoke of how his breaking of the color barrier was not only motivated by a deep principle to end segregation in baseball, but it was also motivated by money. He knew that Branch Rickey, President of the Brooklyn Dodgers was a keen businessman who knew that integrated baseball would be financially rewarding.

Baseball has lost a majority of their minority fans to football and basketball. This is for basically two reasons. First off, football and basketball are doing a better job of marketing their sports. If someone thinks of basketball, they immediately remember the "I Love This Game" slogan, and football has done a great job marketing the SuperBowl, making it a part of American culture. More important, both those sports have done a better job of marketing their minority players. While baseball announcers and television shows talk about the "good old days" of the white ball players such as Babe Ruth and Ted Williams, basketball and football are constantly talking about their players of today, some of whom are white, but many whom are of other races.

Major League Baseball will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Robinson's breaking of the color barrier. This would be a prime time for baseball to get African American fans back in the ball park. They are the most populated minority in the United States and should be the group that baseball goes after most aggressively.

The television promo with LL Cool J. singing his cheesy



JACKIE ROBINSON broke the color barrier in 1947. This year marks the 50th anniversary of his fight against oppression.

version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is not enough. Baseball needs to do other things like changing the music played at ballparks. I went to three Mets games and seven Yankees games last year and all they were playing in between innings were songs that would appeal mostly to whites. What they could do is add rap and R&B. There are many of those type of songs which appeal not only to African Americans, but would also appeal to white Americans. Some ballparks are holding Jackie Robinson Day this year like The New York Mets and that is a step in the right direction. Ten dollars says

that will be the game this year in which most African Americans show up.

There are other groups of minorities that baseball needs to get to the ball park. Many teams have an impressive number of impact players from Spanish speaking countries like the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Mexico. For some reason, however, baseball does not market them very well-not even in their countries of origin. Rafael Palmeiro, who is from Cuba and plays for the Orioles, was his team's best and most consistent hitter last year, yet all that was talked about his team by their game announcers and

the visiting team's last year was the play of Cal Ripken which made no sense because he was having no where near as good a year as Palmeiro.

Even the Yankees can be accused of doing the same with their poor job of hyping their Spanish speaking players like Mariano Rivera, Mariano Duncan and, especially Bernie Williams. They play in the Bronx, which has many Dominicans and Puerto Ricans. George Steinbrenner's front office needs to know who their target audience is.

There are other minority groups as well, though. In the coming years, Japanese players will be starting to make the jump into the major leagues as well. Teams should do the job that the Dodgers did with Hideo Nomo. They not only sold the rights of his games to be televised in his local Japan, but they also marketed him well in Los Angeles, getting the Japanese population to their games. In some estimates by the media, it was said that close to 3,000 more fans came to games in which Nomo was pitching.

This is why the Yankees should make it a priority to go out and acquire Jason Irabu, the hard throwing pitcher from Japan, from the San Diego Padres. He would easily pay back the price the Yankees paid for him at the gate. Just as Robinson brought African Americans to the ball park, Irabu would bring Japanese fans to Yankee Stadium. There are many Japanese people living in New York and they would sure to come to the park to watch one of their own in action.

In remembering Robinson's impact to the game of baseball, owner's should remember him for two things. His importance was not only that he integrated baseball, but that he brought a whole new audience to watch baseball games. Major League Baseball has always realized the former, now it is time for them to realize the latter. □