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PSC Rescinds Media Restrictions

By Tim Lapham

Any student attending a meeting of the Programs and Services Council can now leave the meeting before it is over, and without special permission from PSC Chairman Adam Cole. A week ago, such an action would not have been permissible under PSC's bylaws.

Ending a controversy over the conflict between its bylaws and the New York State Open Meetings Laws, PSC voted without opposition Thursday to rescind its "Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order."

The rules were proposed at PSC's October 9 meeting by then-PSC Vice Chairman Pat Flannery. Flannery was removed from PSC by the Polity Senate on Tuesday. The bylaw addition consisted of six rules, governing the access and recording of PSC meetings. One rule stated: "No observer may leave a PSC meeting except during a recess. A waiver of this provision may be granted by the chairperson of PSC. Members of the media must remain for the entire meeting so as to accurately report the events and motions of a meeting of the PSC."

During Tuesday's senate meeting, Polity President Marc Gunning said that the Polity Council had voted to recommend that PSC rescind its rules of public order, known to some as "Pat's Laws."

Also at Thursday's PSC meetings, the group Bible Talks failed to get full recognition, with no PSC member voting in favor of the motion to grant full recognition to the group. During its hearing, Bible Talks effectively threatened to sue PSC if it is not granted full recognition. PSC members, however, said they felt that granting Bible Talks full recognition would be in violation of the SUNY Chancellor's guidelines, which state that religious groups can't be funded with money that comes out of a mandatory student activity fee. According to Polity's lawyer, Bible Talks would have no legal grounds on which to build a case against PSC.

In other developments at the PSC meeting:

- Cole expressed marked dismay at the fact that PSC almost failed to grant provisional recognition to the Stony Brook Democrats. "I'm threatening to resign if this committee can't have a more open mind toward political groups," he said after the meeting. Traditionally, groups that take a partisan political stand have been granted provisional recognition. Currently, the College Republicans, the Red Balloon Collective, and the Democratic Socialist Forum all have provisional recognition.

- PSC Member Susanne Lai was elected as the Vice Chair of PSC, filling the vacancy left by Flannery's removal from PSC.



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PSC Chairman Adam Cole

'Cultic' Groups Discussed at Cult Awareness Day

By J. Hernandez

Mr. Gaylan, a former private investigator, discussed the role of "cultic groups" Thursday in the Fireside Lounge, as a part of an Emergency Seminar on Cults sponsored by the Lubavitch Student Organization.

"We all underestimate the real potential for danger from these types of groups," Gaylan said. "When we think about people from destructive cults, we tend to think of someone walking through the door with some knife in hand." But, he added, "The vast majority of people that become affiliated with groups as the Unification Church are nice people."

Kelly referred to the Unification Church as an example of a "cultic group." He said that it presents itself to the people as a persecuted group, telling the people, "trust us; don't be biased against us; don't be blind and prejudiced; we are not bad."

He explained that this tactic is used because "we don't want to blindly persecute or speak out against such a group... that might be something supposedly alien to what this country is all about."

The Unification Church is a religious group founded in 1952 by Reverend Sun Myung Moon as the Unification of World Christianity. It extends to more than 100 countries and is said to involve more than 3,000,000 believers.

Mr. Kelly categorized the group as a "pseudo-religious, destructive cult," meaning that the group uses a facade. "In the case of the Unification Church," he said, "that facade, that identity was a religious motive."

He explained that the facade was used to give the movement an identity and allow it "to move behind that facade." He also said "It was a vehicle for an organization to accomplish various things."

He added that there was a real difference between what the organization said it was about and what it was really doing.

He said that cultic organizations raise tremendous amounts of money. "What happens to this money?" he asked. The business entrepreneurs in the church, he said, had 1,000 people fund raising seven days a week. The minimum amount for each person was 200 dollars. "That's more

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Campus Concerned over Suicides

By Mike Manno

Two recent suicides and three suicide attempts at Stony Brook in the past four weeks have caused concern among both university officials and students.

In the past, the university has devoted attention to mental health and suicide prevention issues. "In July of this year a Mental Health Advisory Board, with representatives from various parts of the university, including University Counseling and the student-run Peer to Peer organization, was formed to better coordinate the delivery of mental health services to the campus," said Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Taube. On November 13, Residence Life professional staff held a meeting concerning suicide prevention.

The rise in suicides and attempts at Stony Brook reflect a growing problem nationwide. There are currently 12.5 suicides per 100,000 people in the U.S. Eighty suicides are reported daily, and there are approximately eight attempts for every successful suicide committed. The highest the rate reached in the U.S. was in 1933, during the Great Depression, with 57.4 suicides per 100,000 people. Worldwide, the U.S. suicide rate falls around the

middle, compared to the rates of other countries.

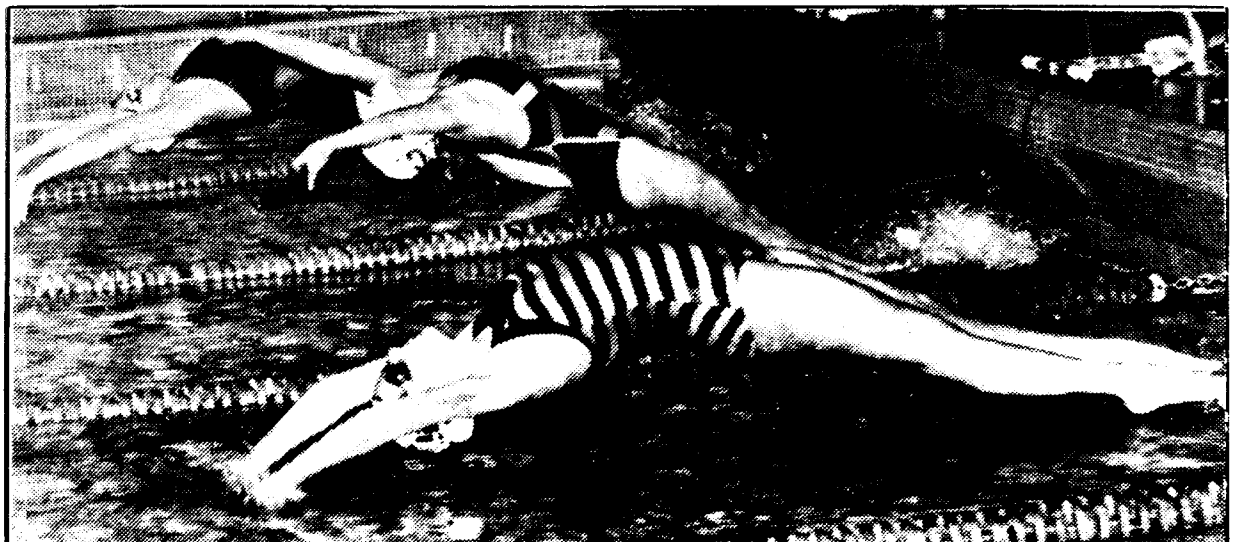
Austria has the highest rate, with 36.7 men and 14.7 women out of 100,000 people committing suicide. Ireland, with all of its inner turmoil, has the lowest suicide rate, with 6 men and 2 women per 100,000 people committing suicide.

In the 15-24 age group, the suicide rate has been increasing for the past 30 years, jumping approximately 150% since 1960. In 1960 there were 5.1 suicides per 100,000 youths.

According to statistics cited in the February 23, 1986, issue of *The New York Times* and those provided by Ann Bymes, the associate director of the University Counseling center, the rate in 1973 was 6.9 suicides per 100,000 youths. Overall, the suicide rate among younger people is increasing, while the rate of people above the age of 24 is decreasing.

The first of the recent suicides occurred on October 24, when a male student hanged himself in the boiler room in the basement of Light Engineering. Another male, a graduate student, died of a drug overdose in Stage XII on

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The Patriot Swimmers dive toward an easy defeat over Queens College last week. See story on page 20.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 24

QUEEN KELLY: Unfinished silent film produced in 1928 by Joseph P. Kennedy and starring Gloria Swanson. Finished and released in 1985. 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Stony Brook Union Auditorium. 50¢ with SB ID, \$1 without.

RECITAL: Oboist Paul Clive performing works by Telemann, Kupferman, Schumann and Ibert. 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

LANGUAGE AND INTERCOURSE: Philosophy Club General Meeting. 4 p.m. in Room 201 of Harriman Hall.

Tuesday, November 25

ASIAN FESTIVAL FOOD FAIR: Sponsored by the Asian Student Association. Stony Brook Union Ballroom. Noon to 4 p.m. Asian Student Association Party 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HUGH BLOOMENFELD: Singing poet presented by the Poetry Center at noon, Room 239 of the Humanities Building.

THE RUSSIAN ICON: A lecture by Professor Rasio Dunater of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Presented by the Slavic Club. Library N3063 at 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: vs. Southampton. Home. 6 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING: vs. Saint John's. Away. 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26

DONAL HALL POETRY: Poetry Center VCR Series. 4:30 p.m. in the Poetry Center. Room 239, Humanities Building.

RECITAL: Pianist Douglas Marks performing works by Rachmaninoff, Grieg, Haydn, and Bolling. 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Thursday, November 27

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Around Campus

Historian's Book Earns Special Honor

A book by a Stony Brook historian has been awarded an annual prize for scholarly publication by the New Jersey Historical Commission.

The 1986 Richard P. McCormick Prize went to *Scotland and Its First American Colony, 1683-1760*, by Ned Landsman, an associate professor of history at Stony Brook. The commission wrote to Landsman: "The review committee found your work on Scottish ethnic identity a path-breaking achievement in the use of archival material relevant to New Jersey History. They congratulate you for writing a book which most colonial historians believed could not be written due to the poor state of pre-revolutionary New Jersey records."

French Professor Garners Language Awards

Joseph Tursi, a professor of French and Italian at Stony Brook, has received

the 1987 Italo Ponterotto Memorial Award from Iona College. The award recognizes Tursi's contributions in promoting foreign language study.

Tursi, former chairman of French and Italian studies at Stony Brook, has received numerous awards for his extended distinguished work in foreign languages. In 1975, he earned the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and in 1974 received the *Chavalier des Ordres Plumes Academiques* from the government in France. He also has been chairman or president of several foreign language associations in New York State and in the Northeast.

Head of Radiation Oncology Appointed

Allen Meek, a professor in Stony Brook's School of Medicine has been reappointed for a three year term as head of the Department of Radiation Oncology. Meek will serve through 1989. Meek came to Stony Brook from Johns Hopkins

University where he served concurrently in the departments of oncology, medicine and radiology.

Professor Receives Engineering Award

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers has honored Velio Marsocci, a professor of engineering, with its Region I Award for "professionalism in engineering education, research and development of electronic and magnetic devices, and services to the Institute and the National Society of Physical Engineers."

Marsocci came to Stony Brook in 1965 and has served as chairman of the Department of Electrical Science and acting dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science. He has received numerous awards for his work in the field, and performed research on bioengineering under a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Across the Nation

Hell's History To Be Taught at Arizona University

Students at the University of Arizona will get to take "History of Hell," a look at "hell's intellectual and philosophical origins in antiquity, starting around 7 B.C."

Radical Wisconsin Students Push for Terrorism Discussion

Trying to "stimulate discussion" of terrorism, University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse dorm residents staged a "mock raid." They held staff members hostage for two and a half hours and "extorted" fifty dollars from them before setting them free. As a final gesture, the students donated the fifty dollars to the local Red Cross. However, the Red Cross chapter said it may return the money because, as Red Cross Chairman Tom Zurbriggen explained, its "a disservice to have [our] name linked to terrorism, regardless of the scale or intent."

Anti-Apartheid Activists Score Major Victory

Anti-apartheid activists on American campuses won major victories last week when a string of corporate giants: GM, Honeywell, IBM, Coke and Warner Com-

munications, announced they were pulling out of segregationist South Africa. Some schools noted that, in light of the South Africa exodus of the blue-chip companies, their holdings in apartheid-related firms had fallen without their having sold a share. No one really knows how much American schools' investment in firms that do business in South Africa fell as a result of the corporate exodus.

Anne Griffin, of the Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC) — a Washington, D.C. group that tracks the South African operations of U.S. firms, said American colleges have already sold about \$600 million, out of a total \$7 billion investment in stock, in firms that do business in South Africa. But Griffin says its too early to calculate just how much less in South African investments the schools will have, due to corporate withdrawals.

SAINTS ask for \$4 Billion For Defense of Universe

Best New Student Group of the Week: At Maryland, the student government funded the 200-member SAINT (Students Against Intelligent Nonterrestrials). SAINT originally asked for 4 billion dol-

lars in funding, mostly to develop a particle-beam weapon to fight aliens, plus \$4,900 for a barbecue, but got only one dollar to buy matches. President Eric Celarier won't give up. "We'll hit them over the head with beer bottles if that's what it takes."

Late Furniture Deliveries Cost NC State \$9,500

North Carolina State says it will give dorm residents five dollars compensation for each piece of room furniture delayed at the beginning of the semester. In all, the giveback — prompted by late deliveries by the Thonet Industries — could cost NCSU \$9,500. NCSU, in turn, promises to withhold that much from its payments to Thonet.

'Lazer Tag' Company Starts National Championship

The company that makes "Lazer Tag" has started a 16-college national championship tournament, culminating in a final showdown on December 3, in Los Angeles. Members of the winning team get free trips to MTV's New Year's Eve party in New York.

The Weather Corner By Adam Schneider

One of the most popular debates today concerns the future of Planet Earth. Will we be moving towards an Ice Age or will a gradual warming of the globe take place? Many scientists believe the latter is true and they support the theory of the "greenhouse effect."

Due to the increased usage of fossil fuels over the past century (coal, oil, carbon compounds), an increasing amount of carbon dioxide gas has been placed into the upper atmosphere. And the amount continues to become greater with each passing day. What results is a continuous layer of carbon dioxide surrounding the earth. The sun's rays can penetrate through this gas and eventually reach the surface. In addition, much sunlight is reflected back up.

Normally, the reflected light rays are dissipated into space. However, the growing carbon dioxide layer can serve to inhibit the solar rays that are leaving

the earth. The end result is that more rays return to the surface, warming the atmosphere. A greenhouse operates on much the same principle, permitting plants to grow during the middle of the winter in large glass enclosures.

Although the effects of this phenomenon will not be seen overnight, long-term effects may be serious. As little as a three-degree warming of the earth could melt much of the polar ice caps, causing a rise in ocean levels. If the oceans rise, Long Island — and many coastal communities of the world — could be under water. In addition, global climates would change, causing worldwide food problems. For example, the United States grain belt would shift up into the prairies of neighboring Canada.

In order to prevent all of this from happening, tougher restrictions must be placed on fuel usage. Otherwise, we might find ourselves going to the beach

upstate!

Now, over the next several days, our homes will not become submerged. Conditions will also not be nearly as extreme as last week either. In fact, Tuesday night's snowfall (which was accompanied by lightning and thunder) marked the earliest accumulation for the area in nearly thirty years. Some towns in northern Connecticut even had one foot — and don't forget that it's only November! After a fair and mild weekend, the threat of a shower will return either today or tonight. This should be followed by partly cloudy and seasonable temperatures for Tuesday and Wednesday, with highs of 45-50 degrees and overnight lows around 30 degrees. The weather pattern, however, should once again become quite active again during Thanksgiving Break and for those of you going upstate, some snowflakes may be seen this weekend! Have a good holiday.

Society of Engineers Hosts Seminar on Careers

By Denise DeLonzo

The student chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers hosted an Engineering and Applied Sciences Career Awareness Seminar Thursday.

Eight Speakers from various aspects of engineering lectured on several topics.

Peter Dutton, from Grumman System Aircraft Division, spoke about the importance of summer jobs and internships. He stressed how necessary it is for students to try their hardest to obtain some type of job experience related to their field of study. He stated that many companies screen applicants on grade point averages alone. Many students seemed distressed with his statement, but he also mentioned that involvement in activities dealing with their major could also be a factor in obtaining jobs.

Stony Brook's Career Development Office sent a representative, Peter Burke, to talk about interviews and resumes. He informed the students of some of the functions which the Career Development Office offers. He urged students to come to the office and make appointments to take classes which deal with the basics of going on interviews and writing resumes.

A highlight of the seminar was the inspiration provided by Harold Dombeck, a vice president of H2M Corporation. He discussed his rise in ranks and involvement as an executive member of the NSPE, on both a local and state level. He encouraged young engineering students to improve their skills in communications.

Professor Velio Marsocci, from the Electrical Engineering Department here at Stony Brook, lectured on engineers going into education. He mentioned the importance of students going on to receive their masters and PhDs. He shared his experiences with the students on being a faculty member and

teacher of engineering.

Another representative of the engineering field was Joel Schachter, of Grumman Corporation. The advantages and disadvantages of working in large and small companies was covered. He advised the students to thoroughly research a company in which the student was interested in being

employed.

Gregg Jackson, President of NSPE, who coordinated the three hour seminar, was very pleased with the turnout. "I was glad to see a huge number of students attend. I felt the program was very comprehensive and the students were able to absorb invaluable information from these speakers who had

much to offer." He felt the question and answer period was very enlightening, for it enabled students to interact directly with the lecturers.

Bruce Katz, a sophomore engineer, said, "I gained an insight into the variety of fields of engineering which a person could pursue, and I now feel I have a better direction in this major."

Health Plan Proposed at Roundtable

By Mary Lou Lang

The Student Leaders Round Table met Thursday to discuss a new student health insurance policy proposed by the Graduate Student Organization.

GSO Vice-president Sandra Hinson said that the current policy is directed toward the needs of undergraduates and does not fit the graduate students' needs. She said that GSO would like to negotiate with the Faculty Student Association for a better plan, but "there is a limit to what we can get." Another alternative GSO wants to pursue is a state-subsidized mandatory plan for full-time graduate students, Hinson said. The plan must be mandatory, she said, to guarantee a large group of participants, thus allowing for cheaper rates.

Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, said that he supports the pursuit of "a more meaningful health insurance policy for graduate students." However, he said that there are many undergraduates with the same needs as the graduate students. He questions a policy that "would take care of part of the group and not the other because of the arbitrary distinction that one is a graduate and the other is an undergraduate." Preston said that a plan which would satisfy both graduate and undergraduates is needed.

Polity President Marc Gunning expressed his disagreement with a mandatory subsidized plan. A mandatory plan would not benefit most undergraduates, he said,

because they are covered under their parents' health insurance and therefore do not need a plan of their own. "There are undergraduates who do need, not a mandatory plan, but a good health plan," Gunning said. If the GSO asked for state funds to subsidize the plan, he said that he would "request that the access be open to all students."

Hinson said that the GSO would like the administration to support their pursuit of an adequate plan. She said that the state is more apt to talk to administration than to GSO.

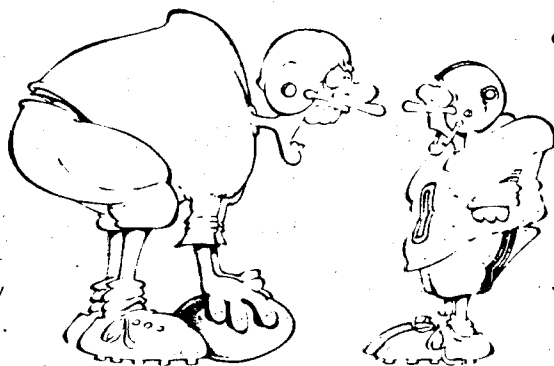
Preston said that GSO should outline exactly what they would propose doing and also include the weaknesses of the current insurance policy.

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than a million dollars a week. More than what many companies make," he said.

In 1982 Rev. Moon was convicted of tax evasion, sentenced to 18 months in prison, and fined \$25,000.

"Destructive cult groups are very survivalist," Gaylan said, referring to the shift in policy that the Unification Church made after the financial scandals were uncovered. "A new organization comes along called Causa which is a front organization for the Unification Church as much as CARP is," he said.

CARP, the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, recently stirred up some controversy on campus when it tried to get provisional recognition from polity.

Besides the business entrepreneurs in the church, Kelly cited another group: the "political entrepreneurs" or "political intriguers." He said they are used to accomplish political goals.

He said that whenever the South Korean government wanted to make a policy statement, the "moonies" were called to protest or demonstrate. He also mentioned that when funds were cut off several years ago to supply what he called "pro-American paramilitary groups in Latin America, suddenly Causa showed up with an "awful lot of money and airplanes."

Kelly said that right now "they need members, they have a problem with membership, and they are very actively coming back into campuses." He added that "the campuses want to be very liberal and open-minded and accepting, not recognizing the dangers, and we are going back to some of the problems we had 10 years ago."

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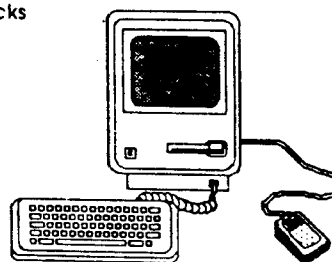
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Counseling Services Are Available to Campus

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November 11. Three female students have attempted suicide but survived the attempts after being treated at the University Hospital.

Why has there been such a large rise in the numbers of suicides among American youths? Many possible reasons have been offered, such as an increase in pressure on young people to achieve a high status in life, and a rise in the divorce rate, leading to a rise in the number of single parent homes.

"The campus has 16,000 students, all of which have the same human problems as any other people in the world. They bring them to the university with them and then academic work and pressures are added on top of these," Byrnes said. A university the size of Stony Brook averages between one and two suicides per year. This yearly average has been reached only 2½ months into the school year. Suicide affects people of every different level of society. It is not restricted by a person's status. It is caused by how a person feels about himself and how he perceives his personal situation to be. If he cannot seem to change his situation, he may decide to end his pain by ending his

Many students are not aware of the recent suicides and attempts. "I have only heard of one suicide," said James Gill, a sophomore. "I think that they look at [their problems] all together and it overwhelms them. They should take one thing at a time, and get help if they need it."

In some instances there are warning signs that indicate a depressed or suicidal person. Sudden changes in behavior, mood swings, loss of appetite, talking about suicide or an obsession with death are many times displayed by depressed persons. These are not always definite signs of a suicidal person. Often it is the person who never seems to have a problem he can't handle who attempts suicide. Many times these people feel that if they seek help they will not be looked upon positively by their peers. This is because they feel they are admired for their strength.

"It is important for them to realize that it is not a sign of

weakness to seek help," Byrnes said. Often there is no way to tell beforehand that a person is suicidal.

"Most suicidal people are undecided about living or dying and by attempting suicide are crying out for help," she said. It is important to try and help people before they reach this stage. It is not always clear whether or not a person is suicidal, but it is better to err on the side of safety and talk to them about what is troubling them, she said. People who talk about possibly committing suicide should always be taken seriously, Byrnes said. "People generally do talk in the early stages." Talking to a person openly about suicide, she said, does not "put ideas into his head." This misunderstanding arises from studies done that show that publication of stories concerning suicides sometimes has an effect on the number of suicides committed. This may occur due to the fact that when a potentially suicidal person reads about how many other people are taking their own lives, it makes the idea of committing suicide a possible reality.

"Discussing suicide and suicidal feelings helps to relieve anxieties and can lead to a solution that helps the person," Byrnes said. When another person is involved in discussing problems, it gives the suicidal person a different viewpoint on his situation, which can be very important. But false reassurances like: "Don't worry, things will get better," may not do much to improve the situation. It is a sign to the person that you do not understand how overwhelming their problems are to them.

"Do not argue with a suicidal person," is often the advice to friends dealing with such situations. Do not say: "There are other people far worse off than you," as it may only make the person feel worse. It is determined by how a person perceives himself to be, not how others perceive him to be.

Campus counseling centers offer help for people in need of support, when friends do not feel capable of handling the responsibility alone. "Many times, friends of a depressed person will come in and talk to us about what they should do," Byrnes said. "If we can get the person to come in and talk to us, we will help them." People who are suicidal do not necessarily feel that way

for the rest of their lives. It is more commonly a temporary feeling due to extreme anxiety, that, with counseling, can be overcome permanently. "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem," Byrnes said. By committing suicide, a person forfeits any chance he may have had to be happy later on in life.

If you or someone you know is feeling troubled or depressed, or if you would just like to talk to someone about how you are feeling about relationships, grades, or any other problems, the University Counseling Center offers guidance. Located behind the Stony Brook Union, on the second floor of the Infirmary building, it is open on a walk-in basis between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by calling 632-6720. On your initial visit you can talk with a counselor and, if you wish, set up a schedule for seeing a counselor weekly.

"Many times the first visit helps to clear the problem up significantly," said Blossom Silberman, a counselor at the Center.

There is also help available at Peer to Peer, located in room 061 in the basement of the Stony Brook Union. Peer to Peer is a student-run organization. They are also available on a walk-in basis. The hours are posted on the door. Both of these services are free of charge.

The psychiatry department of University Hospital is on call 24 hours a day. If there is a problem, call your RHD, he or she will call a senior administrator, who will call the psychiatrist on duty. If you or a person you know is feeling suicidal you can go to the emergency room at the University Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. There is a fee. Call the Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 6-2222 or 2-8888. "We'll take anybody to the Hospital anytime," said Ed Thomajan, Deputy Chief of the Ambulance Corps. "We are on call 24 hours a day, seven days week"

If someone has attempted suicide, call the Ambulance Corps directly. There is also Response Hotline operating 24 hours a day. It is operated by trained people, many from the University. The hotline number is 751-7500.

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Even CARP Deserves Protection Under the Law

The recent dispute over whether Polity should recognize CARP, an organization closely affiliated with Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, has become overcomplicated with arguments that have little or no bearing on the reality of the issue.

Polity has created a set of parameters and guidelines that any club must meet and obey to be a recognized club on campus. Not only must these rules be observed in the dispute over the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, but the laws and precedents of the United States must be studied and followed as well. In particular, those people opposing recognition of CARP must remember the right of members of all religions to be treated equally, and the legal fact that, in the United States, a person (or group of people) is innocent until proven guilty.

It is difficult for every person to investigate fully a situation such as this before making a decision. Most people rely on secondhand information and "common sense." This is perfectly acceptable for

the individual who is deciding how to live his or her own life. But those who enforce the rules of the student government, as well as those of the federal government, must remember that they are not deciding for themselves alone. Their decisions will affect thousands of students, and must be based on more than "common sense."

It was to protect the people from "common sense" that certain rights have been declared undeniable, because "common sense" does not always make sense, especially when looked at in retrospect. Thus, despite the evidence gathered against the Unification Church, and despite the misrepresentation that has significantly marred CARP's reputation on campus, CARP must be treated as any other prospective club *until proven guilty*. If the Programs and Services Council discovers that signatures on CARP's petition must be voided, they must treat the situation as they would if the Kayak Club came up five signatures short.

CARP's methods are undeniably underhanded. The evidence of misrepresentation by CARP members — not telling prospective recruits of the

group's affiliations with the Moonies — give cause to doubt CARP's motives as well. If CARP's motives are even vaguely similar to Reverend Moon's, then students should turn their backs on the Moonies when they come recruiting for their next rally in New York City. But unless CARP is proven guilty of a crime or violates a guideline strictly observed by all other campus organizations, it must be left up to the students to protect themselves from the misguided beliefs of CARP members.

In this regard, the government of the student body at Stony Brook has a legal obligation to protect CARP from the overwhelming majority of students who would see it banned from campus, just as the government of the people of the United States must protect the Unification Church from those who would see it eradicated. No matter what "common sense" says, the law must prevail. Sadly, the law sometimes must protect a bad ideal despite overwhelming popular objection, so that it may someday protect a good ideal from an overwhelming case of misguided "common sense."

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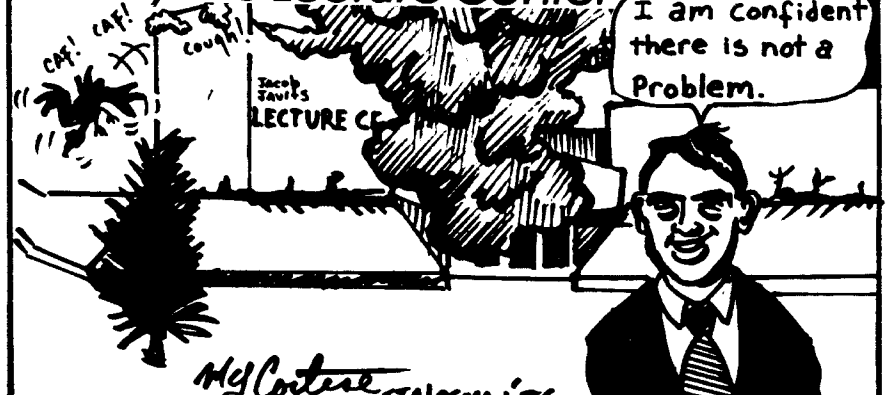
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Education, Culture Both Partners in 'Partisan' Clubs

By Adam Cole

Earlier this semester the Programs and Services Council passed a motion which basically stated

A Partisan Political clubs will be interpreted by PSC as being those clubs which, as a club, support a singular, political ideology.

These clubs deemed partisan political will be considered for provisional recognition and, after obtaining this form of recognition, may be granted money for a special event. A special event must be educational and/or cultural etc., and must also allow for opposing viewpoints to be heard if this special event is a speaker or a film.

In the opinion of PSC the clubs which fall into this category would have the ability to educate the campus community as well as provide open forums of debate. Their rights of speech and assembly would never be restricted as these provisionally recognized clubs would be permitted to meet in Student Union rooms; free of charge. Their guest speakers, or club members themselves would be able to exchange ideas and provide each other with worthwhile learning experiences. Clubs such as Red Balloon, The College Republicans, Democratic Socialists of America, as well as many other clubs within the "provisional recognition" category would be able to show movies and have guest speakers, courtesy of PSC. So long as the special event funding does not fund a political candidate, PSC under its own guidelines would fund what many people would call "political" events.

Many "political" club members, upon hearing of these guidelines, ask about the reasoning behind them; a viable question indeed. It was the opinion of

PSC that, although educational opportunities should not be hindered by a lack of funds, namely those funds provided by PSC, the budgets of these "political" clubs should, though, be restricted. If

Although the money would not be funneled directly to the candidate, it could be used to openly support an ideology which would enhance a candidate's political support; similar to the way a Politi-

"denominational" religious clubs. Clubs such as CARP, Campus Crusade for Christ, Lubavich and Bible Talks have the opportunity for provisional recognition and further opportunity for special event funding. The idea of including these clubs within the guidelines is so a religious group would not use PSC-allocated money to support religious activity on campus; such as prayer sessions. These groups, though, could receive funding if a special event sponsored by the "religious" club was deemed cultural or educational. PSC's job is not to limit political, religious, or cultural education but instead to aid in its ability to expand the university experience.

In conclusion it should be known that PSC has yet to, this year, deny any club of at least provisional recognition and/or deny any club an opportunity to obtain funding for a special event deemed cultural or educational. In fact, PSC encourages any non-linebudget club to appear for hearings for funding special events and to obtain club recognition.

To date PSC has provisionally recognized these "political" clubs DSA, Progressive Zionists of Stony Brook, Red Balloon, College Republicans, and others. To date PSC has provisionally recognized religious clubs deemed denominational Bible Talks, Campus Crusade for Christ, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, CARP and others. To date PSC has gladly funded educational events such as Mike Morgan, a speaker sponsored by Red Balloon. If any club or event has been forgotten, please accept my apologies. If your "political" or "denominational" club is having a special event, by all means bring it to PSC's attention.

(The writer is the chairman on PSC.)

'In the opinion of PSC the clubs which fall into this category would have the ability to educate the campus community as well as provide open forums of debate.'

PSC were to fund "political" clubs for office supplies, club publications and trips, which only included political activity, PSC would be funding equipment and opportunities to possibly aid in a political candidate's or political party's support.

cal Action Committee operates. Although the money might not be used directly to aid in a candidate's support, it is the indirect aid with which PSC concerns itself on this issue.

These guidelines similarly apply to

'Contract of Terror' Has Some Explosive Results

By Jim Genova

The recent arms deal with Iran brought to the public's eye, once again, the U.S. government's longstanding involvement in international terrorism. This deal of "Death and Terror" left a great many people stunned and amazed in this country and around the globe. A few people, however, including myself, were not surprised by this latest act of terror perpetrated by two of the chief proponents of terrorism in the world today. Nevertheless, this corrupt bargain does raise a few questions which necessitate immediate responses. Why was this deal kept so secret that not even President Reagan's top cabinet members knew about it? What does Reagan expect to get out of this mortifying contract of terror? Is this deal of terror legal and consistent with U.S. government policy? These are a few of the more immediate questions raised in the aftermath of the "Contract of Terror."

First let's explore the many and varied reasons why this despotic act was kept under such tight wraps. One reason is that Reagan was afraid of the public's reaction to such an agreement. He was waiting to inform the public on his own terms when he had all of his propaganda mechanisms properly set for his big announcement. This, of course, backfired when the Iranian Speaker of the Parliament leaked the news before Reagan was ready. Many American people still remember the hostage crisis, as played up by the capitalist media, which turned a real-life situation into a soap-opera, and Reagan knew that most people would not take kindly to the U.S. government giving Iran weapons. As it turns out, the people of the world are not happy with this criminal action. There has been nothing but universal condemnation of Reagan on all fronts. These are just a few of the major reasons why Reagan made his deal in the back alleys.

Now let's examine what Reagan expected to get out of

this roll in the sheets with the Ayatollah. Reagan publicly stated that he was trying to influence the moderate forces in Iran's government and help them to power. He also said that he was trying to bring about an end to the six-year Iran-Iraq war. So much for Reagan's lies, now let's look at reality. To speak of moderates in the Iranian government and in Iran generally is like saying there are communists in Reagan's cabinet. The main political currents in Iran are Fundamentalist Islamic, communist, staunch monarchist, and fascist, none of which are moderate. Even the President of Iran said that all they wanted were the weapons and spare parts; they are not the least bit interested in bettering relations with a nation they've labeled as the product of the Devil. Also, how could the U.S. be ending the war by supplying both sides? The U.S. supplies Iraq's entire air force and now gives Iran ground weapons like anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles. What Reagan really wants is another colony in Iran. Under the Shah U.S. capitalists bought up Iran piecemeal. The Ayatollah threw them out. Now Reagan wants to put his puppets in power and return Iran to the old days of the Shah. The Iranian people are firmly opposed to this and will never let the Shahs return. So much for Reagan's fantasies in this one night stand.

Now we must investigate whether this crypto-fascist act is legal and consistent with U.S. government policy. There is no question that this "Contract of Terror" is illegal. In 1981 Reagan himself made it illegal to sell, ship or give weapons to Iran. I guess he feels that since it was his law he can break it at will. Investigations are being launched in Congress, there is talk of impeachment proceedings starting, and some prominent cabinet members have openly talked of resigning. Though this diabolical deed is illegal it is nevertheless consistent with U.S. government policy. It is an internationally accepted fact that the U.S. government is the most

extensive terrorist organization on Earth. The U.S. backs terrorists in El Salvador (death squads), Nicaragua (contras), Angola (colonialist-UNITA), South Africa (apartheid government), and so on across the planet. The U.S. has also committed direct acts of terrorism; bombing of Libya, invasion of Grenada, bombing and invasion of Lebanon; need I go on? As for lying and keeping secrets, this is nothing new. Nixon lied about bombing Cambodia, Laos, North Vietnam. The CIA lied in Indonesia over a coup attempt in 1965 and that led to 1.5 million people being murdered. The government covered up the existence of Japanese concentration camps in the U.S. during World War II. Recently the U.S. lied about Libya being involved in the Berlin Disco bombing and the U.S. proceeded to murder Libyans. The U.S. recently lied about Nicaragua saying that genocide was being committed by the Sandinistas. A congressional intelligence committee found the CIA's evidence to be bogus and a complete fabrication. Thus, even though this dastardly deal is illegal, it is business as usual for the U.S. government alias Terrorism Inc.

So, Reagan has given bombs to Iran so they can kill more American and other people, he has lied, he has committed and sponsored terrorist atrocities, he has broken the law, and is consistent with U.S. government policy what are we to do about it? We can put a stop to it right now! We must be committed to respecting the rights of other people to self-determination and we must hold the U.S. government accountable for its actions. It is time that we (the students, workers, and farmers), rise up and remove those who commit atrocities in our names and then exploit us at every chance they get. We have to say: NO MORE and then DO something about it. It is time for direct action against the murderous Capitalist pigs. All power to the PEOPLE!

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

Letters

What Is 'Good Taste'?

To the Editor:

What movies Daka chooses to serve with dinner is probably the most insignificant issue surrounding food at Stony Brook. You won't find me eating any "unidentifiable vegetable." Remember, even though you may witness a DWI movie at the cafeteria, you are not at the time actually confronted with "roadside carnage." It seems to me that good taste must include seriousness and relevance rather than frivolity and distraction. What is good taste anyway? Mutilation and eating are *not* contrary facets of life, as anyone at all in touch with reality can tell you. The idea of replacing meaningful information with animated fiction offends me. What could be more nauseating than Bugs Bunny (besides roller-coasters and Trix cereal)?

James Miller

Fumes Harmful Only to NYPIRG?

To the Editor:

In the November 13 *Statesman*, Bob Francis is quoted as having said that "the only people who were placed in any danger [from asbestos in the lecture center] were the people from NYPIRG." Something about this struck me as rather odd, and at first I told myself that *Statesman* must have misquoted Dr. Francis. *Statesman* has been known to misquote people. But then I remembered that when talking to Dr. Francis, anyone with any sense has been sure to carry a tape recorder of late. So that was out.

The problem was, other people besides NYPIRG people were in the room in question. I was in there, so was Bill Wiesner (president of UUP), and Marc Gunning. Then I remembered something else: undergraduates, graduates, bleeding hearts, union leaders, we all look alike to Dr. Francis, and I felt better.

But wait. Other people were in that room too: George Marshall (head of Environmental Health and Safety), Warren Randall (the building manager), Ted Goldfarb (professor of Chemistry), Paul Chase (assistant to President Marburger). *We were all in there together.* Why, out of all these people, were only the people from NYPIRG in danger? Everyone in there was exposed to the asbestos. Then it hit me: if we were all exposed to the asbestos, and only the NYPIRG people were in danger, *then the danger must not come from the asbestos!*

Where though? Francis implies that the danger was a direct result of NYPIRG people having been in that room, yet many other people were in there too. This sort of mysterious selectivity admits of only one plausible explanation. The source of the danger must be Dr. Francis himself, and his statement is actually a thinly veiled threat.

There really is no other possibility, unless... unless Dr. Francis was

lying. Unless he was promoting, for political reasons, a calculated misconception as to just who entered that room, in order to make NYPIRG appear irresponsible.

Nah, Bob Francis wouldn't lie. He's a vice-president of the university. It *must* have been a threat.

Chris Vestuto
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John P. McAndrew

There is A Cure for Bigotry

To the Editor:

There is a disease at Stony Brook. One which has the potential to strike any person, at any time. It is evident in our classrooms, in administration and throughout the student body; it is the disease called bigotry. It is a social disease that takes hold of a person, regardless of his or her education, social standing or political ideology. And there is a cure.

The Members and Friends of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance are dedicated to the concept of liberation through education. We firmly believe that once the step is taken to explore the unknown, confront the phobia concerning sexuality and deal with the related issues in a mature, intellectual fashion, the bigotry can be overcome. All we ask is that an attempt be made on the part of those who suffer from this tragic disease.

Perhaps when people look into their own personal and collective histories and recall the brutal oppression they suffered and have since overcome, and then attempt

to overcome the bigotry that exists within them now, greater strides can be made on the path to equality in America.

On December 4, GALA will be sponsoring a forum on Homosexuality and Homophobia. Mary Fridley, chairperson of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the New Alliance Party, will be our guest speaker; additionally, there will be a showing of the video "Homosexuality and Homophobia: A Dialogue Between Clinicians and Educators, Gay and Straight," produced by the New York Institute for Social Therapy and Research.

We invite all members of the campus and surrounding community to join us on December 4, at 8 p.m. in the Graduate Student Organization Lounge for this thought-provoking forum. For more info call GALA at 632-6469.

And remember: You're never too progressive to be a bigot!

Raymond Melville
GALA Co-chair

From Failing Health To Failing Grades

To the Editor:

What is a student to do about the inconveniences of the lecture hall fire? It was bad enough that we were subjected to possible toxic fumes. Now that our health isn't threatened anymore, it's time for our GPA to be affected. Because of this fire, classes are now being held in such famous "classrooms" as the Union Auditorium and Lecture Hall 105. What's the deal? These "classrooms" are not conducive to learning. The Union Auditorium hasn't any desks and Lecture Hall 105 is cluttered with 150 or so chairs crunched into a small space with a blackboard the size of my notebook. Well, I guess we can all blame the fire when our parents ask us about our GPAs.

Martin B. Weinbaum

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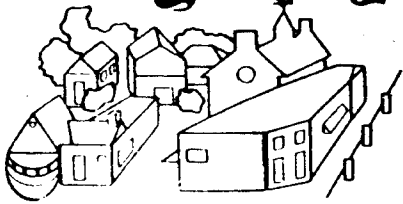
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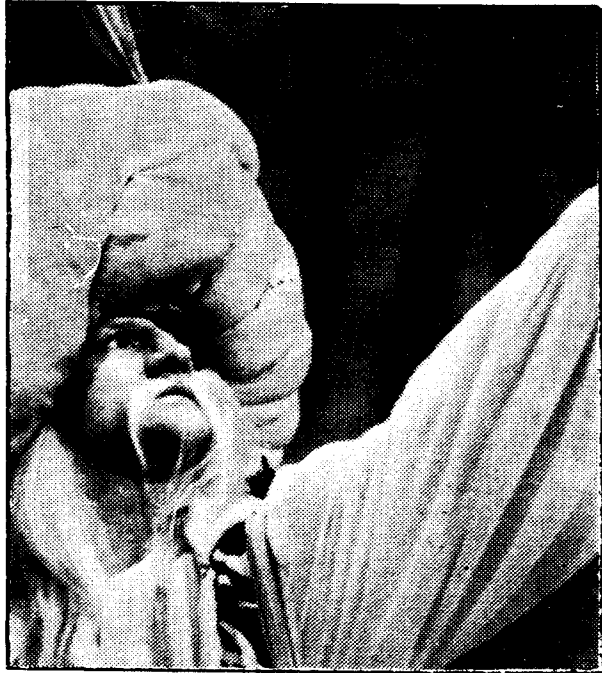
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Spring Movie Preview

By Eileen Nester

Just because it's Advance Registration time at Stony Brook does not mean that next semester's classes are all that you have to look forward to. Here is a brief listing of the movies that are in store:

***Modern Girls* features original music by Depeche Mode, Icehouse, Floy Joy, Toni Basil and Chris Isaak. It is a hip, romantic comedy starring Cynthia Gibb, Virginia Masden, Clayton Rohner and Daphne Zuniga.

***Nutmacker: The Motion Picture*, the ultimate Christmas spectacular, will be released November 26. This breathtaking visual experience is based on the timeless and classic story. It features the Pacific Northwest Ballet and the London Symphony Orchestra performing the original music of Tchaikovsky.

***The Adulteress* portrays a romantic triangle between a man, his wife and his brother. It stars Rachel Ward (*Against All Odds*), Bryan Brown (*Tai Pan, F/X*), and Sam Neill (*The Final Conflict*) and is due to be released January 16, 1987.

ary 16, 1987.

***The Fringe Dwellers* is a tender story about a girl's coming of age, based on the classic novel by Nene Gare. It is written and directed by Bruce Beresford (*Breaker Morant, Tender Mercies*) and is scheduled to be released in January, 1987.

***Wild Thing*, which will be released March 27, 1987, is written by John Sayles (*The Howling, Brother From Another Planet, Clan of the Cave Bear*). It tells the story of a small child, abandoned at birth and raised in the crime-ridden bowels of the street, who grows into an urban hero when he dramatically avenges his parents' death. It stars Rob Knepper, Kathleen Quinlan (*I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*), Betty Buckley (*Cats*) and Robert Davi.

And for those of you who want to get an early start on movies to be released next summer, keep a watch for *Teen Wolf II*, the anxiously awaited sequel to the enormously successful *Teen Wolf*.

Surely You Jest



Tim Lapham

At 3 p.m. — the height of the administrator's day (after lunch and coffee break, of course) — Stony Brook's top administrators go behind closed doors to discuss the most important matters of the day.

As the meeting room door on the third floor of the administration building slammed shut, I snuck in and positioned myself at the keyhole.

The room was silent for a moment and then I heard the banging of a gavel. "All rise," said Vice President for Administration Carl Hanes. "His honor, University President, Master Filibuster and Mr. Wishy Washy 1986, John H. Marburger III, is about to enter." The room was silent again.

Hanes coughed nervously. "Um, I'm not sure where Jack is at the moment, but I'm sure he'll—"

"Psssttt..." I heard Provost Jerry Schubel whisper to Hanes. "He's still at home helping his wife come up with some new recipes."

"I have just been informed," Hanes said loudly, "that Dr. Marburger is engaged in highly complex biochemical experiments."

"Now, onto the business at hand," Hanes said, turning to Vice President for Campus Operations Robert Francis. "All right Bob, perhaps you can

give us a run-down on the current state of the campus."

"It sucks," Francis said.

"Well as long as everything's normal, we'll just move right along."

"Wait a minute. Let me tell you why."

"Okay Bob. Why?"

"Too many students."

"Come again?"

"Too damn many students. I mean, I get paid a measly \$1,394 a week, I only have \$6 or \$7 million bucks to work with, and these ungrateful students do nothing but complain about no hot water and unliveable dorm conditions!"

"Daaammnnn it!" Vice President for Student Affairs Fred Preston interjected. "My buddy Bob is right! I can't stand those stupid kids! They drink too much," he screamed as he quaffed an entire can of Foster's Lager.

Hanes coughed nervously. "Uh, thank you Dr. Francis and Dr. Preston, for sharing—"

"And another thing," Francis continued, "What's all this hulabaloo about the fire in the lecture center?"

"Well you see, Bob," Hanes said. "It seems the students are a bit miffed over your handling of the toxic fumes tests, especially with regard to your

statement that you're 'confident that there is not a problem' with toxic fumes."

"I am confident there's no problem! So what's a few allergic reactions got to do with anything? Hell, even if they buy the farm because they were exposed to toxicity, it won't be for years, and I'll probably be retired by then!"

Just then, Dr. Marburger stumbled in the side door, spilling coffee on the rug. "Sorry I'm late," he said, walking to his throne.

"Uh, Dr. Marburger," Hanes stammered, "the staff was just discussing the recent conflict between Bob and the students."

"I see," Marburger said. "Well, form a committee to look into the matter."

"Committee?" Francis yelled. "Who needs a committee? Just turn their hot water off one cold winter night, and you watch their piddling demands go out the window!"

Hanes coughed. "Moving right along."

"And let me tell you something else about these whining students," Francis said.

"Uh, Dr. Francis, we really must—" "Shut up Carl, or I'll let your wife know about the film I made of you at the Gold Key Motel!"

"Here, here!" shouted his majesty King Marburger. "This meeting is getting us nowhere! Now then, what I want to know is—"

The side door opened with a crash, and two public safety officers ran in. "Dr. Marburger, Dr. Marburger," they shouted. "The students are rioting; a tornado swept away the lecture center; a fire broke out in the library and burned all the books to a crisp; some kid from Pigs Knuckles, Arkansas, broke into the Univac system, transferred all our funds to an untraceable Swiss bank account and then crashed the system; and the liquid nitrogen tank next to the chem building blew up

and started a chain reaction in the nuclear accelerator!"

Marburger stared blankly at the two officers. "So?" he said. "Form a committee to look into it."

"Yes, sire," said the officers, closing the door quietly as they left the conference room.

"As for important matters," Marburger said, "Has anyone tracked down C.N. Yang yet?"

"Last I heard," Hanes said, "he was in Pismo Beach at a conference with some guys named Goldfinger, Blofeld and Dr. No. Something about starting World War III."

"Well, just as long as he makes it back here for our photo session next week. We don't pay him \$124,000 bucks a year for nothing!"

Hanes coughed fitfully. "The next order of business—"

"Wait a minute," Francis whispered. "I think I hear someone at the door." He ran across the room, flung open the door and discovered me crouched by the door.

"Aha!" he yelled. "And look who it is. Seize him!" he commanded, as several administrators grabbed me by the throat and heaved me out the third story window. Just before they slammed the window, as I was trying to pick my broken body up off the ground and slither home, I heard Marburger say to Preston: "Fred, can't you graduate that boy?"

(Last week, I incorrectly referred to Rich Cisak as a member of the College Republiclods. Mr. Sicksack is not a member of the College Republiclods. He is, however, a member of the Republiclod Party, an utterly ineffective, arrogant and obnoxious member of PSC who joined Polity only to enhance his resume, and should be driven from town, stripped naked, whipped, beaten, and of course, ground to the consistency of tomato paste and fed to stray dogs.)

Catching Up on Stony Brook's Carriage Collection

By Eileen Solomon

A new catalog called *The Carriage Collection* is now available to the public through The Museums at Stony Brook. It is a comprehensive catalog that illustrates 80 of the finest horse-drawn vehicles in America. The book gives an overview of the The Museums' internationally acclaimed carriage collection along with the history of the museum and its founder, Ward Melville. The book also provides its readers with a history of the Carriage Era, which ran from 1700 to 1910.

The publication features pleasure driving and coachman-driven vehicles, personal and public transportation vehicles, and freight and trade wagons. A Gypsy wagon, fire-fighting apparatus, European carriages and sleighs are also featured in the book, which is illustrated with 92 black and white photographs, as well as 18 full-color photographs that were specially taken for the project. The descriptions of the illustrations that are included give the reader an idea of the diversity of The Museums' fine carriage collection.

The editor of *The Carriage Journal*, Tom Ryder, has reviewed the book and says that the new catalog is "more than a simple inventory." Many books have been published about carriages but most of them illustrate European carriages. "Few have made much mention of the special types that developed in America and in no other publication are they described and illustrated so well," Ryder says.

A copy of *The Carriage Collection* can be ordered from The Museum Store, which is located at 1208 Route 25A, Stony Brook. A grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is a federal agency, made publication of the catalog possible.

The Carriage Museum, which opened in 1951, was started by Ward Melville of Stony Brook and originally housed his private collection of public, pleasure and trade vehicles which are some of the best

examples of early transportation in the United States. Mr. Melville started to preserve artifacts from the horse-drawn era with his consultant, Richard McCandless Gipson in the 1940's. Eighty-five other donors have since contributed other carriages, wagons and sleighs making the collection the best carriage collection in America.

A new 40,000 square-foot Carriage Museum is now under construction and will open in the spring of 1987. The new facility will provide year-round exhibitions on the history of horse-drawn transportation. Currently, 250 horse-drawn vehicles remain in storage.

An article in *American Horseman* portrayed the Stony Brook Carriage Museum

as "a trip backward in time to a gentler, less tumultuous era than our own. In the aisles, lined with carriages of all kinds, one can almost hear the rhythmic clip-clop of hooves. It seems as if around the next corner one might catch a glimpse of top-hatted gallants and elegantly dressed ladies alighting from one of the glistening coaches."

Walt Disney World Sponsoring National Search for Performers

By Kathy Fellows

Ever thought of burning your books in a pre-finals ceremony, withdrawing from classes, and moving to Florida to become a star?

Florida? Such a thing is possible now that Walt Disney World has elected to send talent scouts to 11 cities to search out the best dancers, singers and college bands for some of its new attractions.

Having 21 million visitors per year has inspired Walt Disney World to grow, adding things like the MGM-Disney Studio Tour, the Norway Showcase, a 900-room Grand Floridian Resort, and Pleasure Island, all to be opened in the coming year. Not one of the aforementioned attractions would be complete without the eight fully-staged productions planned. Themes will range from old-time vaudeville to contemporary Broadway, as well as country and western, mainstream pop and jazz.

Those interested in trying out should be 18 years old as of June 1 and should bring a resume, a photo-

graph and letters of recommendation. Dancers and singers should bring dance attire and expect to be taught at least one dance/movement combination. Singers should memorize a short song, preferably an up-tempo ballad, and should bring another piece of vocal sheet music in their best key. Accompanists will be provided.

Musicians should bring their own instruments, three styles of music and be ready to make a five-minute presentation. Musicians should also expect to be provided with sight-reading material. A piano, set, timpani and a xylophone will also be at audition sites so as to alleviate the discomfort of trying to tote any of these musical implements to an audition.

For the three main entertainment categories, dancers, singers and bands, there are three types of contracts. A one-year contract is available for singers, dancers and musical performers, an 11-week (June-August) All-American College band and orchestra program, and lastly, the new 9-month (September-June) Walt Disney World EPCOT Institute of Enter-

tainment and Arts Internship program for dancers, singers and instrumentalists.

New York audition sites for singers, dancers and musical theater performers will be February 2 (Monday) and February 3 (Tuesday) at Minskoff Rehearsal Studio at 1515 Broadway/3rd floor, located at Broadway at 45th Street. For instrumentalists, auditions will be held February 7 (Saturday) and February 8 (Sunday) at Del Terzo Studios at Carnegie Hall/8th floor, located at 154 West 57th Street. Other cities in which auditions will be held are Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Columbus, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Eugene, Oregon; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Orlando, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Anaheim, California and Los Angeles, California.

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Poet Martin Espada: Stark and Vivid Images

By Elizabeth Kurtz

Renowned poet Martin Espada stirred a modest crowd in the Stony Brook Poetry Center last Wednesday night with scene-conjuring images and stark social commentaries. Espada is, at 29, the first nationally recognized Hispanic poet in the United States and has already been honored with a Massachusetts Artists' Foundation Fellowship Award and the 1986 National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship. Born the son of a Puerto Rican immigrant, the scars and insights gathered living in a poor Brooklyn project poignantly pervade his poetry.

Espada read from his first collection of poems, *The Immigrant Iceboy's Bolero* and from his forthcoming one, *Trumpets From the Islands of Their Evictions*. He elucidated the works with the histories of the moments, and people which sparked them. Declaring that he resisted reading stories in the newspapers about U.S. involvement in Latin America until his anger at the situation finally forced him into action, Espada recited a poem inspired while he was working in Nicaragua. "Adolfo and Lucia" tells of a young girl left alone in the world after her fifteen year old brother is killed fighting with the rebels. The image of "Somoza the dictator" boarding a plane for Miami as Adolfo's grave is being dug in a Nicaraguan cornfield epitomizes the poet's resentment of United States interference in the internal affairs of Hispanic countries.

Speaking domestically, Martin Espada's vision does not get too much better. He called Puerto Ricans the "Palestinians of Latin America" because, he says, they cannot remain in their starving homeland and are neither accepted nor given a fair chance when they come to the states. "Waiting for the Cops" depicts a woman who calls the police when her husband goes outside to chase away some junkies and is told: "Call back if somebody gets hurt, lady." The images in this poem evoke the frustration, helplessness and the sense of endless waiting recurrent in Espada's scenes. The

waiting is the waiting for little things like a turn in the unemployment office and also the larger waiting; the waiting for a grasp at a dream in need of miracles.


Espada recounts the dashed hopes of his father, Frank, who missed a tryout with the Yankees and was refused a second chance because, in 1947, "there were no brown-skinned boys in the major leagues." The hero of this poem copes with the taunting of the unknown by convincing himself that he wasn't good enough anyway. His son tells us that he was.

Occasionally, a fortunate over-achiever "makes it out" but when he gets where he's dreamed of going he doesn't, though he can now afford to, "buy anything"

either literally or figuratively.


Espada's poetry paints the pain and prejudice he has seen and felt rather than lamenting them. Images of New York streets easily imagined by anyone who's walked them are infused with meaning not to be gotten from a film clip on the six o'clock news.

There was anger, irony, and frustration in Martin Espada's vibrant delivery as well as in his poetic lines. After aesthetically delighting his audience and troubling them with his social and political visions, Espada made a polite speech of thanks and stayed to sign copies of his book. True to his professions, those of lawyer and poet, Espada seemed to observe everything in context.



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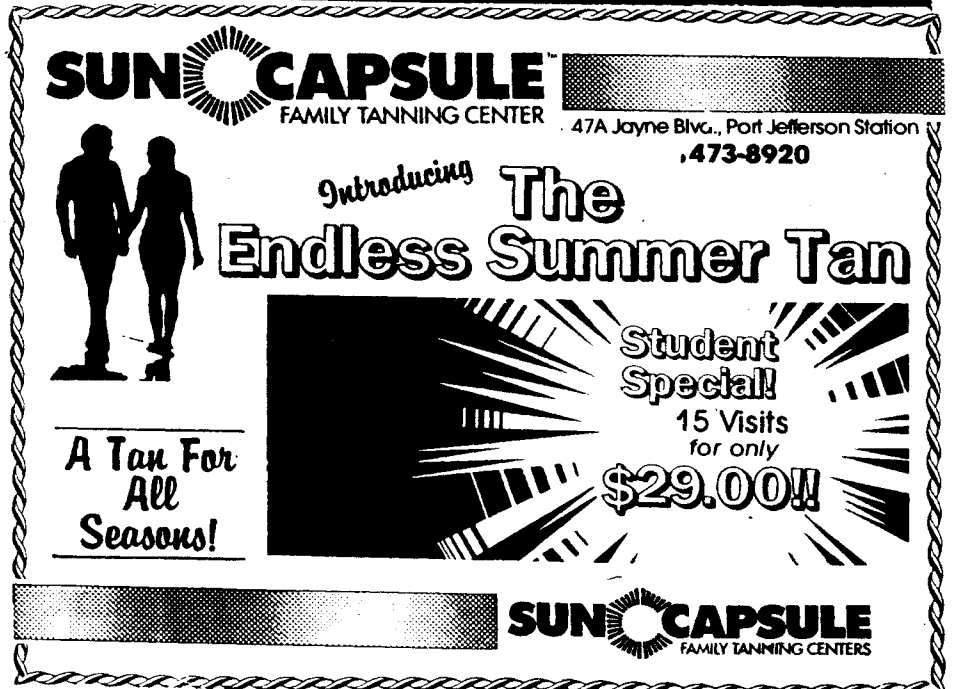
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Graceland Blasted as Naive and Uninformed

By Tim Riley

The College Press Service

Paul Simon's *Graceland*, his best album ever, has caused a knee-jerk liberal backlash. Some of the most influential rock critics around are intent on dismissing the album's great virtues, mythic proportions and disarming musical intelligence because Simon, alas, was just not politically "correct" enough in these fervently anti-apartheid times.

To write *Graceland*, of course, Simon trekked off to South Africa as a student to learn of regional rhythms and cultures. He returned to mix what he learned with his own heritage.

But soon after Simon appeared on *The*

David Letterman Show with some of the South African musicians from whom he learned and with whom he played (at triple union pay scales), the criticism began.

Village Voice critic Robert Christgau blasted the record as naive and wrong-headed. Critic Dave Marsh concurred in his "Rock'n'Roll Confidential." "For Simon," Marsh wrote, "the idea seems to be that in a time and place where communication is difficult, the attempt to create public meaning should be abandoned."

Although both of these critics compliment Simon's writing and integration of diverse musical cultures, neither takes Simon at his lyrical word. Their interpretations of this landmark record make Simon seem like a grad-school English preppe with little or no understanding of the power of prejudice. And just the opposite is true.

The Everly Brothers join Simon to sing the title track, an homage to Elvis Presley's mansion in Memphis, Tennessee. Presley broke the color ban back in 1956 by making black rhythms accessible to a huge white audience, and his legend symbolizes the debt American music has to its black roots.

The opening words of the song neatly establish the record's mythical dimensions: *The Mississippi Delta was shining like a national guitar / I am following the*

river down the highway / Through the cradle of the civil war...

For all the personal lyrics here, the album is really about racial integration in America and throughout the world. The musical symbolism couldn't be more incisive.

Every song on *Graceland*, moreover, is danceable. In fact, the new (to us) South African rhythms are downright ebullient. This is because Simon's guitarist Ray Phiri, bassist Baghiti Kumalo and drummer Isaac Mtshali are all South African, and the music is a direct borrowing from Johannesburg's most popular style, "umganga."

The minority white state even plays *Graceland* on the radio as a bromide to the current state of emergency. But what's ironic is that these buoyant rhythms are more than a tonic to the melancholy lyrics. They draw their strength from realism. Once again, oppressed blacks are teaching whites how to dance on their problems.

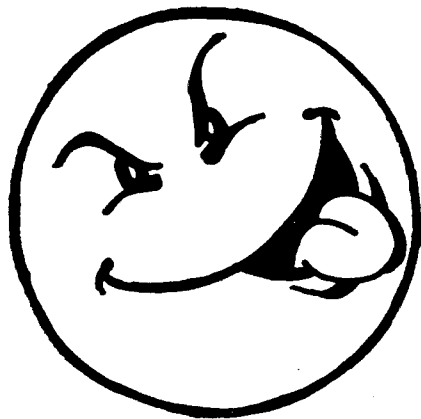
Maybe Simon was not supposed to have learned. In the process of creating a terrific album, he made a couple of political gaffes.

Simon unintentionally broke the United Nations cultural boycott of South Africa by recording some tracks there, a move he now wishes he could take back. But what's more important: the letter of the boycott, or the spirit? Shouldn't a boycott work for the artists instead of against them?

The same fuss about political content in pop music surfaced when John Lennon flip-flopped on the issue of violent political change by singing "count me out, in" on "Revolution" back in 1968.

But if the Lennon debate was besides the point — the song has a moral message that's still worth pondering — condemning *Graceland*, which never pretends to be anything but personal, for political insensitivity seems way off base.

Still, on *Graceland* Simon makes even the most personal lyrics politically evocative. When he compares Ronstadt's upbringing in the Arizona desert to singer Joseph Shabalala's childhood in Soweto, he's not consigning either to a social class. He's celebrating the fact that what they both have in common is a voice with which to sing and celebrate life.



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Women's Basketball Wins SB Invitational

The Stony Brook women's basketball team was victorious in the sixth annual Stony Brook Invitational held this past weekend.

It was the first time since 1982 that the Patriots have won this event. The three other teams were Hartwick, Stockton St. and NYU.

On Saturday, the Pats easily defeated Hartwick 65-49. NYU barely got by Stockton St. (1-1) in the other opening round game 48-47.

In Sunday's consolation game, Hartwick (0-2) was stunned by Stockton St. 59-39.

Then it was time for the main event. NYU (1-1) and Stony Brook (2-0) were tied at 56 at the end of regulation. The small crowd of 237 as well as the players and coaches

would have to sweat it out through an over-time period before there would be a champion.

Coach Declan McMullen's Patriots, led by Leslie Hathaway's 25 points, pulled out a 67-74 victory to start the 1986-87 campaign on a high note.

"We didn't shoot or rebound as well as we could," said tournament MVP Hathaway, "but our hard work throughout the game pulled us through." The team shot only 38.8% from the field for the tournament while Hathaway averaged 21.5 points including 25 points in the championship game.

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Statesman Paul Kann

MVP Awards Given

Included in last night's Fall Athletic Awards night were the awards for the most valuable player in each sport. Chuck Downey (above) received the award in football, Liz Powell-women's cross country, John Pahtamen's cross country, Debbie Gruskin-tennis, Ellen Chang-volleyball, Pete Zamboni-men's soccer and Coral Gubler-women's soccer.

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**SUNY at Stony Brook Men's Soccer
Results and Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Score	Record
9/6	OTTERBEIN	L 1-3	0-1-0
9/10	SOUTHAMPTON	W 2-1 (OT)	1-1-0
9/13	vs. Nazareth*	L 0-1	1-2-0
9/14	at Drew*	L 0-5	1-3-0
9/17	MANHATTANVILLE	W 4-0	2-3-0
9/20	at Trenton State	L 0-1	2-4-0
9/24	at Queens	W 2-1	3-4-0
9/26	WESTBURY	W 4-2	4-4-0
10/1	NYU	W 3-1	5-4-0
10/4	COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND	W 1-0 %	6-4-0
10/8	at Vassar	L 2-3	(OT)6-5-0
10/11	MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY	L 0-2 (OT)	6-6-0
10/16	at Poly Inst. of N.Y.	W 5-0	7-6-0
10/18	MARITIME	W 5-1	8-6-0
10/21	at C.W. Post	W 2-1 (OT)	9-6-0
10/25	vs. Albany State	L 1-3	9-7-0
10/26	vs. SUNY/Bufalo	W 2-1	10-7-0
10/29	CCNY	L 1-3	10-8-0
11/1	BARUCH	W 1-10	11-8-0

%: Forfeit victory *: At Drew tournament
at SUNY Centers Tournament in Binghamton



Statesman / Angelo Marcotullio

The men's soccer team finished their season with a record of 11-8. However, they failed to receive an ECAC bid for the first time in 4 years.

No ECACs For Men's Soccer Team

By Kevin Gluffrida

By winning 11 times this year, the men's soccer team gave coach Shawn McDonald the right to brag his team has won more games in one season than any other men's soccer team in Stony Brook history. Unfortunately, the team lost eight games and was shut out of an East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) bid.

The Patriots had received an ECAC birth three years in a row. They have also made this tournament in four out of the six years that McDonald has coached the team. McDonald said that the major reason for not receiving a bid was a crucial loss to CCNY at

the end of the year. He also said that many teams on the East Coast had strong records this year, and in previous years an 11-8 record would have merited an ECAC bid.

"Strong most of the time, but inconsistent," is how McDonald summed up his defense. "The defense is young and has to learn a new defense," he added. Harold Efron was the goalkeeper this year. Efron had a 1.56 goals against average record. Along with Efron, Eric Schwab and Rob Kissel started every game defensively. Kissel was a defensive stopper while Schwab played defensive sweeper.

McDonald describes his midfielders as outstanding. Captain Pete Zamboni and

Chris Gonzalez controlled the tempo of the game. Gerald Ramos was a strong midfielder for the Patriots this year. He led the team with five assists.

Offensive forwards Carlos Matos and Martin Mangialardi put the ball in the net for the Pats. Matos got off to a fast start and led the team with nine goals and 22 points. Mangialardi had six goals, even though he missed three games.

McDonald relied on versatile players such as Chris Reinhardt, Chris Schlegal, Stephen Lepre and Gary Becker. These players contributed at midfield and defensive back for the team.

The Pats won't have the excitement of the

New York Suburban Soccer League, but they did have one special highlight this season. The Division III Patriots upset highly-ranked C.W. Post on October 21. Post was ranked 18th in the nation at the time of the game. McDonald said he believes that Stony Brook's 2-1 victory over Post knocked them out of the playoffs.

The Patriots, who this year were the champions of the New York Suburban Soccer League, will find themselves in a tougher league next season. Vassar and CCNY are both joining the NYSSL in 1987. The Patriots will defend their championship without Zamboni, Mangialardi and Becker, who are graduating.

Swimmers Are Undefeated

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place in two events also, the 100-yard breast and 500-yard free.

Candace Burghardt continued the winning streak by placing first in the 200-yard fly. In the 50 yard free the Pats took first, second and third. Co-captain and All Met Michele Moreo placed first followed by freshman Tine Werhle and Krisine Smawley. Co-Captain Debbie Dobbs, also an All-Met, won the 100 fly with freshman Traci Heuer taking second. Stony Brook, having enough points to win the meet, swam the last two events unofficially.

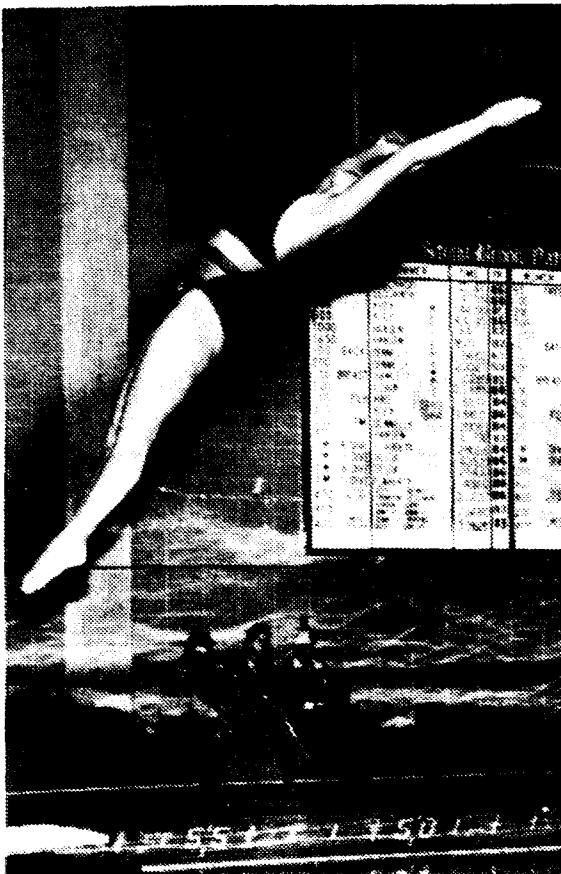
The Patriot swimmers found themselves in a similar situation against Manhattanville, but they began swimming unofficially even earlier in the meet. Having enough points to win after the 200-yard breaststroke, they swam the last four events unofficially. Stony Brook had the obvious advantage though in this meet. The Manhattanville team consisted of only five swimmers and two divers, while Stony Brook had a roster consisting of 27 people.

Again it was the new members of the team that shined in this meet. Frshman Cathy Duggan, after being part of the first place medley relay team, went on to win her two individual events, the 100-yard and 200-yard back. Burghardt won her three individual events, the 200 free, 100 free and 100 fly. Freshman Roberta Morris won the 50-yard free.

Although the team is off to a good start, Alexander admits, "It's going to be tough to place in the top three in the Met's this year." The team lost many valuable swimmers from last year's squad. Brenda Carroll, Deirdre Reilly, Martha Lemmon, Michelle Freund, Joanie Aird and Gloria Mooney all graduated last year. Vicky Kuo transferred to Albany State.

Patti Trainor, who would have been one of this year's captains, had to withdraw from the university because of illness. All of these swimmers were All-Met last year, and Trainor, Mooney, Carroll and Lemmon hold team records.

The girls seem optimistic, and captain Debbie Dobbs said, "We have a lot of new faces, but we are doing very well."



Statesman / Paul Kahn

Lauren Beers helped her team to victory last Wednesday against Queens College by placing second in the one meter diving.

**SUNY at Stony Brook Patriots
1986-87 Men's Swimming Schedule**

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat.	Nov. 22	at Iona Relays	10:00 a.m.
Fri.	Dec. 5	MONTCLAIR STATE	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Dec. 10	at Fordham	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 13	MARIST	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 15	at Maritime	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 24	at Fairfield	12:00 noon
Mon.	Jan. 26	IONA	6:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Jan. 29	at William Patterson	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 31	at New Paltz	2:00 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 4	KINGS POINT	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 11	at Adelphi	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Feb. 18	at Met. Championships	T.B.A.
Sat.	Feb. 21	at Kings Point	12:00 noon

**SUNY at Stony Brook Patriots
1986-87 Women's Swimming Schedule**

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat.	Nov. 8	at Met. Relays (St. John's)	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	Nov. 15	at New York University	2:00 p.m.
Wed.	Nov. 19	QUEENS COLLEGE	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 22	MANHATTANVILLE	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	Nov. 25	at St. John's	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 6	SB CUP — w/NYU, MARIST, SETON HALL, TRENTON STATE, MT. ST. VINCENT	12 noon
Wed.	Dec. 10	at Fordham	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 24	at Fairfield	2:00 p.m.
Mon.	Jan. 26	at Hunter	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Jan. 28	KEAN	6:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sun.	Feb. 6-8	at Met. Championships	T.B.A.
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Statesman SPORTS

Monday, November 24, 1986

Women Swimmers Are Undefeated

By Karen A. Trank

After placing first in the Metropolitan Championships and finishing with a 12-1 dual meet record last year, Stony Brook's women's swim team is at it again.

The team won its first three dual meets, beating NYU on November 15th at NYU, Queens College on November 19th at home, and Manhattanville on Saturday at home.

Dave Alexander, coach of the team since it began eight years ago, expressed a concern about swimming against NYU and Queens this season. "Both teams have new coaches. NYU has improved this year, and Queens is offering scholarships."

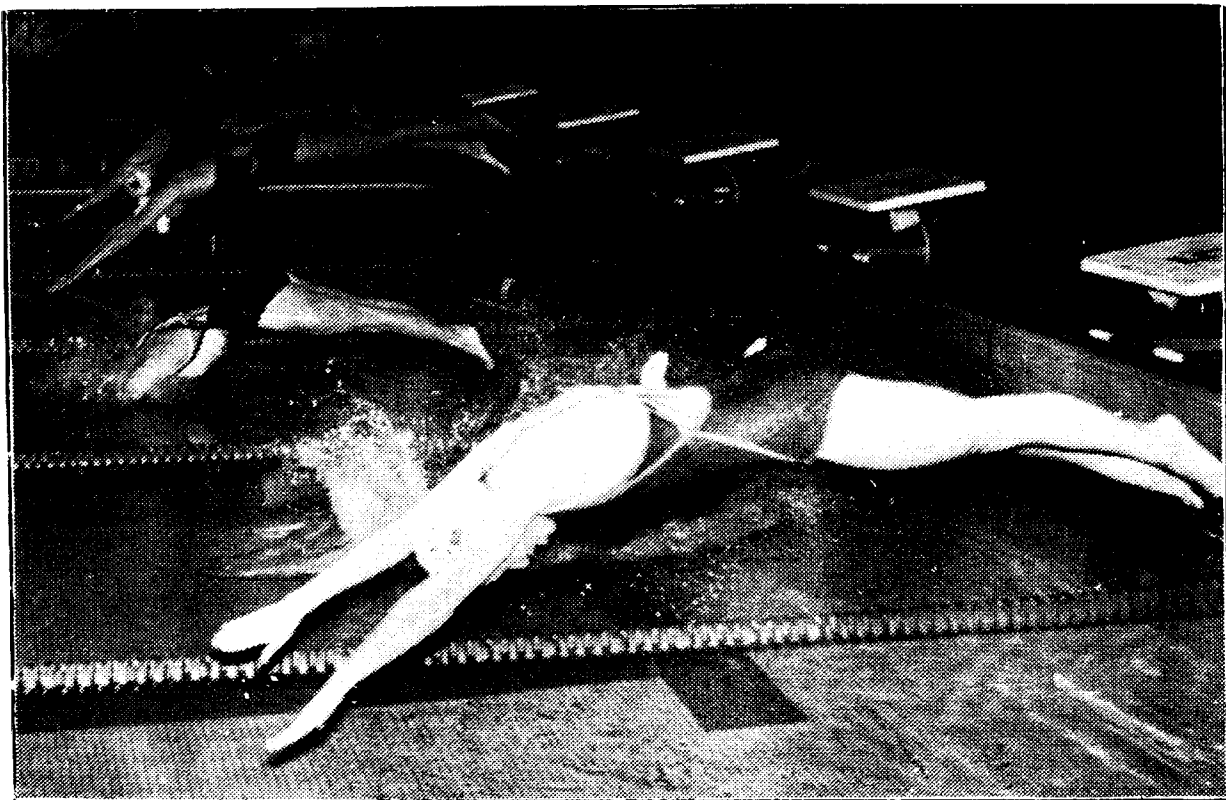
Stony Brook came out ahead though, 156-109 against NYU, and 141-92 against Queens. The score was 118-81 against Manhattanville. In all three meets Stony Brook had the lead at all times.

So far the Patriots' toughest competition has been NYU. The two teams were neck and neck for the first half of the meet, alternating first places by events. The Pats won the 200-yard medley relay, then NYU placed first in the 800-yard free.

Returning All-American sophomore Maj Britt Hansen took the first in the 200-yard free. It is one of the three events that Hansen won at the Met's last year. The others were the 500 and 1650 free. Hansen also holds the team records in all three events.

After NYU won the next event, the 100-yard backstroke, freshman Valerie Hamil took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke. Hami later went on to win the 200-yard breaststroke. The 200-yard butterfly went to NYU, but Hansen then took first place in the 50-yard free, putting Stony Brook ahead 66-54 going into the one-meter dive competition.

The Patriots took first, second and third place in the one-meter dive. Junior Beth Carrillo, who dove consistently in her freshman year and opted to swim in the past two years, dove with very little practice and won first place in the meet. Carrillo was in the same situation last season. After swimming all year she gave up one of her swimming events at the Met's in order to dive. She finished All-Met meaning that she placed in the top 16 at the competition.



Statesman Paul Kalin

The Patriot swimmers easily defeated Queens College 141-92 last week. The Pats now put their 3-0 record up against St. John's Tuesday night, before taking a break for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Sophomore Peggy Karabatsos, who was also All-Met, placed second. Freshman, Lauren Beers took third and later went on to win the three-meter dive. Going into the second-half of the meet, Stony Brook was ahead 80-54, and they never fell below a 25-point lead after that.

In the meet against Queens, it was the new members of

the team who dominated and led the team to victory. After taking first, second and third place in the 200-yard medley relay, freshman Kristen Shore won the 1000-yard free. Freshman Cindi Andjevsky won the 200-yard free and later won the 100-yard free. Freshman Josephine Moran took first

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It's Better Than 'Monday Night at the Movies'

The Miami Dolphins are aching to get even. The Jets are just aching.

Their defense is still hurting. Do they still have what it takes to hold back Miami's powerhouse of an offense?

If you can recall the last time that these two teams faced each other, you will remember that the game went into overtime with the score tied at 45. The Jets won the game on their first possession in OT when Ken O'Brien hooked up (again) with Wesley Walker.

Can the Jets keep Miami from scoring that many points again with a weaker defense? If they can't, it will force O'Brien to look long often for Walker and Al Toon. Even if they can, which I think they will, it still won't be a low-scoring game.

.....Sorry about the pause. For the last five minutes I've been searching the newsroom for Sunday's sports section. It was there only five hours ago. It probably had the good sense to get out before it was recruited as an editor.

Anyway, where was I? Oh, yeah. I wanted the paper so I could find out the spread on tonight's game. Failing in that, as well as some of my courses, I have decided to estimate that the Dolphins are favored by three.

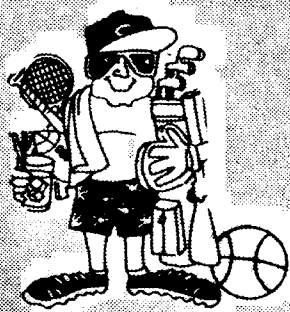
If I am totally off base, or in this case, way off the line of scrimmage, you are probably wondering how I arrived at this number. Well, I figured that, first of all, they are playing in Miami where it is warm and where almost everyone is a Dolphin fan.

Second, the Jets are nursing their wounds on the defensive side. This could and should be a definite advantage for the Dolphins.

Finally, the Jets are the better team. This makes up for

Time Out

By Scott Finkle



most of the deficit created by the first two reasons except for three points. Now does it make sense to you? Too bad!

My prediction for the final score — call your bookie now — is Jets 34, Dolphins 31. Oh, yeah? Well, I'll be laughing around midnight. If not, I'll be hiding when some guy who's as big as Sly Stallone comes looking for his money or my knee caps.

Forget about it! The Jets will win. If they can beat the Colts, they can beat anybody. Huh? Well, you know what I

mean, but if you can't figure it out, don't let it ruin your day. Just relax and enjoy the game with a couple of beers and pretzels. This is not to say that I am promoting the consuming of alcoholic beverages, it's just that they go well with pretzels.

If by some strange, cruel twist of fate they don't full it out in the final sixty seconds, don't worry. They'll still be 10-2 which isn't too shabby.

Even if you're not really a football fan, you might as well watch the game. There's nothing else on TV on Monday nights anyway. There is no Monday Night at the Movies. I made that up because it sounded like a good headline. Then again, if you're not into football, you're probably not reading this column.

If you are reading this column and have done so consistently, you will have noticed a change in the style. I have been hearing complaints over the past couple of weeks that my column was too serious and also was sticking too much to the facts of the story instead of being more along the lines of a feature. Someone said that it contained too much news that could be found in *Newday* or *The Times*.

So to please my adoring readers I have changed my ways. I am always open to opinions and comments. If there is something that you would like to see or not see in this column, let me know. Just drop me a line down here at the offices of the *Statesman* in the basement of the union.

So until next week, have a good one. Which one? Don't get me started.