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Inadequate Ramps Limit Handicapped

By MITCHELL MUROV

The wheelchair ramp for the use of handicapped students by the Lecture Center has proven almost impossible to use according to handicapped students.

Assistant to the Vice President Sanford Gerstel said he was "unaware of the problem," even though he had been asked to comment on the situation for an article by Newsday last week.

Gerstel said that the problem was "trivial" and that maintenance could handle it.

According to student Regina Butler, the wheelchair ramp had become almost impossible to use. "Going up the ramp" is like a "step," and "going down there is an incline and a half step. It leads people to think that the ramp is sinking."

"The purpose of the ramp," according to Butler, "is to make it easier to go up and down, but now you have to ask somebody for help." She also cited the fact that bicycles locked on the ramp made their usage difficult.

Student Mark Grosser claimed that ramps are needed all over campus. "Maintenance claims that they will be installed when the weather gets warmer," Grosser said. He also said that when tiles surrounding the Lecture Center are wet, they become dangerous for all handicapped students.

Even though in November Polity voted to form a committee on the problems of handicapped students, little has been done to solve these problems and the handicapped still find it difficult to travel on campus.

Stony Brook Student Directory Delivered Three Months Late

By SHARON DURST

Although the University planned to deliver new student and faculty telephone directories to the campus community last November, the student directories are only now being distributed. Additionally, because of budget constraints, there is an acute shortage of the faculty/staff directories which were released early last December.

University spokesman Dave Woods said that the printing was delayed by the printer having "difficulty meeting contractual obligations." Woods said that the publisher was faced with a paper shortage and that these problems will have to be remedied before the University enters into another contract with it.

Part of the delay in the publication of the student directory was the agreement between the University and the Alumni Association which allowed the printing of the directories at no cost to Stony Brook.

Another difficulty with the new directories, according to Woods, is that "the contract stated that all advertisements had to be cleared with the Alumni Office before they were put in, but there were some put in at the last minute which were



THE 1976-77 STUDENT DIRECTORY, slated for release last November, is now being distributed to the residential colleges.

not cleared with the Alumni Association." The directories contain advertisements which pay for the printing.

The student directories are printed on expensive newsprint and will be distributed this week to all residents and commuters, but the faculty directories are unavailable to many who need them due to a shortage. University spokeswoman Alexis White said that she had only one copy of the publication, and that she constantly guarded it. She said that because of the budget problems that the University could not afford to print many copies of the directory and that every copy available had already been distributed.

Kelly D Considers Expulsion of Student Patrol

By FRED HOROWITZ

The Student Dormitory Patrol advertised as an ongoing effort to create a student directed organization to "combat the forces of crime and evil" is progressing towards this goal, according to Student Dormitory Patrol Coordinator Ron Goodstadt.

The Dorm Patrol's greatest problem claimed Goodstadt is one of recruitment. Requirements for the job of student "rover," as the walkie-talkie equipped patrollers are called, are the more stringent than for most Work Study Program employment. In addition, these jobs are less popular than the other forms of work that are available on campus, this being largely attributable to the late night hours that are called for.

According to Student Dormitory Patrol coordinator

Ron Goodstadt, there are currently twenty workers providing "protection five nights a week, to twenty-five out of twenty-seven dormitories on campus." Goodstadt, in outlining his plan for heightened security, said that "the program in its ideal form calls for a desk at the front door of every dormitory with a student staffer checking IDs." In addition students will patrol outside of the dorms to help prevent robberies and car thefts. Goodstadt claimed that the Dorm Patrol was a deterrent to crime. "there have been instances where we've called in [to Security] suspicious activities. There have been no exact instances of anyone being picked up"

When asked about recent allegations that the Residence Life Department's three wheeled Chushman

Cart has been used improperly, Goodstadt defended the use of the equipment. "We use it for patrol five nights a week, we distribute the flashlights and walkie talkies from it, the Chushman is for our use to distribute equipment and to check up on the people working for us." To insure that the student patrollers are actively engaged in patrolling the campus, Goodstadt maintains contact with the patrol teams through the use of walkie-talkies provided by Security and checks up on the activities of his workers by driving the Chushman cart.

Although there is still some ongoing resistance to the concept of increased security in the dormitories it's presence in three dormitories last year, O'Neill, Stage XIID, and Kelly D led to a reduction in thefts and vandalism.

The Kelly D legislature recently considered the possibility of expelling the Student Dormitory Patrol from its office in the basement, but the proposal was tabled, to be taken up at a later meeting. The reasoning given for the proposal was the space is felt to be badly needed for dormitory functions. At the meeting Goodstadt explained that the office provided an extra margin of safety for Kelly D residents and also that the authority to expel the Dorm Patrol from its office rested in the University's Office of Student Affairs and not with the Kelly D Legislature. Goodstadt's claims of heightened security seemed to fall on deaf ears, the Kelly D Coffeehouse which is adjacent to the Dorm Patrol office was burglarized last semester.

Director of Public Safety Robert Cornute, in explaining the more stringent requirements for Dorm Patroller than for most work study employment, said "We don't want to hire a thief to protect people from thieves." He also stated that this is a basically a student run program, and that "Security is only there in an administrative, supervisory position," and that "these students will merely serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for us."

Goodstadt predicts that 50 student patrollers are necessary to fully realize the potential of the Student Dormitory Patrol. When asked when the Dorm Patrol would be fully staffed Goodstadt said "when? Whenever they apply."



KELLY C WAS LOCKED UP from 1-6 AM each morning last year as more colleges are doing this year. Public Safety Director Robert Cornute (inset) supports careful screening of student dormitory patrol workers.

Statesman/Grace Lee

News Briefs

Aerosol Labeling Postponed

Albany—The state is postponing until July 1 the implementation of new state labeling requirements for aerosol spray products containing chlorofluorocarbon compounds.

Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter A. Berle, in announcing the 10 week postponement Sunday, said the enactment of federal labeling regulations appeared imminent.

In view of the expected federal action, "strict enforcement of our April 15 deadline would create serious difficulties for the aerosol industry and the retail trade," said Berle.

The state regulations, which met opposition from the cosmetic and drug industries, require aerosol spray products to carry a label stating that they may be harmful to the environment.

Chlorofluorocarbons from aerosol spray cans are suspected of depleting the earth's ozone layer, thus permitting more ultraviolet radiation from the sun to reach the earth's surface. Ultraviolet radiation is believed to be a chief cause of skin cancers. Crop damage and weather modifications are also thought to result from a depletion in the ozone layer.

"It is essential that the public be put on notice of the presence of chlorofluorocarbon propellant compounds in aerosol spray containers, but the best way to do this is for the federal government to lay down a uniform national policy to deal with this important environmental problem," Berle said.

Oil Slick Cleanup Continues

Verplanck, NY—Cleaning up of both water and waterfowl continued yesterday in the aftermath of a recent large oil spill from a grounded barge in the Hudson River near here. The Coast Guard said skimming operations to remove some of the 420,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil lost when the barge Ethel H. struck a submerged rock ledge while under tow on February 4 north of the Bear Mountain Bridge were kept up over the weekend under its supervision.

Meanwhile, oil-soaked birds have been taken to be cleaned by the Hi-Tor Animal Care Center, a private organization from Pomona, New York, temporarily using the Rockland County Highway Department garage at Stony Point, 10 miles below the spill area.

The Coast Guard said the oil-skimming operations were under way in Peekskill Bay, where a J-shaped floatation boom was diverting oil into a skimmer vessel, and in midstream off Croton Point, where a V-shaped boom guided oil to the other skimmer, which moved up and down river to take advantage of the tides. Vacuum trucks were working the east bank, where prevailing westerly winds moved what oil did reach shore from the spill, the Coast Guard added.

Mexican Head Meets With Carter

Mexico City—President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico, who took office 51 days before Jimmy Carter did, becomes on Monday the first foreign leader to confer with the new administration in Washington. The talk is expected to center on trade, illegal aliens, prisoners and tourism.

Neither government has announced a formal agenda, but the major issues are clear between the two countries that share a 1,934-mile border. The agenda for the Lopez Portillo visit most likely also will include oil, the effects on U.S. border cities of the devaluation of the Mexican peso last year, land disputes along the Rio Grande and foreign investment.

"It is up to Mr. Carter and myself to adjust, perfect and complement" relations in order "to avoid misunderstandings," Lopez Portillo said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Lopez Portillo told reporters recently that two priority issues would be the Americans imprisoned in Mexican jails and the Mexican laborers who illegally enter the United States in search of work. He suggested the prisoner exchange treaty signed with the United States last Thanksgiving needs only U.S. ratification to permit Americans jailed in Mexico and Mexicans held in the United States to finish their sentences in their homelands.

No Radical Change

Carter administration energy policies call for higher fuel prices, lower temperatures in the home and less use of the family car, but no radical change in American life, according to Federal Energy Administrator John O'Leary.

"We can still have suburban homes and still have cars," O'Leary said, but Americans must find "some way to take some fat out of the driving habits in this country." O'Leary commented yesterday in an interview on *Issues and Answers*. Federal Power Commissioner Richard Dunham also appeared on the program.

Both men said they favored switching the power industry away from natural gas to other fuels as a way of overcoming recent shortages of natural gas. O'Leary said the industrial use of natural gas as a boiler fuel should be phased out within ten years.

Compiled from the Associated Press

News Analysis

Two Sides of the Polity Budget

By DAVID M. RAZLER

"We're just in really bad shape," said Polity Treasurer Mark Minasi in reference to the state of next year's budget now being allocated by the Polity Senate.

"The activities fee ceiling was set in 1968. Since then we've had 72 percent inflation," he said, explaining budget problems by the fact that \$70 is worth less now than before and that enrollment at Stony Brook is dropping from over 10,000 undergraduates to 9,200.

Despite a lack of money, there are about 70 groups requesting funding through line budgets from Polity. Additionally, though the Polity budget hearings have been in progress for only three days, and only ten groups received their tentative allocations, only \$184,000 of the approximate \$500,000 in activities fee budget remained free to be allocated.

This year the large budget groups were the first to be considered. In previous years budgeting was done either by alphabetical order or by the type of group function. However this year, Minasi proposed new rules of procedure and the Senate accepted a proposal to allocate money to the groups in order of a priority list established by a consensus of senators.

Minasi said later that he believed that the senators would put the campus-wide service organizations such as Student Activities Board, Committee on Cinematographic Arts, Statesman, and WUSB high on their priority list. They did. What it seems he did not expect was the response by the Senate to allocate almost all of the money it had to the top few groups to the point where little funding will be left after the top level groups are disposed of.

There appear to be three levels of priority groups; the top level service organizations, the larger clubs, and the special interest groups which range from the Table Tennis Club and the Laser Club to the Spirit of Young Koreans. Many Polity officials believed that the first two levels of organizations would be funded, but that most of the special interest groups would be told to get their funding from the Program and Services Committee, the branch of Polity which funds smaller organizations.

Early in the hearings the full Senate seemed to disregard the recommendations of the budget committee. They doubled the proposed allocation for SAB speakers and raised almost every other group budget above their original budget committee recommendations. Only one line was deeply cut. Money to the Residential and Commuter Colleges was cut from a proposed \$12.00 per student to \$10.00

There are two schools of thought developing within the Senate concerning how to deal with the proceedings. Minasi said that he believes that the time has come to tighten up on which groups are funded.

He said that he wants to see the service organizations funded fully before the other groups are budgeted. "I'd rather see several working organizations... than many limping along [at half-funded levels]," he commented.

Minasi added that it was time for some groups to conduct fund raising "like we did in high school." "Maybe Polity money should be given to an organization as seed money," he concluded, explaining his desire for some of the groups to engage in some form of fund raising after they are operational.

In opposition, Dreiser Senator Bob Sender said that in his mind it was obvious that the Senate would have to go back to the groups already funded and cut the allocations made to them. He said that this could be done either by going back to each individual group or by a blanket percentage cut from all allocations already made.

He said that he felt that the major problem with this year's hearings was the priority system, adding that his constituency had "boycotted it." However, he did not see a fast solution to redistributing the allocated funds. "There's not going to be any miracle cure," he added.

Sender said that all of the groups listed under the category of "special interest" could be funded to the budget committee recommended levels with \$34,000. He added that he did not feel that any groups did not deserve funding.

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MARK MINASI

Bunnies, Awards, Boxers, Dogs: St. Valentine's Day, 1977

This is no ordinary Monday in the Big Apple. Today is Hookers' Day, New Yorker for New York Day, Valentine's Day, Sadie Hawkins Day and, for some government workers, it's Lincoln's Birthday.

Prostitutes will dance at a masquerade ball, Evel Knievel will wheelchair his way in to help open the American Toy Fair and Monte Rock III will host a discotheque marathon. And, politicians and others will gather at an evening gala to honor the city and sing a new version of "New York, New York It's a Helluva Town." Today, it certainly is.

If none of the above events grab you, try these:

—Playboy bunnies will visit a veterans hospital in the Bronx.

—A young beauty from Curacao will greet the public at the Caribbean Carnival in a heart-shaped bikini.

—Elderly females in

western-style kerchiefs will chase male senior citizens in cowboy hats at a "Sadie Hawkins" Day party at the Hebrew Hospital for the Chronically Sick in the Bronx.

For the hookers, it'll be a 10 PM masquerade ball at the Copacabana. COYOTE, the prostitute's organization, expects a sellout.

"It's our one affair where everyone lets go," said Helene Gallet, ball coordinator. "We expect everything... We never schedule entertainment at our parties. Our people are the entertainment."

At about the same time, Governor Hugh Carey and Mayor Abraham Beame will be leading a star-studded list of 35 prominent lovers of New York in a musical salute to the Big Apple.

Five residents of the city will get the first "New Yorker for New York" awards at the \$200-a-plate dinner where

lyricists Betty Comden and Adolph Green will join with Beame and Carey to lead the singing of their new version of "New York, New York."

Animals are having their day, too. The 101st Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show opens its two-day stand at Madison Square Garden tonight.

All week is Valentine's Day for dog owners at the Humane Society of New York, which is offering a special "love fee" for all spaying and neutering. Then there's Bide-A-Wee Home Association, where "every day can be Valentine's Day with a loving pet." Do it on the 14th, Bide-A-Wee says, and "we'll give you a free carrying case or pet collar, and a pet identification tag."

Elsewhere around the town, Golden Gloves preliminary bouts return to Harlem for the first time in 20 years tonight at the Renaissance Ballroom.

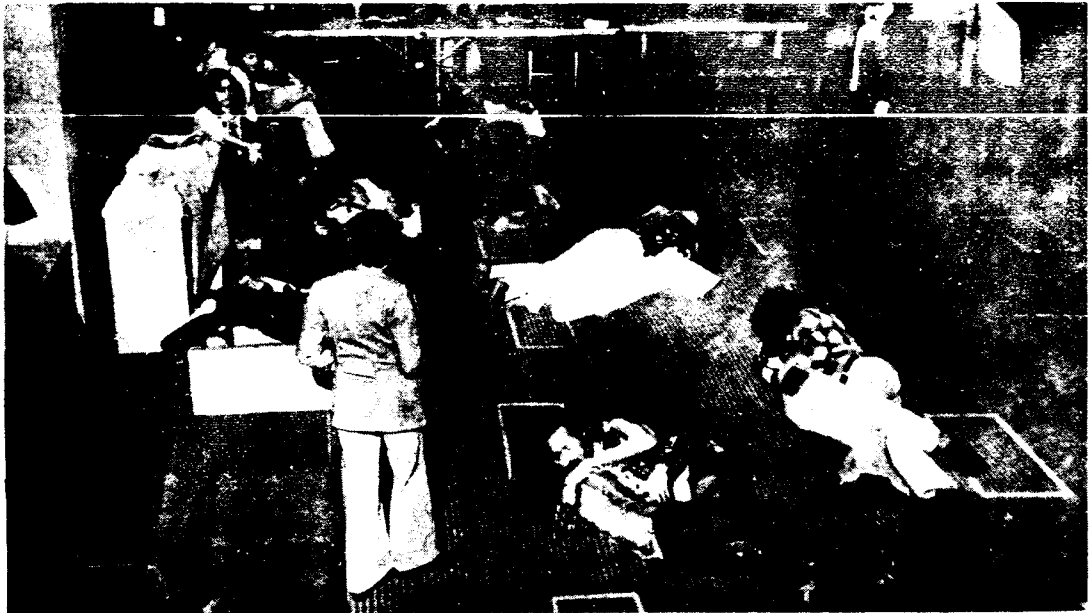
SB Experiences a Weekend of Love, Beer, Music

In celebration of upcoming Saint Valentine's Day and to show people that there really is something to do on campus on weekends, the Union Governing Board sponsored a "Lover's Weekend" in the Stony Brook Union, according to UGB Treasurer Grace Lee.

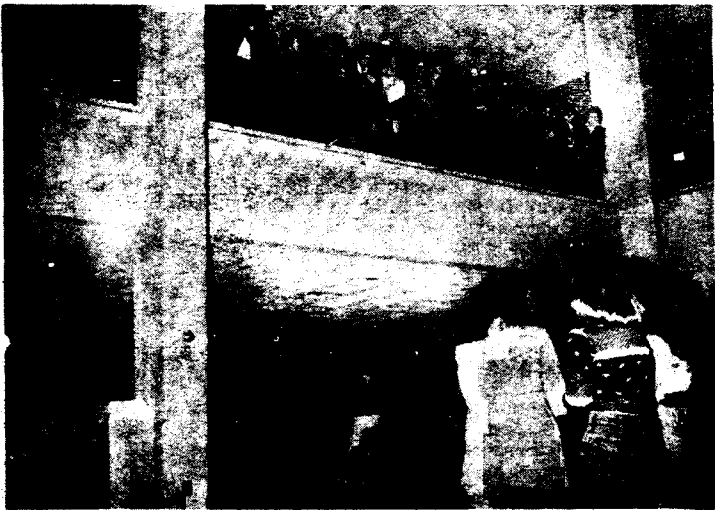
Over 800 people paid \$2 for a card that entitled them to attend two parties, one on Friday night with Naked Truth, a local Disco band, and one Saturday with Essence, a Long Island Rock band. Those buying a card derived other benefits including four free beers and admission to an ice cream orgy on Saturday afternoon.

Those not purchasing the weekend card paid separate admission to each of the parties. UGB Programming Director Harold Dickey said that Essence brought a record crowd to the Union Ballroom. "It was so crowded that there was practically a riot getting in to hear Essence," he said.

In addition to the parties, movies such as Missouri Breaks, Tales from the Crypt and The Fantasticks were shown almost around the clock. Party-goers consumed nearly 40 half-kegs of Budweiser Beer as well as 75 cases of Hofbrau imported beer. In all, a crowded and memorable weekend.



SCENES FROM THE "LOVERS' WEEKEND": (clockwise from top) Student couples participate in the Kissing Marathon in the Union main lounge. The Osculation went on for six hours before the three remaining couples quit simultaneously. Rockin' Rob Barell conducted the marathon while playing 1950's tunes all Friday night. A crowd watches students perform in Uncle Harold (Dickey's) Gong Show.



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Campus Briefs

Meditation Day

Internationally known Spiritual Master Sri Chinmoy, who conducts twice-weekly meditation sessions for delegates at the United Nations, will conduct a meditation session here on Wednesday, February 16 in the Union.

Chinmoy calls his technique of meditation Transcendence Perfection, and through its use he has performed many feats of concentration and meditation. He has reportedly painted 120,000 pictures of various sizes in one year, as well as writing 843 poems in 24 hours. In addition he plays 27 instruments including the Indian Esraj, similar to a violin, which he will play in concert after his meditation session.

Chinmoy, with an international following of 1,100 people, is the author of 300 books on spiritual poetry and numerous essays and lectures.

Free Lectures

Stony Brook faculty members, joined by faculty from several other institutions, will offer free community lectures on science and medicine from a humanities viewpoint at eight different Suffolk County libraries beginning in

February. The lectures will be part of a program entitled "Citizen, Science & Medicine: Perspectives from the Humanities," begun last fall collaboratively by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System and the Stony Brook Philosophy Department through a grant to the Library System from the New York Council for the Humanities.

Dates and locations have not been arranged yet for future programs in the series, which include: "Medical Experimentation: A Threat to Individual Rights?" Professor Jeffrey Blustein, Philosophy Department, Hunter College; "Hunger in the Suffolk County: The Facts and the Moral Issues," Professor Lee Miller, philosophy Department SUNY at Stony Brook; "Philosophers' Tasks in Hospitals," a discussion with two philosophers who are working in New York hospitals in a unique "Philosophers in Hospitals" program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities; A discussion of historical and philosophical issues pertaining to research in human genetics; A discussion of ethical and social dimensions of chemotherapy for mental illness; and an evening of films and discussion on medical experimentation. For further information, contact Dallery at 246-6564.

Polity Budget Analysis

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He added that he did not wish to cut any of the other groups below the amount which they needed to operate at. Still, he felt that the waste could be found in the Polity Administrative budget, a budget that has been recommended to receive an allocation of more than \$100,000. "We're taking money away from students and giving it to the bureaucracy," he said. When Sender was asked to point out any area within the budget where this was so, he could only suggest cutting the \$5,000 allocation for additional printing machinery.

Sender added that even though the money had to be reallocated he was upset at the possibility of cutting SAB, the group which received the biggest increase

over its budget committee recommendation and the group which he believes provides the most services to his constituency.

Minasi said that the opposition to the Administrative Budget was politically motivated and that the Senate wanted the services which the money supplies, but felt it politically expedient for them to oppose the allocation.

Tomorrow the Senate will begin allocation hearings again. Minasi said that he expects the body to allocate all available funds, cut the allocations, and repeat the procedure again. He said that there will probably be an attempt made to fund all 70 groups, but that this will probably result in too large a cut for the other organizations, forcing the last few budgets over to PSC.

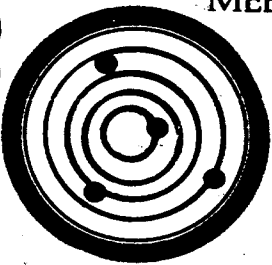
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When the World Is Mud Luscious

In 1967 there was a mud problem on this campus. Students protested but the Administration told them that nothing could be done until 1980 because the mud was caused by construction, and in that year the construction would be finished and the mud problem solved.

It's 1977 and the annual thaw has brought that lovely mud back to us again. But it's apparent now that the mud is not caused by construction, the damage to the University not caused by construction equipment, but by the lack of any kind of vaguely efficient drainage system.

Every year more of Tabler Hill washes down into Loop Road. The "Academic Mall" near the Library floods and becomes a maze of foot-deep puddles. The athletic field turns into a quagmire swamp. This



year many of the roadway and pathway lights are shorted out because they have been shorted by water seeping into their bases.

The problem is that no provision has ever been made to properly drain the water off the campus. The few storm sewers that exist are almost totally worthless. It seems that the only really visible drainage system is made up of the catch basins located along the perimeter of the campus. By the most cursory examination these large recharge basins seem to be totally ineffective at solving any of the campus problems with an overabundance of water.

It is just another example of shoddy planning and construction on the part of the State University Construction Fund here at Stony Brook. The same kind of oversight which has given us Bridges to Nowhere that are completed ten years after they are supposed to be completed and medical training facilities which lack a place to keep corpses.

Last year just before his bid for re-election, Assemblyman George Hochbrueckner (D-Coram) began an investigation into SUCF. It seems that at least publicly the investigation died upon Hochbrueckner's re-election.

We call upon Assemblyman Hockbrueckner to reopen his investigation into the construction fund and also ask both him and State Senator Ken LaValle (R-Port Jefferson) to request money in the State Capitol Construction Supplemental Budget for 1977-8 for the development and

construction of a drainage system for the campus.

Otherwise we can only pass along the suggestion made by an alumni association chairman to University President John Toll recently. He suggested that every alumnus of the University offer to donate a bucket of asphalt and take the emptied bucket away from the University filled with mud. Other suggestions can be taken from the annals of science fiction. Stanley Weinbaum, a writer, proposed traveling through syrupy mud by strapping bowl-shaped mud shoes to one's feet. However he warned that the bowl design can, if misused, cause a person to become permanently trapped in deep mud. Then of course there is the marvelous compound called Ice Nine...

An Unhappy Medium

What with the so-called energy crisis and the cold wave, and people freezing in their normally comfortable homes, not to mention the state of affairs of those who live in normally uncomfortable homes, it seems to be almost insane that many of us who live and attend classes here in Stony Brook are being tormented by excessive heat. As a matter of fact, the whole situation takes on the grimness of a nightmarish joke, the type of warped humor that is best appreciated in hindsight.

Many buildings, both academic and residential, are being supplied with too much heat, a problem which in most cases cannot be controlled by the individual. Some of us lie panting and sweating while on the other side of the windows, the air is frostbitingly cold. It seems that the University's heating policy, like Dante's

Inferno, only works in extremes, and that we, the students - or should we say victims - have the choice of either becoming frozen ice-pops or dry-roasted peanuts.

If the University cannot comply with the emergency temperature control set by the federal government, then how can we expect them to consistently function under normal situations? This is an example of how the University functions during a crisis situation. To be excessively overheated at a time when heat is so precious is ridiculous no matter how one looks at it.

There seem to be more questions than there are answers. Whether or not the University can figure out what's going on is up in the air. In the meantime, they seem to want the campus population to just sit through this abnormally cold winter and sweat it out.

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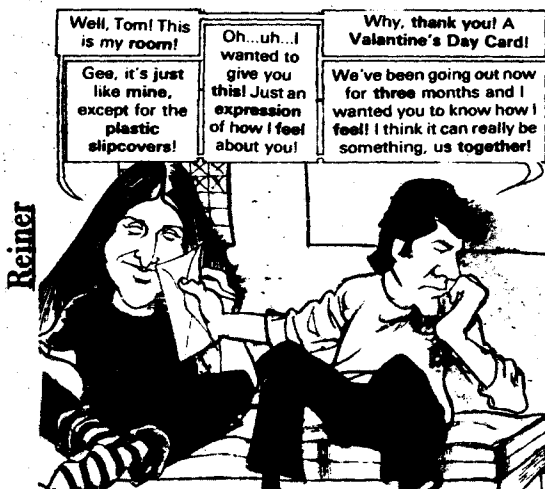
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Wow, will you look at the time!



Death Penalty: Crime and Punishment?

By PAUL CALLAGY

The capital punishment issue is again before us, public interest having been heightened by the recent execution in Utah and the attempts to stop it. I sympathized with those attempts, not for any reasons peculiar to the Gilmore case but from the conviction that the death penalty is unacceptable. It is my belief that some of the tenets of the positions that advocate use of the penalty need to be analyzed including some points in Mr. Grotch's article which appeared in Viewpoints (Capital Punishment Will Save Us From Ruin, February 9).

Greatly Disturbed

First of all, I, an opponent of capital punishment, am greatly disturbed by the injury inflicted upon the direct victims of crime and the suffering of their families and friends, especially in cases of murder which I will use here as an example of a serious crime. But the issue to be raised with respect to capital punishment is whether laws prescribing it are needed to deal with incidents of murder. There are several opinions current.

I immediately and unqualifiedly reject the argument of vengeance, the "he-deserved-it"

argument which is very common. This argument has two likely foci: one is that the family and friends of the victim cannot rest until the murderer has received the ultimate punishment, and the other is that the deceased will not rest until retribution has been exacted which is really an instance of people appointing themselves spokesmen for the dead. Both cases are instances of the cultural conditioning that leads many to feel there is something not quite right about not killing someone who has killed someone they know and love. This imprinted yearning for revenge is an accident of culture, at best, since there is clearly no necessity to the conclusion "kill X" based on the premise "X has killed." Why not imprison X? In defense of my own position and against Mr. Grotch's statement that some are "more interested in the problems of criminals rather than the victim," seeking to preserve the life of a man - criminals are fully human - does not imply indifference toward the victim unless one counts a distaste for vengeance as indifference. We should ponder before choosing a drastic course of action in the hope of reducing crime. And yet surely something must be done.

The most basic responsibility of society in cases of murder is to stop the murderer from murdering again. This is handled at present by putting the murderer in a prison. Secondly we can consider methods for reducing future instances of murder. Clearly, a prime method for doing this is ensuring that the perpetrator remain in prison. But, the complaint is made, we can't be sure that a murderer will indeed remain imprisoned! Well then, make sure! I do not mean to sound simplistic, but if we are so concerned about keeping the criminals off our streets we will expend the necessary effort to see that the legal system is so structured that it can do our bidding. Besides, what is more simplistic than killing those people whom we have failed to control? Must we make counter-murder state policy to help plug the leaks in a rotten judicial system?

Another common element in arguments for the death penalty is that the killing of some is needed to prevent the killing of others in the future. This, the notion of deterrence, is plagued with a monumental problem, it is difficult to demonstrate. Mr. Grotch's quotations notwithstanding. Even if a state had provisions for the death penalty the crime rate dropped this does not prove a causal relationship, as any student of the social or other sciences knows. By the same token, I can't easily prove that the death penalty wouldn't deter but I call upon the advocates of capital punishment to consider the certain human cost of their hunch which might save lives.

I strongly disagreed with an undercurrent in Mr. Grotch's article but which is by no means unique to his thinking. Though rightly pleading for the victim and asserting the rights of the accused he ultimately discards the criminal by saying there is a "misconception in our country that prisoners could be rehabilitated." We need not accept such inductive reasoning as final, and we should not cease attempting to truly rehabilitate prisoners simply because we haven't succeeded yet.

In conclusion, I am appalled at the crime in our society, its effects, and the little that has been done to eliminate factors which we know foster it. I am angered by the plight of the people preyed upon by criminals, and by the great number who have even lost their lives. And I feel that these things cry out for attention and for the best corrective measures we can formulate. But I am repulsed by and unalterably opposed to capital punishment, a method of treatment for our social ills so extreme, it is a disgrace to our ability to solve our problems. Capital punishment will not "save us from ruin;" it is a sign of our decay.

(The writer is an SUSB undergraduate.)

On St. Valentine's Day...

By TINA RONNAU

"Love" is so very much different from "Like" or "Befriend." "Love" comes in short, hot, sweet bursts and is rapidly-perishable state. It requires the most exacting proper of atmospheric conditions to flourish... That is why, for successful relationships to exist, there must be a strong undercurrent of that difficult-to-obtain, but durable substance known as friendship, underneath to support it!

"Love" happens all at once, it is an act of inspiration, a work of art. Friendship happens over a period of time, after the right sort of beginning starts it off. It grows slow but if you start it, you can see it through to fruition. If you can't even start it, resolve firmly in your own mind to accomplish the necessary skills, and then go out and find somebody nice who knows to show you how. The world is a big place, remember that.

You know instantly when you see someone whom you have the capacity to love, no matter how frigid you are (unless you're already happily involved, in which case, if you really are already happy, this news will pass totally over your head. Whether you will be able to like that guy with the beautiful eyes of that girl with the big tits is

something that you will only be able to ascertain after a period of time in which you are enabled to observe the reactions and interactions that occur when you are together. By word and deed and just by being yourself, if you please them and they please you the same way before you know it, you're "in love." In other words, as above, you become special friends who can also love each other at times. We are at our best when we are in love. It is good to be in love because it keeps us at our best. Valentine's day is a fortunate occasion, it comes at a bleak, dismal time of the year, mid-February, a time of year when, people everywhere, have always begun to wonder if the gods have forgotten them; winter seems like such a terrible thing to do to them. The weather outside and the lack of sunlight begins to affect the way you treat people inside. A lot of otherwise successful lovers break up in the winter time because their love just dries up and withers away. Valentine's day can save a lot of these cases, it causes people to stop and think regularly about love once a year for at least 15 seconds. We should all think more about love. It is a very important element of our lives.

(The writer is an SUSB undergraduate)

Sports Shutout

To the Editor:

I am just one of a growing body of concerned students. Think of me, if you will, as a hand. I am concerned with Polity's most recent dictatorial actions: the outrageous and of 10 arbitrary budget cuts which they have proposed in the area of sports. By way of introduction, I cite first

the plight of the swim team. Only after much probing did I manage to piece together the full story. The swim coach I spoke with was admittedly embarrassed to disclose all the details. He was fierce in his declaration that despite Polity cutbacks the swim team would continue to compete in the intercollegiate Division II competition, but hesitantly added that severe handicaps would have to be overcome. Apparently, the Polity

board so drastically cut swim team funds, and cut them with such reckless abandon, that they were left with enough money to fill the pool only half way! I do not think that one need to be a high-diver to appreciate the absurdity of the situation. The board deemed the basketball team's request for sneakers extravagant, the rowing team's request for boats superfluous, and the soccer team's request for nets on each goal as unnecessary. (Presently, games are greatly delayed while players await the inept goalie's return from the Union with the ball).

As hand and, further, as a member of a growing body of concerned students, I raise the issue of Polity's most recent dictatorial actions. These issues here raised must not be allowed to remain in thin air hanging. For one, it would be contrary to Newton's most famous law: the law of gravity. But more importantly, it would fit the pattern which—if not soon broken—will become a law: Minasi's law of dictatorial rule. I call upon all hands to form a fist, be raised and be counted. Such maniacal plans must be smashed now!

Eric Tosky

decided against doing so, since Statesman had enough problems at that time. Now I have decided to write this letter.

On any given week, I suggest that a concerned student pick up a copy of the Three Village Herald. Look at the byline in this paper. You will probably see the name of former Statesman Editor-in-Chief David Gilman. The present Managing Editor, Alan Troner, also used to write for the Three Village Herald. Wonder no more why these people don't have enough time to make Statesman a better paper?

Am I writing this letter to complain about Statesman editors writing for the Three Village Herald? No. This letter concerns an article written in last Friday's Statesman by David Gilman about the closing of the Stony Brook Rail Road Station at night. The same article appeared in the Three Village Herald at the end of December. Statesman editors, it's your business that you devote much of your time to another newspaper, but do you to print the same stories in Statesman that appear in other papers. I can understand your unofficial policy of copying stories from Newsday; at least they have a quality publication. But the Three Village Herald is stooping too low, even for Statesman. What's next Statesman, copying the Polity Newsletter? Heaven Forbid!

Edward Horwitz

Stooping Low

To the Editor:

At the beginning of last semester I considered writing a letter to the editor on why Statesman sucks. I

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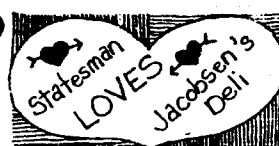
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TO CAPTAIN LASER and his optomaniacs: CAN wait to see you again. Love and kisses the Polity Moonmen.

DFAR JULES McFools. Happy Birthday. Had a decent NA lately? Gic and Wang W Wang.

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FOUND. Class ring - Call 6-8810 after 10 PM to identify.

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Anyone interested in participating in C-R groups are invited to attend an organizational meeting Tues., Feb. 15 at 7:00 in the Women's Center, Union basement 072. If you can not make this meeting call the Women's Center and leave your name and phone number.

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The Basketball Team Is in Stride With Wright

By JERRY GROSSMAN

As the final few seconds were ticking away in Saturday night's basketball game between Stony Brook and Hunter College, the Patriot forward Wayne Wright had the ball all alone at mid-court. Earlier, Wright had attempted two dunks.

Although he scored on both tries, the dunks were flawed. This time Wright was determined to do it right. As he approached the basket, Wright slowed his pace, timed his steps, and leaped high into the air. Then, at the full height of his jump, Wright slammed the ball through

the hoop to end the game.

The rest of the contest, an 88-77 Patriot victory, can be compared to Wright's three dunks. "We did what we had to do," Coach Ron Bash said, but not without numerous flaws. Stony Brook combined periods during which their superiority over Hunter was obvious, and they threatened to put the game out of reach, with, as Bash described, "flat spots that let them back into the game." When the Pats concentrated, as Wright did on the final play, they played well. Otherwise, as on Wright's first two dunks, they only played adequately.

"There was a let down," Bash said, "following the Adelphi game, a 66-60 loss. But the guys still played well. We had to win this game and we did."

Even Battle

Wednesday night the Pats battled Division II Adelphi better than evenly throughout the game, only to lose in the last few minutes. Consequently, Bash felt that a win over Hunter was crucial to the team's NCAA post-season tournament chances. "I told the guys," Bash said plainly, "this game means plane tickets." Still, even though they were aware of the probable importance of a victory over Hunter, the Pats looked flat early in the

game. Running by design, for only the second time this season, Stony Brook opened up a seven point lead, only to see Hunter close to 40-36 at the half.

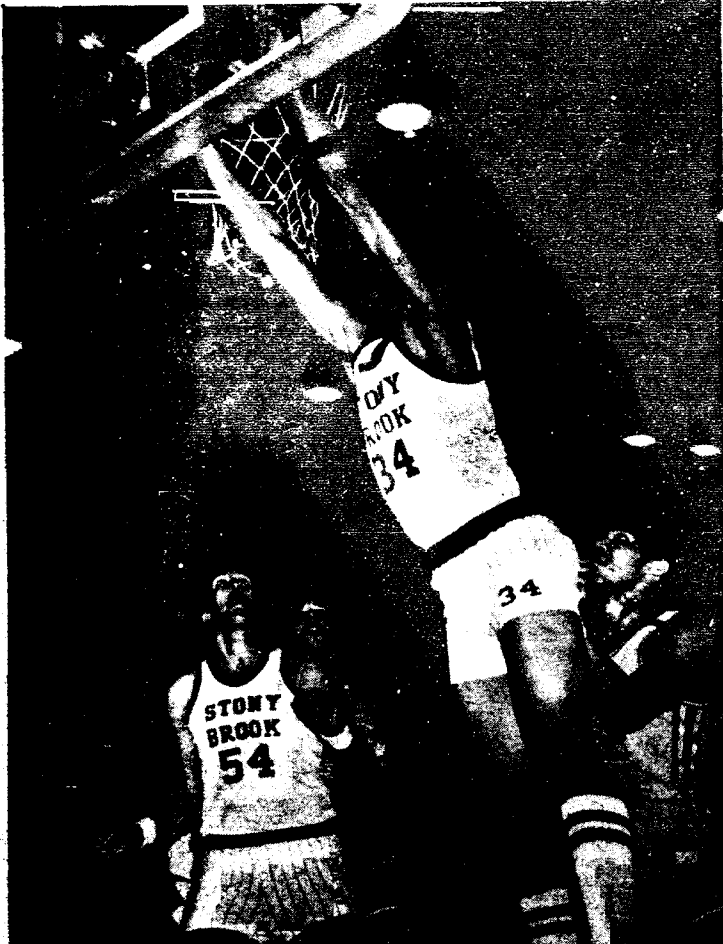
"We could have blown the game wide open in the first half," Bash said, "but we started making stupid mistakes...throwing passes away...and letting them hang on."

Hunter Pressed

Actually, Hunter does deserve some credit for staying in the ball game. Although they were clearly outmatched, particularly in size, they always remained within a reasonable distance of the Pats. Hunter closed the gap at the half by pressing, stopping Stony Brook from running, and utilizing a zone defense, all intended to slow the Patriots down.

Similarly, the Patriots' defense was erratic. In the second half they alternated between a 2-3 zone, and a 2-1-2 zone, a defense which they were trying for the first time this season. Patriot guard Larry Tillery said that "It worked good for the first time," but Hunter's Rod Blake, a 6-2 guard, nullified the zone effectively. Blake scored 20 points, including eight straight, all in the second half, mainly on jump shots from around the perimeter.

"I tried to block one of his jump shots," said Wright, who scored 22 points of his own, "but it went swish." Despite Blake's efforts Hunter never cut Stony Brook's lead to less than five points. Then, with time running out, Hunter was forced to leave its zone and play man-to-man defense. Wright, a sure bet to be named to the ECAC all-star team for the fourth straight week, has little trouble with any opponent one-on-one. In fact, the only trouble he has offensively, is dunking the ball flawlessly every time he tries.



WAYNE WRIGHT (34) goes on to the backboard glass for a tip-in in last week's loss to Adelphi.

Pats' Scoring

	FG	FT	T
Tillery	5	2	12
Castile	1	4	6
Schmeltzer	4	8	16
Johnson	4	4	12
Wright	11	0	22
Adderley	5	3	13
Austin	1	1	3
Anderson	2	0	4
	33	22	88

Eight Years, Two Players Give Pats the Connection

By RON COHEN

Although Stony Brook has only seen it for two years, the Long Island City connection has been in operation for the past eight years, and that could be one reason for the Patriots becoming a winner. After the 2-22 disaster two years ago, Coach Ron Bash recruited Wayne Wright and Larry Tillery from Long Island City High School in Queens, and the Patriots have been winning ever since. In the opinion of some Tillery has become one of the best playmaking guard in the area, and Wright has now been selected to the weekly ECAC All Star Squad for the fourth straight week.

"It's real easy to play with Wayne," said Tillery, who has been a teammate of Wright's since seventh grade. "I know what he likes to do and where he likes to go on the court. I enjoy passing the ball to him and when I see him getting points I'm happy."

This year Wright has moved into the spotlight due to the absence of another Long Island City teammate, Earl Keith who is focusing his attention on academics this year. With Keith leading the Patriots in scoring last year, many of Wright's accomplishments were overlooked.

"Last year all the plays went to Earl," said Wright, "but this year its more spread out and we're winning more. I'm not a high scorer like Earl was, but when

I had a good game and no one noticed I was upset sometimes, but even then it was more important to me that the team did well."

It appears though that people were noticing Wright as early as last year. Last summer Wright was offered a chance to play for St. John's University by Lou Carnesecca, but chose to remain at Stony Brook.

"I didn't want to sit out a year [due to the NCAA transfer rule] and I know that here I'll be able to play a lot," said Wright. I enjoy it here because playing with Larry makes my game easier since I know all his moves."

At this time, Tillery and Wright's main concern is the Patriots making the Division III NCAA playoffs. Before Saturday's game against Hunter College, Tillery and Wright were the first ones in the lockerroom, they knew the importance of the game that night.

"The thing on my mind right now is the NCAA Tournament," said Wright, "so tonight's game against Hunter is important."

"We've been working hard in practice and we have them pretty well scouted," said Tillery, so all we have to do is go out and play as a team and we'll be in good shape." At that point the Long Island City connection proceeded to score 32 points (Wright with 22, Tillery with 10) to lead the Patriots to the 88-77 win.

Squash: Only Five-on-Five

If it had been in another time, it might have developed into a great match. Before Columbia University dropped Intercollegiate squash as a varsity sport, they had one of the best teams on the East Coast. Now, Stony Brook has one of the better teams, and the Columbia squash team consists of five players who are trying to revive a team.

When the Patriots took on Columbia Saturday, in an unofficial and informal match, only 10 players took part in a game which normally involved 18 players; the five top players from Stony Brook against the five and only Columbia players.

The match lasted only 45 minutes giving the Patriots ample time to shut out its opponent 15-0. Still, Columbia did show some promise, indicating that its turn on the top of the cycle might not be too far away.

John Silverstein, playing the fourth position for the Patriots, was impressed by the Columbia players.

"It's exciting to play a new team," said Silverstein. "This year they have only five players, but should grow into a full team with regular practices within two years."

As with most sports, the only way to improve is to practice and schedule matches with more experienced players. Columbia seems to be willing to try to get a team going once again, as they have scheduled another meet against Stony Brook in two weeks. Meanwhile, the Patriots problems are of an entirely different nature. They meet Fordham University in a tuneup match this Wednesday and then end their season against their toughest opponent, Army, Saturday away.

—Karen Floersch

Stony Brook 5, Columbia 0
Grodman (SB) over Rubinstein. 15-8, 15-9, 15-11; Horowitz (SB) over Pfister. 15-9, 15-7, 15-10; Barth (SB) over McCarthy. 15-13, 15-6, 15-13; Silverstein (SB) over Altcheck. 15-10, 15-5, 15-10; Haberfield (SB) over Kumley. 15-14, 15-5, 15-6.