

# Students Await College Residency Voting Ruling

By Howard Saltz

Eleven SUNY at Albany students are still awaiting the outcome of a legal battle that would determine whether they, and other college students, should be prohibited from voting in the communities where they attend school.

The students are attempting to reverse a policy that requires them to vote via absentee ballot or in the community where their parents reside. The decision, which was expected earlier this week, may change voting regulations throughout the state including Stony Brook.

Though the students had asked that Judge Neal McCurn resolve the matter by last Monday, the deadline for registering to vote, their attorney, Jack Lester has requested that, if the case is decided in their favor, a special one-week voter registration period be established for students.

"The extra week would prevent the plaintiffs from being disenfranchised from the November 4 election," said Tom Fearson, a spokesman for the Student Association of the State University of New York (SASU).

SASU President Jim Stern said that students should be allowed to vote in the communities in which they attend college because they are expected to abide by that community's laws, are subject to its taxes, are affected by local officials and agencies, are counted in the United States Census, which determines federal aid to the community, and because students spend millions of dollars in that community each year.

# Polity Treasurer Election Inquiry Begins Today

Investigation into alleged campaign improprieties in Tuesday's race for Polity treasurer will commence today.

Chief Justice Lisa Charlack of the Polity Judiciary said that subpoenas would be issued to two poll-watchers accused of urging voters to select Chris Fairhall instead of Larry Siegel, but that no other poll-watchers would be subpoenaed as was originally planned.

"There were many, many poll-watchers," Charlack said, "it's just not feasible to investigate every poll-watcher." She added that investigations of other poll-watchers would take place only if complaints were filed.

The Judiciary ordered the Election Board Tuesday night not to announce the outcome of the treasurer's race, because of allegations that poll-watchers Dennis Rahaman and Daniel Hank were telling people who to vote for. Rahaman had told



LARRY SIEGEL

Owen Rumelt, who filed the complaint with the Election Board, and a Statesman reporter to vote for Fairhall, and that Fairhall told him to do so.

"I wasn't sure what to say," Rahaman said when asked why he said he was acting on Fairhall's orders. "It was only a joke."

If the Judiciary determines that Hank, who was the poll-watcher in O'Neill College, and Rahaman, who was poll-watcher in Ammann College, were the only ones guilty of telling people how to vote, the Election Board would proceed with counting the ballots according to a plan it formulated Tuesday night. Under that plan, a winner would be declared only if the margin of victory was greater than the total number of votes cast in those two dormitories was large enough to change the outcome of the election, a new election for treasurer would be held in those two buildings.

—Saltz



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# Information Center Opens After Two Day Shut-Down

By Laura Craven

The University Information Center, which is located in the lobby of the Stony Brook Union, resumed services Wednesday after a two-day shut down.

According to Bill Fornadel, acting director of the Stony Brook Union, the decision to reopen the Information Center was made at a meeting Tuesday night which included staff from both the Union and Office of Student Affairs. It was also decided that an extensive review of the personnel and resources available would be done in the hope that the Information Center will not have to close

again.

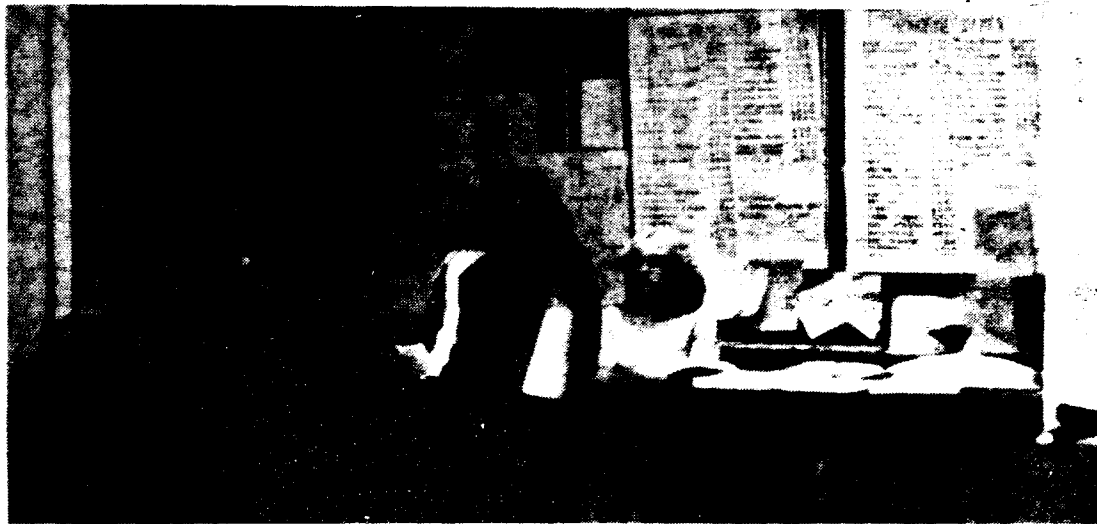
Fornadel said that as of now, things remain the same as they were before the Information Center closed with regards to personnel. After the review is completed the Union Administration will be better able to assess what the needs of the building might still be, he said.

### Limited Resources

The Information Center which supplies the campus with directory assistance as well as academic and social information, closed Sunday night and did not resume service until Wednesday. "The Union's limited resources have not increased in re-

lation to its growth and both the facility and the staff have experienced serious stress in response to the demand for their services," Fornadel wrote in a memo to the campus community explaining the temporary closing of the Information Center. "It has become necessary to redirect the Union's resources and personnel services to meet the demands of the day-to-day operations and those caused by increased usage."

The staff at the Information Center have been given additional duties, according to Fornadel, but the Information Center will remain open at least until the review is complete.



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UNION INFORMATION DESK has been reopened indefinitely contingent upon review of personnel and resources.

# Extermination Program Triggers Controversy

By Christine Castaldi

Over the past few weeks there has been controversy between students, administration, and exterminators over the revised exterminating program at the University. Since the program began August 25, many students have been complaining about the way it is being run.

For the past 10 years, Stony Brook has had a contract with B and L exterminators of Smithtown. This contract is a yearly one, and is subject to change every three years. According to John Williams, director of the Dorm-Cooking program, "the exterminating program was set-up for the sole purpose of alleviating the bug and roach problem on campus for the students who live in the dorms".

William's has the power to cancel the contract with B and L exterminators. The exterminating program works as follows: the exterminator reports to each quad office and is given a form of each students' room that needs and/or requests an extermination.

The exterminators work on a hectic schedule, said Williams. Every Wednesday, the exterminators go to G-Quad from 8:30 AM-9:30 AM, from there they go to H-Quad at 10 AM, then to Kelly Quad at 11:30, and finally to Stage XII Quad at 1 PM.

On Thursdays they report to Roth Quad at 11:30 AM and proceed to Tabler Quad at 1 PM. On Fridays they do suite/rooms only at Roth

Quad from 8:30 AM to 11 AM, Tabler Quad from 11 AM to 2 PM and Kelly Quad from 2 PM to 4:30 PM.

According to Williams, the biggest problem with this program seems to be the fact that the students must move all their belongings in the center of the room in order for the exterminator to spray. "Each student must move their belongings in the center of the room, or else the job will not be done effectively," he said.

Williams pointed out another problem: "there is also the problem with time. Sometimes there are too many rooms that the exterminator must get done, but he can't since he works on a tight schedule".

Several students have said that they have had unpleasant experiences with the exterminators.

"I had an experience with one exterminator where he refused to spray my room," said Hand College resident Jay Collins. When he first entered my room I didn't have all my things in the center of the room, and when I did move them about two feet from the baseboard, he still refused to spray."

These unpleasant experiences are not uncommon. According to Susan Regan, another resident of Hand College, "I literally had to beg the exterminator to spray my room. "Everything was moved into the center of my suite, except for a refrigerator. I pleaded with the exterminator,

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# Iranian Cities Hit By Missiles

Baghdad, Iraq — Iran claimed Iraq fired missiles into two Iranian cities yesterday, inflicting the highest casualty toll of any action in the war. Both sides were dispatching envoys in an effort to enlist support from other countries. Iran, which claimed up to 180 killed and 300 wounded in Iraqi missile attacks, reported major gains in the central sector of the front and President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr told Tehran Radio "we are entering the final phase of the war." Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said victory was certain and Iran planned to replace the Iraqi regime with "an Islamic government" in Baghdad.

Iraq said its forces "continued to destroy enemy installations," but Baghdad did not confirm that it used Soviet supplied ground-to-ground missiles for the first time in the conflict.

Baghdad Radio said Iraqi forces were "destroying vital military and economic installations" at Dezful and that the city in the central sector of the front "is at the mercy of our ground fire." Iran said Dezful was hit by missiles and also accused Iraq of bombing two hospitals in Ahwaz, 70 miles to the south.

## Neutral in War

In Washington, the State Department said the Soviet Union, and possibly other Warsaw Pact nations, was sending supplies to Iraq through the Jordanian port of Aqaba. Spokesman John Trattner said he did not know what types of supplies that Soviets were sending. Moscow has said it was remaining neutral in war.

With the war in its 18th day, both sides stepped up diplomatic efforts. Iran said it planned to send a delegation to friendly countries to explain Iran's stand

and that Iran also hoped to put its case before the U.N. Security Council.

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, apparently seeking outside aid or new mediation efforts, sent envoys to six countries — Turkey, Greece, India, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Italy. Western diplomats in Ankara said they believed Hussein's envoy asked for Turkish mediation to end the conflict.

## Settlement

Secretary-General Habib Chatti of the Islamic Conference was to go to Tehran and Baghdad in a new effort to promote settlement of the war, President Mohammed Zia ul Haq of Pakistan said yesterday. The 40-nation Islamic Conference asked Zia to try to arrange a mediation effort. The Yugoslav news agency said Chatti was in Belgrade for a conference on Islam sponsored by the United Nations.

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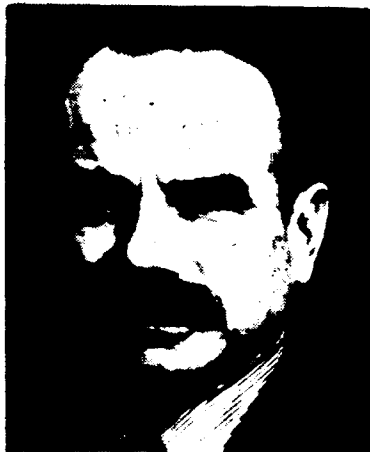
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## NEWS DIGEST

### International

Moscow — The Soviet Union accused China of deliberately provoking a border incident last weekend and demanded Chinese authorities punish those responsible, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Tass said the Soviet charges were contained in a protest note delivered yesterday to the Chinese Embassy.

The Soviets said an unarmed Soviet civilian was killed in the incident, and such actions by the Chinese would only "stir further the enmity in China toward the Soviet Union, which consistently comes out for the normalization of relations between the two states."

On Monday, China's Foreign Ministry said in Peking that four Soviet soldiers had intruded into China's Inner Mongolia region, killed a herdsman and exchanged fire with Chinese frontier guards. According to the Chinese account, a Soviet soldier was killed and three others fled during the incident Sunday.

The Soviet version said three Soviet citizens, all unarmed, were fishing on the Ergune River between the two countries when they heard a call for help from the Chinese side of the waterway. When they approached, they were fired on by "hiding" Chinese troops, and one of the three was killed, Tass quoted the Soviet protest note as saying.

### National

Detroit — General Motors Corp. will recall 62,500 of its 1980 and 1981 model passenger cars in three separate campaigns to fix hose and wiring problems, the nation's leading automaker said yesterday.

About 24,700 Chevrolet Impala and Caprice models equipped with the 3.8-liter 229-cubic-inch V-6 engine in the 1980 model year are being recalled to check whether the front brake pipe is rubbing against the left front edge of the engine oil pan. GM said they could make the brake line wear through, draining fluid from the front hydraulic circuit and disabling the front brakes.

The rear brakes would still work and the dashboard warning light would light up, GM said.

The brake line will be relocated if necessary, GM said.

Washington — The United States and China are close to an agreement under which China would

pledge to buy five to nine million metric tons of U.S. grain over the next three years, U.S. officials said yesterday night.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said a U.S. Agriculture Department delegation is in Peking working out the final details of the agreement. He said it may be signed in the next few days.

Washington — The White House announced yesterday \$20-million in financial aid for 51 small-scale hydroelectric projects in New York, New Jersey and 16 other states.

Alfred Kahn, the president's inflation adviser who coordinated the participation of several agencies on the projects, said they will add more than 650,000 kilowatts of generating capacity, equivalent to the household electricity needs of one million people.

### State and Local

White Plains — Jean Harris calmly told a Harrison, New York, police detective that she shot Scarsdale diet doctor Herman Tarnower during a desperate attempt to get the famed physician to kill her, the detective testified yesterday.

The 57-year-old former headmistress of the posh Madeira School, in Mean, Virginia, then collapsed in the detective's arms. The body of her companion of 15 years was carried out of his Purchase, New York estate, Detective A. Siciliano said.

Buffalo — A black cab driver was found slain near Buffalo yesterday, one day after another black cabbie was murdered and less than three weeks since four black males were shot to death.

District Attorney Edward Cosgrove of Erie County said the hearts had been cut out of cab drivers Ernest Jones, 40, and Parler Edwards, 71, after they were dead. Neither organ was found.

Cosgrove said Jones, found dead along the Niagara River in the nearby Town of Tonawanda yesterday, appeared to have been killed by a slash of the neck. He said Edwards, found slain Wednesday in suburban Amherst, was bludgeoned to death

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# Minor Blaze in Kelly A

By Darryl Rotherforth

Sparks and flames resulting from a short-circuiting cooking outlet led to the evacuation of the Kelly A dormitory at 9:30 PM Wednesday night. No personal injury or property damage was caused and the building was evacuated in record time.

Paul Kilfoil, resident of Kelly A 208, reported that "the outlet next to our cooking table began sparking. We all [the other suite members and Kilfoil] froze. We didn't know what to do." One unidentified suite member attempted to put out the flames with the fire extinguisher. Finding that inoperable, they all ran to the Managerial Assistant's (MA's) room across the hall for help.

Neither the MA nor the Resident Assistant (RA) for the hall was available and there were no other

fire extinguishers accessible. One person called Public Safety while two others turned off the electricity to the room and pulled the fire alarm.

Public Safety officers Charles Thomas and Anthony Catalano responded to the scene within three minutes of the call. "We were lucky this time," said Thomas inferring that due to the lack of two patrol cars on that shift, "someone could have been hurt."

Rick Duran, Environmental Health and Safety Assistant Director, and Fire Marshals Will Finamore and John Poulos were called in to investigate the cause and damage. "Accumulated grease in the outlet overheated and ignited," said Finamore. The outlet was not in use at the time. Duran also suggested that the fire could have been worse because "students don't know how to keep their rooms fire-safe" (see related story).

# ISS Re-Allocated Space For Library in Stage XII A

By Jim Scott

A motion was unanimously passed in favor of re-allocating the basement of Stage XII A as a library for the Iranian Student Society (ISS) after extended debate at Wednesday's Building Legislature meeting.

The issue of allocating library space for the ISS was first raised by the Building Legislature September 24, when a motion was made to take away the room from the organization because of charges that it stole end hall lounge couches and failed to send representatives to previous legislature meetings to re-apply for use of the room. However, since the two charges that had been leveled at the ISS proved to be false, the Legislature voted to re-open discussion on the room and take a new vote.

After the reading of the agenda and the settling of new business, a discussion on the space allocation issue began. A member of the International Committee against Racism (INCAR) charged that the whole incident was caused by what he called "patriotism," and

"racism." A resident countered by saying that "you've set us up. No matter why we should vote them out, we'll be branded 'racists'."

### Lack of Attendance

A resident assistant (RA) said that it was not politics, racism or anything else but the simple fact that ISS members do not attend Legislature meetings, and consequently when a vote came up, they were not there to vote. The residents who were present voted, with the outcome that the ISS should remove the library.

A spokesman for the ISS responded, by explaining the organization's activism in the area of educating residents of the Iranian way of life through films and lectures given in the library, thus benefiting the whole building. It was asked if announcements for these events are in English since the walls are full of notices exclusively in the Persian language. The spokesman said that announcements were in English, but that news items, public correspondence and other material was entirely in Farsi,

the Persian language.

At this point a motion was made to reallocate the room. Someone else suggested that an amendment be made to that motion providing for all materials to have an English translation as well. The ISS interjected saying that there was no way they could do that due to the time limitation of being students and the immense volume of items received. The amendment was therefore changed, and instead called for a two man committee that would review the material with the ISS so that "only material relevant to residents" be translated.

### Vote of Honor

More than twice as many people attended Wednesday's meeting than any other this year. It was announced at the start that the vote on the room allocation motion would be secret ballot and those voting would have to prove residency. But when the vote was taken two hours later, it was decided that it was to be a "vote of honor," and a simple show of hands concluded the issue.

# Extermination Controversy

(Continued from page 1) and he finally sprayed my room after a lot of persuading."

Jennifer Lynch, a Resident Assistant (RA) in Hand College said, "there seems to be a lack of communication between the students and the exterminators. Maybe if the students knew exactly what times the exterminators are expected to show up, and exactly what they want the students to do, then maybe things would get done properly."

"This year we are trying to improve our services for the Stony Brook campus," said Bill Thompson owner of B and L exterminators. "Both myself and Mr. Williams are working outways in which we can improve Stony Brook's public health program. If more students would cooperate with us in dealing with the bug and roach problem, then maybe things would be even more effective."



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# BSC 'Kick-Off' Dinner

About 300 people responding to the call for unity within the University's black community packed the Union ballroom last night for the Black Student Coalition's (BSC's) "Kick-Off" dinner. The coalition was formed last spring "to promote unity, cooperation and political and academic awareness among the black community of campus," said BSC Vice-Chairman Patrick Hilton.

Speeches from leaders of various black campus organizations and honorary guests, musical selections performed by the BSC Gospel Choir, a musical prayer and a powerful poetry reading complimented a festive buffet dinner.

(See Wednesday's Statesman for an in-depth look at the Black Student Coalition.)



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# Fire Safety: Dedicated Men

By Nancy J. Hyman

A small fire raged in back of the University Hospital yesterday but was quickly extinguished by Debbie Odell of the Medical Records office. However, the fire was relit by campus fire marshals who were conducting their weekly demonstration on fire safety. The fire was contained within a metal barrel placed in a vacant area behind the hospital.

But this week, National Fire Prevention Week, these same marshals responded to three real fires on campus. These fires, though minor in nature, could have easily been prevented if students, in all three cases residents, had taken simple precautions according to campus fire marshal John Poulos. The most recent one, which occurred in Kelly A Wednesday night was caused when cooking grease contaminated an electrical socket (see related story). The others, which occurred about 3 AM Sunday in Langmuir College, were caused by people leaving inappropriate items atop end hall lounge stoves, in one case a stack of newspapers, in the other, a pillow.

"The whole thing with Fire Prevention Week is to make people stop and think about what they're doing," said Poulos, adding, "a lot of it is common sense." He stated that his department is constantly going through the academic buildings and dormitories to look for unsafe conditions and correct them.

According to George Marshall, director of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety, under whose auspices the Department of Fire Safety falls, the idea of fire prevention "comes down to keeping rooms neat and clean," avoiding clutter, keeping cooking areas free of grease and avoiding the use of octopus plugs. He also suggests that students check the wiring on electrical appliances and make sure that they are in good condition. Poulos advised that students not use "89 cent extension cords," but rather, purchase extension cords which utilize a fuse-breaking system.

"Fire safety is not only this week but a yearly job," asserted fire marshal Bill Schulz. "Everybody should be aware of

safety problems around them at all times to ensure their safety and others." Rick Doran, assistant director of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety, added, "with the help of the students, it is quite possible to make this campus a 'safety model' for other college campuses."

The Department of Fire Safety, which is comprised of three fire marshals, and two fire safety technicians, responds to calls of fires, unsafe conditions, broken equipment and some medical emergencies (they are all New York State Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)). The fire technicians' job is to maintain fire safety equipment such as extinguishers, and hoses. The department also monitors a contractor, according to Marshall, who maintains the fire alarm systems.

## Training Sessions

Fire Safety conducts inspections of all buildings on campus, academic and residential, as well as student businesses. The department also provides training sessions at the beginning of each year for Residential Assistants (RAs) and Managerial Assistants (MAs) which offer talks on fire safety in the dorms, films, and practice in putting out fires. In addition, the department distributed literature in the dorms from the National Safety Council last year, sends out safety news letters to administrators each month, checks the fire extinguishers in every dorm every two weeks and conducts regular fire drills.

The response time of the department has been proven to be very good, as exemplified by a call that fire marshal Will Finamore received yesterday of a "strong odor of smoke coming from the second floor of Stage XII D." Finamore, who was setting up the fire demonstration at the hospital, arrived at the location in two minutes.

"Fire Safety has a cracker-jack bunch of firefighters in their field," complimented Poulos. In addition, according to Marshall, the Stony Brook and Setauket Fire Department's response time is under seven minutes to the campus.

In case of fire, the first thing

students should do, if possible, is to activate the fire alarm and call the Department of Public Safety who will then, in turn, get in touch with Fire Safety. If a student is in a closed room, said Marshall, and smells smoke, he should feel the door to see if it is hot. If the door is hot, it should not be opened. Rather, the student should place wet towels or clothes at the bottom of the door. He should also hang a sheet out of the window to let fire fighters know that someone is in the room. Marshall also added that, because doors are fire-rated, a person can remain in a room for up to an hour and half without harm.

If the door is open and a student smells smoke, he should determine which direction it is coming from and exit the building the opposite way, advised Marshall. In leaving the building, students should remain as low as they can since "breathable air" is closest to the floor. If possible, students should close their room doors and stairwell doors on their way to try to contain the fire as much as possible.

Many times, alarms go off for no apparent reason. Sometimes this is due to mechanical malfunctions but mostly it is because people pull them as a prank.

"One of the big problems in the dorms is false alarms," said Marshall, adding that this is an "annoyance to residents" and leads to undue use of the alarm systems. "The only way to control false alarms lie with the students themselves," he said. Marshall suggested that offenders be turned in whenever possible.

The main problem with false alarms in that students tend to ignore them, both Poulos and Marshall contended. "That, in the case of a real fire, can be fatal," warned Marshall.

"It should be evident to everyone that Fire Prevention Week is to promote safety awareness. I am quite proud of our staff and the effort we have taken to provide a safe campus community," said Doran. Poulos added, "We're not here to harass or put the student out. We're just here to educate them and work with them. I think we do an excellent job."

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Compiled by meteorologists Peter Frank, Stefan Shecker, Chris Grassotti and Tom Mazza (Courtesy of the Stony Brook Weather Observatory)

Summary: A ridge of high pressure which is providing us with fair weather today will continue to slide eastward, making way for a frontal system currently spreading clouds and a few showers across the Great Lakes and upper Midwest.

In lieu of its approach, clouds will likely be on the increase tonight, with the risk of a shower during the first part of Saturday. Then partial clearing will take place as drier and slightly cooler air slowly filters into our area, setting the scene for a very autumn-like Sunday.

Today: Sunshine through some high clouds with seasonable temperatures. Highs 65-70.

Tonight: Increasing cloudiness, breezy, and mild. Lows in the mid to upper 50s.

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## Lack of Cooperation

The dormitory exterminating program has, since its inception, been ridden with controversy. It appears that certain problems have once again cropped up between the students, Administration and the new exterminating policy.

The problems seem to stem from a lack of cooperation between the students and Administration.

According to John Williams, director of the Dormitory Cooking Program, the issue of public health is an important one. We agree it is important, but why should it still be an issue?

It seems as if the B and L exterminating company is making unfair demands upon students to move their furniture into the center of the room each week. Just how far must one move a large refrigerator so that extermination can be effective? Perhaps the exterminating company is simply making a convenient excuse for not fulfilling its responsibility.

In addition, why must the exterminators be arrogant to the students? Why was it necessary for one student — just because she had not moved a refrigerator away from the wall — to beg for her room to be exterminated?

The exterminating program is supposed to be helping the students, not creating problems for them. We urge the administration to either change exterminating companies or to once again revamp its policies on exterminating procedures. For it is only with student and Administration cooperation that the problem of roaches can be remedied.

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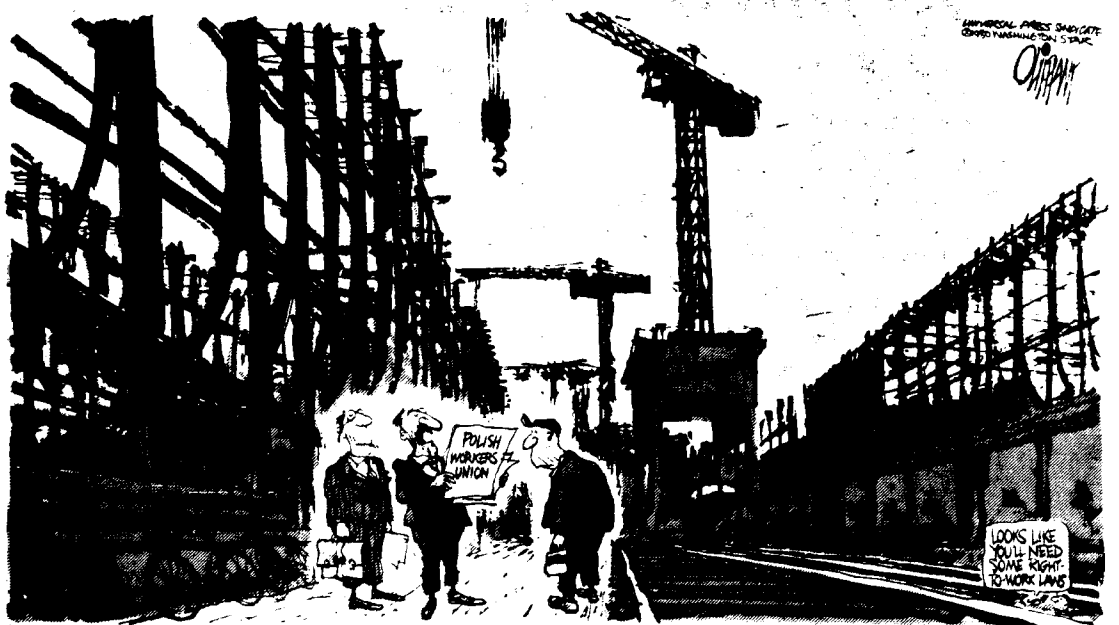
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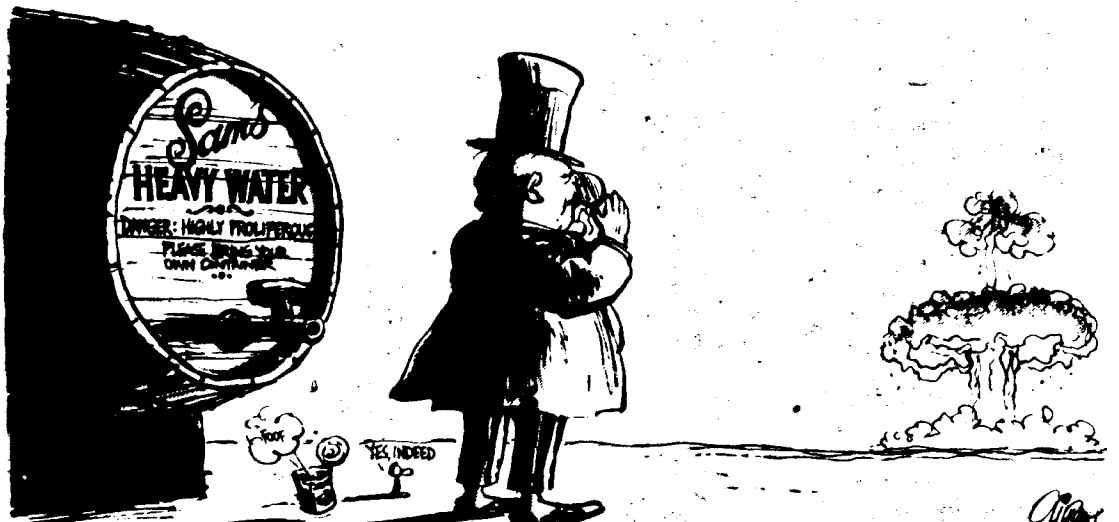
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# —VIEWPOINTS—

## Arbitrary and Unjust Judicial Decision

By Paul Joseph Coppa

"A decent respect to the opinions of mankind," wrote Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, "requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation." Similarly, I must declare the causes which impel me to assert that the Polity Judiciary's decision against me in the case of Paul Joseph Coppa vs. Election Board, is unjust and frightening. It is inherently unjust, because it is based upon a disregard of the supremacy of the Polity Constitution over all other laws, a severe lack of knowledge of the laws of the student government, a degree of capriciousness and arbitrariness that only leads to total absurdity and a complete disrespect for the rule of law of the student government organization. But most importantly, this odious decision now sets a precedent that can only lead in the future to still further denials of Student's constitutional rights.

The circumstances leading to my filing a complaint (May 5) and subsequent injunction (May 15) against the Election Board, with the Polity Judiciary finally hearing and ruling on my case (September 23), must be known before going any further. The events are as follows: I was among four people who ran last semester for the Senior Class Representative position on the Polity Council. Running for that office involved two elections: one on April 23, the other on May 1. The April 23 election was invalidated, due to certain election rules violations.



RUTH SUPOVITZ

Therefore, the election was run over on May 1, together with all of the run-off elections for the other offices. The decision was made by the Polity Council and Election Board to change the requirement for winning the election from one person obtaining a majority of all the votes cast (as required by the Polity Constitution), to a plurality of the votes cast. The change was made, because it was felt by the Polity Council and Election Board that a run-off election, if needed, could not be held with the time remaining in the semester (two weeks were remaining: The first week being the last week of classes, and the second week being final exam week). The change for winning the election was known to me, and so, nine hours after the election was over, when all the votes for the senior class representative election were counted and it was decided that

Ruth Supovitz was the winner, I accepted my defeat and went home. But two days later (Saturday), I learned that the Polity Constitution requires that "A majority of all votes cast for a position will constitute an election. If the condition of election is not met, then a runoff election between the two candidates with the most votes must be held within 10 days (Article 5, section 1.D)." Thus, the Constitution demanded that no candidate had won the election, since no one won a majority of the total votes cast (the declared winner, Ruth Supovitz, received 268 votes out of a total of 880 votes cast. Certainly, this is far from a majority win of 441). Why should I not be entitled to a Constitutionally mandated run-off election, since all other candidates received it? Consequently, on Monday, May 5, four days after the election, I filed a Judiciary complaint stating that because a run-off election was not given to me, my Constitutional rights had been violated. But chief Justice Anna Lewis, in the two weeks remaining in her term, never provided me with a Judiciary hearing for my complaint. With only one legal avenue left open to me, I obtained an injunction against the Election Board. The injunction ordered the Election Board "to delay confirming the validation of the senior class representative election, and subpoenas are hereby issued on the Election Board until such time as the Court by its chairman or secretary shall set and notify the litigants or until this document is rescinded." Four months after I issued my complaint and injunction, my case was heard by the new Judiciary. Several days ago, the Judiciary's written opinion was issued. It is that opinion I find ludicrous, and will explain why.

The Judiciary's opinion states: "the decision to allow a plurality win was made weeks before the election, and ... This decision was based on necessity and was approved by both the Election Board and the Polity Judiciary." First, the decision to change how the election would be won, was made not weeks before the election, but one week. Second, the Judiciary never approved the change from majority to

plurality. But even if they had, it would be unconstitutional. The Judiciary cannot amend the Constitution. The procedure for this is clear: Polity Senate or Council passes the amendment by 3/4 vote, or a petition of the students is submitted, whereby the amendment is placed on the ballot. For the amendment to become law, the student population must approve it by 2/3 vote (Article 13). Third, it is meaningless that the Election Board approved the change. The Election Board has no involvement in amending the Constitution.



PAUL JOSEPH COPPA

"In an attempt to protect the constitutional rights of the candidates, the Election Board law allows complaints to be submitted one hour after the polls close and the election is over, at which time the Judiciary confirms the election." First, the Election Board Rules and Regulations contains nothing about complaints having to be submitted one hour after the polls close. Second, I do not understand why the Judiciary decides to fabricate this one hour time limit on seeing that justice is carried out. Justice delayed is justice denied. Furthermore, issuing a complaint requires some kind of injury to have been sustained (denial of legal rights). I could not have filed my complaint before, during, or one hour after the election, because the results of the election were not known until nine hours after the polls closed. Injury, in my case, would be the denial of the Constitutionally required run-off election. Before, during, and one hour after the election, I suffered no injury. But nine hours after the election, my injury began. It was then, that the decision to seat Ruth Supovitz by a plurality win was finalized.

"The Election Board had the right to alter the provisions for winning an election if they deemed necessary ... the change

in an Election Board law does not in itself violate a Constitutional right." The Judiciary now declares that the Election Board can change the Constitution if they believe it necessary. In my case, the Election Board, and the Polity Council, changed the Constitution without going through the legal procedure. Such action is repugnant to the Constitution. The Polity Judiciary cannot understand, no matter how much I try, that it was not "Election Board law" that was changed, but the Constitution.

"A candidate is given the right to a judicial hearing if, and only if, he or she has appealed the Election Board and has obtained unsatisfactory results." The aforementioned statement is based upon the Election Board Rules and Regulations (Section 7.G). I did not first appeal to the Election Board. I appealed directly to the Judiciary. The Judiciary apparently believes

that I should have first appealed to the Election Board, that body which committed the unconstitutional act, and once rejected, should have gone to the Judiciary. But what is absurd about this decision, and most importantly, absurd about that provision in the Election Board Rules, is it gives the Election Board Judiciary powers to determine if something is constitutional or not. The Judiciary declares that the Election Board can decide when the Judiciary will and will not be allowed to hear cases. So the Judiciary, a power inferior only to the will of the student body, accepts the dictates of an inferior, administrative body. The Constitutionally-mandated power structure of the student government has now been changed by caprice.

"Coppa, a Polity Senator, should have been aware of his legal rights as a candidate ... The Judiciary believes I should (Continued on page 10)



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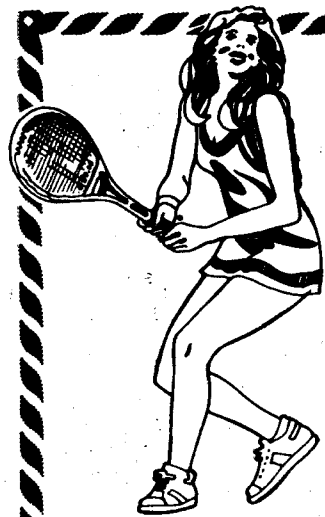
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## Unjust Decision

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I have known that my Constitutional rights may have been violated, even though the Polity Council, Election Board, and Polity Judiciary, were all unaware that my rights were violated. Being a Polity senator does not make one automatically an expert on the Constitution, just as, as I have learned from this case, being a member of the Judiciary does not even make one remotely familiar with the Constitution, or any other law of Polity.

"The court does not find the Election Board in violation with the law by disregarding the injunction, since it was null and void due to the fact that, it did not follow proper Election Board procedure." First, there is no procedure outlined in the Election Board rules with regard to issuing injunctions. Second, even if there was a set procedure, only the Judiciary can determine how a Judiciary injunction is to be issued. Third, if the Judiciary took the time to read their own bylaws, they would discover under Article 3, section B, that "Injunctions and stays without a majority vote by the Court at initiation shall be valid until the Court meets and decides whether to sustain or rescind the injunction of stay." Therefore, not only did the Election Board violate the injunction, since it was valid until the court met (four months later), but because the injunction had the effect of preventing anyone from taking the senior class representative seat, Supovitz violated the injunction, as did the entire Polity Council for failing to enforce it (actually, the Polity Council passed a motion overruling the injunction, which they constitutionally cannot do).

One final excerpt sums up the mentality of the present Judiciary: "An important fact to remember, is that his constitutional right was not the right to a majority win election, but the right to contest any change in policy he regarded unfair up to and including one hour after the polls closed." The Judiciary believes it was not my constitutional right to have a majority win election, even though that right is stated in the constitution. They regard the changing of a constitutional right as a mere "change in policy;" and they set a time limit on when justice is to be upheld, and when the denial of justice begins.

My view of law is summed up in a quote by the Roman Statesman, Marcus Cicero: "Law, in its strict and genuine acceptance, is nothing else than the perfection of reason, that inherent sense of right which commands us what to do and what to avoid. Reason, when properly unfolded and matured in the human mind, is what I understand by law." But when you deal with a Judiciary composed of individuals who abandon all reason, and replace it with absurdity, what is one to do? A similar situation is faced by President Jimmy Carter. He must deal with the Ayatollah

Khomeni.

I would appeal the Judiciary's loathsome decision, but they have denied me this right. (The writer is a Polity Senator elect)

## BUSINESS DIGEST

Compiled by David Durst

The New York Stock exchange closed lower yesterday in quiet trading. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 5.03 to 958.96. There were 680 stocks up and 855 down. The average share of common lost 15 cents. Volume totaled a mild 44.0 million shares.

Gold and silver rose on news that fighting in the middle east was growing worse. Gold closed up \$10 in New York at \$684.00 per ounce.

The Next Market Leader  
(second of a five part series)

As explained in Wednesday's issue of Business Digest, the stock market is always led by a few industry groups. These are not the only groups that advance in price, but they are the ones that cause the rise for the rest.

In the past year, computer, high technology and oil stocks led the stock market into new high ground, and many analysts feel that in a bad market they will lead the losers. After such a spectacular run up like we have had in the past six months, caution must be used when deciding where to invest.

Many stocks are at artificial highs and are now targets for dramatic falls. For this reason, many analysts, and I are suggesting that investors stay away from the high flyers that can be found everywhere in this market. People often lose fortunes investing in high flying market leaders that have run out of steam. An example is the gambling stocks.

Most everyone remembers the incredible gains made by all companies affiliated with gambling. Bally Manufacturing, Golden Nugget and virtually all companies of this type, chalked up gains of 200, 300 even 400 percent during their market leadership. But soon after the novelty had worn off, they all fell back to where they were before. Bally Manufacturing for instance, which came from the low teens to move to a high of 43, is now trading at about \$22 per share.

Most analysts recommend that investors find an industry that is fundamentally sound, a company in it with reasonable performance, and no extenuating circumstances to affect the performance of the individual stock. One group that I have been watching that appears to fill those requirements is the natural resource group. These stocks have always been considered as relatively good performers and they don't seem to have very high price earnings ratios. A price earnings ratio is the ratio of price to earnings per share. If a company earned \$2 per share and it is selling for \$10, it has a P/E ratio of five.

In Wednesday's issue of Business Digest, part three will continue to examine stocks that fill the above requirements, and other possible market leaders.



## The Inside Track

# Barretto, Geronimo Talent on the Field

By Raymond Stallone

On every football team there is one individual who possesses such a superior degree of talent that his performance on the field can have a decisive impact on the game's outcome. His skills are so finely honed and unmatched that his absence from the lineup can be a devastating blow.

Steve Barretto is one such gifted individual. Invariably, he is a major factor in determining the Patriots success rate on the gridiron. Barretto is the team's leading tackler and defensive captain. He is the indispensable Patriot.

An all-League selection in '79, Barretto has played the middle linebacker position, a role which is traditionally reserved for a team's top defender, for three years.

"Football is a finesse game as well as a physical confrontation," said Barretto. "From my middle linebacker post, I have the time to read the offensive play and then react accordingly."

"Steve is an outstanding athlete," said Stony Brook Patriots head coach Fred Kemp. "He has the talent, intelligence and durability to compete on a Division II level."

Currently, the senior psychology major is in the process of establishing an endurance mark typifying a player of his caliber. Save for a brief respite against Roger Williams College last year, Barretto has played every down of every game since the halfway mark of his sophomore campaign.

"I played both offense and defense while attending John Glenn High School, so I've always been accustomed to seeing a lot of action," said Barretto. "I always try to stay in top physical condition and last spring I joined the Stony Brook Lacrosse club in order to try and keep a competitive edge."

Well-built at 5-feet, 10-inches, 180 pounds, the broad-shouldered Italian Stallion wears uniform No. 51, a number immortalized by Dick Butkus, the greatest and perhaps meanest middle linebacker in pro football history. A player whose style varies completely from that of Barretto's.

"My reasons for playing college football do not include attempting to cripple an opponent or tear off someone's head," Barretto said. "I enjoy the action and the challenge of trying to defeat the other team, but I still feel like I'm the nicest guy in the world."

Apparently, Barretto's altruistic makeup has enabled him to reach the highest level of his sport, and the Greenlawn, Long Island, resident is committed to sparking the Patriots drive to the National Collegiate Football Association Playoffs in 1980. "None of the players on this year's squad has ever been in a playoff game, so I feel as if we're all eager to pull together and do whatever it takes to make the playoffs," said Barretto.

A quiet and unassuming individual, Barretto utterly detests the prevailing portrait of football players, which paints them as savage, blood-thirsty mongers. "I'd like to breakdown some of the stereotypes that people have concerning the image of football players," said Barretto, who already holds an associate degree in criminal justice from Nassau Community College.

Barretto's value to the club is underscored by his presence on all of the Patriots special teams. "We want our top players on the field for roughly two-thirds of the game, so we have Steve in on the punting and place-kicking units," Kemp said. "You don't find our best athletes standing along the sidelines, they're out on the field executing."

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Geronimo Morales is another Stony Brook defender who spends a good deal of time on the playing field executing strategy and opposing ballcarriers.

Morales is an intriguing character, who deftly used his Puerto Rican nationality and dynamic name to stir fear into the hearts of opponents and create legions of energetic supporters.

Morales patrols the monster, or rover, post on defense and his aggressive, enthusiastic style of play has won him praise and admiration from teammates and coaches.

"Geronimo is a tremendous hitter and is an extremely smart football player," said Kemp. "He has developed an amazingly fast rate."

Morales' understanding of college football had to be learned at an accelerated pace since he never joined the varsity football team at Westinghouse High in Brooklyn. "I've always dreamed of playing college ball and being the only Puerto Rican on the team makes me want to roar on the field," Morales declared.

The Loquacious sophomore acquired the name Geronimo last year in Bristol, Rhode Island, when he pounded an enemy kick returner into the turf while capably serving on the suicide squad. Free safety Brian Fabricant screamed, "Way to go Geronimo," and a legend was born.

Geronimo's locker sports a collection of feathers which have become his trademark and he currently wears an authentic, dark brown hawk feather on top of his wavy, black hair.

"The feather gives me motivation to go out onto the field and ram the other team singlehandedly," Morales remarked with just a touch of surrealism.

Geronimo Morales is surely a legend in his own mind.

# Statesman Sports

## SB Downs Bklyn and Queens Record Now 5 Wins, 2 Losses

By Ronna Gordon

The Stony Brook women's tennis team is once again acclaimed victors, as it defeated Brooklyn College 8-1, and Queens College 5-2 in two recent matches. The team's record is now 5-2.

An impressive and distinctive style of playing was demonstrated by the Patriots when they overwhelmed Brooklyn College October 6. Top seeded player, MaryAnn Ryan quickly defeated her opponent in an easy win of 6-1, 6-2. Showing especially good form was number two seeded player, Candace Farrell who brought a "bagger" in from one of her games and gained a successful win of 6-0 and 6-2. Fine playing was also exhibited by number three seeded Lisa Roth, number four seeded Roni Epstein and number five seeded Cathy Wang as they each brought in accomplished wins of 6-1, 6-1; 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-4 respectively.

The only match lost was by the number six seeded player Janet Wallach. Defeating her opponent by 6-1 in the first set she later lacked her concentration and lost her conclusive sets 5-7, 3-6.

The undefeated combination of number one doubles Ryan and Farrell continued their record to achieve an 8-1 triumph in a pro-set match.

Brooklyn College forfeited the number two and three doubles, automatically giving the Patriots the win.

"As a whole, the Patriots played well, though Brooklyn proved to be their easiest opponents as of yet" said Patriot Coach Tom Fahner. "They were very inconsistent and played a very unorthodox manner of tennis. It appeared as though they were playing their own style of tennis."

Defeating Queens College proved to be little more difficult. In a skilled but unfortunate match, Ryan lost to her opponent by a score of 3-6, 1-6. Number two seeded Diane Merlino played a very forceful game and achieved a 6-2, 6-3 win. The rest of the singles tournaments also turned out to be successful as proficient playing by Farrell, number four seeded Roth and number five seeded Epstein brought in winning scores of 6-0, 6-3; 6-4, 6-1 and 6-3, 6-2 respectively. Once again the duo of Ryan and Farrell were undefeated as they played a pro-set game and defeated their opponents 8-6. The number two doubles of Merlino and co-captain Mahoney proved to be less successful as they lost their match in a tie breaking game of 8-7.

The Patriots will compete against the College of Staten Island tomorrow in Staten Island.



TOM FUCHS AND BOB DOMOZYCH eat their way to victory.

Statesman/Felix Pimentel

## Pancakes Anyone? King of the Hill Contest

This past Tuesday Whitman A3 ate its way to a close win over Mount A3 in the King of the Hill Pancake Eating Contest at Pancake Cottage. Bob Domozych and Tom Fuchs of Whitman devastated 25 catsup laden pancakes, but it was a neck and neck race all the way, with Mitch Kamarek and Harry Slepian of Mount eating 24 pancakes. Fuchs came dressed for action in racing shorts and a wet towel, while Domozych was athletically

dressed to kill in a football jersey smeared with butter.

### Sleeper Team

The sleeper team of Lenny Rosenfeld and Ike Gorman, representing Dreiser A3 ate their way to victory on Wednesday night. Starting as underdogs to O'Neill G2 and losing heavily in the first five minutes of a 30 minute contest, Rosenfeld and Gorman quickened their pace gradually and went on to topple O'Neill, 25 pancakes to 19.

Ben Marsile, O'Neill pacer,

having come straight from giving blood in the campus blood drive earlier in the day, slackened his pace 20 minutes into the contest and finally threw up, thus eliminating himself from further competition. Charles Nicholas, his partner, tried desperately to double his pace but it became a vain attempt. "I could have gone on forever," said Gorman, suggesting that he was just warming up and is looking forward to participating in the quarter finals in November.