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Voter Coercion Suspected in Referendum Vote

By Mitchell Horowitz and Michael Cortese

Steven Rosenfeld won a narrow victory over Cory Brodsky in the run-off election for Polity freshman representative Tuesday. A referendum to increase funding to sports clubs passed amid charges of voter intimidation, and the validity of that vote is under question, Polity officials said yesterday.

The referendum would establish a \$4.50 increase in the student activity fee to provide more money for sports clubs. In the October 16 election, when the referendum was first voted on, it received 64 percent of the vote, but needed 67 percent (two thirds of the vote) to pass. Figures posted in the Polity offices yesterday morning showing that the referendum passing with 67.8 percent of the vote were taken down by the afternoon, following reports of coercion at polling places.

At an emergency meeting of the Polity Council last night, Programs and Services Committee member Patrick Flannery said he saw students intimidating voters to vote "yes" on the sports referendum.

"There was a person ready to vote when another person went up to him and said, 'If you vote no, I'll break your arm.' That's what I call coersion," Flannery said. Flannery said he saw three such instances of "coercion."

"There's a discrepancy between the number of signatures and the number of votes," said Polity Vice President Gerry Shaps. Students must sign a computer sheet at campus polling places to verify their vote. Shaps said there were 61 more votes than there were signatures.

Polity President Marc Gunning said that, although the charges described cases of "coercion," they did not necessarily describe "electioneering." Polity's election by-laws state that electioneering applies to candidates, but the by-laws do not specifically mention referendums.

Although it was suggested at the meeting to turn the case over to Polity's judiciary, it was finally decided that the poll

watchers would be consulted and the existing complaints verified. "We have to see how many people signed the complaints we have, and we have to talk to the poll watchers," Polity President Marc Gunning said. "...There is no decision. We have to find out more about it. It's all heresay now."

At the meeting Flannery said he was willing to sign a complaint.

In the freshman representative race Rosenfeld received 203 votes, closely topping Brodski's 187. There were 35 write-ins. Rosenfeld received his greatest support from Langmuir College, with 47 votes; Brodski's strong point was O'Neill College with 66 votes.

The two had originally challenged each other in a three-way race on October 16; however neither one got a majority of the vote then. At that time Rosenfeld gathered 168 votes, while Brodski got 110.

Complaints Voiced To SB Council

By Mary Lou Lang

The Stony Brook Council held a town meeting yesterday in the Union Auditorium, allowing students to voice their concerns about recent university events and conditions.

University President John Marburger opened the meeting by outlining the responsibilities of the council. The council, consisting of nine members appointed by the governor and one student member, supervises the operations of the university. Its responsibilities include reviewing major plans and campus budgets, establishing policies for student housing and safety, and making regulations for student conduct

Several students, including Polity President Marc Gunning and Graduate Student Organization President Chris Vestuto, expressed concern over possible toxics released in the Javits Lecture Center fire, which occurred on September 26. Marburger said that he did not believe that a hazardous condition exists. However, he said, "Out of respect for the concerns so strongly expressed by the people who have to work and study in those rooms, we have gone ahead and re-scheduled the classes in three of the rooms." The classes will be re-scheduled for about two weeks, Marburger said

Marburger said he was satisfied with the testing done in the lecture center for chemcial components in the atmosphere. He said that none of the tests conducted have given the indication that there is a hazardous health condition. Marburger said, however, that "there were tests that could have been made but were not."

Gunning raised some questions about dormitory conditions. He said that the Harry Chapin Apartment Complex is in poor condition, suffering from leaky roofs and buckling walls. Because of these conditions, he said,

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Schanberg: The Need for 'Outsiders'

By Daniel McLane

Sydney Schanberg, a famed journalist and syndicated columnist, gave a lecture entitled "The Journalist as Outsider" at the Fine Arts Center Tuesday.

Schanberg spent nearly 16 years as The New York Times' Southeast-Asian correspondent and his reports on Cambodia earned him a Pulitzer Prize in 1976. His adventures and relationship with Cambodian colleague Dith Pran formed the basis for the acclaimed movie, The Killing Fields.

Schanberg said that the journalist must be an "outsider," a person who is not out for self-gain, distances himself from public figures, and doesn't change opinions in accordance to intellectual trends and fashions.

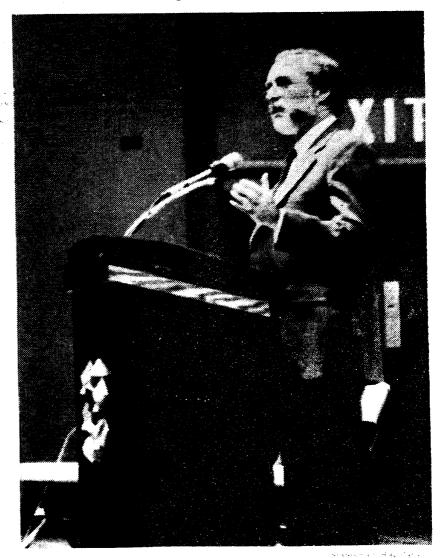
"A few members of the press accept gifts and favors," he said. "... A few members of the press love to rub elbows with the titans of politics who they are supposed to be objectively covering."

In the time of the Vietnam war, Schanberg said, America was heavily criticized by the press because reporters saw the country acting below the moral levels they believed America should maintain. He said that reporters in Vietnam were not unpatriotic, just disappointed with their country.

Schanberg stressed that being an "outsider" is often a risky proposition: "Most power oriented figures won't love you for shining beams of revealing light on their activities."

Schanberg cited the reaction of "rightwing" elements as an example of power figures who react negatively to "outsider" journalists. Schanberg said a reporter should demand "standards of good government. Nothing old-fashioned or liberal. Just good journalism."

Schanberg said one of the major problems with the press was "Afghanistanism." Schanberg said that newspapers tend to do their most honest reporting when events are "10,000 miles away" and do not involve public figures who operate "in our own backyards." Schanberg men-



Sydney Schanberg

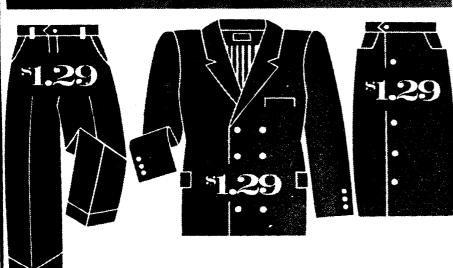
tioned the corruption surrounding the Koch Administration in New York City and the press's, particularly the *Times*', refusal to cover it. Schanberg said that Koch claimed he would destroy patronage, yet "Koch posed as reformer and practiced as machine politician."

Schanberg said that The New York Times weak coverage of New York City is

the result of this "Afghanistanism" and the press's loss of objectivity once probelms hit home.

"What is needed," he said, "is a more aggressive press, a less timid press ... A press that engages in the most vigorous pursuit of the information available. We ought to start covering the unknowns and ought to give fewer free rides."

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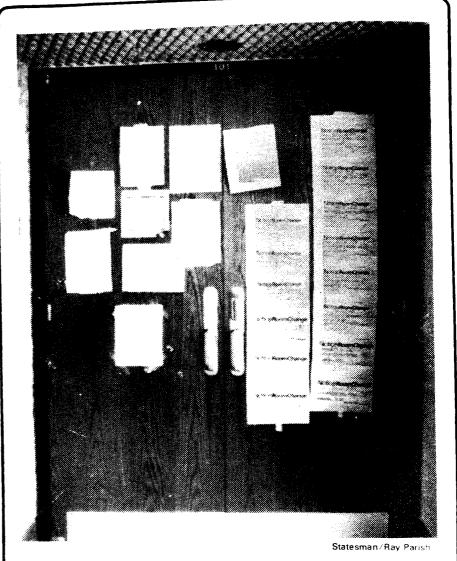
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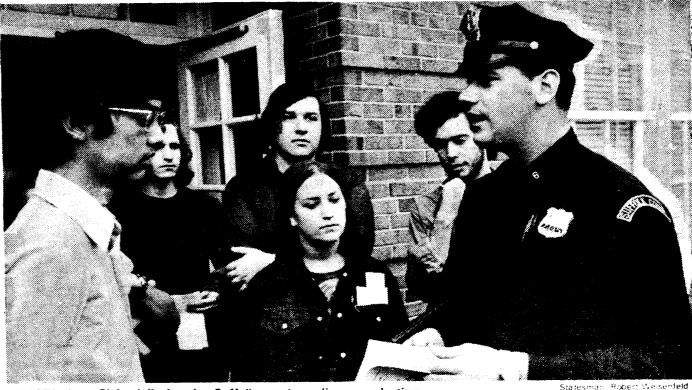
By Debbie Scala

"Stony Brook has always had a unique, progressive, non-traditional quality to it," said History Professor Hugh Cleland at a lecture he gave on Thursday night in the Graduate Student Lounge. Cleland lectured on the history of Stony Brook ans on American history during the 60's and 70's.

Cleland flavored his presentation, which was sponsored by the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), with his wit and his slides of the civil rights movement, Stony Brook drug raids, and clippings from past Statesman articles. Relating the events inside the Stony Brook campus to the events of the outside world, "showed not only what people did, but why they did it," Cleland said. He also showed how history shaped what Stony Brook is today.

Cleland joined the faculty when Stony Brook moved to its present location in 1962. He said that he has "grown-up" with the school, and he reminisced about its past. Originally there were two buildings, no football team, and no fraternities or sororities. Dorm life was strict. House mothers made sure that freshmen were in by 10 p.m.; sophomores by 10:30 p.m.; juniors by 11 p.m.; seniors by 11:30 p.m. Students put on social probation could not attend the dances. Panty raids were common, and fundraising events included "girls for hire." Also, drugs dominated campus life, he said.

Both faculty and students got involved with drugs, Cleland said. Undercover cops "hung out" in the Student Union and arrested Stony Brook students. Cleland's attempted to show through his slides that



A 1971 photo Cleland displayed: a Suffolk patrolman discusses election law with students who weren't allowed to register.

the many drug raids on campus were more like military operations.

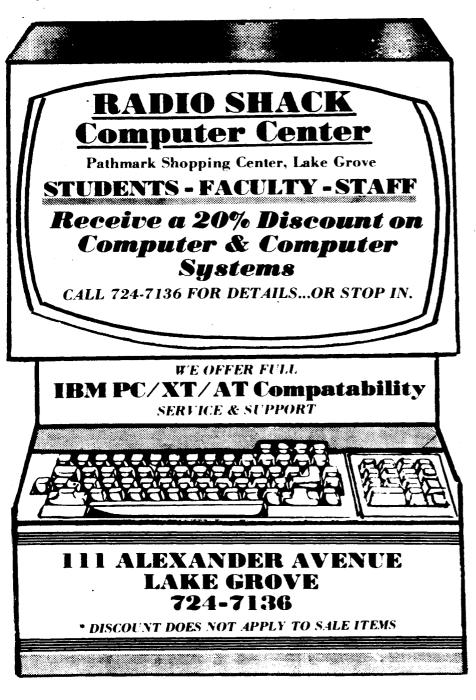
The war in Vietnam created a new institution on campus — the teach-in. Students and professors gathered to discuss the war. The draft presented faculty with a moral dilemma - if they lowered the grades, they would send students off to combat, he said.

Although the times have changed, Stony Brook still possesses a certain "progressive" nature, Cleland said. More recent protests include the demonstrations against the student loan cuts proposed by the Reagan Administration and the anti-apartheid demonstrations the urged Stony Brook to divest.

"It is up to you to start the next rally," he

said.

The DSA has two upcoming events. On October 30 there will be a labor forum and on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Fireside Lounge, there will be a forum on Nicaragua. This forum will consist of 15 panelists, both students and local community members, who have gone to Nicaragua.





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Golden Bear Cafe Edging Toward Opening

By Richie Narvaez

Plans to open the Golden Bear Cafe in the basement of O'Neill College are almost complete, according to Polity Vice President Gerry Shaps.

Shaps, who is working with the administration to get final approval for the cafe, said he hopes to start business in the third week of November. "That will be an experimental period to test certain kinds of foods, hours of operation and days of operation," he said.

The money to open the cafe was procured "mostly through fund-raising in G and H, "Shaps said. "Last year [when I was] sophomore rep we had an allocation of \$600 from PSC (Programs and Services Committee). I went to a private vendor and by selling Stony Brook mugs we turned it into \$1800." Shaps said the cafe has also been given a "small budget" from Polity this year.

The O'Neill College Legislature, which will run the cafe, has formed committees in charge of food, activities, business, and security for the Golden Bear Cafe. According to Shaps the food committee is talking to vendors of foods such as pizza and hot sandwiches.

Shaps said they do not plan to sell anything with a short shelf life. "We'll have stuff like bars, chips, soda. We already have a coke refrigerator. If we get another working refrigera-

tor we might sell ice cream," he said. Shaps also said frozen products, such as Lender's bagels, may be sold. Alcohol will

"We want to be open Sundays all day. We're trying to get the post-COCA crowds. Before, when people saw a movie on weekends they had nothing to do, nowhere to go afterwards. We're going to be open finals week," he said.

O'Neill College Legislature President Brian Levitt said the case would be "a real good thing for students once it gets started. I just want to see things get going."

The Golden Bear's facilities have been open on and off for recreation, but no food has been served since 1981. "We picked O'Neill because it's the most central building in G and H Quad," Shaps said. "They have very large facilities for cooking, two pool tables, and a ping-pong table, and room for an arcade.'

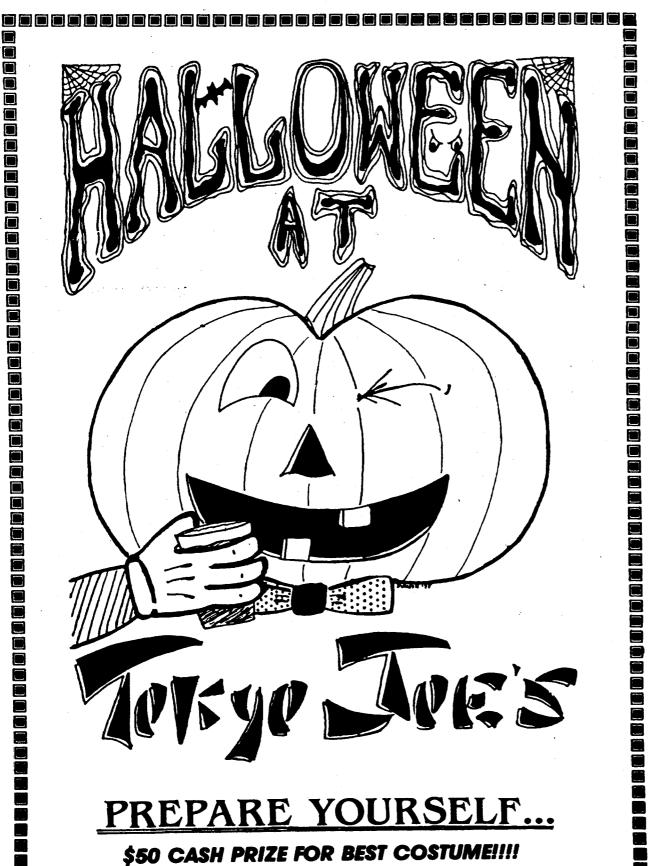
The cafe will be the only such food facility in G and H Quads. Kelly. Tabler and Roth Quads each have there own late night ice cream parlors or cafes.

Shaps said he hoped the cafe would be self-sustaining.

"It'll pick up enough momentum once it starts, as far as we can tell from what we've been hearing from students," he



Gerry Shaps



Big Brother Day Set For Sunday

Stony Brook's fourth Big Brother/Big Sister Day will be held on campus Sunday. About 60 children from an area childcare center will spend a day on campus with

Children 6 to 14 years old from the Little Flower Children's Services center will be on campus from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. next Sunday; they will be joined by students who volunteer their time. Little Flower Children's Services is a "residential program for kids who are unable to live with their family or at this point don't have a family," said Polity President Marc Gunning, who is a co-organizier of

In the past about 75 students acted as "big brothers" or "big sisters" for the day, Gunning said. A recruitment drive is still going on for this Sunday's event.

The program is sponsored by the campusbetterment group, Life. Food is usually donated by Daka and area food chains. Movies are provided by COCA. The gym, the Faculty Student Association, and Commuter College are also helping out, Gunning

"A lot of these kids feel that no one really cares," Gunning said. "We're hoping to show them that people do."

Life will be having an organizational meeting for the event Friday at 8 p.m. in the Polity Suite. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Gunning at Polity at 246-3673 or Doug Ballan at 246-9129.

- Mitchell Horowitz

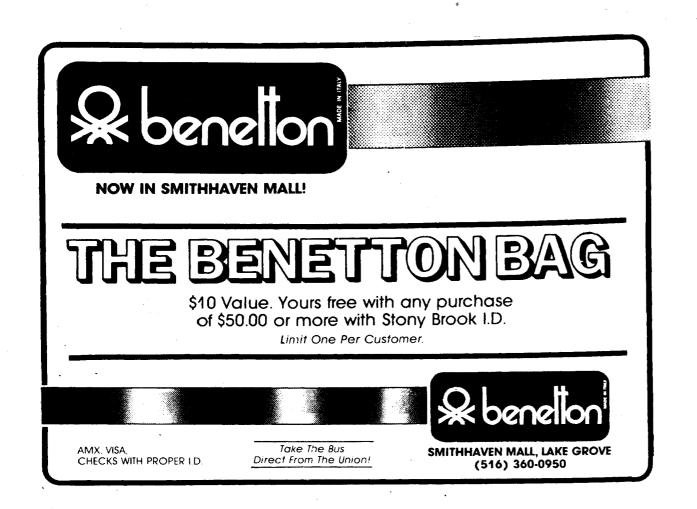
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Paul Williams (Senior, Age 25) "This isn't grammar school anymore. I have a say in my own health and I'm going to excersise it. I'm supporting the boycott because no one but me has the right to tell me what I should consider to be a health hazard for myself."



Jon Eng (Freshman, Age 18)
"I am going boycott the Lecture
Center. I didn't pay a lot of
money to come here and die."



Lana Slabutsky (Sophomore, Age 20) "I'm not going to boycott because there's no alternative being offered... If I miss the work I'll fall behind."



Rosalind Cohen (Freshman, Age 18) "I agree with the cause, but not going to classes would mean that I miss a lot of work. That's the only reason I'm not boycotting my classes."



Karyn Model (Junior, Age 18) "Fortunately my classes were moved out of the Lecture Center. If they hadn't been moved, I wouldn't have gone."







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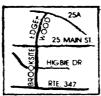
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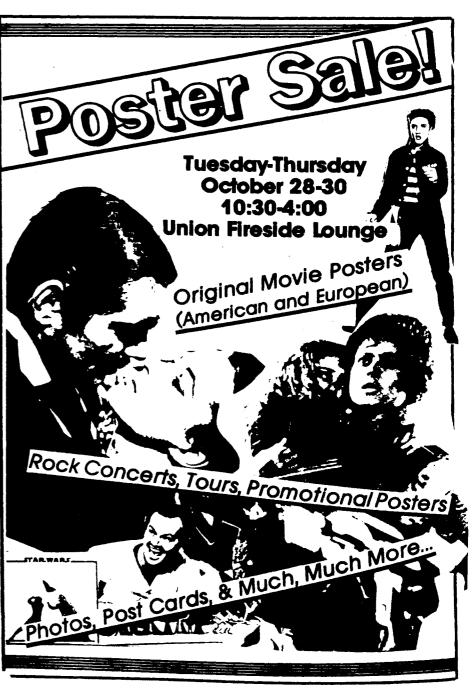
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By Tim Lapham

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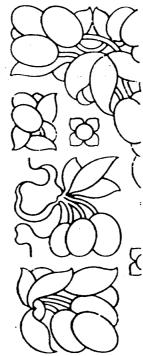
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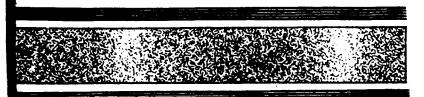
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Stony Brook council members and University President John Marburger at the town meeting.

Council Hears Gripes

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many of the apartments are uninhabitable.

Gunning asked about the priorities of campus funding. He said that there is money being spent on a sprinkler system for landscaping in front of the administration building, despite the existence of poor dormitory conditions.

Marburger agreed with Gunning on the "slum-like conditions in the Chapin apartments" and similar conditions in the dormitories. He said that there has been a survey conducted as to how to get the Chapin apartments into reasonable condition.

The State Dormitory Authority, which allocates money toward building and maintaining the buildings, has made a commitment to raise money to repair the apartments, Marburger said. The money, however, has not yet been appropriated, he said.

Council member Greta M. Rainsford said that the funds allocated for the sprinkler system cannot be used for the dormitory conditions. The university budget is set, she said, and money cannot be transferred from problem.

one fund to another.

Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, who attended the meeting, although he was not officially on the panel, said "Generally, the dormitories are improving significantly. However, there are still a large number of problems."

Gunning also expressed concerns regarding the safety conditions on campus. He said that inadequate lighting in and around buildings and lack of security on campus are problems that must be solved. Rainsford said that the students "must accept some responsibility for themselves on where and how they live." She said that the solution to lock the dormitory doors has been interrupted by students who break locks and prop open the doors. Preston blamed the absence of security in some buildings on a lack of funds.

The shortage of study areas on campus was another concern of students. Marburger said that many parts of the library are closed due to lack of staff. He said he would like to set up a committee to solve the problem.

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Boycott of Lecture Center Is the Right Move

Growing concern among students and faculty over the toxic conditions caused by the September 26 fire in the Jacob Javits Lecture Center has finally forced administration to take action and move many classes out of the building.

Removing the students and faculty from the building is the right thing to do, but one month after the fire is extinguished is not the right time to do it. Robert Francis, vice president for Campus Operations, should not have allowed classes to take place in the lecture center until adequate tests had been performed, tests that would have determined the quantity of the chemicals and particles present in the air.

Instead, Francis reasoned that because he had occupied the building during the hours immediately after the fire and did not suffer any obvious ill effects, it was therefore reasonable to allow students to enter the building. At a meeting last Thursday, Francis reiterated his belief that his decision was correct.

Francis may well be right. Perhaps no one will suffer any lasting effects due to substances in the air in Javits Lecture Center. But common sense says that it is better to overindulge in caution than leave open the possibility of suffering a terrible surprise in the future. Surely Francis must have considered the possibility of one or two students having allergic reactions to the substances in the air.

NYPIRG, Polity President Marc Gunning, and other Polity members realized the danger that administration ignored. According to NYPIRG president Rich Drury, the tests that were performed days after the fire revealed levels of formal-dehyde that were above the legal limit for levels in a formaldehyde plant. This knowledge, along with a dissatisfaction in the tests that were performed, led Gunning to call for a boycott of classes in the lecture center until the proper tests are performed.

This boycott is a necessary step towards ensuring student and faculty safety in the building. A boycott serves two purposes to keep as many students as possible away from the potential dangers of the air in the building, and to attract attention to the situation.

COCA showed movies as usual in the lecture center last weekend, and may do the same next weekend, as it may not be able to find an adequate substitute for lecture hall 100. It is vital that COCA

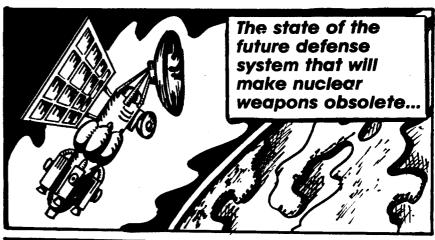
support Polity in its decision to boycott, lest the effort be seen as weak and disorganized. Also, there is a serious moral dilemma behind inviting students to come and sit in a room where there may be harmful substances in the air.

Some of the suspect substances listed by Gunning include formaldehyde, benzine, phenol, and dioxin, which are carcinogens. Another factor that only came to light recently is the existence of asbestos in the center, aggravating the uncertainty even more.

Francis must grit his teeth and accept proper testing of the building, no matter how comfortable he feels in his "reasonable assurance." The rooms must undergo "wipe tests" of substances deposited on the walls, in order to accurately determine what chemicals were released by the fire, and in what amounts they were released. Until administration accepts its responsibility to take the proper steps to ensure the safety of those with classes in the building, this responsibility lies with the faculty who teach there. The students hold the responsibility of exercising their power to boycott, and turn administration's responsibility into action.









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Plight of America's Unknown Political Prisioners

By Mitchel Cohen

America's not supposed to have political prisoners. That's strictly a Russian affair, as far as the official ideology goes. Yet hundreds of people are imprisoned in this country, many under horrendous circumstances, for what can only be described as political dissent.

Also reprehensible is that we never hear of them. The New York Times and the Washington Post are quick to denounce the foul treatment of dissidents in the Soviet Union, but when it comes to the crimes of our own government there is an incredible doublestandard. "All the news that's fit to print," the motto of the Times, takes on an ominous ring. Who decides what's "fit" to print and what's not? What are the criteria? Whose interests get served by which stories get printed and which don't? What is "news" and what's not? Whose press releases are printed verbatim and whose get investigated, at least a little? Which stories make it to page one and which ones get buried? What adjectives are used (intentionally eliciting negative emotions)? How is the story framed? What does it get placed next to? To what extent are stories tailored — either subtly or overtly - to the interests of advertisers? Which choices get officially validated, and which are never shown because they're against the intrests of those in power?

As Horace Greeley, the owner of the New York Tribune back in the 1850s, said "The press is free for anyone who can afford to own one." Access to our minds is not something we should leave to those who can afford to buy it. Because, if we did that, we'd never find out the truths about our own condition. We'd never find out that we do not have a free press. We'd never find out that there are solutions to the problems that beset us, only these solutions are not in the inter-

ests of the rich who own the major media (and so they don't let us in on their little secrets). And we'd never find out about the political prisioners in the United States; about those who had begun to see through the lies, challenged those interests politically, and were thrown in jail for years. We'd never find out, for example, about the anti-nuclear protestors in Florida who merely stretched a banner across the gate to a General Electric missile-making plant, and who are each now serving 14 months in jail. We'd never find out about political prisoners in America.

This, then, is the first of a series of articles that subject. Hopefully, they will accomplish two things 1) To move you to do something about it, and 2) To enourage you to think for yourself, to begin to understand how our minds are manipulated by those in power to keep us compliant, docile, impotent, meaningless, and subserviant. This week we focues on the case of *Leonard Peltier*.

The Case of Leonard Peltier, Political

As Thanksgiving rolls around, it's fitting to begin our list with this man, who is an American Indian. He's been locked in prison for the past 11 years, in spite of overwhelming evidence that he didn't do what he's accused of, and that even if he did he would have been justified, not only morally but legally as well.

In 1973, thousands of Lakota Sioux Indians occupied Wounded Knee, a town on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, refusing to accept federal government-appointed "tribal leaders" to rule them, and demanding to be allowed to rule themselves according to their own customs. The reservation was besieged by FBI and military personnel for weeks on end. In the course of that struggle, 300 indians were gunned down and murdered by the G-men. What had orignally begun as a non-violent occupa-

tion was militarily crushed by the U.S. - tiating away mineral rights of the resergovernment. - vation. (Similar motives lie behind the

The FBI launched a well-documented campaign to target and arrest American Indian Movement leaders. In June of 1975 FBI agents and one young Indian were killed when the FBI again invaded the AIM camp established on the reservation. Four months later, Peltier and three others were charged with the killings. Two were acquitted, charges agianst the third were dismissed, and the government, furious, prosecuted Peltier with a vengeance.

Recently, one of Peltier's many appeals was heard in court. The U.S. Attorney admitted that the government doesn't know who actually killed the FBI agents, and that there are 20 to 30 "suspects." He admitted that there is no proof that Peltier used the gun originally attributed to him, nor that there any evidence linking that gun to the particular shell casing that was the essential element in the government's case against Peltier.

Yet, on September 11, a three-judge panel of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals denied Leonard Peltier's request for a new trial. They acknowledged that they wre "uncomfortable" with their decision, particularly there is the likelihood that Peltier would never have been convicted in the first place had the jury had access to evidence which the government intentionally and illegally withheld during the original trial. Nevertheless, they upheld the legality of Peltier's conviction, if not the government's case against him. Defense Attorney William Kunstler commented that "the Eighth Circuit has replaced the 7th Cavalry as the biggest enemy of the Indian people."

Why is the government so keen on keeping Leonard Peltier in jail? The answer is minerals. Oil. Uranium. The "tribal chief" assigned to Pine Ridge by the government has been quite obedient to the giant energy corporations, nego-

vation. (Similar motives lie behind the destruction of the Big Mountain reservation in the Southwest, from which Navajos and Hopi peoples are being forcibly relocated — again — breaking yet another in an endless sea of broken treaties.) In fact, the very day that the FBI raided the AIM camp at Pine Ridge, Dickie Wilson, the government-appointed "tribal chief," was in Washington secretly signaling away 1/8 of the reservation to the Department of the Interior for energy development.

Peltier, the traditionalist Indians, and AIM have sought to protect Lakota lands from mining for uranium and other minerals.

While U.S. newpapers are fixated on the maltreatment of dissidents in the Soviet Union — which certainly *does* require public condemnation — they rarely discuss the frame-up of Leonard Peltier here in the U.S., for to do so accurately would require focusing on the greed of the muntinational energy corporations, and their interlocks with the U.S. government.

Leonard Peltier is a hero, not a criminal. He should be made head of the Department of he Interior, not thrown in jail for the rest of his life. And his only one, of hundreds - perhaps thousands - in which dissidents are thrown in jail for their political opposition to the interests of capital and war. In this country, in spite of what you may hear spoken extolling freedom of speech, and in spite of what you may read in print declaring freedom of the press, to effectively speak, write, or in other ways oppose the interests of capital is a crime. Free Leonard Peltier! For more information, write to the Leonard Peltier Support Group, PO Box 6130, Kansas City, KS 66106.

(The writer is a member of the Red Balloon Collective.)

Star Wars Is Needed to Ensure National Security

By Juan Carlos Sanchez

The Statesman editorial on the Iclenad Summit and SDI, as usual, missed the point by a country mile. The USA has repeatedly proposed abolition of all nuclear weapons and placing fisionable materials under UN control ever since the Baruch Plan. The Soviets have always vetoed such proposals, opting instead for an accelerating arms race and the insanity of Mutal Assured Destruction (MAD). The Strategic Defense Initiative allows a way out of this balance of terror, a way to make nuclear weapons obsolete. Why has such a system (which "could never work") been able to bring the Soviets back to the very negotiations they walked out on just a few years ago?

In the words of Soviet defector Mikhail Voslenski "The Soviet ruling class has bankrupted its country economically, politically, and ideologically, for the sake of putting all its eggs in one basket military superiority." SDI threatens to make the Soviet nuclear threat (the only viable element in Soviet society) about as relevant as a basketfull of dinosaur eggs. The *Statesman* editors tremble with fear that SDI will mutate into an "offensive" system (like ICBM's?) and suddenly cause the US to become as aggressive as the USSR - and launch a first strikel.

"It is astounding that apparently sane adults without a trace of LSD in their systems can speak as though the USSR actually believes itself to be in danger of a US attack," wrote Vladimir Bukhovski, who spent 12 years in the Gulag for his views, "although the "mad American generals" (for some reason Soviet generals are never mad) somehow failed to push the damn button during all the years of US nuclear monopoly."

The USSR's SS-20's are now in violation of SALT II, its massive radar in Krasnayorsk is in violation of the ABM treaty, its ASAT's are in violation of the Space Weapons

'SDI allows us to give up our nuclear arsenal ... and it allows us to give up control of verification, because the Soviets cheat...'

treaty, and its tens of thousands of political prisoners and two million Jews refused immigration rights are in violation of the Helsinki Accords. Given this track record, It is not too farfetched to imagine that they might cheat on a treaty abolishing all nuclear weapons, if they can get away with it. Any such treaty must therefore be verifiable. Yet the Soviets have stonewalled on the issue of on-sight verification for 30 years now. SDI has allowed the Reagan administration to make two key concessions in the area of verification it can be by air, not on-sight, and it must use planes, pilots, radios, and equipment supplied by the nation being verified. This allows the Soviets to maintain control of our verification procedures.

SDI allows us to give up our own nuclear arsenal and the massive expense of maintaining it, and it allows us to give up control of verification, because if the Soviets cheat, get away with it, and even attack, SDI will neutralize the assualt. Without the threat of nuclear blackmail, the USSR is just another third world socialist military dictatorship with a rising infant mortality rate and declining life expectancy. This reality may interfere with its plans for world hegemony.

"The USSR does not want war," wrote Andrei Sakharov. "It wants victory." Americans overwhelmingly agree an ABC-New York Times poll shows 64 percent of Americans approve of Reagan's position on SDI at Iceland, while 22 percent disapprove.

Finally, consider the words of Alexander Solzhenitsyn "Communism stops only when it encounters a wall ... The wall will have to be erected with what strength remains. The present generation of Westerners will have to make a stand on the road upon which its predecessors have retreated for 60 years." Here is where we make our stand. SDI is the wall.

(The writer is a co-chairman of the College Republicans.)

-Letters

Cut the Lies

To the Editor:

In response to Mark LaRochelle's viewpoint "Sanctions Can Be Deadly For South Africans", what can be said? Once again the republicans have lied and falsified information.

If Mr. LaRochelle had attended the recent apartheid forum, sponsored by Red Balloon, he would have heard Mike Morgan, an ex-South African Army member and white, explain that necklacing is only done to informants who turn blacks in for resisting apartheid. They do this to protect themselves and the movement toward a free South Africa. Every movement or organization has methods to deal with traitors and spies. Even Mr. LaRochelle's republicans have methods to deal with those who go against them such as murder (Kent State, 1970) and imprisonment (McCarthy's era and even today).

I must admit that Mr. LaRochelle does have a sense of humor. He cracked me up when he said, "Haiti is free of chronic food shortages..." He couldn 't have been serious, could he? He must not know that the main source of income for Haitians is donating blood. That just shows the republican's blatant disregard for all human life wherever it is, the U.S. or abroad.

And just one more bit of information for Mr. LaRochelle and his SS storm troopers; refering to Cambodia, Ethiopia, Poland, as "socialist utopias" shows his severe lack of knowledge about the working class ideology. One, they are not socialist countries (yet); two, socialism is not a utopia it is a more developed and mature state of society than those that preceded it (capitalism in particular). Socialism is not the end product of history, it is another stage of historical development. As for right now, Mr. LaRochelle probably refers to socialism as a "utopia" because he sees the total lack of freedom and dignity in

Once again, please stop lying and distorting, give the students of this university some respect and credit for knowing a lie when they see it.

Jim Genova

Jim Genova Red Balloon Collective

Thanks to Those Who Showed

To the Editor:

This past Sunday, October 26, the Suffolk County Fall Special Olympics was held here at Stony Brook. I'm happy to say the event was a huge success. This success can be primarily attributed to all the volunteers who comprise nearly all of the organizations' membership. Volunteers are the most important people involved in running a special olympics event and are a vital part of why the day is such a happy one for the athletes.

For all those students who volunteered, I'm sure my thanks can't compare to the rewards you felt after being a part of such a truly touching experience. Each of you helped make a special day happen for most athletes is the primary

event they look forward to each year. It is a place where they can win medals and earn a sense of accomplishment for themselves that they are rarely given the opportunity to obtain anywhere else. I'm sure their smiling faces proved the significance of the special olympics in their lives. I thank you for all you did that day.

Somewhat disappointing, however, was the insufficient number of volunteers that showed up that morning. Understandably, many who would have perhaps wanted to volunteer were unable to do so because of certain unavoidable responsibilities. I would like, however, to address all those who had made previous commitments to attend the event, and then never showed up.

You, as volunteers, are the people who make the day function. The mentally retarted athletes are completely dependent upon your supervision and support, and it is only with your assistant that they are able to participate.

Many people who were expected to be there just never came and were perhaps not aware of the importance of their agreement to attend. I realize that the event began very early on a Sunday morning, that the weather was perfect for just staying in bed, and that attending was a considerable effort: I only want to inform you of the importance of this day to the athletes, and also of the seriousness of your commitment to them. I ask that in the future all those who agree to volunteer be reasonably cetain that they will, in fact, be able to attend. In this way a more accurate estimate of volunteers can be obtained which can better ensure the success of next year's fall special olympics which will again be here at Stony Brook.

Thank you for your shared concern in making Special Olympics a tremendous success for all those involved.

> Patricia Bowe Campus Coordinator Stony Brook Special Olympics Training Club

Study Space A Dual Problem

To the Editor:

Your editorial of October 23 justifiably laments the lack of adequate study space on campus. The library administration, as well as the campus administration, must share some of the blame for this situation. However, the student population at Stony Brook must acknowledge their responsibility also.

As your editorial states, the environment in the dorms is not "geared toward quiet study." Who's fault is that? Conditions in the map section of the Reference Department were rapidly approaching the situation in the dorms as far as quiet study space was concerned. In fact, the area had been turned into a social lounge and cafeteria.

touching experience. Each of you helped make a special day happen for most athletes is the primary -situation, but our efforts were

unsuccessful. We are simply not trained, nor do we have the inclination, to be wardens or room monitors. The decision to remove seating from the department was a last resort effort to reassert some control over the area we work in. As long as a significant minority of Stony Brook students feel that they have the right to do whatever they want, wherever they want, and the majority (including the student government) choose to ignore the stuard.

Nathan Baum Head of Reference Department

GALA Neglected

To the Editor:

I spoke last night at the town meeting on affirmative action on behalf of the members and friends of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) to raise some issues concerning the administration's handling of homobigotry.

Of most concern to us is the fact that both residence life and the university administration have neglected to include gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, periodically in a few publications, specifically, in a brochure entitled "The Minority Perspective," available in the Undergraduate Admissions Office. The brochure fails to list GALA and gay people in general from its text and list of "minority groups on campus." We are offended and outraged. While the federal government has excluded gay people from its "official" minority list, SUNY has taken the proactive measure of such an inclusion.

We are officially requesting that the administration reprint these brochures, including GALA in it. Additionally we would expect the administration office in charge of producing such literature be aware of the existence of gay persons at Stony Brook.

If President Margurger feels that the administration is providing a comfortable atmosphere for its minority students, then why are gay/lesbian faculty so afraid of being denied tenure if they "come out?" Why are they afraid of violent reactions from students? From colleagues? What sort of atmosphere do we really have at Stony Brook?

Equality does not come from words on paper. It comes when a minority is not excluded from a general publication for prospective students. When proper funds and recognition are given to a task force attempting to formulate proactive measures in order to deal with the rising tide of bigotry and antigay/lesbian violence on campus.

We hope that these issues can be dealt with as soon as possible. GALA is a limited resource organization. We are doing all we can for students, graduate students, alumni, community residents, high school students and faculty, but more must be done.

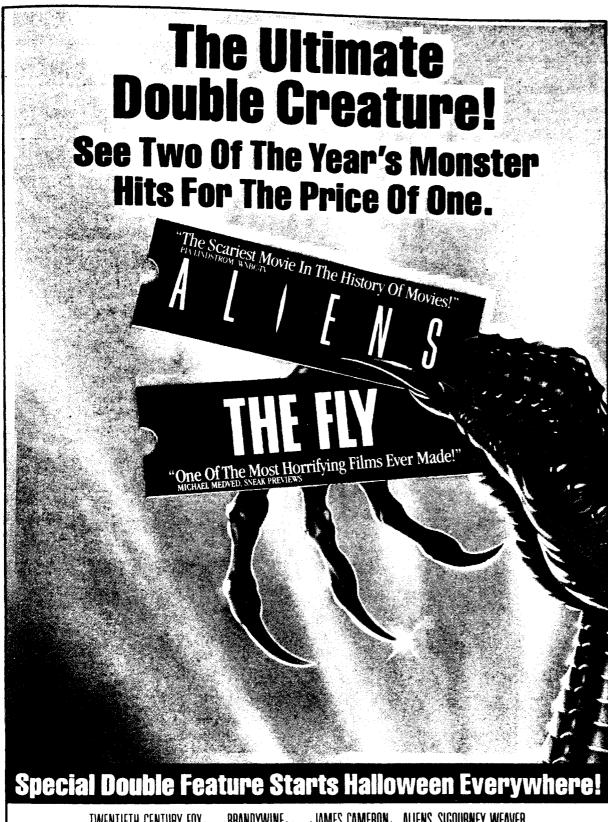
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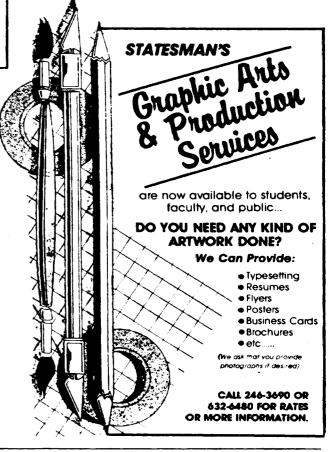
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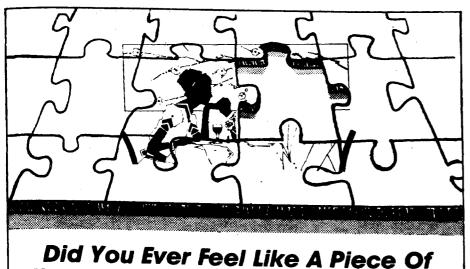
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By Bill Wiesner

This week the campus chapter of UUP recommended that classes in Rooms 101,102 and 103 of the lecture center be moved to other locations. The request, made in concert with Polity, GSO and NYPIRG, was agreed to by University President John Marburger and Vice Provost Aldonia Jonaitis. Faculty who wish to switch classes from other rooms in the lecture center should call Warrne Randall at 2-6213. UUP took action in this matter when we discovered that the fire of three weeks ago had left an obnoxious and possibly unsafe environment in which to hold classes. Testing of air quality was not done for almost a week after the fire, even though classes were held the same day as the fire. Surface testing for possible toxic by-products of the fire was in my opinion incomplete. Vice President for Campus Operations Bob Francis felt that classrooms after the fire posed no health hazard to individuals who used the lecture center. His subjective opinion cannot be argued with and he is supposedly an expert: however, the level of irritants in the rooms was enough to severely impair the educational process for faculty and students. It is imperative that the educational environment be supportive of the learning process and when it is not, classes must be moved. UUP has recommended that when there is a question about the suitability of a classroom, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies must give her/his approval before classes are conducted.

ELECTIONS

Election day is just about here. As most of you realize, the true "bosses" in SUNY are the state politicos. In order to maintain and improve Stony Brook we must be able to influence State Legislators and the Governor. Most incumbents in the assembly and senate have been strong advocates of SUNY and of Stony Brook. Lavalle, Bianchi, Harenberg and Hochbrueckner are recommended by our legislative chair, Bill Godfrey. Mario Cuomo has not been a great friend of SUNY's in my opinion: his executive budget for SUNY is inadequate in almost every budget category, including salaries. Whether you agree with us or not, whoever you decide to vote for, try to find time to work on his/her campaign this week. And, if you do work, let them know that you are employed by SUNY and that you are (if appropriate) a member of UUP.

DINNER

Our second-ever campus-wide dinner is scheduled for this Saturday. This event is part of an effort UUP is making towards developing a coherent campus community.

ASBESTOS

UUP is concerned with all aspects of campus safety and therefore has had a long-term interest in preventing asbestos exposure to individuals on campus. We have been successful in persuading Bob Francis to shut down the fourth floor of Old Physics, where there was a serious asbestos problem. Unfortunately, it has taken months for this problem to be corrected in an appropriate manner.



"UPPERCLASSMAN NIGHT"

The Park Bench Invites all Stony Brook University Upperclassman and Graduate students welcome.

Every Thursday, free admission, free champagne for the Ladies, D.J. & Dancing. All Major Sports events on video projection screen.

*21 years & over, double proof required, proper casual attire.



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Statesman SPORTS

Thursday, October 30, 1986

As Parades Go, Mets' Victory Was A Home Run

By Scott Finkle

Most high schools and colleges around the New York City area suffered a serious drop in attendance yesterday, but there was a good reason. Students wanted to be a part of the celebration taking place from Battery Park to City Hall in honor of the Mets.

The tickertape parade started up Broadway just after 12:30 p.m. It looked liked the sky was falling on this warm autumn afternoon. Many of the 2.2 million people who crowded the city were climbing lamp posts and trees just to get a momentary glance at their heroes.

"I've never been so close to so many people in my whole life," said John Derosa, a senior, as he tried to hold his ground amidst the pushing and shoving of the crowd.

It was just like film clips from 1969. They were all there — Carter, Strawberry, Darling — each having their name chanted as they rode past their adoring fans with paper and streamers flying everywhere. However, instead of shouting "Ray" for Ray Knight, everybody was screaming, "MVP, MVP."

Dwight Gooden was the only member of the 1986 championship team not present. Official reports said that he had, "overslept," but no one would be too surprised to find out that he was too hungover to attend.

As the parade came to a close, everyone gathered near City Hall to see Mayor Ed Koch present each of the players with a key to the city. "I asked the Mets to be here today for a very special reason: So I can present them with a bill," Koch said. "The bill is for seven and half million cases of nervous collapse."

Koch was forced to keep his speech short because the "boos" began to drown him out. The crowd was anxiously awaiting the presentations and speeches from the players.

"1986 is the year of the Mets," said Mookie Wilson as he stepped to the microphone. "1987 is the year of the Mets. 1988 is the year of the Mets. We're coming back next year to celebrate this same event.".

Keith Hernandez, the Mets' MVP for the season,

euphorically exclaimed that, "New York is the greatest city in the world!"

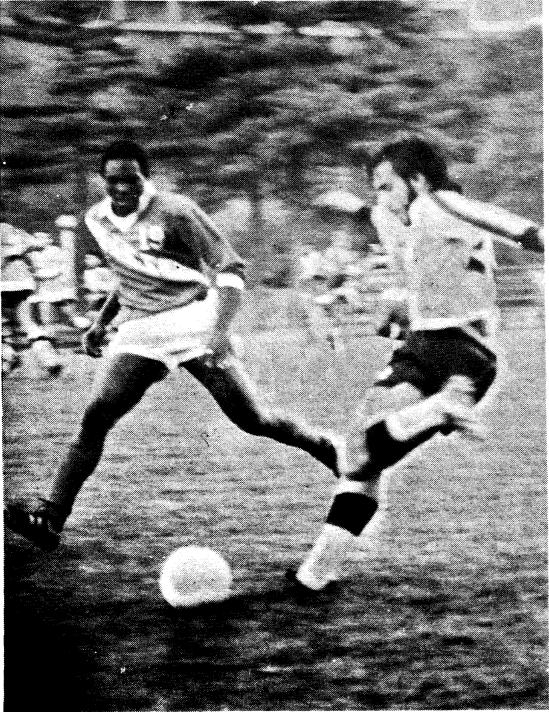
"We gave the fans what they wanted," Wally Backman said after the festivities were over. "I love the way they show their appreciation."

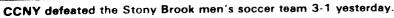
Senior Maura Flynn said "It was great. There were people all over the place, but it was a lot of fun."

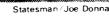
Before the parade began, the crowd was chanting, "Let's go Mets" and "Boston sucks" in anticipation of an event that they would not soon forget.

Afterward, the city's sanitation department was singing a different song as it had to contend with the massive clean up job, mainly consisting of confetti, paper and beer cans.

And so begins the four months between the end of the World Series and the beginning of spring training. The only thing that the players and fans can look forward to now is hopefully crowding the city streets the day after the Fall Classic next season.









1986 SUNY AT STONY BROOK WOMEN'S SOCCER Results

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Date	Opponent		Score	Record
9/13	SUNY at FARMINGDA	LE	#W 7-1	
9/17	MANHATTANVILLE		W 6-1	1-0-0
9/20	R.I.T.	*	W 2-1	2-0-0
9/20	Curry	*	W 3-0	3-0-0
9/21	Scranton	*	T 1-1	3-0-1
9/27	ITHACA COLLEGE		W 4-0	4-0-1
9/29	Adelphi		L 0-5	4-1-1
10/1	Army		W 2-1	5-1-1
10/4	Vassar		W 8-0	6-1-1
10/8	Columbia		W 2-0	7-1-1
10/16	Monmouth		L 2-3 (OT)	7-2-1
10/18	Union		W 4-2	8-2-1
10/19	Siena		W 2-0	9-2-1
10/21	Southampton		L 1-0	9-3-1
10/23	IONA		W 8-0	10-3-1
10/25	ST. JOHN'S		W 8-0	11-3-1
10/28	SUNY at FARMINGDALE *W 2-1			12-3-1

* Does not count in NCAA results

* Cortland State Tourney — Co-Champions