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Student Arrested; Nitrous Oxide Tanks Confiscated

By CHRIS FAIRHALL and
STAN WEITZMAN

More arrests are likely to occur in connection with the 10 stolen tanks of Nitrous Oxide confiscated by Campus Security last Thursday, according to Public Safety (Security) Detective Douglas Conlon. He added that the surrender of the potentially harmful tanks to Security was more important than making arrests for their possession. Conlon declined to say where these tanks had been stolen from. He added that the tanks could be turned in

to student staff, including Resident Assistants, Managerial Assistants or Resident Hall Directors.

Used as Laughing Gas
Nitrous oxide which is used in combination with oxygen by dentists as laughing gas can be lethal when used by individuals who do not know enough about it according to Conlon. "I don't know what could happen if the wrong person sucked on one of those canisters," he added.

The tanks were seized from Gray College resident James Rossi, along with "over an ounce of marijuana," according to security. Rossi has been charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance also faces federal charges for having stolen tanks.

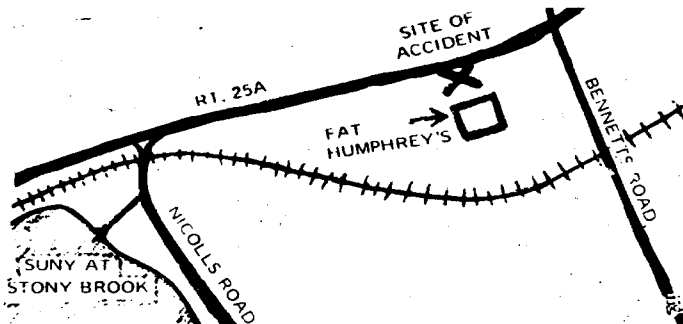
Security refused to comment as to whether or not the officers had a warrant at the time of the arrest. According to a source close to the arrested student who wished to remain anonymous, the contraband was well concealed, and a search would have been necessary to turn up these items.

Gray College Residence Hall Director Carolyn Buck, who was present at the time of the arrest, said she did not feel that the students rights had been violated in any way.

The tanks which measure 36 inches in height and six inches in diameter were discovered with the cooperation of Suffolk County Police. Rossi was unavailable for comment.



Statesman/ David Obrown
SECURITY OFFICER TOM
LAKEMAN confiscates nitrous oxide
tank.



Stony Brook Student Killed by Car on 25A

By STAN WEITZMAN
and CHRIS FAIRHALL

A Stony Brook graduate student was killed Sunday night after being struck by an Eastbound vehicle on Rout 25A near Bennetts Road in Setauket. The incident occurred at about 9 PM, when the victim was returning to campus with a friend.

A combination of snow, rain and poor lighting may have been contributing factors in the death of V. Sethuraman, a student in the department of Electrical Engineering, said Suffolk County Six Precinct Sergeant Robert O'Kane.

Sethuraman, was 21 years old, a student from Bangalore, India, resided in Stage XII C. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson at 9:25 PM.

According to Suffolk County Homicide Detective Richard Reck, Sethuraman died of extensive head

injuries. The report from the Suffolk county Medical Examiner's Office ascribed the death to a fractured skull and other injuries.

Sethuraman was returning to the University after having eaten dinner at the home of a friend, A. Ganesan, who resides on 3 Bansroft Lane, Setauket.

Ganesan said that he, Engineering Professor Peter Dollard, and another student visited the scene Sunday night at 10:30 and found personal belonging of the victim that the police had neglected to retrieve, such as gloves, a wrist watch, identification, and his wallet.

The car has been impounded for a safety test, a routine procedure in such matters.

Reck said that no charges have been brought against the driver, Robert (continued on p. 12)

Hot Water Outages Scheduled Over Vacation

By JOANNE SUMMER

A hot water outage, affecting Gershwin, Hendrix and Whitman Colleges has been scheduled for December 27 and 28 in order to fix a steam leak in a manhole near South Campus road according to University spokeswoman Toni Bosco.

"There is a possibility that it might also affect Tabler [Quad]," Bosco said. She added that the shut-down of hot water is not expected to involve Tabler, it may, if something goes wrong during the repairwork. "There might be a 50 percent chance," Bosco said.

Assistant Executive Vice President Sanford Gerstel said that fixing the leak is just "normal maintenance. Every once in a while things wear out."

Jones said he did not know what the exact problem is. "At this time I can't tell," he said adding that the problem could involve either a valve, a worn-out gasket or a bad weld.

He added, "We had inspection four to six weeks ago. There were no problems at that time. Two weeks ago [the pipe] started steaming." Jones also explained that they held off the repairs until the Christmas vacation in order to affect the least amount of students. However, "the exact date was set by Residence Life," he said.

Jones said that shutting off the hot water in the pipes would "allow [the steam] to cool down enough" to send men into the manhole to inspect. They would also be "simultaneously draining the manhole," as the pipe is cooling down. Once this has been done, they can "see what the problem is and then affect the necessary repairs," Jones said.

He added that his men will be working "approximately 12 hours a day." He said he did not

think this would involve any night work, but "if the filling problem runs into night we will continue until we're back in business," Jones said.

"Most of the time is spent cooling, draining and refilling the system," Jones said.

A similar outage earlier this semester took place when a steam leak was discovered in the heavy duty packing surrounding a valve located in the manhole opposite the Tabler steps. That outage, however, affected all of Kelly, Tabler, Stage XII, and Roth Quads, along with both Heavy Engineering Building and the Computer Center. It lasted from Friday November 4, though the following Sunday evening and left the students affected with no heat or hot

water while repairs were being made.

"What we do is wait until an intercession to minimize any inconvenience to the campus community," Gerstel said, adding, "We cannot wait until spring. Right now the leak is small. If we leave it, it may get worse and result in an emergency shut-down," Gerstel said.

Few Students Will Be Affected

While most students will be going home during the Christmas vacation, a few will be remaining on campus and be affected by the hot water outage.

Polity Hotline Vice-Coordinator Steve Simon said that the Hotline can do little about the situation. "It's something that has to be done," he said.



THIS OPEN STEAMHOLE NEAR TABLER QUAD is the cause of the heat outage over vacation.

Statesman/ Karen Balan

News Briefs

New Report Ties Duck Manure To Pollution of Lakes, Ponds

US, Vietnam Negotiating

Paris — United States and Vietnamese negotiators resumed talks yesterday on establishing diplomatic relations. About 30 Vietnamese exiles, demanding expanded human rights for their Communist-ruled homeland, demonstrated near the Vietnamese Embassy where the talks were held.

A joint communique issued after the three-hour session said it was "cordial and candid."

About 100 French police cordoned off the streets around the embassy in Paris' elegant 16th District and held the protesters two blocks away. The Vietnamese delegates had arrived at the white, pagoda-shaped building long before and could not see the demonstrators. No violence or arrests were reported.

American and Vietnamese delegations met for two days at the Vietnamese Embassy in May and moved to the U.S. Embassy for another two-day round in June, but yesterday's discussion was the first since then.

The talks are understood to have dealt mainly with the continuing search for American servicemen missing or believed killed in the Vietnam war, and the Vietnamese demand for more than \$3 billion in reconstruction aid from the United States.

Court Rules for Judge

Albany — The state's highest court ruled today that judges may keep the public and press out of pre-trial criminal proceedings if they think that is in the best interest of the accused.

On a 4-2 decision, the Court of Appeals threw out a lawsuit by the Gannet Company against a secret proceeding conducted last year by Seneca County Court Judge Daniel DePasquale in a case involving the murder of former Brighton policeman Wayne Clapp.

Writing for the majority, Justice Sol Wachtler said the public's right to know does not extend to "mere curiosity" and that there was no compelling public interest in keeping pre-trial proceeding open.

But Justice Lawrence Cooke, writing for the dissenters, said that "absent compelling and overriding state necessity, the right of the public to gain information about public matters may not be infringed upon." And he warned that the majority's decision threatened "the free flow of vital information."

Judge DePasquale had ordered the public and reporter Carol Ritter, employed by Gannett chain's Rochester papers, excluded from a pre-trial hearing last November at the request of attorney for the defendants, Kyle Greathouse, then 16, and David Jones, then 21.

Ministers Meeting Today

Caracas, Venezuela — OPEC oil ministers meet today divided over whether to raise crude oil prices in 1978, but one of the men in the middle said they are determined not to repeat the split that produced a double pricing system last year.

Saudi Arabian officials, whose kingdom is the biggest producer in OPEC have predicted that the 13-nation oil cartel will listen to their call for a freeze on current prices through 1978.

But the Saudis, who apparently have considerable backing within OPEC, must overcome expected demands from price "hawks" Libya, Algeria and Iraq for increases of up to 23 percent.

Expert say every 5 percent increase in the price of crude oil — now \$12.70 for a 42 gallon barrel — means a half-cent rise in the pump price of gasoline in the United States.

The price "doves" supporting Saudi Arabi are believed to include the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar and Iran, OPEC's second largest producer.

Venezuela's oil chief, Energy and Mines Minister Valentin Hernandez Acosta, had a hurried round of informal consultations with his Arab and African counterparts last week in an effort to head off an all-out battle over prices.

Sadat, Begin Meeting Christmas

Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menahem Begin will meet Sunday, Christmas Day, in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, Egypt, to resume their Middle East peace discussions, it was announced yesterday.

The summit at the Egyptian president's canal-side villa is expected to last only a few hours, the official news agency said.

If Sadat and the Israeli prime minister can narrow their differences, the current Cairo negotiations will be upgraded to foreign-minister level, and Egypt will again invite the Soviet Union and the other Arab "confrontation" states to the talks, a senior Egyptian official in Cairo said.

Moscow, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization all refused Sadat's first invitations to the Cairo talks.

As Begin and Sadat looked toward the Christmas meeting, much of the rest of the Arab world was attacking Israel's new peace proposals.

The proposals, which Begin presented to President Carter last weekend, call for civil autonomy for Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza strip, but continued Israeli military occupation of those Arab lands.

Compiled from the Associated Press (AP)

By JACK MILLROD

"I had a pig that somebody abandoned to pick up this morning," Brookhaven Dog Warden Jack Bryant said, explaining that although his actual responsibility is to deal with dogs, and other pets, he has often stretched that definition if it meant helping the public. "There isn't a week that goes by where we don't have to feed somebody's horses," he added.

In the past Bryant has also taken ducks to the county farm at wintertime when the lakes begin to freeze over, and if the Town of Brookhaven approves the recommendations of a new study, Bryant will be collecting many more ducks than he had expected to in the months to come, according to Brookhaven Director of Environmental Protection, George Proios. The study, conducted by the U.S. Soil Conservation District, concluded that the semi-wild white Pekin ducks contribute greatly to the pollution of lakes, as they leave a large amount of waste material in the water.

In three different years Bryant removed ducks from the Miller Place pond to avoid the "nuisance to the neighborhood" caused by ducks wandering from the frozen lakes and causing damage in people's backyards.

The study recommends elimination of white Pekin ducks and their derivatives from inland ponds that are not a part of a farm operation, partly by legislation directing dog wardens, park employees and law enforcement officers to remove the ducks. If it is adopted, Bryant's duck collecting activities will not be restricted to his present annual visits to the Miller Place pond.

"I can see some problems," he said. Bryant said that the problem is not only how to

catch all of the ducks, but also what to do with them once they have been caught. "Nobody knows what they would do with them," Proios agreed.

After reaching a certain age, the ducks are no longer edible and because a large number of the semi-wild ducks are diseased, commercial poultry plants would be reluctant to allow the possibility of contaminating the ducks they raise.

According to Proios, however, because the population of white Pekin ducks became so concentrated last summer at Wading River, when the water began to evaporate, the concentration of organic waste in the water grew so high that the ducks became diseased and most of them drowned.

Best estimates, according to the study, indicate that 100 semi-wild ducks on a typical park pond can produce 74 pounds of duck manure per day, or 13.5 tons per year. The coliform bacteria and nitrogen levels of that waste are especially high, and the concentration of these pollutants in lakes and ponds can upset the ecological balance.

The report states that the origin of the semi-wild duck population in Nassau and Suffolk counties is closely related to the practice of giving baby ducklings to children at Easter, who abandon them several weeks later. The abandoned ducks and their descendants produced through interbreeding between the white Pekin and wild ducks are sometimes called "Indian Runners."

Artist Lake of Middle Island is another are affected by the duck problem, according to Proios. "Excessive aquatic vegetation on the south part of the lake can partially be traced to the

accumulation of duck manure." The problem grew to such proportions that the area of the lake in question had to be dredged several years ago.

Along with the cesspool discharge from the nearby condominiums, and rain runoff, the ureaic acid discharged by the ducks have provided the nutrients to foster the excess growth. Last year, Proios said, members of the neighborhood Youth Conservation Corps came and cut some of the vegetation, but "It didn't do much."

There are about 50 ducks now in Artist Lake, about half of them Indian Runners. John Marinaro, a hotdog vendor who has parked his yellow Volkswagen Bus regularly in the same lakeside spot for the past 12 years, said, "the lake needs a few ducks, it's nice." He added that he would stand to lose a good deal of business if the ducks were removed. "I'm here 12 years in the same spot and I never hear any complaints," Marinaro said, adding, "It's good for the kids."

Tony Kiesel, a customer who drove up in a red Volkswagen beetle, said he'd been coming to the lake for two years, and that this was the first he'd heard of any duck problem. "I think the whole thing is a lot of nonsense," he said. "The pollution is here to be sure," he said, but he added that in his mind what is important is whether there is any danger to people. "I think the environmentalists have gone too far with their restrictions," he said.

"It's a problem no matter how you look at it," Bryant said, adding that should the order come down to start collecting ducks, "if there's no one else to do it, they'll ask me."

Small Craft Warning



WANNA BUY A WATCH: Two merchants sell their wares at the Craft Fair which has been going on all week in the Stony Brook Union.

Two Armed Men Rob Irving College Hero Inn

By STAN WEITZMAN
and CHRIS FAIRHALL

A two-man armed robbery netting over \$100 took place in the Hero Inn in the basement of Irving College Saturday night, according to Public Safety [Security] Detective Douglas Conlon.

An employee of the Inn, who wished to remain anonymous, said that the assailants entered about 10 minutes before closing, when the largest amount of cash was on hand. Conlon said that one was armed with a knife resembling a switchblade and the other had a razor-like instrument. A scuffle took place when a resident of Irving tried unsuccessfully to apprehend the assailants, according to Conlon.

The assailants, described by Conlon as a "salt and pepper team," were described as being a black male, measuring about six

feet tall with a medium build, and a white blond-haired male, measuring approximately five feet, eight inches in height.

Conlon said that Security has recovered a white hood, which was allegedly worn by the white assailant, who lost it during the scuffle. According to the employee, the black assailant was wearing a ski mask, although this was not confirmed by Conlon.

No Lead On Suspects

While Conlon said there are no leads on the suspects, the employee said that they were "definitely of college age" and added that she felt that they were University students, although she had never seen them before.

Informed sources in Irving say that Irving residents feel that the assailants were either residents or had gotten information from

residents concerning the closing times of the Hero Inn.

Hero Inn manager and Student Business Corporation President, Elysa Miller, said, "I'm very upset about the situation and intend to prosecute to the fullest extent anyone who is caught." She indicated that if the assailants turn out to be students, they

will be expelled from the University as well as prosecuted.

Hero Inn Non-Profit

Miller said that Scoop, which runs the Hero Inn, is a non-profit operation which generates student jobs and only pays for equipment, employees' salaries, and general maintenance of facilities. She added that the operation is insured by Schaefer

and Roth Insurance Company which has a \$200 deductible clause. Therefore, Scoop is receiving no compensation for the loss.

Miller indicated that Scoop had been surviving financially, but with the loss of funds from the Hero Inn they could be in fiscal difficulties due to the lack of reserve money.

'Martial Law' Declared in Kelly While Snowballs, Tempers Fly

By RICH BERGOVOY

"It looked like martial law was declared," in Keyyl late Sunday night, Kelly E resident Rich Nemeroff said.

The incident began innocently enough with the first snowfall of the year, earlier in the day. Before it was over, a member of a 40 person "snowball brigade" which admitted to a connection with Kelly D college, threatened to kill Kelly E Resident Housing Director Gary Hodges. Hodges and Resident Assistant (RA) Mike DiTrani later threatened written reprimands against any Kelly E residents who retaliated against the marauding snowballers many of whom were drunk, according to LaGuardia resident Mike Beecker. Hodges especially sought to stop provocative Christmas caroling by the residents on the balcony of Kelly E 220.

According to Hodges, this is not the first incident of this kind that Kelly D has perpetrated on neighboring Kelly E college. "Our building was literally assaulted by eggs three times before," said Hodges. "At one point, they were even bombarding us with rocks, tomatoes, and potatoes." After one assault in October, Hodges and his staff held peace talks with four RAs and MAs from Kelly D, at which time they were told that egg throwing was part of the Kelly D residents recreation program. Hodges attributes most of the trouble to a "hardass clique of about half a dozen to a dozen" Kelly D residents. "The guys from Kelly D got out of hand trying to provoke a fun fight," said Hamilton RA Andrew Feldman.

The snowball brigade was composed of about 30 residents of LaGuardia and 10 residents of Kelly B and Kelly C college, according to Kelly D resident Lucas Sotillo. They began to bombard

Kelly E with snowballs at about 11:15 PM, in an attempt to get the Kelly E residents to participate in a snowball fight. The effort failed, Sotillo admitted, as the Hamilton residents did not respond.

The activities soured, however, when a snowball shattered a window of Kelly E 118. Hodges said that he and 2 or 3 of his staff confronted about 6 LaGuardia residents in an attempt to find out who had broken the window. According to Hodges, one of the 6 threatened to kill him because he thought that Hodges had shoved his friend.

Called Hodges "An Asshole"

When the snowball brigade repeated their attack on Hamilton about 40 minutes later, they were confronted by Hodges and Kelly C College Residence Hall Director Tom Grace. This time, one of the snowballers called Hodges "an asshole," while his friend "jumped up and down off a retaining wall in anger," Hodges related. One of the Kelly D residents, who wished to remain anonymous, admitted: "We did let the whole thing become an issue."

Shortly before, the incident, Hodges and RA Mike DiTrani had threatened several Kelly E residents with written reprimands if they retaliated against Kelly D. According to Hodges, the reprimands, which are given out "for blatant destruction of property," are placed on a student's transcript. Said Kelly E resident A.J. Fanizzi: "There are too many Goddamned rowdies running around. They've got to be clamped down and if it takes a reprimand, that's what has got to be done. There's no reason Gary Hodges should have to take physical abuse." Hodges said that he is proud that "the great majority" of the Kelly E residents voluntarily ignored the snowballs.

Christmas 'Sing In'

To bring in the Christmas season on a high note, a "sing in" of Handel's Messiah, sponsored by the Music department and GSO will be held in the basement of the Fine Arts Building tonight at 8 PM.

All students and members of the community are invited to sing and be part of the holiday celebration. Some scores will be available, however, the music department urges that you bring your own. People of all ages and levels of music ability are being welcomed.

Handel's "Messiah," for those who are not familiar with it by name, is as much a part of the Christmas season as Santa Claus and exchanging gifts. It is a majestic piece of choral music

that is annually performed by ensembles throughout the world at this time of year. Eight soloists and seven conductors will be featured in tonight's sing-along and the chorus will be made up of those in attendance. For readers who have never attended a sing-in, the satisfaction of being part of a chorus of some 200 people singing music as ethereal as the "Messiah," is an inspirational experience.

The music department invites you to come and be part of this event, bring what refreshments you can, and celebrate Christmas by harmonizing with students and friends, as you enjoy the music you will help create. There will be no charge for admission or refreshments.

Stony Brook Holiday Spirit Apparent In Douglass College

By ERIC GOLDIN

The first one appeared about two weeks ago on Douglass College's 3B hall. Soon, 2A had one also, followed quickly by 2B and 1A last weekend. Then, last Saturday night, one appeared in the main lounge just before the college party, celebrating the holidays.

Nothing more has appeared since last weekend, but Douglass residents do not seem disturbed. After all, five Christmas trees is quite enough for one building.

Surprisingly, the appearance of that many trees in one building was not planned, according to Fred Goldberg, a resident of A2. He said that he felt it was simply a happy coincidence which reflects the unity that exists within the halls.

"The more cohesive the hall," Goldberg said, "the more Christmasy the hall is."

"It says a lot for the people and the hall," said 3B Managerial Assistant Mike Shilsky. "There's no other place involved as much."

Although Lance Margolin, another 2A resident, said his hall tree was, appropriately enough, a Douglas Fir, residents of the other halls did not seem concerned with the type of tree gracing their lounge.

Tree Makes Hall Brighter

"I like having the tree," 1A resident Dave Reiss said. "It's colorful, fun, and gives an excellent excuse to have a party."

"The tree makes the hall brighter," said Sheryl Silverstein, who lives on 2B. "It makes the hall

cozier and warmer, it makes you want to sit out there."

Silverstein also pointed out the large, aluminum foil Star of David that sat atop the 2B tree, representative of the many Jewish students on the hill who took part in the various Christmas activities.

"It's [the tree] a Chanukah bush as well as a Christmas tree," said RA Rick Nasti, of 3B.

On 1A, RA Art Shubert said: "We wanted the tree because of the holiday spirit, even though the majority of the hall is Jewish."

"Trees represent unity in the building," added Goldberg. "It's not a religious symbol, as much as a symbol of unity."

Although all of the trees were decorated similarly, each hall added an individual touch. 2A residents colored lights that flashed "2A" in the window, while 3B residents strung Christmas lights around the perimeter of the lounge ceiling, and hung a piece of mistletoe near the tree.

"Some people stationed themselves under the mistletoe all night at a party," said 3B resident Mitchell Tannenbaum. He also pointed out that "I'm the official Christmas tree person, because my name is Tannenbaum, which means Christmas tree in German."

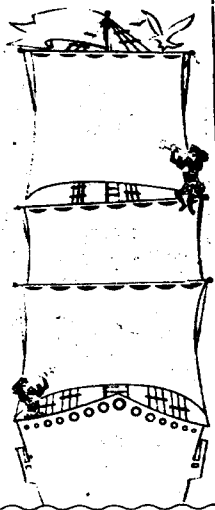
At least one tree was acquired under rather mysterious circumstances, however. "The lounge tree just kind of appeared," said Douglass Residence Hall Director Carole Rockman. "Everything manages to take care of itself here."



DOUGLAS FIRS have been a favorite type of Christmas tree this year.

There will be a meeting of the
SAILING CLUB

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Jan. 5th
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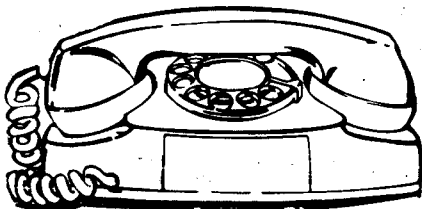
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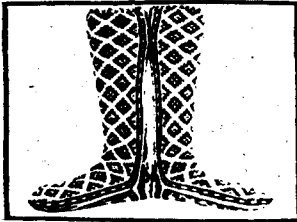
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There are many students on campus who will be spending their holiday recess here for any of a variety of reasons, ranging from those students who do not live in this country and simply cannot fly home whenever they wish, to those who have no other home to visit; no family to join for the holidays.

The possible religious significance is not really of great importance, because for many people it is not simply Christmas that makes this time of year special, but the Christmas spirit which seems to call out to watch us, regardless of religious background.

Unless the students remaining on campus can find that spirit amid the cold academic buildings; unless it is lurking in the empty halls of the residential colleges they may be deprived of that spirit, that special feeling that comes only once a year. That is a shame, you say. It is really too bad. But

what can be done?

No doubt many people are already doing so, but if you are not among that group, consider inviting a friend who would otherwise be spending the recess on campus to come home with you. No doubt some will remain on campus in any case, but this is something to think about.

It is amazing how administrators can go home each day at 5 PM, not thinking that with the exception of commuters, students remain on campus. Yes, they live here. It is not that difficult to understand.

Nevertheless, for years Stony Brook students have had to live with perpetual construction, recurring heat and hot water outages, and mud. Another outage has been scheduled for the winter recess.

Along with Christmas, the beginning of a new year is also approaching. It would no doubt be too much for us to ask that this year be different. But we will anyway.

If only the administrators who go home everyday would take the time to remember before they drive off at the end of each day, that for many students this is home, that for many students this is the only home they have. That simple thought can make a tremendous difference. This is not just a playground for earth movers and cement mixers. It is home to 6,000 students. Simple consideration for those students, consideration that has been conspicuously absent at times in the past, would be the finest Christmas present the University could present us with this year.

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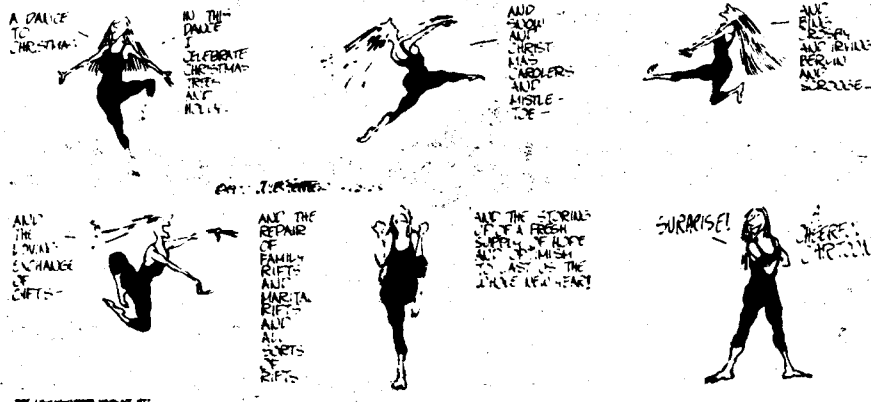
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'New York State of Mind'

Viewpoints

Last winter there was a street vendor named Mario who sold chestnuts near Rockefeller Center. After Steinberg unlaced his ice-skates on those cold, just-before-Christmas afternoons, he'd stop at the pushcart and talk to Mario. They spoke of the Knicks, Jimmy Carter and the sex life of the college student and Mario was always grateful enough for the conversation to give Steinberg a free bag of the hot chestnuts just before he parted.

The light had left the sky by the time Steinberg began walking down Fifth Avenue. He stopped every so often at one or another sidewalk Santa. The expressions that danced across the faces of children when they saw Santa live, smelling of bourbon, always made Steinberg laugh.

He met Laurie, his girlfriend, outside her father's office at Fifth Avenue and 56th Street and together they'd walk along the avenue, window shopping for the future. They huddled close against the cold outside the Sherry Netherland Hotel and watched the Mercedes' and limos pull up to the curb to let out the well-to-do passengers.

It was Steinberg's vacation from law school and he meant to use it well. The first night they cabbed down to the village and saw a good jazz combo at Folk City on West 3rd Street. Afterwards they were home in time to see the Jimmy Stewart film "It's a Wonderful Life," on the late-late show.

One afternoon was passed seeing the Andrew Wyeth exhibit at the 'Met,' and then they went to a club on First Avenue called "Catch a Rising Star" where they saw eight comedians and five singers and Steinberg drank too much wine and laughed too loud and Laurie had to drive home while he slept beside her in the front seat.

They went down to "movie-row," that section of Third Avenue that is saturated with movie theater, and they caught "Rocky," "Bound for Glory" and an old Lina Wertmuller film. Afterwards they walked the block and a half to Serendipity's where, Steinberg had been assured, the frozen hot chocolate induces oral orgasm. There was a twenty minute wait for a table but it was worth it because the tip on the hot chocolate had been a solid one.

Bruce Springsteen was playing the Palladium and the shows had been sold out for weeks but Bernie, Laurie's uncle, was dating a girl who worked at Columbia records and, wouldn't it be great if she could swing a pair of tickets, Uncle Bernie?

She could. Steinberg and Laurie sat in the fifth row, center, and watched the "Boss" from Asbury Park rock and gyrate to the sounds of the best rock and roll in town. The show lasted almost three hours and when they hit the street outside it had begun to snow. They found his car with a \$25

ticket on the windshield: parking in a crosswalk. The cop who'd issued the ticket was just a few feet away.

"Your car?" He asked Steinberg.

"I'd like to say no," Steinberg replied, "but it's mine. And so is this," he said, pointing to the ticket, "isn't it?"

"Were you at the concert?" the cop asked.

Steinberg nodded and the cop smiled. "Saturday's Christmas," said the cop as he took the ticket from Steinberg's hand. "Have a happy holiday kids." The cop ripped the ticket to pieces and said goodnight.

The next night Laurie and Steinberg parted their ways: she to visit her sister and he to go out drinking with some old friends. He had lived with Dave, Ron and Mark when they were undergraduates at Stony Brook and it had been too long since they were last together. The evening began at Dicken's Pub in Roslyn where a red head kept pushing herself on Steinberg. She was cute, but hell, she couldn't have been older than 17 and, anyway, her breath smelled of onions and she was hanging out with three other girls that never would've interested the other guys. He passed, wished her a happy holiday and the four guys piled in Dave's Volvo and made for Manhattan.

They drank at the "Dugout" in the Village, McIntyre's on the East side and wound up at a small German bar on the Manhattan side of the 59th Street Bridge.

The bartender's name was Gene and he practiced closeup magic and sleight of hand. "I used to do sleight of hand," said Ron.

"Yeah," Steinberg agreed, "sleight of hand for the blind."

But the bartender was fast and he removed Ron's watch from his wrist. The guys were impressed. "I'll try to take your wallet," Gene said to Steinberg, "and you tell me if you feel anything."

So Gene moved from behind the bar, eased over to Steinberg like he might be ordering a drink, and began to work on him. After about a minute he said, "Alright, did you feel anything?"

"No," said Steinberg as he reached for his back pocket, "but my wallet's still there."

"So it is." Said Gene as he smiled and held up Steinberg's belt. He'd taken his belt off his pants and he hadn't felt a thing. They left him a very large tip.

Christmas Eve

Friday was Christmas Eve and Steinberg and Laurie, two middle class Jews from Forest Hills, debated about whether or not to attend midnight mass at St. Patrick's. They decided it would be a good idea, even if Laurie's parents didn't think so.

Fearing a parking spot would be non-existent, they travelled by subway to Manhattan. It was

snowing as they approached St. Patrick's and they could see the lines of people on Fifth Avenue twisting around the block. Laurie's parents would be happy; there was no way they'd get in.

They watched middle-aged men grasp for their youth by skating and falling (more falling than skating) with their kids on the ice at Rockefeller Center. They obliged families by snapping the shutter on different Instamatics while the families posed with Santa or the angels constructed on the Rockefeller Center mall.

After an hour and a half, when they were cold and getting tired, they met Jon and Randy, a young married couple from Long Island. Sitting together in the snow they discovered that Jon and Steinberg had both gone to Stony Brook, graduating the same year. While neither was familiar to the other they had a lot of mutual acquaintances. When the cold was too much for them the four decided to take a ride around Manhattan in a Hansom cab.

It was cold in the coach of the cab and Steinberg mentioned that he longed for a brandy. "Got the next best thing," Jon said, producing a joint, "got a lighter?"

They began passing the joint and the driver turned to them. He offered to extend the ride for 15 minutes, no charge, if they'd turn him on. After a quick debate over whether or not the pot would impair his driving ability, they decided to take the offer. How fast could he get that horse to go anyway?

The Ride Home

Afterwards a cab took them down to Chinatown where they shared Moo Sui Pork, Chow Fun, a chicken dish and some rice. The tea felt good going down and Jon and Steinberg reminisced about the Stony Brook days while a Chinese waiter named Stanley flirted with the girls.

They said good-bye outside the restaurant on Bayard Street and made plans to take a ride out to Port Jefferson to eat dinner at the Elk's. Then Steinberg hailed a cab to take himself and Laurie home to Queens.

It was still snowing as the cab made it's way along the Long Island Expressway. The road was covered with white powder and Steinberg could hear the sound of snow crunching under the tires of the cab. The cabbie switched on the radio. "Too loud," Laurie said, half asleep.

The radio was lowered; an old Simon and Garfunkel tune barely audible. Laurie pressed closer to Steinberg in the back seat of the cab. She slept all the way home while Steinberg gazed out to the brightly lit, snowy streets, wondering why most of his friends had gone south for their vacation. (The writer is a regular columnist for Statesman.)

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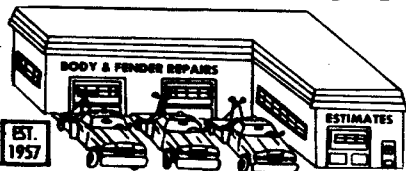
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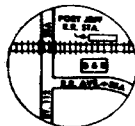
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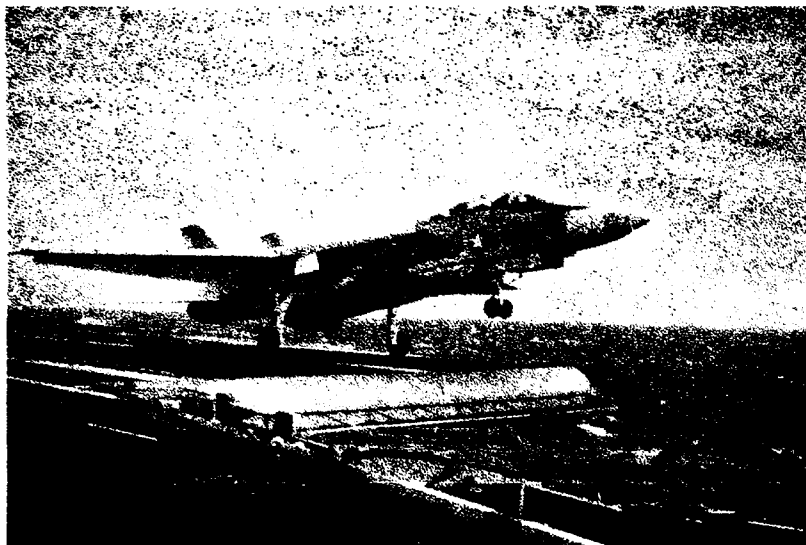
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A Christmas Hope

Viewpoints and Letters

It's damn hard to do Christmas shopping out here when you don't own a car! Last Friday, my backpack was stuffed with books for my nieces, my arms were loaded with presents for my wife and I wanted to get from Rickles to Korvettes. As I walked along 347 I was impressed by the enormity of the Smithhaven Mall and by the thousands of cars that filled its parking lots.

If this civilization doesn't survive, and someday archeologists from other planets come here to find out what we were all about, I wonder what they will make of malls and shopping centers? They'd probably classify them as religious structures dedicated to gods called Macy's, Sear's or Sam Goodies. They'd have to be impressed with the amount of societal resources that were expended in their creation.

Christmas, they'd hypothesize, was a time of year when all people, even nonbelievers like myself, come to pay homage to the gods.

I am a wayfaring stranger in this land of shopping malls and I have no love for the gods that my society chooses to worship.

My roots go back to a Catholic home in Queens. I attended both parochial grammar and high school and I was a pious child who took what the nuns and brothers taught me literally. That was my problem and the source of the gap that developed between myself and my origins.

Like most kids, TV had a big impact on my life, it brought all the problems of the world into my living room and gave them a sense of urgency that the printed word could never convey.

I remember watching reports about the racial violence and hatred in the South, buses burning, police with dogs chasing after black children. I also remember the civil rights marches, the blacks and whites who stood up against this racism and said that it had to end. I can still hear Martin Luther King's dream.

During the Cuban missile crisis, I thought about what it would be like to die in an atomic blast. There were kids who bragged that they knew where ground zero was in case NYC was bombed, and they claimed that it was only a mile away from our school. We often had air raid drills where we would all go into the basement and lean against the wall with our coats over our heads. I never questioned the value of the exercise.

I can vividly recall the riots in Harlem, Newark, Watts, and other cities. It seemed like a war was going on. I was dumbfounded and helpless.

In high school, I couldn't understand the religiousness of the people in my church. People came to services faithfully, yet seemed unmoved by what was going on in the world. Men had developed a religious schizophrenia which allowed them to live in the world and not challenge what was wrong, and at the same time consider themselves good Christians.

When I went away to college, the gap that had developed in high school became a chasm. After feeling, for a time, that I was true to my beliefs because of my concern for the world, I painfully came to the realization that I no longer shared the faith of my parents. I was adrift.

After 20 minutes of walking, I finally made it to Korvettes. "I'd like to pay by check," I said.

"Do you have Master Charge... American Express... Korvettes Credit Card?"

I replied no to each question.

"How about a driver's license?"

"Yes," a driver's license, but no car.

I walked over to the mall to wait for the Polity bus. As I was walking, one of my bags began to rip. While I adjusted the load on that arm, the top of another bag tore and the bag fell to the concrete with a crack.

One present was broken, the rest survived unscratched. While I was picking up the pieces, another bag ripped. My plight was beginning to take on the characteristics of a Carol Burnett skit. The Salvation Army man stopped ringing his bell and was watching me instead.

Since my early college days I've come home, so to speak. I've gained the beginnings of an understanding for the religious roots even though I don't have my parents faith.

There's more to life and there's more to Christmas than shopping malls. The things that make us human can't be bought, mass produced or marketed.

While this is true, the vast majority of people in this world don't have enough of the basic necessities to even begin to enjoy the higher things in life. While we are running around trying to figure out what we can give to the person who has everything, millions don't have the food, clothing and shelter that they need to survive.

In all religions, the decision for good or for evil is made by the individual. Simply making an individual decision to consume less or to eat lower on the food chain, however, isn't going to effect the status of the vast majority, less ambitiously, it

isn't going to illuminate poverty in America. An individual decision is a starting point but it is not enough!

One of the gospel miracles that I found most unbelievable as a child was the story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. By this miracle Christ fed thousands of individuals with a few loaves of bread and a small number of fishes that one of the disciples had.

Whenever I heard this story as a child, I wondered just how Christ did it. Would someone remove a loaf and — poof! — another would appear? Anyway you look at it, it was a neat trick!

As I grew older, I came to another interpretation. There was no hocus pocus involved but it still was a real miracle! I believe that many of the people who came to hear Christ had brought food, but were hiding it to protect themselves. Christ's example of sharing moved others to share and as a result there was enough food for all, with baskets left over. The miracle was a lesson in cooperation.

I believe that we have the technology and resources to produce a modern day miracle. We can provide everyone with the necessities of life. Our problems are not technical but political and moral.

Individual Decision

After the individual decision, a person must join with others to create a political and moral movement; just as in the civil rights days.

The movement must be democratic, to maximize participation and to keep the movement from destroying what it seeks to create. It must be socialist, because the present structures of power and wealth must be drastically changed.

Next to the Hess station on 347 and Stony Brook Road, another shopping center is being constructed. It will be the home of Burger King, Howard Johnsons and other stores. Across from the Smithhaven mall, another mini-mall is being planned. In other parts of Brookhaven, thousands of families are living in sub-standard housing.

I finally did make it home in one piece. Saturday night, we bought our Christmas tree. I'm looking forward to seeing my family and old friends.

Merry Christmas! Have a nice holiday. Remember that the Christmas spirit is what makes us human. It is a source of hope, and hope leads to action, and maybe a better world.

(The writer is a regular columnist for Statesman.)

Letters to Residence Life

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to the department of Residential Life.

I wish to convey my frustration in dealing with the Department of Residential Life. I think that at this time the Department of Residence Life is so busy with its own bureaucracy that it is not meeting its obligations to serve the students needs. At a recent meeting that took place between Assistant Director of Residence Life John Williams and the G-Quad Residential Assistants (RAs) and Managerial Assistants (MAs), he expressed his desire to renovate the living conditions on campus. Mr. Williams said that such possible improvements could be vanities in the female bathrooms, low boy toilets, and even new light fixtures. I feel that these suggestions are absurd when we consider that at the present time there are many hallways which have no carpets on the floor, there are hundreds of rooms that do not have screens on the windows, bathrooms without mirrors and students that have been paying twenty-five dollars a semester for non-existence cooking facilities. There are 102 residents on my wing which has only two burners for cooking with. I think that this is totally ridiculous. At the present time there is a shortage of furniture on this campus. Lets deal with real

problems such as these before being concerned with what items will be purchased in the far future. While future planning is all good and well, the University should set its priorities with those problems already existing on campus. I strongly urge the University to serve the students present needs and place less emphasis on how to attract future students. Perhaps if the University fixes that which it already possesses it will not have to worry about buying so many new items.

— Elysa Miller
O'Neill College MA

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BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCH

Student Killed

(cont'd from p.1) Armstrong, a resident of Port Jefferson, and that he would have to be guilty of three moving violations in order to be prosecuted. His car was inspected and, with the exception of the windshield, there was nothing wrong, according to Reck.

Electrical Engineering Department Chairman Gary Thomas, said that Sethuraman was "an outstanding student who passed his qualifying exam on the Ph.D. level after being in the United States only four months."

Professor Thomas said, "It is a tragedy of the first magnitude" that "leaves you without any thought of how to deal with the situation." He added that although there are plans to send his body back to India, Sethuraman's family will not be able to afford the \$3500 to have the return effected, and the Electrical Engineering Department will welcome any contributions. Sethuraman's parents, who were thought to reside in Bangalore were finally located in Madras, India where they have since moved.

University President John Toll commented that the University Community feels the "deepest sympathy for his family." He added that it is unfortunate that there are no University funds presently available.

—STAN WEITZMAN and CHRIS FAIRHALL

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Reflections On 1977

(Continued from page 16)

So Polity naturally froze the athletic budget because it cannot force students to pay mandatory activity fees for activities in which they cannot participate. The Polity Senate took a stab at both the ECAC and the University and the result was that senators and administrators read Statesman every day in order to see if they could make sense of anything they said at their last meeting.

Polity Treasurer Mark Minasi said that he though the ECAC could be made to bend. It didn't even flex.

Faced with the possibility of cancelling sports for the year, Minasi stood his ground and said, "In a revolution, some people are going to have to die." He resigned his position shortly after Polity unfroze the budget for the last time.

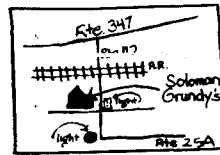
Eventually, the Senate realized that there are even bigger bureaucracies than the University and gave up on the ECAC. But it soon realized that even the smaller bureaucracies don't change their minds.

The University stood firm on 24 credits and Polity stood firm on the freeze - for a while. The issues wavered between academic ineligibility and the very concept of funding athletics. Polity finally gave up and unfroze the budget. The athletes wanted to know who was to blame for the missing of a few games. That wasn't exactly clear, however, and that's understandable.

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Tue, Dec. 20

MEETING: Stony Brook Veterans Club is having organizational meeting, and talk by VA Representative Barry Kopman, at 8 PM, SBU 216.

RADIO "Essex Street," Jewish interest and entertainment, hosted by Shlom Reich, 7-7:30 PM, WUSB-FM 90.1.

WORKSHOP: Hillel at Stony Brook Jewish Free University presents the following workshops: Jewishing, 7-8 PM, Hum. 240; Tanya & Torah, 8-10 PM, Hum. 240; Minchah & Meditation, 4-5 PM, Hum. 157; Jewish Crafts, 9-10 PM, Hum. 157; Belated Bar/Bat Mitzvah, 8-9 PM, Hum. 165.

WORSHIP SERVICE: Lutheran Campus Ministry Worship Service, 7:30 PM, Interfaith Lounge of Interfaith Center, Hum. 157.

LECTURE: "Temperature Sensitive Mutations: Tools for Understanding Growth Regulation in Somatic Animal Cells," by Claudio Basilico, M.D., New York University Medical Center, at 4 PM, Graduate Biology 038.

SEMINAR: Dr. S.I. Tu from Department of Chemistry will discuss "Surface Labeling of Mitochondrial Membrane," at 7:30 PM, Graduate Chemistry Building 412.

MESSIAH SING-IN: Bring a score if you have one, come anyway if you don't. Six conductors and a chamber orchestra, SUSB Dept. of Music, will lead a community Sing-in of Handel's Messiah (Christmas portion only), at 8 PM in the Chorus Room, basement of Fine Arts Center, phase I.

BASKETBALL: Patriots vs. Lehman at 8 PM in Gym.

Wed, Dec. 21

SEMINAR: Barbara Johnson from Yale University will discuss the Jacques Derrida text "The Purveyor of Truth" at 4 PM, Old Physics Building 249.

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT: All forms of art work donated by the Art Barn, Setauket, will be exhibited in the Informal Studies Community Art Gallery, Old Chemistry Building 118, through Dec. 23. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12:15-5:15 PM.

CRAFT FAIR: Handmade pottery, jewelry, handblown glass, and leatherwork will be exhibited and on sale from 9-6 PM until December 21 in SBU main lounge.

WINTER RECESS: Begins today at the close of classes. Classes resume Tuesday, January 3.

WORKSHOP: Hillel offers the following free workshops:

'Body and Sole, 4-5 PM, gym lobby, bring sneakers; The S.A.L.T. Talks (Study a little Torah), 8-9 PM, Hum. 157.

LECTURE: "A Bird's Eye View," by J.T. Erichsen, Dept. of Zoology, Oxford University, at 10 AM, Graduate Biology 006.

Thu, Dec. 22

SEMINAR: Denise Law of the Cellular and Developmental Biology Program will discuss "Preparative Ultracentrifugation: Estimation of Sedimentation Coefficients and Fractionation in Sucrose Gradients" at 12 noon, Graduate Biology 058.

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT: See Wed. listing.

WORKSHOP: Hillel offers the following free workshops: Bagels and Bullshit, 12:15-1 PM, SBU 213; Homework, 3-4 PM, Hum. 157.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Thu, Jan. 5

SEMINAR: JoAnn Luebbert of Cellular and Developmental Biology Program will discuss "Preparative Ultracentrifugation: Estimation of Sedimentation Coefficients and Fractionation in Sucrose Gradients" at noon, Graduate Biology 058.



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DI AR SHI RHY have a merry X-mas and a happy New Year and I hope you can get your head together. Love, Steve.

TO THE WOMEN in Toscanini 414: Merry X-mas and Happy New Year. Love, the Dougliss College Slobs.

DI AR ELLI N, thank millions for your patience. I think it will be worth it. Have a great holiday. Truth and Honesty are the best. Love, Gary.

TO ALL THE FISH of HAND 38 have a great christmas and New Years...

St. Stephen with a Rose in and out of the garden he goes. Deadheads let's unite for a live concert this spring on the SB athletic field.

SHIRLILY Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for both of us together. Love, Robert.

TO SUIT 222 HAND: I never get to see you as much as I'd like to anymore. So just in case the very happiest of holidays. As always, M.J.

HAPPY 18th TRACY. See we remember! From: Howie T., Scottie, Nurse and Directorie.

SIR CHIP of Kelly D how young do you like "em?"

For those I may have forgotten for lack of time or such: the very merriest of holidays, and best of New Year's luck. Mike

SHANI SAYS enough of this Human Contact 5hit! Come and meet some of my friends.

HUMAN CONTACT is still possible. Meeting of mixed nuts and dried fruits every afternoon in front of the library.

RIDI NEED D to New Orleans for two. Will share expenses and driving. Leaving around Jan. 29. Call 246-4206.

DI AR SKIEVIE DICE: How come your face is so ugly? Did the doctor drop you at birth? Or was Chester Doc, and face riding you again last night? Skeevie Pat

TO STATESFART: Jerry Garcia can take all the time he wants cause there ain't no better than him. P.S. All deadheads! Come see Blue's for Alliah on Dreiser 2B! Dreiser Deadheads

TO THE "CLEANER" 2/3 of D311: You might see us carry your trays! Love, Patti and Debbie.

HBD, I hope you're looking cause here it is. You're A-O.K. Love I.J.G.

DI AR EMB: Why are you acting like the stranger? We can always be friends, please call me. Have a good vacation. Love, LR

Dear Grace: Four is kinky but five is sick. K&L.

PIG: You're sick. But don't you dare change. You're a beautiful person, what else can I say? Lots of Love, Pigg.

DEAR PIG: If I didn't care about you so much I'd step on your face. The Skunk.

ELISE: Without you the paper may never come out again, but get better quick anyway. We miss you. Love, Us and EK & SS.

ROTH: Next time all of you JAPS are going to get SNOW enemies! We'll be back. Tabler the Terrible.

DEAR JOYCE: Goodbye forever. You were overpriced and lazy, but we'll miss you anyway. Come and visit. Love, Statesfart!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to the nicest bunch of crazies in SB Hendrix C-D. Love, Mitch

KITLY D 118 have a most happy holiday, with sincere feelings, Denise.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to one and one arm with best wishes from Cosmonaut Mr. V., Nazy and Monday.

YOUR WORSHIPFULNESS enjoy it, you'll never really hear it. Have a good vacation. The I vil I orce

DEAR "P" wishing you the happiest birthday ever. "You're up there" all my love always, "Z"

TO MY LITTL KITTIN this might be the last chance I'll get to write you a personal so all I want to say is: Here's to the great times that we've had (and will have?). From the King, P.S. - I guess this is part of Ga-Ga, right?

DEAR ST STUD NO. 1, STUD NO. 2, macio type of guy, turkey and turkey chaser, Poughkeepsie girl and "my sister," dazy chick, "sheep's eye" brother and sister, 29 inch waist, bitch, the chucks and pinball expert, Teddy Bear, the guy with perfect hair, and all our other kinky friends - the cox, the coxettes, the greeks, the fros, the pinball wizards and anybody else who sits at the longest table in the Union. We wanna wish you the merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years. With all our love, the Lustiest, Kinkiest, Studessees ever. (No. 1 & No. 2)

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DEAR EJM: You're the best! Love ASO.

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LOST sky blue knit hat — contact Laura 6-4441.

FOUND dog, black with some brown, on 2nd floor of Hendrix College on Dec. 12. Elliot 6-7889/90, 6-7357.

LOST set of keys on Mazda Key Tag near SSA (parking area?). Please leave them with front desk in SBU or call Tasvir at 6-5651 during office hours.

LOST small 35mm film cassette — in a small plastic black can with grey top. Lost somewhere between Kelly-A and Irving College. Please don't open as film has already been exposed. Must be found. George 4782.

LOST Philosophy 104. Contemp. Morality spiral notebook in light engineering Room 250, on 12/16. If found please contact Evan at 6-7489.

FOUND collapsible umbrella in New Social Science on 12/19. Dave 246-4126.

LOST one black lens pouch: says "contax" on outside. Wrapped in plastic bag. Lost at Henny Youngman, Dec. 11. Please contact Karen at Statesman 6-3690.

LOST silver and turquoise pendant with moon and star. Extreme sentimental value. Please call Jane at 246-7211. Reward.

NOTICES

The Bridge to Somewhere is looking for new counselors. Applications for training can be picked up Jan. 9 at our office or from information tables in SBU lobby Jan 10 and Feb. 1, 2. They are due Feb. 10. For further info come to meeting on Jan. 11 and Feb. 6.

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Season's
Greetings!
Love, Statesman

Tuesday, December 20, 1977

Reflecting on the Sporting Highlights of 1977

THE BIG TIME, ALMOST: The Stony Brook basketball team lost by six points against Oneonta State in the NCAA Eastern Regionals in March. Had it won, the players would have experienced something they might never get to experience while playing for this school.

The tournament took place in the Albany State University gym. And there were more spectators in the stands to watch the Stony Brook-Oneonta game than this school gets for a home game. The championship game between Oneonta and Albany the next day had more spectators standing in the aisles next to the stands than Stony Brook gets for a home game. Even more than the Administration can attract for a calendar demonstration.

It was the fans that made the game so good. If the same two teams played their game here, no matter how talented the players were or how many times the lead changed hands, the game could not have been so intense.

The players must have felt they were playing major college ball. And all the Stony Brook team could do (or at least the half that wasn't suspended by Coach Ron Bash for violating the curfew) was play in the dull consolation game.

This year, Bash wants the Patriots to make it past the Eastern Regionals, all the way to the championship tournament. If the players are ever going to experience the high that the Albany and Oneonta teams experienced in March, let's hope they don't hold the tournament at Stony Brook.

WINNING IS DRILLED IN: Can seven new players and a new coach make the difference between a losing team and a winning team? You can ask the members of the Stony Brook hockey club, but you don't have to. The records speak for themselves. Last year, the club was 5-10-3 and this year it is 7-1-1.

The new coach is Andy Martella, and the main difference between he and Bob Lamoreaux, according to second-year player Mike Shapey, is organization.

When the team is in practice, it drills. When the team comes out for a game, it drills. When the team plays a game, it wins.

This past weekend the team came

By Ed Kelly

Editors' Note

and Stu Saks



DAN ZAMPINO finishes the Nassau County Marathon in March.

from behind twice in beating New Jersey Tech and Nassau Community College. Last year, a win over Nassau would have been considered a joke. This year, nobody laughed.

The leading scorer so far is John Keigharn, a freshman. But every game seems to mean a different Stony Brook star. If it's not Keigharn, it's Shapey. If it's not Shapey, it's Van Cushny. Or Mike Flaherty, or Rich Katz, or Glenn Turner.

The coach told the players before the season that they would win five games before the half way point. Nobody laughed then, either. Maybe that's why they have.

... WITH 10 MILES BEHIND ME AND 10,000 MORE TO GO...

At times it must have seemed that way.

Rich Sentochnik, Bruce Johansen and Dan Zampino of the Stony Brook cross

country team stood in Nassau Community College's gym wearing running shoes, shorts, and short sleeve shirts. They were ready. Those were the only material objects that were needed for the second annual running of the Nassau County Marathon.

At about 16 miles, a blinding snowstorm covered the 26 mile course. The conditions probably were no worse than the year before, when the runners were discouraged by strong winds. Still, the snow was a nagging reminder that the body is not the only thing that has to do with making it all the way.

All three Stony Brook runners made it. Sentochnik finished at 2:27:30 and was followed by Johansen in 2:27:35. Zampino, slowed by the flu, finished in 2:43:44.

"When I passed Dan," said Johansen, "I thought he looked like he might faint."

THE ROAD GOES ON FOREVER: Unless you're willing to travel, you might never get a chance to see Stony Brook's best team in action.

At the conclusion of its 14-3 season last February, the squash team received a No. 10 national ranking. And the teams they played were a little more renowned than Yeshiva, Pratt, and even C.W. Post. This year the team has already disposed of MIT, Wesleyan, Lehigh, and Stevens Tech. It has only lost to Yale, which last year was ranked No. 5.

One thing the squash team never benefits from is a home court advantage. The Stony Brook courts were originally built for paddle and handball and are a foot and a half too wide to be considered regulation squash courts. Yale, which has 38 regulation courts of its own, wouldn't consider making the trip.

Another thing the squash team doesn't benefit from is players with previous experience. Anybody who is anyone in squash will end up at an Ivy League school. Stony Brook coach Bob Snider recruits most of his players from the tennis courts and converts them into squash players. Their success says a lot for him.

THE LETTER: You could tell from the start that his was going to be a fun team. Stony Brook men's tennis coach Les Thompson walked around the courts during matches saying "C'mon Basbie, C'mon Basbie," while Mrs. Thompson sat on the side with the refreshments that she brought for the team.

Steve Lewis and John Duzich figured out that if you wrote a letter to yourself the night before a match which said how bad you were going to beat your opponent, it would work. And it did. The Patriots lost their first match 9-0 against St. John's and didn't lose again until they faced Brooklyn College. Another Division I team. In all, the team had 11 victories.

In a match against Southampton college's Bill Dunning, the Patriots' Steve Aronowitz said that his opponent's serve at 4-4 of the tiebreaker went through the net. Dunning disagreed but Aronowitz said he could take that one over anyway since he was disturbed by noise on the serve. Dunning didn't appreciate the courtesy and fired the free serve out of bounds at an excessive speed. His next serve was at a more moderate speed and Aronowitz sent it right past him. Aronowitz won the match and the Patriots shut out Southampton, 9-0. They were only trying to be nice.

FIGHTING BUREAUCRACY — BUT WHICH ONE: It wasn't exactly clear who was more to blame for freezing the athletic budget twice in five months. A good argument could be put forward for the role of the ECAC, which demanded a definition from the University of good academic standing. But the University doesn't like to be upstaged on matters of abusing students' rights. It immediately defined good academic standing as a student who has earned 24 credits in two successive semesters. Unfortunately, there were several athletes who didn't have that many.

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THE STONY BROOK HOCKEY CLUB has improved greatly over last year.

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