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State Denies Grad Students Unionization

By Mitch Horowitz

The state ruled on Monday — after five years of wrangling with Stony Brook students — that SUNY graduate students do not have the right to form a labor union.

Members of Stony Brook's Graduate Student Employees' Union (GSEU) blasted the ruling as political and said they would appeal the Public Employment Relations Board's (PERB) decision.

Graduate students have maintained that their yearly stipends are actually wages for work done for the university and they should qualify as employees. The PERB decision, however, said that the "primary relationship" teaching and research assistants have with the university "is as student, not employee."

"No student employed by his own institution can be in covered employment [unionized] because the student's primary purpose at the institution is to obtain an academic degree," PERB Director Harvey Milowe wrote in the ruling. "... The assistants' employment is an incident of their academic enrollment and subordinate to their student relationship."

"It was an incredibly anti-labor decision," said GSEU President Rick Eckstein, "not just for our union but for the labor movement as a whole."

Eckstein added that the move was a blow to unionizing efforts in the "public sector."

Bonnie Hain, president of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), called it "outrageous" that graduate student stipends are now taxed under the new tax laws, though graduate students are not considered state workers.

Although the GSEU is not recognized by the state, it is affiliated with the Communication Workers of America (CWA) union. The CWA provides lawyers for the GSEU.

The GSEU's plea for state recognition began in 1982, when graduate students at Stony Brook began to petition PERB to hear their case. After numerous setbacks, hearings in Albany in front of PERB began in January, 1986 and lasted about a year.

PERB's director made the final decision; the entire board



Rick Eckstein



Bonnie Hain

will hear the appeal. "I don't think they will overturn [Milowe's] decision unless we can bring some political pressure to bear," said GSEU Treasurer Sandra Hinson.

GSEU officials said they had expected PERB to rule in their favor. "I was gearing up for organizing [union] elections this fall," Hinson said. "I was ready and now I feel like all the wind has been knocked out of me."

As part of the normal hearing process an administrative judge made a recommendation to PERB — one that GSEU members have not seen. "All of our indications were that the judge was favorable to us," Eckstein said. CWA lawyers are trying to obtain the decision, he said.

While University President John Marburger declined to comment on PERB's ruling, he said he could not see graduate students and the administration in a labor-management setting.

During last semester's graduate student strike, Marburger said, "The GSO and GSEU officials made every effort to cast the process into the framework of a labor-management operation ... It was a deliberate effort to characterize the

process. The labor-management language inappropriately describes what happened."

Beyond the appeal, GSEU officials said they may try to become a localized bargaining unit and may even try to repeat last semester's strike.

"There's nothing to prevent us from going on strike now," Eckstein said. "They're almost asking us to do what we did last semester again."

"I'm hoping [the graduate students] will be very angry," Hinson said, "and we can do something with that anger."

SUNY's faculty union, the United University Professions (UUP), has asked the GSEU officers at Stony Brook to send them a letter of aims. "They're considering endorsing us as a bargaining unit," Eckstein said. "It would be a symbolic gesture."

Meanwhile, GSEU officials said they blame the statewide UUP for throwing a wrench into the PERB hearings by trying to absorb the GSEU into the UUP.

If graduate students win union rights "the state-level UUP insists that we belong to their bargaining unit," Eckstein said.

Chinese Ambassador Speaks

By Mitch Horowitz

While praising new China-U.S. trade ties, Chinese Ambassador Han Xu told a crowd in the Old Chemistry Building Tuesday night that America's support for Taiwan remains "a major stumbling block in U.S.-Sino relations."

Han, reading from a prepared text, told the largely Asian audience that the U.S. should halt arms sales to Taiwan and stop "treating it like a different political entity" than mainland China.

"If this is not handled properly it will damage the progress of the U.S.-Sino relationship," Han said.

Han received warm applause when his speech ended, but a question and answer period that followed turned tense as he was flustered with questions over China's intent toward Taiwan.

"In what way we are going to solve the Taiwan issue is our internal affair," he said, adding that "To Taiwan we will try every way to solve this issue through peaceful ways."

Han criticized the government of Taiwan — which until recently governed by martial law — for being "rigid" and maintaining "no contact" with mainland China.

When the communist People's Republic of China was created, Taiwan split from China and has remained an independent state.

While Han said "We welcome any move that will help dismantle the artificial barrier erected over the Taiwan Straits," he insisted that "it is most important not to interfere in each other's internal affairs."

"Soon after we started diplomatic relations with the United States we issued a (diplomatic) message to Taiwan," Han said. "... but we got no positive response. We have the patience to wait. I think time is on our side."



Han Xu

Several native Asian questioners criticized China's recent economic and cultural reforms as short-lived and unsteady.

When questioned about China's Cultural Revolution under Mao Tse Tung, Han said "The Cultural Revolution is a very unfortunate historical period ... It will never come back."

Han stressed that China's role in today's world would be peaceful. "The Chinese people, who suffered untold trepidations in war, crave for peace," he said, adding that "without peace economic development is out of the question."

Many Asian members of the audience seemed unconvinced, however, and laughed after some of Han's mildest remarks.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

"Q. Chem by Random Walk"
James Anderson of Pennsylvania State University will lecture at 12 noon in Chemistry room 412. For more information call 632-7880.

"Stony Brook in its Fourth Decade"
President Marburger will speak, opening the University Convocation Series, at 12:15 in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

"An Evening of Choreography"
The Welliggers will present choreography by Amy Yopp, coordinator of dance at Stony Brook, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center, donation. For more information call 632-7235.

Information Fair
The Fraternities and Sororities will hold an information session in the Stony Brook Union Fireside Lounge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Melville Dedication
A ceremony to dedicate the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building in memory of Ward Melville will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the Social and Behavioral Sciences east Terrace.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Fall Fest
The polity—sponsored annual carnival will be held from 3 p.m. — 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday in the old university parking lot (by Kelly) The "Beatles '64" and The Revival are bands which will perform at 8 p.m.

Academic Calendar
Last day to file for December graduation.

Business Conference
A Small Business Procurement Conference will take place in the Stony Brook Union from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 632-6320.

"Synthesis and Structure Activity Relationships of Quinolone Antibiotics"
M.Wentland, of Sterling Winthrop will lecture at 4 p.m. in Chemistry room 412. For more information call 632-7880.

"An evening of Choreography"
See Wednesday, September 16.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Fall Fest
The band Burning Spear will perform at 3 p.m. Zebra will perform at 9 p.m. and there will be fireworks at 8:30 p.m.

Diabetes Conference
A conference on Exercise as a Treatment Modality for Diabetes Mellitus will take place in the Health Sciences Center, Level 2, Lecture Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$85 registration fee. Sponsored by the Physical Therapy, and School of allied Health Professions.

"The Role of Women in the Israeli Military: A personal View"
Jane Yahil, Assistant to President Marburger

Fire Island Field Trip
The Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences will conduct a trip to the Sunken Forest on Fire Island from 10 a.m.

ACROSS THE NATION

College Sports Agents Punished
State Legislator John P. Stozich, retaliating for the loss of All-American Cris Carter to his beloved Ohio State University football team, has introduced a bill that would punish sports agents for getting college athletes in trouble. "The player is punished, the school is punished, but the agent responsible is not," said Stozich.

Carter, as well as players from three other schools, allegedly took money from sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, apparently for letting the agents represent them when the players eventually leave college and turn professional. When allegations arose that Walters and Bloom paid them, a move that National Collegiate Athletic Association (NACC) rules for maintaining students' amateur status, the schools suspended the athletes from further collegiate competition.

In retaliation, many coaches have

banned all or most agents from their practice fields and Stozich has introduced what would be the stringent penalties for "ruthless" and "disreputable" recruiters. If enacted, the Stozich bill will require professional sports agents to be licensed by the state. The agent, for example, can lose the license for: 1) inducing an athlete to agree to a contract with a sports agent or professional team before the athlete's college eligibility ends or 2) offering anything of value to a campus employee for referring a student athlete to the agent. Other penalties that agents may be faced with if caught approaching students involve fines as much as \$10,000 and requiring just compensation go to each injured person.

The NACC's reaction to his bill was "very positive" Stozich said. As for Carter himself, Ohio State last week refused to review his case, thus dashing his hopes to play foot ball for OSU this fall.

Truce in "Roommate Wars"

There may be ways to prevent the low-level "roommate wars" that college students often find themselves in when they arrive and move in with strangers fall semester, said Dr. Jane Morgan Bost of Southwestern University.

Matching students through questionnaires and encouraging prospective roommates to communicate during the summer in order to get better acquainted with each other's lifestyles are two of Bost's suggested preventative actions. "They can get to know some basic things about each other: is one a partier and the other a studier? How much will the stereo be played?" are some things that can be discussed, Bost said.

"The important thing is that each person learn to live with the other," Bost said, adding, however, that students may ask for new accommodations if after two weeks they are still dissatisfied.

THE WEATHER CORNER

By Adam Schneider

Long Island has a unique climate. This results from us being surrounded by water on all sides — the Atlantic Ocean to our south and Long Island Sound to our north. Our population therefore includes an enormous amount of boaters, fishermen, and beach-goers. Thus, we must become familiar with the weather of our maritime and shore points.

Often, the summer forecast reads, "Hazy, warm and humid with high temperatures ranging from near 90 inland to the seventies at the south shore beaches." This brings us to what is known as the sea breeze.

We all have left our homes in 91 heat only to arrive at Jones Beach and be refreshed by 79 degree breezes. Why? Hot air is lighter and less dense than cold air. Thus, it rises. During the summer

months, the land rapidly heats up in the morning while the surrounding water temperature remains steady near 70, the heat from the ground rises and cooler air from off of the Atlantic moves inland to take its place. This continuous cycle slowly pushes northward on the Island, causing a drop in temperatures as the afternoon progresses. The sea breeze forms a mini-front as well which is visible to the eye as a thin line of clouds stretching from west to east across the sky.

For mariners, small-craft advisory is sometimes issued by the offices of the National Weather Service. This means that precaution should be taken by small boat owners. Winds could be gusting to 33 knots and sea conditions hazardous to vessels. During the daytime, a red pennant is seen at the coastguard station while at night, a red light over a white

light displays the same meaning.

Now, over the coming days, our weather will gradually break out of its unsettled pattern. The rain we received over this past weekend was the result of a combination of effects. A warm and moist flow from off the Atlantic Ocean joined forces with an approaching cold front to make Saturday and Sunday for the best weekend days. The cold front gradually is moving out to sea but the risk of a shower remains through early this week. Otherwise, skies will be partly cloudy through Wednesday. Temperatures should be on the moderate side as highs top out near seventy-five and lows sink to the seasonable fifties.

Next week: Hurricanes and a flashback on Gloria.

to 4 p.m. Preregistration and \$10 sayville Ferry fee is required. For more information call 632-8230.

"An Evening of Choreography"
See Wednesday, September 16.

CAMPUS POLICE BLOTTER

Forty-eight boxes of ulcer medication were reported missing on Friday, September 11, from the pharmacy in the University Hospital. According to campus police records, there was no forced entry into the room. The value of the Zantac medication was estimated \$3800.

A potted tree, valued at \$150 was stolen from Graduate Physics on Monday, September 14, according to police records.

A harassment charge was filed with the Public Safety Department by a girl in Kelly Quad on Friday. The student received an obscene note containing sexual statements.

Two hit and run incidents were reported this past week, one occurring on Center Drive and the other in Tabler Parking Lot. One car was hit in the lower rear corner panel and suffered approximately \$350 damage. The other vehicle was hit in the right rear panel with damages estimated at \$200. Both cars were parked when hit and the owners were not present when the incidents occurred.

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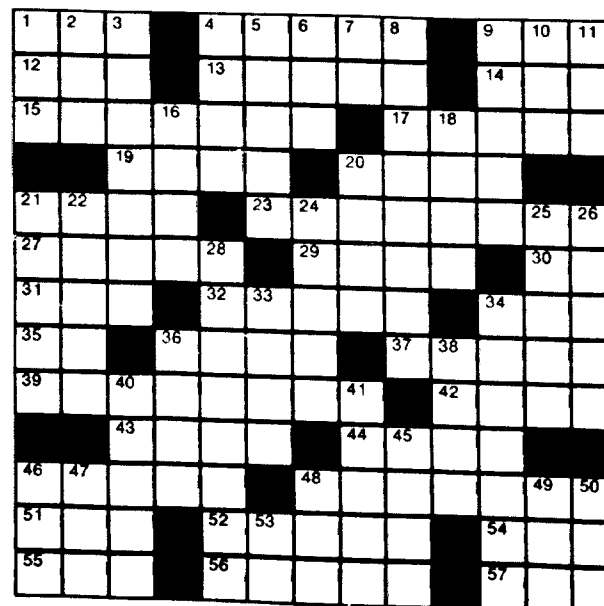
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- 23 Liquor vessel
- 27 Put up stake
- 29 Apportion
- 30 Cooled lava
- 31 Cheer
- 32 Omit from pronunciation
- 34 Greek letter
- 35 Latin

DOWN

- 36 Genus of maples
- 37 Challenges
- 39 Unselfish
- 42 Burrowing animal
- 43 Den
- 44 Cripple
- 46 Become aware of
- 48 Pardon
- 51 Limb
- 52 Summon forth
- 54 Haul
- 55 Cry of sheep
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- 4 Pedal digits
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- 6 Roman bronze
- 7 A continent:

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

Answers on Page 23



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- 8 Taught
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- 10 Choose
- 11 Born
- 16 Biblical seed
- 18 Not one
- 20 Frosted
- 21 Journeys forth
- 22 Growing out of
- 24 Arabian chieftains
- 25 Artist's stand
- 26 Lift
- 28 Falls
- 33 Descending look
- 34 Advance in rank
- 36 At a distance
- 38 Among
- 40 South American animal
- 41 Fume
- 45 Again
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- 47 Period of time
- 48 Study
- 49 Neither
- 50 Female sheep
- 53 Roman six

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

University Senate Investigates Housing "Crisis"

By Amelia Sheldon

Housing improvements for students and faculty, childcare, and the organization of a task force on graduate student guidelines were some of the topics addressed by the University Senate in its first meeting of the fall semester held Monday, September 13.

Campus housing has undergone "a major management change" with responsibility for all custodial work, maintenance, and rehabilitation of residence halls transferred from the Office of Campus Operations to the Office of Student Affairs said University President John Marburger. The change was made under the dormitory self sufficiency initiative and was "the result of outside consultants' recommendations," Marburger said. Marburger and Provost Jerry Schubel both said the housing situation was one of the main forces behind the expected decline in the enrollment of graduate students.

Bonnie Hain Graduate Student Organization (GSO) president said that the university "must work on maintaining housing and lowering the cost of that which exists."

"Housing has become the number one problem in the development of faculty," said Marburger when a senate

member asked about the inability of some prospective faculty members to find economically feasible housing in the down state area. Marburger said the "crisis is being taken seriously" adding that the housing task force is discussing the problem and considering such options as building a faculty housing project on campus, or making low interest loans for housing available through the university for incoming faculty.

"The fifty thousand dollar subsidy is being implemented, and is working fine," said Hain in regards to the steps being taken to improve campus childcare facilities. Recently the MFA program of the Art Department was relocated from Nassau Hall to Duchess Hall on south campus to free a space for the expansion of the day care program. Hain said that the GSO was "upset" that the space being used to develop the day care facilities "had been taken from graduate students."

Schubel said in his report that an addition with a high ceiling to Duchess Hall is being considered in order to replace the high ceiling studio the Art Department lost in the move. "We are losing a little time," because of the move Schubel said, but "late this fall the child care space will

increase two-fold."

"The graduate students have agreed to the newly proposed task force which will get guidelines and grievance procedure in line for the spring semester," said Hain, referring to the development of a committee of graduate student negotiations with administration last spring. Vice Provost Lichter said the first proposed task force to handle graduate student grievances was unsatisfactory because "it left out faculty and was organized under the pressure of time." Lichter said that faculty and students should "keep academic goal in mind" and everyone should participate in developing methods to better achieve the goal of producing successful future scholars. The task force in the making "will have equal numbers of faculty and students" whose job will be to "consult broadly, and make recommendations," Lichter said. "I am convinced that faculty and students working together could make life more meaningful," he said.

Community and cooperation was a recurring theme during the meeting. "It is important to come together as a university community," said Schubel, who along with Marburger mentioned the convocation speeches. Marburger's own speech will be given this Wednesday as part of the celebration for the University's 30th year.

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DSA Speaker Lectures on Peace Plan

By Mary Lou Lang

Patrick Lacefield, the National Organizational Director of Democratic Socialists of America, lectured Wednesday night on his work in Central America and U.S. foreign policy in Nicaragua.

In his presentation at the Stony Brook Union, Lacefield outlined the DSA's connection with Latin America as "supportive of the rights of the people in Latin America to determine their own destiny" and to "shape a society where people will no longer be molded or determined by the circumstances in which they are born." Lacefield said that the DSA is pushing for more equally distributed wealth and power for the people in Latin America.

According to Lacefield, the U.S. should begin to play a "more constructive" and a less destructive role in Latin America.

Referring to President Regan's proposed peace plan for Central America, Lacefield said that "the Democrats had been snookered." He said that Reagan persuaded the Democrats to sign the plan, and "when the plan failed, he would have backed the Democrats into the corner and they would have had to vote for contra aid."

Lacefield called the proposal "contemptive" and argued that the contras are solely interested in military activity. "The contras do not have a political program and they are not interested in a political program."

The Reagan Administration, according to Lacefield, does not want a peace plan that will allow the Sandinista Government to survive or a peace plan that will cut funding to the contras.

The U.S. government is unsure of "what it's willing to accept in Nicaragua," he said. "It's laboring under the illusion that the Sandinistas will be ousted without direct U.S. military intervention."

Lacefield spoke of his role as administrative director of a health care and rural development team of six North Americans in El Salvador. Working with the Salvadoran Catholic Church, this team served both the government and rebel forces. Lacefield said that the nature of the work was "political" and the group remained neutral. The team brought assistance to people by teaching health — how to recognize the common diseases and to prescribe medicine. They also brought emergency food where needed.

"We were teaching people to take their own destiny, their own futures into their hands," Lacefield said.

Lacefield, co-author of *El Salvador: Central America in The New Cold War*, first visited El Salvador in 1979 as a journalist. He returned in 1985 for two years to work with the Salvadoran Catholic Church.

Lacefield argued that the most important steps that should be taken now are to "defeat contra aid and support the peace process."

New Deadline For Add/Drop

By Carmelo Vitello

Aldona Jonaitis, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies, announced on Monday that the deadline for the "add/drop" period will be extended one week to accommodate students inconvenienced by room changes. Many classes were relocated on the first day of classes because University President John Marburger kept the Jacob Javits Lecture Center closed pending the advice of dioxin experts.

Deadlines for adding courses, dropping courses without receiving a "W," changing to or from full-time/part time status, and dropping a course without tuition liability have been extended to Wednesday, September 23.

After speaking with William Strockbine, director of the Office of Records/Registrar, Jonaitis decided to give students an extra week to put their schedules in order.

"The students were moved around so much during the past two weeks [due to the lecture center's closing] that I thought they did not have enough time to make these decisions," said Jonaitis. "I want students to know that we in administration do care about them."

Though many students were unsure whether they would need to take advantage of the extension, those questioned expressed approval of the idea.

Activists Fight Animal Testing

By The College Press Service

"Animal rights" activists won a round last week.

The Santa Clara, California, County Board of Supervisors ruled on August 25 that Stanford University has to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement before it can build a new animal research lab.

The decision, Stanford officials say, effectively will stall building the lab at least until 1988.

The decision, rights activists say, will give them a new weapon — statements never have been needed before to build such facilities — in their effort to stop scientists nationwide from experimenting on animals.

Their effort centered in northern California in July and August, where various humane groups lobbied against building new facilities at Stanford, the University of California at San Francisco and Cal at Berkeley.

The conflict is representative of the growing national debate about animal research that swept through many campuses during the 1986-87 school year.

Demonstrators marched at UCLA and the universities of Minnesota, Utah, and Arizona, among dozens of others, during the year.

At California-Davis, a group called the Animal Liberation Front freed turkey vultures from their lab cages and set fire to a veterinary laboratory to protest the school's use of animals in research.

The Stanford, Berkeley, and Cal-San Francisco rallies suggest protests and civil disobedience will continue during the 1987-88 academic year.

Stanford officials hope to build a \$17 million facility to house 51,000 rodents used by campus researchers in scientific experiments. Cal officials want to build a \$14.3 million facility to house rodents, cats, and primates at Berkeley facility.

At Berkeley, animals now are housed at 22 different sites around the campus, said Dr. Roy Hendrickson, the director of the university's animal office who is overseeing efforts to centralize its animal facilities.

Hendrickson says a new lab will improve the animals' lives.

Spurred by complaints from animal rights advocates, the U.S. Department of Agriculture last year fined Berkeley \$12,000 for placing animals in overcrowded, unsanitary quarters. The USDA mandated that \$10,000 of the fine should be used to improve animal facilities.

Berkeley officials responded by hiring Hendrickson to oversee the improvements.

Now Hendrickson wonders, "Why are they opposed to the building when they said the facilities are so terrible?"

It's because much campus animal research is "stupid and redundant," countered Dr. Elliot Katz of In Defense of Animals, which opposes the construction of the Berkeley and ultimately wants to stop campuses from experimenting on animals.

"There's no reason for animal experimentation," said Susan Rich of the Washington D.C.-based people for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

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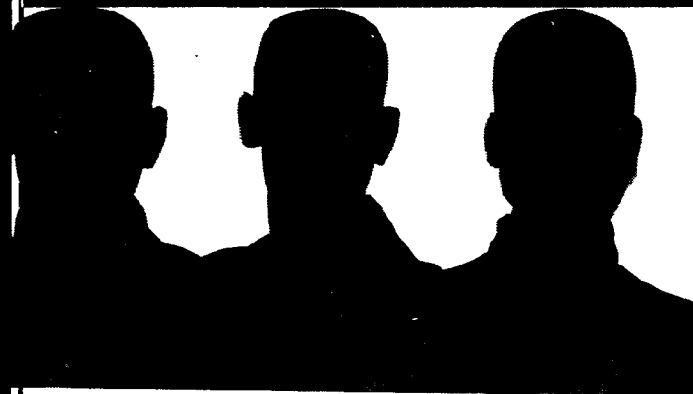
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Report Says College Costs at Record High

By The College Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Students, parents, state legislatures and the federal government will spend \$124 billion on higher education this year, or \$14,294 for each full-time student, the U.S. Department of Education calculates.

In its annual back-to-school forecast, the department — in recent years a severe critic of college spending — also noted this year's higher education costs represent a 7 percent jump since 1986-87.

Announcing the forecast two weeks ago, Secretary of Education William Bennett argued the expense of higher education does not justify the return.

"The American people have made a tremendous financial commitment to education," Bennett said of the record \$308 billion the nation will spend on all levels of education this year. "We know what makes for a good education. The generous investment is there. It's time we started getting a much better return on that investment."

Bennett's numbers, however, contradict another report released in recent weeks by Research Associates of Washington, a private research group that studies higher public education.

According to Research Associates head Kent Halstead, it costs public colleges and universities only 4 percent more than last year to educate its students, an increase "similar to that of many industries."

Halstead concluded public campuses "remain as productive as other sectors" of the economy.

He compliments campus officials for keeping costs down even while state and local governments allocated "a seriously declining share of their tax revenue budgets to public higher education — 8.1 percent in 1986-1987 compared to the recent peak of 9.2 percent in 1980-1981."

Education costs per student doubled in the last nine years, from \$2,554 in 1977-1978 to \$5,035 in 1986-1987, while tuition during the 1986-1987 school year rose just 4.4 per-

cent, the lowest increase in tuition revenues in a decade, Halstead reported.

Both the education Dept. report and the

Research Associates study state that college enrollments, despite a shrinking pool of 18-to-24-year-olds, have remained steady.

CIA Ups Recruitment

The College Press Service

LANGLEY, VA — Despite campus protests and budget cuts, the Central Intelligence Agency plans to accelerate its recruiting of college students, an agency spokeswoman said.

Plans for a new eight-week summer internship program — in which students must promise not to divulge what they're doing or how much money they're making — were revealed in a letter sent to campus career counselors in Langley, Virginia.

In addition, the agency will recruit at 200 campuses this academic year to seek out "the best and the brightest students" interested in careers with the CIA, spokeswoman Sharon Foster said.

Foster said budget cuts have forced the CIA to alter its recruiting from its traditional "shotgun approach" this year.

"If the agency needs employees with math backgrounds, for example, recruiters will visit schools with outstanding mathematics programs," Foster said.

Shouting opposition to U.S. policy in Central America, students at the universities of Colorado, Minnesota, Massachusetts and other schools protested the agency's recruiting on their campuses during the 1986-87 academic year. Demonstrations, however, won't persuade the agency to stop recruiting at colleges, Foster said.

The CIA is invited by college officials to recruit at schools, Foster explained.

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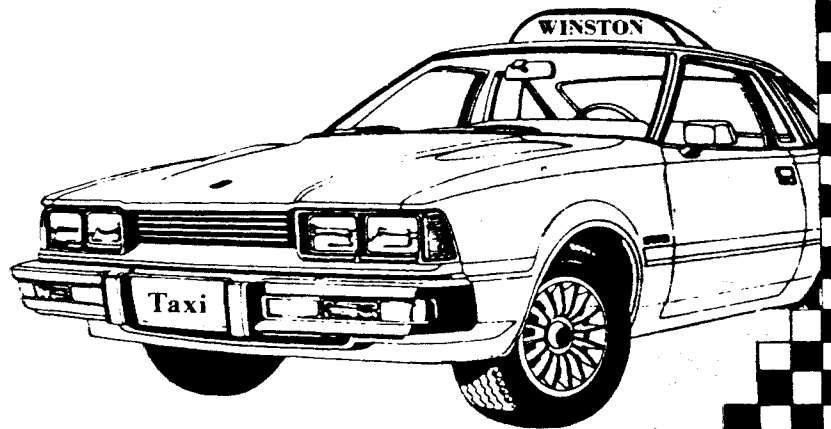
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With Friends Like These...

Well, labor's "friend" Mario Cuomo strikes again. After stonewalling negotiations with SUNY's faculty union, the United University Professions (UPP), throughout 1985 and 1986, Cuomo's administration has hit public sector organizing once again by denying graduate students the right to unionize.

The state's Public Employment Relations Board (PERB, appointed by Cuomo) has ruled that graduate student teachers and researchers are not employees. Starting yesterday, however, the federal government began to tax stipends as actual wages. (Remember tax reform?)

While the nation is so keen on interpreting the intent of the founding fathers in this year of constitutional celebration, there seems to be one elementary lesson that has been lost on Cuomo's administration: No taxation without representation.

Federal taxing of notoriously low stipends is unfair enough, but in Cuomo's New York the taxed don't even have the right to organize and fight for themselves.

PERB's argument that graduate student employment at the university is secondary to the role of getting a degree should be true. But the university seems to view graduate student employment not as a step toward a degree but as a way of taking cheap labor for an easy ride.

The university relies on graduate students to teach nearly half the classes in some departments. Yet it won't provide them with necessities to meet their supposed primary goal. Housing and even food money are totally inadequate for much of the graduate student population. Where is the university's regard for graduate students meeting their "primary" goal of getting a degree?

And where has the original intent of unionization gone when a government board can say you can't unionize? The barring of graduate teachers

and researchers from the definition of "employee" is an almost Orwellian rape of semantics.

Cuomo had his way. And in doing so he has probably condemned Stony Brook to another season of renewed dissatisfaction and strife among students. The graduate and research assistants

are justified in feeling that their alternatives have been eliminated.

Where will this campus be if last year's problems and protests repeat themselves? If bad things truly come in pairs, Stony Brook is in for one hell of a year.



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Something to Say? Write to Statesman

College Republicans: Horrors of the Sandinistas

By Eileen Powers

In his Viewpoint (Sept. 9), Mitch Cohen praises Brian Wilson as a "hero" because his left leg had to be amputated as a result of his lying across railroad tracks before an oncoming train. Cohen's words echo those of KGB Colonel Genrikh Borovik, who (according to the Sept. 13, 1987 *New York Times*) called this incident a "heroic feat" in a worldwide propaganda broadcast from Moscow on the very day of Cohen's Viewpoint.

Borovik lauds Wilson for opposing the Nicaraguan democratic resistance, whom Cohen calls "murderers and rapists." These accusations are flung so often without supporting evidence that an examination of the record is in order. Such unfounded allegations are often trumpeted loudly, while the results of careful investigation are sometimes buried and forgotten. Let us look at the facts.

When they seized power in Nicaragua in 1979, the Sandinistas expelled the world's most respected human-rights organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross. Since 1980 they have prevented the Nicaraguan Democratic Movement Party from meeting. In November 1980 they murdered Jorge Salazar of the farmers' association COSEP, and in 1981 they arrested Jose Esteban Gonzales, President of the Nicaraguan Permanent Commission on Human Rights.

Despite this repression, the Nicaraguan Commission of Jurists managed to document 8,655 Sandinista executions by 1982 — including those of 14 pregnant women. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) received thousands more reports of peasants arrested by the Sandinistas who simply disappeared. In 1982 the IACHR asked for an accounting, but the Sandinistas refused. Finally, the Organization of American States threatened sanctions unless the Sandinistas responded.

In response to this pressure, Sandinista Interior Minister Tomas Borges Martinez appointed a Special Investigations Commission for both Sandinista and rebel human-rights abuses. As Chief Investigator, he appointed Jose Avarro

Baldizon Aviles, a Ciudad Sandino police chief who had joined the Party at the age of 20, and had been trained in Volgograd in the USSR.

Suddenly Baldizon defected to the United States with a copy of his top-secret report. It concluded (1) that "90% of the IACHR accusations were true;" (2) that the Nicaraguan Resistance had no pattern of intentional human rights abuse, while the Sandinistas demonstrated an institutional policy, approved at the highest levels, of mass rape and murder; and (3) that "the Sandinista government is guilty of the systematic torture of political prisoners." Baldizon's wife and brother were immediately arrested for treason.

Baldizon estimated that "for every contra abuse there were 10 committed by the Sandinistas." He documented hundreds of assassinations carried out by "Department F-1," including that of COSEP leader Jorge Salazar, and traced responsibility to Borges himself. His investigation uncovered a secret order signed by Borges in late 1981, entitled "The Standardization of Special Measures against the Enemy Potential and Criminal Potential throughout the National Territory." This document identifies "special measures" as assassination, carried out on the specific orders of Borges and Luis Cruz Carrion. The report is a catalog of horrors:

In July 1982, several Miskito Indians were tortured to death in Puerto Cabezas by DGSE Second Lieutenant Lobo. In December 1982 the IACHR requested information on hundreds of Miskitos missing after this action. Baldizon's report found that at least 150 Miskito prisoners had been executed near the Wawa River by officers of the EPS, DGSE, and MINT.

In June 1984 more than 300 peasants were murdered and dumped into mass graves by Sandinista troops Cua, Pantasma, Waslala, and Rio Blanco, on the orders of Carrion. Vidal Poveda, a 35-year-old peasant, testified:

When they gave us shovels I knew we were going to dig our own graves. The night before they

had beaten me until I could no longer see with my right eye. But I was lucky ... they kicked the others until they vomited blood, and then, while the drunken soldiers were shooting my friends and throwing them, still alive, into the graves, I managed to run away.

When Soviet troops invaded Poland Stalin gave one order: "Everything is permitted." According to Susan Brownmiller's book, *Against Our Wills: Men, Women and Rape*, "everything" meant rape. Moreover, writes Alexander Solzhenitsyn (who was there), "all of us knew that if the girls were German they could be raped and then shot."

The Soviets have taught their Sandinista proteges well. James LeMoyné reports in the *New York Times*, as recently as June 28, 1987 that "Peasants ... told of a rape by a Nicaraguan soldier" of a 15-year-old girl. Such atrocities are not merely sexist, but also racist and genocidal, directed especially against ethnic minorities like the defenseless Miskito Indians. In the IACHR report on the Miskito, Professor Bernard Neitschmann testifies that:

Rape by Sandinista soldiers of Miskito girls and women has been common ... Sandinista soldiers are apparently given great freedom to do as they please when they invade an Indian village ... The occurrence of arbitrary killings of Miskito civilians appears to be widespread.

The Capuchin priests, who have ministered to the Miskito for decades, have issued an official statement that the Indians have been continually raped and massacred by the Sandinistas, but have never been molested by the Freedom Fighters. Baldizon's report documents a harrowing record of mass rape, complete with names, dates, and locations:

On July 19, 1982, EPS troops under MINT Captain Alvarro Herrera and Lieutenant Erwing Caldera entered the town of Musawas, where they made mass arrests. The men were shot, the women raped. This pattern is casually repeated over and over. Observe the rape of La Pin in March 1984: "The troops placed the women who cooked for them in a house next to the kitchen and told them to take off their underclothes and then proceeded to make love without their consent." Candida Fernandez, a 22-year-old woman, testified:

I was taken by force to the Evangelical chapel and raped. Later that night the military commander beat me, my house was burned and my husband shot to death.

None of the murderers and rapists identified in Baldizon's report were disciplined; they were all rewarded for their atrocities. Independent interviews confirm that the incidence of rape has become even worse since then, under the new Sandinista depopulation strategy. As the Nicaraguan Permanent Commission on Human Rights wrote in its report to the Organization of American States:

Behind all these cases of violations of human rights one can perceive an attitude or position of repudiation of rights, a denial of the very existence of rights.

These are the facts, as laid out by the Sandinista's own human rights investigating committee. Such is the regime of the Nicaraguan dictator Danny Ortega, whom Cohen calls "wonderfully compassionate." But why let vague and groundless accusations by Comrades Cohen and Borovik do our thinking for us? Look at the facts and judge for yourself which side represents fascism, "creeping" or galloping.

(The writer is chairperson of the College Republicans.)

Don't Knock Opportunities Offered by Greek Life

By Heather Lipman

I would like to respond to the article entitled "Crackdown on Fraternities." According to the attitude of Stony Brook students, they are convinced that there isn't any Greek life on campus. I must disagree on such statements. Not only do I disagree, but I would like to shed some new light on the issue.

My major objection to the article was its negative connotation to fraternities/sororities. In general, the article elaborated on only the negative aspects of Greek life.

Let me express my views and experiences of Greek life to those people who are ignorant of our social groups. For most people, the main reason why they join a fraternity/sorority is to meet people and to get involved on campus. I am very surprised to witness that such a large campus of students would be so opposed to Greek life. The reason why I say "opposed" is because each year more rules are placed on us and it makes it harder for us to grow or even to survive. Our group doesn't want to take over or harm the lives of pledges with hazing because the Greek life on Stony Brook campus does not believe in hazing. What

we want is the vice grip to be released in order to let us breathe a bit. We are constantly fighting against the Administration. Last year we were informed that we cannot pledge freshmen. To tell you the truth, I think we are old enough to make our own elections. If students cannot handle his/her academic schedules than they should be mature enough to make the right decision. The next thing you know, administration will tell us what classes to take, when to go to sleep, and what to eat (daka).

The whole idea of fraternities/sororities is to meet people and get involved. Who do you think wants to join a fraternity/sorority, but freshmen? They are the ones who are lost socially on such a large campus. I have one question for administration. What is the difference between trying out for an athletic sport or for a fraternity/sorority? In either case you have to devote your time and the willingness. In order to get the most out of any club or sport. Unfortunately, there are people who are unable to participate in a sport, but want to get involved on campus.

Why can't freshmen join a fraternit-

y/sorority? Some of the reasons that I have heard are ridiculous. For instance, their grades will suffer, or maybe they will be rejected. For one thing, one does not need a fraternity/sorority in order for them to have their grades suffer. In another words, all the students who do not belong to a fraternity/sorority have a G.P.A. of a 4.0? I can hardly believe that.

Another reason why people do not like fraternities/sororities is because people feel they reject students who want to join. You mean to tell me that when you try out for a sport you are instantaneously a part of the group what do you call it when the coach cuts you from the team, but rejection. Some people state: "Why should I pay for my friends?" What, are you serious? Do you actually believe that you are paying for friends? Let me ask the students of Stony Brook: how do you think we can afford flyers, parties or any other type of activity? That's where their money goes. The money is used for everybody in the group and they all have a say in what the money is used for. By the way, fraternities and sororities are not funded by polity like other clubs are. That's why we need to collect money. How do you think clubs survive if it wasn't

for the money and the willingness of the people who are apart of the club?

To tell you the truth fraternities/sororities are just as much a club as any other one is on the campus. of course each club has there own reason for existing. Our reason is just to meet people. In order to get the most out of anything, one must give drive and effort in order to accomplish goals. Everything takes work in order to succeed and that goes for fraternities/sororities and all the rest of the clubs.

After I joined Alpha Phi sorority I have learned a lot about Greek life, for one thing we do not look down on people and we are not a bunch of snobs. Such rumors of fraternities/sororities are a part of that sour attitude that people believe is true about fraternities/sororities. We are just a bunch of girls who like to get together and talk. We talk, study, party and get to know one another we are not an isolated group, we also associate with all the other fraternities/sororities and with anybody we want to be with. Friendship does not have any boundaries.

The last item I am going to discuss is the fact that people believe that we are clicky. That statement is also not true.

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LETTERS

Safety Last?

To the Editor:

The Lecture Center has been closed because it poses a toxic chemical hazard to users. This situation has necessitated the relocation of all campus movies to the Union Auditorium. A severe safety hazard exists in the Union Auditorium and students should be aware of it.

On Saturday night, September 12, I enjoyed "Platoon" along with a packed house (the movie was sold out). Upon exiting, I discovered that one of the two crash-barred emergency exit doors on the right rear side of the auditorium was frozen shut and inoperable. The left front emergency exit door was fully blocked by a large blackboard. This left a maximum of only two out of four exits potentially usable. The left rear door returns to the lobby, and it would be potentially unusable if a fire situation existed within the building. I did not check the right front door.

In a panic situation such as a fire or smoke emergency, this situation could cost people their lives. I spoke to the Union building manager's office about about this situation on Monday 14, September. They thanked me for the information and indicated that a locksmith would be called to repair the right rear doors. There was no indication of how long this might take. I have just reported the situation to the Fire Marshall's office.

Operating a fully packed auditorium that has half of its exits compromised, and with no trained emergency personnel present, is dangerous. It is inexcusable that this sort of situation should even exist was this a conscious oversight or lack of attention to detail? Repairs should be attended to immediately. A full report should be rendered in Statesman when the job is finished. Finally, the Student Union Manager should offer an explanation as to why no one was aware of the problem. If no one is clearly assigned the routine and ongoing task of monitoring fire and safety hazards, then I suggest assigning someone, effective yesterday.

Khalil J. Spencer
Earth and Space Science

Report Retort

To the Editor:

I remember asking Elizabeth Hunter, author of the News Analysis piece in the August 27, 1987 issue of Statesman, how she managed to write up her story since she had not taken a note during our half-hour interview. Oh, she said, I write it up when I get home.

That seemed strange to me at the time, and stranger now that I have read her "report" that I find "reasonable" the view that "all that counts here" ... is a narrowly defined brand of research referred to as new knowledge which must be reported only in certain journals." This is nonsense, but not mine.

So, too, is her report that I do not believe "that creative writing, for example, should be rewarded with

tenure or promotion, and when asked, 'if John Updike were at Stony Brook, should he become a tenured professor?' replied, 'No, unless he were hired under some special arrangement'."

The Department of English at Stony Brook is proud of the distinguished creative writers on its faculty — Thomas Flanagan, June Jordan, and Louis Simpson to name three. As a matter of fact, creative writing has been rewarded with tenure and promotion at Stony Brook, and should be.

And yes, John Updike may apply!

David Sheehan, Chair
Department of English

Measles Alert

To the Editor:

Health officials of the United States and Europe are expressing alarm about continued outbreaks of measles, a vaccine-preventable disease.

The American College Health Association, and the Center for Disease Control, are especially concerned about outbreaks in several major colleges throughout the country. Boston University, for example, reported eighty-two cases, and similar reports have come from Villanova University and Ohio State University. Principia College had one hundred and twenty-eight cases of measles, out of a population of seven hundred students. Three of those cases resulted in death. The concern about measles is not only that it is a dangerous disease, particularly among adult individuals, but that it can be prevented by proper immunization.

WHAT IS MEASLES? Measles (rubeola) is a serious viral disease, common in childhood, but also contracted later in life. It is often complicated by middle ear infection, bronchopneumonia, brain damage and mental retardation, and sometimes even death. During pregnancy, it poses a threat to the health and life of the fetus, as well as the mother. In addition, a disease of the central nervous system, referred to as, "the slow virus" (sclerosing panencephalitis), is also associated with the measles virus.

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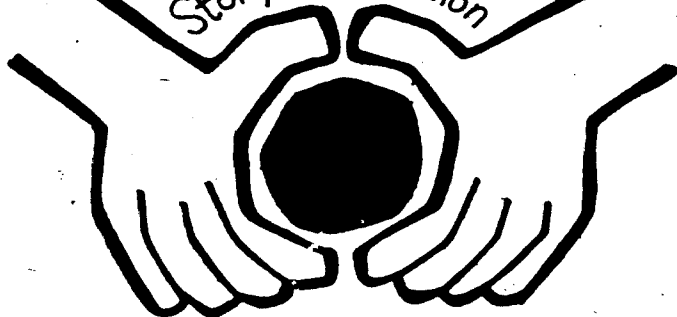
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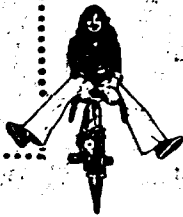
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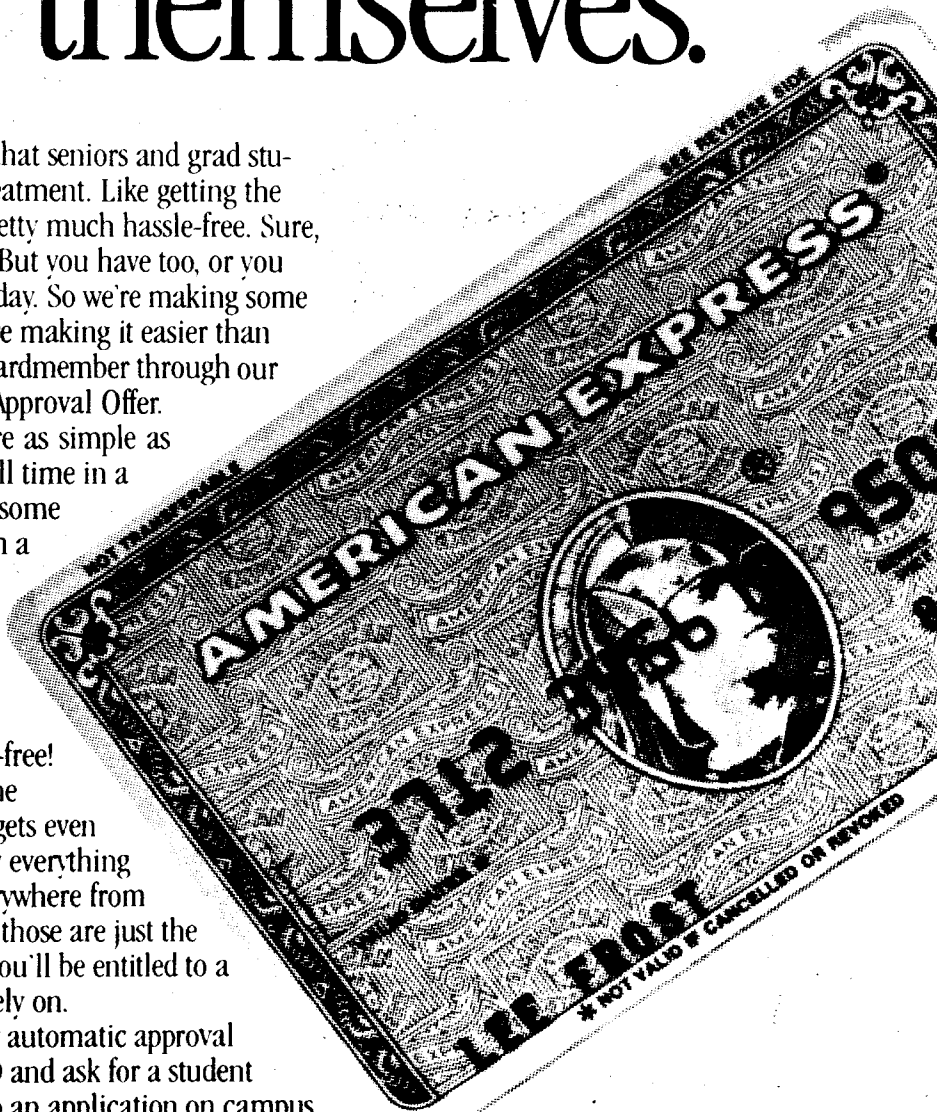
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By Rita Moller

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Golden Eagle's Nest, a crispy shoestring basket of potatoes, filled equally with shrimp, chicken, straw mushrooms and baby corn in a sweet brown sauce complemented the light white wine, Long Yan, from Beijing.

Shrimp in a light ginger-scallion sauce served in a bed of gently sauteed watercress, so the flavor of the green dominates, offered a light and simply prepared entree with a nice bite from the ginger.

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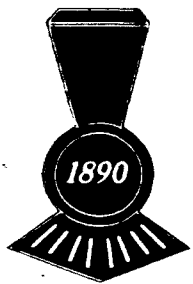
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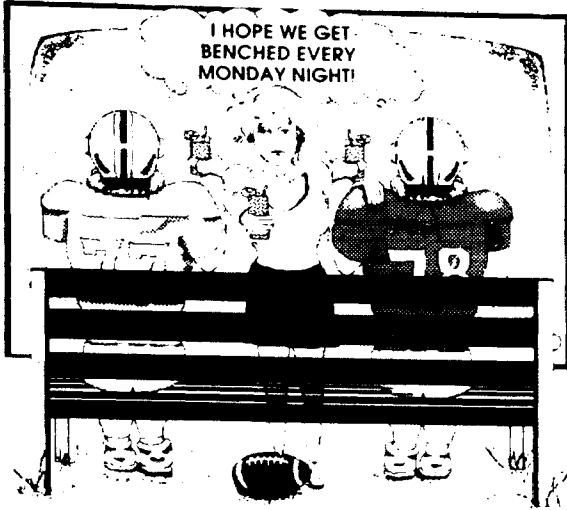
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The inside, from the bar area to the main dining room is richly decorated with hanging plants. Genuine cacti grow in a window box and reminders of the bygone days of cowboys and Indians are everywhere. A mural of buffaloes grazing and a replica of a coal stove add to the decor.

The menu is glued to a tin panning dish used for sifting sand in search of gold and a nickelodeon, rifles on the walls and a plank board floor want to make you say "howdy, podner."

The food items have names that must've tickled Big Barry's imagination. There's Cow Poke Clams served with bunk house beans and wrangler potatoes (\$4.67). Seafood Over Campfire means rainbow trout (\$6.92); breaded and fried clams, scallops and shrimp (\$7.63) and swordfish (\$9.58).

Big Barry gives you a lot for your greenbacks. A lunch entree of chopped beef (\$5.48) comes with a salad that's a meal in itself and a warm individual loaf of bread on a carving board. If you don't care for potatoes, you can substitute broccoli with cheese.

The restaurant even serves pizza in the pan with a choice of toppings for \$4.26. The "two-fisted" hot dawg is \$2.18. Big Barry has a variety of promotions to make regular customers out of the small fry and thus their parents. He gives away autographed pictures of himself, sheriff's badges and sells cowboy hats, T-shirts and even the tableware.

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Decor is typical of a Chinese restaurant; red booths, red walls and typical Chinese prints line the restaurant walls.

The restaurant has its liquor license and offers a range of cocktails.

The menu is so varied, a diner might be confused. Ask Steve for



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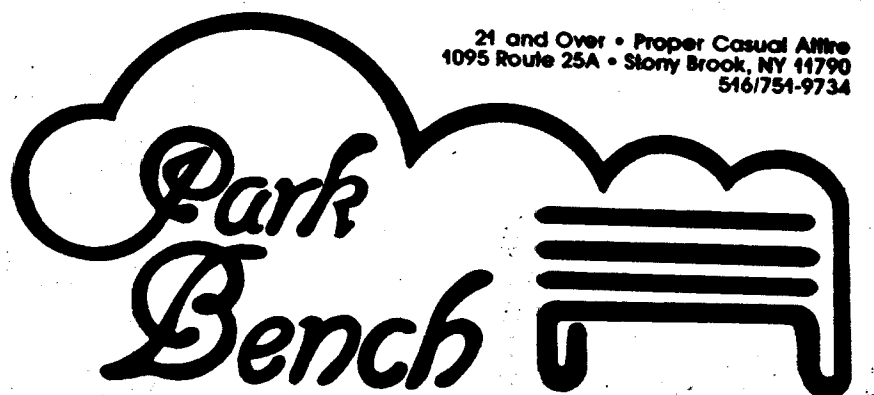


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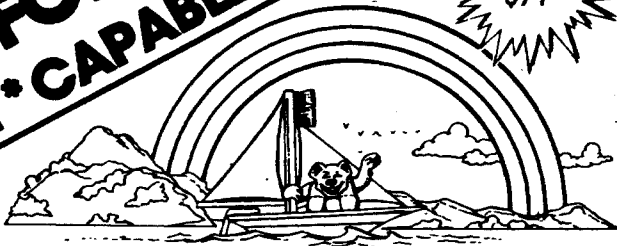
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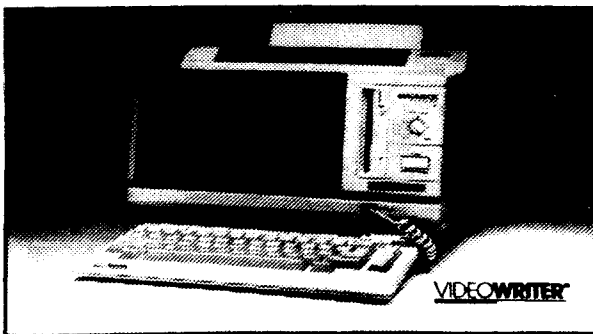
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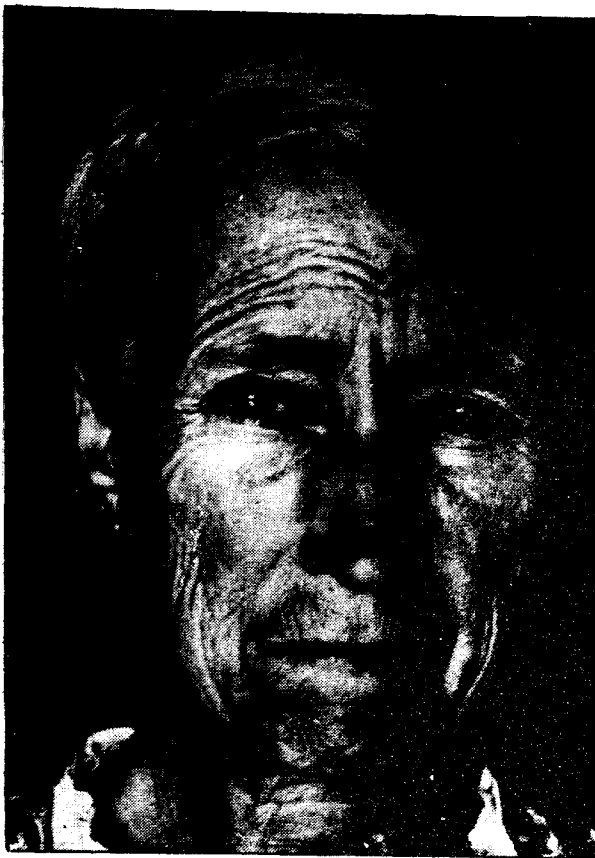
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Bourke-White Photos Reveal Human Condition

By Jenifer Penrose Borum

The Art Gallery at the Fine Arts Center presents the photographs of Margaret Bourke-White, 1904-1971, one of the most prolific artists of the 20th century. A celebrated photo-journalist, filmmaker, as well as the author of ten books, her travels took her around the world to capture important events in the history of the first half of this century. A dedicated humanitarian, she actively sought to gain insight into the human condition. Through photography she isolated social, political, and economic forces, showing how they shaped people's lives. Each photograph is a synthesis of these elements into a single, revealing moment. This exhibit celebrates her talent, and recognizes the photographer as artist. The viewer is asked to see each picture for its intrinsic, aesthetic value. Above all, it is her compassion for human beings that shines through, transcending time and place.

Margaret Bourke-White studied photography in New York City during the early twenties, an artistically stimulating environment. Important influences include Arthur W. Dow, Clarence H. White, and Max Weber, all instrumental in the development of modernist art. From them she learned basic principles of composition, and was encouraged to develop and express her own individual style. This individuality was first manifested in her work of 1929, focusing on the aesthetics of the machine at the height of American industrial activity. Early recognition by *Time* magazine publisher Henry Luce launched Bourke-White's career, one characterized by a glamorous and often dangerous life-style.



Margaret Bourke-White

"The Humanitarian Vision" is organized in a chronological progression. Her work in the American South portrays the plight of the sharecroppers in the Great Depression. These striking portraits such as "Locket Georgia" capture the suffering that existed there. Photographs from Stalinist Russia in the early thirties, convey the enthusiasm and excitement of the people working to bring about industrial progress. Human and machine are juxtaposed in masterfully crafted compositions, bringing out the beauty inherent in each.

Risking her life on the front lines during both World War II and Korea, she depicts the horrors of war and its tragic effects on the people involved. Scenes from the concentration camps at the end of Hitler's reign are a disturbing, graphic record of that nightmare. In "War Casualties" (Korea, 1952) two soldiers casually smoke cigarettes as they bury the bloated bodies of the fallen.

Spending two years at the side of Mahatmas Gandhi she produced a series of portraits of the great peace-maker, in life and in death. "The Spinner" catches the quintessence of Gandhi's contemplative spirit. Bourke-White's sensitivity enables her to bring out a universal human dignity in all people, from rural Ukraine to the mines of South Africa.

"The Humanitarian Vision" was organized by the Joe and Emily Lowe Art Gallery, Syracuse University. Showing through Nov. 14th, the exhibit may be viewed between noon and four p.m. A video presentation of a film produced by Margaret Bourke-White: "Eyes on Russia, 1932" will be shown at noon, Oct. 28th in the Art Gallery.

Controversy Sparked by Peter Tosh's Murder

By Robert Bruno and Nadine Palumbo

To many, Peter Tosh was not only a musician, he was one of the most respected voices of Jamaica. Through his impassioned music, he sang of equality, slavery, brutality, and rebellion. As one of the founders of The Wailers, he and the late Bob Marley made reggae a vibrant, important form of music. Even after his split from Marley and The Wailers, Tosh continued through his music, to vigorously promote his beliefs. Tosh was one who stood up for his rights, and quite dramatically so. On Friday evening, September 11, 1987, Tosh was brutally murdered.

Initial media coverage blamed drugs as the culprit. Allegedly, Tosh's murder was the result of a drug deal gone bad. Other reports cite a robbery. These solutions produce more questions than answers.

Reportedly, three assailants entered Tosh's Kingston, Jamaica home Friday evening at 8:30. They demanded that Tosh and his guests lie face down on the floor, then proceeded to shoot all seven, killing Tosh and his valet. The media was quick to blame the drug network, with *Newsday* citing the "increasing competition between the country's drug dealers," and *The Daily News* reducing the slaying of Tosh to simply being "killed for money." These conclusions seem superficial and even unreasonable. According to WUSB's Ras Mike, who resided in Jamaica for four months, 2/3 of the population smoke marijuana. Marijuana is much too acceptable in Jamaica to precipitate such a brutal slaying.

Tosh's disdain for money would lead one to believe that money was not a motivating factor in his murder. He would never carry much money on his person. In fact, according to one source, American currency was found at the scene of the murder. Other media reports were contradictory, one report states the assailants were a motorcycle gang which forced its entry, while another report states the assailants were friends of Tosh who were invited into his home. Reports also suggest the possibility of robbery as the motivating factor in varying degrees.



Peter Tosh

The Daily News reported the assailants were "hoping for pocket cash at least." *The Freeman* states that "the robbers apparently thought he [Tosh] had a large amount of cash with him." *The New York Post* suggests simply that the murder "stemmed from a feud between some of the victims and the gunmen," implying that the murder may be unrelated to a matter of money. Furthermore, in suc-

cessive stories, *Newsday* admits that "there is little hard evidence yet," and that "reports were sketchy."

Through these inconsistencies, questions inevitably rise, for the explanations offered are clearly unsatisfactory. Therefore, other motives must be investigated.

There is much to speculate on about the possibilities of other factors contributing to the murder of Peter Tosh. For

example, Tosh had recently won a law suit against the Marley estate, he being the beneficiary to a large sum of money, aroused speculation. An even more plausible explanation could be Tosh's relationship with the Jamaican government. Tosh was never reluctant to speak out against the government. In fact, in a 1978 concert, before a crowd of 30,000 people, which included Jamaican Prime Minister, Michael Manley, Tosh openly berated the government's policy of not legalizing marijuana.

Tosh's relationship with the Jamaican police was even worse, considering he openly admitted a hate for them. Tosh suffered several police beatings, some quite severe. This makes one wonder about how concerned the Jamaican Police would be investigating the circumstances of Tosh's death. Interestingly, Tosh had been planning hard words for the government," Ras Mike related. Tosh was militant, more so than any other figure in the reggae movement. He accepted this strong position with pride. Tosh would not tolerate injustice, and therefore had the trust and respect of the people. He was a powerful, moving voice that had to be heard. Undeniably, Tosh was a volatile personality, and he did whatever he wished, unafraid of the consequences of his defiance. But more than anything else, it is said, he wanted to be like a normal, everyday person. According to Ras Mike, who was a friend of Tosh's, "he walked the streets like anybody else." Unlike anybody else, Tosh resembled a "job" figure, in that his share of suffering was greater than most, even down to the last moments of his life. For those who were moved by his words, the questions remain many and unanswered. It is unfair for the media to assume solely drug or monetary link in his murder. The truth is more complex than these too simplistic answers. "There are a lot of details yet to get through," Ras Mike said.

Friends and followers of Peter Tosh celebrated his life as opposed to mourning his tragic death, for that's the Rastafarian way. However, they still yearn for better answers.

Billy and the Boingers Twang Tongues to Top

By Bob Timm

Berke Breathed is back again. His latest release in the "Bloom County" epic is *Billy and the Boingers: Bootleg*. The comic strip continues to be popular across the country, mostly on college campuses such as Stony Brook where, on any 10 minute walk across campus, one can spot Opus T-shirts, Bill the Cat sweatshirts, and other such paraphernalia in alarming numbers. Dormitory hallways are decked with wagging tongues. *Bootleg* reveals why "Bloom County" is so popular.

In general, comic strips are often boring and repetitive, relying on age-old puns and running gags (Boner's Ark, Momma, Blondie, Archie, etc.). "Bloom County" is a refreshing laugh among all the other crap that usually is spread around the horoscopes. Why? Because it is consistently changing and moving on with the trends of today's American society. Berke Breathed keeps up with the times and has successfully developed his strip as a satirical portrait of the '80's as Garry Trudeau's "Doonesbury" was for the '70's. "Bloom County" has surpassed "Doonesbury" in popularity because it relies on getting the laugh first and then making social commentary. Trudeau started to decline when he began to rely more on his social conscience than on his funny bone. Episodes like "George Bush's invisible image" or "the Sinatra expose" were simply not that funny. Editors began to realize this years back and moved "Doonesbury" to the editorial page, if not completely out of



the newspaper.

The residents of Bloom County are funny because they lampoon the stereotypes of the day while continually escaping any stereotypes of their own. A good example is the episodes of "Deathtongue" and their trek to fame from the auditions to corporate sponsorship to the wild and zany hotel parties. What is funny about "Deathtongue" is their failure to live up to the "heavy metal" stereotype. Any registered head-banger will find much to laugh at, most notably Breathed's comic portrait of Ozzy Osbourne as an overweight, middle-aged slob who cares more about the tea waiting back at the hotel than he does about the actual music.

Beneath all the laughs and chuckles, Breathed succeeds in getting his personal commentaries across to the reader. When Steve Dallas, manager/songwriter for Deathtongue, is subpoenaed by the Senate hearings on "porn rock," he is

asked about the causes for the "immorality" on today's youth which many would like to attribute to today's pop music. Dallas suggests that it is due to "the proliferation of narrow, suffocating zealotry masquerading as parenthood in this country." While Steve Dallas plays straight man and social commentator, Bill the Cat provides some hilarious comic relief. This is the genius of "Bloom County."

Also notable in *Bootleg* is the introduction of a new resident to Bloom County, the "Basselope." Rosebud, part basset hound and part antelope, emerges as a "droopy dog" type whom Breathed uses as a metaphor for America's involvement in "Star Wars" and the arms race. Weapons research funding is also the target of a hilarious episode in which Opus is sent millions of dollars and then subpoenaed by Congress to present a working "Star Wars" project. Even if you are in favor of research funding, you cannot help but laugh at Opus' adventures.

The highlight of *Bootleg* is Opus' search for a wife and the trials he must face when he finds a prospect in Lola Granola. Breathed analyzes the many pitfalls that await modern romance which any sexually responsive person can easily relate to (this includes about every carbon-based life form except Michael Jackson and Pee-Wee Herman). Opus must confront old boyfriends, future in-laws, and the Six Romantic Landmines in a developing relationship. These include The Big Lie, The Honest Opinion, The Big Adjustment, The Big Confession, The Big Casualness, and The Big Spat. If you are a fan of "penguin lust," these episodes are a must-read.

Bootleg will live up to all of your expectations and help you catch up on all the episodes you might have missed in the dailies. The only disappointment is the accompanying single, "I'm a Boinger." The song reeks of the "flash-metal" garbage made popular by Bon Jovi, Ratt, and others of that ilk. More refreshing is the flip side, "U Stink But I Love U," which features Halen-esque guitar riffs and hilariously grotesque lyrics:

When I got you in my backseat
And I tried to make my move,
I had to roll down all the windows
To keep my face from turning blue.

Overall, I recommend this book to anyone with a brain and a funny bone. Anything funny in America can probably be found somewhere in the annals of "Bloom County" and *Billy and the Boingers: Bootleg* is a fine new addition.

Adventure Awaits Volunteers

By Joe Cheffo

June 17, 1987 — I rose at 5:00 am this morning. I'm not sure why, since I start work next Thursday. While I'm up I might as well start packing. Let's see, tennis shoes, jackhammer, surfboard — it's all here. Whoops, I almost forgot my scarf and earmuffs. I heard it gets pretty cold at night in Uganda.

June 28 — Well, today was the big day. We took off from the airport at 8:00 pm. So did our plane. It was a twin engine charter plane filled with nothing but Peace Corps volunteers. One of our engines was busted though, so everyone had to sit on the right side of the plane. The trip was very long and we had to refuel once before we got there. We went to refuel in Iraq first, but there was a war going on so we went to Iran instead.

June 29 — We arrived today in Bumba, Uganda. Violence erupted almost immediately. While unboarding our airplane we were pelted with small rocks and hardened wads of toothpaste by fundamentalists, extremists, and radicals (FEAR). I think they thought we were the Marine Corps. Anyway, things were resolved pretty quickly by the local police. They assured us that we would receive a full police escort to a hotel as soon as we built one.

June 30 — Today they divided us into groups of six and sent us out to different parts of the country to work with the locals. My group was approximately half women, half men. They were an interesting lot, everyone had a different story to tell. I didn't have one though, so I repeated one of theirs.

Our job was to help build an irrigation system for the village of Mugaba. This particular village was known for its political activity. At the time we arrived, most of the members of the community were engaged in a hunger strike in protest of the food shortage.

July 5 — Today we met the village chief. The chief liked us immensely and he let the rest of the villagers know that we could be trusted. The villagers were very warm and sociable and we exchanged pieces of our respective cultures. They taught us how to use black magic to keep away homosexuals and we taught them how to play nude twister.

July 7 — Things started off pretty lousy today. The food supply was at a critically low point and a pack of wild boars just ran away with the medicine man's stereo. Good news came soon, though. The United Nations Relief Service sent in two tractor trailers filled with fig newtons and sugar-free gum.

July 19 — Malaria struck one of the villagers today. This young man had been helping us work on the irrigation system when he apparently got bitten by a mosquito which carried the dangerous disease. The medical doctor on our team went to administer quinine, a drug that kills the malaria parasite, but the villager refused treatment. He kept strutting around like a rooster singing "love is the drug that I'm thinking of." We knew we had to quarantine him to prevent any further spread of the illness. We were unsure of how to do this at first but finally we decided to beat him senseless and throw him in a snake pit.

Aug. 19 — This afternoon I was able to witness Mugaba's local criminal justice system in action. Mr. Lagumbi, a farmer, was being prosecuted for "crimes against the people." Mr. Lagumbi allegedly did not know the steps to Mugaba's monthly rain dance and had actually been faking it for the past seven years. Mugaba, coincidentally, has not had any rain for seven years. He was also being charged with two counts of voodoo-hexing. Mr. Lagumbi admitted to placing a dribbling/drooling hex on one of the village elders because he had spread around the village that Mr. Lagumbi was not able to obtain a major credit card (even his application for a gas card was apparently rejected, although we all wondered why he would want one, considering that there isn't a gas station for 800 miles in either direction and no one in the village has ever even been in an automobile). Mr. Lagumbi was sentenced to a no parole, no vacation life term of hard labor in the blistering heat. In other words, he was released immediately and sent home.

August 31 — After the irrigation system was completed, we were told we could all pack up and go home (the volunteers, that is). All in all, it was a pretty fun trip. In fact, if it wasn't for that darn scorpion sting and subsequent two weeks of total paralysis, I'd say my summer in the Peace Corps was nothing less than a two and half month paid vacation with a touch of adventure to boot.

Theatre Preview

By Mary Margaret Earl

Two exciting plays are now in the works at the Fine Arts Center for the fall season. First, there is the University Theatre Production of "Tartuffe" by Moliere, and then a production of "Safe Sex" by Harvey Fierstein.

Moliere's "Tartuffe" is a seventeenth-century drama concerned with religious hypocrisy. The play is directed by Tom Neumiller (who also directed last semester's "Terra Nova"), and the Richard Wilbur translation will be used. The entire run will be from the 15th to the 18th, and from the 22nd to the 25th.

Fierstein's "Safe Sex" consists of three one-acts that offer decidedly different views of the impact of AIDS. Fierstein is also the author of the award winning Broadway play "Torch Song Trilogy" and author of the book for the Broadway musical "La Cage Aux Folles" 1984 (Tony winner for the Best Broadway Musical).

"Safe Sex" is being produced in conjunction with a two — week series of films, videos, lectures and conversations on AIDS facts, and a symposium on AIDS with a question and answer session. All programming will take place in various theatres in the Fine Arts Center. The production "Safe Sex" will be shown from November 12th to the 15th and from November 19th to the 22nd. For more information on the series, call the Department of Theatre Arts. 632-7300.

Special student discounts are available and an arrangement has been made for students to purchase tickets for main theatre events which are not sold out. "Student Rush" tickets are \$3 with I.D. and go on sale fifteen minutes before curtain time. For more information, call the Fine Arts Center box office at 632-7230.

Chiropractic Offers Unique Approach to Health

By Barry V. Cohen

The principles upon which the science of chiropractic is based can be traced to physicians of antiquity. We find a description of the method of treating bodily ills and a thorough outline of the chiropractic principle in the writings of Hypocrates, the Father of Medicine (460 — 370 B.C.), Galen (130 — 200 A.D.), and other noted physicians of ancient Greece and Rome. Similar descriptions are to be found also in the ancient manuscripts of the Egyptians, Hindus, and Chinese.

During the Dark Ages, however, many of the effective scientific principles that governed the practice of the early physicians were forgotten. For 200 years or more,

these healing principles, including those that govern modern chiropractic, were lost to the world.

Not until 1895 were these principles re-discovered by Dr. Daniel David Palmer, who used them as the foundation for a modern, flourishing profession — the chiropractic profession.

Named chiropractic — a composite of the Greek words "cheir" and "praktikos," meaning "done by hand," it has been applied successfully for over 90 years. The remarkable effectiveness of this method of treatment has won for chiropractic a permanent distinguished place as a profession.

What is chiropractic? What does a chiropractor do?

How can I get well without drugs? How long will I take to get well? Can chiropractic help children? Are there harmful effects of chiropractic adjustments? Can older people benefit from chiropractic care? How does a doctor of chiropractic locate a patient's problem? What about chiropractic as a career? What are the educational requirements for a doctor of chiropractic?

These and many other questions will be addressed in this column. I will attempt to explain the "natural" or "drugless" approach that the doctor of chiropractic utilizes in aiding people to become a happier, healthier and experience a sense of well being.

Your questions and comments regarding health and the science of chiropractic are welcomed. I will try to answer as many of them as I can. Please address them to: Chiropractic, *Statesman*, P.O. Box AE, Stony Brook, NY, 11790.

Dr. Cohen received his A.A.S. Degree in Science from Suffolk County Community College in 1972. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, in 1974. He discovered chiropractic for himself while working towards a Master of Science Degree in Medical Microbiology. Upon learning more about this profession, he decided to pursue chiropractic as a career and graduated New York Chiropractic College in 1980.

Dr. Cohen has been in private practice for the past 7 years; he lives in the Setauket/Stony Brook area with his wife and three children.

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(continued from page 9)

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about anything. If you study for an "A" than you will get the "A." If you try to socialize and meet people than you will make friends.

Like I said before, it all depends on what you put into it. All I am saying is just give us a chance we really are not that bad, and thanks for listening. By the way good luck to all the fraternities and sororities during Rush. I hope everybody has a great Rush.

(The writer is a member of Alpha Phi Sorority)

Something to say? Statesman welcomes letters and viewpoints from its readers. Correspondences should be typed double-spaced, signed and should include the writer's phone number. Send them to Statesman, P.O. Box AE, Stony Brook, NY 11790 or bring them to the basement of the Student Union, room 075.

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LETTER—

U.S. vs. Peace

To the Editor:

George Faubert, in the September 9 edition of *Statesman*, shows the typical detachment from reality that seems to be the lot of Reaganites. He clings to the "120,000 telegrams and letters" received by the White House, ignoring the fact that since those days, even larger numbers of messages in protest against the mountain of lies and misstatements, deceptions and other "patriotic" virtues were received by administration and congress.

In the obvious panic of Reagan's clan over the possibility of real peace in Central America, Mr. Faubert does not shrink from fabrications worthy of a North, a Poindexter, or a Secord in asserting that congress repealed the Boland amendment. In fact, the only authority that repealed that amendment so uncomfortable for the plotters of war is Mr. Faubert himself.

As for Senators Dodd and Kerry whom Mr. Faubert calls "once-adamant pro-Sandinistas," neither of them can be called uncritical of the Managua government by any objective standards.

Mr. Faubert, in his concern with preserving the mercenaries he calls "rebels," conveniently forgets that their military supreme commander, Bermudez, has acknowledged just last week that his earlier position in the hated Somoza Guard does not exactly make him a champion of democracy — no more so than the universally recognized brutalities against civilians by these same men so brazenly baptized "freedom fighters" by a president obsessed with his idea of democracy which is worlds apart from true American democracy.

The people of Central America want peace — they deserve it. It will take the sincere efforts of all concerned, including the Sandinistas, to bring peace about. The United States has everything to gain from an honest solution of the conflict. Its government should no longer stand in the way of such a solution.

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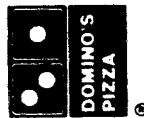
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Patriot Athlete of the Week

Men's soccer goalie, John Oldak was *Statesman's Patriot Athlete of the Week* for the week ending September 6th. Oldak made several key saves and stopped a penalty shot in the Patriots 3-1 opening game win over Otterbein.

For the week ending September 13th, Patriots defensive back Paul Klyap earned *Statesman* honors. Klyap totaled 11 tackles, intercepted a pass, and blocked a kick in Stony Brook's 34-6 victory over Ramapo. Klyap also ran back a punt 39 yards for a touchdown to complement his fine defensive effort.

Cowboys Sink; Bengals Swim

By Andy Russell

The Giants-Cowboys series the last few years has been one of the most intense rivalries in the NFL. Unfortunately, it appears that the rivalry is about to fizzle. Many of the Cowboy players who were stars during their prime have hit the downside of their careers. Quarterback Danny White, who was belittled several years ago by Cowboy players and fans for not being able to win the big game, is now being counted on to lead the Cowboys back to the playoffs. Don't expect Lawrence Taylor and Carl Banks to make White's task any easier.

If the Falcons felt bad about being routed by the Bucs last week, they better brace themselves for more of the same this week, against Washington. Atlanta is beset with problems on offense: Running back Gerald Riggs appears worn down from all the carries he's taken the last few years; Dave Archer is not an NFL caliber quarterback. Dexter Manley and company should be able to shut down the Falcon offense.

Seattle should bounce back this week after being beaten soundly by Denver. Although Kansas City's running game has improved greatly, Seattle's run defense is rock solid. If the Chiefs are forced to rely on Todd Blackledge's passing, they're in for a long afternoon.

Look for Cincinnati to rout San Francisco. The 49'ers looked very sluggish during pre-season and looked bad in their season opening loss to Pittsburgh. San Francisco might still be suffering psychological effects from their 49-3 loss to the Giants in the playoffs last year.

I feel that Pittsburgh is the most underrated team in the league this year. Cleveland will have their hands full trying to stop the running tandem of Earnest Jackson and Walter Ambercrombie. Mark Malone is a better quarterback than his poor performance last week might lead one to think. The wideout combo of Louis Lipps and John Stallworth is among the league's best. If not for an extremely tough schedule and the holdout of number 1 pick Rod Woodson, Pittsburgh would be playoff material.

In a week without many big games on the college scene, I look for Boston College to upset USC on its home turf. Although new USC coach Larry Smith has a reputation for turning dormant programs into winners, it won't be that easy for him this time. At a school that has turned out so many great running backs, it is shocking to see their lame running attack. USC quarterback Rodney Peete is overrated. On the other side of the ball, BC has a strong defense to go along with its pro-style offense. Darren Flutie has made his brother Doug proud by turning into a big-play wide receiver.

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Patriots Psyched To Face Hofstra

By Kostya Kennedy

After a relatively easy opening win over Ramapo, the Patriots will travel to Hofstra on Friday night to take on the mighty Flying Dutchmen. Hofstra rolled over Iona 55-13 in their opening game, but that doesn't scare the Pats.

"They might be the best team on our schedule," said Patriots' defensive coordinator Dave Caldiero. "But our kids react to Hofstra, they want to beat Hofstra badly. You'll see our defense swarming after the ball on Friday."

Hofstra is the nation's 15th ranked Division III team. They achieved a 9-1 record last season en route to a spot in the NCAA tournament. Nevertheless, the Patriots have played very well against them. The Flying Dutchmen beat Stony Brook 13-3 last year and 17-15 in 1985, making the Patriots the only team in the last two years to play Hofstra twice, and hold them to just thirty points.

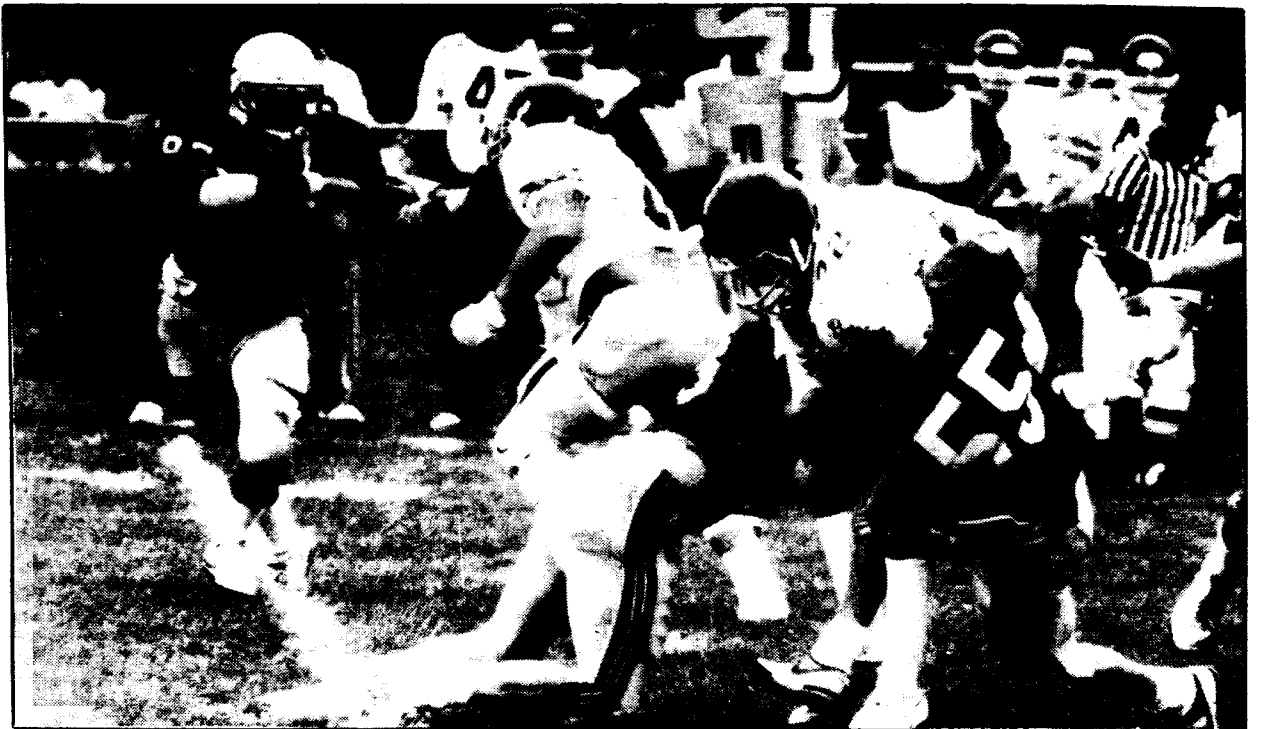
"We feel like they escaped a bullet the last couple of years," said Caldiero. "We played real well last year, if we'd done a couple of things differently the score might have been 7-6 ours."

In the 17-15 loss of two years ago, the Patriots played several rookies on defense, including inside linebacker Al Bello and defensive backs Paul Klyap, Peter Seccia and Chris Mayes. Now that these players are experienced juniors the defense should be stronger than ever.

Stony Brook will need solid defense to prevent Hofstra's two good quarterbacks, Joe Donadio and Ken Bonkowski, from going deep to their talented split end James Moore. Hofstra also has a massive offensive line to open holes for fullback Mike Codella.

"They've got enough weapons," Caldiero said. "That might be good because maybe we'll go in there a little more balanced on defense."

If the Patriot's defense plays with its usual effectiveness, stopping Hofstra shouldn't be too difficult. With Dan Shab-bick coming off a great game at quarterback, the offense should be in high gear. The Patriots are hungry for Hofstra. They are looking to atone for two disappointing defeats. Bring on those Dutchmen who fly so high, the Patriots are ready to clip their wings.



The Patriots' defense manhandled Ramapo last Saturday, but they face a tougher assignment this week against Hofstra.

Tennis Team Comes Up Short

By Andy Russell

The women's tennis team lost its season opener on Tuesday in a 7-2 loss to Concordia at home. Amy-Sue DiPace was the lone singles winner for Stony Brook. She played very aggressively and attacked the net often. DiPace also combined with Mine Kamsoy to give the Patriots a win at doubles.

"Concordia outlasted us, that was the difference," said Coach Dave Pia. Stony Brook lost a couple of tough three set matches. Number one singles player Anna Bentsianof lost in the third set by a score of 7-5. "I was pleased overall," said Pia. "The girls hung in tough."

The team will try to even its record on Monday when they play St. Johns at home.

Mets Will Be There When It's Over

The Mets play only five of their remaining 17 games at home while the Cardinals play 14 of their last 17 in St. Louis. The Mets are entering a dogfight for the pennant without one of their top dogs, Ron Darling. The Mets have yet to catch the Cardinals, and the Expos are still close enough to scratch New York's second-place behinds. The Mets are in bad shape, right? Wrong.

For all its hype and fanfare, the home-field advantage simply is not that important in September. Major Leaguers in a pennant-race come primed and ready to play every day, home or away. I asked Met third baseman Howard Johnson about the significance of playing at home in the stretch run:

"It's nice to have the last at-bat in the ninth," he said. "But it's [playing at home] not that big a deal because every game is so important."

Come on, don't all those home games give the Cardinals an advantage?

"I don't think it will matter," said Met catcher Gary Carter. "Not when you're in a pennant race."

Granted the Cardinals can utilize their speed more easily on the bouncy Busch Stadium turf. Nonetheless, with each game providing mounting significance it will be the clutch team that wins the pennant. No team can win solely on the strength of scheduling.

Now, what about the loss of Darling? Can



the Mets seriously challenge without their best second-half starter? GM Frank Cashen pulled another of his shrewd moves on Tuesday, snatching 33 year-old pitcher John Candelaria from the Angels for two lower minor-league pitchers in their mid-twenties. The trade can only aid the Mets' aching pitching staff.

"It was a great move," Keith Hernandez told me on Tuesday. "There's no other way to describe it, it was a great bleeping move. He's a veteran left-hander who's been through a stretch run before. He's exactly the guy you want out there, the other teams

in our division can't be too happy about the trade."

For every Met smile is a Cardinal glare, an Expo frown.

The Mets are loose and confident. They are a team that knows how to win but not how to give up. They emanate an aura of calm strength in a tough situation. They are the World Champions of baseball.

"The Mets are still the team to beat," said the Cubs star outfielder Andre Dawson. "They've still got quality pitching and they've been there before."

Yes, the Mets are the team to beat, and

beating them won't be easy, even for the talented Cardinals and momentum-riding Expos.

Darryl Strawberry is blazing hot, Randy Myers has looked almost unhittable and Gary Carter survived some nonsensical Shea Stadium boos and has again proved how essential he is to the Mets. Carter is hitting with his usual September consistency and this week he drove in two game-winning runs, one with a rare bunt single against the Cards.

"I was bunting on my own," said Carter, dispelling any notions that Dave Johnson had given him the sign. "You don't bunt that much in the cleanup spot but I did have about ten bunt hits in 1975."

Carter batted fourth for the Expos and the Mets until he was dropped to the number six position earlier this year. His bunt hit, at age 33 and with two bad knees, showed why he is still an indispensable Met. Carter is a team player who knows how to win and will do anything to do so.

Though they face a difficult task in the next three weeks, the Mets have a solid shot at repeating. Despite injuries, internal turmoil and playing in a tough division, the Mets are better off than any of last year's other division winners. If the Candy Man can and The Kid comes through, the Mets will be alone at the top by season's end.