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Decision Nearing on Dube Tenure Case

By George Bidermann

Although approximately 40 faculty members at Stony Brook are awaiting tenure decisions this summer, the proceedings for Africana Studies lecturer Ernest Dube, have been the subject of hushed conversations and "no comment" statements throughout the university. But this week, *Statesman* learned that a recommendation in favor of granting Dube tenure was made by the first committee to review his request, and that the application has been passed on to the administration.



Ernest Dube Statesman Ken Rockwell

Dube, who was the subject of controversy in the fall of 1983 after a student complained that he linked Zionism with Nazism in a course entitled *The Politics of Race*, was away at a conference and could not be reached for comment. According to a university source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, the initial recommendation was made in March and was sent to the administration in May, after it was reviewed by the Personnel Policy Committee (PPC).

Alvin F. Oickle, associate director of University News Services, said that by law, tenure proceedings are considered confidential; Oickle said this is done to insure fairness and impartiality throughout the proceedings. Therefore, "the university does not announce tenure appointments or denials; we never have," Oickle said.

The tenure process, as outlined by the SUNY Board of Trustees, is a lengthy, full-scale investigation into a candidate's academic file at the university. According to Florence Boroson, assistant dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, the criteria to be considered include the candidate's mastery of the subject matter, effectiveness of teaching, scholarly ability, effectiveness of university service and contributions to enriching the life of the university.

Boroson outlined the five steps of tenure proceedings which she described as "lengthy" and "thorough." The first step is the formation of a committee within the department, which must consist of at least seven

tenured professors. In a case where the department has fewer than seven tenured professors, additional tenured professors from related fields are selected by the Dean of Fine Arts and Humanities, Robert Neville. In the Africana Studies program, only Directors Les Owens and Amiri Baraka have received tenure.

That committee reviews the candidate's file, which includes a biographical file compiled by the candidate, and makes a recommendation. The recommendation then goes to the PPC, which reviews it further and sends on their recommendation to Neville. From there the recommendation passes to Provost Homer Neal and then to University President John Marburger.

Boroson said that at each step, a recommendation can be deliberated. When the application finally reaches Marburger, it has four recommendations on it. Usually, all four recommendations are in agreement, but Boroson said there have been cases where there was disagreement among the four parties. However, "the procedures are uniform and careful to make sure that they're handled fairly," she said. Boroson did not want to comment on the Dube case, citing the laws that require confidentiality.

Marburger can then either recommend for tenure, which would send the recommendation, which would effectively cancel the candidate's employment after his contract lapses. According to the United University Professions (UUP) contract, a tenure decision

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'Smash Apartheid': Has Anything Changed?

By Walter Fishon

As Stony Brook's spring term wound to an end in May, The United Front, organizers of Stony Brook's anti-apartheid movement, in an attempt to keep the apartheid protest alive, moved their demonstration to the mall in front of the SUNY Central offices in Albany on May 21.

The group, in conjunction with the Student Association of the State University (SASU) travelled to the state capital to demand divestiture of SUNY Stock holdings in various companies involved in business dealings with South Africa.

About 50 Stony Brook students attended the Albany rally. The protesters were joined by 20 to 30 other students from the State University system. With the permission of SUNY Central officials, the group "set up camp" for 24 hours on the lawn in front of the offices of SUNY Central where, according to SASU's newly-elected Vice President for Campus Affairs Daniel Wexler, "they held a candlelight vigil, read prayers and sang songs against apartheid and racism."

"They abided by the rules," said Robert C. Perrin, vice chancellor for University Affairs and Development at SUNY Central. According to Perrin, "The University did not take any action against them," with students because "no one was asked to."

The morning after the students camped out, approximately 40 of them comprised mainly of people from Stony Brook, attended an open SUNY Board of Trustees meeting within the SUNY Central offices. It was the United Front's continued hope that their pleas for total divestiture would be acknowledged in all SUNY stocks and dealings with companies that have interests in South Africa would be severed. According to Perrin, the meeting evolved into a lot of screaming and shouting.

Wexler, a senior at Stony Brook who was present for part of the board meeting, agreed that the protesters did become rowdy, but he added that "the trustees were arrogant and obnoxious. They were there in body, not in mind, and it wasn't the first time they

acted in that matter." Wexler said that SASU has been working to get SUNY Central to divest since the beginning of the year. The trustees have remained solid in their stand to maintain SUNY's investments in companies that have business dealings with South Africa.

According to Perrin, the companies that SUNY has holdings in adhere to the "Sullivan Principles", a code of six employment practices drawn up by the General Motors Corporation, which include non-segregation of facilities, fair and equal employment, and equal pay for equal work. SUNY has utilized the service of a national accounting firm, the Arthur D. Little Company, which analyzes companies in South Africa and their compliance to the Sullivan principles. "The board of trustees are following the firm's analysis," said Perrin in regards to how the university system knows who is following the principles. It was in April that the SUNY system agreed to stronger investment standards, dealing only with companies that adhere to the principles. Perrin said the system now has \$10 million invested in companies connected with South Africa.

Although the protesters did not convince the board of trustees to divest, Wexler said "It was a positive and productive demonstration." While in Albany, the demonstrators rallied in Capital Park, where they attempted to solicit the support of those who were not directly involved in the protest.

In relation to the anti-apartheid movement, Wexler said that Jane McAlevy, president of SASU, won a seat on the Board of Trustees Investment Subcommittee. According to Wexler, McAlevy's stands are against apartheid and it is hoped that her position in the subcommittee will be a positive force in the question of SUNY system's divestiture.

Stony Brook itself holds no stock in South African related companies, but prior to the May 15th anti-apartheid demonstration on campus the Stony Brook Foundation, an independent not-for-profit organization that accepts gifts for the university, held a small stock portfolio of four companies that had ties to South Africa. According to Denise Coleman, director of

Alumni Affairs and the Stony Brook Annual Fund, the Foundation "divested all holdings that had any ties to South Africa." The four companies were United Technology, IBM, W.R. Grace, and the Ford Motor Company. Coleman said the stocks were gifts and that the Foundation has now taken a stand against holding any stock in companies that derive profits from investments in South Africa.

"[The demonstration] prompted the Foundation to divest itself," said Coleman, "but there had been discussion in the past about it. They took it very seriously." The Foundation currently has a stock portfolio adding up to about \$3 million.

The anti-apartheid movement at Stony Brook began in the last days of spring semester. The United Front originally organized the protest to coincide with events occurring throughout the entire SUNY system. As they gained support, the group moved into the Administration building, where they staged a two-week sleep-in and teach-in.

The students remained there throughout graduation with the permission and support of University President John Marburger. Marburger claimed that it was "an effective movement" that concurred with "the wave of movement in the United States. This case was unusual. It involved our campus, the faculty, staff, students and graduate students. The demonstration was symbolic of something going on within the university."

The commencement ceremonies, the protestors solemnly paraded through the crowd to the beat of a drum carrying a casket, symbolizing those who had died at the hands of South Africa's government. According to Marburger, "A graduating senior participating in the demonstration explained, in a short factual statement, what was happening. The students were given permission to march."

After the rally in Albany, the protester disbanded, and the protests temporarily stopped. In an effort to plan new events, the United Front will be holding a meeting tonight, at the Fireside Lounge of Stage XII at 9:00 PM. Wexler said that SASU will be planning its new course of direction soon.

Stony Brook a Foreign Campus for Some

By Jeff Leibowitz

While some students are searching for ways to deal with difficult living conditions during the summer sessions, many foreign students are coping with problems that are not as easy to handle.

Lynn Morris, Stony Brook's Foreign Student advisor, said that foreign students often feel removed from the American culture. Because of this, she said, they often feel isolated or insecure, especially during the summer months when most students have the opportunity to spend time with their families. Morris noted that there are about 300 foreign students living at Stony Brook for the summer, most of them in Stage XII.

Freshman Naven Mehrotra, a native of India, is studying on a student visa and is living in Stage XII. Like many students, Mehrotra said he tends to associate with minority students more than Americans. "I feel like an outsider here," he said. "I know this is not my country - it's easier to be friends with other minorities" whom he added face the same difficulties as he does.

"The weather here is a problem," said Moises Sabio, a native of Honduras. He said that the relative humidity of the United States causes him to get tired much faster than he would in Honduras. "I used to run during the day but it's difficult to do it here. I get very tired after only a short distance," he said.

Sabio added that he has encountered situations here where he feels he was discriminated against by both school faculty and students. "You have to deal with a lot of discrimination because of your color," he said. "People don't talk to

you. It makes me feel as if I'm not worth anything. As soon as people see a foreign student they associate more with other minority students. He explained that the university adds to the segregated atmosphere by housing the majority of the foreign students in Stage XII. "Part of the problem is you never get to socialize with Americans," he said. "It's like you come to America and now you're still here in your own country - but when you walk out of here you have to confront and deal with other people. It's not good the way this is set up."

Kamyar Zareh, a native of Iran, attributes what he says is one-sided media attention to the negative attitude some Americans have displayed towards Iranians here. "It's almost like saying you're from Russia," he said. "They have the right to feel this way - they really don't understand the situation," he added, referring to both the Beirut and the Iranian hostage situations. "It's because the news does not inform them. The people are being taught to believe certain things so I cannot blame them - the same type of things happen in Iran."

Irving Nunez, a junior and native of the Dominican Republic, said he experienced a good deal of "culture shock" during his first few months in the United States. After being here five years he now says he has grown accustomed to the American lifestyle. "In my country, you greet a stranger with a kiss. Every time I would meet someone I would greet them with a kiss. You learn very quickly to avoid such things."

But Nunez said that much of the prob-



Kamyar Zareh, of Iran echoed the complaints of many foreign students. Statesman/Stuart Abraham

lems lie in the attitudes, not the lifestyles of Americans. "It's not as personal here. People are not as open as they are back home. There is little tolerance for diversity and people of different backgrounds - it really is unfortunate."

"You always miss home and feel like there is nobody around," said Angela Cheunt, a native of Hong Kong. She said that adjusting to American food was difficult. "It's hard to find food you like," she said. "I'm trying to change my appetite but it's not like the food back home. Chinese people like food that's very fresh - they kill the cow in the morning and eat it at night. The meat here tastes like there are chemicals in it."

She added that she was surprised when she first came to the country three years ago and found girls socializing with young men. "The morality here is

very different. The people here get along very easy, fall in love very easy and break up very easy. We are much more conservative," she said, and added that she was disturbed to find young men in the girls' bathroom while she was living in G Quad. "We had to have a vote on the hall to get them out," she said, "but most of the American girls didn't care - it was a real shock."

Almost every student interviewed said they were taking summer classes because of financial reasons and because they did not want to take the risk of losing their visa to return. "You have to prove that you do not want to settle here," he said. "It is a very long process. Sometimes the American embassies will grant a visa and sometimes they won't. It depends on their mood. What they don't understand is they are playing with our lives."

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Summer School Treatment Upsets Students

Complaints About Security, Dormitory Conditions in Whitman, Keller and Wagner

By Jeff Leibowitz

Some students in Whitman College say they don't like to leave their suite rooms because of a strong odor in the hallway. Other students in Stage XII claim they try not to use the building's bathroom facilities because the pipes there leak on them. Students in both colleges say they are sometimes frightened because they fear intruders are able to enter their buildings at night.

These are some of the complaints heard from students currently living on campus and attending summer classes who are unsatisfied with the treatment and conditions being provided by the university.

The complaints from residents of Whitman College, Wagner College and Keller College - the three dormitories open during the summer - have been widespread. They range from inadequate dormitory security to mismanagement by Residence Life officials which some students say has resulted in unsanitary conditions and a lack of social activities.

Certain students in Whitman college claim they have threatened the administration with media attention, and one student in Stage XII has collected information which he says he will present to the district assemblyman if university officials continue to dodge his complaints.

Junior Warren Kassel, who is living in the basement of Keller College in Stage XII, said that conditions in his building have become unclean and hazardous. He said there has been virtually no maintenance care for the building. "A pipe bursted in one of the bathrooms a couple of weeks ago," he said, and "all three of the bathrooms in the building are on top of each other - if someone on the third floor decides to take a shower, people in all of the bathrooms get soaked."

Kassel said he brought his complaints to the offices of University President John Marburger and Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston, after building staff members were unresponsive to his complaints. He added that he will be contacting Assemblyman Robert Gaffney with documents he believes are evidence of the university's negligence if no action is taken to improve the conditions.

He was also upset that there was no hot water available during pre-term, a one-week period during which students may live in the dormitories before summer school begins. "I think it's totally illegal," he said. "It costs \$100 to stay here during winter intersession,

which is four weeks and pre-term costs \$78 for one week with no hot water. People here cook for themselves. How can we wash dishes? There's no justification for this."

Dallas Bauman, director of Residence Life, said it is necessary to close down the university's power plant during pre-term in order to make repairs. He said students were notified of this, and \$10 is deducted from each student's dormitory bill because of the inconvenience. Bauman added that students are expected to use the gymnasium's water facilities during the one-week period.

Margarita Rotman, who is living in Whitman College, is one of many who expressed concern that her building did not have adequate security. She said that work-study students on the Residence Student Patrol (RSP) who are posted at the building's doors have not been checking student identification. "They just sit there and let anyone in," she said. "I've witnessed it myself...the doors aren't even locked at night - it's scary."

John Murro, the founder and director of the RSP, is not living or working on campus this summer. He said he was "shocked" to hear of this and that an investigation into the matter is pending.

Senior Randell Israel of Whitman College said he has attended summer sessions at Stony Brook for the past three years. He said that this year's organization by the summer staff was the "worst ever. Summer school here is horrendous. It's the most disorganized feat of bureaucracy I've ever witnessed. The building manager doesn't even live in the building." Israel said that at a recent Building Legislature meeting students agreed to call the Long Island newspaper *Newsday* if the conditions did not improve.

Bauman explained that there is only one Residence Hall Director available for the three open buildings during the summer months. He added that there are about 600 students being housed in the three dormitories. But he noted that no complaints have been received at his office. But Junior Bassam Khudair asked "There are no kitchen supplies of toilet paper - who are we to complain to?"

Another problem students say is now emerging is an attempt being made by Residence Life to consolidate students in Whitman College. Currently, both the A and B wings of the building are open. Rumors have



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Like many summer students, Margarita Rotman says dorms do not have adequate security.

been circulating among residents that the B wing is going to be closed during the second summer session and that the students who are living there will be placed with those in the A wing.

Bauman said that the B wing will remain open but "there will be a consolidation done by suite," in the building. Students who have already paid a \$60 non-transferable telephone installation fee in the B wing of Whitman expressed anger at the expense of having to pay the same fee twice, only to pay it again during the fall. "It's just a tremendous hassle," Israel said.

"It's being run very loosely," said Frank Scurtaro, a junior living in Whitman, referring to the job being done by Residence Life officials. He said the absence of organized social activities has created a desolate atmosphere. "I'm not here to socialize," he said, but "the atmosphere here is anti-social. I'm not saying it should be a party atmosphere. But it's so quiet. It shouldn't be like this."

SB Offers Admission To Nassau Graduates

By Jeanne Kane

Beginning with the spring semester of 1986, freshmen at Nassau Community College will have the option of simultaneous enrolling at Stony Brook, according to an agreement signed by the two campuses on June 28.

The agreement is similar to ones made in May with Suffolk and Farmingdale Community Colleges. "The students are eligible" for dual admissions according to standards set by Nassau, Suffolk and Farmingdale, and as long as they obtain an Associates Degree, according to Nancy Sacks Rothman, coordinator of Transfer Student Programs.

"The Dual Admissions agreement doesn't apply to all the programs," Augusto Quinones, director of Admissions at Nassau, said. The General Liberal Arts program is primarily involved while a separate "Articulation Agreement" allows Nassau's Engineering Science majors carrying a 2.75 average admittance into Stony Brook's Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science programs.

The ultimate aim of the program, according to Rothman, is to ease the "fairly traumatic" process transfer students must go through. The program allows students intending to come to Stony Brook, access to academic counselors, teachers, social activities, etc.

Providing these services without identifying those students, according to Rothman, is not possi-

ble given the numbers involved. "It's a matter of logistics and time," Quinones said.

There are 22,000 students at Nassau, according to Quinones, and many of those students eventually go on to Stony Brook. Rothman estimates that "a little more than 1/3" of the falls 900 transfer students are from the community colleges. "We hope that the program will increase our enrollment," she said.

"This is something that's being encouraged at SUNY Central," Rothman said. At Suffolk Com-

"We are in competition" for students, President John Marburger said. He feels that "not enough" transfer students are coming to Stony Brook. "We think that's because we have to try harder."

"This is something that's being encouraged at SUNY Central," Rothman said. At Suffolk Community College, President Robert Kreiling said that seven Dual Admission agreements have been signed, with such SUNY schools as Brockport, Fredonia, Old Westbury and Farmingdale.

"For us," Quinones said, "[the program] says that Stony Brook recognizes the quality of Nassau students... That's a very important statement for us."

The program will run for two years before it is reviewed in the spring of 1988, when the first group of community college freshmen will be juniors at Stony Brook. At that point Nassau will be looking to see, for example, "how well the students have been received," Quinones said.

Dube Tenure

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must be given to the candidate at least 12 months before his contract expires.

Marburger has repeatedly stated that he won't comment on the Dube tenure case until after a final decision is reached. But he did say that a decision was expected soon.

Owens, who sat on the first committee, would not discuss its recommendations either, but said he personally is "very hopeful that Dube will be granted tenure. He is a natural resource to the department because of his knowledge of Africa."

Joseph Topek, director of the Hillel Foundation, said his group believes the tenure process is "an academic process that should not be influenced by outside forces." Hillel was one of the local Jewish groups that was critical of Dube's policies at the time. While Topek said he believes the process will accurately take into account all of Dube's qualifications, "We do think that part of his teaching theories should be considered in the evaluation. We still believe that [the linking of Zionism with Nazism] was a sloppy mishandling of course material."

Dube's contract with the university lapsed last August. He had requested last February that his tenure review be put off for one year because of what he called an "inappropriate climate" for tenure recommendations. Because he had been at the university for six years, the maximum time allowable for non-tenured professors, he accepted a downgrading in his faculty status to lecturer in order to continue teaching at the university.

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The Stony Brook Theatre Festival Summer 1985 will include three separate shows each held in the Fine Arts Center. The first, called "Tintypes" is scheduled to run from July 2-14. The second show will run from July 16-18 and is called "Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf?" The last show, called "Beyond Therapy" will run from July 30-August 4. The festival is being presented by the Stony Brook Department of Theatre Arts. For further information call 246-5678.

A Farmers Market will be held every Tuesday until the end of November in the North P-lot which is adjacent to the campus' North entrance. The market will be held every week despite weather conditions and is being coordinated by Long Island Cares, Inc., a regional anti-hunger organization. The market is intended to "alleviate hunger and malnutrition, and prevent further groundwater degradation." Further information can be obtained from Ann Berrios at 246-7102 or the Long Island Cares office at 435-0579.

A Blood Drive will be held at the University Hospital Thursday, July 11 from 10 AM to 3 PM in the Health Sciences Center Level 3, Galleria. Appointments can be scheduled but are not necessary. For further information call Valerie Kasperzak or Jen Juang at 444-2626.

The Summer Campus Bus will depart from the South P lot and make all of its regular stops every half



Stony Brook's Farmers Market is set up in North P Lot.

hour from 7:30 AM until 11:30 PM on weekdays for the rest of the summer. On weekends however, the bus will leave P lot and make its rounds from 3:30-11:30 PM.

The United States Tennis Association will be hosting a competition at the Shep Messing Sports World July 17-27. Competitors vying for rankings in the competition will be living in the residential halls at Stony Brook during the competition period.


Two Conferences are Scheduled at Stony Brook for the month of July. The French Immersion Institute will be meeting July 14-26 to discuss the latest research and theories that deal with teaching French as a second language and the use of new technology used in teaching. And the fourth International Congress of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy will be meeting from July 15-18. For further information contact Charles Keller of the University News Service at 246-3580.

A Reunion for Former Upward Bound students and staff will be held Friday, July 19 in the Union. Invitations have been sent to the 1200 alumni and more than 200 faculty and staff who have participated in the Upward Bound program, which is directed by Aaron Godfrey. Representative William Carney and Rollie Massamino - coach of Villanova which is the nation's number 1 basketball team have accepted special invitations.

Brookhaven's National Laboratory will be opening its summer tour season on Sunday, July 14. Free guided tours of the laboratory will be given between 10AM and 3PM every Sunday until August 25. For further information call 282-2345.

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Editorial Summer Living Conditions are Lacking

Recently, Andy Rooney expressed his approval of summer life. He noted that it gets quieter, noise dies down and there are far fewer crowds than during the rest of the year. Apparently, he never had to spend a summer at Stony Brook.

Stony Brook is not known for its exquisite dormitory buildings. The dorms are old and have many problems. At the beginning of the spring session residents of Gershwin college were asked not to return to their dorms because of burst pipes, floods and lack of heat.

Yet it appears that summer living conditions border on the inhumane. To begin with, the cost of living in the dorms is higher in the summer. It costs \$182 per month to live in the dorms during the regular academic year, but during the summer it costs \$220 per month. To stay on campus for the full winter intersession costs \$100. To stay the one week between the end of spring classes and beginning of summer classes costs \$78. During this time residents of all dorms were without hot water, an "inconvenience" for which they were given a \$10 refund.

Many students who stayed on campus between the spring and summer sessions were forced to pay a \$60 installation charge if they wanted to have a phone. There is now talk of consolidating students by suite in Whitman, which would force some students in the A wing to move into the B wing. If these students want to keep their phones, they will have to pay another \$60 installation fee.

The conditions of the dorms during the summer are even worse than during the regular year. Students currently living in Whitman College and Stage XII have to get used to a stench that rivals that of Chicago in the early 1900's. Some residents of Wagner College cannot even use the bathroom facilities without getting wet from broken pipes in the bathrooms above them.

Many students also complain of the mismanagement of affairs by the Residence Hall Directors (RHD). This is due to a shortage of RHDs. For all three of the dorms that are open this summer, there is only one RHD.

Life outside of the dorms is not better. Anyone who thought that the arrival of summer meant less crowds and shorter lines received quite a shock. If you want to cash a check, you must do so Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between noon and 3:00 PM. That is assuming they don't run out of money, which they have done in the past. Lines for check cashing are at their longest during the summer. Rarely are there less than 15 people in line.

During a time when the library is a most vital resource, with an entire semester being crammed into six weeks, the library closes at 5 PM and is not open on weekends.

Even leaving a Stony Brook summer session is not easy. Checkout in Stage XII for summer session one must be done between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM "regardless of when your finals are." Failure to do so will result in being charged for the full week. What happens if you have classes (and finals) between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM?

The present dorm security program is plagued with problems that are not really their fault. Guards are placed at the main entrance to the buildings for the purpose of making sure that people who enter the building are residents. Unfortunately, no one bothers to use these entrances since they can gain access to the building via at least four other doors, most of which are unlockable. This program, started in the spring, is supposed to receive full implementation by the fall, and that includes the securing of all unguarded doors. We shall see.

It seems that summer life at Stony Brook is a real downer. In fact, none of the students we spoke to had good things to say about the summer program. Director of Residence Life Dallas Bauman claims that he has not received a single complaint from students. If there are so many things wrong with the program, why not let the administration in on them? They don't have to live in the dorms, so they can easily ignore the problems if they are not brought to their attention. We urge students in the summer program to stop by Bauman's office in Room 138 in the Administration building and let him know how you feel. Perhaps then we can get some decent living conditions during the summer.

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'21' Law an Easy Way Out

By Mitchell Horowitz

The New York State legislature has very quietly and very sheepishly taken the easy way out of the drinking age issue. As every college campus across the state has been peacefully inactive during the summer break, the legislature bent to the economic threats of the federal government and finally passed the bill for a 21-year old drinking age. This was of course the easiest way to placate the federal government, who quite literally "blackmailed" all states refusing to raise their drinking age with a 15% denial in federal highway funds. This was also, and perhaps more disappointingly, the simplest way to dispose of the problem of youths being involved in a disproportionate amount of DWI fatalities.

Drivers within the 18-to-20 year old range are involved in 16 percent of all alcohol related car crashes, while they only make up seven percent of the driving population. Obviously there is a problem here, but raising the drinking age will do nothing but hide it for about a year and calm down a few constituents.

"Pro-21" advocates like to boast of an insurance study done in several states that raised their drinking age in the late 1970s that shows close to a 28 percent drop in DWI accidents in those states. However, a follow-up study was never reported and people have a tendency to ignore laws that remove personal rights soon after they are enacted. The first few months after the 19-year-old drinking age was passed into law we saw a definite rise in proofing (but certainly no drop in DWI accidents), but slowly merchants and bar owners began to become more lenient. People usually do this when they disagree with laws that don't seem likely to accomplish anything positive in the first place. We cannot be sure that this law will reduce traffic accidents, but we can clearly see how senseless its effects will be.

Assuming that the original motivation for raising the drinking age was simply to keep drunk drivers off the road, it seems ridiculous that this law will be contributing to the vacating of campus bars and pubs. Aside from harming student businesses, already a dying breed, this law will be removing people from the very places that keep them off the road. Campus pubs are the most safe environments for student drinking; they secluded people within the area of their residence halls or close to their homes, now many of these places will be wiped away. Subsequently, more

students will be forced to drive around to find alcohol, thus increasing the risk of intoxicated people driving.

People will indeed drive around to get alcohol because not only will a lax merchant be within everyone's driving distance but campus activity will be cut so short that people will be encouraged to seek excitement away from their college environment. Many may disagree with this, but the fact is that most social situations on campus, even if that means just dancing at a party, involve alcohol or take place in areas where it is served (such as nearby clubs).

One way to cut down on DWI's would be to bar supermarkets and delicatessens from refrigerating beer. This would prevent people from driving around and making "beer runs" and would encourage people to stay in local pubs. Raising the drinking age will only sustain and possibly increase activities that involve people driving around and drinking. Those who abused the privilege in the past will just search harder to get alcohol now. The moderate drinkers are the ones who will really be punished.

Most legislators claim that the reason they voted to raise the drinking age was to avoid the loss of federal highway funds in exchange for a state law. It is obvious that the legislators that changed their original position not to raise the drinking age did so only because of the highway funds that would be lost. There was no new profound belief that this would indeed save lives after all. Voting for the new drinking age was a hypocritical action by most legislators, and could have been avoided if someone was willing to pursue a more original course. Perhaps an extra tax on alcoholic beverages both those that were bought in stores and bar drinks could have provided the extra revenue so that New York would not have to be forced into a corner by sliced highway funds. This could have encouraged other states to do the same and thereby reduce the threat of the federal government. Many citizens would be upset with an extra sales tax, but surely would have been worth considering.

Advocates of this raise probably feel a major war has just been won - but it was won by bribery. It was passed by an unapproving legislature just trying to keep their highway funds complete and it will antagonize a large portion of our society. It is doubtful that many drunk drivers will be kept off the road by this law and the only positive thing that will come out of this is that the federal government and the "Pro-21" supporters may realize that you can force a legislature to do as you please, but when you throw a law in peoples faces that degrades them it won't take much time before they stamp that law right into the ground.

Sandinistas Are Better for Nicaragua

By Mitchell Cohen

"Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities."

—Voltaire

We take it for granted that our government lies to us. The Left agrees with that, the Right does as well, and so do those attempting to straddle the ever-narrowing fence in the middle. In fact, one of the great unifying themes of American democracy is the belief by an overwhelming majority of our population that the government of the U.S. regularly and consistently lies to us.

Depending upon whom you listen to, the reasons behind the lies vary. Sometimes it's "for your own good". Sometimes it's for the sake of "National Security". Sometimes it's to "protect corporate investments and private interests from public scrutiny". But whatever the reason, we know, we all agree, that the government lies to us. That's part of what unites us as a country, a cherished American tradition. We are a nation of "the lied-to's".

Of course rarely will anyone admit to actually believing the lies. Oh, no, we're much too sophisticated for that! I have yet to meet a single person who actually believes, for example, that President Reagan is actually trying to undermine apartheid in South Africa with his "constructive engagement" ruse. It is part of our collective appreciation for a well-constructed euphemism — my current favorite is the President's dubbing of the MX nuclear missile "The Peacekeeper" — that allows us to chortle gleefully at the glib turns of phrase while all the while knowing, of course, that a ruse is a ruse is a ruse. After all, we are a nation of bedtime story-lovers, and no one is better than President Reagan at inventing tall tales, often right on the spur of the moment, to tuck us in at night.

I admit that it did take me a while to imagine Tom Jefferson, George Washington, and John Adams — let alone Benjamin Franklin — carrying M-16's and slogging through the muck of Honduras along its border with Nicaragua. It was difficult enough to imagine our forefathers distributing "how-to-murder" manuals prepared by a secret agency of a foreign government, instead of a declaration of independence that celebrated freedom from such foreign domination.

It became even more nauseating to hear first hand accounts by peasants living in Nicaragua of how their mothers had been raped by "our forefathers" — the contras — while the children were forced to watch as knives were inserted into their mothers' vaginas and jagged upwards, cutting them open while still alive, their insides spilling out like Snowdon in Catch 22. I had to find out for myself, unlike many of the current little-Reagans ("Reagan Youth") running around these days. I had to find out of it

was true that the contras really cut off the heads of doctors and teachers just north of Jinotega, a beautiful mountain town, very poor, that I'd visited, and rolled them down the dirt streets so the poor peasants could see what happens to such "communists" who choose to treat the sick for free, and who choose to teach the illiterate to read and write. To my horror, I found that the worst things said about the contras were barely strong enough! Contrary to our government's lies, the Nicaraguan people despise the contras, even those who voted for oppositional candidates to the Sandinistas in the recent elections.

When I returned to the U.S., I wondered: "Am I losing my sense of appreciation for the well-wrought lie?" Everything I saw in Nicaragua testified to a beautiful, peaceful, and free country. People travelled anywhere they wanted, and mass-transit, although overcrowded, was very cheap, much cheaper (relative to the standard of living) than in the U.S. Per-

(in Alexander Cockburn's delicate phrasings) he had been conducting rites of an intimate nature, pursued by the irate husband!

My friend Kathy and I worked for a short time in the town of Ciudad Sandino, 10 kilometers northwest of Managua. There we helped construct a mental health day clinic, dug the pits for plumbing, scrubbed the floors, and talked with the patients. What was novel about this? For one, the patients were building their own clinic, as part of their therapy! It was totally voluntary, no coercion. They worked with an architect and planned it all out themselves, and their families received food, clothing, rent money, and basic expenses while the mother or father was unable to work and was seeking therapy. The project was headed by one of the most dynamic, beautiful people I've ever met — Maria Izaguierra — who had attended Occupational Therapy classes in Mexico as part of a religious gathering (paid for partly by the church, and partly

why the contras continue to attack hospitals and schools, for it is in the areas of health care and education that the young revolution has made its most incredible successes that has meant so much to the everyday lives of the population. Imagine, a government so unafraid of its own people, so self-assured, that it arms everyone to protect themselves and their revolution! The U.S. government is in for a rude awakening should it attempt to invade Nicaragua. The people there support their government, and the social experiments that put human life and dignity ahead of private profits.

I think back to the comparison President Reagan has made between the contras and our own forefathers. Perhaps in some ways it is not so far-fetched. Washington and Jefferson did own many slaves. John Adams, of all people, was the lawyer for the British soldiers accused of murdering four American patriots in the Boston massacre. In his famous summation, demanding acquittal, he defended the soldiers by racially slurring the patriots killed: "(They were) a motley rabble of saucy boys, negroes, and mullatoes, Irish teagues and outlandish jacktars," as 10,000 people marched in a funeral procession for those murdered.

I remember Alexander Haig's Senate testimony, in which he held up photographs of the "secret evidence" against the Sandinistas: pictures of the alleged massacre of hundreds of Miskito Indians. How ironic, for a government of the U.S. to uphold the rights of Indians! Is there no shame? That received front page in all the press. What wasn't reported quite as prominently was the truth, released one week later, by the International Red Cross. The photos Haig held up were actually of a mass burning of dead plague victims in Africa, that had taken place several years before! Only the left-wing, and the European press, released the uncropped photos, which clearly showed Red Cross trucks, and Red Cross personnel, doing the burnings of already-dead plague victims to prevent wider catastrophe and to stop the Plague from spreading. Reagan knew all this, Haig knew all this! Yet they went ahead anyway and presented such lies about the Sandinistas, as justification for the "morality" of giving aid to our forefathers — the contras! Nothing else! Not a shred of evidence about the alleged Sandinista crimes has ever emerged — because there is none!

I repeat the quote from Voltaire: "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities." The Sandinistas are not committing atrocities. The contras are committing the most heinous anti-human crimes. The Sandinistas are launching one of the most ambitious and good health care, education, and artistic campaigns — in totally open, free and democratic way — that has taken place, ever, in this hemisphere (including the U.S.); the contras are trying to destroy it by murdering anyone, however insignificant, who has anything to do with it. The U.S. government has chosen its side, and fills our minds with absurdities and lies about what's actually going on; the question is, are we going to let them get away with it once again?

(The writer is a member of the Red Ballon Collective, and of Brooklynites Against Apartheid.)

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haps that's why the contras attacked and murdered a busload of civilians, and mined the main (and only) paved road in the countryside north of Estelil Health care was free. Education was free, and people were learning to write for the first time!

Well then, what of all this bruhaha about the supposed lack of religious freedom in Nicaragua? Does it have any basis at all? In a recent interview with Archbishop Obando y Bravo's second-in-command, Msgr. Bismark Carvallo, he was asked (by a reporter for the British paper *The Guardian*) for examples of totalitarian persecution of the church by the Sandinistas. The monsignor pondered a moment before replying: "They've made education compulsory, and won't let people charge for it, which is anti-clerical, and they teach Darwinian education in the schools, which is atheist indoctrination." That is all the good monsignor could come up with! That is his example of religious persecution in Nicaragua!

Indeed, there is no religious persecution whatsoever in Nicaragua, which Carvallo should know better than most churchmen. Carvallo is famous throughout Nicaragua — yet he still holds his position in the church — for having been photographed racing, with no clothes on, from the house of a woman with whom

by the Sandinistas), and who returned to Nicaragua as a councillor to peasant women about birth control, and, after a few months of training, as an "expert" in psychology. What an experience, to take part in and to watch this clinic being built by the patients themselves, unfolding right before our eyes! Is that the face of the enemy? Is that an example of the horrible crimes the Sandinistas are said, by our government, to have committed?

On another occasion, we'd had the opportunity to work on one of the collective farms. Far from being forced labor collectives that were imposed in the 1920's in the Soviet Union, in Nicaragua these farms are totally voluntary, and some of them are doing exceptionally well in competing on the market with the private "fincas" and plantations, which still own more than 70% of Nicaragua's agriculture. On this farm, the campesinos would meet regularly and decide how to run it, along with elected managers as well as those appointed by the government.

While Kathy and I were there, experimenting (under the auspices of North American Peter Rosset, an agricultural expert) with natural pest controls — planting beans of certain sort between tomatoes — one of the campesinos had an epileptic seizure. It was very bad. For over 20 minutes, in the hot sun, he lay on the ground as others gathered around him and tried to give him shade. A man jumped on his horse and rode for help. It took over 15 minutes, but a jeep finally arrived, and it drove the poor man to the newly-built hospital near Matagalpa — a hospital that didn't exist until the revolution built it! Suddenly, what this revolution meant for people in everyday terms, in their daily lives, became very clear.

I understood why people so strongly and fervently support their revolution, and the Sandinistas. It also became clear

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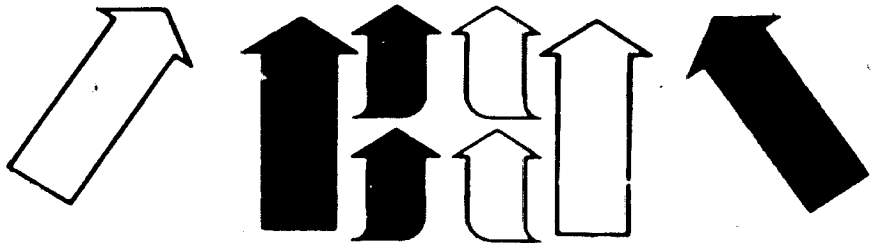
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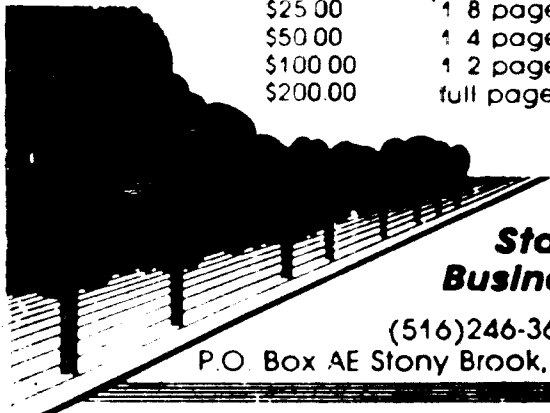
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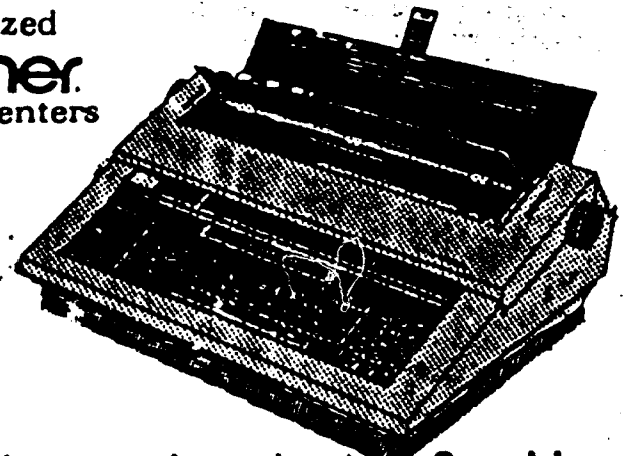
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Summer: The Great Escape

by Walter Fishon

Summer is officially here, but for those who are attending summer classes, remaining on campus, and/or working, the chances of taking a "full-blown" vacation are slim. If time is of the essence, and you want to get away from it all, one of the following short trips may suit your needs.

A drive in the country is no farther than exit 68N on the Long Island Expressway (State Route 495) Calverton, only 20 minutes from the university, is a slice of rural America, with its many vegetable farms and fields. Currently, strawberries are in season, and many of the farms have a pick-your-own policy. After paying a minimal fee for containers, the farmers set you free in the field; you choose the berries you want.

Strawberries are sold by the quart. Although prices vary from farm to farm, the cost is about half of the stores, and "freshness is guaranteed." And on top of that, it's fun. It's best to wear old clothes, since strawberry juice tends to stain.

Wildwood State Park offers another alternative to the urban lifestyle. A bluff-protected beach contrasts the wildlife that surrounds it. Wildwood is a popular spot for campers, since there are facilities for both tents and trailers. The beach is but a stone's throw from the woodland, and quite often crowded. Wildwood is on Route 57, off of Route 25A (east of Stony Brook). Reservations are suggested for campers. For information, call the Long Island State Park Commission at 669-1000.

On a larger, more suburban scale is Sunken Meadow Park. Sunken Meadow is more of a family-oriented/large group park with its picnic area, golf course, bridle path and beaches. It would be best to plan a trip to this park on a free day, when time can be spent using many of the facilities. To get to Sunken Meadow, take Route 347 (Nesconset Highway) west and follow it to the Northern State Parkway. Travel on the Northern State until the Sagtikos Parkway exit (north). The Sagtikos will wind up at Sunken Meadow. There is an entrance/parking fee of \$4.00.

For those who desire a more metropolitan atmosphere, there is always New York City. There are a variety of museums, shops and restaurants too numerous to list, all but a two-hour train ride away. If a Broadway show is to your liking, the TKTS booth



Sunwood, located in Old Field, was donated by Stony Brook University benefactor Ward Melville in 1968. His "gift" also included the land for the campus. Statesman/Mike Chen

at Times Square, at the intersection of Broadway and 7th Avenue, between 46th and 47th Street is your best bet. Tickets for same day performances are on sale for half the price (a \$1.50 service charge is added). You have your choice of shows and available seats, but not all productions are available. Tickets for matinees go on sale at 10 AM, evening shows between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. It is best to get on line over an hour before the box office opens, since many people turn out for the bargain tickets. A round trip Long Island Railroad ticket from Stony Brook is approximately \$12.00.

For those who don't wish to travel far, the Three Village area offers a multitude of things to do and see. At the intersection of Main Street and Route 25A in Stony Brook is the Old Carriage Museum, where countless wheeled vehicles are on display. There is a nominal admission fee which also includes entrance to the printshop, the blacksmith and the schoolhouse.

Stony Brook, the village, is quite different from Stony Brook, the university. The village has quite a remarkable past, and an historic trail brings it alive again. The trail through Stony Brook includes stops

at the Old Carriage museum, grist mill, Suffolk museum and several older homes. A map of the trail can be obtained in the Office of University Affairs, room 322, in the Administration Building.

Sunwood, the estate of the Melvilles (the family who donated the land for the university) is open during the summer for outdoor concerts. The estate, which is in Old Field, is only a ten-minute drive from the university. Take Route 25A east to Quaker Path (in Stony Brook village). Travel north for two miles on Quaker Path to West Meadow Road, follow signs to Sunwood. For dates and time of concerts, call Sunwood Offices at 246-3325.

Port Jefferson also is an historic town in its own right. Presently, it is known for its specialty shops and restaurants by the Long Island Sound. Port Jeff is also the landing for the ferry to Connecticut. For information pertaining to the schedule and price of the ferry, call Bridgeport & Port Jefferson Ferry Company at 473-0286.

Summer is a time for relaxation, a time to kick back and take it easy. So, when the studying and hard days at work become too much, take a day's R&R.

A Lackluster 'Tintypes'

By Warren Scott Friedman

The Stony Brook Theatre Festival got off to a pleasant, if somewhat less than exciting start July 2nd at the Fine Arts Center. *Tintypes*, conceived by Mary Kyte with Mel Marvin and Gary Pearle, is a musical revue celebrating the spirit of America at the turn of the century. It was a time of prosperity, hope and joy. *Tintypes* displays all these qualities in abundance, though somehow it never quite brims over with excitement. Not to blame the highly appealing and talented cast, this is more the result of a pleasant but overall innocuous patchwork of a show.

Tintypes has some terrific numbers in it. Among some newfound gems are "Electricity", "In My Merry Oldsmo-

bile" and "Finch". "Nobody" is a piercing melancholy song performed with heartfelt intensity by Mary Yarbrough. In fact, it is as close as *Tintypes* ever comes to a showstopper and one wishes that Miss Yarbrough would "rip loose" just a teeny bit to remind us all that we're still in the world of showbiz.

There are some traditional favorites which hold up in fine form here. "Yankee Doodle Boy", "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "Bill Bailey" are all performed winningly. Interspersed throughout are short, comical motifs done in pantomime on the order of a silent movie. They work well and are clever though they sometimes slow down the pace.

Tintypes has captured the feel for

the period extremely well. The whole evening has the look and style of some old-fashioned photograph album perfectly preserved in time. There is some sharp political commentary as well. Michael McCormick portrays a boisterous, wise-cracking Teddy Roosevelt who goes after everything with a zest and a flair for adventure. Karen Needle is endearing in no matter what role she takes on. Miss Needle is a laugh riot in the wonderfully screwball Vaudeville routine which appears in the second half of the show. Sally Ann Swarm is a delight as Anna Held, Ziegfeld girl and Michelan Sisti is the epitome of a poor little schlemiel who has just stepped off the boat and is proud to be a "Yankee Doodle Boy". Maida Libkin, the

on-stage pianist was excellent.

Mark Madama's direction tends to plod on just a bit too much in the first act but then levels off in the second. There is a grand spirit of camaraderie and joy which the cast projects but all too often there is little happening onstage to match the exuberance felt by the cast. Despite the fine numbers which have been highlighted here, there are too many dry spells and flat planes in *Tintypes*.

Tintypes can be seen through July 14th at the Fine Arts Center. The curtain goes up Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 PM, Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM. For further information, call the Box Office at the Fine Arts Center (246-5678).

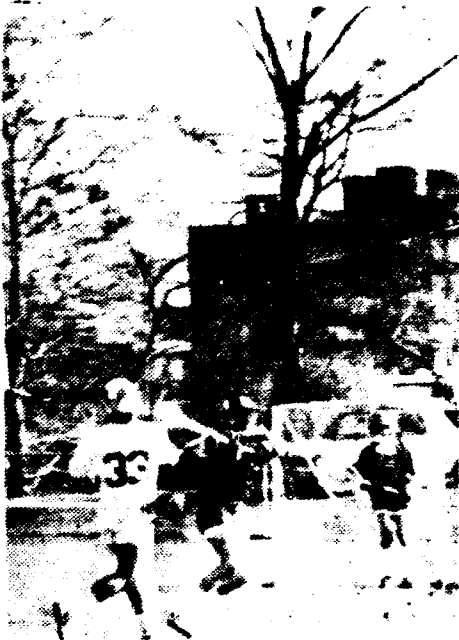
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SUMMER

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All-American Earned By Two Patriots

Benard Gains Honor For Second Time, As Scaduto Is Named Honorable Mention



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Chris Scaduto fires a shot this past season.

by John Buonora

All-American honors were extended last month to two Stony Brook athletes for their efforts in the spring sports season. For the second time in her Patriot career, Marie Benard earned All-American in Women's Track, while Chris Scaduto gained "honorable mention" status in Lacrosse.

Benard ran a 2:12.34 in the 800 meter run at the Division III outdoor championships, to place fifth and earn the All-American title. Earlier in the winter track season, Benard ran a 2:12.95 to achieve All-American for that season. Her time at the outdoor championship was good for a university record in the event.

Scaduto became Stony Brook's second "honorable mention" Lacrosse All-American, tallying 55 points this past season. No Patriot has ever gained full All-American status in Lacrosse, mostly due to the infancy of the program at the university.

Next season Benard will once again team up with Cheryl Hunter (also a two time All-American), to form the backbone of the women's track team. "She's a great asset to our track team," Coach Rose Daniele said of Benard. Daniele attributes Benard's success to her "hard work and determination."

Scaduto scored 33 goals and added 22 assists for the Pats, and was named his team's most valuable player for his leadership, as well as his offensive output. Scaduto helped lead the Patriots to the first ever ECAC Division III Metropolitan New York-New Jersey Championship.

Scaduto will return for his junior year this fall, which will give Pat coach John Ziegler the leadership and skills needed to compliment the likes of Paul Emmanuel, Marcel Fisher, and Don Mc Crea. Ziegler has praised Scaduto many times throughout last season, and said of his All-American, "next season he has the ability to improve."



Marie Benard runs with the baton during the winter season.

Athletic Field Renovations In Full Swing

by Lisa Miceli

With the football team elevating from club to Division III status, and with a lacrosse team that hopes to be Division I somewhere down the road, Stony Brook is gathering a reputation among Division I and III schools as a fierce competitor. With its teams and athletes getting more and more recognition and accomplishments, the university also has started to look into the future and has appropriated funds to expand the present athletic facilities. Last year \$1 million were approved for field renovation and another \$10 million to build a field house.

It seems like a long and tedious job, but eventually all the fields will be leveled. Bulldozers have torn up the old bumpy fields, and have pushed the top 12 inches of soil into giant mounds of dirt. The only areas that have remained untouched are the football, baseball and softball fields. Many people look forward to the

completion of the project, presently it represents many inconveniences. The football team now has to practice on the softball field while the soccer team has to travel to the fields by South P lot in order to practice and play. Intramurals will suffer the most since there will be nowhere to play.

Mr. Henry Von Mechow, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, said he hoped "the seeding will be finished by this early fall" and he also strongly expressed "that Fallfest will never be held on the fields again." That issue should also bring about controversy as to the future of Fallfest.

While the renovation remains highly visible, another plan is in the works. The field house is currently being designed by a state architect and construction should be completed in two to three years. The proposed site is in back of the gym on two-thirds of the present gymnasium parking lot and will be attached to the gym. A lobby will be built adjacent to the attachment and will serve as an entrance for both buildings.

The fieldhouse will house an all-purpose arena with a seating capacity of 5,500. It will be the new home of the basketball team, and also contain six new regulation squash courts and a new athletic training room. In addition, there will be team and general lockers available.

While the field house seems a long way from completion, some other minor projects should be completed by the year's end. Two handball courts and six additional tennis courts are already under construction adjacent to the old tennis courts and the soccer fields, respectively. Also, construction should start soon on two sand volleyball courts, which will be located by the gym parking lot.

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Course Offering - PEC 102 - Raquetball/Squash
Monday/Wednesday - 9-11:05

Intramurals:

Volleyball - Wednesdays, Starts at 6 PM in main gym

Softball - Wednesdays & Thursdays, Starts at 5 PM

Fun Runs - Mondays & Wednesdays, 12 Noon

Next Week:

Table Tennis & Badminton - Check for times

FOR MORE INFO - CALL PATR BOSIC, DIRECTOR

Pool closed Term II

Raquetball/Squash courts - Open 8 AM to 10:45 PM

Go to main gym office to sign up/LD required

Tennis courts - No reservations required,

First come, first served

THE MAIN GYM, DANCE STUDIO AND ALL RACKETBALL/SQUASH COURTS WILL BE CLOSED JULY 29th-MID AUGUST TO HAVE THE FLOORS DONE.



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These trucks sit where they have since renovations began last semester on the intramural fields. Completion of the project is projected for 2-3 years with a new field house.