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Polity Blasts SB Council Over Search Committee Decision

By JACK MILLROD

The Polity Council blasted the Stony Brook Council and its chairman R.C. Anderson last night for its decision to select only one student to serve on the Search committee that will select the University's next president.

Just two days after the Stony Brook Council, the local governing board here, selected senior Peter Scherer, a Dreiser College physics major from Northport, to complete its 13 member Presidential Search Committee, the Polity Council met and condemned the actions of Anderson and the Stony Brook Council. Polity President Keith Scarmato and the other Polity Council members charged that the Stony Brook Council should have selected three students.

The Polity Council is composed of the undergraduate student government's president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and each of the elected class representatives.

Last night the five members convened in their regularly scheduled meeting to unanimously pass a motion charging the governing board with "immoral and unacceptable" behavior.

In past weeks, although the remaining 12 members of the Stony Brook Council's Presidential Search committee were selected last spring, there has been much controversy over the question of student presence on the committee.

The search for student representation began last spring when then Polity President Ishai Bloch was asked to compile a list of possible student members.

But the Stony Brook Council rejected Bloch's list, considered handpicking the student membership itself, and finally agreed to allow Bloch's successor Scarmato to compile yet another list.

Since that time Scarmato and the Stony Brook Council have been at odds over the number of students that would be selected. Scarmato said he had been pushing to get three

students on the search committee and was outraged when only one was selected.

"We've really got the run around from the beginning" Scarmato told the Polity Council last night. He said that at one point he had been assured that a minimum of two students would be selected.

But Anderson has maintained since the beginning that the number of students selected had yet to be settled by the Council.

Anderson said he had anticipated that some people would be unhappy with the decision to select only Scherer although he said he was "pleased and comfortable" with the choice.

"Whether you take 20 of them or one of them," he said of student representatives, "I think this can be argued into the night."

Scherer was selected from among four other students under consideration by a three man subcommittee of the

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Stony Brook Council last week. On Tuesday Anderson had the remaining members of the Council polled by telephone to confirm the selection.

"I was happy to be selected," Scherer said last night, but agreed with Scarmato that at least one more student should also have been chosen.

"I don't think one student is adequate," he said, agreeing that the burden of representing 17,000 students puts a good deal of pressure on him.

But Anderson stressed that the committee members are not supposed "to represent anybody" but themselves.

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Car Swerves Into Tracks After Crash on 25A



CRASH: Suffolk County police officer John Gang looks over a Fiat demolished in a head-on collision last night.

By MIKE KORNFELD, ALAN OIRICH, and RICH BERGOVOY

A 1968 Chevrolet Impala skidded into the Long Island Railroad tracks last night after it was involved in a head-on collision

on Route 25A in front of the Stony Brook railroad station.

The accident occurred at approximately 11:15 PM when the westbound Impala, driven by Jay Rogers, 18, collided with an eastbound Fiat driven by an unidentified middle-aged man.

Although two of the four passengers in the Impala appeared to be injured, only Rogers was hospitalized. He was later released from Mather Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

According to local resident Gil Rahner, one of the passengers in the Impala tossed a beer bottle from the back window of the car after the accident. "I guess he didn't want a charge of driving while intoxicated added to his record," Rahner said.

Shattered "Somebody was on the wrong side of the road," said a Suffolk County policeman on the scene. "We can get an idea by looking at the windshield of the Chevy — the car with the teenagers in it." The windshield was shattered, witnesses said, by the impact with the skull of John Buckley, 18. Witnesses added that Budweiser beer bottles lay in front of the car and also under the driver's seat.

"We were just driving around at about 45 miles per hour after

stopping at Jack-in-the-Box," said Anthony Evangelista, one of the passengers in the Impala.

After impact with the Fiat, the Impala spun from Route 25A onto the railroad tracks. The second impact with the tracks brought the car to rest with its fenders overhanging the tracks. Several ambulances and Suffolk County police cruisers soon arrived at the railroad station.

In addition to Rogers, Evangelista, and Buckley, there was another passenger identified only as Harry. According to Evangelista, they were all graduates of Hauppauge High School. The name of the driver of the Fiat was not known.

Although an unidentified police officer said that Rogers might be arrested for driving while intoxicated, the Sixth Precinct desk sergeant had no record of the arrest late last night.

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The witnesses said numerous persons were hurt and hundreds of blacks were arrested when police raided the sprawling Crossroads shantytown, home of 20,000 blacks.

It was the fourth raid on the Crossroads camp in as many weeks.

Manila (AP) - A Philippine air force plane of the presidential fleet plowed into a Manila suburb yesterday, killing at least 33 persons aboard and on the ground. An air force spokesman said lightning may have struck it.

Carrying Staff

The twin-turboprop Fokker F-27 was carrying members of President Ferdinand Marcos' security staff and newsmen back to Manila from the northern Philippines, where Marcos celebrated his 61st birthday this week.

Neither Marcos nor his wife, Imelda, was aboard the aircraft.

National

Washington (AP) - A panel of experts began evaluating evidence yesterday on whether the government should recommend that emergency bee sting kits be made available without a doctor's prescription.

Most state laws prohibit over the counter sale of such kits because they contain an injection of a powerful bee sting antidote, epinephrine. Medical experts say the drug could cause excessive pressure on the heart in rare cases.

Washington (AP) - The Senate averted a filibuster on the natural gas pricing compromise yesterday,

but put off a final vote on the high stakes proposal until September 27.

And a test vote in which opponents would attempt to kill the compromise was scheduled for next Tuesday.

Lift Controls

The gas bill would lift federal price controls by January 1, 1985, but would allow producers substantial increases between now and then.

After appearing to be in serious trouble, the critical heavily-modified section of President Carter's energy plan has been the target of a heavy White House lobbying effort.

State and Local

New York (AP) - John Wojtowicz, who pulled the bizarre 1972 bank stickup since depicted in the movie "Dog Day Afternoon," has been released conditionally from federal prison and is back in New York looking for a job, authorities said yesterday.

Wojtowicz, 33, is due for parole November 28 and until then must report to the Community Training Center in Manhattan, where he is required to spend weekday nights.

He was released from the Danbury, Connecticut, federal prison August 28 after serving more than five years at various prisons around the country.

He originally got a 20 year sentence for the holdup, in which

he held nine bank employees hostage through a hot August night and which ended in his capture and the death of a confederate.

New York (AP) - Republican candidate for governor Perry Duryea accused Governor Hugh Carey yesterday of "cheating on" the use of state aircraft for political purposes by "erasing manifests to cover up the names of political freeriders."

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University Gives H-Quad Residents a Rim Job

By GERALD GROSSMAN

Facilities Operations-West campus Director Keyin Jones has discounted reports that a University construction crew installed the basketball courts in H-Quad last year that fell apart within days of their installation.

"We put up the basketball courts and they were ripped down by vandals," Jones said. But the former H-Quad Director, a Benedict College Residence Hall Director, and a host of H-Quad residents disagreed.

At issue are four wooden posts with backboards and rims that were installed in H-Quad at the very beginning of last year, after a large grassy area was paved over with concrete. "We did it in conjunction with the dorm people in H-Quad," Jones said. "It was impossible to get grass to grow there so we put up the basketball courts."

But within a week of the construction all four rims had broken down. "Basketballs hitting them bent the rims," Allen said. "The rims were



HOOPLESS BACKBOARDS like this one make shooting tough for H-Quad residents.

weak, limp; held in by four skimpy screws. One was broken when it was put up."

"I think it's possible there might have been some vandalism," Eileen Gross, a Benedict College Residence Hall Director, said, but the basketball courts were not adequate at all. They

used wooden posts that splinter...and they're not arched so they're not safe to play with. Guys practically knocked themselves out running into the posts going up for a lay-up. And of course the rims didn't take too much wear and tear."

"Under normal usage the rims would still be standing today," Jones maintained. "You would have to have somebody doing chinups on them for them to come down."

"That's bullshit," Howie Feldman, a member of the H-Quad Program Activities Committee replied, when informed of Jones' comments. "Those rims were pieces of shit. One little touch and they came down."

Runaround

One year after the construction the argument continues, but little has been done to rectify it. "We did get the runaround from the physical plant," Gross said. "People have been asking to have them replaced since they came down — I don't think too many people are in to damaging — but they want the students to do something about it. It's a shame, cause you know it's something the students want here."



Statesman Graphic/ Joe Panholzer

Hand Hit by Midnight Rambler Who Strikes, Then Bikes Away

By RICH BERGOVOY

"It's a weird feeling to look up and realize that someone is staring at you in bed," said Junior Ann Colonna. "I was scared as hell."

Colonna and her roommate Priscilla van Laarhoven, also a junior, were surprised around midnight Monday evening when they discovered that they were not alone in their room on the ground floor of Hand College. A young man was peering through the blinds of their darkened room, and reaching his arm into the window. Then he became frightened too, and escaped with his bicycle.

The two roommates were talking in bed when van Laarhoven stopped to stare at the window. Colonna turned around and saw the intruder, then hit the blinds and windows.

"I just swung out at him, just to get him the hell out of there," said Colonna. Apparently, it worked. The intruder fled from the scene, carrying his bicycle up a hill. He appeared to be about 18 years old, weigh about 135 pounds, and have short hair, said Colonna.

Van Laarhoven called in Campus Security, but they have not yet found any suspects in the case.

Peeping Tom

When asked what offense the intruder had committed, a Security spokesman first replied, "I think it's just a case of a Peeping Tom." He later said that the incident qualified as harrassment, the legal equivalent of an obscene phone call. According to a Security spokesman, the Hand incident was the first such case of harrassment this year.

Primary Elections Recount Today

By MIKE KORNFELD

Former Polity President Gerry Manginelli may have lost his bid for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate seat currently held by his former fourth grade teacher, Kenneth LaValle (R-C Port Jefferson,) but it is too early to tell.

Unofficial election returns, reported in Newsday, show him trailing Democratic designee, Neil Fisher by 70 votes. A recanvassing of the votes cast in Tuesday's primaries set for this morning at the Board of Elections offices in Yapank, may prove otherwise.

While all race results, including those for Governor and Attorney General will be recanvassed, as mandated by state election law, most attention has focused on the outcomes of the Democratic races for State Senate and the First Congressional District, where unofficial returns



GERRY MANGINELLI

show Brookhaven's Town Supervisor John Randolph leading his closest rival Pat Russell by under 300 votes out of over 12,000 cast in the five-man field.

Primary day voting irregularities have been reported. These include the early closing of polls in two election districts in Coram, due to severe weather conditions. According to state election law, the election could be voided and a revote scheduled as a result of this premature closing, should any candidate opt to take the matter to court. Manginelli, the only candidate available for comment, last night said he was taking a "wait and see" attitude on the matter, preferring to see the results of the recanvassing before speculating on any possible future course of action. Suffolk County Board of Elections officials could not be reached for comment.

According to Newsday, a decision on the final outcome by the Board of Elections should be made by Monday.



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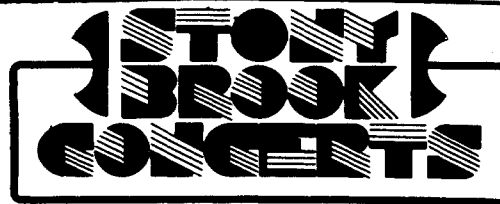
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An Insult

"The Stony Brook Council has reduced its students to second-class citizens in their own University," stated the Polity Council motion passed unanimously last night in response to the Stony Brook Council's decision to appoint but one student to the 13 member Presidential Search Committee. Statesman concurs.

The Presidential Search Committee will be the most important body involved in the selection process, as it is very doubtful that its selection will be rejected by the SUNY Chancellor or Trustees.

Deciding that one student will represent 17,000 students adequately is not only absurd, it is criminal. The Stony Brook Council has succeeded in practically cutting off student input in the search process by allowing only token representation in the only phase of the search in which students can actually participate.

Students have a natural right to participate in the selection of the next president of their University. By selecting only one student, and by refusing to disclose the criteria used to select that student, the Council has done the students of this University a grave injustice. Its actions cannot and will not be accepted or condoned by anyone concerned with the future of this University, and the basic principles of democratic government.

Token student presence on a committee of such importance can be seen only as an outright insult to the students of this University, and it will not go unchallenged. The Council could not be more deserving of the indignation of Stony Brook students.

Pure Genius

One year after a University construction crew paved a large portion of H-Quad, wooden posts with basketball backboards but no rims adorn the quad, mocking the construction that was done. And even as H-Quad residents attempt to work their way through a maze of red tape in an effort to have the rims replaced, Kevin Jones, the Facilities Operations director in charge of the project, steadfastly maintains that the original rims that were put up were quite adequate even if the rims did not last one full week.

"You don't have to be a genius to build something that will stand up," Jones told Statesman, blaming vandals for the rims' early demise. "Under normal usage the rims would still be standing today."

Jones' comments merely add insult to injury. The overwhelming evidence indicates that the rims could not survive a few days of normal basketball play, which suggests a callous disregard on the part of Facilities Planning and Operation for Stony Brook residents, and ridicules the very purpose of construction. You may not have to be a genius to build something that will stand up, but you have to be an incompetent fool to spend time and money constructing baskets with shoddy rims that fall off within days of their installation.

Jerry Stein, Associate Director of Residence Life and last year's H-Quad director, remembers the work that was done. "Basically, the rims weren't that secure," he recalled. "It took a week at the longest for them to go."

"From the complaints that I received immediately after they were put up," Eileen Goss, Benedict college residence hall director, said, "my impression is the baskets were poorly constructed, did not serve the purpose they were designed for, and were badly in need of reconstruction."

If construction on this campus is in such a pitiful state that baskets with backboards and rims cannot be built to withstand the rigors of a basketball game, one wonders just how safe more important campus construction projects are. As one Benedict RA pointed out, "They put basketball courts up in Harlem that last longer."

Statesman calls upon Facilities Planning to stop making feeble excuses and start doing responsible work. Admittedly there are far more important things to be done on this campus, but on principle alone we feel it is incumbent on Facilities Planning to stop passing the buck and get the work done right.



—Letters—

Concerned

To the Editor:

We, as commuter students, are deeply perturbed and concerned about the situation in and around South P-Lot. The administration fails to realize that over 50 percent of the student populis are in fact, commuters.

Before the commuter is able to enter the University Center he/she must spend approximately 15 minutes prior to turning on to South Loop Road (via the one entrance).

This problem might have been alleviated if the University had installed a traffic light before closing down the south entrance.

At present these situations are untenable. To compound the difficulties, the Administration is planning to impose a mandatory registration fee for commuters, who utilize this marvel of engineering known as South P-Lot.

We, again the commuter students, feel that this fee is totally uncalled for. Also not to mention the hardship that the commuters must endure on Stony Brook's only kiddy ride, more popularly known as the shuttle bus.

We are not satisfied with the current conditions that exist and we hope that the administration will soon begin to rectify the problem.

Sincerely,
Phillip E. Cimmino
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Commuters

Appalled

To the Editor:

In reference to the letter from Timothy Shizume, (Residential Assistant) RA Gray A-1.

May I say at this time that I am appalled at the attitudes of both the Office of Residence Life, and the RA's and the MA's of Stony Brook.

To even consider giving free meal plans, when so few of them are even worth the free rooms they now receive, is beyond comprehension. And at this point in time, when so many problems have been presented to the administration, I find it difficult to believe that the idea was not dropped altogether. Perhaps the former Director of Residence Life Robert Ferrell overstepped his boundaries.

But probably the very nub of my jist lies in the fact that many

of the RA's/MA's I have seen and observed simply are not doing their jobs. "And why?" you may ask. Possibly because these saints of the simple-minded are overseen by yet another glorified student, the alleged Residence Hall Director (RHD).

And where are these people when you need a roll of toilet paper after 10 PM? They're either hiding in some dark corner, or trying to think of some new way to say, "There's nothing I can do about it."

In no way do I mean to say that every single RA/MA is grubbing off my room fee. I have found at least one RA who gives a damn about my happiness, and he's not even on my floor. No doubt, they will all be clawing at my door, attempting to find out if they are the one.

Cash payment and free telephone service yet! What next, free beer and potato chips on Thursday nights?

Yours truly,

Stuart Rosenzweig
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Skateboard Has Freshman Rolling to Practice, Matches

By LENN ROBBINS

Everyone she knows is against it. Her parents shudder every time they see Ilysa Batkin take out her new form of transportation. Her coach has warned her about the risk of injury. But just the same, Batkin has found a unique way to help her tennis career.

Batkin is one of several freshman to have made this year's womens tennis team. The Bayside native feels that riding a skateboard is helping her become a better tennis player. "I started riding about a month ago just for fun," said Batkin. "It's really a lot of fun but it's helping my game and it helps me to stay in shape."

Despite criticism from mostly everyone, Batkin is convinced that her skateboard will benefit her. "I like to ride to practice and before every game," explained Batkin. "When I'm tight before playing, I like to go up on the board. Just twisting around on it helps me to loosen up."

In addition to the skateboard helping her tennis game, Batkin feels the board helps her stay in good shape. "I used to jog five miles a day," Batkin said, "But now between school and the tennis team I don't have the time. At least the

board offers some kind of exercise."

Schoolwork is another area where "the board" is helping Batkin. When the pressure of exams and work begin to build up a little twisting and swaying seems to be the answer. "I'll go out and ride around for a couple of minutes before a test or before doing homework," Batkin said. "It helps me relax and I enjoy it."

On top of schoolwork, health and tennis "the board" is an excellent way for Batkin to let off a little steam. Before matches the skateboard is especially beneficial at helping Batkin concentrate. "I've gotten out a lot of anxieties on that skateboard," admitted Batkin. "I've taken my share of falls but the board really makes you concentrate. I don't worry about winning or losing as much as worry about playing up to my potential, if I feel I haven't I really give the board a workout."

Broken

Unfortunately for Batkin, her skateboard, which was a goodbye present from her boyfriend, broke yesterday. Even so, her tennis racquet is O.K. and skateboard or not, Batkin and her Patriot teammates will start the tennis season this Friday.



ILYSA BATKIN skateboards her way to tennis practice.

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Snider Has Men's Intramurals Ready for Kickoff

By STEVE LASKOWITZ

It's the time that everybody has been waiting for. The time where the halls compete against each other in various sporting events. That's right, men's intramurals are underway and are as popular as ever according to coach Bob Snider. "We are expecting about sixty teams for football and forty teams for soccer."

Some of the sporting events are individual while others are two man and team events. Each event is worth a certain number of points, and the team that accumulates the most points by the end of the year will be the winners of the coveted McDowell Cup, which has been won by Gray A-3 for the past two years. O'Neill G-2 won the volleyball tournament Wednesday and are the early leaders in the

running for the McDowell Cup.

"As usual, 80 percent of the teams come from G and H Quads," said Snider. "The halls are easier to organize teams and practice, that's why we get this kind of turnout. Since the rooms are in a straight line, the guys see each other more, which makes for a better organization. In the suites it's like an apartment house. You can live forty feet from someone and never see them. The suites seem to play independent in many of the cases. It's hard for them to get organized and practiced."

"When we started out we thought the suites would dominate because they have a whole wing of about 100 people to play as opposed to the halls 30-40 people, but it's been the other way around," Snider said.

Snider, who started the program in 1964 and is currently the head of Men's intramurals, and is also the coach of the Nationally ranked Squash Team, thinks a lot of the intramural program. "Intramurals are crucial for undergraduates," said Snider. "It's very important that the guys have the chance to get out their frustrations and tensions resulting from academics."

"We were fortunate in 1964, that there was only G Quad," said

Snider. "I was able to go around the guys to ask them to play. I had to bust my hump to get them to play. Once I got it, it sort of itself."

"We started out small and as school grew so did our intramurals. Everything fell in place easily. Now that we've grown much we don't have the facilities for the amount of students we have. We can't add anything to the Intramural Program in the future because of new events because we will have to cut something else."

Possible Problems

Snider sees possible problems with the men's program in the future. "As the women's program grows and it will," said Snider, "the men's program will suffer. We'll have to give up some fields on certain days for them to use. Also with the graduate program growing, there will be a need for a graduate intramural program and when that occurs, the facilities will have to be used for three intramural programs."

As the result of Stony Brook enrollment and student involvement in sports, University may be forced to build adequate sports facilities for intramural program and for general students' use.

Spinks, Ali Set for Bout

Muhammad Ali will try to become the first man to win the heavyweight championship three times Friday night when he fights Leon Spinks, an ex-Marine whose fists could write the end to the Ali Era. A loss, probably would make the scheduled 15-rounder in the Louisiana Superdome the last one in the most spectacular career in sports history. "However, Ali says the Superdome bout will be his last. "This will be my last fight," said Ali. "I can't go on much longer even if I wanted to. Friday night I will go down as the first man to win the title three times."

Spinks, a supposed "lamb" with just seven pro fights behind him, "was led to slaughter" at Las Vegas last February 15. However, by attacking relentlessly in the first seven rounds, Spinks won the world championship by virtue of a split decision. "The only difference in this fight from the other one is that this time I'm trying to keep it (the title)," said Spinks. "I ain't making predictions, the best man wins."

ABC will telecast the bout from 8 P.M. to 11 P.M. The network estimates that 75 million people in the U.S. alone will view the fight.