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## University Fires Grant Manager

By Mitch Horowitz

Stony Brook has fired its chief grants-officer and turned over to the district attorney an investigation revealing "financial irregularities" in the school's grant office.

The District Attorney's office began an investigation Monday into the university's allegations, a district attorney spokesman said.

Pamela Hill was fired last week from her \$46,000-a-year post as director of Grants Management after the university conducted an internal audit into her department while Hill was out of town earlier this month. Included in the investigation was Hill's management of the Faculty Student Association when she was acting executive director of the group in 1984 and 1985, university officials said. The association contracts food and recreation vendors for the school.

University officials refused to comment this week about the exact reason for firing Hill, other than citing her mismanagement of the grant division's \$250,000 yearly operating budget. The Grants Management office coordinates grants earmarked for Stony Brook in the Albany-based New York State Research Foundation. University grant money was not part of the internal investigation, officials said.

Officials declined to pinpoint the amount involved in the investigation. "We don't know how much it is," a university finance official said. "... It's too preliminary at this point; there's too much auditing work that has to be done."

The university last Thursday turned the results of its internal investigation over to the district attorney. The investigation "uncovered certain financial irregularities in her [Hill's] handling of funds belonging to the Research Foundation and the Faculty Student Association," the university said in a statement last week.

Hill, a resident of Port Jefferson, came to Stony Brook in 1981 as a purchase associate. She was promoted in February, 1986 to the position of director of Grants Management. An employee of the SUNY Research Foundation, Hill was put on extended leave from Stony Brook on April 14 and fired last week when the school turned its investigation over to the district attorney.

Hill declined through a person answering the phone to offer comment.

## Election Results

By Amelia Sheldon

While many of those who ran for Polity positions can relax and start concentrating on finals, the top contenders for presidential and vice presidential posts will have to hit the campaign trail once again to attract votes for Tuesday's run-off election.

John Cucci, who received 552 votes, and Dan Rubin, who received 586 votes, will compete for president in the run-off election. Also on the ballot will be vice presidential hopefuls Steve Rosenfeld, who took 632 votes, and Kurt Widmaier, who had 554 votes in the first round of elections.

The winners in Tuesday's election were Lina Shahin as secretary, Rob Shapiro as senior representative, Esther Lastique as junior representative and Brian James as sophomore representative.

The mandatory student activity fee passed with 1341 of 2057 votes. The SASU and intramural referendums also passed. However, the Cultural and Special Interest (CSI) and ice hockey referendums did not pass.

Polls will be located in the cafeterias and the Library between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday for the run-off elections.

## Officers Are Helpless in Medical Emergencies

By Ray Parish and Mary Lou Lang

This is the first of a two-part series on Public Safety's effectiveness in first-response to medical emergencies.

Summoned to a campus construction site by an anonymous caller at midday on December 31, 1986, SUNY Stony Brook Public Safety Officers found a worker at the bottom of an eight-foot hole, unconscious and suffering from cardiac arrest.

The two Public Safety officers — along with two Fire Safety officers — responded to the incident four minutes after the call came in. The four tried for 15 minutes to save the victim, using mouth-to-mouth and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and administering oxygen from a tank carried in the Fire Safety vehicle.

Had the victim suffered cardiac arrest after 4:30 p.m., when Fire Safety officers go off duty, the Public Safety officers at the scene would have waited over 15 minutes for the Setauket Fire Department ambulance to bring oxygen.

Despite the efforts of the Public Safety and Fire Safety officers, the last day of 1986 became the last day of construction worker Robert Stewart's life. This incident became one of many summarized in the records of Public Safety. Though few incidents on record have ended in death, some officers say that more precautions could be taken to aid victims like Stewart.

A survey of police departments and other state universities revealed that Stony Brook's Public Safety Department is least prepared to deal with medical emergencies.

"I think there is a dire need for oxygen," said campus Public Safety Officer Charles Lever. Lever said that officers who are first to respond to an emergency should not have to wait 5 to 10 minutes for equipment. "We are talking about human life here," he said. "We might lose somebody."

Aside from lack of oxygen, the campus Public Safety department's first-aid kits contain only an assortment of gauze bandages, whereas other Public Safety and police departments have more extensive first-aid kits including smelling salts, blood-pressure kits, splints, and blankets.

"We're supposed to serve the public," said Public Safety Officer Steve Hellman. "But we have nothing to serve the public with." Hellman said it is frustrating to respond to medical emergencies and be incapable of helping the victim, pointing out the lack of oxygen and complete first-aid kits in the department vehicles.

Public Safety officials at SUNY at Buffalo and SUNY at Binghamton said that departments there do equip all their vehicles with oxygen. SUNY at Albany does not equip its vehicles with oxygen, but does equip one "safety vehicle" with it. That vehicle, as Stony Brook's Fire Safety vehicles, is not on call 24 hours a day.

Although Stony Brook Public Safety officers said that they believe there is a need for oxygen in the patrol cars, Gary Barnes, director of the department, disagrees. Barnes said that he believes that such factors as training, maintenance, liability, and cost outweigh the need for oxygen in the patrol cars.

Barnes said that oxygen is unnecessary because Public Safety's job is not primarily medical response.

However, Public Safety's records show that the department's officers respond to between 120 and 200 medical emergencies each year, not including those resulting from auto accidents or assaults. Public Safety officers are often the first to arrive at the scenes of the emergencies.

Most victims in the emergency situations require only minimal first-aid treatment and transport to University Hospital. The department of Public Safety trains and equips its officers to do little more than this, despite more serious

situations such as the death of Robert Stewart.

Public Safety officers responded to 124 medical emergencies in 1986, 171 in 1987, and 41 up until April 10 in 1988. Some of the medical emergencies responded to include:

- Officers arrived at Gershwin B13 on February 29, 1986, to find Barbara Beardsly comatose and convulsing, with "shallow respiratory function."
- Lee Min was experiencing chest pains and had difficulty breathing when officers arrived on March 4, 1986.
- Robert Sheridan, arrested for driving while intoxicated went into respiratory arrest in Public Safety Headquarters on March 18, 1986.


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## Candlelight Vigil: Story on Page 3

With candles in hand, protesters start on a night march to "take back the night" Tuesday.




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# A Candlelight March Against Campus Crime

By Lynne Metviner

Over fifty students, holding white candles, marched through dark paths of the university Monday night, shouting "Take back the night. No more rape at Stony Brook."

The march, sponsored by the Student Coalition On Safety (SCOS) was held to protest the lack of security on campus. Students gathered in front of the Student Union Building at 9:00 p.m. and walked through G and H, Roth, Tabler, and Eleanor Roosevelt Quads ending in front of the Fine Arts Center at about 10:15 p.m.

"Take Back the Night means we can walk out here, without fear and be free," said Detective Jeannette Hotmer of the Campus Public Safety Department. "Women want to feel like they are on a desert island and walk around without being afraid." The march, Hotmer said is political in that it "exercises our right to be out here and to be safe." Hotmer said students voicing complaints against Public Safety have valid reason. This march, she believes is a way in which the situation can be improved. "By getting out with public relations and having public talks, it benefits the students in that it lets people know who we are."

Esther Lastique, Chair of the Students Coalition On Public Safety (SCOS), said she found out about the success of Take Back the Night at other SUNY campuses while serving as chair for the women's caucus of the Student Association of the State University (SASU). "It brings about student awareness and administrative awareness that students care," Lastique said. "Students are afraid and we're going to have to do

something about it, otherwise students are going to take matters into their own hands." These marches are held annually and "they are very, very successful... and they do produce change," Lastique said. "Before this, students did not admit that they were afraid. Women and men shouldn't be afraid, they don't have to be afraid. It's not natural."

Marc Wright, a senior and member of SCOS said, "I am personally fed up with it. I blame administration. There a lot of unreported incidents, nothing gets done." This march, he believes, "will bring an awareness off campus and put pressure on administration." He added that more night and dormitory patrols by the campus Public Safety force are needed to make the campus safe, citing two alleged rapes on campus as an indication of poor security.

Shawna Young, also a member of SCOS said, "The public safety situation is ridiculous." But, she thinks the fact that officers were present at the march was good. Young said that the march would help make students more aware. "You have to become more aware."

Students complained about the safety of the hallways, especially in dorms with suites, and about the lack of lighting around campus. Many suggested having public safety officers patrol more areas. Most of the marchers thought that students should become more aware in order to push the administration to get something done.

Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, joined the march alongside some of the campus population that harshly criticized him five weeks ago for a remark quoted in



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Students light candles Tuesday before embarking on a night vigil protesting campus crime.

Statesman on an alleged rape.

Preston said that improvements in campus security have been made but most students do not support the idea of more dormitory patrols and don't want increased police presence in their buildings.

(Ray Parish contributed to this story)

## CIA Student Spies Scour Campuses for the Govt.

By the College Press Service

Verne Lyon is not surprised by the news that the FBI spied on college groups critical of Reagan administration's Central American policy. It's old hat to Lyon, who says he was a campus spook for the government during the Vietnam War era. "On campus, I was their eyes and ears as far as Vietnam protests go."

During his senior year at Iowa State University, Lyon recalls spying for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on groups as diverse as Students for a Democratic Society and the Young Republicans. "Nobody suspected me (of being a

CIA spy) except the FBI spook," Lyon, a former CIA agent now touring and lecturing on campuses nationwide, cracked during a recent interview. "After a while, we even began to alternate attending meetings, and then share our findings."

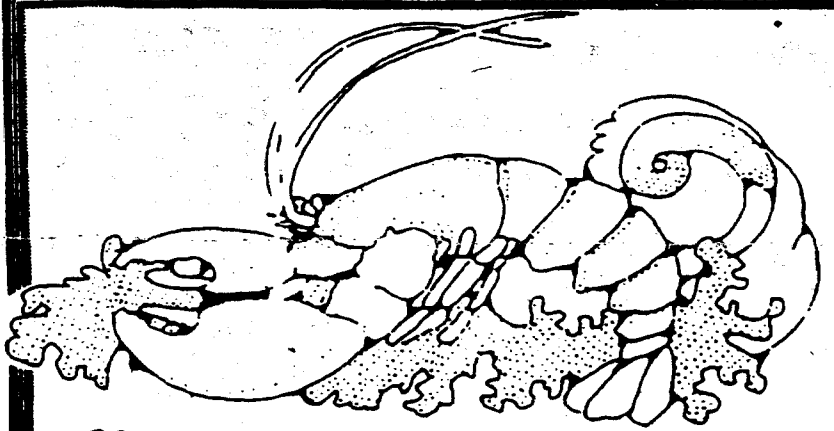
As it turns out, even the CIA no longer suspects Lyon of being a spy for the CIA. "Normally we don't confirm or deny employment, but statements by Mr. Lyon are sufficiently out of the ordinary that we want to set the record straight," said CIA spokeswoman Sharon Basso. "He was not employed in any capacity by the CIA."

The CIA is lying, replied Ralph McGehee, yet another

former CIA agent who now publicly criticizes it in lectures, "to avoid giving any credibility to Verne's story. They don't like to admit any of us have credibility."

McGehee, who with other former agents founded the Association for Responsible Dissent (ARDIS) to speak out against CIA covert actions, said his group has checked out Lyon's story as it does the claims of others who've asserted they were former spies. ARDIS does it to weed out "paranoids and crazies" and even current spies trying to infiltrate the group, McGehee added.

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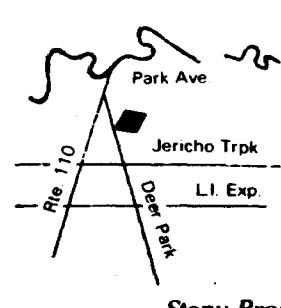
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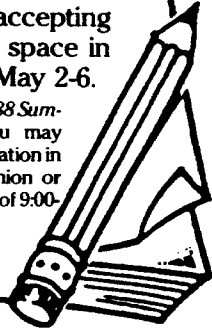
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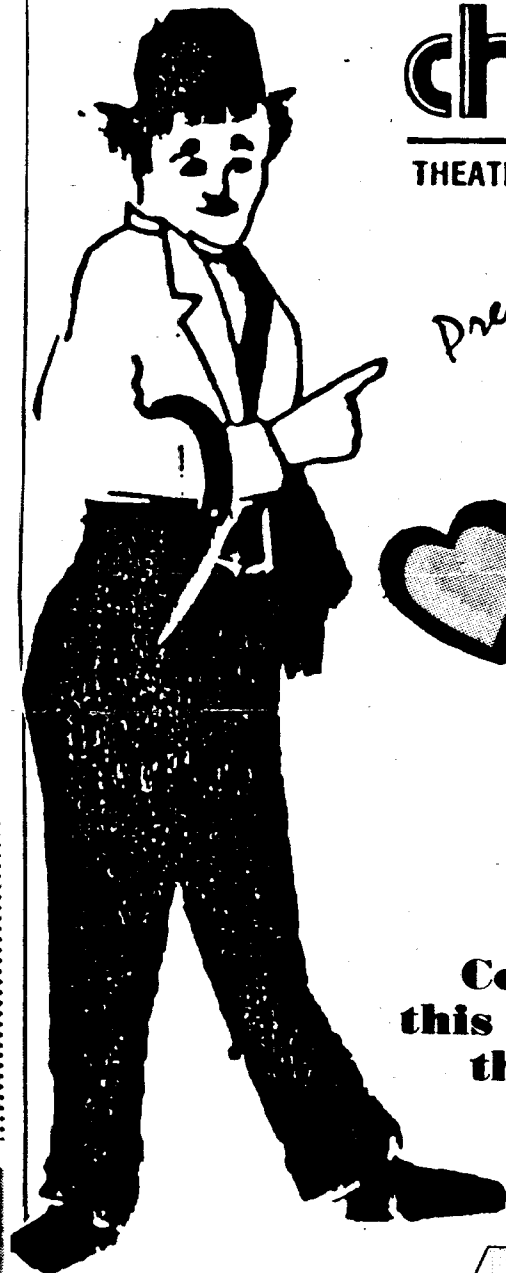
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# Campus Inserts Fold

By the College Press Service

Newsweek On Campus, one of the biggest college newspaper "inserts" in the country, last week announced that it would stop publishing while Campus Voice, probably the slickest magazine aimed at college students, said April 13 it will transform itself into a wall poster.

The changes, some observers said, might help the finances of student newspapers because the "inserts" — so-called because they are printed and published elsewhere, and then shipped to campus, where they're literally inserted into the student papers — often carried lucrative ads that otherwise might have been in the campus publications.

"National advertising lineage in college papers is down to less than 50% of what we got 3-4 years ago," reports Dave Adams, president of the College Media Advisors and faculty advisor to the Kansas State Collegian.

"Many of the ads in the supplements are full-color slick ads that campus papers can't carry," Adams conceded, "but they may be delivering the national advertising dollar."

Newsweek On Campus, however, will stop trying to divide it after its September, 1988, issue, said Daine Pearson of the Washington Post, Inc., Newsweek's parent corporation. She cited increased postal and paper costs as well as increased competition as the reasons.

"When Newsweek On Campus was introduced there were five publications," Pearson explained. "Now there are more than 14. It's a very crowded market."

Newsweek On Campus never broke even in the six years of its existence, said Pearson, and the higher costs didn't bode well for pushing it over the top in the near future. So, in order "to protect the quality of Newsweek" itself, the company's directors voted April 11 to close Newsweek On Campus and

a specialized sister publication called Newsweek On Health.

"We're not giving up on the college market, though. We'll return to campus in the fall with special subscription offers to Newsweek," Pearson promised.

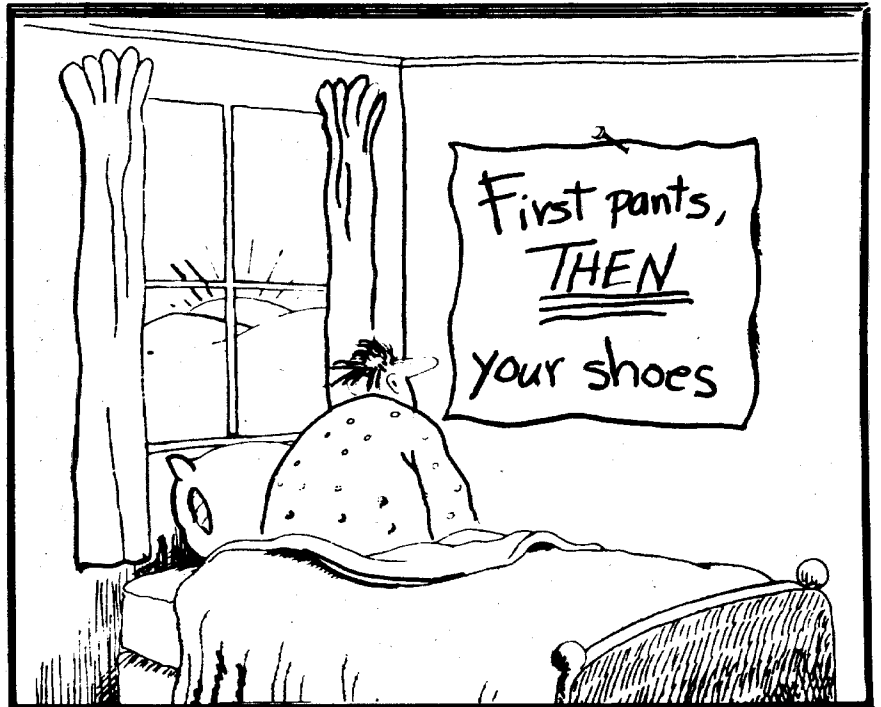
Newsweek On Campus lasted longer than most of the college inserts and supplements, said Jim Omastiak, publisher of Whittle Publications, the Knoxville, Tenn.-based firm that puts out Campus Voice. "The magazines may last one-two years. Then they lose interest or financial backing," Omastiak said.

In February, a Los Angeles company called Collegiate Network introduced still another insert — called U. The College Newspaper — to students. "There are more new magazines out to serve the college market, but their quality is inconsistent," Omastiak asserted as he confided Whittle has decided to change Campus Voice into a wall poster for the 1988-89 academic year. The poster, inserted into plexiglass frames in campus buildings, will carry news items and national ads.

The company also will continue producing "Good Stuff," boxes of product samples — paid for by the firms whose products are included in the boxes — distributed to students in their dorms. It was an advertising world Newsweek saw as the coming thing, but one the company didn't want to enter.

Newsweek "recognized that many other publications offer concert sponsorship and merchandising, but we offered a magazine," said Pearson. "That's our business."

"It's a competitive marketplace," added Mark Rose, marketing director for CASS, an Evanston, Ill., company that helps national advertisers place ads in campus papers and also published Plus Magazine, another of the inserts. But Rose is optimistic.



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# CIA Students

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Lyon's claims that he spied on his fellow collegians in the 1960s, moreover, seem eerily akin to more recent revelations of 1980s campus spying. Much of it came to light in January, when the Center for Constitutional Rights released hundreds of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) documents that reveal the FBI has monitored groups and individuals critical of the Reagan administration's Central American policy.

The FBI probe, conducted actively between 1981 and 1985, focused on several campus Central American groups at Florida State, Wichita State, Vanderbilt and the universities of Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Kansas, among others. "It doesn't surprise me," said Lyon. "You can be sure the (CIA) is doing the same thing."

Lyon contends the CIA and FBI "have never trusted the citizens of this country. They think dissent is subversive." In 1965, "there was a mood in Washington that student protests against the Vietnam War were not organized by students, but by foreign governments," Lyon remembered. Like the 1980s FBI probe, the government thought Vietnam protesters were receiving funding and directions from outside provocateurs.

According to Lyon, President Johnson authorized the CIA to gather information about campus dissenters, although the agency's charter prohibits it from operating in the United States. "The CIA had to be slick" to get around that prohibition, said Lyon, and recruited campus spies through its "good ol' boy network." The agency contacted faculty members and students it had worked with in the past, or were known to be sympathetic to the government's desire to quell campus dissent, and asked them to recommend students to work as agency "assets."

"I don't know how I was chosen," said Lyon. The agents who recruited him, however, knew a lot about Lyon's personal life. "The first time they offered me the job I said no. But the second time they made a much better offer." They offered him \$300 a month and a draft deferment, as well as a job with the agency when he graduated.

"That was a lot of money then, too much to turn down. Up until then I'd earned money by tending bar and mowing grass. And what they asked me to do was not distasteful. I wasn't sure if the war was immoral. I believed in my country." The draft deferment was especially attractive. "I wasn't sure the best way to serve my country was by stopping a bullet in a rice paddy," said Lyon, who could have been drafted after he graduated from Iowa State.

"I became disillusioned almost from the day I started in school," Lyon added. He attended political meetings on campus, taking notes on what was said and who attended. To ingratiate himself with his subjects he volunteered for various jobs the Iowa State anti-war movement needed done. And when nobody was around, he'd photocopy membership lists. His meeting notes and the membership lists — "everything I could get" — were then passed on to the CIA.

Although the work he did for the CIA wasn't illegal, it was "outrageous and immoral," Lyon said of the nationwide campus spying effort, which ultimately grew to 30,000 files on activists until it was terminated in 1973.

After graduating, Lyon worked for the CIA in Mexico, the Caribbean and in Cuba. He left the agency in 1973. "Working for the CIA is like a bad marriage you can't get out of," he said.

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# Public Safety Ill-Equipped for Medical Calls

(Continued from page 1)

- Officers reported to the library on July 7, 1986 and found Carmen Pittersen "semi-conscious and in need of oxygen." The police report notes: "Officers unable to assist. No oxygen."
- Officers aiding assault victim John Ferrara on September 9, 1986, noted in their report that they "were unable to adequately assist victim as there was no first-aid kit in the vehicle nor oxygen...."
- On April 6, 1987, officers responded to a call and found the victim suffering from pains in her chest, numbness in her left arm, slurred speech, and loss of color. The report notes that there was "no oxygen in vehicle."
- Karen Williams had chest pains and difficulty breathing when officers arrived at 1:14 on April 18, 1987. The Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps was not in service so officers at the scene notified the Setauket Fire Department. By 1:26, Williams passed out and the officers transported the victim to the hospital instead of waiting for Setauket to arrive.

The above victims, like many of those in medical emergencies to which Public Safety responds, suffered from symptoms that often mandate use of oxygen: respiratory arrest, severe asthma, and apparent cardiac arrest. Several of the officers involved in these events and similar episodes noted in incident reports that their vehicles lacked oxygen equipment.

CPR and first aid "is basic, is adequate for first responders in terms of breathing," said Barnes. He said that the response times of campus and off-campus ambulances, which ranges from two to four and four to eleven minutes, respectively, are "pretty good" response times.

According to Jerry Stanick, technical director of Respiratory and Pulmonary Care at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, a cardiac arrest victim should receive oxygen within two to four minutes. Stanick notes that this time limit

only applies when mouth-to-mouth is not administered. Stony Brook University Hospital Spokesperson Maxine Simson told a Statesman reporter that Stony Brook Univer-

sity Hospital officials would not be able to comment on the use of oxygen, citing "political" ramifications in the university.



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## Oozball Hits Campus: Story on Page 18

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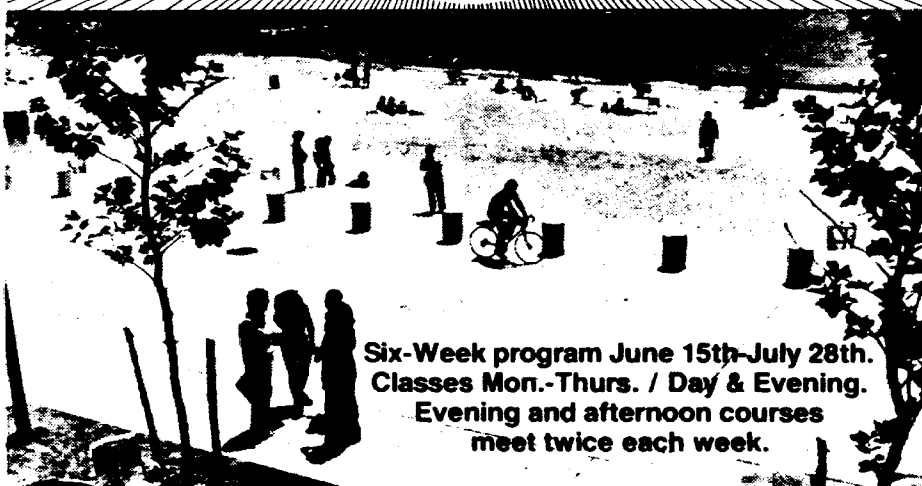
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# New Polity: Opportunity For Campus Unity

The Polity elections elicit flowery speech and grand promises that are as pleasing to the ear as the spring foliage is to the eye. If we got what we were promised we would be dining with Cesear, partying with Hefner, and being ruled by King Arthur.

We know that this is too much to expect. However, the newly elected Polity officials, and those that win the run-offs, should put forth their best effort to fulfill at least the minimum requirements of their position. They should communicate and interact with students, acquiring a firm conception of what the students' needs are and determine how the priorities.

The Polity Council and Senate meetings should be attended by those that the students elected; there should be no cancelled meetings because quorum is not met. Approximately three out of the eight senate meetings held this semester were dismissed because quorum was not met. This is disgraceful, completely uncalled for, and should not be tolerated by the student body or Polity.

The motive behind missing meetings is puzzling. One would think that a student who has invested much time and energy in campaigning would stick around to see some of his ideas become policy. However, many times this is not the case. Jerry Schaps was not even in the door of the Polity Suite before he offered up his resignation. Many other candidates have slipped into anonymity as the term wears on, complaining of burnout or not offering any answer at all because students don't ask for one.

This lack of interest on the part of elected offi-

cial has two highly detrimental outcomes. The first is the obvious fact that a representative who does not attend meetings cannot possibly be getting his/her constituents' needs across to the Senate or the Council. The second is the slow erosion of the student body's faith in the effectiveness of their governing institution. This school cannot bear any more apathy and certainly does not need negligent Polity members adding to this cancerous ailment.

But how can Polity representatives be psyched about going to meetings if all they get no firm support from the students? If a representative feels like the students don't really care what goes on, then why should he go to meetings. The students have to show that they care about what happens, have faith in those that they elected, and will be sure that their needs are met.

It is the old symbiotic relationship where both parties must cater to the other in order to support

the whole system. With elections come new blood, and a better chance for turning things around and creating new images, feelings, and energy on campus. The students and the elected officers should sieze this moment when the atmosphere is best for spawning new ideas. Small steps taken now may be of greater value, as students see them as good omens for what the future holds.

The first chance that students will be able to show more than a superficial support for student government is in the run-off elections. It is true that one day of voting is plenty and run-offs are rather anti-climactic, however, they are just as important as the initial elections — if not more so.

The student body and Polity, if they decide to unite, could be a powerful force on campus. A new chance for both the students and their government to make good comes with newly elected officials. Lets take advantage of it and get as much out of this upcoming year as we can.

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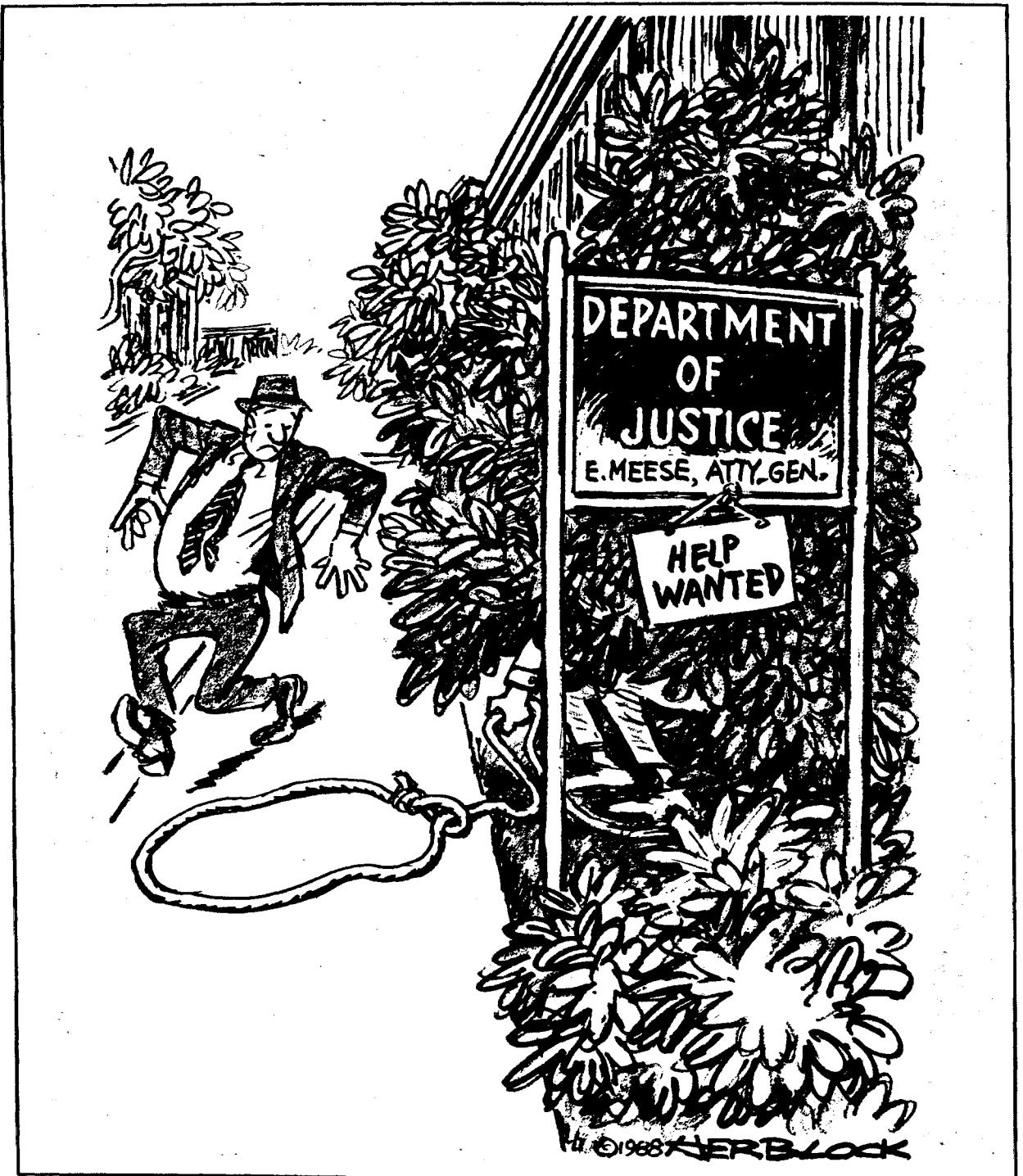
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# VIEWPOINTS

## Israel Also Responsible For Mideast Strife

By Ziad Sawi

In a Viewpoint article in the April 7 issue of *Statesman*, another attempt was made by Professor Arnon Shani to pin the entire blame of the Middle East conflict on the Palestinians and the Arab nations and peoples. Professor Shani endeavored to refute some of the arguments I made in the March 10 issue of *Statesman*. The professor's explanations are, at best, incomplete and, at worst, entirely distorted. I must, therefore, point out the various inaccuracies of Professor Shani's article.

\*I did not try to argue, as the professor claims I did, that Arab migration occurred in the early stages of Jewish settlement but that it didn't occur at all. In 1850, before any Jewish immigration to Palestine the Arab population there was over 500,000. The population continued to grow naturally and not through immigration from neighboring Arabs seeking employment by Jews as Professor Shani claimed in his first article. Some readers may wonder why we would argue about such a seemingly insignificant point. The reason is that many Zionists try to defend their claim to Palestine by saying that it was uninhabited when the Jews first began to immigrate and Arabs came after they did. This is a blatant lie as Turkish and British census reports indicated.

\*In my first article I tried to make the point that only 6% of Palestine was purchased by Jews but it was misprinted as 65%.

\*In 1921 and 1929 there were riots against Jewish settlements and innocent people were killed as Professor Shani claimed and I can in no way condone them. However, I must point out that Jews killed many innocent people themselves. The professor neglects to mention, for example, the bombings committed by the Jewish terrorist organization Irgun Zvai Leumik in July 1938 in Arab residential areas in Haifa and Jerusalem which left 72 innocent people dead. In my previous article I discussed other incidents of terror committed by Jewish terrorists and Israel.

\*Professor Shani claims that 70% of the area the U.N. decided would be Israel in the Partition Plan was desert and this is true. However, about 70% of the land given to the Palestinians was also either desert or low quality mountainous areas. I should re-emphasize the point that Jews only made up 30% of the population and only purchased 6% of the land but still got 55% of it. Also, this desert area that the professor speaks of was by no means uninhabited. There were approximately 103,000 Palestinians living there. Under the U.N. plan this area was given to the Jews even though only about one thousand Jews lived there solely because they insisted on having access to the Red Sea.

\*The professor also claims that Jewish civilians and villages were attacked immediately after the U.N. partition resolution of 1947. While violence did break out it was not a state of war as the professor implied. The seizure of sections of non-Jewish territory was unjustifiable. The expulsion of Palestinians from Haifa was simply an atrocity.

\*At this point, Professor Shani said that "I could go on in refuting each point in Mr. Sawi's article but I would rather like to address his statement that 'Israel still refuses to talk to the PLO.'" In this manner Professor Shani was able to cleverly avoid having to deal with my points regarding Israeli acts of terrorism.

\*Professor Shani then printed the text of several sections of the Palestinian National Covenant. The Covenant says that the PLO must liberate Palestine through armed struggle. For this reason Professor Shani claims Israel cannot talk to the PLO. In this regard I have two points to make.

1. Theodore Herzl, the father of modern Zionism and one of the first people to actively advocate an independent Jewish state had this to say about the Palestinians in his diaries, "We shall have to spirit the penniless population across the border by procuring employment for it in transit countries while denying it any employment in our country." Note how, even at this point in time when there were hardly any Jews in Palestine and hardly any land was owned by Jews, Herzl still claimed the land to be his own. I should also point out that at this time there was no animosity between Arabs and Jews. Theodore Herzl goes on to say, "both the expropriation and the removal of the poor must be carried out discreetly and circumspectly." I do not see how the threats of the PLO to Israel are any worse than the threats and plans of the Jews to destroy Palestine.

2. Israel should negotiate with the PLO without any pre-conditions. If no agreement can be reached then Israel has lost nothing. Israel has refused to do even this, not

because they consider the PLO to be a terrorist organization but because they are afraid the PLO will indeed try to reach a settlement and expose Israel and its current Prime Minister as the real obstacles to peace.

\*Professor Shani mentioned the attack by Palestinian terrorists on an Israeli bus. As I stated earlier in this article and in my previous one, these attacks cannot be justified but let us not forget that Israel has killed about 130 Palestinians in the last few months in an attempt to "Put fear back into the hearts of the Arabs" as Prime Minister Shamir so callously put it.

\*But what I did find most surprising is that a well educated scientist such as Professor Shani could actually claim that the mentality of one ethnic group is better than another. The professor does this by saying that "it is a sad fact that the mentality of the Middle East is different from that of the Western World" and he then went on to feebly defended his argument by talking about the Moslem concept of Jihad (holy war) and of the violence in Lebanon. Does the professor need to be reminded that it was the "Western World" that committed the Holocaust, that allowed the pogroms in Russia and that has oppressed Jews since Roman times? I would like to know by what right he criticizes the Arab mentality. I would also like to know why Professor Ernest Dube was refused tenure for having made comments that were not in the least bit anti-Jewish while Professor Shani can make anti-Arab comments with impunity.

\*Professor Shani claimed that none of the "moderate and reasonable" Palestinian leaders met with Mr. Schultz when he was in the Middle East. But these leaders had met with Shultz a few weeks earlier in Washington. Also, when Secretary of State Schultz met with two prominent Palestinian Americans, Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu Lughod, Prime Minister Shamir began ranting and raving and accusing the U.S. of dealing with the PLO even though neither of these men are PLO members. In many such instances the U.S. has backed down in the face of Israeli demands, but this time Shultz put Shamir in his place telling him that he had no business asking him not to meet with American citizens.

\*Professor Shani also claimed that Palestine moderates fear to deal with the Israelis because they will be killed by their own people. While some Palestinians were assassinated, many others who are on the West Bank and Gaza would talk to Israel but Israel still won't negotiate with them. I mentioned in my last Viewpoint that, in addition to killing many innocent Arabs, former Prime Minister Menachem Begin also killed several Jews. After killing 78 Jews in the King David Hotel, Begin said that they deserved it for having dealt with the enemy. The Stern Gang, another Jewish terrorist group, has assassinated such people as Count Folk Bernadotte the Swedish U.N. official for trying to arrange a ceasefire during the 1948 war. One of the high ranking members of the Stern Gang was Yizak Shamir who is, as I mentioned, the current prime minister and thus Israel maintains its tradition of having a terrorist for a Prime Minister.

\*In his last paragraph Professor Shani states that the "Palestinians need brave leadership" that could negotiate with Israel. But, as I stated in my first article, Israel has deported or silenced many outspoken Palestinian leaders, apparently finding them a little too brave. It seems that Professor Shani, and for that matter, many other Israelis are not waiting for a Palestinian leader who will say "we want to negotiate," they are hoping for a Palestinian leader to say "We surrender." The way the Palestinians are now courageously resisting Israel's inhuman occupation should tell them, that this is not going to happen.

\*I should mention in conclusion that in the *Statesman* an editorial and a letter from the Hillel foundation were written asking that this "war of words" stop and a real solution to the problems be found. I welcome these proposals. Therefore, if Professor Shani is willing, I would like to write a joint article with him possibly proposing a solution to the current conflict in the Middle East. This would also avoid the problems of each person wanting the last word. I shall therefore contact Professor Shani shortly after this article is published.

(The writer is an undergraduate.)

## Students Should Plan Menu

By Michael Lutus

What is required in a food service contractor here at Stony Brook? Is it the ability to cook food for large numbers of people? Yes, that's part of it. Is it the dedication to quality that will provide healthy and nutritious food to students? That's another part. But there is another set of requirements that also have to be satisfied. The ability to work closely with the bureaucracy of FSA, the bloated managerial size to handle the documentation that FSA requires, the huge cash reserves that are required to get a contract. Does this last set of requirements make the quality, quantity, or price any better? The answer is no. Am I overstating the problem? I'll let you be the judge.

Surprisingly, there is no official monopoly. In the request for proposal that FSA issued to all bidders, it was clear that FSA formally allowed the presence of three food service contractors. FSA then proceeds to name several conditions that a small or mid-sized company would have trouble meeting, or, cannot meet. There is a \$10,000 deposit that any small contractor (that is one running only the deli or Papa Joe's) must pay. For the main part of the contract (that's everything else) that deposit is \$150,000. You have to have a dietician to get a food service contract. Is it realistic to expect a Station Pizza type operation to carry a dietician on their payroll? FSA generously decided that each contractor is required

to get "\$3,000,000 of public and products liability" insurance as well as "liability insurance with limits (sic) of \$3,000,000 for any vehicle used in the furtherance of its operation" with an additional insurance policy on any equipment that FSA would give to any contractor. FSA, the University, and the state of New York are also insured on these policies, for free of course. It isn't hard to see how the deck has been stacked against the smaller food service firms, though I've hardly listed all that I could have. The question remains, who's left? What companies are big enough to satisfy the contract requirements? When I asked someone who works for FSA how many companies were there in the field, she replied that there were five and proceeded to name some of them. That means that we have a "choice" of five large national firms that are big enough to carry the deadweight management that this type of contract requires. The last time around, two of those companies wouldn't even touch this contract proposal, a third walked out of contract talks. FSA has chosen how our food service will be run for the next three and a half years. We have to make sure that when the next Request For Proposal is sent around its the students who decide what kind of food we have. After all, we eat it.

(The writer is the College Republicans communications director)

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# LETTERS

## Oxfam Offers Hope

To the Editor:

This year's Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest was, as in past years, a success. It was a success not only because of money raised, \$2385.24, but because so many people gave valuable time and effort to organize it, and many more to participate in it. Special thanks go to the Hunger Task Force, DAKA, FAS, Office of Student Union and Activities, University Senate, LASO, STAC, SHIP, and especially the thousand or so students, faculty, and staff that fasted and gave their money saved to Oxfam.

Oxfam America sets an example for other development and relief agencies by striking at the root of hunger, powerlessness. It spends its dollars wisely, using local resources to empower peasants in ways specific to their needs. The money raised at Stony Brook will be spent overseas with a much greater purchasing power than it would have here.

Have we banished hunger with the effort? Not yet. This year hunger has not gone away and in some ways has grown worse. Poverty has become more crushing for millions of Americans, debt suffocates developing nations, repressive governments violently prevent their people from improving themselves, war prevents planting and harvesting, and military expenditures consume resources better spent on human needs.

Yet there are often signs of hope and stories of success which don't come to our attention; a village with clean water for the first time, millions of children vaccinated against the six major childhood disease, the integration of women into development projects, the political empowerment of Mexican Americans in San Antonio, Texas, and so on.

Individuals can make a difference, and very often major changes are due to the efforts of one or two people. Many kinds of efforts are needed; political work, education, development work, fundraising, and direct work with the poor. So don't curse the darkness, light a candle! Pick a cause, join a group (a good one), and get to work. If hunger and poverty are your issues, join the Hunger Task Force next year and work in a soup kitchen, do a food drive, or organize next year's Fast.

Steve Paysen  
Catholic Chaplain

## Don't Clean Tent City

To the Editor:

The following letter is being sent to Ann Forkin, the director of Conferences and Special Events, from Tent City:

We thought you would be thrilled to know that we at Tent City have already made our contribution to the university's cleanup day by picking up any loose garbage laying around the Tent City site. There will be no need for you to send any of the volunteer cleanup crews to the Tent City site on Friday, and we expect that you will be relieved to hear that Tent City is one area your crews won't have to clean.

We want you to know that our continuing efforts to keep the site

clean have absolutely nothing to do with the fact that the University is celebrating its 30th birthday on May 1. At Tent City, we believe that the grounds should be maintained year-round, so that we don't give students, faculty and staff the mistaken impression that the only reason we're cleaning up the campus is because several thousand alumni and community members are coming to visit. This could cause the student body and faculty to think that we at Tent City don't really care about what the campus looks like during the rest of the year.

We hope you are proud of our efforts and we wish you luck in cleaning up the rest of the campus. God knows, it needs it.

For Tent City,  
George Bidermann

## Cheaper Books Elsewhere

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in reaction to Karen Rowe's letter "Don't Knock the Bookstore" in the April 21 edition of *Statesman*. I am an engineering student at the level where my school books also have application to the "real world." They are, consequently, available elsewhere. I will list some facts which are relevant to the Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore:

1. By going to a Barnes & Noble in the city, which acts as clearing house for textbooks and has a large engineering section, I have obtained some required books as low as one half of the price charged by our Barnes & Noble.

2. I am often forced to go to Stony Books (or the city), as Barnes & Noble, typically, will only sell the books one week before classes. (I assume they pool orders from different schools to cut costs.) Stony Books, typically, has some books one month before the start of classes, and when both have a book, it is the same price or cheaper at Stony Books.

3. A good professor who required certain data books for his students found a Barnes & Noble price of \$55 too steep. He arranged with the principals for them to be available to the students for \$20 through Barnes & Noble. (*National Semiconductor Linear Data Books 1-3 and application notes, ESG 315.*)

I do not claim the bookstore is not operating in our best interests. I only say that, even with Stony Books, they have a virtual monopoly and have very little reason to exert themselves. While this is also true with most of the services on campus, I see no way to change it. But I do not believe in falsely characterizing a situation. David D. Lewis

## Corrections Made?

To the Editor:

I wish to make a few corrections on an article written in the April 18 issue of the *Statesman* about Professor Toni Morrison's visit to the Fine Arts Center last Thursday. It is obvious to me that the writer of this article, Lisa Rosevear, did not read the book that she set out to review. Professor Morrison read from her Pulitzer prize winning book, *Beloved*, which deals with a black woman, Sethe, confronted with the

"choice about whether her children should live." And the character Beloved is the "ghost/incarnation" of the one child that Sethe did succeed in killing. Beloved comes back with "new skin" thirsting for the sugar of life. She comes back to be with the woman who killed her out of fear and necessity and ends up allowing her to see things about herself that she, until now, had refused to confront.

Ms. Rosevear was more than correct in saying that Morrison's literature manifests a passion and a "music" that is unprecedented. Professor Morrison's use of language, Black-American language in particular, is nothing short of mesmerizing. And her appearance on this campus, being able to hear her voice read her words, will certainly stay with me for a long time.

But doesn't such a fine writer deserve more than a review written by someone who did not or halfheartedly read her book?

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud Professor June Jordan for organizing such fine events as the Sonya Sanchez, Amiri and Amina Baraka reading and this past visit by Toni Morrison. I am hoping that similar events will be scheduled in the future.

Zarqa Javed

*Editor's Note: The writer did not set out to review Morrison's book Beloved but wrote about Morrison's visit, as you state in your first sentence, the "article written...about Prof Toni Morrison's visit to the Fine Arts Center..."*

## In The Mail

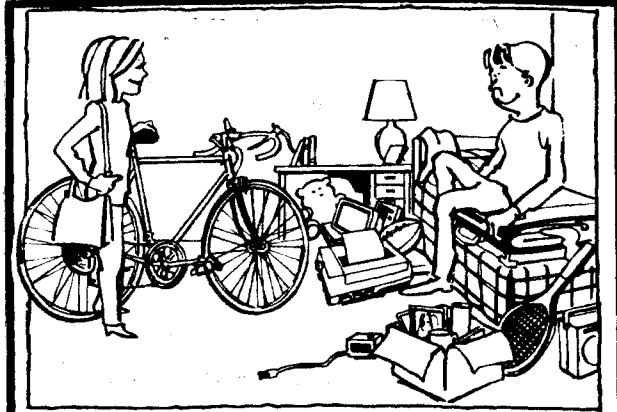
To the Editor:

Many students wonder what the Student Polity Council has done for the students in the past year. One project which I have been working on for most of this semester has finally been completed. In the beginning of this semester, I realized that there was a lack of mailboxes readily accessible for students. There already were mailboxes located outside the Student Union, near Tabler and Roth Quads on the North Loop Road, and the one at the Administration Loop. As of last week, there is now another box near Kelly and Roosevelt Quads.

I contacted Dick Wueste of General Institutional Services (GIS) to find out how to get more mailboxes and he referred me to Denis Lynch, the Stony Brook Postmaster. All three of us had a meeting where the postmaster agreed to put another mailbox on the campus under certain conditions. The new mailbox would need to have enough mail sent through it in order for it to be considered widely used. At the same time, the amount of mail sent through the other mailboxes could not decrease to the point where they wouldn't be considered widely used. In neither case was it specified what the required amount of mail must be since the amount of mail fluctuates all year long. If either of these conditions were not met, the new mailbox might have to be removed.

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# LETTERS

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 drive). This was considered the best location due to the fact that residents of Kelly and Roosevelt Quads have to travel to the union to drop off mail which is usually far out of the way for residents of either quad. Also, the students living in Roosevelt during intersession would benefit from it as well. Other locations considered included near G and H quads but was rejected because it was so close to the mailbox at the union. Also considered was North P and South P commuter lots but also was rejected because many commuters often pass through the union and they have easy access to

mailboxes off campus whereas most residents don't. The residents of Kelly and Roosevelt Quads now have a mailbox nearby and over the next few months (not including the summer), must use it enough to warrant that it be kept there. The postmaster also said that if this box is successful, he would consider adding another one in the future. I would like to thank Dick Wueste and Denis Lynch for their help in this project. This is just another example that Student Polity is working for the students.

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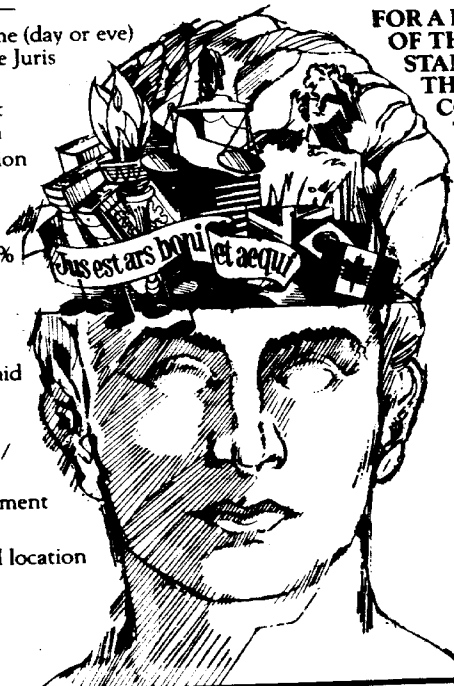
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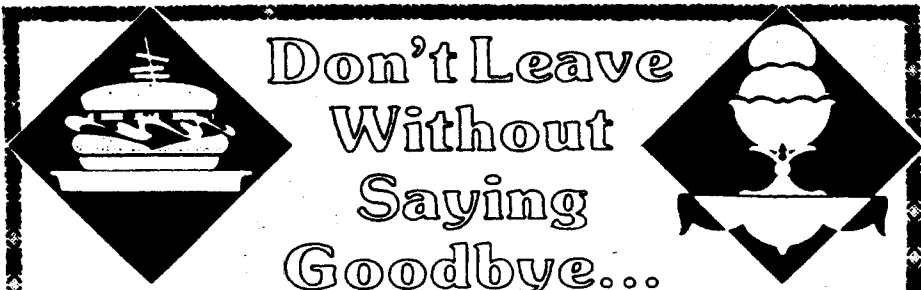
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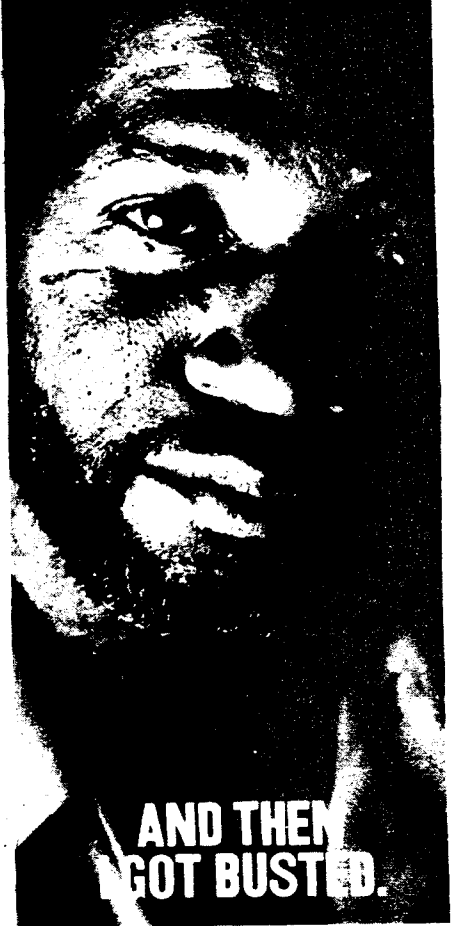
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# Oozball at SB

By Al Bello

Stony Brook students are knee deep in mud. Divided evenly by a net, each team desperately plods through the gunky mass trying to hit a ball over the net. The game is called Oozball, and it is the new campus craze at Stony Brook as well as colleges across America.

"It's something different," said player Joanne Russo. "Even though I got filthy, and the sneakers I had on were ruined for life, I still had a great time playing."

"I couldn't even recognize some of the students after they were flopping around in that slime out there," said spectator Victor Abrue.

Oozball is played with the same rules as volleyball. Both teams have eight players. Six are on the court at a time, three men and three women. The only difference is the mud.

"The field was constructed by the people at the physical plant," said Student Alumni president Howie Gale. "They dug the field between Benedict and O'Neil colleges in G-quad. We were able to water the field down with fire hoses supplied by the on campus fire department."

"We had 16 teams participate this year," he said, "and hopefully we could expand the league to 32 teams next year."

Oozball was picked up by Stony Brook from other colleges. "The sport originated on college campuses like Buffalo, and Arizona State," said Anne Began, Alumni director at Stony Brook. "We picked up on it because we wanted the students to have fun at an activity that did not involve alcohol. This is the second year for Oozball at Stony Brook and it seems to be working out well."

Most college activities involve alcohol, and Oozball besides being a new sport, has become popular at Stony Brook without the aid of beer kegs stacked along the sideline.

"I always say don't mix mud and alcohol," said player Marc Matroni. "I can't say its good clean fun, but I can say it is nice to let myself go, and roll around in the mud. It is what college life is all about."

Matroni played on "The Village Fair Villains" who were Stony Brook's Oozball champions this year.

"This is the most organized fun I've had in awhile," said Villains team captain Pete Donahue. "It is something new and exciting that boosts campus spirit."

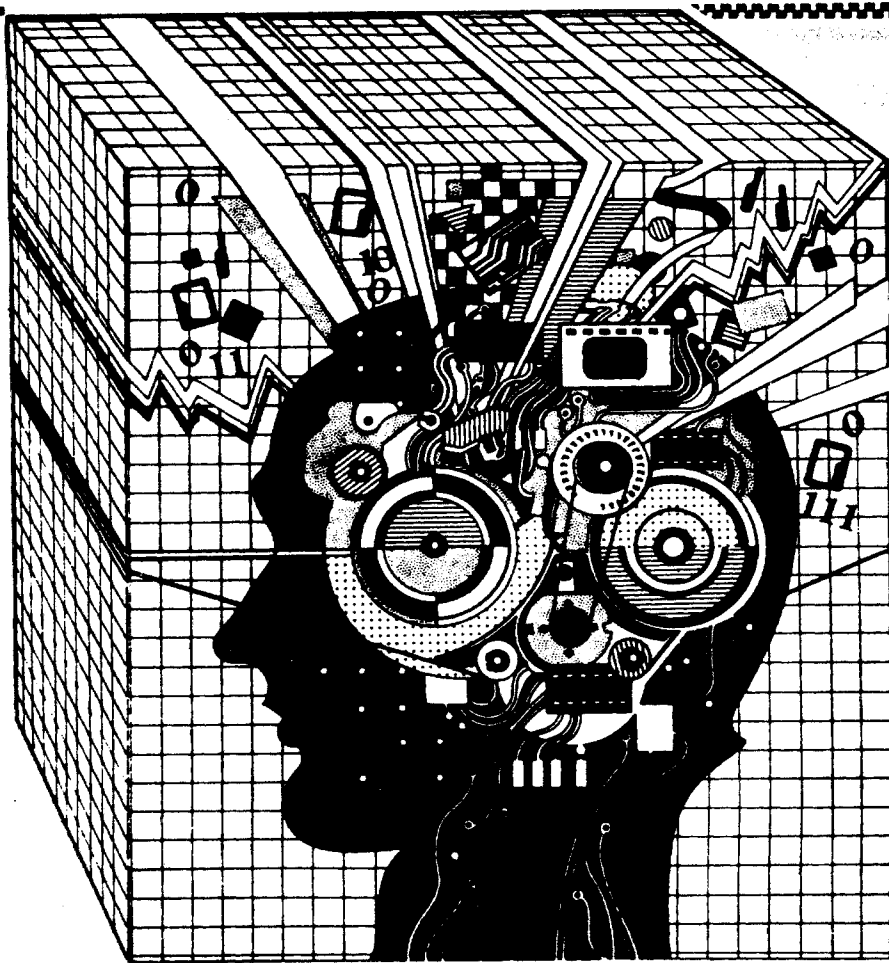
The Villains had to battle teams like "S.C.U.M.", the "Spoondogs", and "Banzai" on their road to the championship. "It was tough playing conditions," said Villain Kevin Noonan, "but we are all good athletes and were able to adjust to the mud better than the other teams."

The Villains chief spiker Pete Seccia said, "Oozball is more demanding on the body than volleyball. There is more wear and tear on the legs. But knowing your diving into mud instead of a hard gym floor made it easier to sell out."

"I can't wait till next year already," said Paul Klyapp. "This should be held more than once a year."

Gale says that funding for such an event takes time and a lot of effort. Alumni donations and a five dollar entry fee helped supply the material needed for oozball.

Sponsors provided prizes to the top three finishers. Fitness Connection gave out eight free three-month memberships for first place. Dominoes Pizza supplied a small pizza to each player for second place, and The Worlds Best Yogurt gave ice cream to each player for third.



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## Pats Results

The Lady Pats softball team (9-12) picked up two wins this week, shutting out Lehman 10-0 on Tuesday and nipping Hunter 10-8 on Wednesday. SB has a seven game winning streak.

Anne Lo Casio stood out in both games, going a combined 3-5 with 5 RBI's. In Wednesday's game, Ann Bernhardt hit a 2-run homer and Roe Molinelli hit a 3-run homer to support winning pitcher Ginger Scharf.

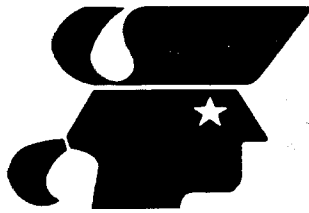
In other Patriot action, the Men's tennis team shut out Brooklyn 9-0, the baseball team lost to Dowling 8-3 and the lacrosse team (5-7) clobbered Pace 16-5 to extend their winning streak to three.

-Andy Russell

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## Statesman Patriot Athlete Of the Week

Patriot Lacrosse Star Ron Capri earned Statesman Patriot Athlete of the Week honors for the week ending April 24. Capri had five goals and one assists as the Pats defeated Albany 9-8 on Saturday. Capri also had the game-winning goal in that game. Ron also scored three times and added an assist in the Pats 12-6 victory over Southampton earlier in the week. For the week Capri, a junior transfer from Nassau Community College, totaled eight goals and two assists and in leading the Pats to two straight victories.



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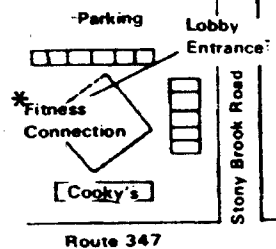
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## Statesman SPORTS

Thursday, April 28, 1988

### Pats Lose to Lehman Bruno Stands Out In Defeat

By Robert Abrams

On Tuesday, the Stony Brook Patriots baseball team played the Lehman College Lancers in a Division III match-up. Despite an excellent pitching performance by Chris Bruno and a second inning homerun off the bat of leftfielder Dan Daley, the Patriots fell short of a win by losing 5-3.

As far as Stony Brook is concerned, the first six innings were just what the doctor ordered. Bruno allowed a mere three hits and four runs (only one was earned, though) in his six inning stint. In the first inning, he technically had two strikeouts but catcher Houston Ovalle dropped a third strike and hit the Lehman batter as he attempted to complete the out by throwing the ball to first base.

The Patriots had a golden opportunity to score in the bottom of the first but they didn't. Two failed double plays by Lehman left a man on first and third. Up stepped DH Craig Cipriano and his near .400 BA. He wasn't able to produce on this day, however, as he swung at a high fastball to strikeout and strand the runners.

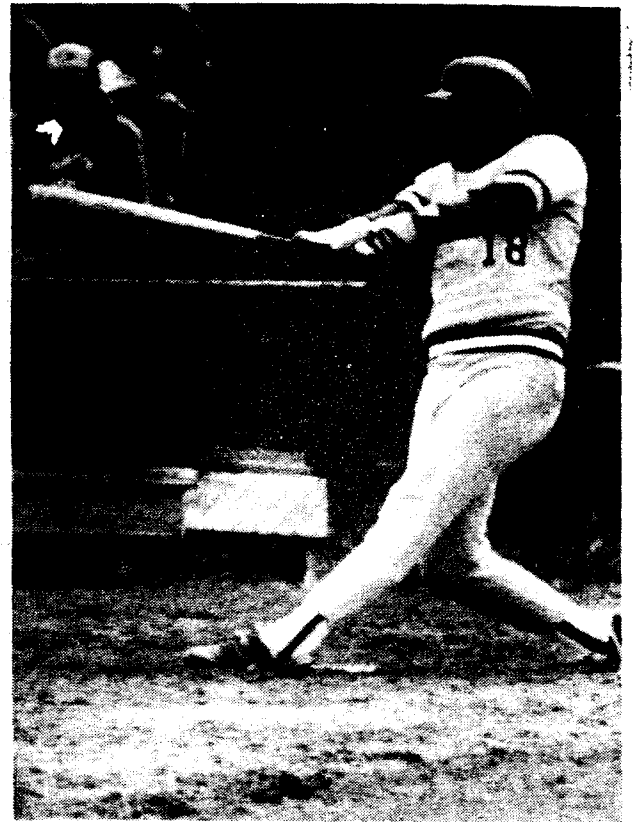
The Pats got on the scoreboard in the second inning. After first baseman Robert Burden was called out on a controversial high third strike, Daley sent a Nelson Fernandez fastball well over the leftfield fence.

In the fourth inning, with the score tied 1-1, Stony Brook

struck again. Burden beat out an infield grounder and stole second despite Lehman coach Nick Nikon arguing the safe call at second. After Daley got to first on a fielder's choice (Burden was thrown out at third), shortstop Ken Rauschenbach smacked a ball between the right and center fielders, scoring Daley, but he was thrown out trying to stretch a two-base hit into a three-bagger, which ended the inning.

But, as far as Stony Brook was concerned, the seventh and final inning was most forgettable. Bruno was still pitching masterfully when a sacrifice bunt by Lehman was thrown away by third baseman Felix Tineo, allowing Willie Diaz and Tito Carion to reach second and third base, respectively, with no one out. At this time, the Pats led 3-2, but the lead was short-lived. Lehman's Angel Vazquez then hit a flyball to Bill Germano in rightfield. Germano dropped it and both men scored, prompting Stony Brook coach Mike Garafola to replace Bruno with Dean Mauri. Vazquez scored on a flyball out to give Lehman its 5-3 win and up its record to 8-6.

The Pats Knick conference record dipped to 5-7, which may hurt their playoff chances. The Pats hope to see better results on Saturday when they play at Manhattanville and then against the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Monday, May 2 at home. The playoffs begin on May 6 and Stony Brook hopes to be in them.



Statesman/Al Bello

Patriots slugger Ed Cascio takes a big cut.

### Knicks: Team On the Rise

By Andy Russell

How far they have come. In just a matter of six months, the New York Knicks have made the long journey from being an NBA doormat to becoming an up-and-coming team headed for the playoffs. It certainly was not an easy road, and there were many potholes along the way.

At times, even the most loyal Knick fans began to question the progress of the team. They grew tired of watching Kenny Walker throw up bricks and Gerald Wilkins take ridiculous shots. They grew tired of waiting for Patrick Ewing to live up to the billing he received coming out of college. They expected new coach Rick Pitino to perform a miracle, and when the team got off to a 14-28 start, they snickered at his pressure defense and motion offense. After having watched the team compile a 71-175 record over the previous three years, Knick fans had run out of patience.

But as the season progressed, one positive sign after another emerged from the team's play. Mark Jackson showed tremendous leadership ability. The pressure defense became a major weapon. Wilkins improved his overall game. Walker and Sidney Green settled into the roles that Pitino had envisioned for them. The team became almost unbeatable at home. Ewing began to dominate games. And finally, and probably most important, the Knicks began to win on the road.

In passing around credit for their remarkable turnaround (14 more wins than last year), Pitino cannot be patted on the back enough. He generated an enthusiasm

among the players that was noticeably absent last season. Even when the team was struggling early in the season, fans could appreciate that the team was working hard. Pitino demanded that his players give an honest effort, and they obviously responded to his positive approach.

Pitino never knocked his players in the press and went out of his way to accentuate each player's strong points. He did not give up on Walker, even when many fans expressed their willingness to pay for his airfare to another town. Walker's strong contributions down the stretch more than justified Pitino's faith in him.

When Pitino had a shouting match with Green in front of TV cameras, many fans expected to see Green at the end of the bench during future games. Instead, Pitino cleared the air with Green and got him to do what the team acquired him for: to pound the boards. More than anything, this case clearly proves that Pitino is a master motivator who is able to get the most out of his players.

Just look at Wilkins and Ewing. In the past, when the ball got into either of their hands, it meant one thing: shot. No ball reversal, no finding the open man, but only a clear indication that they were putting their individual statistics ahead of the team. What Pitino was able to do was convince them that their stats would be even better if they didn't force shots and that to be considered a truly great player, you have to be able to do more than put the ball in the hole. No small accomplishment. And to blend all the different personalities on the team together to form a cohesive, pull-for-each-other type

unit in the course of one season is simply amazing.

GM Al Bianchi also deserves a lot of credit. From the day he joined the Knicks, he was under great pressure from the fans and media to trade Bill Cartwright. As is often the case, most people do not appreciate how hard it is to get equal value when trading a good player. Many of the proposed trades for Cartwright which made their way around the talk shows and sports pages, which seemed to favor the Knicks, were not even considered a possibility by the other team. That is why Bianchi must be commended for sticking to his guns and not trading Cartwright just for the sake of trading him.

Bianchi has also shown a good eye for talent, signing castoffs Johnny Newman and Cedric Toney. Newman has given the Knicks some punch off the bench and Toney does a good job spelling Mark Jackson. And neither player cost the Knicks more than the league's minimum salary.

With all that the Knicks have accomplished this year, fans cannot reasonably expect them to do anything in the playoffs. Their season has been a success, regardless of whether they are eliminated by the Celtics in three games. While the Knicks have taken several steps up the NBA ladder this season, the talent gap between them and the Celtics is still enormous. In the next couple of years, Knick fans will expect that gap to close, but for now, they should just be happy that the team is on the right track. After all, getting blown out by the Celtics is a far better fate than suffering through a 20-25 win season and being the laughingstock of the league.

### Downey's A Pro

By Andy Russell

Patriot football star Chuck Downey made history on Wednesday by becoming the first Stony Brook player to ever sign with an NFL squad. He signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles and will attend their four-day mini-camp that began Wednesday.

"I'm excited to have the chance," said Downey; "it's an opportunity that very few Division III players ever get."

The 5-8, 180 pound senior had a storied career at Stony Brook. He either broke or tied 12 NCAA records for punt, kickoff, and interception returns. Among those records are punt return TD's in a career (7), kickoff return yardage in a game (279), and total kick return TD's in a game (3).

Downey should get a good look by the Eagles. They finished last in the NFL in kickoff and punt return yardage last season. Also, Eagles Head Coach Buddy Ryan is not the type of guy to ignore a player's talent just because he didn't play big-time college football. If anything, Ryan is sure to be impressed with Downey's work ethic and the way he gets the most out of his ability.

Downey's signing should also have a positive impact on Stony Brook's football team. It shows potential recruits that Patriot football is reaching new heights. As noted Stony Brook head coach Sam Kornhauser, "We're all real proud of Chuck. It's good for him and for our program, as well."