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An athlete at yesterday's games receiving an award at the closing of the Special Olympics at Stony Brook, see story page 3.

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Scholarships Lure Students from Ivy League

New York's public colleges are upping the stakes to raise academic standards while they try to catch up with their private counterparts. To attract better students, the state universities have begun offering attractive scholarships and other perks to prospects who might otherwise attend a Harvard or a Yale.

And the plan seems to be working.

"The State University of New York system has recognized, later than some others, that you have to sell yourself because there's so much competition," said Jon Sorensen, spokesman for SUNY system administration.

For an example of how this is being done, SUNY Brockport is now offering a full four-year scholarship for students who were ranked either first or second in their class and had an SAT score of more than 1,200. SUNY Plattsburgh has given 249 merit scholarships this year totaling \$225,000, which includes 10 community service scholarships worth more than \$2,500 apiece for students active in the community.

Fredonia State College has increased its merit scholarship funding from \$10,000 to \$250,000 in the past 12 years. Merit scholarships have also doubled since last year for the 25 honors students at Buffalo State College.

And Geneseo State College has done much of the same. Merit scholarship money has more than doubled in the past five years, and the average SAT score of this year's freshman class is 1,204. With an SAT score of 1,510, Catherine Hummel chose the University at Buffalo, a school she had never heard of before receiving promotional material, over Princeton, Notre Dame and Bucknell. Hummel, a cross-country runner at her Maryland high school, said she was impressed by UB's honors program, which provides 200 students with scholarships, special seminars and other amenities.

"These are students accepted at Cornell, at Harvard, at Yale, at Cal Tech," said Josephine Capuana, administrative director of the program. "And they choose to come to UB."

But money isn't always the enticement. SUNY Albany implemented a Presidential Scholars program in 1993 that includes more than 10 percent of this year's incoming freshman.

The program offers priority registration for classes,

honors housing, expanded library privileges and special tutorials with faculty members.

"I wouldn't call it luring them, but we are trying to hook the students to coming to visit here, I guess," said Rich Higgins, admissions director at Plattsburgh.

Women's Conference Held at New Paltz

With controversy still lingering over a sex-themed state university conference held last year, organizers put together another gathering this past weekend, drawing none of the partisan ranker seen last year between local school officials and the Governor's hand picked SUNY trustees.

The head of the Women's Studies program at the State University of New York at New Paltz said the attacks from conservative critics actually helped inspire the theme for Saturday's conference: "Silencing Women: Voices of Resistance."

"It's partly a reaction to the very clear feeling of having been silenced, the attempt to have been silenced," said Susan Lehrer, coordinator of the women's program. "We are not about to roll over and play dead."

Last year's version of the annual conference, "Revolutionary Behavior: The Challenges of Women's Sexual Freedom" became a flash point for controversy for its explicit discussions about sex toys, lesbianism and sadomasochism. Critics zeroed in on two of the conference workshops: "Safe, Sane and Consensual S&M: An Alternate Way of Loving" and "Sex Toys for Women."

Republican Gov. George Pataki called the conference "horrendously inappropriate" and SUNY trustee Candace de Russy called for the resignation of campus President Roger Bowen. It snowballed into a battle of mostly conservative critics concerned over academic standards against a group of academics and their supporters who saw it as a free speech issue.

Bowen said he was personally offended by the content of some of the presentations at the conference, but felt organizers had the right to hold the 1997 event.

A study by SUNY administrators concluded that Bowen was right not to call off the conference, but criticized him for not insisting that organizers present counterbalancing comment and information to some of the more controversial

"When you're dealing with merit kids, they have these scholarship offers all over and you have to try and make them notice." Stony Brook admissions officials were unavailable this weekend to make comments on the University's programs to lure in top notch students. (AP)

offerings.

Bowen later received the American Association of University Professors' academic freedom award for his support of the conference.

The furor has quieted since last November, but opponents remain entrenched in their positions.

Critics were curious as to what would transpire Saturday at the small liberal arts college 70 miles north of New York City. But the subject matter appeared to be less incendiary this year.

Instead of talks on the physiology of pleasure, many workshops dwelled on how women are "silenced," in the media, in the legal system and in other areas.

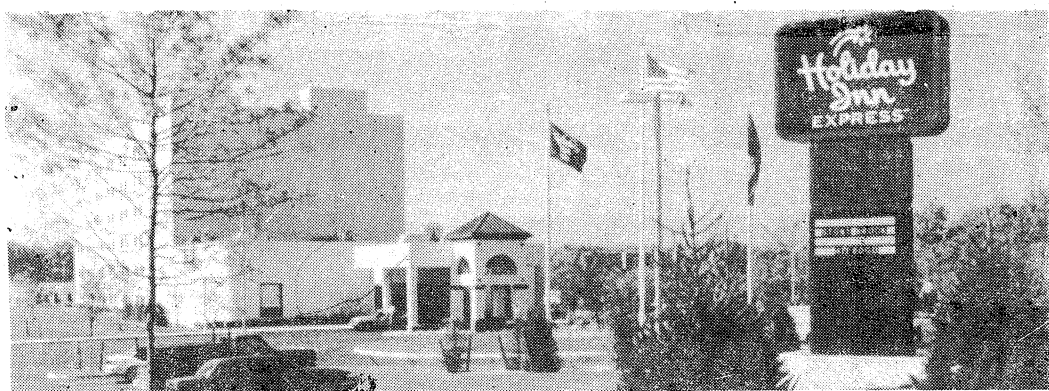
"Sexual education, birth control, how to prevent AIDS, these are matters that are very crucial," Lehrer said. "Silencing information about that... was what we felt needed addressing."

Maybe more controversial was a discussion of "strategies for mobilizing against conservative attacks on women's freedom of expression." There was also a workshop entitled "Family Values: Three Views of the Lesbian Family Experience." De Russy said she will not prejudge this year's conference, but hopes that last year's served to "heighten vigilance" related to academic gatherings.

"The New Paltz incident is just one very dramatic illustration of the need to strengthen academic content standards," she said. De Russy was not sure if she would attend. She was at the 1997 event.

Ironically, while last year's conference continues to inspire strong reactions, many New Paltz students profess not to care that much. Students asked about the event Thursday gave responses ranging from indifference to unawareness. "It was blown all out of proportion," said Mensah Robinson, as he strolled the campus with his girlfriend. "Honestly, we wouldn't have known about it if it hadn't been in the news." (AP)

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Wheeling to the Finish

The 28th Annual Suffolk County Special Olympics Held at Stony Brook

By KAT FULGIERI
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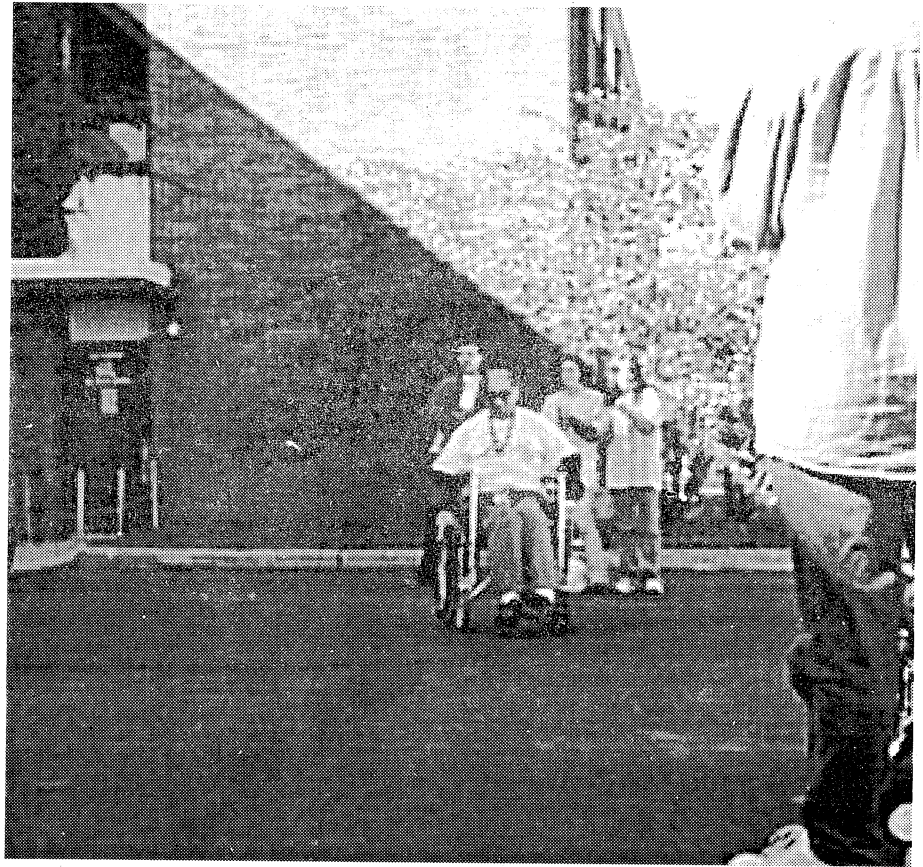
Usually the Sports Complex is filled with fit athletes who long ago began taking their in-shape bodies for granted. The 325 athletes that came to participate in the the Suffolk County Special Olympics held yesterday in the Sports Complex are not likely to do so soon. The games, which are celebrating their 28th year, included the competition of athletes with varying degrees of physical and mental retardation.

The games were referred to as "adapted" which is the sector of the Special Olympics that deals with athletes who are more developmentally challenged than those who normally compete in the games.

Volunteers from all over Long Island came to help at the games. Among them were high school chapters of the Kiwanis Club, SADD, National Honor Society, Student Council, and various other service clubs from schools including Babylon, Kings Park, and Sayville. Sororities and fraternities from

Stony Brook were also present, as were members of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, Brookhaven's Emergency Amateur Radio Service, and the National Guard. All together, the volunteers numbered over 1000. Clad in light blue tee-shirts and badges declaring them "official volunteers," the student separated into groups of two or three and were assigned to specific athletes. Maggie Mazzola, a high school volunteer, explained her interest in the program when saying "I thought it was a good cause, and it looked like fun".

The day started with a carnival outside the Sports Complex, allowing the athletes to play noncompetitive games before the actual events began. Ed Rublio, a sibling of one United Cerebral Palsy athlete, brought his family to the games, which were held both indoors and outdoors. He marveled at the beautiful weather, a wonderful turnout, and expressed his belief that the Special Olympics are "not only good for the students, but extremely good for the athletes".



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The non-motorized wheelchair race was one of the events in the Special Olympics.

Some athletes were assisted by the volunteers while others chose to walk, run, and roll on their own. Placings and times were tabulated, and awards were given to the top athletes at the end of the day.

Nancy Mariano, executive director of the Special Olympics for Suffolk County, is entering her 20th year of involvement with the games. She explained that the Special

Olympics service both children and adults. The amateur athletes require eight weeks of training to compete in the games' 22 events including horseback riding, swimming, golf, tennis, long distance running, soccer and bowling.

She is proud of the program, and said that "it makes a wonderful difference in the lives of the athletes, and in the lives of the people who come to help".

The Pritchard Gym was filled with competitors for a parade around the gym's interior, much like the opening ceremonies of the actual Olympics, to the tune of dance music and loud applause. Several athletes were torchbearers, triumphantly circling the gym with the ceremonial Olympic symbol.

Appearing at the opening ceremony of the games were numerous county and town officials, including Stony Brook's Dean of Physical Education, Dr. Richard Laskowski. All expressed their faith in the games.

When asked, the athletes spoke enthusiastically of the fun they had while competing. There were no tears from non-winners at the awards ceremony, a true testament to what is the noble motto of the games - "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Ammann Catches Fire

By MICHAEL KWAN
Statesman Editor

A fire broke out in Ammann College last Friday night, causing extensive damage to the C-3 lounge.

Students were evacuated and were not allowed back into the building for some time. Residents in A wing were allowed back in at 3:00 a.m. and those in B wing were able to return at about 3:30 a.m.. Students were given the option to sleep in lounges of other buildings. Some residents opted to find alternative places to sleep; some going off campus and others going to friends on campus.

"There's thousands and thousands of dollars worth of damage," said Doug Little, Assistant Director of the University Police for Community Relations.

Little is known about the cause of the fire except that it started at approximately 12:30 a.m. and that it has been labeled suspicious by the



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The Ammann Fire caused extensive damage to the C-3 lounge.

Suffolk County Arson Squad.

If you have any information regarding this fire please call

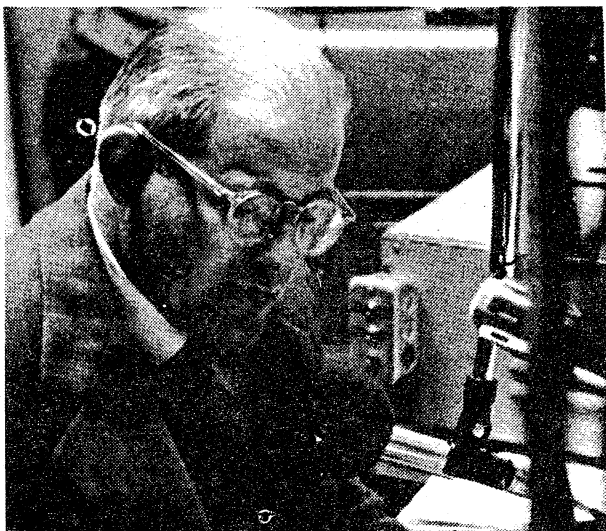
Crimestoppers at 632-TIPS. There is a \$1000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

The Latest Football and Soccer Scores, see page 14.

When Students Revolted

A Look Back at the Events Leading Up to the Three Day Moratorium

This weekend marked the 30th anniversary of a three day moratorium held in 1968 after nearly a year of sometimes violent protests on the University campus. 1968 was marked by a number of incidents that those students, now passing middle age, have not forgotten,



Then University President John Toll speaks to students over WUSB radio.

including: an invasion of the campus by Suffolk County police in 200 cars in a crackdown on student marijuana use; repeated bomb threats in the science buildings, where it was believed that researchers there were helping in the Vietnam War effort; and numerous sit-ins at the administration building.

The shut-down of the University, like Roosevelt's closure of banks during the Great Depression, was meant to let students and administrators calm down after the violent storm of the previous year. A number of changes came out of the meeting which took place during the moratorium, and are listed among the material below, which are excerpts from Statesman archives of the period:

Workers Attack Rally: Students Injured

December 13, 1967 - "Any Psychology student can tell you that no two people see the same event the same way. The incident on the Library Mall last Thursday was no exception... Workers lunged into the crowd of students, professors and administrators who wanted to see the speeches go on without any violence. In the melee, Neal Frumkin was struck in the mouth..."

Workers irate with the fact that the American flag had been taken down attacked student Neal Frumkin, who was involved in a rally, injuring his teeth and lip.

Dissatisfied Students Stage Library Sit-In

January 10, 1968 - "A peaceful demonstration, specifically a sit-in, was staged by approximately 220 students in the Library, Thursday December 14. Spencer Black, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Rights and leader of the demonstration explained, "We were sitting in to protest the fact that students have no say in the making of University decisions..."

Students held an overnight sit-in, in violation of University policy, in the library in protest of the incident involving Frumkin.

The students demanded that the University press charges against the construction company, and [have] equal representation on all University decision making committees, particularly ones involving the Frumkin incident.

Toll Clarifies Issue of Civil Disobedience

February, 27, 1968 - "Changes in the rules which have followed in the wake of the Great Bust have given rise to many questions..."

In response to the increasing civil disobedience on campus, President John S. Toll issued new rules that stated that students engaged in civil disobedience would not be prosecuted "unless their acts were in some way dangerous to the University community."

Students Seize Business Office

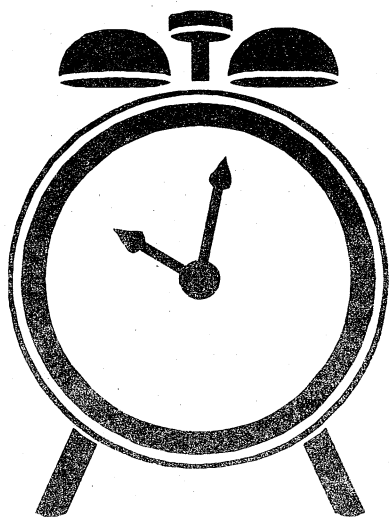
May 3, 1968 - "Demonstrators laid siege on the Business

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Office Wednesday for 16 hours. The group, composed of about 50 to 75 undergraduate and graduate students, was protesting 'the general feeling of dishonesty and insecurity that exists between the students and Administration.'"

Stony Brook students held a protest in the business office for 16 hours, asking that: the University only allow police on campus with a court order or when asked by the University to intervene, suspension of the dorm patrols, while they were under investigation, the allocation of funding for an Africana Studies Program, and the formation of a committee that would resolve future issues.

New Polity Constitution

May 14, 1968 - "Don Rubin became the first Polity President under the new constitution ..."

This marks the election of, Donald Rubin as Polity President. He would later play a major role in the planning of the Three- Day Moratorium.

Toll Pushes Trask For Student Affairs Post: Adams Threatens Ad in New York Times

July 17, 1968 - "Student government leaders have raised objections to the establishment of the office of Vice-President for Student Affairs... President Toll intends to appoint Professor David Trask, of the History Department, to the post for a one-year term."

In the summer of 1968, Toll appointed David Trask to the post of VP for Student Affairs. This cause a great deal of protest from the student body, mainly because Toll failed to consult students about the move.

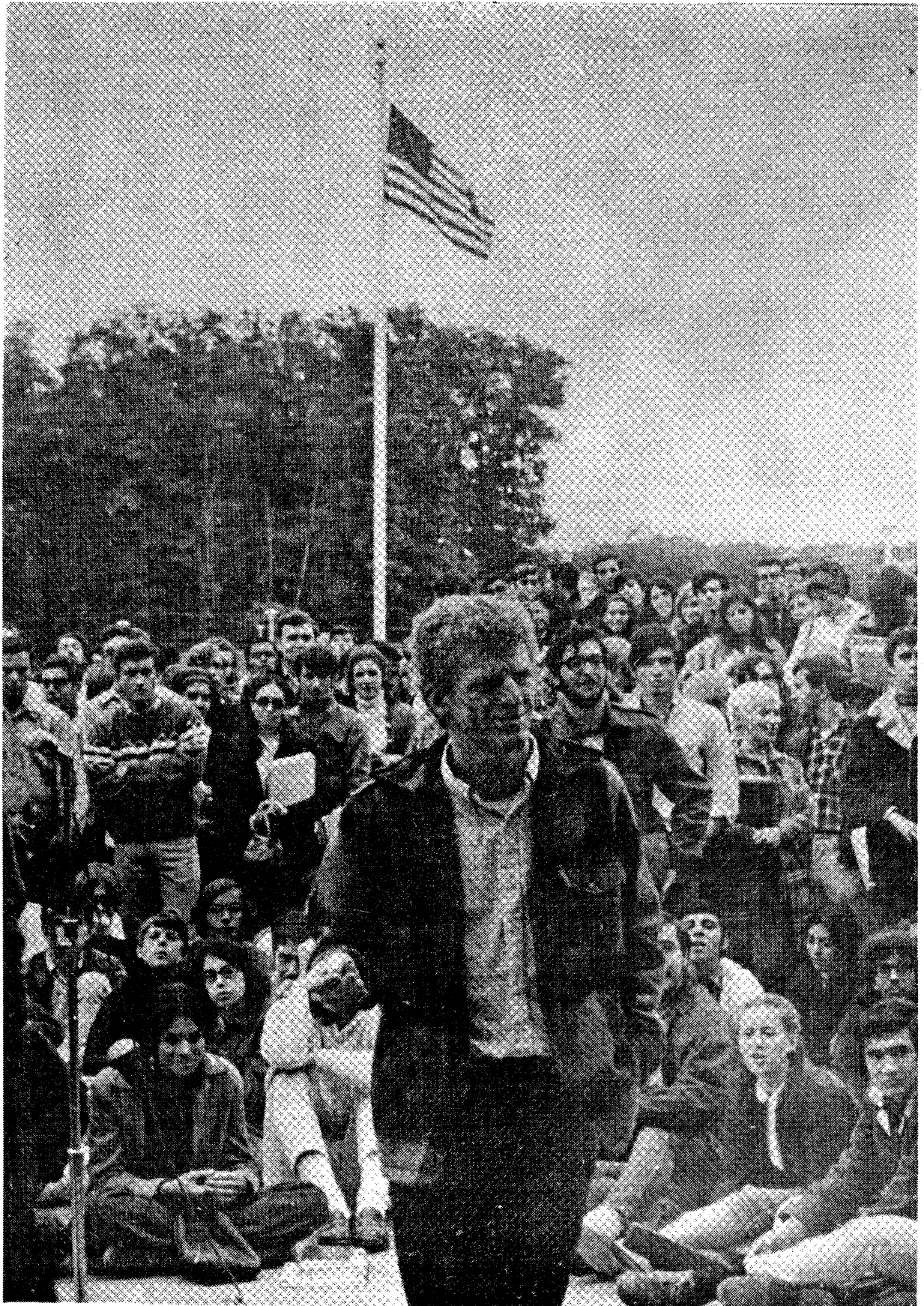
In response to Toll's action, the Polity Association said that it would place an ad in the New York Times if its demands that Trask be removed were not met.

Trask is Made Student Affairs V.P.; Toll Describes Office as "New Link"

September 17, 1968 - "Dr. Toll has established what he claims is a new link between students and the Administration."

Trask's appointment as Vice President for Student Affairs, was made official in September. At the time the office was supposed to be a bridge between the administration and students. The office was also supposed to prevent further outbreaks of violence, such as the incident in January, from happening again.

From a Statesman editorial that day: [The editorial notes the lack of parking on campus, endless registration lines, and the tripling up of students in a two person dorm.] "It is obvious that students are getting the royal shaft...Students are fed up with the system are beginning to see themselves as part of a world-wide movement. Students in Prague, Berlin, Paris, Berkely [etc.] have a community of discontent...Students feel a part of this struggle because they have come to realize that their own woes are not the result of mere administrative incompetence, but are the logical result of a corrupt system of priorities...Stony Brook will



Peter Adams, front, leading a rally of students, took over as Polity President after Donald Rubin resigned from the position

either change this year or else it will blow up, figuratively and/or literally. Either way, the revolution is long overdue.

Vice President Resigns ; Oct. 22, 23, 24 Will Be Three-Day Moratorium On Classes

October 8, 1968 - "David Trask resigned this morning as Acting Vice President for Student Affairs. One of the first repercussions of this surprise move is the announced suspension of classes..."

This action by Trask prompted Administration officials to "reevaluate the entire University," closing the University for three days in October thirty years ago. Trask's resignation became a clear signal that there were serious problems within the University.

Rubin Resigns as Polity President

October 15, 1968 - "Donald Rubin resigned as Polity President yesterday at a Faculty Assembly in the Gym... 'The three days of University introspection must come earlier than planned. The University Community, the Administration and the students, do not know what a dialogue is. Dr. Trask resigned, and for similar reasons, I resign.'"

Rubin resigned from his position shortly before a rally was held to officially announce the Moratorium. His actions left students in a state of confusion.

"Rubin explained his actions by saying, 'It is more than a question of personalities.. It is a question of means. We can still be rational instead of forcing continual confrontations. Confrontation has its place, but not as a constant means.'"

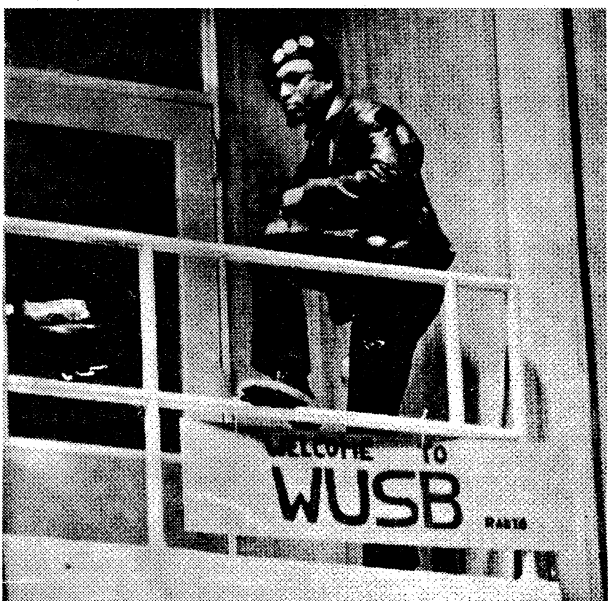
Toll Speaks at Rally, "It Was a Failure"

October 15, 1968 - "With campus unrest becoming more evident by the day, President Toll spoke Friday at a rally called by students."

Rubin and Toll spoke at a rally prompted by a meeting between the two. They spoke about tripling in dorms, athletic funding and Trask's resignation.

During the rally, Rubin said that Student Government did not deal with Trask because his "power existed on paper only."

The Moratorium was held October 22-24, and was largely successful. Afterwards many innovative changes were instituted, including the institution of the Pass/No Credit option, the creation of the Liberal Arts major and the Africana Studies Program (a move that was followed by many other colleges), and state funded athletics.



Eldridge Cleaver visited the Stony Brook campus the week before the Moratorium

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Hard to Find the Difference

Has So Much Changed since '68 Revolts?

There are some things that you just know will get better with age. A fine wine, a robust cheese, the knowledge you acquire with the experiences the passage of time brings you. But often, time means change which incorrectly implies progress. No, some things just do not get better with age and situations here on campus are a true testament to this. Events that happened here at Stony Brook before most of us were mere twinkles in our parent's eyes could have been reported in last weeks' *Statesman*. Remarkably, even back in 1968, students had the same gripes, administrators played the same games. But they didn't sit back and hope that someone else would come along with the results. Students fought in protests, burned police cars over conditions eerily similar to today. To prove to you that things do indeed stay the same, we have come up with a special treat for you: It's time to play "Guess What Year!"

A=1968 B=1998

1. From an open letter to the *Statesman*...

"We gathered last night to demonstrate that a University's growth is not measured by the number of new buildings..."

There can be no doubt about the "quantity" of education at Stony Brook. Ask any junior closed out of any course. Ask any Freshman who entered SB to learn and became a nameless number in the endless classed of 250. Ask anybody tripled in our "beautiful" dorms. It is the quality of education, not the quantity of the architecture, that makes a university what it is."

2. Campus maintenance is at an all time low, particularly in the dorms rooms. There is grit caking the dorm hallways 1" thick, the bathrooms have filthy sinks, streaked mirrors and

overflowing garbage pails. There are missing shower curtains and light bulbs, broken lounge furniture and clocks. This is all due to the incompetence of the janitorial staff and the sloppy living habits of the students.

3. Stony Brook trumpets our university as the birth

In 1968, we had a Revolution, this Year we have Polity Senator Frank Santangelo

place of the bar code as Stony Brook ranks for the second consecutive year as having the second most unhappy students in the entire nation.

4. In an advertisement from a local pizza place: Introducing the new *Titanic* hero, consisting of ham, salami, roast beef, bologna, lettuce, onion, tomato, cheese and a special dressing. It comes with free potato salad and pickles. They even deliver.

5. 2000 copies of the campus student newspaper disappear from major buildings on campus. The newspaper featured stories critical of administration officials.

6. Students take over the office of the University president to fight for more affirmative action on campus.

7. A professor of organic chemistry on campus writes a letter to the editor where he gives a technical chemical breakdown of marijuana. He calls it a "serious" health hazard and should not be smoked by anyone with any regard for their physical and mental health.

He goes on to say "I have the suspicion that peddlers of narcotics are not really very honest people. Hence, I think it is a safe bet that the

customer is not getting a very fair deal."

8. Students dorming in James College were woken up at 3 a.m. to the sound of the alarm system. It seems that a water pipe had burst in the attic from cold air coming in through vents which froze the pipes and caused them to burst. The alarm went off for about ten minutes and there was a fear that the walls were going to collapse from the high water pressure. As students helped janitors mop up the mess, they grumbled that it was the second time this had happened during the year.

9. A campus newspaper comes under fire after taking on a SUNY trustee with an allegedly illicit front cover depicting the trustee in a compromising position. The University president assures the trustee that she will take steps to correct the situation.

10. Stony Brook Administration officials come under attack after expressing no knowledge whatsoever about the proposed renovations to the Center of campus, although architectural drawings not only existed but were being exhibited in several parts of the campus.

11. A mass student meeting was held to emphasize the intellectual needs of the campus since it seems to have become "intellectually stagnated." Students believe that the biggest problem plaguing the campus is "mistrust and alienation (of the students) which is the result of Administration autocracy" while the administrators think it is the drug "abuse."

12. Students protesting the tripling up in dorm rooms are assured by the campus president that the situation will soon be relieved with the construction of a new quad. The president was quick to remind the students that the hold up was beyond their control.

Answer Key: 1) A 2) A 3) B 4) A 5) B 6) B 7) A 8) A 9) B 10) B 11) A 12) A

Governor Spends Campaign Funds as Aides Face Subpoenas

The Race For Governor

In a show of fiscal force, Gov. George Pataki reported Friday spending almost \$200,000 a day over the past three weeks as he heads down the home stretch in his front-running bid for a second term.

In the three-week period that ended Monday, Pataki said he had spent almost \$4.13 million.

In a report to the state Board of Elections, the last before the Nov. 3 election, Pataki said he had raised more than \$908,000 during the three weeks and still had more than \$5.95 million in the bank for the campaign's final two weeks.

Democratic challenger Peter Vallone reported raising just over \$1 million, but \$250,000 of that represented a loan he made to his own effort. He spent almost \$926,000 during the period. The bottom line showed Vallone with \$329,609 in the bank.

Meanwhile, the Daily News reported Friday that two top Pataki criminal justice aides and one of his former aides had been subpoenaed in the ongoing federal probe into allegations that fund raisers for the governor may have offered to help inmates win parole if their relatives donated to Pataki's campaign fund.

The Pataki camp has denied wrongdoing. The New York City tabloid said state Parole Board Chairman Brion Travis, state prison chief

Glenn Goord and former Pataki criminal justice coordinator Paul Shechtman had all been called before the grand jury looking into the allegations. Pataki administration officials refused to confirm the newspaper report.

The Pataki camp did appear to have their stories straight when it came to responding to questions about the subpoenas. Three separate officials all offered the same answer: "Please call the U.S. attorney or the Democratic state party because it seems that they're working jointly on this."

Other Pataki administration officials and many records had earlier been subpoenaed as part of the probe. Increasingly, aides to Pataki have said that investigation and several others into the governor's fund-raising activities are politically motivated.

One member of the state Parole Board with close ties to the pro-Pataki Conservative Party, Sean McSherry, was indicted earlier this month on charges he lied to the grand jury. McSherry has pleaded innocent.

Pataki's report to the state elections board Friday demonstrated dramatically how he has stepped up spending as the election draws near.

While polls show Pataki with a 2-1 or better lead over Vallone, Republican strategists are attempting to boost the governor's vote to lengthen coattails that might help D'Amato and other Republican candidates. D'Amato is locked in a tight race against U.S. Rep. Charles Schumer.

Most of Pataki's spending in the past three weeks has been for television advertising. (AP)



Governor George Pataki, left, and his Democratic Challenger Peter Vallone, right, have been locked in an election run-up that is much quieter than Pataki's bid to unseat then-governor Mario Cuomo in 1994.

In Game of Politics, Little Fair Play

Attorney General Race

For play-fair groups monitoring New York politics, these words from the incumbent to his challenger were of a most high-minded order:

"Like you, I have signed both the New York League of Women Voters and Interfaith Alliance fair campaign pledges and intend to run an open, honest and fair campaign, free from the negative type of campaigning the voters have grown weary of experiencing," the incumbent wrote.

Five weeks later, the campaign between this incumbent, Republican state Attorney General Dennis Vacco, and Democratic challenger Eliot Spitzer has become second in contentiousness in 1998 in New York to only the donnybrook for U.S. Senate between Alfonse D'Amato and Charles Schumer. And that may be only because the two senatorial candidates have perhaps four times more money to spend than Vacco and Spitzer do.

The attorney general candidates have gnawed away in pit-bull fashion at each other's alleged ethical lapses. Both have accused the other of grossly and deceitfully misstating the facts. Both have essentially dismissed the other as being bankrupt of ideas and of character.

So much for niceties like the fair campaign pledges which each candidate signed this year, and which each campaign openly concedes it has violated.

The tone of the Vacco-Spitzer campaign reflects the problem with trying to institute a voluntary, play-fair standard in campaigns in New York, namely: It is easy for candidates to sign civility pledges, because they carry with them no penalties and candidates will almost certainly not be taken to task by voters for violating them.; It is easy for candidates to justify breaking pledges, because they can always say their opponent violated the terms first.

Not surprisingly, when it comes to Vacco and Spitzer, each campaign says the other reneged first. The speed with which each campaign responded, however, suggests that both sides were looking for an excuse to "go negative," as political operatives say when campaigns stop stressing a positive

message of what their candidates would do if elected and start denigrating their opponents.

He launched into a negative attack of such a personal and vitriolic nature, that he had no intention of keeping his promise to these organizations or to the voters," Vacco campaign spokesman Mike Zabel said. "His acceptance speech that night was one of the nastiest and most personal speeches that I can remember. It's very hard for a candidate to let those vicious attacks go unanswered." But Spitzer's campaign said it felt similarly aggrieved when the state Republican Committee began airing a tough television commercial on the morning after Primary Day in which the "liberal," New York City-based Democratic nominees for statewide office in 1998 were compared with sharks and depicted swimming out of the city to an apparent feast in upstate waters. "No one can doubt that it was a direct personal attack on the Democratic nominees, and from that point on, when the Republicans started in, all bets were off," Spitzer campaign spokesman Steven Goldstein said.

The play-fair groups look at the tone of campaigns like the Vacco-Spitzer race and say their movement has a long way to go.

They are careful to say that some useful campaign information for voters may be perceived as mud-slinging because of the tough way in which a candidate's opponent raises it. One candidate, for instance, might run a nasty, though valid, ad pointing out that an opponent had said one thing to constituents about an issue and then voted another other way.

"We have to be really careful not to play God and say, 'This is civil, this is uncivil,'" Ed Bloch of the Interfaith Alliance of New York state said about such instances.

"Races are only going to improve if voters demand better. ... I think they will only get the message if they think it is going to cost them an election." (AP)

Look For Additional Coverage in our special Election Issue this Thursday

D'Amato and Schumer Debate

The Senate Race

Meeting for their first debate in one of the most combative races in the nation, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato charged Saturday that Democratic challenger Charles Schumer has missed so much work he should be fired, not elected to the Senate.

"If most people missed as much work as you do, they'd be out, they wouldn't be looking for a promotion," the three-term Republican incumbent told the Brooklyn congressman.

"The past two years, you have been absent without leave while I have been producing and delivering for all of the people of this state," D'Amato added. While D'Amato continued to stress his favorite theme, that his opponent has missed too many

House votes in favor of hitting the campaign trail, Schumer repeatedly went back to his chief charge: the senator is a liar.

"This election may come down to one word ... the word is trust," Schumer said. Schumer said that after D'Amato used a "slur" Tuesday to describe the congressman, the senator initially denied saying it and only later "fessed up."

"Over and over and over again, Senator D'Amato has embarrassed us," Schumer said.

There was little new ground covered in the debate that kicked off the final stretch drive to the election in the most expensive and perhaps tightest Senate race in the nation.

Both candidates stuck to their favorite themes so much that Schumer described D'Amato afterward as "Johnny One Note."

"I got to say what I wanted to say," D'Amato said. Before the debate started, the candidates had to be coaxed into shaking hands for the benefit of photographers.

D'Amato has denounced Schumer as a "New York City liberal" who has missed more than 100 House votes this year. In his own pre-debate strike, D'Amato charged the congressman's absenteeism was not just a 1998 aberration. The senator released information purporting to show Schumer had missed 77 percent of the House Judiciary Committee votes in 1997 and 88 percent of the House Banking Committee votes. Schumer is a member of both committees.

"These new records of Chuck Schumer's 1997 committee attendance blows a hole in his false claim that he skipped work only because of the campaign," D'Amato said in a statement.

Responding to the charge, Schumer said he had really begun campaigning for the Senate seat in April of 1997. He noted that his overall attendance record for his 18 years in the House was 92 percent. (AP)



Incumbent Senator Al D'Amato

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 26:

Humanities Institute Fall Lecture Series.

3 p.m., Humanities Institute, Ward Melville Library, Room E4341.

Women's Studies and Spanish Professor Patricia Greene will discuss "Picturing Women at War: Visual Culture and the Spanish Revolution."

For more information, call 516-632-7765.

Rocco and His Brothers

7 p.m., Frank Melville Jr. Library, Room N4006. A film sponsored by the Center for Italian Studies. For more information, call 516-632-7444.

Tuesday, October 27:

Humanities Institute Fall Lecture Series.

5 p.m., Ward Melville Library, Room E4341.

Spanish Professor Jose Comiero of Michigan State University will discuss, "Misreading Carmen: Mistaken Identity and Orientalist Discourse." The event is cosponsored by the Department of Hispanic Studies, LACC, and Women's Studies.

For more information, call 516-632-7765.

Wednesday, October 28:

Classics: West African Art from the Collections of Charles D. Miller III.

Noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment, Stony Brook Union Art Gallery.

An open reception will be held on November 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 516-632-6828.

This show runs from Wednesday, October 28 through Wednesday November 11.

Undergraduate Research Symposiums and Lecture

Noon, Student Activities Center.

Students involved in summer research programs will display their work on topics such as global warming and Beethoven's string quartets. Dr. Harold Metcalf and his students will also give a presentation on "Laser and Optics: Past, Present, and Future Research."

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Humanities Institute Fall Colloquium Series.

4:30 p.m., Ward Melville Library, Room E4341. Professor Daniel Bertrand Monk will discuss,

"An Aesthetic Occupation: Architecture and Totemic War in British Palestine.

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Thursday, October 29:

Humanities Institute Fall Lecture Series.

4:30 p.m., Ward Melville Library, Room E4341.

Poet, Playwright, and novelist Bernardina Evaristo will discuss "Why Black Theater is in Decline, Just as Black Literature." The Department of Africana Studies, Comparative Studies, and Women's Studies will cosponsor this event.

For more information, call 516-632-7765.

Friday, October 30:

1998 Annual Diversity Conference

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Student Activities Center.

Dr. Cornel West, Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies and Philosophy of Religion at Harvard University, will be the keynote speaker at a forum for the exchange of ideas and viewpoints on critical diversity issues and challenges that affect the workplace, campus, business, and community. Workshops will cover subjects such as, Diversity and Democracy, the Response of Curriculum Transformation and Coming Out at the Workplace and on Campus.

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The registration fee is \$40 and includes all materials, refreshments, a luncheon and parking fees.

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Saturday, October 31:

Ballet Concierto de Puerto Rico in "Phantom of the Opera."

8 p.m., Staller Center for the Arts.

The three-act ballet will be performed by the 29 dancers of the troop.

For more information, call 632-ARTS.



Courtesy of the Staller Center.

The Staller Center will host the Ballet Concierto de Puerto Rico in "Phantom of the Opera" on Halloween.

General admissions; \$26, seniors and students w/ ID; \$20, and children under twelve; half price

Monday, November 2

Seduced and Abandoned

7 p.m., Frank Melville Library, room N4006.

A film sponsored by SBU's Center for Italian Studies. Free. For more information, call 632-7444.

Woman, Demon, Human

2 p.m., Humanities Institute, E4341 Ward Melville Library.

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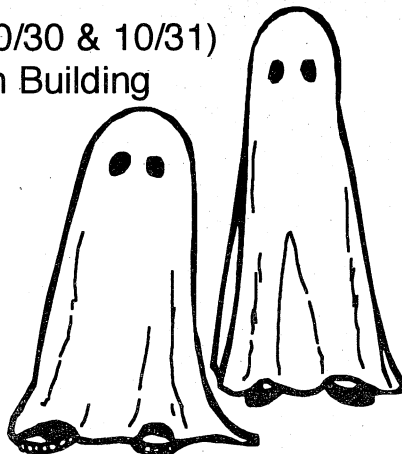
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Motivational Speaker Lectures on Revolutionary Latinas

RAYA EID
Statesman Editor

"It is not about me, myself and I. I don't want the American Dream because than I won't be representing the poor people," said Olgue Robles-Toro, a former member of The Young Lords Party. Toro, a motivational speaker particularly on the plight of Latinos, Blacks, women and children gave an inspiring speech on October 14 at a presentation titled "Revolutionary Latinas," in the Union Bi-Level.

A first-generation-born Puerto Rican, Toro was born into the ghetto of Harlem in New York and raised in the South Bronx. At the age of nine, Toro began developing a strong desire to fight against the conditions of poverty and injustice that surrounded her. "I lived in a rat-infested neighborhood with overcrowded schools, drugs and police brutality," said Toro. "Nothing much has changed."

In an effort to modify the injustice, Toro joined the Young Lords Party, (YLP) in 1966 when she was only 16. The YLP was a political organization which grew out of the needs of the poor working-class Latinos and Blacks. By 1969, Toro organized against gang fighting, drugs, poor medical services and police brutality. She also helped to organize free clothing drives, free breakfast programs, political and cultural education classes, women caucuses and drug prevention groups. The Civil Rights Movement was also well on its way during that time and "according to society, poor people, particularly of color were not important," said Toro. "Our situation hasn't changed much."

In regards to the Civil Rights Movement, Toro referred to many of the revolutionaries of the time as "the unsung heroes, the people who don't get the news coverage." However, for Toro, being an 'unsung hero,' has maintained her "sense of humility."

The Young Lords Party was eventually disbanded and ceased to exist due to government pressure. "We got arrested, beat up and bad-mouthed for revolting," she said.

The nation perceived the YLP as a gang, as they did the Black Panthers. Toro recalled incidences where the police would sit in front of her building because of her involvement with the organization and how one of her teachers in class referred to the Young Lords "as a gang dealing with drugs and terrorism. "This society that says we are terrorists are the terrorists against us," Toro said. In addition to the eight years that Toro dedicated to the YLP, she was a Nurse's Aide, and a part of the Lincoln Hospital Detox Unit. After she married and began a family of her own, Toro continued to volunteer in several human services agencies and in 1985 she founded the 155-01 90th Avenue Tenants Association. During this period, Toro became a single parent of two sons, which only inspired her to work more diligently for her cause.

"The working people are the backbone of this country," Toro said in an inspiring tone, as she walked back and forth in front of a dynamic crowd of students, primarily Latin. She urged the audience to be critical of the society they live in, throwing out questions concerning the economy, "the puppet government" and the media. Every once in a while, Toro asserted phrases in Spanish, which riled up the audience members, and resulted in some laughter. "We need to promote unity among Latinos and by working together we can achieve our goal in this country," said Junior Hector Dominguez.

Toro placed an emphasis on the \$400 billion in aid sent to Russia that came "out of the livelihood of poor working people," and than she asked "Who is the terrorist?" According to Toro, self-hate has manifested in the Latino community because of the poor education, health care and minimal opportunities. "We are forced to hate ourselves to the point where we drink ourselves stupid, but who sells the poison to us?," said Toro. The self-hate tried to infect Toro while she was struggling to raise her two children single-handedly, "I thought about drug selling to feed my babies, but I didn't sell out," she said. Instead, Toro returned to York College Continuing Education Program in 1987 for her GED, where she graduated Valedictorian. Shortly after, during




Statesman/Teo Lek D. Ying

Speaker Olgue Robles Toro, a former Young Lords Party member, visited SBU.

her college studies she became a student senator and spokesperson. She served as vice-president of the Puerto Rican organization and from 1988-1994 she advocated for student rights. Toro acquired her Bachelors Degree in Psychology and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1995.

Toro is currently a Substance Abuse Counselor and counsels HIV and AIDS patients as well, in hopes to help people change the quality of their lives. She aspires to attain her

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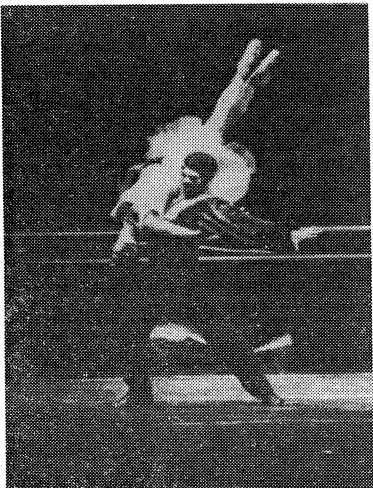
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PHD and open a clinic of her own where she can serve people holistically and open a "school of new thought" to change what she calls "the stinking thinking," that is self-defeating.

When questioned about what she believes to be her biggest accomplishment, Toro said: "Raising my two

intelligent, healthy children and maintaining my integrity." Her essential message to her listeners is to "make a positive change, it's a collective consciousness." One student Vanessa Garcia, and vice president of her Latin sorority Sigma Iota Alpha, feels that she and her sisters contribute to the Latino community. "We try to get workshops geared towards something related to our culture, we want to let people know that we cater to the Latino

community," said Garcia. Practically every member of that audience felt inspired after Toro's speech. "Sometimes when your in college you tend to forget the struggles that are occurring back home. This presentation helped me to realize that there are people suffering back in our neighborhoods and there is a lot more we could do to improve it," said senior Luis Rodriguez.

Continuing in her effort to raise the level of consciousness among different groups, in the past two years Toro conveyed her message at Oswego University, Syracuse, Old Westbury, Pace, Hunter, Hostos and several others. "You are the unsung heroes in embryo," Toro directed to the audience. "You can control how you perceive things."

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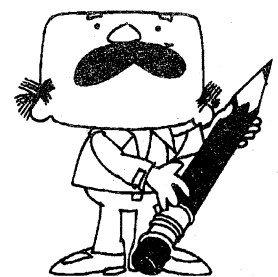
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Claudine Stuart Named New CSA President

By MIKE IMPRIXIS
Special to the Statesman

After a summer of turmoil and what seemed to be impending disaster, the Commuter Student Association (CSA) ended up with, among other things, a new president. Her name is Claudine B. Stuart. She's 21 years old and a double major in statistics and math education. She pursues her responsibilities as CSA president in the same way she pursues her education; with determination and an adherence to perfection.

Stuart's active tenure in CSA began in November of 1997 when she became assistant treasurer which lead to her position as treasurer in January of 1998. She was then elected as vice-president last May and held the organization together over the summer as acting president when then-current president, Christine A. Sadowski, announced her resignation in order to pursue other opportunities. Stuart was elected president this past September.

Stuart has not been one to merely do exactly what her job description asks her to do. While

working as treasurer, she organized surveys in order to get information on the constituency CSA represents—the commuter students and is a senator in the Polity Senate.

No matter where she is, whether riding the buses, juggling her AMS homework with her CSA paperwork or just going to class, she is talking to students, finding out about their needs. "I represent 250 [commuter students and I vote with their needs in mind," Stuart said. She is also sitting on the Student Union/Student Activities Center Advisory Board and working on the Green Team in conjunction with the University President's Office, maintain a garden out in the South P Parking Lot.

According to Stuart, 67% of the student population on this campus are commuters. They are also a very diverse group with differing home lives, academic lives and social lives, which Stuart feels makes it hard to get a handle on who the average commuter is. She believes in an open dialogue policy, maintaining that this is the only way to accomplish this daunting task of providing representation and

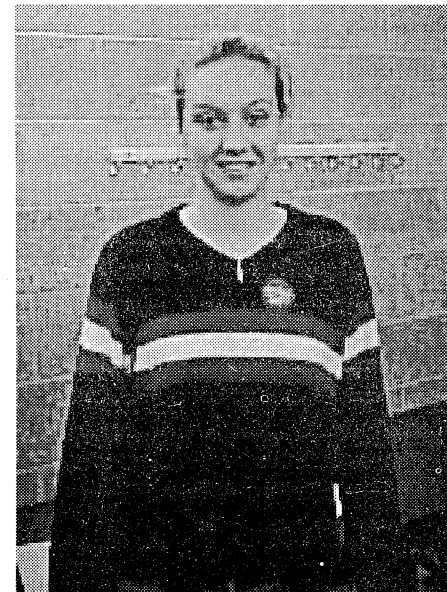
programming for this group.

Stuart's main goal as CSA President is "to help students in any way we can." She realizes that CSA has one of the largest membership bases of any club on the Stony Brook campus and is up to the challenge of providing programming that it will enjoy and representation in the Student Polity Association it can be proud of. She wants not only other organizations and clubs to meet commuter needs but also for administration to take a role in meeting these needs.

She is also looking towards healing the relation between commuters and residents, trying to mend what has become a major sticking point within the campus community.

Stuart has stated that CSA now enjoys a friendlier relationship with the Polity Executive Council and Polity President Aneka Gibbs. Stuart said, "I'm looking forward to working with Polity to serve the needs of the student and to further let those needs be heard."

Finally, Stuart wants to promote a better sense of school pride on the Stony Brook campus. "I don't want people ashamed of going to this school," she said. "I want to see people wearing fewer Hofstra shirts and more Stony



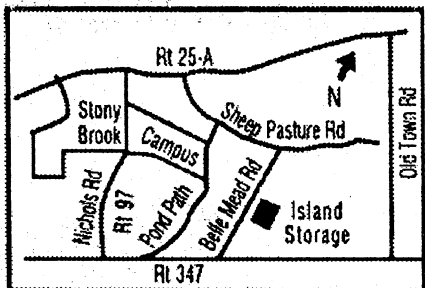
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Claudine Stuart, President of CSA, is also a Polity Senator.

Brook shirts. I want people to say they're proud of coming here for their education."

"My door is always open to ideas and suggestions," said Stuart. "Our office is room 145 in the SAC. I want commuters, in fact, all students, to feel welcome in here. If they have a question, they can come here and we'll answer it. If we can't, we'll find a way."

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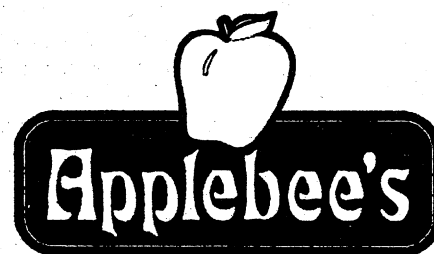
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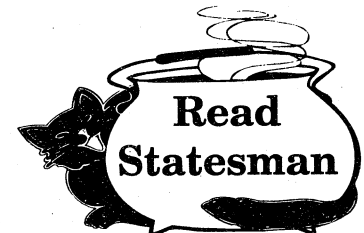
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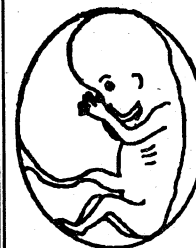
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Seawolves Football Captures Win

Quarterback Scott Meyer lead the Seawolves on a 15-play, 79-yard drive in the final minutes of Saturday's game against Merrimack, capped with a seven-yard TD pass to Jesus Marcano with just :19 remaining to lift the Seawolves to a 19-14 victory.

Meyer completed 21 of 32 passes for 265 yards and two touchdowns. His 12-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter put the Seawolves up 13-7. Punter Jason Harris missed the extra point attempt.

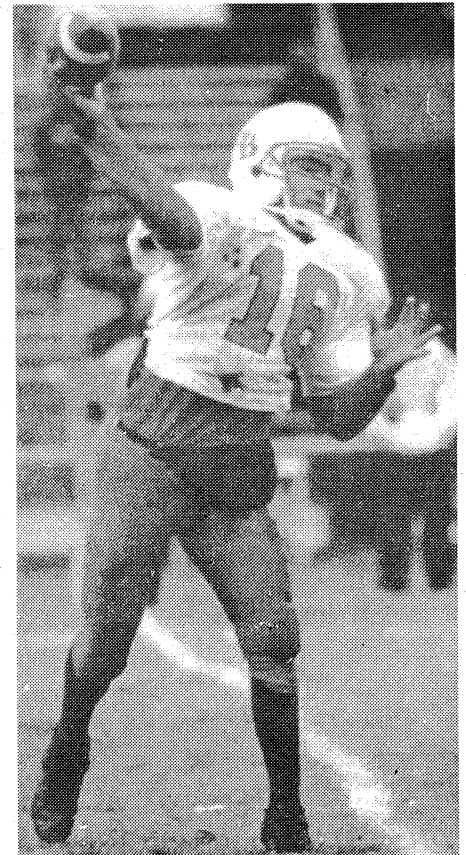
yard touchdown run by Bryant with 3:04 to play.

The Seawolves took over at their 21-yard line on the next possession and faced with a fourth and ten situation, Meyer hit Greg Monfiletto for a 34-yard completion to keep the drive alive. Four plays later, Meyer converted a fourth and six situation, hitting Lucas Niskanen for 11 yards.

Later in the drive, Meyer hit

Monfiletto on a crossing route and the wide receiver scampered to the Merrimack seven to set up Marcano's heroics in the final seconds. Later in the drive, Meyer hit Monfiletto on a crossing route and the wide receiver scampered to the Merrimack seven to set up Marcano's heroics in the final seconds.

The Seawolves will face Wagner College at home this Saturday at 12:30.



Courtesy of the Athletics Department

Quarterback Scott Meyer, above, completed 21 of 32 passes and made two touchdowns on Saturday's game.

Final Score:
SBU 19
Merrimack 14

Both teams traded scores in the first half, with Meyer hitting Steve Sayegh for a 20-yard TD before Calvin Bryant ran it in from one yard out for Merrimack to even the score at seven before the half.

After Stony Brook took the lead 13-7 with 13:20 remaining in the game, the Warriors mounted a 19-play, 92-yard drive that ended with a two-

SBU Soccer Rocks Stonehill

The Stony Brook men's soccer team ran its winning streak to four games and posted its third straight shutout defeating Stonehill College 2-0 in a non-conference match Saturday at University field. The win improves the Seawolves record to 7-8, while Stonehill falls to 5-10 on the year.

Stony Brook got on the board 20 minutes into the game when Mike Megaloudis received a pass from George Vangeneugden,

went around one defender, and then fired a shot into the net to give the Seawolves a 1-0 lead which they took into halftime.

Brian McOmber made six saves in recording his fifth shutout of the season.

The Seawolves added onto their lead with five minutes remaining in the game to end the scoring. Moses Sarr flicked a cross from Sam Glassen over the Stonehill goalkeeper to give Stony Brook the final margin of victory.

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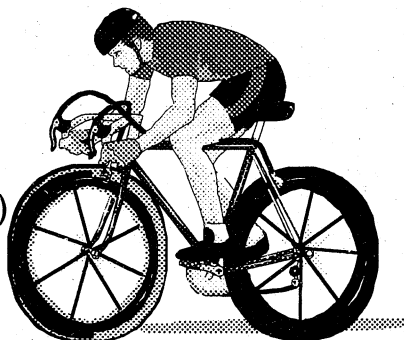


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Pianist Watts Lights Up Staller

By RISHAD JONUSCHAT
Statesman Staff

The audience eagerly waited for the celebrated pianist Andre Watts to perform on Saturday night at the Staller Center. No one was not disappointed.

Andre Watts, a sensational pianist, has been in the limelight since age of sixteen. He made his debut with the New York Philharmonic in its Young People's Concert, which was later nationally broadcast on CBS-TV. Leonard Bernstein, impressed with his outstanding talent, asked him to perform Liszt's E-flat Concerto with the New York Philharmonic in place of the world renowned Glenn Gould.

Each year Watts travels the world to play with highly acclaimed orchestras and conductors. The well respected artist makes appearances at prestigious international events, he plays for royalty in Europe, and for heads of state in a number of countries.

His fame is based on more than his performances. In 1976 he did the first solo full-length piano recital in the history of television. This event was presented by PBS, the Sunday afternoon telecast "Live from the Lincoln Center." He has been a part of numerous symphonies, including the London and Boston Symphonies. Watts has been nominated for an Emmy Award for his appearance in the 38th annual Casals Festival in Puerto Rico. In 1988 he was the recipient of the Avery Fisher Prize.

Watts' generous and committed nature has helped sustained non-for-profit organizations which provide for our community. Presently, Watts has a strong position with Performing Arts Against AIDS, a foundation which raises funds for AIDS service, education, and prevention programs throughout America.

Last Saturday Andre Watts played a spectacular array of pieces by other pianists from the last 250 years, at the Main Stage of The Staller Center. The 18th century works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven were performed during the first half, and more modern pieces were played after the intermission.

Watts began with an introductory Sonata No.48 in C Major, written by Haydn in 1789. Joseph Haydn, an 18th century Capellmeister, was trained on the keyboard but did not perform publicly. His style of Sonata was typical of a privately played piece. Throughout the first movement (Andante con espressione) there is a great variation in tempo. This could have been to represent the rapid change in emotions of an 18th century upper-class family, such as that portrayed in Jane Austin's *Sense and Sensibility*.

The extremely moving Rondo in D Major, K.485, which takes a Monothematic Sonata form, was the second work played by Watts.

Ludwig Van Beethoven's Sonata No.7 in D Major, Opus. 10 No. 3 was magical. Watts played with passion and devotion, similar to how Jimi Hendrix became attached to his guitar during his performances. This opus possessed energy and power. The individual movements Presto, and Largo e mesto embodied feelings of domination and melancholy. These two movements can be contrasted with the witty Minuetto and the heroic Rondo.

Frederic Chopin's Fantaisie in F minor, Opus 49 written in 1841, an improvisational genre with roots in the 16th century, was also performed. This piece unusually incorporates a slow excerpt in its progressively harmonic and momentous style. This added a romantic touch to the whole.



Courtesy of the Staller Center

Andre Watts, above, who did the first full-length piano recital in television history, performed at the Staller Center last Saturday.

Variations on a Theme, La Folia (which is named after a Portuguese dance originating from the 15th century), of Corelli, Opus. 42 proved to be a popular piece among the audience.

Audience member Alexander B. Irbelis said, "Mr. Watts performance of Rachmaninov was my favorite of the evening. I've never been to a performance consisting of just a pianist, Watts impressed me and it turned out to be a real treat."

Lisa Mansfield was equally delighted with the piece and said, "I also liked Mr. Watts performance of Rachmaninov. The tempo and continuity of the piece made it quite enjoyable."

The most contemporary work to be

played by Watts during the evening was Tobias Picker's Old and Lost Rivers. This title comes from a sign along Interstate 10 east of Houston, reading "Old and Lost Rivers."

Franz Liszt's La lugubre gondola No. 2 and the Hungarian Rhapsody No. 13 in A minor were the finale of the exceptional evening. The two versions of La lugubre take on a very morbid and dirge-like tone perhaps because they were written in response to the death of his dear friend Richard Wagner in Venice.

Andre Watts gave an exquisite performance that was memorable. He exhibited dedication and a real love for his work which truly showed in the pieces played.

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