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Three Suspended for Alleged Tire Slashings

By Amelia Sheldon and Ray Parish

University President John Marburger banned three Kelly quad residents from campus last week on charges stemming from their March 27 arrest for allegedly slashing the tires of a Public Safety truck.

Matthew Biondi and Christopher Hiestand, both sophomores and roommates in Kelly C, and David Crabtree, a junior from Kelly A, will present their defense to the student judiciary in on April 14; until then, they may not enter campus grounds. Aside from their alleged violations of the Student Conduct Code, Public Safety charged the three with fourth degree criminal mischief, and Biondi with criminal possession of a weapon, according to university officials.

According to the Student Conduct Code, Marburger may suspend a student pending a hearing if "the continued presence of such a student would constitute a clear danger to the student or to the safety of persons or property ... or would pose an immediate threat of disruptive interference" to the university. Being suspended from the university, according to Gary Mis, special assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs, the three students may not enter campus or participate in class-related academics until their hearing on April 14.

According to an official university statement issued on the incident, a public safety officer on his way to work spotted the three students in the Administration Loading zone just after midnight on Saturday. The report stated that Public Safety officers apprehended the three after a brief chase, during which Biondi allegedly dropped a "switchblade knife."

The arrest report of one of the students states that he "in concert with two other individuals ... punctured two of the tires" on one of Public Safety's Dodge Ram Chargers while it was parked in back of the Administration building. The report listed Public Safety officers Stephen Hellman, Dennis

Aitken, and G. Rieu-Sicart as witnesses.

Biondi denied both that he slashed the the vehicle's tires and that he was carrying any weapon. "I don't know where this knife came from," he said, adding that although the Public Safety officers spoke about the knife, they never showed it to him.

Biondi admitted that he was intoxicated at the time, and said that when he first ran, he did not realize he was running from Public Safety officers. He said he ran into the woods across from the parking garage, where he was apprehended. During his arrest, Biondi said, he received a cut on his head from losing his balance while handcuffed.

"It was like being arrested by Abbot and Costello," Biondi said.

Crabtree also objected to the manner of his arrest, saying that the officers did not identify themselves or show him a badge until a half-hour after he had been apprehended. Officer Jennifer Roberts, whose name appears on the arrest reports, refused to comment on the arrests.

All three students objected to the handling of the case by the university. Both Biondi and Crabtree said that their suspension will certainly affect their grades this semester. Biondi, an engineering chemistry major, said that because of the suspension, he will miss tests in all but one of his classes.

"This is going to kill me," Biondi said. "My GPA [grade point average] will definitely take a dive."

Emile Adams, associate vice president for Student Affairs, termed the use of the president's executive suspension "commonplace." "As a rule, vandalism does not involve executive suspension," he said. But he added that when students "get outrageous in regard to doing damage," they may be suspended.

Mis said that between last summer and March 27, Marburger suspended two students from the university. He said that 21 students had been suspended from university hous-



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John Marburger

ing, which allows them to attend classes. This form of suspension, according to Mis, can be ordered by Dallas Baumann, director of Residence Life, as well as by Marburger.

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Polity Posts Offer Experience

By Amelia Sheldon

Have you ever envisioned yourself standing in front of crowds of thousands, backed by the brassy sounds of a Sousa march, waiting for your wild, cheering supporters to settle and listen to your ideas for a better world? Well, if you dust off your soap box, and construct your platform you can get your first taste of real political experience running for a Student Polity position.

Undergraduates can begin the campaign process for an elected office by picking up a petition in the Polity suite, room 258 of the Stony Brook Student Union. All interested in running for office must attach to each petition sheet a platform. This statement should include the



student's motivations for running, his/her goals, experiences, qualifications and any other information they would like potential supporters to read.

Next, the aspiring politician must drum up support. Presidential, treasurer, and secretarial hopefuls are required to get 400 undergraduate signatures. (The presidential candidate must be a Junior or a Senior when he/she takes office.) Those looking to be elected as a class representative need 100 signatures of future constituents; members of the class he/she will represent. Judiciary seat contenders must acquire 100 undergraduate signatures to be placed on the ballot. Those who would like to run for a SASU delegate position need 250 signatures.

The signed petitions are due April 15 at the Student Polity Suite where they will be verified by the Election Board. If the Board accepts the signatures, the student then will continue to campaign for votes on election day, April 26.

Students and staff now involved with Polity revealed that although a Polity position may not be what aspiring politicians have in mind, there are many things it will teach one who fills it. They disclose that although there may be no cheering crowds or victory balls, there is much to be gained from the experience.

"You have an opportunity to participate in student advocacy and in the formation of policies and procedures of student life," said Judi Segall, the executive director for Student Polity, when asked what benefits an elected office has to offer students.

Segall said that a student "shouldn't even enter into it [Polity] if he/she doesn't have a serious commitment to the students." The student entering the campaign for office should "expect to be accountable for the responsibilities of their position," and the decision to run should

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New Place To Examine Truth

By Drew Mitty

"A debate is important because it objectively presents both sides of an issue, and people simultaneously become better informed," said Ed Negron president, and recent founder of SUNY Stony Brook's Debate Club.

Negron, who served over three years in the United States Marine Corps on active duty, explained that personal reasons promoted him to create a debate club at Stony Brook.

"When I was in the military, I had a lot of inner desire to express my views about United States foreign policy in Lebanon, because I lost three friends there. But when you join the military, your first amendment rights are basically taken away from you," Negron said.

Upon his enrollment at Stony Brook, Negron said he was surprised to see that no Debate Club existed on campus. Negron said he felt the need to introduce the club as the structured forum in which members of the university community could listen to each other and express their own viewpoints effectively.

The club's topics of debate will not be limited to the political realm, according to Negro. He said he acknowledges the equal importance of social, scientific, and philosophical issues.

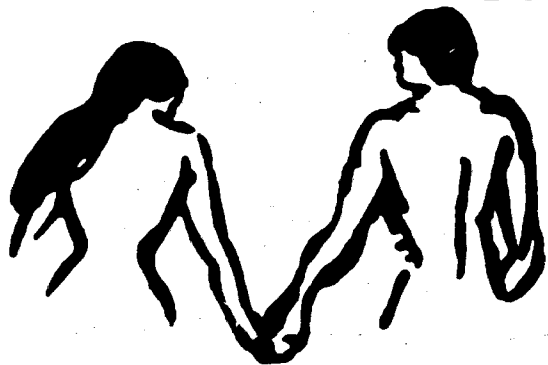
Funding for the club could be a problem, Negron said, but that the club will request money from Polity's fall budget. "The big name speakers that I'd like to give lectures to us usually want \$200 to \$300 to speak," Negron added.

After becoming more informed about candidates' supporters and actions, Negron said that he changed his own political stance. Initially, Negron said he was a firm supporter of Democratic Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson. However, after he carefully listened to some of Jackson's past speeches and reflected on his commitment as a practicing Jew, he has decided not to campaign for the reverend.

Negron is confident that the Debate Club will be useful to

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N.Y. State Considers Language Amendment

By Robert Diaz

The English Language Amendment has been introduced into the Albany legislature and if passed, will help make English the official language of the United States.

According to Lourdes Torres, an assistant professor of the Hispanic Languages and Literature Department, the bill will have "profound repercussions" for foreign language groups and programs in the United States if it is passed.

Speaking at a lecture on March 28, to a general body of students, Professor Torres explained the origin, development and possible consequences of an amendment to state constitutions if the English language is made the official language of the United States.

Currently, she said the United States has no official language. However, Torres said it was considered during the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. But because the United States at the time was being settled by foreign speaking immigrants, and these were needed as a labor supply for economic growth, the official language proposal was killed. The few subsequent times the proposal has been brought up, it has been defeated.

The English Language Amendment was introduced in 1981 by former Senator S.I. Hayakawa of California. A group called US English, with a membership of 34 members lobbied for passage of the amendment to California's state legislation. It was ratified and to date, 13 states have now passed the amendment and US English has grown to 200,000 members. Its goal now is to have the amendment adopted at the federal level.

Torres explained that among some arguments put forth by US English and the bill's proponents, the institution of one single language would "unify the country." The group cites countries where language distinctions are "ripping the country apart," for example Canada and Sri Lanka. She said that if it was solely language that was tearing these countries apart, what would explain the conflicts in countries where there is only one language such as Ireland.

According to Torres, supporters of the amendment maintain that foreign language groups are "arrogant." They also believe these groups do not want to learn English or vote for English politicians, Torres said. However, such charges are unfounded.

Several possible ramifications of the amendment were

discussed by Torres. If passed, it could result in the elimination of voting ballots printed in other languages. Last year bilingual ballots were distributed in over 370 voting areas where there are at least 5% foreigners (this in accordance with the Voting Rights Act).

Foreign language courses would no longer be required for college graduation because, she said, supporters of the amendment believe taxpayers should not pay for foreign language education. Furthermore, taxpayers should not pay for any bilingual programs (the budget of which is about 1% of the national allocation, according to Torres). The ELA can be used to prohibit bilingual education in schools, Torres said, and these programs can be replaced by immersion or "sink or swim" methods.

According to Torres, RAN, a conservative group, conducted a National Survey of English teachers which indicated that teachers generally supported the amendment.

Women's Schools Go Co-ed

By the College Press Service

Despite the opposition of many students and some alumni, a judge last week removed the last big obstacle to a Massachusetts women's college's plan to start admitting men next fall.

A group of nine alumni, who claim to represent hundreds of Wheaton College grads around the country, failed last week to stop the school from going coed when a county judge said Wheaton's officials could use money raised in a recent fundraising campaign to help bring men to campus.

"It's important to keep women's colleges alive," said alumnus Nancy McCann, one of those opposing Wheaton's plan to admit men for the first time in its 154-year history. "There could be options. Women's colleges afford women the chance to take a real leadership while they're trying out their wings before they go out into the real world," said McCann.

Facing waning interest, falling enrollments and mounting difficulties in getting enough money to stay alive, several women's colleges have gone coed in recent years.

Pennsylvania's Seton Hall College, Virginia's Marymount University, Goucher College in Maryland and Vassar Col-

Torres suggested, however, that the questions were hardly unbiased. For example, one question asked teachers whether they supported the "political upheaval" that could occur in the US as a result of multilingual conflicts such as in Sri Lanka, Canada and other countries with diverse language groups, Torres said.

"Perhaps," said Torres, "if surveys would first inform those questioned of the repercussions of the amendment, they may not be so quick to vote for it."

Torres suggested that the underlying reason for supporting the amendment is fear of the size and continued growth of the hispanic community. She said the last census (1980) recorded 17.5 million legal residents from Hispanic backgrounds.

Two groups, said Torres, the English Plus Coalition and the New York Committee for a Multilingual New York are fighting the Amendment.

lege, for example have all begun admitting men, often over the objections of their alumni and students.

Other women's schools like Barnard, Bryn Mawr and Wellesley have established closer ties to nearby coed colleges.

Wheaton's trustees approved plans to admit men in May, 1987, sparking sit-ins and angry letters from alumni.

They argued Wheaton shouldn't be able to use the \$26 million it raised on recruiting men.

Debate Club

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Polity in reaching out to the campus community and clarifying important issues. To this end, the Debate Club is planning a Polity presidential candidates debate sometime before the April 26 elections, Negron said.

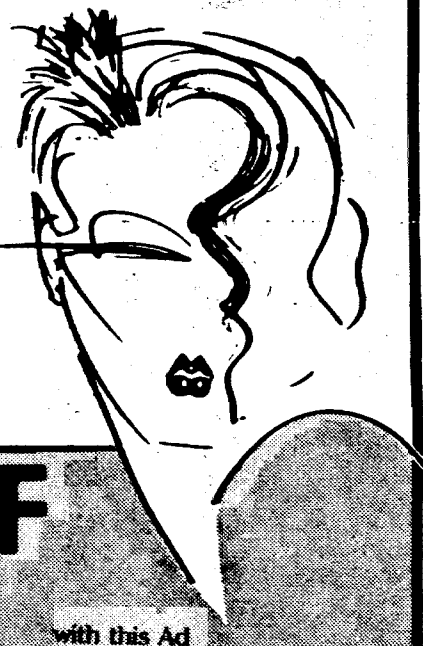
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Sloan Fellowships Are Given to Faculty Members

By Cynthia Valane

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowships have been awarded to three Stony Brook faculty members, along with 87 other young scientists from some of the most prestigious colleges and universities nationwide.

The amount of the award is \$25,000 and it is given to those working in such fields as physics, chemistry, neuroscience, economics, and pure and applied mathematics. Few restrictions are placed on how the award money is used, however, it must be used for further research in the recipients' chosen fields.

According to the Sloan Foundation News, the award is given to the "scholars who show the greatest promise of doing original work in their fields," so that they may "pursue whatever lines of inquiry that are of interest to them." The Sloan Research fellowship is one of the oldest fellowship programs in the country — it began in 1955 — that has helped to start many scholars on promising careers.

Scott Anderson, an assistant professor in the Chemistry Department, received the fellowship for his work in chemical physics. Although he is not positive how he will use the money, he said that he is sure to put some in the research he is now doing.

According to Anderson, he is currently working on one set of experiments which involves trying to understand chemical reactions and the physical properties that control them. He said he also trying to understand the effects that different types of

energy have on chemical reactions. Currently, he said, heat is the most common form of energy to be employed in causing a reaction. Other forms of energy may be more efficient without causing the unwanted side effects of heating. Anderson is also experimenting with properties of small metals and semi-conductors.

"Sloan money is completely flexible," Anderson said, "it's very valuable."

Daniel Davis, an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, was selected to receive the fellowship for his studies in geophysics, especially tectonophysics, the study of how the earth's tectonic plates have moved. Davis said he is especially interested in the deformations of the earth where the plates collide, such as mountain belts. He said he is also working on estimates of the explosive yields.

Davis' first book, *Turn Left at Orion* is expected to be published sometime during the fall, and is written for amateur astronomers, he said.

The third recipient of the award, Ralf J. Spatzier, is an assistant professor in the Mathematics Department. Spatzier said that he is researching two different fields in mathematics: differential geometry and dynamical systems.

Although Spatzier said that he is not certain how he will use his grant, however, he is going to do "research for research's sake," without the practical application. He said that he plans to reduce his teaching duties in half next semester and will teach one class instead of two.

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University Pres Holds Firm to Suspension

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"Obviously, the alleged violation has to be considered very seriously," Mis said, "... there is a police vehicle involved."

Mis said he will serve as the hearing officer for the three students' April 14 hearing. He said that a five-person board, selected randomly from the approximately 100 students in the judiciary, will then hear testimony from the defendants, Public Safety, and the witnesses, and will return verdicts on each defendant. If any of the three are found guilty of any violations of the Student Conduct Code, Mis, as the hearing officer, will determine what sanctions will be brought against the him. When determining sanctions, Mis said, hearing officers take students' past records into account.

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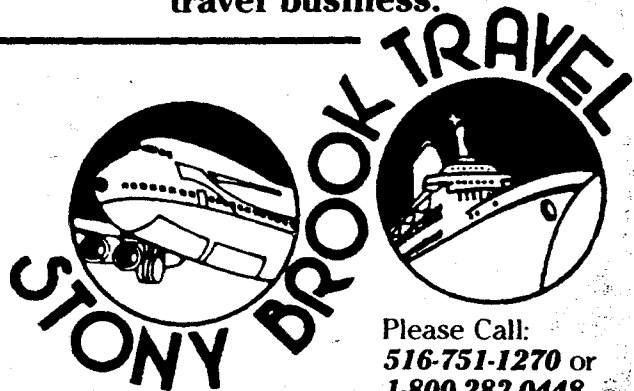
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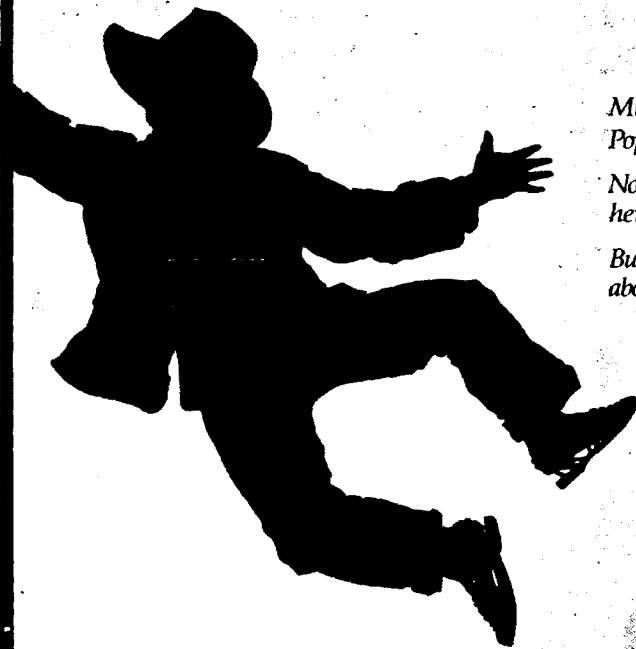
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Discrimination Won't End

By the College Press Service

The new law to force colleges not to discriminate probably won't change things in the near future for campus women and minorities, various observers predict. They say it's because colleges already try to provide equal opportunities for people and because they don't expect the U.S. Dept. of Education, which is supposed to enforce the law, will pursue it aggressively.

Nevertheless the law is "a positive step in ensuring in law what already exists in practice," said Sheldon Steinbach, lawyer for the American Council on Education, a Washington, D.C., coalition of college presidents from around the country.

On March 22, Congress overrode President Reagan's veto to enact the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988. The legislation cuts off federal funds to campuses that discriminate on the basis of gender, race, age or physical disability.

President Reagan had vetoed the bill two weeks earlier, saying it gave the federal government too much power to meddle in private affairs.

The law "restores" an older policy — Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 — that also let the government punish discriminating colleges by cutting off their funds. That act prompted schools, fearful of losing federal funding, to funnel more resources into women's sports, recruit more female faculty members and institute affirmative action plans.

Officials at Pennsylvania's Grove City College and Michigan's Hillsdale College, however, sued, asserting that Title IX gave the government license to intrude in their affairs.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed, and said only specific programs that received federal money — and not the entire institution — should be subject to penalties.

Citing the decision, the U.S. Dept. of Education, which had the power to investigate and sue colleges for discriminatory practices, dropped probes of scores of cases of alleged discrimination at colleges such as South Dakota State, Idaho State, DeKalb Community College and the universities of Vermont, Alabama and Mississippi.

Now that the decision is overturned, however, some question whether the Education Dept. will pursue such cases anyway. "I don't think this Department of Education was particularly aggressive even before the Grove City decision," said Marcia Greenberger of the National Women's Law Center, long a critic of the Reagan administration. "But at this stage, in light of the ringing endorsement given by Congress, I hope the department will take its obligations seriously."

Paul Wood of the Education Dept. refused to comment or to say whether the department would become aggressive in investigating campus discrimination complaints. He did say that new law might make it easier to pursue cases if only because "we won't have to investigate where funds were sent," meaning specific campus programs.

Though women faculty members nationwide still earn only 70% of what their male counterparts do, Greenberger contended most colleges don't need the further prod of the

federal law. It will, she said, probably inspire them to further review their programs to "ensure discriminatory practices are not in place."

Steinbach was similarly confident campuses no longer discriminate much, despite a March 17 ruling forcing California State Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo to pay \$20,000 in damages to a staffer who suffered four years of "vicious" sexual harassment.

...the law is "a positive step in ensuring in law what already exists in practice" —Sheldon Steinbach

"There are very strong forces entrenched on campuses that will make sure institutions live up to their responsibilities. The reversal of the Grove City decision provides them with practical relief," said Steinbach. "But the spirit of Title IX is embodied in the way schools already operate."

Grove City College, which as a matter of principle refused to process student aid money even after it won its 1984 court case, probably won't be affected much, either. "Grove City College," President Charles S. MacKenzie said in a statement after Congress' March 22 vote, "will continue its historic commitment to civil rights and will continue to reject federal dollars, and it will continue to champion the independence of private institutions."



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University Bound by Law to Disclose Info

Citizens in the United States are granted specific freedoms. Some of them are familiar to all its citizens: freedom of speech, freedom of the press, etc. Others are more obscure.

One of the freedoms lesser known to the majority of the population is the freedom of information, granted by the New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), recently revised by the legislature in 1978.

Not only do many citizens find this law obscure, but many officials who control the flow of information seem to be rather unsure of its provisions as well. The university has created an efficient system for requesting information from its records and files. A large percentage of *Statesman's* recent requests have been unfairly denied. No matter how efficient the system is, it doesn't work. Or perhaps, from the university's point of view it does work.

Although the law includes a number of provisions for the denial of certain information, much of the information the university's records department holds is "public record." This means that not only newspaper reporters and Edwin Meese should have access to the information, but any interested citizen as well.

Institutions which handle large volumes of FOIL requests, such as police departments, are more responsible in following the law. Perhaps because Stony Brook receives fewer requests, they have grown lackadaisical and unfamiliar with proper procedure. One example of such disregard for the law has been an ongoing problem for *Statesman*

reporters for the last two years: getting access to the Public Safety police blotter. For most reporters at papers large and small all over the nation, access to such daily police records is as routine as going out and getting coffee. But for *Statesman* it is as if we were asking a Life Sciences laboratory for three ounces of plutonium.

Administrative caginess, combined with a lack of communication, has led to stonewalling absurdities. A reporter working on the Jacob Javits renovation story was refused access to the building for no apparent reason other than that he was holding a press pass. As he was kept outside the building, professors were admitted without question. Eventually, after appealing to University News Services for a path through the red tape, the reporter was allowed to photograph the workers in the building. Newspapers issue press passes to help reporters gain access to information, not to isolate them from it.

Although the reporter eventually obtained the information, the time wasted circumventing bureaucracy puts a strain on both *Statesman's* staff and its rapport with administrators. Administrators perceive reporters as badgering pests when in actuality they are forced to make repeated calls for information that should have been granted them as a matter of course. The FOIL states that all records are accessible, except records or portions of records that fulfill one of the

eight provisions for denial. The state engineered these provisions in specific terms designed to keep institutions from dodging the law. Despite the specific terms used, university officials continue to stretch the provisions for denial beyond reason.

On March 31, a *Statesman* reporter was denied access to arrest records from the March 3 Union Bi-Level incident on the grounds that "the release of such information may interfere with a person's right to an impartial adjudication of the charges." To translate the "legalese": releasing the information would make it difficult to gather an unbiased jury. It is flattering to think that *Statesman* could hold such sway over the opinions of so many Long Islanders. But realistically, if the university's claim were true, *Newsday* — which does wield great influence — would never gain a single arrest report.

Thankfully, the university is not the final word on access to information. Reporters do have recourse in the FOIL appeal system; a denial by the university can be overturned by the an approval from SUNY Central in Albany. (One commendation: the university's system is prompt, even in its denials.) Thanks to FOIL, information cannot be hidden, its release can simply be delayed. But such delays do not foster efficiency or good will between reporters and administrators, and caginess will only help create suspicion among the public.

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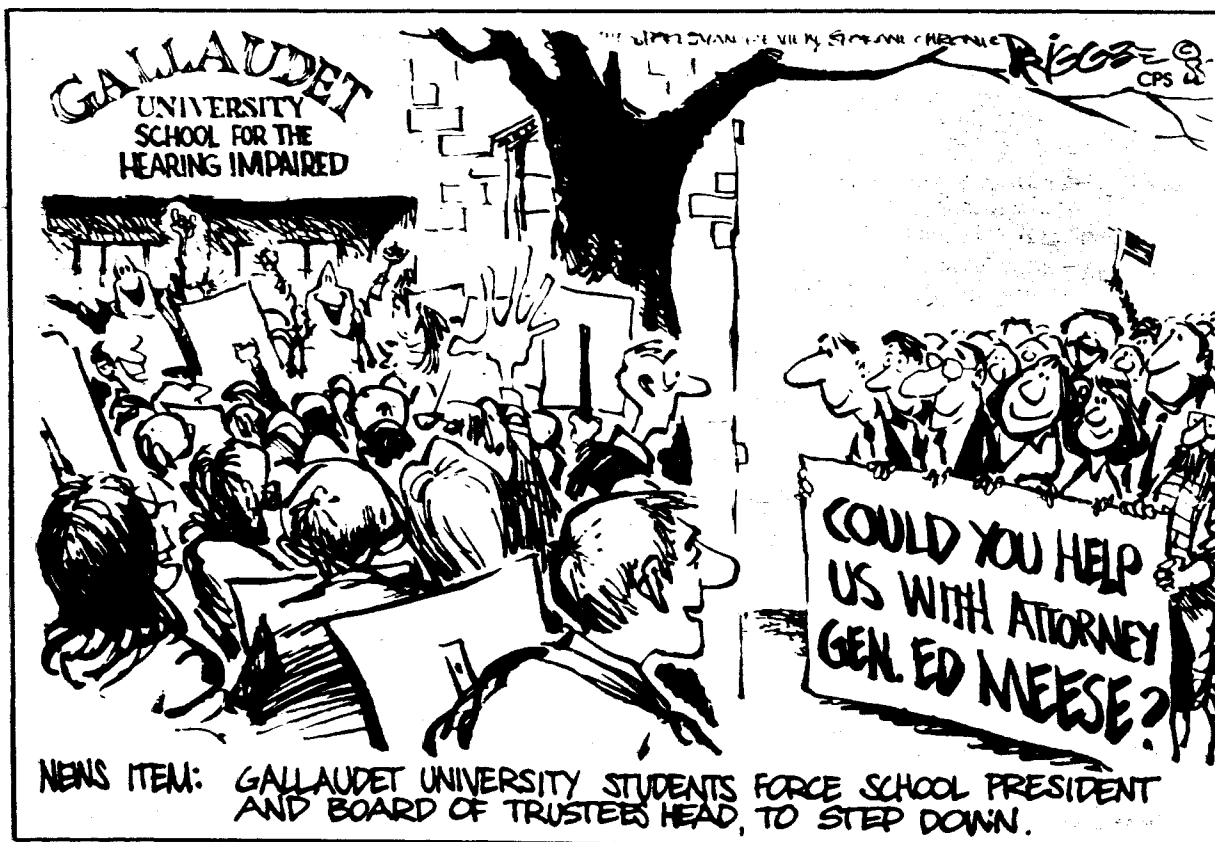
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Palestinians Must 'Set Aside Terror Tactics'

By Arnon Shani

The viewpoint of Mr. Ziad Sawi (*Statesman*, March 10, 1988) tries to refute facts about the century-old conflict between Arabs and Jews, first in Palestine and later between the state of Israel and its neighbors. Regrettably, Mr. Sawi presents incorrect explanations to the points I raised in my viewpoint (*Statesman*, February 18, 1988). To illustrate this I relate just to a few of Mr. Sawi's comments, but for the sake of brevity I shall address, in this response, the issues relating to the PLO and expose this organization to the readers.

* The massive growth of the Jewish population, followed by Arab immigration into Palestine from neighboring countries, occurred mainly in the 1920-1930s after World War I, and not at the early stages of the Jewish settlement, as Mr. Sawi tried to argue in his article.

* I did not claim that 65% of Palestine was purchased. The total purchased land was much smaller. The purchasing was from rich Arab families, who used to lease the arable land to Arab farmers, in a manner similar to that of the feudal system in Europe during the middle ages. When the land was sold, the seller had to terminate the lease, thus forcing the leasing farmers to leave.

* The riots in 1921 and in 1929 were mainly against Jewish people living in towns and villages. Hundreds of innocent men, women and children were assassinated by the Arabs in Motsa, Hebron, Jerusalem and Har-Tuv (to mention just a few examples). In 1936, the riots began as a strike against the British Mandate and later developed into a long fight against Jewish settlements all over Palestine.

* The U.N. Partition Plan gave 55% of the land to the Jewish state, as Mr. Sawi says, but he forgot to mention that more than 70% of this land was the Negev, which is the desert in the Southern part of Israel, and which had very little economic and agricultural value. Only in recent years, after additional sources of water were found, were new developments settled there.

* Mr. Sawi also forgot to mention that the day after the U.N. resolution of November 1947, the Arabs started to attack Jewish buses, civilians and villages. This was long before the official war was declared on Israel on May 15, 1948, when the Arab armies of Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Egypt crossed the borders into Palestine. Thus, by February 1948, Palestine was already in the middle of a war, and as a result, land was captured in order to protect the main roads and the Jewish settlements.

I could go on in refuting each point of Mr. Sawi's article, but I would rather like to address his statement that "Israel still refuses to talk to the PLO." It is imperative to understand what the PLO really is, and the best way to do this is to read the Palestinian National Covenant (an official English translation, 1969, was handed to the *Statesman* for their records). As long as no official denial appears from the PLO, this is the self-proclaimed truth about the organization. Following are articles, 2, 9, 15, 19, 20, and 21.

Article 2: Palestine, with the boundaries it had during the British Mandate, is an indivisible territorial unit.

Article 9: Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine. Thus it is the overall strategy, not merely a tactical phase. The Palestinian Arab people assert their absolute determination and firm resolution to continue their armed struggle and to work for an armed popular revolution for the liberation of their country and their return to it. They also assert their right to normal life in Palestine and to exercise their right to self-determination and sovereignty over it.

Article 15: The liberation of Palestine, from an Arab viewpoint is a national (qawmi) duty and it attempts to repel the Zionist and imperialist aggression against the Arab homeland, and aims at the elimination of Zionism in Palestine. Absolute responsibility for this falls upon the Arab nation — peoples and governments — with the Arab people of Palestine in the vanguard. Accordingly the Arab nation must mobilize all its military, human, and moral and spiritual capabilities to participate actively with the Palestinian people in the liberation of Palestine. It must, particularly in the phase of the armed Palestinian revolution, offer and furnish the Palestinian people with all possible help, and material and human support, and make available to them the means and opportunities that will enable them to continue to carry out their leading role in the armed revolution, until they liberate their homeland.

Article 19: The partition of Palestinian in 1947 and the

establishment of the State of Israel are entirely illegal, regardless of the passage of time, because they were contrary to the will of the Palestinian people and to their natural right in their homeland, and inconsistent with their principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, particularly the right to self-determination.

Article 20: The Balfour Declaration, the Mandate for Palestine and everything that has been based upon them, are deemed null and void. Claims of historical or religious ties of Jews with Palestine are incompatible with the facts of history and the true conception of what constitutes statehood. Judaism, being a religion, is not an independent nationality. Nor do Jews constitute a single nation with an identity of its own; they are citizens of the states to which they belong.

Article 21: The Arab Palestinian people, expressing themselves by the armed Palestinian revolution, reject all solutions which are substitutes for the total liberation of Palestine and reject all proposals aiming at the liquidation of the Palestinian problem, or its internationalization.

No one can expect Israel to negotiate with a group that declares only their ultimate aim of its eradication and the means to achieve it.

All that the readers need to do in order to remind themselves of the character of the PLO is to recall the terrorist attack on the "bus of the mothers" of last week in the Negev, south of Beer-Sheva, which resulted in the murdering of two women and a man, as well as the three

terrorists who were killed during the rescue operation.

It is not surprising that not one of the moderate and reasonable Arab leaders in Judea, Samaria and Gaza were ready to meet with U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Shultz, who was visiting the Middle East just recently. As I mentioned before, those who tried in the past to negotiate with Israel were assassinated by their own people. It is a sad fact that the mentality in the Middle East is different from that of the Western World: the word Jihad (holy war) is a term that can be heard in the Middle East only. Cease-fires are not necessarily honored in the Middle East either; how many times have cease-fire agreements been signed in Lebanon over the last 5-20 years? In most cases the ink on the signatures did not get a chance to dry out before fresh hostilities began once more.

Israel recognized the rights of the Palestinians to a state in Palestine many years ago, but the Palestinians missed their chance. What is needed now is a brave declaration of the PLO and their followers in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip in which they retreat from the Palestinian National Covenant and set aside the terror tactics. The Palestinians need brave leadership that could emerge from the local population and could proceed with direct negotiations with Israel, who already proved its willingness and readiness for peace. This is the lesson the Palestinians should learn.

(The writer is a visiting professor from the Ben-Gurion University, department of chemistry.)

Departing Senior Has Blues

By Ali Moazen and David Weinreich

Many people have different names for this feeling. Some call it sadness, other sorrow, but to me, it is called graduation blues. This feeling has slowly built up as the semester progressed. As a senior on my last semester in Stony Brook, I can't help but to feel little dismal for leaving this place.

I still remember the first day here, how it was a nightmare being in a new environment with different people and being homesick. But as the semester passed on with a wink of an eye, Stony Brook has done many things for me. Love has come and gone times without number, dreams were destroyed and new ones formed times without number and new friendships were born and lost without numbers. The only things that survived is my knowledge of tomorrow and even that will leave me also.

As a freshman I just couldn't wait to graduate and now as the time approaches I don't want to. I guess I am trying to resist change. When you resist a change, you call it tragedy and suffer sadness because it occurred. When you welcome a change, you call it variation and enjoy it. Maybe I am afraid of the future or maybe it's the real world. I do know this change in the long run will be beneficial to me.

In Stony Brook, I learned to be independent and be on my own. In Stony Brook I stood at the threshold of life and sought my destiny. "Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchants, chief." Which shall I become? What I learned was a greater understanding about myself, about the type of person I wanted to be and the opposition that stood in my way.

Clarifying a Misinterpretation

By Michael Lutas

Welcome back to the political and long-winded. In previous episodes Michael Lutas proposed a solution in Latin America along the lines of the Kissinger commission report on Central America which basically said solve the long term problems of poverty, neo-feudalistic economic structures, and less than democratic generalissimos and at the same time don't let the communists in because they are worse. John Saudino fired a return salvo, saying that Michael Lutas was a jingoistic supporter of authoritarian regimes and he was dishonest in his views. Michael Lutas then answered back saying he never supported brutal regimes. John Saudino misrepresented the facts in his letter by cutting a quote out of context, and he was destroying academic freedom by denying that anyone that opposed him could actually be honest. John Saudino replied to that one by saying that he didn't really mean to cut the quote so it appeared out of context but that Michael Lutas was refusing to cover

Allende era Chile and that he was maliciously lying about the whole subject (disinforming). This brings us up to our current episode of the political and long-winded.

John, calling our information table a disinformation table isn't just a nice rhyming attack that looked pretty. It means that everyone who's at the table is a despicable liar. I ask you again, do you really believe that anyone who opposes you has to be a liar? Or is it just your vocal opposition?

You bring up Chile again. You also clip a quote again by saying that "He later, in fact, admitted to my original charge that he considers Allende to be 'totalitarian' at the disinformation table the following Wednesday, in front of witnesses this time, after stating in his response that this was 'patently false'. It is nice to glean an honest lie out of a right winger's 'deceptions, obfuscations, and false dichotomies'." The actual quote should be "Mr. (continued on page 12)

LETTERS

Oppose Jackson

To the Editor:

An Open Letter to the Campus Community:

On Friday, April 8 Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson will be speaking on our campus.

Jesse Jackson's previous actions and remarks have been consistently insensitive to the American Jewish community. He has publicly embraced PLO leader Yassar Arafat, as well as refusing to denounce minister Louis Farakahn, who has referred to Judaism as a gutter religion.

As such, we urge all students to join together at Friday's rally to show opposition to Mr. Jackson's politics.

David Borenstein
Tagar/Israel
President

No Activity Fee, No Polity

To the Editor:

An Open Letter to all undergraduates of Stony Brook:

In order to continue the funding of all clubs, events, services and activities on campus, we need your support.

Every four years New York State law requires the mandatory Activity Fee be put before a vote of the student body. A referendum is being placed on the April 26 ballot for the renewal of the mandatory Student Activity Fee. You know the importance of Student Polity. You know that without the Student Activity Fee, Student Polity cannot exist. You know that without Student Polity there can be *no funded clubs, no parties, no intramurals, no SAB, no MPB, no concerts, no Tokyo Joe's, no Ambulance Corps, no WUSB radio station, no speakers, no leg funds, no COCA movies, no Golden Bear, no NYPIRG, no NCAA, no CSO, no HSO, no GALA, no EROS, no Legal Clinic, no Fallfest, no PSC, no I-CON, no athletics, no G-Fest, no club competitions, no Blood Drive, no LASO, no Stony Brook Press, no Blackworld, no...*

Get the point?

Please vote to renew the Student Activity Fee April 26. If you don't, well, you know what you'll be missing.

Student Polity Council

Attendance Poor

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, April 12, the Student Polity Senate will be reviewing the Student Polity 88-89 budget. This is one of the most important issues of the senate must review and vote upon. It involves over \$1 million of your student activity fee. In order for the senate to be able to make any changes or even pass the budget there needs to be at least 2/3 of filled senate seats present. That minimum leaves no room for abstentions or no votes. As of late, the senate meetings have been poor in attendance. We need senators to come to this meeting and all the rest of the semester in order for them to be effective representatives of their leg's. We need you there, that's all there is to it. Sena-

tors and all others who are interested please attend on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. [location to be announced.]

Paul Rubenstein
Student Polity Vice President
Lisa Miller
Student Polity Treasurer

Be Careful

To the Editor:

Imagine this, you're sitting in one of the buildings around campus: the library lounge, one of the computer rooms or even a classroom, concentrating on your school work. You get up for one minute to get a drink of water, talk to a friend, or ask the professor or teacher's assistant a question, leaving *your personal belongings* behind. You come back and realize that your knapsack, purse, or wallet has been stolen. How do you feel? What do you do? You have no money, your identification and key have been stolen and above all personal and possibly sentimental belongings are now gone. You are angry and frustrated. You ask, "Why me, I was only gone for a minute!" Well, it only takes a minute for some selfish, greedy person to snatch what belongs to you. You call Public Safety and file a report, knowing that your belongings will probably never be recovered. You feel helpless. Credit cards have to be cancelled, IDs and membership cards have to be replaced, locks have to be changed and new books must be bought. These are all hassles everyone could do without, yet they must be done because of that selfish, greedy person. You visit Lost and Found day after day yet still no luck.

I know many of you have been in this situation like me. You feel almost victimized. To keep this from happening, be sure to *always* keep your belongings in sight and close to you or with a *trusted* friend. You never think it will happen to you but it does happen and when you least need the problem. So please take my advice and be careful. Especially those who live on campus. You may feel quite at home at Stony Brook, but I'm very sorry to say, unlike home you must be on guard for people who are looking to take advantage of your every move, especially the small ones.

Stacey Henry

Unjustified Ticket

To the Editor:

Just after midnight on March 28, Public Safety Officer Steve Hellman stopped me at the main entrance to campus as part of the new "campus security" plan. I agree that checking IDs of people entering the campus is a good idea, but the rude treatment I received that night serves no purpose other than to harass the people they should be protecting.

When I pulled up to Officer Hellman's car, I informed him that the high-beam headlights of his police car were blinding approaching drivers like myself. In response, he did not only ask me for my identification, but also for my estimation of the speed limit. I had not been speeding.

The speed limit there is 30 miles per hour. In my car, a 1978 Toyota Celica, even Mario Andretti couldn't get to 30 mph in the short stretch before the roadblock. Not to mention that fact that no one would be stupid enough to speed toward a pseudo-police blockade. An inquiry to Public Safety later that evening determined that Hellman did not have radar in his car (when I asked him at the time if he had radar, he did not answer and grew more antagonistic).

After asking for my license, "Officer" Hellman proceeded to give me a ticket for traveling at a "speed not reasonable and prudent" — or perhaps because I disturbed his coffee-and-doughnut break. Not only has he wasted my time with this unfounded — and probably illegal — charge, but he also blocked traffic at the entrance for more than 15 minutes. The line of cars behind us stretched all the way back to Nicholls Road.

Naturally, I plan to contest the speeding ticket, which does not even specify the speed I was supposedly going or the speed limit in the area. I think this travesty will give some judge in Hauppauge a good laugh. (And don't worry about lunch that day, Steve, I'll bring the doughnuts.)

Sandy Marciari

Money Misused

To the Editor:

I would like to write an open letter to the student body to inform them on a subject that troubles me deeply. In a recent article, found in another periodical on this campus, I was made aware of the fact that Polity has given money to help pay for the legal fees of those graduate students who were arrested and recently acquitted as a result of the tent city protest of last summer. I was outraged to find that Polity has been using "my money" and the money of all students to help a cause which I do not support. If Polity is a body elected to represent all students, then I would like to know why we were not made aware that our money was being used to support only 40 students. I do not deny these students their right to protest, but since I feel no affinity to their cause, I would appreciate Polity using "our money" for activities that would benefit the student body as a whole, not a small minority. It is my hope that Polity will seriously reconsider this policy, for if they cannot pay legal fees for all students who receive parking tickets, since this would be fiscally infeasible, they should not pay legal fees for a small group of people who may not hold a view of the majority of students on this campus. In other words, if they feel this strongly about their cause, let them finance it themselves.

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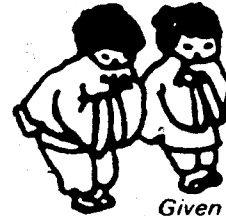
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To: All Undergraduate of Stony Brook
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Re: Mandatory Activity Fee
Date: March 31, 1988

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now available in the Student Polity Suite. They can be picked up M-F, 9:00-5:00 in Student Union Rm 258. Deadline for applications in, Wed. 4/13/88. Any questions, please contact Gail at 632-6460.

Let the Reader Decide Truth

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Saudino claims that in private I refer to Salvador Allende's government in Chile as totalitarian. This is patently false since I do not waste my time discussing Allende era Chile 'in private.' I have better things to do in my private life. I do so publicly and regularly at an information table each Wednesday (yes I'm making a pitch for everybody to come down to the table) from 11:30 to 4:00." Let's allow the reader to decide who is engaging in "deceptions, obfuscations, and false dichotomies."

As for the charge that I only "indirectly denie[d]" supporting the Pinochet regime here is another full quote from my previous piece "I loathe repression, beating, imprisonment, and murders wherever they may occur. This includes the Pinochet regime in Chile." Just for you John I'll spell it out I H—A—T—E P—I—N—O—C—H—E—T. Was that clear enough? I despise both governments. Allende for the totalitarian dictatorship that he started to impose before the coup ended his career and Pinochet for what he is doing in Chile today. You need not be a fan of the Weimar republic to despise Hitler.

You say that I won't respond to charges that America was intervening before there was a communist threat. Here is what I said in my original letter, "We have both a self-interest in a happy, peaceful Latin America and a moral duty because of our past involvement. Our moral duty is to correct the foul-ups that many of our past interventions have caused. In many cases these invasions led to the extension of the primitive economic and political system by propping up authoritarian rulers." If you want a more detailed explanation of America involvement in Latin America, I suggest that you talk to a Latin American. It just so happens that we have invited a member of the Nicaraguan Resistance for our second annual Freedom Forum. If you're free April 6 from 6-11 p.m. come down to the Fireside Lounge in the Union and you'll hear about this subject in more detail than I can give.

(The writer is the College Republicans communications director.)

Polity Elections

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only be made after a "long thoughtful deliberation," Segall said.

"Student Polity is a microcosm of the United States government," said Polity President Jacques Dorcely, "What that person [who runs for office] is going to get out of it is...experience." Dorcely added that "alot of things have to be done...here in student government, half a year was not enough for me."

Dorcely encouraged a broad range of students to seek election, noting that "Polity needs a lot of integration, especially from minority student organizations."

Polity Vice President Paul Rubenstein had both advice and warnings to offer to aspiring future politicians.

"You learn things you simply cannot learn in the classroom. You learn how to cope with stress and learn how to cope with criticism and insult," said Rubenstein of the pros.

Now the cons. "People should run if they have the time, willing to sacrifice their GPA, willing to manage their frustration and have an unlimited amount of care for what they do," Rubenstein said, "there is no one to pat you on the back...there is no ego gratification."

Senior Representative Lisa Garcia said that Polity positions offer students a direct link to decisions and information that effect all students. Most administrative committees whose actions effect student life require at least one student member, Garcia explained. She said that although a representative is not required to be a Polity member, many times students in Polity fill the committee opening. Since Polity receives the information that a committee needs a student representative position filled, its members usually fill the position.

"Polity is known by administration...once we get information we can pass it around," said Garcia.

Polity should not be the only organization that is looking ahead to election day. Segall said that all clubs should remember their own elections as the end of the semester is fast approaching. All clubs must have to hold elections before the end of the term. The names and addresses of the new officers are to be submitted to Polity and each newly elected official must fill out a signature card to be filed in the Polity Suite, said Segall.

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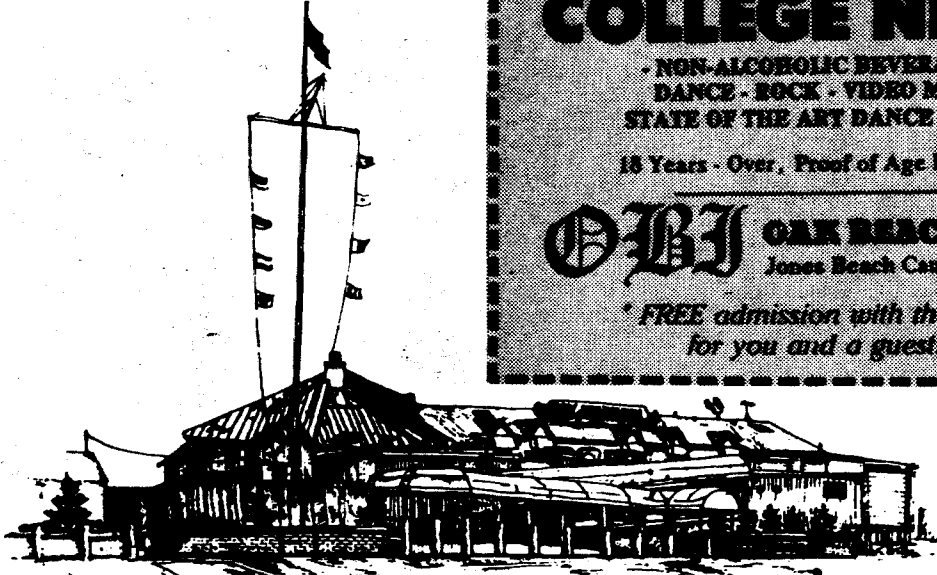
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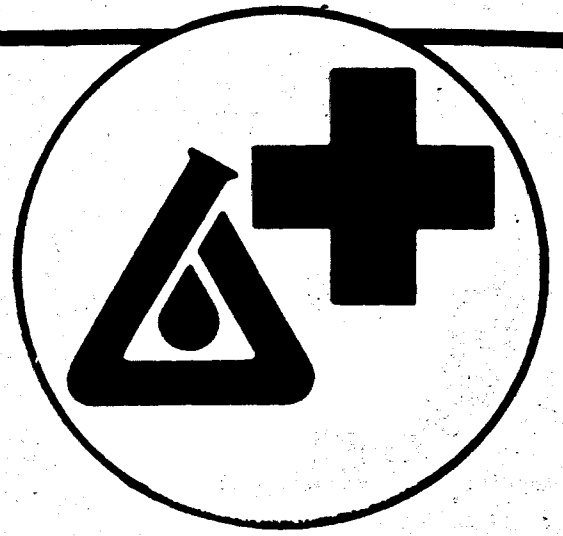
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Kansas is the Latest Cinderella Story

By Andy Russell

How much excitement can you take in a span of 24 hours anyway? After watching the New Jersey Devils gain their surprising first ever entry into the NHL playoffs on Sunday night, one would think he had seen his last Cinderella story for a while. But lo and behold, the Kansas Jayhawks (an eight-point underdog to the Oklahoma Sooners) won the NCAA Championship on Monday night. What's next, the Knicks winning the world title?

What was amazing about the game was that the Jayhawks came out in the first half ready to play the Sooners' up-tempo style. Obviously, the Kansas players weren't afraid of the high-powered Sooners, remembering that they had played the Sooners close in

their two previous meetings this year. Still, almost every basketball expert thought Kansas had to slow the game down to have a chance to win. Even when the Jayhawks took a 36-35 lead midway through the first half, it appeared as if the Sooners were in control. Kansas had made an incredible 17 of 20 field-goal attempts up to that point, but had only a one-point lead to show for it. Oklahoma's pressure defense forced 15 turnovers and Dave Sieger hit six three-point shots to keep Oklahoma close. One wondered if the Jayhawks would tire if they kept up this frantic pace in the second half. Kansas coach Larry Brown obviously told his troops at halftime to slow things down.

Several things surprised me in the second half. With the game winding down and the score about even, the Sooners did not make a concerted effort to get the ball inside to Harvey Grant and Stacey King. Kansas has an excellent post defense and Danny Manning did a good job of denying the pass inside, but Oklahoma guards Rickey Grace and Mookie Blaylock took quite a few quick shots down the stretch. Another thing that puzzled me was the Sooners use of the dock in the final minute. Trailing Kansas 78-77 with 40 seconds left and the Jayhawks in possession of the ball, the Sooners waited 24 seconds before fouling Scooter Barry. If their goal was to foul a poor free throw shooter, they goofed because Barry is an 82% foul shooter. What you want to do in that situation is foul quickly, hope the other team misses at least one free throw, and score quickly at the other end. The key is to get as many possessions as possible. The Jayhawks were not that good at shooting free throws (69% for the year) and there was a lot of pressure on the players (going to the foul line in such an important game). So Sooners' coach Billy Tubbs should not have minded putting the Jayhawks on the line. When Manning rebounded Barry's second free throw attempt, was fouled and made two free throws to give Kansas an 81-77 lead. I'm sure the Sooners wished that they had not wasted so much time.

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When Mark and I decided to spend the weekend at his mother's house, I never imagined I would be walking into a mouse's nightmare. There were cats everywhere.

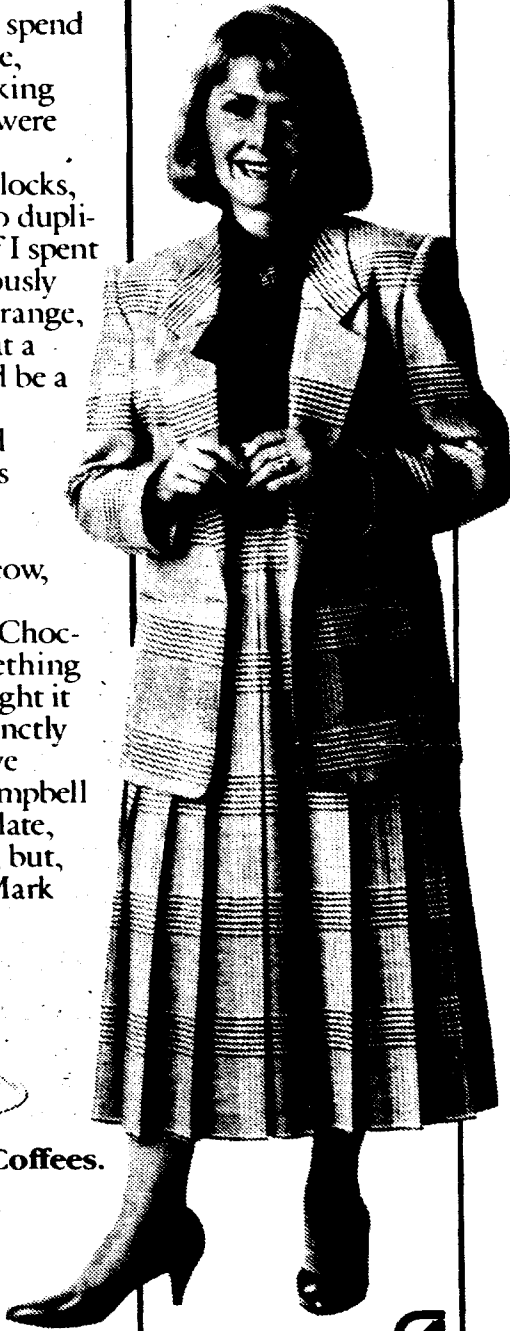
Cat plaques, cat statues, cat clocks, even a cat mat. I couldn't begin to duplicate her collection of kitty litter if I spent a year at a garage sale. Conspicuously absent, however, was a real cat. Strange, I thought, and began to fear that a weekend with cat woman could be a lot less than purr-fect.

But then she came home, and Mark introduced her. She was dressed surprisingly well—no leopard pants. In fact, you could say she was the cat's meow, but I'd rather not.

She offered me a cup of Dutch Chocolate Mint. Now that was something I could relate to. Then she brought it out in the most beautiful, distinctly unfeline china I'd ever seen. As we sipped, I found out that Mrs. Campbell has my same weakness for chocolate, loves the theater as much as I do, but, incredibly, never saw "Cats." So Mark and I are taking her next month.



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Looking at SB Spirit

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Head athletic trainer Katy Koshansky, who is in her fifth year at Stony Brook, said, "When I first came here the spirit was dead. Now the teams are better coached and a better quality of players are enrolling into Stony Brook. The athletes are here to support one another and want each other to do well. The uniforms are in better condition and the cheerleaders and pep band are a big help."

The school has provided a pep band which recently appeared at the basketball games. The band is not big and it does not have uniforms but will get them soon.

Coach Kornhauser sees a bright future for Stony Brook. "This is my fourth year here, and from what I've seen, school spirit is definitely changing for the better."

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Sports Viewpoint:

Does SB Have School Spirit?

By Al Bello

In math, science and research the State University at Stony Brook is right up there with the best colleges, but when it comes to school spirit, and attendance at sporting events, Stony Brook falls flat on its face.

For a big school like Stony Brook, with an enrollment of close to 16,000 students, the fan attendance should be high but it is not; the stands are rarely more than half full.

One reason is that Stony Brook shares the attention with other schools, sports arenas, and television. Assistant football coach at Stony Brook, Dave Caldieror said, "In our area there is way too much here. There are 100 high schools in Suffolk and Nassau county combined that have football programs. These teams all play on Saturday and [people] would rather watch the local high school game than drive out to Stony Brook to see us. Also most of the students are from the local area and go home on the weekends. During the week, students are apathetic or not informed."

Many blame the small crowds on the fact that few commuters participate. The population at Stony Brook is also made up partly of foreign students who do not get involved. A foreign student from Korea who wished to remain anonymous said, "I am too busy studying. I do not have the time to attend sporting events." Other students didn't know where the gym was.

Others thought winning teams and increased financial support would help boost the athletic program. "Athletics get no support from the faculty," said football player Doug Jordan. "There is not enough money put into sports here. Also winning is the key to good crowds and there is not much of it going around."

Assistant football trainer Stu Levine thinks New York has something to do with it, "New York crowds are fickle.

Nobody shows up if you lose all the time. As teams become more succesful, the outside crowds will be drawn in."

Volleyball player Terry Horan, a sophomore, mentioned the ignorance of schedules, "Certain people attend the events. Athletes and friends of athletes. Commuters and resident students rarely know what is going on. There is too much lack of information and now knowing at this school."

There is some truth to these statements about winning. The mens' and womens' basketball teams both made the National Collegiate Athletic Association finals last year and this year and the crowds for thier games filled the gym. Also the mens' swim team was undefeated this year and it had big crowds also.

Sports information director staff member Pat Murray, who handles all the promotion for the school teams, claims that his budget is small and that campus spirit seems to be suffering in all areas. "Campus seems to be suffering overall. The school paper is always begging for writers. The radio station and fraternities are also hurting. Undergraduates don't feel they are a part of campus."

"All the professor are interested in is reserach and not the students," Muraray said. "We get \$4,000 to work with for promotions the whole year. Hofstra University, for example, spent \$10,000 on their football program guide alone. Maybe we should charge admission for football and maybe basketball. Also one is never going to get the involvement in a Division III school as one might get from a Division I program."

It is true that at a college like St. John's the Division III football team benefits from the money received from the rest of the teams being Division I. The crowds for some Division I teams can run in the thousands and they pay in

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Although attendance is down, many feel that the school spirit and crowd support is on an upswing. "Slowly more and more administrators are supporting our school teams," said head football coach, Sam Kornhauser.

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Devils Made Playoffs With Perfect Ending

Since it was almost too nervewracking to watch, imagine how difficult it must have been to play. After 4,845 minutes of hockey, encompassing 79 games and three periods, the New Jersey Devils still hadn't secured or missed out on a playoff spot. It was now overtime in their final game of the season and the Devils needed a win to make the post-season grade.

The Rangers had already finished their final regular-season game. So had every team in the league, except those pesky Devils and their stubborn opponents, the Chicago Blackhawks. The Rangers had 82 points, the Devils had 80, and the final Patrick Division playoff spot - the only playoff spot in the NHL yet to be decided - hinged on whether the Devils could score a goal. Pressure situation.

The Devils began blasting shot after overtime shot off Blackhawk goaltender Darrin Pang. Each save prolonged the season, each shot sent a hockey fan's heart into his throat. Finally, mercifully, John MacLean rescued the Devils from another season of fruitless endeavor when he scored his second goal of the game at 2:21 of overtime. The regular-season was over. The Devils had the post-season to look forward to and the Rangers were headed home for the summer.

MacLean's goal ended what had been a remarkable struggle for a playoff berth. The Rangers had gone 8-3-2 in their final thirteen games. They had come on strong in the last 35 games of the year to finish with the eleventh best record in the NHL. But the Devils were better. They ended the regular season on a 7-0-1 streak and snuck past the Rangers



and the Mario Lemieux-led Penguins to get into the playoffs. The Rangers did their part, the Penguins (who finished with the NHL's twelfth best mark) kind of did theirs. After losing back-to-back games to New Jersey, the Pens won their last two games of the year to stay within playoff reach. The Devils simply played their part to perfection. They were Brando in Streetcar, they were Bogart in Casablanca.

It was January 7 and the Devils were getting ready for their 41st game of the season. After a torrid start, New Jersey had fallen to fourth place, had gone three games without a win and were just a point ahead of the Penguins in the race for a playoff spot. It was the first game of the second half of the season and the Devils were hoping for a new life as they faced off against the Vancouver Canucks in the Meadowlands Arena.

Devils captain Kirk Muller got himself a hat trick, but the rest of the team was flat and the Canucks coasted to a 6-3 win. There was to be no fresh start on that mid-winter evening.

After the game, Doug Carpenter, then the Devils head coach, wore a strined expression and spoke through pursed lips: "I really thought we'd come through tonight. The first game of the second half, I just really thought we'd come through." They didn't come through then, but the Devils would soon come through loud and clear.

Nine games and six losses after the Canuck game, Carpenter was replaced by Jim Schoenfeld. The Devils immediately won three straight and went 17-12-1 the rest of the way. In fairness to Carpenter, Schoenfeld was not what really got the Devils going. It was Sean Burke. He came to New Jersey after minding the Canadian net in the Olym-

pics. He has gone 10-1 in a Devil uniform, he has been strong in pivotal game-situations and has held his own in physical confrontations. Burke has re-ignited a feeling of camaraderie among the Devils and heading into the playoffs he was the NHL's hottest goalie.

The Devils had relied on a line of Aaron Broten-Muller-Pat Verbeek to carry them for much of the year. But in the stretch drive New Jersey's second line, MacLean-Mark Johnson-Patrik Sundstrom, shouldered lots of the load. And it was MacLean's 23rd goal of the season that sent the Devils into post-season play for the first time in the history of the franchise.

Strange that when the NHL finally gets an exciting playoff race between three solid hockey clubs their post-season structure still gets undermined. The Rangers and Penguins, with 82 and 81 points respectively, missed the playoffs. Last night the Toronto Maple Leafs, on the strength of 52 regular-season points, faced off against the Detroit Red Wings in a first-round playoff game. Who said ice was fair?

The Rangers have no need to be ashamed. They got their act together and played superb hockey in latter part of the year. They were victims of an inane playoff structure and a red-hot team of Devils. Ranger fans were stung by MacLean's season-ending goal but when the disappointment abated and life had trudged on for a day or two, there was only one final analysis: it was a great race, it was a great final game, it was great American hockey, and baby, it was beautiful.