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### Fire Rips Through Lecture Center Closet

#### By Ray Parish

A fire in a custodial closet of the Jacob K. Javits Lecture Center Friday morning burned supplies and filled the building with smoke, causing \$15,000 damage, according to campus officials and the Suffolk County Arson Squad.

Matthew Chichetti, student co-director of the Student Public Safety Auxilliary, discovered the fire just after he went off duty at 5 a.m. "I detected the smell of smoke in the Fine Arts Plaza," Chichetti said. "[The source of the smoke] was pretty hard to find, but I wanted it to be checked out."

At first, Chichetti said, he thought the smoke was originating from the Psychology A Building, but he then saw the smoke "billowing out of the roof of the Lecture Center." He pulled the alarm box in the Lecture Center at about 5:20 a.m., and then called Public Safety from a pay phone to inform the officers on duty that the alarm was not a prank.

John Delamer, assistant director of Public Safety, praised Chichetti for his performance. "There is a possibility that [Chichetti] saved the Lecture Center from a great deal of damage," Delamer said.

Public Safety arrived and discharged four extinguishers into the flames before being driven out of the building by "heavy black smoke," according to Chichetti. "Within ten minutes you could not go into the building without respiratory equipment, because of the smoke," Chichetti said.

The Setauket Fire Department soon arrived and extinguished the fire, and the Suffolk County Arson Squad (SCAS) began investigating the fire for signs of possible arson. Detective Ciappetta of the SCAS said on Sunday night that, according to the squad's file, there is "clear evidence that it is an arson."

According to Delamer, the SCAS is "brought in on every fire" to inspect situations and debris for signs of arson.

George Marshall, director of Environmental Health and Safety on campus, said that he can recall three previous fires in the lecture center in the past ten years; two of those were suspicious, he said. One incident involved an elevator in which a pile of crumpled paper had been lit, causing \$10,000 worth of damage. Marshall recalled that a second fire occurred in a chair in an alcove on the second floor. The fire

activated the sprinkler system which extinguished the fire, but also caused some water damage.

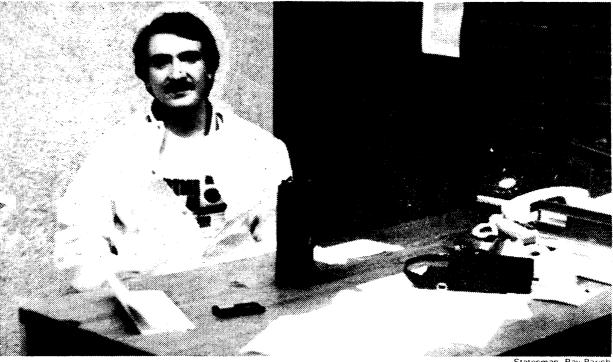
Marshall said that the fire may have originated in boxes of floor-buffing pads kept in the room. He said that the room was intended to be a "preparation room" for lecturers, but had been utilized by the custodial staff as a supply closet.

"When the debris is cleared out and it starts to air out, then it will be all right," Marshall said. He said that the walls of the room will be scrubbed, and fans used to clear the air of the smell that kept some Friday morning classes from their lecture halls.

"Fortunately, this happened on a Friday," Marshall said, "so classes will not be disrupted [by the clean-up]."

But the time of the fire also had its disadvantages. Chichetti said, "The fire happened at the worst time, between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m." He said that at this time, "there is no staff in the building, no people at all."

Marshall said that considering the size of the university, fires such as this are relatively rare. "[The university] is like a city," he said. "We are very fortunate."



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Matthew Chichetti, who discovered the fire when he smelled smoke shortly after 5 a.m. on Friday, at his desk in his Fine Arts office.

### Liberal Arts Majors Soaring at Stony Brook

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#### By Jeff Leibowitz

A resurging interest in the liberal arts has developed at Stony Brook, reflecting a national trend toward more humanistic studies; at the same time the materialistic ideology of the early 1980s seems to be waning, school officials say.

The university has actively responded to this trend, implementing a comprehensive curriculum overhaul—creating or changing over 300 courses—to broaden undergraduates' backrounds.

The reforms were put into effect this semester and modeled from the results of a 1984 self study—conducted as part of Stony Brook's accreditation process—that found Stony Brook's liberal arts requirements substandard

University President John Marburger said the new curriculum is consistent with the rekindled awareness of the value of Liberal Arts and representative of a national wave of humanistic consciousness dormant at American universities since the early 1970s. "Stony Brook has just introduced one of the largest curriculum changes in the country," he said. "It's Stony Brook's effort to make sure that students are exposed to the liberal

Interest in Stony Brook's liberal arts major has increased by about 75 percent in the last four years from 162 majors in 1981 to 290 in 1985. Liberal arts majors at Stony Brook select three areas of concentration and are permitted an unusual degree of flexibility in their programming.

Many academic analysts and professors attribute the Liberal Arts trend—which some say is reminiscient of similar sentiment inspired by the anti-Vietnam fervor of the early 1970s—to a developing realization among business employers that well-rounded, liberal arts oriented employees are more productive in the work place than business majors. Most concur that these students are better able to articulate and express ideas and can translate their academic breadth into sound business judgement.

Dick Howard, a professor in Stony Brook's Philosophy department who edits a political journal that reports on educational trends, said the job market is saturated with business specialists and that students are abandoning pre-professional types of study to distinguish themselves as unique to business employers and to better their chances of acceptance into a graduate program.

An 18-year study released in January by the National Institute of Education showed an overall decline in the scores of college students on the major tests used for admission to graduate school.

However, students majoring in liberal arts-type programs, especially philosophy,

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### Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 29

FREE COFFEE, TEAAND COOKIES: The GSO Lounge is open evenings on a "donations only" basis. Monday through Thursday 4-8 p.m.

COOPERATION AND RATIONALITY: A lecture by Robert J. Aumann, Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Member of the National Academy of Science. Sponsored by the new SUSB Institute for Decision Sciences and open to the campus community. 5 p.m. in Room p-137, Harriman Hall (Old Physics).

LA STRADA: Presentation of last week's Tuesday Flix. 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Union Auditorium.

WORKSHOP ON ANGER CONTROL FOR MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Offered by the Psychological Center to cover methods for managing young children without losing control. Mothers will be asked to respond to an anonymous questionnaire. 7:30-9 p.m. Day care provided. Call Paul Whitaker at 246-5970 for more info.

STATESMAN RECRUITMENT MEET-ING: Anyone interested in working on *Statesman* is urged to attend this meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, room 058.

Tuesday, September 30

SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT: Tuesday Flix. 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Union Auditorium. 50¢ with SUSB ID, \$1 without.

Wednesday, October 1

FARMERS MARKET: Fresh food and flowers sold by local farmers at low prices. Sponsored by Long Island Cares. 3:30-6:30 p.m. in North P-Lot.

BATTERED WOMEN: A discussion led by Dr. Beverly Birns and open to all faculty, students and staff. Noon to 1 p.m. in Social and Behavioral Sciences Building Room 211.

THE ROAD WARRIOR: Science Fiction Forum Film Series. 7, 9 and 11 p.m. in the Union Auditorium. 50¢ with SUSB ID, \$1 without.

MONTY PYTHON'S LIFE OF BRIAN: The first in the free movie series in the GSO Lounge. 7:30 p.m. in Old Chemistry 133

POETRY READINGS BY CHRIS COLE AND ANDO ARIKE: Two gifted new poets read from their works in the Poetry Center, Room 239 Humanities at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 2

GSO HOUSING COMMITTEE: Discussion of GSO strategies for issues of graduate student campus housing including noise levels in dorms, the emergency housing situation and lobbying for a new apartment complex. 7:30 p.m. in Old Chemistry Room 132, all welcome. Contact Dave Senator at GSO for more information.

#### Friday, October 3

LES COMPERES: A Comedy in French with English subtitles. Presented by the French Club at 3 p.m. in Room N4061 of the Library.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call Hillel for complete information, 632-6565.

FLUKES, (THE MOST ORIGINAL PLAY IN YEARS): A new, poignant comedy by Charles Chubbe. Presented by the Synergy Ensemble Theatre Company and the Town of Islip on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 401 Main Street, Islip at 8 p.m. Admission free. For more info call 665-1336.

Sunday, October 5

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES: Timothy Eddy, cello and Gilbert Kalish, piano. Beethoven-Sonato "4 in C Major, Opus 102 "1, Carter-Sonata (1948), Janacek-Fairy Tale, Rachmaninoff-Sonato. 3 p.m. in Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. \$5 Students & Senior Cit. \$9 others.

### -Around Campus

\$15,000 Grant Given
To Dept. of Engineering

The Sperry Corporation, headquartered in Great Neck, has donated \$15,000 to establish what university officials term a "vital grant" to help junior faculty in the Department of Electrical Engineering attend technical conferences.

Dr. Stephen Shapiro, who chairs the department, said, "It's very important for junior faculty to go to these conferences, make contacts and keep abreast of what is happening in their fields, but only a small amount of university funds is available for this."

University President John Marburger also praised the gift: "The Sperry Travel Fellowship will enable our faculty to share with our students the latest developments in changing technologies. This support provides the flexibility vital to

the encouragement of innovation and outstanding achievement at Stony Brook."

#### Donated Scale

Aids Burn Center

Burn Center patients at the University Hospital can now have their daily weight recorded painlessly and without having to move a muscle, thanks to a special scale donated by the Firefighter's Burn Center Fund.

The new scale, when used with the Burn Center's existing patient mobilizer, makes it possible for one person to accurately weigh a non-ambulatory patient without lifting or handling the patient, or subjecting the burn victim to the extreme pain caused by any movement.

The Firefighter's Fund Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. Harry S. Soroff, Stony Brook professor and chairman of

the Department of Surgery, presented the scale to the Burn Center. The device is the Fund's first major gift to Stony Brook's Burn Center.

#### Library Collections Coordinator Named

Dr. Robert G. Sewell has been appointed coordinator of collection management and development at Stony Brook. He succeeds Dr. Gerhard Vasco, who retired in 1983.

Sewell has been assistant to the director of library collections at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and held several other positions at the University of Illinois Library from 1970 to 1986. These positions included Japanese bibliographer, acquisition coordinator for Western European, Jewish and East Asian studies, and special collections bibliographer.

### -Across the Nation-

**Famous Profs Quit** 

Jehan Sadat, widow of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, announced she wouldn't teach "Women in Egyptian Culture" at South Carolina this fall.

She gave no reason for her abrupt departure after three semesters.

Former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, meanwhile, quit her Columbia course on "Critical Issues of Public Policy" just hours after Columbia announced she was teaching this term.

A spokeswoman said Ferraro "had personal reasons" for the change.

Colleges Lose Profs To Private Industry

Colorado College said it didn't have a full-time professor to teach Business Economics, the most popular course on campus.

About 16 percent of the nation's business professorships are vacant because private firms pay professors more, a business college association said last spring, warning the shortage would leave many courses taught this fall by part-timers and adjunct professors.

Court on Shantles: Leave Them Up

Utah University President Chase Peterson had asked anti-apartheid protestors

to dismantle the shanties—the target of three fire bomb attacks—for safety reasons, but last week federal Judge Aldon Anderson ruled that, while Utah could place "reasonable restrictions" on when and how the shanties were used, forcing their dismantling would infringe on the protestors' rights to free speech.

100 Law Professors
Protest Rehnquist Nomination

In a public letter written by Boston College Professor Arthur Berney and signed by 99 professors from other law schools, the signers say the Supreme Court chief justice nominee's brushes with harassment of minority voters in Arizona, discriminatory housing clauses, "separate but equal" segregation opinions, trust fund manipulations and spying on U.S. citizens cast doubts on his "integrity and ethical standards."

Student Editor Endorsements May Be Allowed in California

The state assembly sent Governor George Deukmejian a bill that would remove the rule prohibiting editors at California State campuses from endorsing candidates in their papers' editorial pages.

Cal State-Humboldt editor Adam Truitt lost his job in 1984 for violating the antiendorsement state law, which argues state funds shouldn't be used for partisan reasons.

U. Arizona Pool

**Taking Unannounced Leaks** 

A campus swimming pool at the University of Arizona is mysteriously losing about one inch of water per hour. Officials haven't found the leak after a month of trying, and have had to move 15 swimming classes to another pool. "We have no idea where the water is going," said AU aquatics specialist Ronald Sutherland.

#### Student/Prof. Love OK at U. California

The faculty senate at the nine-campus University of California system refused to endorse an outright prohibition of sex between students and faculty—Harvard and lowa adopted prohibitions this summer—because, as Cal-Riverside Professor Ramon Rhine put it, "it seems like a civil rights violation to say who people can fall in love with."

#### Virginia Slims Tournament Butted From GWU

George Washington University ended its ties to the Virginia Slims Tennis tournament, saying it no longer felt its fouryear association with an event sponsored by a tobacco company was appropriate.

### The Weather Corner By Adam Schneider

After looking at the various aspects of weather for the past few weeks, I am now going to turn to a description of the language of weather. This will help you to better understand the weather segments of newcasts.

Many people ask what the difference between a "high pressure system" and a "low pressure system" is. On the simplest level, high pressure is accompanied by fair weather and low pressure brings unsettled conditions. In the Northern Hemisphere, winds blow clockwise around areas of high pressure and counterclockwise around regions of low pressure. For example, with a large fair weather system over Pennsylvania, our area will encounter dry northwesterly winds from Canada, bringing us some of the nicest days of the entire year.

The weather associated with frontal zones can vary. A cold front, marking the leading edge of a drier and colder air mass, is usually accompanied by a short period of moderate to heavy precipitation. We all have seen this in the summertime when large, towering thunderstorms come rolling into the area ahead of a strong cold front. A warm front, which is the boundary between an approaching warm air mass, brings a prolonged period of light precipitation to the area.

Finally, during the winter months, the most commmon mistake is made in differentiating between sleet and hail. The following is a fact: Hail occurs 99 percent of the time during the summer! Hail is always the product of severe thunderstorms, as rain drops are continually blown back up to cold levels of the atmosphere. Through time, layers of ice accumulate and the hailstone falls to the ground. Sleet, on the other hand, occurs only in the winter! Precipitation which begins as rain falls through air that is below 32 degrees. It freezes and falls to the ground as small ice pellets. Here, there is not a continuous cycle which adds layers to the ice.

Now, as for the more immediate weather conditions in the upcoming days, a repeat of last week is in store. A stubborn frontal system which has been stretched out across the Middle Atlantic States will continue to meander back and forth, moving northward as a warm front and then sinking to the South as a cool front. As we all saw on Friday, when this front pushed North into New England. summertime temperatures occurred with a high reading of 82 degrees. This Monday, we will probably see at least a shower or two as the front tries to move north of us. If it succeeds, Tuesday and Wednesday would turn out warm, humid and summerlike. But finally, by late week. a return to more typical fall weather should arrive on the heels of a new cold front, this one out of Central Canada. So. enjoy summer's last hurrah because it won't be too long before I'll be writing about potential snowstorms for the skiers!

### Crowning Touch for '86 King and Queen

By Jeff Eisenhart

It wasn't your typical royal setting for a coronation, as it wasn't held in a glamorous palace or a large cathedral. It was on a football field. What it didn't lack was excitement.

Last Saturday afternoon Stony Brook's newest tradition continued to grow, as the third annual coronation of the new homecoming king and queen took place during the halftime of the Patriots-Pace University football game.

"I feel awesome. I'm so psyched," said the new king, Bill Nelson.

"I'm proud. I feel really happy," said the new queen Hillary Garskof.

On hand to crown Stony Brook's new royal couple were last year's king and queen, Fred Calabro and Alicia Hermo, and University President John Marburger.

According to Nelson all the homecoming contestants had to go through a minor three step procedure in Stony Brook's contest for royalty. First, they had to be chosen by their building Leg. Then contestants had to hand in an application with a list of school activities and involvements. The final

and "hardest" part was the five minute speech contestants had to make to a panel composed of alumni, faculty, staff and students about what Stony Brook means to them.

"I think this is a good process. The last three years have produced some excellent people," said President Marburger.

Both winners are very active in school affairs. Nelson, a senior majoring in engineering science, has been a resident assistant in Benedict College for the last three years. He has also been a treasurer for the H-Quad council. Garskof, a junior psychology major, is currently the President of the Residence Hall Association and a resident of Hand College. Last year she coordinated a popular computer dating service dance.

With their coronation, Nelson and Garskof will become the official representatives of the student body at all university functions.

"I'd like to be a mediator between students and administration," said Garskof. "But basically I'd like to promote a little more spirit."

"I just would like to carry on the tradition that Eric [Levine] and Fred [Calabro] started," said Nelson.

Nelson and Garskof were only two of eleven contestants who competed for the Stony Brook title of royalty. The other contestants included Patty Donalds, Adrienne Ferracci, Michael Fitzpatrick, Howard Gale, Kevin Gillen, Thomas Gordon, Janice Kozma, Karen Perischilli and Shirley Tai.

The homecoming activities were sponsored by the Stony Brook alumni association. "It's bigger than last year as we have gotten more notice," said Andrea Brooks Young, the director of Alumni Affairs.

What about next year? "I hope more residence halls take part. It gives this more spirit," said Young. "It's an event that has the ability to bring a lot of people together."

The Alumni Association had one of its busiest days of the year. Besides the homecoming activities on the football field, alumni returned for games on the soccer and baseball fields. Members of the graduating classes of '71, '76, and '81 were invited back for a reunion cocktail party in the Javits Room of the Library. Alumni parties were also held at the End of the Bridge and in the Rainy Night House.

### Humanities on Upswing at Stony Brook

(continued from page 1) scored substantially higher than the average on the tests studied; the Law School Admissions Test, the Graduate Management Admissions Test and the Graduate Record Exam.

Howard said the American culture inherently breeds in its youth a sense of business competition which can better manifest itself with liberal arts training and does not necessitate formal training that might be needed in another culture, such as France.

"There is no way to be educated to live in a hustling, bustling, capitalistic-type America," Howard said. "There is nothing you can learn that equips you for that. How does one learn, for example, to be a Wall Street insider?"

He said political pressures have also influenced the trend. "The ambiguous thing is that both the right wing and the left wing are critical of this kind of MBA culture, of this yuppie culture, the culture with no values."

Senior Dan Updike, a liberal arts major concentrating in English, music and theater, said he feels confident in his academic background and his potential to fare well on a job interview. "I know a lot about presenting myself to other people because of my theater classes, from acting and being in front of people," he said. "The English has also helped me to communicate."

Dusty Clina, a junior who replaced his Engineering major last year with English, said he is now able to focus more on subjects he finds more enjoyable. "It helps you to analyze things better," Clina said of this major. "You can find the real meaning in things instead of just trying to find out what you are supposed to understand."

Many department chairmen in social sciences noted that they have had to add additional class sections to accommodate the soaring interest. But the trend is not only in terms of enrollment; many profesors say students of recent years are also more earnest.

"When I taught Introductory Psychology during the Vietman period, out of a class of 650, maybe 150 showed up," Frederic Levine, an associate psychology professor, recalled. "I remember standing in the middle of a class and asking 'how many of you want to be here?" I had an absolute sensation that

I was talking to myself. Out of the 150—who I assume were the best because the others didn't show up—maybe 25 said they wanted to be in the room."

But now, he added: "The percentage of attendance has gone up. I get considerably more participation than during the Vietman days." Levine noted that he had to close out his Abnormal Psychology course this semester after 240 students enrolled. "That was the first time I've ever had to close out a very large class," he said.

There has been a particularly sharp increase in psychology majors from 1984 to 1985, from 564 to 656.

But Martin Travis, the former chairman of the political science department, said his department continues to attract the highest caliber students and has had more students admitted to the Phi Beta Kapa national honor society than any other discipline. He said Political Science has increased in popularity more than any other social science at Stony Brook.

He explained that political science is regarded by most pre-law students as the best preparation for law school and thus

attracts higher quality students who aspire to careers in law.

One professor, Walter Sheps of the English department, said he has in fact noticed a decrease in the quality of undergraduate performance in recent years. "I've noticed that preparation is really less good than it had been, especially in basic skills," he said, noting that students have displayed particularly weak writing skills.

Marburger said the impact of the current trend might be felt in years to come when liberal arts educated students assume roles of increased importance in society and are better posited to make decisions with a more humanitarian perspective.

"When you study literature or history or courses in comparative religion, you are exposed to ways of thinking that are different. It makes you more accepting or accommodating, not that you necessarily have to agree with them."

He added: "I'm very pleased with the trend myself. I think it is helpful for us at Stony Brook, and I'm glad that higher education is headed in that direction."

### Housing Shortages Plague Most Campuses

By The College Press Service

Gary Anderson, a pre-med freshman at Notre Dame, has started his college career living with three other students in a study lounge "small enough for just one, really"

Anderson, who added "it's not that bad," is not the only college student being wedged into study lounges, small dorm spaces, single dorm rooms and other nooks and crannies this fall as scores of campuses nationwide suffer from an unexpected, though probably temporary, on-campus housing shortage again. The culprit, they say, is an unanticipated flood of new freshmen.

So many new freshmen registered at Emory University in Atlanta, for example, that administrators offered upperclassmen \$1,000 or a luxury off-campus apartment if they agreed to move out of the dorms. Duke, Alabama, Florida, Cal-Davis and, according to one national campus housing official, "the great majority" of colleges across the country are running out of room to house students on-campus this fall.

It wasn't supposed to happen at all, said James Grubb, president of the Association of College and University Housing Officers. "We all looked at shrinking enrollments through the 1980s and nineties," he said. Colleges didn't buy or build new dorms because "housing was expected to stay steady or decline during that period."

Grubb said he feels colleges simply have misjudged enrollment trends, which were supposed to head downward because there are fewer 18-yeer-olds in the population.

College enrollment did fall two percent last year, a College Board census released last week showed, but it has been steady through the decade.

Grubb said he is not sure why some schools have stayed so crowded. "Although colleges are actively marketing themselves, I don't think that in itself would explain the increases in housing demands."

Freshmen may gravitate toward dorms for social reasons. "Students who are new to the community have no sense of belonging, no friends yet," said Alabama housing chief Tom Strong. Dorms offer easy ways to develop them

There are money reasons, too. "I wouldn't make a blanket statement that dorm living is cheaper," Grubb said "but it is still a fairly economical way to live and eat while your're in school."

Not all college dorms, of course, are overcrowded. The University of Texas at El Paso closed one of its two dorm towers this fall. "We would need about 100 more students to reopen the tower," said housing director Becky Baker, who explains UTEP's decision at a time when a number of colleges, finally tired of the dorm shortages that have become a fixture of every fall term, are debating building new dorms. At Florida, housing Director James Grimm thinks there is "a 50/50 chance" UF will build a new dorm after 10 long years of overcrowding. "Right now we've got an overflow of 400," he said. "For the first time, we've had to put students up in the local Holiday Inn."

Grimm has "been asking for a new building for ten years now, and the answer I get is, 'If you can afford it at

this bond interest rate, fine.' Now that the interest rate is coming back down again, I've renewed my request again."

Cal-Davis recently bought four nearby buildings, remodeled them as dorms and created space for 1,224 more on-campus students.

Yet Grimm cautions that creating more on-campus housing can alienate off-campus landlords who want to rent to students.

In Gainesville, "there's a 15 percent vacancy [rate] off campus," said Grimm, who said he fears town-gown relations will suffer if UF finds a way to keep more students housed on campus comfortably.

But on-campus students may be the ones who suffer most. A recent Virginia Polytechnic study found dorm overcrowding had "no major academic effect" on students, but that students generally are "socially affected" by the uncomfortable living conditions.

Notre Dame's Anderson said "it would be great if I got a real room in this dorm," but he said he is not sure how long he could keep the fragile new friendships he has begun if the school eventually moves him to a different building.

He vowed he is "doing all right" studying in his cramped environs, although "my mom's not too happy." She thinks Anderson shouldn't have to pay as much for room and board "as kids with a real room" her son reported.

"Maybe they shouldn't accept more students than they have beds or rooms," Anderson suggested. "We still have our stuff in suitcases or cardboard boxes. When they do move me, I expect at least some help!"

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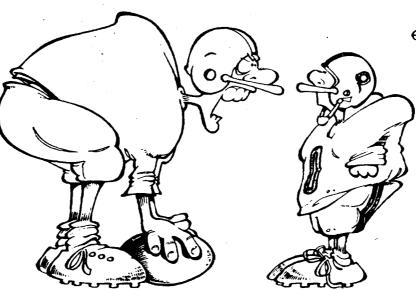


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### MaterialismDown, HumanismUp: FairTrade

The current movement at American universities toward a more humanistic approach to academia and the corresponding attitude of students away from the countercultural "yuppie" ideals of materialsim are a welcome trend.

It may be a positive step by a disenchanted generation seeking to establish for itself a more congenial society; one cognizant of the possible coexistence concepts such as profit maximization coupled with ideals such as toleration and openmindedness.

David Allison, a popular philosophy professor here at Stony Brook, recently described a position he held at a major department store before beginning his doctoral studies. As a supervisor in charge of several hundred employees Allison, an pleasant man with a broad literary background, was receptive and mindful to the needs of his employees.

As a result of his abilities to interact and thoughtfully accommodate their requests, the employees developed a sense of loyalty and respect for Allison, who lacks any formal business

His ability to generate a sense of motivation in the store based on the employees trust for him led to increased production and a higher paying job promotion which Allison denied.

And Walter Sheps, an associate professor in the English department, reports that his wife-who holds a masters degree in English—has made a lucrative career in a business firm where she can utilize her abilities to analyze and creatively develop unique business strategies.

Studies confirm the ableness of liberal arts oriented students to perform better, both on graduate placement exams and in the work place than students who specialize in pre-professional programs.

The realization that liberal arts programs are

indeed adequate preparation for almost any job requiring analytical thought will hopefully act as a pretext for an intensified recruitment effort by employers seeking the benefit of a versatile, dexterous employee able to produce and at the same time incite a more enjoyable work atmosphere.



### Drive to Move 55 to 65 Needs Compromise

Many senators and Congressmen are fighting to have the national 55 mile-per-hour speed limit raised to 65 m.p.h. on sections of interstate highways that get little traffic. It is beginning to look as if they will succeed.

For years, excessive speed took its toll on America's drivers and passengers. Then, in 1974, the 55 m.p.h. limit was adopted nationally, partly in an effort to save lives, but mostly in an effort to save fuel. Now, in an effort to save the precious hours that truckers must waste while observing the speed limit between Salt Lake City and Reno, the limit may be raised to 65 m.p.h.

The economy's mandate over the lives of motor-

ists is almost macabre. Twelve years ago, the economy brought about a change that saved countless lives. Now, the economy is dictating a change that could eventually destroy as many lives as one decade of sanity has saved.

There are two major factors that come into play when considering the pros and cons of driving fast: material resources and human resources. Material resources are the time saved by driving fast and the money that is saved through the use of the saved time. Human resources are the progress (and profit) that result naturally from intelligent and creative people getting to their destinations rather than being run off the road by a truck out of control. Thus, even from the economic standpoint, an argument can be made against the higher

The problem of highway fatalities can be solved, though, and a compromise can probably be found between the material resources and the human resources. It is naive to say, "If it saves one life, do it," because that argument would lead to the abolishment of automobiles altogether, not to mention airplanes, trains, buses, football and getting up in the morning. But a reasonable compromise can be found.

On Friday, a staunch opponent of the speed limit raise offered just such a compromise. Representative James J. Howard (D-NJ), the author of the 55 m.p.h. speed limit, said that the raise would be acceptable as long as strict guidelines are adhered to by states that raise speed limits on their

These guidelines include verifiable 65-percent compliance with laws regarding seat-belt use and 85-percent compliance with the speed limit on those roads affected by the change. Also, Howard's proposal calls for states that are raising their speed limits to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the use of radar detectors. Also, the states must show that there has been no increase in traffic fatalities on the highways with higher speed limits. Failure by a state to comply with the guidelines would result in the reinstatement of the 55 m.p.h. speed limit in that state.

This proposal is a step in the right direction, if the speed limit must be raised. But stricter guidelines would do even more to ensure that the rate of highway fatalities does not increase. Police should be given the manpower and instruction to better enforce the laws regarding dangerous highwaydriving such as tailgating, lane-changing without signalling and drunk driving. These measures would certainly help to avoid or alleviate the effects of the increased speed limit.

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### =Viewpoints=

### Finally Drowned In Ocean of Red Tape

Stony Brook, like most other large institutions, is unfortunately wrapped in bureaucratic red tape. Fortunately, I was lucky enough not to have experienced this in my first three years at Stony Brook. This year, much to my chagrin, my luck has run out.

Last semester I was lucky enough to participate in a study abroad program. While I was there, everything ran smoothly. It was a wonderful experience that I would recommend to anyone interested. Upon my return things changed drastically. It seems as if I was punished for my study abroad experience.

My problems began in April, while Stony Brook students were in the process of room selection. I had arranged for my parents to send my roommate the necessary deposit so she could save me a spot. When she went to pay my deposit she was informed that I wasn't allowed to participate in room selection. Due to the fact that I was a study abroad student, I lost all my priority to choose housing. I wish I had been warned about this before I left. The International Studies Office never mentioned it to me or any of the other study abroad students who found themselves in the same

I sent in my housing deposit in May. I requested a roommate, but when I received my room assignment in August, my request was not granted. I called Residence Life many times before and after receving my room assignment. I got the usual, "There's nothing we can do about it" response, followed by "There is a room freeze in effect until the second week of school."

Let me just add this fact: even though I was considered a study abroad student, my tuition was paid to Stony Brook. I was still technically considered a Stony Brook student.

I accepted the fact that there was nothing I could do about the situation. When I finally arrived at Stony Brook I was greeted by a room that smelled like a chimney. On my housing application I specifically requested to be with a non-smoker. Why bother asking if your request won't be met? I complained to my RHD the next day. He acted very quickly. The next day he put me in another room in my suite which happened to be empty.

The first two weeks of the semester were very disappointing for seven other people who I knew from my study abroad program and myself. All but one of us found ourselves in the same situation. She was very smart. During room selection she had her father call up Stony Brook. He threatened Stony Brook with a lawsuit. He claimed that since we were still paying Stony Brook tuition that it was illegal to exclude us from room selection. Whether it was true or not, it worked. She is the only one who did not have housing problems upon her

During the first week of the semester I tried to remedy the situation on my own. I tried to reach Al Devries, assistant director of Residence Life, to explain my situation. Friends of mine had a vacancy in their suite and they wanted me to move in. I went down to the Residence Life office and I was told that Mr. Devries does not see students. I understand that he is probably a very busy man, but not to see students when he works at a

university is inexcusable in my opinion. So once again I got the standard "wait two weeks" reply.

The two weeks came and I went to see the RHD of the building I wanted to move into. He told me that I could not move into the room because it was a vacancy. I could have done a one on one switch, but I could not move into a vacancy. I would have to wait until someone moved into the vacancy and then arrange a one on one switch. Who knew how much longer that would be? The suite! was living in still had four vacancies into the second week of school.

By this point I was completely frustrated. I felt helpless. I spoke to my friend whose father had threatened the lawsuit. She said that she knew of many cases where the student's actions had failed. Apparently at Stony Brook, parents' actions seem to have more impact than students'. I tried to work within the system, but it

I took my friend's advice and had my father call Mr. Devries. I didn't think it would work, but at that point I was willing to try anything. My father called at 2:30 and at 3:00 I was in Mr. Devries' office. Once I got in to see him he was very nice. His explanation for not seeing students was that he prefers them to work within the system. I thought my situation was an exception. I am a senior being treated like a freshman. He told me about university policy concerning returning study abroad students. They are guaranteed a space but have no say in where that space is. He said that during room selection study abroad students can't block current students from choosing rooms. Since study abroad students are away during room selection, there is no way to determine their block priority

After explaining the policy and telling me that I should go through the normal channels, I got the room I wanted. My story has a happy ending. I am now living where I wanted to be all along. The sad thing is that I could not do it on my own. I am a 21-year-old college senior. My attempts at solving my own prblems were a complete failure. The only way to solve my problem was to have my father call up and complain. By this point of my life I figured that I was old enough to handle my own problems. I think in the outside world that is possible. Stony Brook is the exception. It's a sad commentary on a university when they would rather listen to parents than

### Ineptness Mangles Class

#### By Alexander Varsany

I am a returning student and because I am foreign born, I signed up for ESL 198, "Accent Improvement," given by the the Department of Linguistics. The first day was kind of confusing. The class was too big, the room was too small and there were not enough instructors to form groups of manageable size. Abdou Hannoui, the coordinator of the course, reassured everybody that by next time everything would be straightened out, and that every student would be interviewed individually to determine his or her achievement level, and assigned to small classes accordingly. It was refreshing to hear somebody who knew what he was doing. Then we were sent home

On the second day we showed up full of anticipation. We waited and waited, but no teacher, no interviewer showed up. After a while, two instructors from section three came in. They were just as confused as we were, if not more, but they had one advantage over us they were getting paid. They apologized and, again, they sent us home. We did not see Professor Hannoui that day.

The dropping without penalty period passed and the second week of classes started. And guess what! We all showed up but Professor Hannoui did not. The nice instructors from section three felt miserable for they couldn't handle the situation. They asked us to understand their helplessness. They work in the day and teach at night to earn their degrees. They advised us to go home again and either drop the course or start complaining. This seemed like a sensible suggestion except that some of us need a full time load to qualify for 'financial aid and it is kind of too late to find a course that

fits the schedule and the interest of the student and to find an instructor who accepts new people so late. And even if it could be done, the person entering would be facing not only the handicap of language difficulty but also of missing part of the course.

Most of the students in this class have come from third world and communist countries. There, bureaucratic incompetence and abuse of authority is a fact of life. As an American citizen (not to mention a New York State taxpayer), I am personally insulted by the impression given to these students about our country and about our university

Personally, I am dropping the course. The heck with the thirty percent liability and the nine bucks I paid for the book and lost the receipt! I think I'm overqualified for this course anyway. But I have to submit this letter to the newspaper, because the letter I slipped under the door of Professor Hannovi's office, after the third wasted class meeting when a few of us searched in vain for somebody responsible for the whole frustrating mess, was too short and much too short tempered. In that note I wrote — among other nice suggestions — that Professor Hannoui should be fired. The next day I called him and told him that I had not really meant it. This letter should set the record straight. Reluctantly, I have to admit I lied on the phone.

By the way, in our phone conversation, Professor Hannoui told me that the section had been cancelled, so I dropped the course the next day. But, just out of curiosity, I went back to the room the following day. The class was in full swing

(The writer is a returning student.)

### Smokers: Butt Out of Non-Smoking Areas

#### By Brad M. Acopulos

As I sit in my customary spot in the Stony Brook Union cafeteria in the nonsmoking section, I have discovered a somewhat irrepressible anger fueled by fellow students and faculty members who have chosen to smoke in that nonsmoking area. For most of my compatriots, I know this topic draws uninterested yawns or maybe an accusatory growl for beating a dead horse, and sometimes even condemning verbiage by those who would be dislodged from the nonsmoking section.

Neither a dead horse, an uninterested yawn nor condemning verbiage signifies an issue at peace with those whom it concerns. I don't believe anyone can be so misinformed or ignorant in this day

and age not to understand or be familiar with the hazards of smoking. But what is more at issue here is the unwillingness of people to abide by the no smoking rules in areas so designated.

This does not mean, by any stretch of the imagination, that I hate people who smoke I admit that I don't find it an attractive quality in a person, but it is not as serious as all that. I still love my mother and friends dearly, even though they smoke. The issue is respect for the non-smokers by the smoker and only that. If we know that what we endeavor to do for ourselves poses potential danger for others, not to mention ourselves, wouldn't it be unkind to subject others to that possible danger without forewarncigar at the dinner table or in the living room full of people without asking if anyone would mind, wouldn't this be RUDE?

This is not just one man's crusade against smokers to satisfy some sort of deranged vendetta. But I do consider myself, much of the time, one man alone fighting against what is to me an offensive and harmful act. There can be little doubt as to the discomfort created when a "contemporary" is asked to put out his or her cigarette Especially when it is assumed by most that there will be no objection. Or worse when a smoker usurps a child's attitude when pressed to comprehend the reasoning behind the request. What further complicates and

ing? Or if I were to light up a big fat Cuban frustrates this man's desire to be free of the smokers exhaust is the Union's unwillingness and disinterest in procuring and maintaining the non-smokers sanctuary. For this there is no excuse.

> wish for this not to be a discourse of condenmation, but rather an earnest pleafor consideration. Consideration first by smokers for non-smokers who would be in the immediate area. And second, if a person cares not for the well being of the ones around him or her, that they at least respect the sanctuary created for the non-smoker by not smoking there in the

> (The writer is a senior majoring in liberel arts.)

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#### **Unfair Attack** On Fall Fest '86

To the Editor:

In regard to Kathy Fellows' article, "Celebrating Fall Fest '86 For The Fun of It" [September 22], I would like to make one thing clear. This concerns the statement made by Ms. Fellows that "it was a wellorganized event, although security guards, vendors and the majority of band members seemed halfhearted about taking part." The only accurate part of that statement is that Fall fest '86 truly was a wellorganized event. A handful of students (roughly 20 people) spent a major portion of the last three weeks planning and organizing Fall Fest '86, so that all in attendance could have a good time. It should be noted here that all of the students running this event were volunteers with the sole interest of ensuring that there was a Fall Fest '86.

If certain security guards or any other people working at Fall Fest seemed "half-hearted about taking part." it may be due to the fact that the Fall Fest committee members' day did not end at 2 a.m. when everyone left. There was still a tremendous clean-up job to be done, which takes about three hours, and then we had to be back at 8 a.m. Saturday to set up for the next day. It's hard to look overjoyed when pushed to the point of exhaustion. especially when you spend half the day breaking up fights in order to ensure the safety of everyone involved, whether they be worker or patron. If Ms. Fellows thinks our job is an easy one, let her and any other student who feels the same come out and volunteer for next year's Fest. Maybe if we had more help we could have gotten some rest and looked happy enough to please Ms. Fellow

> Michael C. O'Malley Fall Fest Ass't. Coordinator

#### **Give Credit** Where Credit is Due

To the Editor:

In response to a recent article appearing in the September 22nd issue of Statesman Sports entitled "Not the Defensive Game of the Season," a great number of New York Giant fans, myself included, took exception to the final one-line paragraph in an otherwise well written and organized story. Whereas the purpose of this letter is in no way not to take any credit away from perhaps one of the greatest offensive battles ever to be fought in the National Football League (New York Jets 51, Miami Dolphins 45), the New York Giants victory was equally important winless mentioned briefly by Scott Finkle in his article

Granted that this was only the third week of the season, it was a must win for Al Davis and his Raider squad, who, by the way, were favored to win this game by three points. The Raiders could ill afford to give Denver and Seattle any more of a head start. Perhaps sportswriter Peter King of Newsday best described the minor (minor?) objectives the Giants fulfilled To the Editor: Sunday afternoon... "They beat the

Howie Long, silenced 71,164 fans and stunned Al Davis."

Consider also, if you will, that the New York Giants also fulfilled other minor objectives. The Giant's defense allowed Marcus Allen a mere forty yards on fifteen carries thus ending his streak of eleven straight one-hundred yard rushing games (a National Football League record). Joe Morris rushed for onehundred and ten yards on eighteen carries which was the first time in eighteen regular season games that anyone has rushed for over one-hundred vards against the Raiders. It was also the first time in Giants' history that they beat the Raiders, having lost the previous games by wide margins (42-0 in 1973; 33-17 in 1980; 27-12 in

So, while the offense of both the Miami Dolphins and the New York Jets celebrated and the defense of both teams wept, the New York Giants were forced to contend with the bleak realization that they were to play second-string to the above mentioned teams on the field of the New York media (the Statesman not excluded). It is such a disgrace to have New York represented by a team that could do no more than defeat "the winless Raiders 14-9" and fulfill a few minor objectives. Remember, the New York Jets, to the best of my knowledge, are still playing their home games at Giants' Stadium!

**Dennis Richard Chase** 

#### Free Ads For Free Services

To the Editor:

It seems almost ironic that Polity refuses to provide free advertising for events sponsored by the Stony Brook chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med Honor Society on the grounds that AED discriminates against academically weaker students. Last week, AED itself may have become a victim of discrimination, when an advertisement for the Pre-Med Freshman Orientation, scheduled for the same time as the NYPIRG Open House, did not appear in Statesman. (It appeared a week late).

Rather than considering funding such fanatic (see their hysterical letter to the editor from two weeks ago), openly political and controversial groups like HOLA and the Red Ballon, Polity should consider providing free advertising to AED Killing the Poor and other clubs, which, although not funded by Polity, provide useful, needed and free service to large segments of the university community

Over 150 students attended the Pre-Med Freshman Orientation prose is a bit tangled, but after last year. Very few, if any, student organizations can say they provide free service to so many people. Polity should provide advertising for such events, so that more students could benefit from them

Michael J. Votruba **AED President** 

#### No Funding Of Partisan Groups

"Vote for Mark Green, and help Raiders. In L.A. they stuffed us defeat Alfonse D'Amato!" So Marcus Allen, beat Lester Hayes, said one of NYPIRG's speakers at

survived Mike Haynes, lassoed the rally on Friday ["Civil Liberties Rally Held in Front of Admin.," Sept. 22]. If you missed the rally, you were not alone. But the fact that the speakers outnumbered the audience did not prevent Statesman from elevating this leftist spasm to front page news.

According to the article, the rally was "sponsored by the Gay/Lesbian Action Coalition and the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)." According to DSA literature passed out at the rally, "the DSA works primarily within the Democratic Party."

In the same issue comes the persuasive logic of one Mr. Josh Dubnau, who writes on behalf of an organization identified only as HOLA (which stands for "Hands Off Latin America," advice he might well pass on to his friends in the Kremlin). He reasons calmly with Polity thus: "YOU HAVE TO FUND US!! YOU HAVE TO!!! YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!" Who can argue with

Article VI.A of Polity's Program and Services Council Bylaws states "Partisan political and religious activities shall not be funded." Webster's Unabridged Dictionary defines "partisan" as "one who takes the side of or strongly supports a party, a side, or another person.

Blatant support of a political candidate or party is clearly partisan. Polity funding of NYPIRG, HOLA and similar partisan organizations is in direct violation of PSC bylaws. What is more, the lack of attendance at Friday's rally indicates just how out of step such organizations are with the student body.

Students! Each semester when you register, you pay a mandatory activity fee, out of which the PSC subsidizes such perfidy. This partisan extortion violates our constitutional right to free assembly; such abuse has been struck down by an Appeals Court at Rutgers University and voted down by student referendum at East Carolina University. If you don't support Mark Green's campaign or Danny Ortega's genocide, why should you be compelled involuntarily to subsidize them? If Polity does not recognize the constitution or its own bylaws, can we not shout as loud as Mr. Dubnau?

> Mark LaRochelle College Republicans

To the Editor:

Juan Sanchez hits the issue square on the head in his obfuscated letter "Cuomo's Contradictions" [September 22]. True, his some review the message is a

1) Make the poor have babies by denying them access to abortion, sex education and easily accessible contraceptives.

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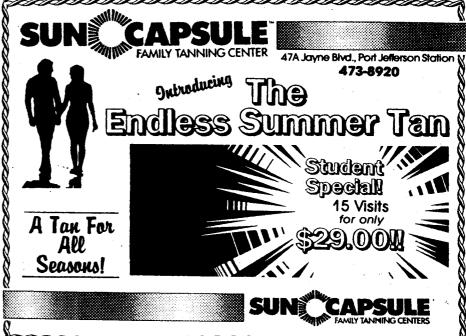
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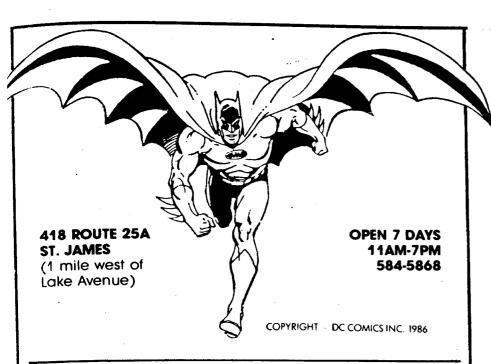
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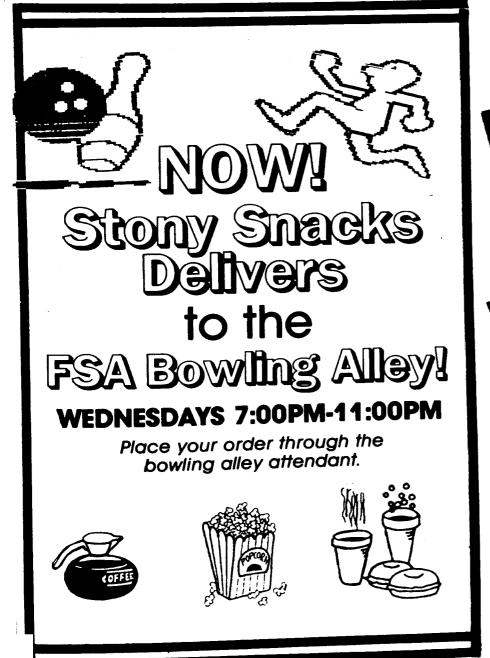
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# ALTERNATIVES

### The Changing Face of Miller Place

By George Bidermann

They're sprucing up my hometown.

From the strip stores that are being squeezed into every building plot on Route 25A to the exclusive housing developments that are springing up all over Miller Place, developers and builders reap sizable profits while hacking away at the rustic setting of this North Shore community. And with each new development or shopping center I spy, the perimeters decrease and I find it a little more difficult to breathe.

It wasn't always like this. Seventeen years ago, when my family moved in, there was only one major housing development in town, a project of wood shingled colonials and ranches with the charming name of "Rustic Acres." Log cabins and two-bedroom shacks were more often the rule, especially near the water.

There was nothing more than the local general store and deli for the most basic of necessities and daily provisions. The nearest supermarket was two towns over. There was a gas station; it occupied the corner of the road leading down to the beach, so that Sunday boaters could fill up their tanks on the way to the dock.

And the fields that were there! My childhood friends and I could wander for hours through large wooded fields whose only residents were squirrels and birds. I often wondered who started the narrow dirt paths we rode our bicycles through, and why they were there, as they led to no definite destination and usually intersected with several others before returning to the road.

I guess I should be happy. The real estate ads point out that I now live in a "beautiful" town with an "award winning school district!" And I marvel at how the developers can attach a few simple words to the description of a town as justification for their high prices.

I see so many new faces. Recently a close friend, who now lives in Florida, returned home for a week's vacation. On one of his last nights here, we decided to visit

one of the many stomping grounds we had long since abandoned.

It was a Wednesday night, and while I didn't expect the bar to be overflowing, it was fairly crowded with young adults standing over their drinks and playing video games. We grabbed a table in a corner of the bar, were quickly served drinks, and then looked around. To my amazement there was not one person, excepting the bartender, whom I recognized. Temporarily taken aback, I suddenly realized the degree to which I'd lost touch with the friends and acquaintances of my high school days. Where were they all? "Certainly not here," I thought. "These are the children of the new residents in 'town."

The owners must be happy with their three-car garages, landscaped grounds and sodded lawns. But their sprawling houses, which would seem more at home on three- and five-acre parcels of land, overpower their one-third or one-half acre lots. In their greed, the builders have stacked estate-sized houses in close-knit clusters, applying the condominium developer's adage of maximum housing on minimum acreage for maximum profits.

I drove around town one morning last week, and was greeted by the old familiar sight of school-children waiting for buses in front of their houses and on their street-corners. I was heartened to see that there were so many mothers out there, standing protectively near their children. Here was apple pie tradition and parental responsibility rolled up into one, I thought. What brought me down was the realization that many of these moms would soon be buzzing off to market or the mall in their Mercedes or BMWs. It's almost taken for granted that an expensive car belongs in the driveway of the types of houses they're now building in Miller Place.

It brought back to mind a disturbing experience from

several years ago, which happened just at the onset of my hometown's metamorphosis. Again, it involved a friend who had moved, a close friend who went through grade school with me and then moved away with his family in the year after we graduated.

On his first return home, about a year after the move, we went driving around town one afternoon, visiting our favorite hangouts and even driving up to the high school. As we drove, I pointed out each new shopping center or development that we passed.

There was one place, in particular, that we were anxious to visit. It was a hill in a development that somehow had been bypassed in the first wave of construction. Houses stood on both sides of the hill, but the builders had continued on down the road without building on this plot. We had adopted it years ago as a favorite escape.

It overlooked the major road of the development, and was the perfect place to sit back, watch the sun set and share a few beers on one of those lazy springtime afternoons after school. We (and others in our small circle of friends) considered it a place of our own, a hideaway from our parents and the rest of the town.

As we drove on in expectation, my friend and I continued our discussion of how much things had changed in the space of a year. Rounding the corner that led to the hill, we looked anxiously ahead; as we came closer, we felt something was amiss. We pulled up slowly, and I stopped the car. There in front of us, nestled into the hill where we once sat and drank and watched the sun set lazily into the woods, sat a large colonial, with a blacktop driveway and landscaped lawn. They had leveled the hill, carted the soil and ripped out the trees, and planted a house on the ground we once considered our own.

We cursed developers in general, and this homeowner in particular, then drove away quickly, seeking the comfort of some other untouched hideaway.

### **Surely You Jest**



#### Tim Lapham

Does anybody have any idea what classes we're supposed to go to this week?

Normally, I can just plod along through the week with only an occasional glance at my schedule. It's a fairly simple routine actually. On Mondays and Wednesdays, I go to my Monday/Wednesday classes, except if I'm tired, in which case I sleep through the morning classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays, I go to my Tuesday/Thursday classes, unless there is something more interesting to do (watch the grass grow, for instance). Fridays I skip altogether.

But this week, a schedule is about

as useful as an ice machine on the Titanic. This week, Tuesday isn't Tuesday, nor is Wednesday Wednesday or Friday Friday. Greatly confused, I decided to set the matter straight, so I took my complaints directly to the summit of the administrative heap The Office of the President, Dr. Marburger Presiding.

Well, Jack wasn't in, but I did have a good talk with his secretary.

"So tell me," I said, 'Why is next week's schedule so mixed up?"

"Mixed up? What do you mean mixed up? It's very simple Monday is Monday, but Tuesday is Friday and Wednesday is Monday and Friday is Saturday."

"But if Wednesday is Monday and Monday is Monday, that means we have two Mondays in one week. That's enough to kill anybody."

"It will help prepare you for the real world."

"Okay, let me get this straight Monday is normal, but Tuesday is Friday and Wednesday we go back to Monday and Thursday is normal but Friday is Saturday. Correct?"

"Yes. So?"

"Well, if I remember my algebra correctly, when A is equal to B and B is equal to C, then A is equal to C. So, if Tuesday is Friday but Friday is Saturday, shouldn't Tuesday also be Saturday?"

"Now listen moron," she said, "I'm only going to explain it one more time Monday is a normal Monday, but Wednesday is also a normal Monday; Tuesday is not a normal Tuesday but instead a normal Friday; Wednesday I already explained and Thursday is a normal Thursday and Friday you have off."

"Okay, I think I have it now. But what happens if people have classes that only meet on Tuesday or Wednesday. Won't they effectively miss a whole week's worth of classes?

"So? They can go to the library, can't they?"

"What about the students who have structured their schedule so that they could go to work on Tuesdays and Wednesdays?"

"Work? This is a university! This is an institution for learning! You're not supposed to work while going to school. That's what summers are for. You want to work during the school year, go to Boces."

Just then, Jack walked in.

"There's Dr. Marburger," I said. "Could I talk to him about this matter?"

"What? A student speak to the university president? Don't be tacky. Now hurry up and exit out the back before he sees that I let a student into the office," she said as she hurriedly shoved me out the back door.

Brushing myself off, I contemplated the situation. "Tuesday is Friday, Wednesday is Monday and Friday is Saturday," I repeated to myself.

Even if I miss all my classes this week and flunk out of school, the experience has provided me with great training for a job at Carvel, where Wednesday is Sunday.

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### HomecomingCrashed

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remaining. Setter Augie Marquetti dashed 28 yards to give Pace the lead for good at 26-22.

The Patriots had one more chance in the closing minute. Downey, who had become the most feared man on the field, waited for another punt. This time there was no more magic left as he could only pick up 20 yards. In the end, Ragimierski hoisted up a long pass to Pat Mena only to have it batted away by a Pace defender, and the Pats were defeated for the second straight week.

"Out biggest weakness is inconsistency. We are good at times and bad at others," said a visibly disappointed Stony Brook Coach Sam Kornhauser.

"There was sort of a let down," said Downey. The Patriots will play host next week to the Red Dragons of Cortland State. Game time is 1 p.m.

EXTRA POINTS: The game was a homecoming of sorts for Pace kicker Danny Eassa. Eassa, who was last year's kicker for the Patriots, got a warm reception from his old teammates. Downey's previous records were longest single punt return 75 yards,

Oct. 5, 1984, vs. Trenton State, and most total punt return yardage in a game, 75 yards also Oct. 5, 1984 ... Paul Klyap's interceptions tied the school record for most interceptions in a game which is shared by four others including himself ... Injured starting running back Nick lannone (sprained ankle) and defensive end Jim Megna (partially torn ligament in the knee) are scheduled to return to action next week ... In two separate alumni games the baseball varsity defeated the alumni, 8-7, and the men's soccer alumni nipped the varsity 2-1.

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P — Fehrenbach 69 pass from Enterlein (Eassa kick)

SB — Klyap 18 interception (pass failed)
SB — Downey 88 punt return (Burden kicked)

SB — FG Burden 27 P — Fehrenbach 15 pass from Enterlein (pass failed)

P — Marquetti 28 run (pass failed)

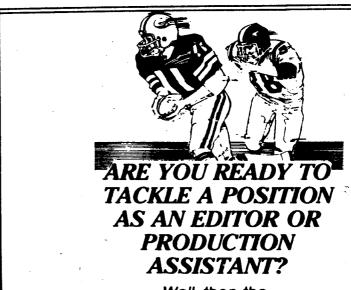


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Chuck Downey (30) is on the run on his way to setting a new Patriot record of 130 yards on punt returns.



The Women's Volleyball team won the Stony Brook Invitational 5-1. Patriot Ellen Chang was named the Tournament MVP.



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### Pace Crashes Homecoming Party

### Patriots Lose Despite Chuck Downey's Record-Breaking Day

By Jeff Eisenhart

It was supposed to have been a homecoming party for the Stony Brook football team, but the Patriots found no joy after Pace University crashed their celebration.

Behind the passing of quarterback Kevin Enterlein, the Setters of Pace University (1-2) defeated the Stony Brook Patriots 26-22, before a large homecoming game crowd on Saturday afternoon.

Enterlein, who completed 20 of 37 passes for 326 yards, also marred the record-breaking performance of Patriot Chuck Downey. Downey broke the school records he had previously set for the longest punt return and most total yardage on punt returns in a game. The Ali-American returned a punt for an 88-yard touchdown, and totaled 130 yards on four returns.

Downey got the game off to a blazing start when he returned the opening kick for a 90-yard touchdown. The extra point attempt by Robert Burden was missed as Stony Brook led 6-0.

The Setters came right back. At 8.02 Enterlein hooked up with Rich Johnson for a 97yard scoring strike to tie the game. Pace Kicker Danny Eassa added the extra point to give Pace a 7-6 edge.

Enterlein struck again in the second quarter. This time he connected with Robert Fehrenback for a 69-yard score as 10:20

remained before halftime. The Pace lead expanded to 14-6 as Eassa again added the

Paul Klyap brought the Pats back when her intercepted an Enterlein pass and ran 18 yards for a touchdown with just under five minutes in the second quarter. The two-point conversion failed, and the Patriots trailed 14-12.

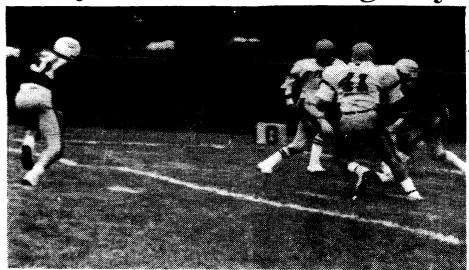
Downey gave Stony Brook the lead back with just under two minutes left in the half when he returned a punt 88 yards.

"I love running with the ball," said Downey, explaining why he decided to pick up the bouncing ball and run rather than down it in front of a group of would-be Pace tacklers who were unable to grasp him as he scored his second touchdown of the afternoon.

Burden tacked on the extra point and Stony Brook led 19-14. The Patriots weren't yet finished with their first half scoring. Ray Passaro set up a 27-yard Burden field goal with a 58-yard run, and at halftime the Patriots held a 22-14 bulge.

The Stony Brook offense was shut down completely in the second half as Pace wouldn't permit a single point. "They blitzed everybody and we couldn't handle it," said Patriot Quarterback John Ragimierski.

Pace drew closer late in the third quarter when Enterlein and Fehrenback hooked up



Paul Klyap finds his path blocked by Pace Setters after his second interception of the game in the third quarter.

again on a 15-yard scoring toss. The tying two-point conversion failed as Stony Brook held onto a slim 22-20 lead.

Mistakes killed the Patriots again this week. This time it was during Pace's opening possession of the fourth quarter. With third down and ten, and Pace on their own 21-yard line, Enterlein threw an incomplete pass. However, he was hit late by a Patriot lineman and a roughing the passer penalty

was called against Stony Brook. The Pats were penalized 15 yards, and Pace was awarded a first down.

Later on the drive pace had a third and three from the Stony Brook 36, and Enterlein fumbled the ball only to have teammate Rich Johnson fall on it at the Patriot 28 for another first down.

On the next play, with just 11 minutes (continued on page 14)

### Subway Series Thoughts Derailed Again

The question is not whether the Mets can beat the Yanks in the World Series, but rather will they get the chance to do so?

The Mets' dynasty is just beginning while the Yankees are floundering around in the middle of the pack in the AL East. George Steinbrenner seems to think that a baseball team travels upward in the division on its offense, but any knowledgeable baseball fan understands the value of pitching.

Steinbrenner loves to see his tax write-off score ten runs a game and goes into a tirade when the opposition plates eleven. So what does he do? He trades young pitching prospects for more offensive punch. For instance, he made a deal with the White Sox to obtain Ron Kittle when he should have been looking to solidify his pitching staff.

There is also a plethora of very successful pitchers among the other 25 major league teams that belonged to the Yanks or one of their farm teams in the not too distant past such as Joe Cowley, Rich Gossage, Phil Niekro, Jose Rijo, Jim Deshaies and Shane Rawley.

The Yankees are tenth in the league in earned run average at 4.27. When will Georgie realize that paying the big bucks to the heavy hitters is nothing if the pitchers cannot hold the lead?

It takes time to build a quality team. It just doesn't appear overnight. The right balance of veterans and rookies is needed. One can't just trade for an offense and put four farm hands in the starting rotation and expect to surface six months later with a pennant winner!

Anyway, the Mets have finally upheld their end for a subway series that would put the city of New York in a euphoric state. It's time for the George and Co. to finalize the fantasy.

Last Wednesday, Mike Scott of the Houston Astros hurled his first no-hitter. He beat the Giants 2-0 in the Astrodome. That victory also clinched the NL West marking the first time



in major league history that a team won its division on a hitless game.

Scott was traded from the Mets for Danny Heep back in 1983 after several mediocre seasons. He has never been known as a strikeout pitcher, but he has fanned 298 batters this season.

His recent success can be attributed to, strangely enough, Giants' manager Roger Craig who taught him the split-fingered fastball.

There is no doubt that Mike Scott will be the player of the week in the National League: no runs, no hits, two walks and 13 strikeouts. Nothing else need be said here!!

TRIVIA: Name the other two pitchers to throw no-hitters after being traded by the Mets. (Answer appears at end of column.)

Does Mike Schmidt deserve the most valuable player award? Well... the answer is no!

The Phillies are 20 games (give or take one) out of first place. How can someone be given the league MVP for a team that finished a dismal second?

Schmidt was hitting .289 with a league leading 37 homeruns and 118 RBIs through Friday's games, but one must not overlook Keith Hernandez of the Mets or Kevin Bass of the Astros.

What about Gary Carter you ask? Even though he has 22 homers and 98 RBIs, he has been very inconsistent this season not to mention batting a mere .245.

Hernandez is batting .309 with 13 homers and 80 runs batted in. He leads the league in on-base-percentage at .411, will win yet another gold glove at first base and his knowledge of national hitters has proven invaluable to most young Mets pitchers.

However, Bass has 20 homeruns and 75 RBIs to go with his .313 batting average. He is an excellent rightfielder with a very strong arm.

So now that you have the facts, does Schmidt still deserve the MVP? What's your opinion?

AROUND THE MAJORS: Joe Cowley (ex-Yankee) was named the American League player of the week last week for his no-hitter against the Angels. He was very far from perfect. He allowed seven bases on balls and one run ... This week, the Mets will induct Rusty Staub and Bud Harrelson into their Hall of Farne ... Latest line the Mets are 8-9 favorites over the Astros in the League Championship Series. If you didn't get your tickets yesterday, you're probably out of luck.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Nolan Ryan (5) — 2 with Angels, 3 with Astros.

Tom Seaver (1) — with Reds.