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Admin Moves On Transportation Service

By Irwin M. Goldberg

"We don't have enough equipment or drivers, and the road conditions are bad...but we'll do it," said David Thomas. director fo Transportation Services and Fleet Management at Stony Brook. Two years ago, then-Campus Operations Vice President Robert Francis submitted a request to Albany for funding to improve the transportation services on campus. The school is still waiting.

The condition of the buses has caused controversy over their safety. Thomas said that all of the buses have passed both the New York State safety and emissions tests and a non-mandatory Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) test. "The buses are the standard of the industry." Thomas said. "We've got good equipment and it is maintained properly by our staff." The people that maintain and service the buses are all New York State employees who are engine and transportation mechanics. Union President Tony Ruggiero agrees that the staff is good: "The mechanics do the best job they can. They keep the buses running as safe as possible."

An incident last month involved a bus being operated with its rear doors wired shut, according to Ruggiero. Thomas said that D.O.T. regulations state that all doors on a bus must work. A grievance was filed on the incident by the driver. According to Thomas, mechanics wired the door shut to install a heater. When asked why it was wired shut in the first place. Thomas said that a student had "kicked the door out because it was not opening fast enough." This bus is awaiting repairs and has not yet been put back into service. Thomas said that if a bus should fail a safety inspection, it is not put into transportation service (it would not be used to transport people) until the problem is repaired.

Ruggerio said he would like to work with management to overcome this problem: "We would like a cooperative effort between management and ourselves." He believes that it would benefit everyone. As of Wednesday, December 12, only five of the eleven buses Stony Brook owns are actually available for use. The others are awaiting repairs or inspection by the D.O.T.

This year, the transportation budget is \$210,000 excluding



Statesman JoMarie Fecci Students boarding a bus in South P-Lot.

salaries; as of December 12, over \$160,000 had been spent. According to Thomas, management has approved the purchase of one bus this year. A full proposal will be presented shortly, and Thomas and Ruggerio hope it will be approved. In the last two years, Stony Brook has purchased four used buses, Thomas said. Although these buses are used, they are the "standard of the industry and are the easiest to rebuild," said Thomas, a former mechanic himself.

Ruggiero met with Carl Hanes, vice president of Adminis-

tration, and Tony Alydnaip, assistant to the vice president. on December 4 to discuss the possibility of purchasing new buses. According to Ruggiero, the plan calls for the purchase of new used buses to replace the older buses in the fleet. Thomas says that this plan would allow the fleet to be "rebuilt."

At a meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee, members of the union stated that the only parts available for (continued on page 5)

Activism Comes

Last week, Statesman presented the first part of a two-part series on the state of graduate student issues after last semester's rallies and strikes. The second part, below, begins with a report on stipends that has its roots in the series' first half. For a broader outlook, see last Thursday's issue.

By Mitch Horowitz

While the exact level of taxation is still unclear. September rate scales indicated an \$800 yearly bite on \$7000 stipends for single people.

The increase that many students get they will not see; that's true for all students in the United States," said Robert Lichter, vice provost for Research and Graduate Studies.

Lichter's office, meanwhile, has requested another \$1000 for stipends in the next state budget. Neither Lichter nor graduate students expect the legislature to grant more than a fraction of the request. "The rules are never the same." he said, adding that Stony Brook got only 60 percent of what it requested last year of a major state grant aimed at expanding graduate programs.

GSO President Bonnie Hain estimated that perhaps 30 percent of the request will come through.

After

Second of Two Parts

"Many people thought that the \$7300 shouldn't have been accepted last semester." she said. adding that she has encountered "more people this year who are broke and complaining that they have nothing to live on.

Part of the problem, she said, is the stiffer regulations on getting a Guaranted Student Loan and, more importantly, the constant specters of costly Brookhaven rents and living



The embers of dissent — Tent City after vandals burnt the protest this fall.

There have been some mumblings that the administration was prepared even before the activism to raise stipends by \$1000 and that only \$300 of the \$1300 raise resulted from the strike. "I tend to believe that," Hain said. "I have a feeling that was the case.'

Meanwhile, two other major issues — finding an affordable health insurance plan and establishing a set of stipend guidelines — remain within committees. Graduate officials complained that both objectives were supposed to be in place by September.

The committee on health insurance has been working with a campus-wide health committee to shape an inexpensive policy for graduate students. A preliminary report has been prepared, Lichter said, and bidding - a generally

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Air Problems Cause Class Relocations

Amidst continued complaints over Health Science Center air quality, about 40 faculty and staffers in the School of Social Welfare will be relocated to South Campus buildings by next semester, officials said last

While the move is predicted not to interfere with a child care expansion to South Campus, the Graduate Art Program will suffer a severe loss of studio space in the shuffle, department officials said.

At least eight graduate sutdents and three faculty members will lose their South Campus studios. and, cording to department chairman Melvin Pekarsky. be placed in smaller, inadequate rooms. The department is being moved from Nassau Hall to create space for the child care expansion.

The Nassau Hall studios are vital to the department because of the building's 20-foot ceilings, Pekarsky said; new studios in Dutchess Hall-which still requires extensive renovations—are only eight feet high.

"It's uninspiring to the ambitious student," Pekarsky said, adding that "I'm getting applications for next year and I have to show prospective graduate students the kind of space they're getting-what do I show them?

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MEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 Doctoral Recital

Angela Beeching will perform works on the cello by Debussy, Schumann, Paganini, and others at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Graduate Recital

Graduate students in th Department of Music will perform chamber music at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Master Class

Vladimir Feltsman will perform on the piano at 1:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Donations will be accepted for a scholarship fund.

Israeli Folk Dancing

Aerobic-style dancing will be led from 8-10 p.m. in the Stony Brook Union Balfroom. Admission is free w/SUSB ID, \$1 w o. Sponsored by B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and the Hillel Student Club. For more information call 632-6565.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Academic Calendar

Last Day of classes: last day to withdraw from university; last day for graduate students to submit theses and dissertations for December graduation.

"Neurology and Pregnancy"

James Donaldson, M.D., Associate Professor of Neurology and Internal Medicine from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine will speak at 8 a.m. in HSC Level 3 Lecture Hall 6.

"The Goldfish Visual Pathway: Intermediate Filament Proteins in Nerve Goldfish and Development.'

Nisson Schechter, Ph.D. will speak at 4 p.m. in Life Sciences 038.

Movies J an Luc Godard's films "Hail Mary" and "The Book of Mary" will be shown at 4:15 p.m. in room E4340 of the Library.

Doctoral Recital

Margaret Parkins will perform works by Beethoven, Hindemith and Brahms on the Cello at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Combined Concert

2Combined Choral Ensembles and Long Island Brass Guild performing works by Rutter, Respighi, Schutz, and others in the Fine Arts Center Main Stage Auditorium. For more information about tickets call 632-7230.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Academic Calendar

Final Exams begin at 7 p.m., final grades due in Registrar's office for main campus and in Office of Student Services for HSC. 48 weekday hours after scheduled exams.

"Jean Luc Godard's 'Hail Mary': a Theological Response"

Peter Manchester will speak at 1 p.m. in Old Chemistry 143 p.m.

"Moduli of Riemann Surfaces: Why are there still any problems Left? Irwin Kra will speak at 7 p.m. in Math-/Physics S-240.

Noontime Recital

John Lutterman will perform works on the cello at 12 noon in the Health Sciences Center Gallery, Level 3.

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-THE WEATHER CORNER By Adam Schneider

The position of Long Island places it in the path of many storm systems. During the winter, some of these may dump great amounts of snow, much to the delight of skiers and to the chagrin of motorists.

Our greatest winter systems are those that form along the Atlantic Coast and move up from the south. In recent years, several storms have reached unusual intensity.

All of us remember the famous Blizzard of 1978. On February 6 and 7th of that year, our area was hit with its second major winter storm in 18 days. The combination of heavy snow, hurricane-force winds, and cold temperatures eroded the shoreline and dumped homes into the ocean. Pat Pagano, a forecaster with Metro Weather Service said, "If I didn't know it was February, I'd say it was a tropical storm." Satellite photos showed a well-defined eye to the storm.

Locally, 26 inches of the white stuff piled up in Ronkonkoma, 24 inches in Riverhead. but only one foot in Montauk, where warm air changed the snow to rain. The entire Eastern Seaboard was affected. Providence, Rhode Island, had 27 inches and Connecticut's capital city, Hartford, accumulated twenty inches. Schools were closed for two weeks. extending the winter vacation. Can it happen again? Well, only time will tell.

The April Blizzard of 1982 also was quite notable. Up to a foot of snow was dumped on the area, despite the fact that it was the sixteenth day of Spring. The last time that happened was in 1957, when two inches fell during the same

Will any snow be in the forecast in the immediate future? For one thing, our weather pattern has definitely undergone a major change over the last week. Sunshine and 60-degree readings have been replaced by a chilling wind and wintry conditions. This is only appropriate and will serve to return us to the holiday spirit, which seems to be nonexistant when warm weather prevails during December.

Cold weather will persist for much of this week. In fact, a flow from central Canada will keep our temperatures below normal through midweek. Precepitation looks to be scarce early but a storm system looms on the horizon for late-week. Keep tuned as to whether this will whiten the landscape or not! Best wishes on final exams and January skiing. See you after the Break!

ACROSS THE NATION:

Court Grants Gays Rights

In what has long been seen as a major case for collegiate gays the District of Columbia Court of Appeals ruled Nov. 20 that Catholic Georgetown University does not have to grant student gay groups official recognition.

The court did say Georgetown must give homosexual groups the same privileges - generally use of campus meeting rooms - it gives other student groups

Gay groups sued Georgetown for recognition in 1980, after Georgetown officials refused to give them official status because Catholic doctrine condemns homosexuality.

Georgetown, as a private university. argued it wasn't covered by a Washington, D.C. law that forbids discrimimation on the basis of sexual preference.

But last week Judge Julia Cooper Mack disagreed, saying the local law did cover Georgetown.

She added the school didn't have to grant the Gay People of Georgetown University or the Gay Rights Coalition of

Campus Police Blotter

One rape and another sexual abuse were reported to the Campus Public Safety Department on Sunday, December

The rape, considered a date rape, occurred after a girl went out with an old boyfriend. After their date, the students returned to the girl's dorm room in G-Quad, where the female was forced into sexual intercourse. The victim, according to campus police reports, said she will not prosecute.

In Hand College, a female student was awakened by a man who had entered her dorm room when he began sexually abusing her. The victim did not know the man. According to reports, the students door was closed but unlocked when the man entered Public Safety investigators said that they do have several leads and are investigating the incident.

Devon Norville, a student, was arrested on Tuesday, December 8, near Sanger College. Norville was arrested on a bench warrant, which is issued by a judge when a defendant fails to pay a court-ordered fine.

Nigussie Bulti was arrested near Kelly 👂 Cafeteria for two active petty larceny warrants on Tuesday, according to campus police reports.

Georgetown Law School official status. however, because it would imply Georgetown endorsed gays' lifestyles.

Colby Students Oppose Faculty's CIA

Faculty members have no right to try to keep Central Intelligance Agency recruiters from coming to Colby College. Colby's student government unanimously declared November 11.

The controvwersy at Colby is just the latest development in a growing campus movement to bar the CIA from using school facilities to interview potential employees.

The Colby faculty had voted 49-22 to bar the agency from interviewing on campus. The final decision on CIA recruiting will be made by college trustees at their January meeting.

Roger Bowen, a Colby professor who supports the ban, said the move was aimed at getting the CIA to halt illegal covert activities. The faculty motion cited the spy agency's involvement in Nicaragua, arms sales and illegal domestic investigations as reasons why Colby should ban it.

"They violate American laws, nobody disputes that, but what do you do to them?" Bowen asked. "You can either encourage them by aiding them, or you can tell them 'We can't stop you and we can't reform you, but we sure can stop aiding you.'

But John McNinch, a student government representative, said the taculty was "overstepping their bounds" and "acting like parents."

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Graduate Student Activism on the Decline

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lengthy process where companies offer up plans — is about to begin. The campus-wide committee, meanwhile, has proposed a \$70 health fee for all students which would increase campus infirmary hours and — theoretically — set the stage for a cheap insurance plan. According to GSO figures, about 30 percent of Stony Brook's graduate students lack health

On the issue of stipend levels, a policy is being planned for next semester to govern stipend disbursement and prohibit academic deans from manipulating or playing favorites with stipend monies, according to graduate student committee members. These guidelines are in response to a "decentralization" plan that would have given deans the power to set stipend levels - empowering them to commit potential abuses, graduate students complained last semester

Lichter has since scrapped "decentralization," conceding it was a "bad policy." He said that last semester, "Had I looked into that with more depth and in a more timely way a decision might have been different." The decentralization plan is often cited as the final disagreement that spurred April and May's brief graduate strikes.

And what of graduate student activism? Tent City — long the symbol of graduate discontent over housing and living standards - has stood, or rather crumbled, under December's harsh weather. And, in some ways, the original intent of the protest — where up to 30 people slept between April and September and an equal number were arrested may be lost.

"It has a lot of symbolic value to those of us who lived there and spent time there, a lot of people still feel kinship to the site." said George Bidermann, GSO treasurer and a supporter of the shanty-style project. "I'm sure people would still be living at the site just for the kick of it, the fun of protesting, if not for the weather." In April disgruntled graduate students - some of them homeless - pitched the academic mall and, with the addition of barbecues and a chicken coop, made the campsite into a campus attraction.

The Suffolk County district attorney's case against the protestors - charged with the class d misdemeanor of obstructing governmental administration — is pending. Attorney's for the protestors, spurning an offer of reduced charges, have filed for dismissal, Bidermann said.

A rally organized by the GSO in September failed to drag more than a handful of people - a sharp contrast to last

semester's final rally in May which attracted 1000 people at its peak. "It was too early in the semester," Bidermann said. "It had also been cancelled and then put on at the last minute.

Some graduate students suggested that after the deluge

of meetings, bargaining sessions and rallying last semester everyone is feeling a bit burnt out.

But rather than students being worn out, Hain said, they're merely waiting. "It's not that they're tired. It's that there's

Social Welfare School To Move to South Campus

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Pekarsky said the lower ceilings will make it impossible to work on larger pieces and may endanger the department's ability to recruit and maintain high-quality students. "The department is being treated like crap-it doesn't make you want to stick around," he said. "Graduate students get financial support if they're good and if they can get that support elsewhere they'll go.'

Pekarsky complained that the department has fought all decade to secure Nassau Hall because of its high ceilings and "no discussions had been held with me that we would be displacing graduate sutdents in the middle of the academic year with no notice."

Provost Jerry Schubel said that, while the relocation is permanent, an addition might be built onto Dutchess Hall that will have high enough ceilings for modern studios. Schubel said "there's a reasonable chance" of the money for an extension in the next state budget.

Over the summer, Dutchess Hall was earmarked as the site for expansion of the campus child care service, but it was soon discovered that the building's dental labswith their potential for radiation and gases—clashed with county health codes on child care space. Plans were shifted to put child care in Nassau Hall and move the arts grads into Dutchess.

Office space for the School of Social Welfare—about 6000 square feet-will be spread through both halls

Schubel and Health Science officials said the exact space needed is unclear, but it should not impair the growth of child care.

'On a temporarty basis it will take some of the space that has been allocated to child care, but we don't even have from child care a [renovation] plan yet," Schubel said, claiming that child care was not yet ready to begin expanding.

While calling the art studio displacement "extremely serious," Andrea Kwasny, vice president of the Graduate Student Organization, concurred that child care plans were likely to remain unhampered.

Lucille Oddo, executive director for Stony Brook Day Care Services, was not available for comment, but said last week that she did not believe the move would disrupt the expansion.

Office and classroom space for the School of Social Welfare will remain on the South Campus until mid-June. Schubel said.

By June, the ventilation system in the Health Science Center—which may be pumping carbon monoxide fumes from a parking lot into the building-should be revamped. Since the beginning of the semester, two people have fainted and scores more have complained of illness from the building's air quality.

-Mitch Horowitz

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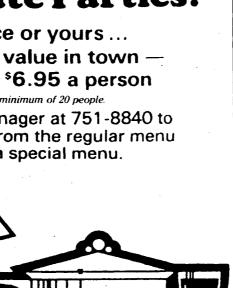
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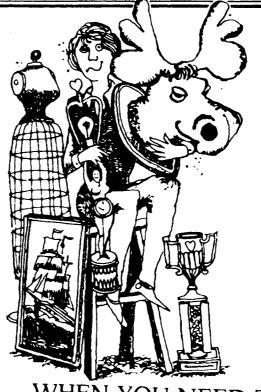
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Student Support With Republican Candidates

By the College Press Service

A year before the 1988 elections, political analysts say they think college students are more likely to support the Republican presidential candidate than the Democratic candidate.

The same analysts, however, caution that if the stock market continues to falter, or if conflicts in the Persian Gulf and Central America escalate, college students may turn against the Republicans.

Barring that, Jesse Jackson seems to be the only Democrat with any measurable support on campus, while all the Republican candidates legitimately can claim pockets of college support.

It's heartening news for the Republicans, who are trying to

translate Ronald Reagan's collegiate popularity in 1980 and 1984 into long-term voting patterns.

Young voters may have already begun identifying themselves as life-long Republicans, said Catherine Rudder of the American Political Science Association.

Young Americans tended to vote Republican more than the rest of the electorate in the 1980 and 1984 presidential elections. Young people, moreover, continue to be President Reagan's biggest supporters, according to the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a Washington, D.C. think tank.

Although the number of Americans who approved of Reagan's job performance dropped as a result of the Iran-Contra scandal, his rating held steady among 18-to-24 year olds, the institute reported recently.

Analysts say that momentum gives Republicans a slight advantage in wooing the youth vote — but that advantage is tenuous.

The AEI's Karlyn Keene asserts college students find the Republican Party more appealing not because of its policies, but because of President Reagan.

The only two presidents most students are old enough to remember are Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, Keene noted, adding that "the Carter administration is seen as incompetent, while Reagan is seen as providing leadership."

"Reagan offered more hope than the Democrats," said Curtis Gans, the director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate.

"But on other issues, students don't agree with the Republican administration. The 1988 presidential election," explained Gans, "is not as likely to be as one-sided Republican as the previous two election. It could even turn out to be one-sided for the Democrats," he added. "That's up to how current events unfold. If the stock market continues to decline, students, and the rest of the electorate, will want a change."

"An Iranian war would be unpopular with young voters," said Rudder. "The American public does not want to be involved in foreign interventions."

Campus Bus, Road Problems

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the buses were used or junked parts. Thomas said that the parts are bought new from the manufacturer, (TMC) which bought out the General Motors bus division. These parts are then intalled on/in the bus by certified technicians. Thomas said, "No single manufacturer builds headlight to tail light." This means that that not all of the parts come from the original manufacturer. Thomas said it was comparable to buying a part for your Ford car at Aid Auto Stores...you would get the same part but pay less for it.

The routing of the buses is done by the dispatcher, Maureen Dellorfano. If there is a problem, she is supposed to be informed. "If we have the driver and equipment, another bus will go right out," said Dellorfano. Ruggiero proposed a "communication system" be set up to inform the commuters of delays. Thomas said, "before the end of the school year, some sort of communication system with students would be installed."

Another problem facing the school is one of road repair. The condition of the roads affects the buses, drivers, management, and the students. Up until 1984, the D.O.T. came in and resurfaced university roads periodically. Due to lack of funds, Stony Brook's administration suspended this service. The D.O.T. is presently doing repairs in South P-lot.

Most of the problems faced by commuting students at Stony Brook are unique to the school. Most other state schools have commuter parking on main campus instead of peripherally. According to Jennifer McCormick, news editor for the Albany Student Press (the ASP), commuters at SUNY Albany park on the main campus and bus service is provided for the dormitory students.

The bus system at SUNY Oswego is also different from ours, according to Mike Raffaele, an editor on the student paper, the Oswegonian. Oswego provides a campus shuttle that will take students around the campus every half hour, Raffaele said.

Corrections

Due to typographical errors in last Thursday's issue, there were two misleading points in the stories on graduate student activism and Public Safety. In the former, the amount of teaching and research assistants at Stony Brook was misstated as 9,000. The amount is approximately 900. In the latter, John Henighan, assistant director of Public Safety at Albany was quoted as saying, "We do now put untrained officers on the road." Henighan actually said, "We do not put untrained officers on the road." Statesman regrets the errors.





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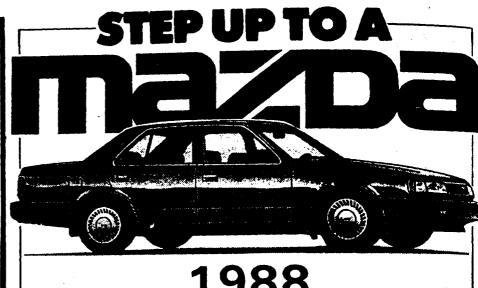
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- Defrost and unplug refrigerators. Leave refrigerator doors ajar.
- Clean your room before you leave. Excessively dirty rooms are a health and safety hazard and are a violation of the Student Conduct Code. People who do not comply, may be billed for cleaning and official action may be taken.
- Dispose of all trash, paper, and holiday decorations (in public areas too).
- Diseard or take home all opened or perishable food (roaches stay for intersession).
- \bullet Ground floor rooms should lower their shades/blinds. Others should lower them half-way. This will insure the best security of your room.
- Turn off light, lock doors and windows.
- \bullet -TAKE HOME ALL VALUABLES.
- All room changes must be completed by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 1987. There
 will be a cmapus wide room freeze beginning at 5 p.m. on that date. You must complete the
 paperwork and the physical move before leaving for intersession.

Important Information:

- The Residence Halls officially close on Wednesday, December 23, at 8 p.m. Exceptions will be made by your RHD only if you have a final Wednesday afternoon. If you need an exception, see your RHD by Tuesday, December 15, 1987. Students receiving exceptions will require a guest pass from their RHD for the evening of December 23.
- Even if you stay for one extra day, you will be billed for intersession housing!
- All buildings will be locked during intersession. Students may be permitted to enter in emergencies, but must first contact their Quad Office between 1:30 and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, to make arrangements. Plan ahead because "watering your plants" is not an emergency.
- The Residence Halls will reopen on Sunday, January 24, 1988, from 1:00 to 5 p.m. The first day of classes will be Monday, January 25.

Intersession Housing

All Residence Halls close for intersession at 8 p.m. on December 23, 1987. Intersession Housing will begin at the close of the Residence Halls and will extend until January 19,

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How to Apply

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Student Polity Structure Breeds Apathy

"We want Polity to be a 'people' organization." Paul Rubenstein, Polity VP April, 1987

"Polity is representing students, and without student involvement, Polity is nothing."

> Gerry Shaps, former Polity Pres March 1987

"I would like to see Polity become an organization with its power in the hands of the student."

Jacques Dorcely, Polity President

Despite all the talk about bringing Stony Brook's student government back to the students, Student Polity this semester has detached itself further from Stony Brook's undergraduate population. If they are to reverse the trend of disinterest, Polity officials must recognize that the fault lies not on the population, but on the government structure itself.

Practically every elected member of Polity in the past four years has planned to bring student interest and involvement into Polity. None have taken any major steps towards bridging the gap that exists between Stony Brook University's 9000 plus undergraduates and the 60 elected officials who control Polity's \$1.3 million dollar budget.

The most shameful evidence of this gap came in October when only 892 students voted in the runoff election for Polity President. When less than 10% of a population votes, no one can claim that

the government is "representational." Past and present members of Polity have pointed to student apathy as the cause of the decline in interest in student government. An effective student government should work to eliminate apathy and inspiré interest. The present Student Polity Association, has failed at both.

Despite all the election-time promises, electing a new candidate will not end student apathy. Blame for the apathy does not rest on the present Polity officials; rather, it rests on the system in which those officials must work. The present structure of Stony Brook's student government breeds apathy through muddled and inefficient means of representation.

The process of representation relies on two components: the representatives and the constituencies. Polity has three basic kinds of representatives: the executive committee, class representatives (freshman, sophmore, etc.), and senators. Of these three, the executive committee — president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary — has the simplest representative-constituency relationship. All undergraduate students may vote in the executive committee's elections, and, therefore, each committee member represents the entire student body (ideally).

But the representative-constituency relationships for class representatives and senators have failed and are largely to blame for student disinterest. The four class representatives represent constituencies that cannot be easily reached (when was the last time you heard of the sophomore class gathering in one place for a meeting) and that hold extremely varied interests. How many sophomores know who their representative is? How many juniors? How many seniors?

Polity should use residence, rather than class rank, to establish constituency (the U.S. Federal Government divides the country into districts for this purpose). Instead of the four class reps presently on the Polity Council, six "district reps" would have a much better means of communicating with the students they represent, thereby closing the gap between the students and Student Polity.

Three of the representatives would come from the residence halls: one from Tabler and Roth, one from Stage XII and Kelly, and one from G- and H-quads. In order to keep representation on the Council proportional, commuters would elect three representatives. The distinction of residence means much more today than the distinction of class, which exists primarily in the registrar's computer.

The distinction of class may have been more appropriate for representation years ago, when dorms were segregated according to "upperclass" and "lowerclass." But now freshmen and seniors often live in the same suite.

Under a residence-representation system, the Tabler-Roth representative can distribute information or take an opinion poll on an issue such as the meal-plan incentive program, and easily reach just his or her constituents. Naturally, the representa-

tives would have to live in their own "districts."

To further strengthen communication between students and Polity, Polity should redefine the role of building senators. The position of building-legislature president should be eliminated, and senators should lead leg meetings. For most students, building leg meetings provide the only real link between the student and Polity. Separating the senator from the leg president has given many students the impression that building leg meetings have nothing to do with Polity. When students vote on allocations at leg meetings, they vote to spend Polity money.

Many buildings fill the position of leg president not by an election, but by a popularity contest: whoever offers to throw the biggest parties gets the job. Often residents elect candidates with nothing more than loud voices and entertainment-director mentalities to qualify them. With senators leading leg meetings, the meetings could be what they were years ago: a forum for students to voice their opinions on campus issues, as well as a means of divying up the bucks.

Under this restructured system, each two-quad "district" would have one Polity council representative and eight or nine senators. These nine- or ten-person "district councils" would meet once every two weeks in their districts' cafeterias to allow students to address them and to inform students about issues, as well as to develop voting plans for Polity Senate meetings. The entire Polity Senate would meet every two weeks as well, but on the weeks that the district councils do not meet. (The senate proved this semester, thanks to chronic quorum problems, that it could function with an abbreviated schedule.)

The workload would not change for senators, who are already required to attend one senate meeting and one leg meeting each week. Representatives would be tasked somewhat more than at present, because they would be required to organize and supervise the bi-weekly district council meetings.

These proposals require undeniably drastic changes, but Student Polity's only remaining recourse against the widening gap between students and student government appears to be drastic change. As evidenced by the past four years' elections, election-speech words and easy plans won't pull Polity out of its slump. Polity can work for the students, once it stops working against itself.

No matter how drastic, changes can be implemented as soon as the next elections in the spring. Few students will demand the representation they deserve in Polity on their own. The responsibility to change lies with Polity itself. Without change, the present trend will carry Polity to a complete disconnection from students and an already-conceivable inability to fill its own council and senatorial seats. In order to function, Polity must bring back student interest. And to bring back student interest, Polity must give students their fair share of the representation — and involvement — in student government's issues and actions.

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Polar Views Are Unrealistic But Enlightening

By Alberto Florez-Malagon

It is interesting to see in *Statesman* the development of a well-polarized debate between the political activists involved in the Nicaraguan question. (I do not refer, of course, to the letters full of personal reference.)

On one hand, the more conservative group follows the anachronistic "theories" of the realistic school founded on the proposals of Morgenthau and others, including Kirkpatrick. They have a very limited perception of the internal complexities of the Nicaraguan process. They are terribly concerned with the leitmotifs of the patriotic culture of the U.S.A.: "national security," "democratic," "anticommunism" ... words that in a real context do not mean anything further than the ideological development of the idea of nationhood. This tendency refers the reality of international relationships to the problem of polarity, the simple-minded scheme that helps to avoid waste of time (money?), thinking, and understanding social reality. It posits good versus bad, democracy versus communism, the religious versus the godless, the west versus the east, the U.S.A. versus the U.S.S.R., me versus the other

This manicheian position may be appropriate for the culture of T.V., for electoral propositions or superficial discussions. It tries to explain a world that is too complex to be understood in the terms of the 50s, those of the cold war in times of super-power hegemony. Now we have a completely new international system, a multipolar one created by the progressive weakness of both U.S. and Soviet hegemony, by the contradictions within these two "blocs," by the failure of both capitalist and socialist models.

The new international system, in all of its diversity and interdependence, requires us to use a new perspective if we are to understand it. Thus, the more conservative group, following such an ethnocentrist and archaic model, wants to explain the Nicaraguan conflict in terms

of the external factors, basically understood as a war game played by the two super-powers. The following dynamics are ignored in this view: the role of western European countries, very oftern contradicting the U.S. governmental perception; the position of many nonsocialist countries in the Third World, (remember contadora?): the historical antecedents of the Nicaraguan revolution, the diversity of actors involved in the process, the conditions of the Nicaraguan economy, the difficulties of integrating the different "nations" into a nation-state (such as the case of the Miskito Indians), the inevitable dependency of Nicaragua on foreign countries (to maintain the former infrastructure of production on the U.S.), or the new military necessities generated by the external aggression (on the U.S.S.R.), or the necessities of simple economic survival in a war economy (on the U.S., Cuba, Western Europe, and East-

These and many, many more details are essential aspects of the Nicaraguan condition, and necessary to understand it. These things, of course, are not considered in a world where only two things seem to exist; the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., or more accurately, the club of political and military elites in both countries, and not necesarily the people of these countries. On the other hand, there is a second group of people involved in the debate, the activists in support of the Nicaraguan political process. Even though they focus on the internal situation rather than on external factors, they tend to another over-simplification that must be subject to criticism. That is, the idea that all progressive and fair causes deserve support.

Acceptable though this may sound, the problem is that these noble causes confront realities ful of contradictions that normally can only be resolved by the communities and countries themselves, sometimes through

a very painful but necessary process. Foreign aid by individuals is admirable and well intended, but most of the time constitutes a paternalism that is not well-received by the natives of the recipient countries, especially in Latin America.

The criticism, therefore, is not of the commitment of these U.S. citizens but of their tendency to idealize and simplify a complex situation. The situation of these countries may not necessarily be good, nor necessarily bad, nor definable by abstract forces of good and evil. At issue here is a problem of respect toward a political process that is valued by its participants and in which popular participation must emerge and gain strength. Human societies are imperfect and the differences between them and within them cannot be simply categorized as good and evil. These differences are just not words such as "liberal democracy," "social democracy," or "communist democracy." The differences can be found in how social interests are defined and imposed on the national and international conditions of such social formations

So, thanks to these activists for a task that directly or by contrast creates consciousness in U.S. public opinion, not only about Nicaragua or the rest of the world, but also about this country. I plead, however, for avoiding paternalism, that imperial element of the missionary spirit of capitalism. International brigades were a very nice and stimulating contribution of people from all over the world toward the Nicaraguan popular war, but they did not win the war against Somoza. The Nicaraguans did. From my point of view, the group of activists supporting self-government in Nicaragua are the more realistic. I plead for more tolerance and respect on the part of all —— participants and non-participants —— for the process of popular control by the Nicaraguan people in their own country.

(The writer is a graduate student in history.)



-LETTERS

Rights Fight

To the Editor:

On Sunday, December 6, Stony Brook students participated in an event that may very well determine the fate of thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union. This monumental event in the history of our naion took place in Washington D.C., It was there that over 200,000 citizens from every corner of the United States and Canada came and rallied in an incredibly enthusiastic appeal to Mikhail Gorbachev, who will be arriving on December 7 for the summit talks with President Reagan. The purpose of this rally was to deliver the message the human rights must be an important issue on the agenda in the summit meeting this week.

At the rally which was followed by a march that streamed down Constitution Avenue toward Capitol Hill, leaders of Christian groups spoke, as well as jewish ones, as did human rights advocates and various dignitaries. Vice President bush, Mayor Ed Koch, Noble Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel, and former Prisoners of Conscience Natan Scharansky and Vladimir Slepak were among the speakers present. In addition, the chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry delivered a letter from President Reagan addressing the massive crowd stating that he would put pressure on Mr. Gorbachev "for the release of all refuseniks and for complete freedom of religious and cultural expression...we will not be satisfied with less."

For many people, this was not the first demonstration they have taken part in, and although it was a success, it will not be their last. The reason for such an eagerness to demonstrate is the following: American Jewry did not unite and protest while atrocities beyond belief went on in Nazi Germany during WW II. We will not allow our brethren to become victims again. Never again will we stay silent. Never again will we forget. We will not stop fighting for our people.

The packed bus of Stony brook activists consisted of graduate Students and professors as well as members of Tagar Israel Organization and members of the Student Struggle Committee, All were exhausted, but content, upon leaving the rally. As the bus reached Long Island, Joseph Topek, director of Hillel, had wonderful news that increased our contentment even more: Kira Volvsky, our adopted Refusenik, whom we have focused much attention on this semester, has finally been granted her visa to leave the Soviet Union. This served as encouragement to continue our struggle and continue we will, with ongoing enthusiasm and spirit.

Anyone interested in getting involved in this important cause can do so by contacting Daniel Rothman at 246-7299 or Mia Stein at 246-4162.

Mia Stein
Co-chairman of Students for
Soviet Jewry at SB

Ad Attack

To the Editor:

I frequently read advertisements in the *Statesman* from people who

wish to adopt white newborn. These couples promise to give your child love and security. But by implication they also promise to give your white newborn ignorance, prejudice, and a false sense of superiority. It is very sad to that even today our society is strongly cramped with racism. It seems terribly unfair that if a white college girl gets pregnant her coices are: 1) raise the baby, 2) kill the fetus, 3) give it up for adoption. But if a black college girl gets pregnant her choices are: 1) raise the baby, or 2) kill the fetus. And if she believes that the fetus is a developing human and that abortion and murder are synonomous, then she has only one option. Since raising the baby may cause the girl to withdraw from college, it is clear that these racist couples are doing their part in sustaining the black impoverished population.

Suppose the adopted newborn, when he or she is an adult, should like to date or marry a black person. It is reasonable to predict that the adopted parents will be horrified. The parents of a friend of mine would rather disown their son than to accept his black girlfriend. Their racism is so deep that they can accept his brother, who has been charged with felonies, but they will not accept him if he dates a successful college student with a virtuous character.

What would these hopeful adopters do if a white girl offers her baby for adoption, and after paying her medical expenses for nine months they find out, at birth, that the baby is brown? Can she be required to tell them about her boyfriend at the beginning?

I will not ask you to stop printing these ads because people don't realize how racist our society is. These ads clearly expose our society's racism. Instead I ask that you send a copy of my letter to the advertisers so they can reconsider their values.

Doran Race

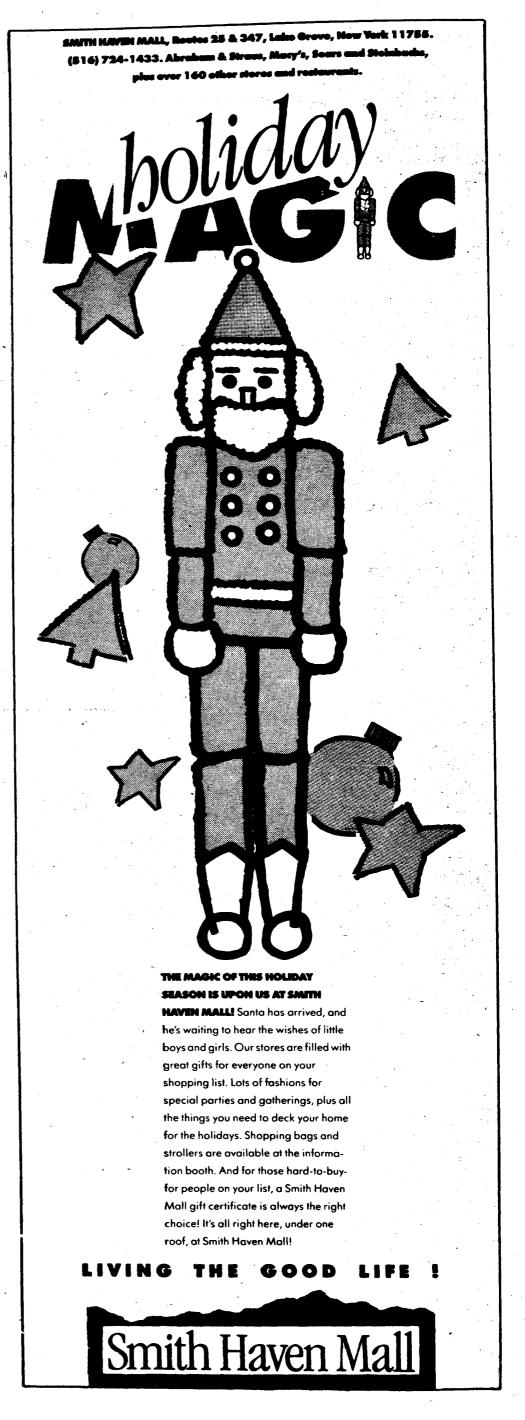
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To the Editor:

It is one of the glories of our country that freedom of expression can be used to excuse any amount of tastelessness, exploitation, pandering, greed, bigotry and sleaze. It is inevitable that apologists for this sort of thing - those who justify inviting the Mayflower Madam to speak here, for instance - accuse defenders of taste and respect for human dignity of censorship and repression. Those who claim that slime is an educational experience are perhaps educated by little else: Those who feel students are here to learn about live from someone who makes a joke of drugs, disease, lawbreaking and self-respect have clearly articulated their views on education. I can think of any number of grungeballs, jackasses, lowlifes and selfworshippers whom Mr. Vaccaro might ask to speak here, since he is so willing to give student money away. Stop SAB from its shameful behavior? Far from it. I encourage them to continue exposing themselves.

Paul B. Wiener

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way. We're just defending the rights of Colby College," McNinch said.

"We don't feel the faculty have the right, we don't feel they should be dictating to us who we should see or not see," he said. "They don't trust the moral judgement of students."

The issue emerged after about 30 students and teachers protested the appearance of two CIA recruiters in a day of interviews at the Colby's career services office.

Similar protests have emerged at several other schools across the nation:

As the drama unfolded at Colby, Southem Cal and University of Minnesota students protested the appearance of CIA recruiters on their campuses.

In October, anti-CIA protests occurred at Duke and the universities of California-Santa Barbara, Iowa, Washington and Vermont.

Events almost turned especiallybloody at Vermont. Vermont student Charley MacMartin had arranged for an interview with the CIA, intending to throw a bag of blood at the recruiter to protest the agency's covert activities. But when the Vermont student pulled out the bag. the recruiter allegedly said, "If that blood goes anywhere, I'm going to knock your front teeth in." MacMartin hit the recruiter with a lecture about intellectual integrity instead.

Penn Warns Frats Against Strippers

The top two officials of the University of Pennsylvania have warned campus fraternities not to hire female strippers to perform at rush functions again.

"The hiring of strippers," President Sheldon Hackney and Provost Michael Aiken wrote in a letter ditributed to all fraternity houses last week, "Portrays people as objects in a degrading, dehumanizing and tasteless manner.'

Both the Zeta Beta Tau and Alphi Chi Rho houses had strippers perform at rush functions the first week of October.

On Halloween, a group called Women Rising in Resistance conducted a "Tour the House of Horrors" down UI's Greek Row, where a woman reportedly was raped in September.

Soon after the rape report, anti-greek graffiti was spray-painted on two houses on Greek Row.

ACROSS THE NATION

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Doctoral Recital

Percussionist William Glascock wil perform works by Bach, Berio, Peterson, and others at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center recital Hall.

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The Percussion Ensemble will perform at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

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Continuing Events

Art Exhibit

"Computer Angels" by Mel Alexenberg, chair and professor of fine art at Pratt University, will be on display in the Fine Arts Center Art Gallery Tuesdays-Saturdays 12-4 p.m. through Thursday December 24.

Video Art Exhibit

"The West," a 30-minute, six screen video presentation by Steina and Woody Vasulka will be on display in the Fine Arts Center Art Gallery through December 24. Hours are: Tuesdays-Saturdays 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Group Sculpture Exhibit

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=LETTER=

Muchas Gracias

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our "Evening in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador." We raised over \$300 to help citizens of El Salvador rebuild their communities which were destroyed by bombings by the Duarte government. The money raised will be used to purchase materials to rebuild their homes, buy livestock, seeds, farm equipment etc..

In addition, "gracias" to all the people who brought winter clothing to the activity. We collected over 25 bags of clothing for the Salvadoran and Guatemalan Refugee Community living on Long Island.

We also look forward to working with other student groups next semester (HSO, Third World Resource Center, Blackworld etc.) in organizing educational and cultural activities supporting liberation struggles and justice around the world.

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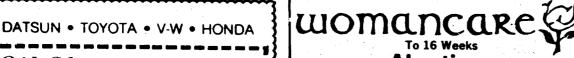
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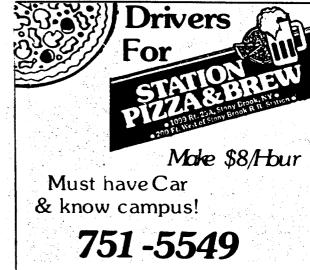


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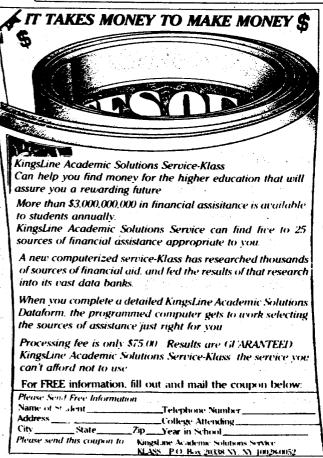
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my last game one of the best feelings I've ever had.

The NCAA records mean a lot to me too. It feels good to get national recognition. Also, being named a Kodak All-American and the ECAC player of the year this season was great. I put that right next to the Brockport game. It's nice to end on such good notes.

Statesman: How about some of the less-pleasant itmes? What were some of your disappointments? Do you harbor any regrets about your college football career?

CD: My biggest disappointment is that we didn't make the ECAC playoffs this year. We finally had a good enough team and before the season I really thought we would go to the playoffs. As for my regrets, I've been asked that question so many times. I'm totally happy with what happened - it's been good to me. I'm not looking for a lot of glory and I had a fun time. I wouldn't change anything.

Statesman: You have been the most publicized of any Patriot. How do your keep everything in perspective and not let it go to your head?

CD: I probably get that from my father who's a very modest man. He was a Sargeant in the marines and now he's the head of a fire department. He's got that type of officer attitude where everything is modest, you stay mellow and under control, and you never get cocky. I could never get cocky no matter what happened.

Statesman: Did the publicity and, subsequently, people's high expectations effect your play?

CD: At times I though about it. I would think, "I have to do this" or "I have to do that." But when I really thought about it I decided that I try my hardest and that whatever happens is what God gives me. You can't let publicity really get to you or you'll get overanxious and make mistakes. On the other hand, publicity gives you incentive and makes you try harder which is good.

Statesman: Very few players play offense and defense these days, you played both and also returned kicks. Did all those responsibilities hurt you overall performance? Did they help?

CD: It hurt and it helped. I got really banged up. I never missed a game in my life, including Little League, but I missed a scrimmage in the pre-season this year. It was just the constant wear and tear on my body. In games when I played offense my defensive game would be a little slow. The coaches felt that needed me both ways so I did it. It must have helped the team or they would have stopped using me like that.

Statesman: What is your favorite thing to do on a football field?

CD: To get the ball in the open field. To get the ball with five yards of room and just do it. Juke and move. I love running with the ball; it's wild, it's a type of freedom. I like to come up and make a stick on defense but it can't compare to running with the ball.

Statesman: What goes through your mind when you've broken free and you know youre headed for the end zone? CD: The first thing I think about is whether there were any flags on the play. But it's also such a wild feeling just running freely like that. I love it. Even in the off-season I'll go out and do some sprints, juke around. It's kind of childish, like playing with a toy.

Statesman: What is the toughest thing about playing football?

CD: That's easy. The toughest thing is to have the desire in your heart when you get on the field. You'll be nervous and have the jitters when you get out there; your body is sort of fatigued from being nervous. But if you reach deep down there's a desire inside which can overcome that. A desire to play 100%. There's no such thing as that 110% stuff. You give 100% and that's all you can give. Anyway, it's definitely a mental thing. If you have the mental desire you can get the most out of your physical potential. The mental aspect of the game comes first, then the physical part.

Statesman: Your coaches have sent films of you to an NFL scouting combine. What kind of response do you expect?

CD: A tryout maybe. I have to look at it realistically. I'm a

short guy coming from a Division III school and I don't have 4.4 speed. I can run a 4.6 but that's just average for the pros. I'd love to play pro football but I have to be realistic in my hopes.

Statesman: Assuming the NFL doesn't work out, what's next for you?

CD: I'm not really sure yet, I'm playing it by ear. In the future my life will have some aspect of football in it. Maybe coaching or refereeing as an extra besides whatever else I'm doing. I'm not sure if I want to go into coaching as a full-time thing. Soem people say I'd be great at it and others say it may not be that good for me as a position in life. Ah, who knows? I may end up as a coach. If I do I don't want to be a high-school coach. I want to at least be on a college level.

Statesman: Anything else you would like to say Chuck? CD: I just want to say that it hasn't been just me all these years. It's been the coaches, the other players, my family, my girlfriend and friends. Also you guys. The media has helped a lot. I have a real nice photo album that my father put together. It's something I'd like to show my grandchildren. I know that everything that happened to me is because of the people I mentioned and because of God. I'm not a religious nut but I know he He has a hand in everything. He has definitely been there for me.







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Statesman Interview: The Pats' Chuck Downey

By Kostya Kennedy

'The Patriots' season-ending victory over Brockport State this year was Chuck Downey's final game in a Stony Brook uniform. When he walked off the field an era came to an

Downey is the most successful player ever to play for Stony Brook. He plays on offense, defense and, most notably, special teams. Four years ago he joined an infant football program and gave it immediate legitimacy with his record-setting performances as a kick returner and his outstanding overall play.

In the third game of his freshman year at Stony Brook, Downey set the first three of the twelve NCAA All-Division records he currently holds or shares. On October 5th, 1984, playing against Trenton State, Downey had 279 total yards on kickoff returns, 354 in total kick-return yardage and three kick-return touchdowns. Since that game, Downey has established the following NCAA standards: highest punt return average for a season: 31.2 (in 1986); most kick-return touchdowns in a season: five (four punts, one kickoff in 1986); most return touchdowns in a season: six (he also had an interception return for a touchdown in 1986); most punt return touchdowns in a season: four (tied NCAA mark in 1986); most punt return touchdowns in a career; seven (tied with Johnny Rodgers, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson and Jack Mitchell); most touchdowns on kick returns in a career: ten and most yards on punt returns in a career: 1,198.

This season Downey, who holds every Stony Brook kickreturn record as well as some school records on defense, was named to the Kodak All-America team and was voted the College Athletic Conference Metro NY-NJ Player of the

Throughout his four-year stint at Stony Brook, Downey was loved and respected by Patriot fans. Banners with Downey's number 30, and others wishing Downey "Many Happy Returns" blew in the wind at Patriot home games. He became the symbol of the Patriots and will forever be a legendary figure in Stony Brook athletic folklore

His tremendous success gained local, state-wide and national attention. A recent article by Bill Lumpkin appeared in the Los Angeles Times and endorsed Downey as the player deserving of the 1987 Heisman Trophy. "If the Heisman were judged on performance on both sides of the football, Downey would recieve a grade of 100 percent ... In all probability, Downey and Stony Brook represent the pure American game of football as John W. Heisman saw it ... Downey is the total player," Lumpkin wrote.

Along with his magnificent career on the football field, Downey turned in an outstanding academic performance. Since declaring himself a liberal arts major two years ago, Downey has never gotten lower than a B in any class and has maintained a GPA of over 3.4 in that time.

Statesman met with Downey last week in the Stony Brook Union to conduct the following interview. He wore a gray sweatshirt, khaki green pants and an unassuming smile.

Statesman: Were you heavily recruited as a high school player?

CD: Yes, by some Division II schools in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Nothing really in Division I. I chose to come to Stony Brook because it has a good academic reputation.

Statesman: Did the Stony Brook football program influence your decision to come here?

CD: In a way it did. The program was just starting out. I felt that it was growing and I didn't mind growing with it. I didn't want to go to a school that goes 10-0 and makes the playoffs every year. I wanted to go someplace where I could play. If vou look at a place like Hofstra, there are so many guys who go there just to be on a great team. You don't get to play as a freshman at Hofstra; I wanted to go someplace where I could get my feet wet and help the team right away.

Statesman: When you got here was the competition as tough as you expected? Tougher?



Chuck Downey

CD: I was shocked in the beginning because almost everyone was big and quick. In high school you just have a few quick guys on the team. They also hit harder here and I only weighed 155 pounds back then. I'm not too tall now but I've grown an inch since my first year.

Statesman: Were you surprised by your immediate success as a Patriot?

CD: Yes. I mean I knew I was an all right football player but some of the things I did definitely surprised me.

Statesman: You mentioned your size. At 5'9" and 185 lbs. you're not very big for a football player. Has that bothered you? Do you think your size has hurt you as a football

CD: I never let size bother me; I always used to argue with people that short people can do anything. But now that I think about it you do need size at the upper levels. I feel that if I was 6'0" I would have a much better shot at the pros.

Statesman: How long did it take for opposing teams to recognize your ability as a kick returner? How did they play against you once they recognized it?

CD: I was keyed on after my third game when I broke those records against Trenton State. It kept getting worse and this year was the worst I've ever been keyed on in my life. They kicked the ball away from me and used their best athletes on the coverage teams. I got my butt kicked returning the ball. I'd always get that extra shot in the stomach or someplace but it didn't bother me. I would just get up and laugh and it would bother them more than it bothered me.

Statesman: What was your most enjoyable year as a Patriot? set and comfortable and I knew there was more football to come after the season. My freshman year I was till adjusting and I missed home and my girlfriend. This year was sad because I knew I was finishing up. Each day that went by felt like it was just cutting time away from me.

Statesman: What were some of your big thrills as a Patriot? Of all your many accomplishments, what are you proudest

CD: One of the biggst thrills was that last game against Brockport. They came in somthing like 14-point favorites and we really whupped their butts. The feeling of winning in (continued on page 15)

12th Straight Home Win a **Boost for Pats**

By Andy Russell

Being able to win at home is the most important ingredient for a team's success. Having won their 12th straight at home (dating back to last year) Thursday night by defeating CCNY 62-56, Stony Brook's Men's Basketball Team has made opposing teams aware that they are king of their castle.

Coming off a tough loss to Old Westbury, the Patriots were anxious to put on a good show for their fans. This anxiety was evident in the early going as Stony Brook rushed their shots. CCNY also failed to generate much offense early on and the score was tied 12-12 with 9:12 left in the first half.

Stony Brook's offense began to find some rhythm late in the first half. Scott Walker hit several baseline jumpers. Troy McGhie came off the bench and gave his teammates a lift. Although Tom Blumbergs scored six first half points, his main contribution was on defense. He blocked 6 shots and played strong defense in the pivot. As a result of his presence inside, CCNY was limited for the most part to shooting long-

CCNY was never able to overcome Stony Brook's six-point halftime lead. They did, however, make several nice runs. CCNY's Michael Spivey made two baskets in a row to narrow Stony Brook's lead to 41-40. The Patriots however, kept their poise. Tom Blumbergs (17 points) and Scott Walker (15 points) continued their stellar play. But the Patriots victory would not have been possible without the strong play of two first-year players. With 4:32 left in the game, Spivey hit a jumper to narrow the Patriots lead to 52-49. As Stony Brook took possession of the ball, CCNY applied strong defensive pressure. Unable to get a good shot and with the 45-second clock running down, the Patriots were clearly in trouble. Here's where Troy McGhie came to the rescue. He hit a desparation 3-point shot, giving the Patriots a 6-point lead. Blumberg followed this with a lay-up, and the Patriots never looked back. Clearly, McGhie's basket was the most important hoop of the night. "Troy was much needed tonight," said Coach Joe Castiglie.

The other new player who played well is Yves Simon. Although he began the season as a starter, he had not seen many minutes. His strong work on the boards against John Jay gave Coach Castiglie no choice but to leave him in. He grabbed 10 rebounds, 7 of those at the offensive end.

With so many new players on Stony Brook's squad, the players and coaches knew that it would take time for the team to come together. With a record of 5-2 (the Pats beat Medgar Evans 90-54 on Saturday to close out their pre-Christmas schedule), the Patriots see signs of progress. "We're coming along." said Walker. "We played a little more under control," said Blumbergs

Coach Castiglie also saw positive signs in the Patriots win. He was pleased that his players did not turn the ball over a lot. He also noted that "confidence is a big part of basketball," meaning that as the newcomers get a taste of winning, their level of play will rise. As evident by their play against John Jay, that upswing has already begun.

The Pats' 90-point effort against Medgar Evans was their highest point output in any game this season. Blumbergs and Simon scored 14 and 12 points respectively. The Patriots next home game is on January 5 against Western Connecticut.