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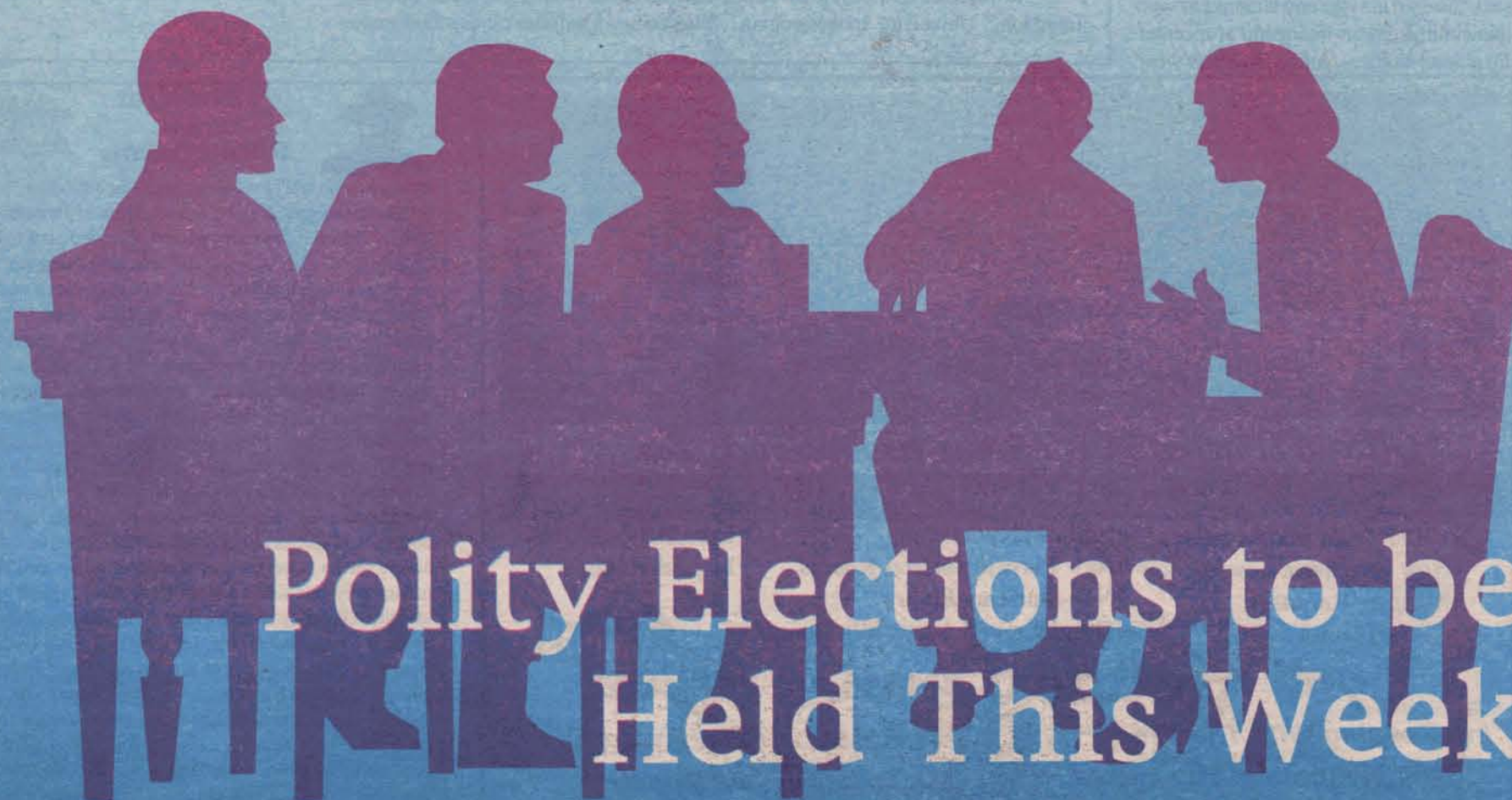
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Polity Elections to be Held This Week

Nussbaum Visit Draws Ire at Suffolk

Lisa Steinberg was 6 years old when she succumbed in 1987 to the beatings inflicted by the man she considered her father. If the fates had treated her differently, she might be a college freshman today.

Students and faculty at Suffolk Community College say they are outraged that Hedda Nussbaum, who stood by while Joel Steinberg inflicted his abuse, has been invited to speak on the issue of domestic violence next week for a \$2,500 fee.

"We are outraged," Professor Sandra Emmachild said of the speech planned for Monday. "We have access to many, many women who actually took themselves out of abusive situations and saved their children."

Emmachild, a professor of philosophy and women's studies, doubts the sincerity of Nussbaum, 57, who testified against Steinberg in the 1988 trial that saw him convicted of manslaughter in Lisa's death. She told jurors that the battering and psychological abuse she endured during her 10-year relationship with Steinberg left her helpless to come to the aid of the 6-year-old.

Originally charged in the death, Nussbaum was granted immunity in exchange for her testimony. Steinberg was convicted and is serving a 25-year prison sentence.

"We are convinced that the only reason she came forward was that the child was dead," Emmachild said.

"God knows if she would have ever reported this if it were not for the unfortunate death of this child. We believe she was acting purely in her self interest," added Emmachild.

Joanne Antinozzi-Cortez, president of the student organization Women's Group, said, "She did not take any initiative to save this child. I did an internship at a center for abused women. I know what they went

through to save themselves and their children. She is not a role model."

Mike D'Andrea, owner of Best Booking Agency of Brookfield, Conn., that represents Nussbaum, said Wednesday she would not speak to the media.

"She's not a role model and we're not trying to elevate her to being a role model," D'Andrea said. "Hopefully, people will hear her story and get something out of it. It's a cautionary tale - a classic example that any person regardless of race, class or ethnicity can find themselves in an abusive situation that's difficult to get out of."

Nussbaum suffered extensive battering at the hands of Steinberg, including a broken nose, gangrenous legs from being struck repeatedly with an

exercise bar and ear injuries.

She has spoken on college campuses and to community groups and civic organizations for about two years. "Last year she spoke at Stony Brook and was very well received," D'Andrea said. "There are very few people that you can bring in to address this kind of issue with name recognition ... someone that will draw an audience."

In a 1998 interview with The Associated Press, Nussbaum said she had recovered from abuse and learned from doctors that her lack of initiative was partly a physical response to the beatings - "It makes you numb, in lots of ways," she said - and so she feels responsible but no longer feels guilty.

Jane Troncoso, executive director of the Student Activities Board, which is paying Nussbaum from student activity fees and not college funds, told Newsday she knew the decision was controversial.

"We thought she could speak better than anyone about domestic violence and when to get out of a relationship," she said. Troncoso did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Another philosophy professor, who also serves as faculty adviser to the women's group, had another reason for opposing Nussbaum's appearance. "It's a form of cheap sensationalism to have her here," said Gertrude Postl. "We're seeing an aspect of the talk shows here; something that a college should not get involved in."

Students Treated for E. coli Infection at SUNY Albany

A third University at Albany student was infected with a strain of E. coli similar to the one that killed two people and sickened hundreds at a county fair last year.

University officials Friday closed a dining hall at the Indian Quadrangle dormitory after two students were diagnosed with the illness after eating there.

One male student was admitted to St. Peter's Hospital Friday and released Saturday afternoon, a female student was treated and released.

This third student was likewise tested after reporting symptoms of the illness, tests came back positive for E. coli infection Sunday.

"He was confirmed today to have the infection," University spokeswoman

Mary Fiess said. She said the university was not releasing the names of the students.

All students were "in good shape" and were recovering at their homes in various parts of the state Sunday evening, Fiess said.

Albany County health officials are canvassing local hospitals and emergency rooms to see if other students had come in with symptoms of the illness, chiefly bloody diarrhea.

They are also planning to interview each of the students in hopes of isolating the source of the bacteria and conduct DNA fingerprint samples to see if the E. coli strain was the same in all three cases.

The cafeteria, which serves about 10,000 meals a week, remained closed, and the 45 food workers are awaiting test results for the bacteria before returning to work. Sodexo Marriott runs it and other campus food service

operations.

Dr. Teresa Briggs, infectious disease consultant for the county's health department, said that an inspection Friday night found "no striking breaches of the way they are to handle the food."

In February, half of the university's six cafeterias failed a county health inspection for infractions ranging from dirty equipment to rodent droppings; the Indian Quad cafeteria was not one of them.

The state Department of Health has likewise stepped in to assist the investigation, health department spokesman John Signor said.

A 3-year-old girl and 79-year-old man died after ingesting E. coli bacteria at the Washington County fairgrounds last year.

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A Thought From Rabbi Adam



Being Jewish isn't just about belief or attending religious services. Rather, the intention of Judaism is to live it. Thus holidays are not just observed, but to be experienced. This is especially true with Passover, for our Sages are quoted in the Hagaddah "in each and every generation a person is to see himself as if he went out of Egypt." So it's not just about history, matzos and a family get together, but rather one is meant to relive the exodus from Egypt on a personal level. This concept is easily understood if we understand that the Hebrew word for "Egypt", "mitzrayim", can also be read as the word meaning "boundaries" (metzarim). Thus, by out transcending of personal boundaries and limitations, we too go out of an "Egyptian" bondage. For life is full of obstacles. There is always that hurdle. Sometimes that hurdle seems to be an insurmountable mountain. This is particularly true when one wants to grow in their Jewish identity. One may feel like they're in bondage. Bound by their ignorance. Bound, for they can't read Hebrew. Bound, as they don't know how to pray. Now imagine going out of this bondage, out of this "Egypt". Imagine the splitting of a sea. Imagine having the strength to overcome it all. Nothing can stop you. If you want it, you can do it. In this way, Passover is not just observed, but lived. For more info come to: "The inner meanings of Passover", Wed. 4/12, 8pm, SU 214

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Running for President

Candidates Discuss the Upcoming Election

BY ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

As Polity president Andrez Carberry prepares for graduation, students are preparing to vote for his replacement in this week's Polity elections.

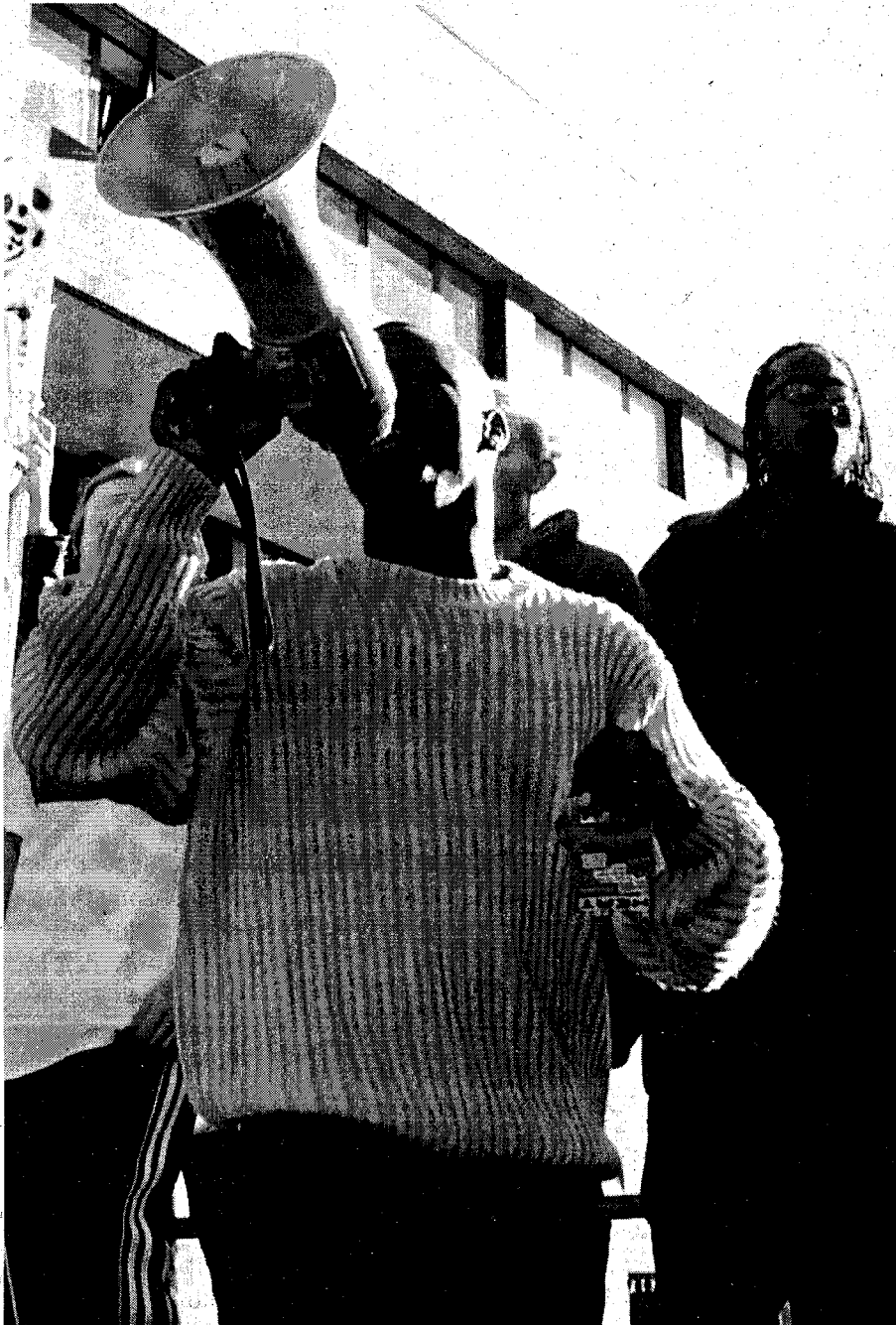
Initially, Carberry had the intention of running again for president, in spite of the fact that he would be graduating. As a double major, he will be finishing his political science degree in May with plans to enter Stony Brook's graduate program for public policy. However, while in the graduate school, he intended on finishing up his undergraduate English degree after receiving a waiver from the graduate school to do so. "I figured since I would still be paying an undergraduate fee that I would be eligible to be president of Polity."

But after deliberations by the University, which Carberry said went very slowly, he was told that he would not be allowed to run for a second term. "I don't have a choice," he said.

With Carberry's name crossed off the ballot, a controversy arose when Carberry's opponent and current vice president Calvin Coleman found himself running unopposed for president.

In response to allegations that having Coleman alone on the ballot is inherently undemocratic, Carberry was not sympathetic. "It's not our place to add someone because no one else is running," Carberry said. "We can't add someone just for the sake of adding." He also mentioned that any student is eligible to get on the ballot after getting 400 signatures and he noted that the administration decision which struck him from the ballot came with such late notice that the judiciary committee was not given enough time to decide on someone else.

But that all changed on Wednesday when Andrew Murray, a senator with the Commuter Student Association, was nominated for president. The issue was tabled until an emergency meeting of the judiciary on Thursday where Murray's nomination was accused of emanating bias. Senator Paul Thomas, who brought the bias up, argued that the addition of Murray to the ballot was unconstitutional because he was influencing CSA and in turn, CSA was influencing the ballot. "It seems to me that they were determined to keep me off the ballot," Murray said.



Current Polity President Andrez Carberry

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"These people are handling a \$2 million budget, make sure you read their platforms before you vote," - Andrez Carberry

But in spite of alleged efforts to do so, Murray was notified early Friday morning that he would be allowed to get on the ballot. "Friday morning I knew for sure," Murray said, "and I was able to get more than the 400 signatures necessary to get on the ballot."

With a total of 560 signatures, Murray will be running against

Coleman, who said that he would be happy to have an opponent. "I would rather run against someone because it will make me work harder," Coleman said. He noted that at first he wasn't sure whether or not he wanted to run but when he realized the changes he could make he decided to go for it. "I have been in Polity for three years now and I've

been a hard worker," he said, "my record speaks for itself."

But there are other concerns regarding the election besides who will be in the presidential seat. Carberry himself is concerned. "The elections are not having the usual vigor they usually do," he said. "The students don't seem interested and even some of the candidates don't." He cited last Wednesday's debates, which drew an exceptionally small crowd and he noted that even some candidates were not present. He also mentioned that a number of the candidates are new faces and he worried that they may not have the experience and skills it takes to be in Polity.

"Some of these people are coming out of the woodwork and I think it is going to be difficult for them without having experience." He said that it would take time for them to learn the ropes and that a lot of the responsibility will fall on Coleman. "Calvin is really going to have to step up."

But for all of his concerns, Carberry pointed out that there is no reason someone should run for a position just because they do not have experience in Polity, provided that they possess the skills to think analytically and to communicate. In order to foster these skills, he wants to create a non-voting position for himself where he will be available to help, as well as continuing the office hours he has for candidates. He also said that transitional meetings are important to ease the new officials into their positions. "It is important to have continuity," Carberry said.

But Coleman does not see a problem with inexperienced people getting elected. "That's why we have a staff around to help," Coleman said. He also said that having new people around is positive because it fosters fresh ideas and it maintains the power in the hands of the people.

But regardless of whom the students vote for, the candidates all stressed the importance of getting out to vote. "This school is so big we shouldn't have small voter turnout," Coleman said. Carberry echoed the sentiment but he cautioned against making decisions before you know what the candidates are standing for. "These people are handling a \$2 million budget, make sure you read their platforms before you vote," he said. He also said to make sure it was not a popularity contest. "Remember it's a business thing, not a friendship thing."

Meet Your Polity Candidates

The Statesman sent out a short survey to all the candidates running for Polity president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The candidates' responses were not edited for spelling or grammar. And now the candidates:

PRESIDENT



Calvin Coleman

Major: General

What will you change if elected?

I would like to continue the regime that Andrez Carberry [present president] started. He built a bridge that has opened up communication. This has made administration more open to student concerns. I want to continue that bridge

and make it stronger.

I would also like to see better programming on campus, and I do think it is getting better already. I want to see respectable performers and lecturers come to campus. Having people like Billy Joel and Hedda Nussbaum were great boosts for the campus. People come her for the academics, that is number one, but socialization is important too. Its an injustice to students if you don't give them the chance to have socialization activities. As far as concerts, that will be up to what the student body wants but I would like to see a Lollapalooza type show here where the music will appeal to more universal tastes, like rock, hip hop and everything else.

How do you feel about the eight semester rule?

I think it is an injustice to the students, especially since statistics show that most students do not graduate in four years. I think there has to be a compromise and to find it I would like to see committees formed to deal with all the different constituents on campus and their different needs. I think we should also build more

housing, maybe near Kelly Quad. But if they do build there I think it is important to protect the bamboo forest over there because that is a Stony Brook landmark and a lot of people hang out in there.

Do you support the building of the recreation center? (why or why not)

I think it's a great idea. Everyone screams diversity on this campus but there is not a lot of avenues to bring it all together. The rec center is going to be very universal because of all the different activities it will offer and a lot of different people will be together using it. I think it will be a good chance for undergrads to meet with graduate students and maybe even faculty on a different level, and to get to know each other. We can learn from them. It will benefit the whole aspect of a campus community. Also, it will be something to do and it is a good deal because the state will be paying for the maintainance. I think the idea to give those who paid for it but won't be on campus to use it a pass to come back to use it is a good idea and adequate. And I want to be the first one on that rock wall.



Andrew Murray

Major: political science

What will you change if elected?

If I am elected the number one priority is to increase student involvement on campus by holding weekly town hall meetings and attempting to fill the many vacant positions in the University Senate. To all those who don't know, the University Senate is a legislative body made up of faculty staff and students. The University Senate has been responsible for passing among other things, the 8 semester policy. Up until now there has been only one candidate running for the highest position in Polity. If that

does not demonstrates that the Polity has a problem communicating with the average student I don't know what does. In addition I will continue the last President's policy of trying to give students an itemized bill indicating what they are paying for and how much.

How do you feel about the eight semester rule?

The 8 semester Policy is an example of the need of students to get involved. There are professors on this campus who I think believe that anyone who spends more than 8 semesters in school could not possibly be serious. That I definitely do not agree with. In the age of computers it is important to know not just the skills important for your career, but have an extensive knowledge of information technology I think that the fact that there are a lot of students who take double majors like Computer Science and Engineering means that a Bachelors will be harder and harder to achieve in 4 years In addition considering the average class size in this school I think that it might be harder for some people to grasp all the material when there are 100 people in the classroom, and you can hardly hear the teacher.

Do you support the building of the recreation center?

I think the Recreation Center will be a major improvement to the look of the campus and life on campus. I transferred here from Temple

University and they had just built a Rec. Center two year ago. I lift weights myself and I know that one of the things about the Complex that bothers me is that there are no free weights available to ordinary students. Lets be honest Stony Brook is not the most exciting town in the country so I believe that the new Rec.Center will give students something to do on the weekends around here besides going home.

What was the last book you read?

The Rainmaker by John Grisham



Come vote for your Polity candidates on Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 12 at the Union, SAC or library.

VICE PRESIDENT



Kaedrea A. Jackson aka KAE

Major: Biochemistry

What will you change if elected?

One major problem at Stony Brook that I plan to change is the apathy of the students. Lack of communication between students, administration, and the student government is a major cause of our apathetic students.

Students need to be aware of the actions of their student government and administration. In addition the student government and administration need to be aware of the needs and desires of the student body. If elected Vice President I feel I can greatly impact on this. As Vice President I will serve as the link between all three. One of the major roles of the Vice President is to chair Senate. The role of the senate members is to represent the ideas of their constituents: resident, commuter, and HSC students, at Senate meetings. As a result, the Vice President can bring the desires of our student body directly to council and administration. This also works vice versa. Students should be made aware of changes that directly affect them before these changes are implemented. Through senate, the Statesman, and other means we can do this. I

feel if we all work together we can destroy the apathy of the students and give them the information that they need.

How do you feel about the eight semester rule?

I am not pleased with this rule at all. When I first came into Stony Brook I was undecided about my major like many others. I went to advisers who all told me the same thing, "You don't have to pick your major till your junior year, right now just take classes to see what you like." Well if I took their advice I wouldn't be leaving Stony Brook on time. The eight semester rule is a punishment to those students who take longer to decide a major, those who realized that their current major is not for them, or those who had trouble in certain classes and had to recover from that. With such a high percentage, more than fifty percent, of students needing more than four years to graduate, administration needs to reduce the large size of the next freshmen class. If not they need to focus on building new residence halls or finding students affordable and close proximity

housing instead of enforcing rules that show they don't care about us.

Do you support the building of the recreation center?(why or why not)

I support building things that the student body needs and desires. The idea of the REC center is great, BUT I do have some problems with it. The fact next years graduating seniors have to put money into the building of the center although they won't be around to use it doesn't sit well with me. The fact that construction on this campus is ridiculously slow doesn't sit well with me either. If administration can work on these problems and any problems that the student body may have with building the center then I would be all for it.

What is the last book you read?

The last book I read was the Bluest Eye, by Toni Morrison. I love her books because they challenge your mind and your way of thinking. The negative side to that is I usually have to read over some paragraphs twice, but I still enjoy them.

Julius Shapiro

Major: Political Science

What will you change if elected?

I want to instill in student leaders a higher sense of accountability for their actions. To be more specific if a student leader takes on a position such as Senate or University Senate they should go to those meetings. When they don't go it reflects badly on our student government and our student body.

Also there are a lot of problems in Student Polity Senate that as chair if elected I would try to solve. One problem is the relationship between resident senators and commuter senators. The problem that I am hearing is that the commuters are not organized and they know what they want to do as a unit. The commuters are this prepared

because they have a pre senate meeting in there CSA office. I would use either the Vice President's office or try to get another office for a pre-senate meeting for residents because we need better informed resident senators. If this happens I would try to schedule it where resident senators could after their meeting attend the commuters present meeting or vice versa.

I would also try to continue or increase lobbying more in Washington and Albany for student rights and financial aid.

How do you feel about the eight semester rule?

The eight semester rule is an atrocious thing for students. I think that when this rule was created the administration did not take into consideration double majors which in most instances would not be able to complete their requirements in 4 years or eight semesters. Unfortunately we had a tough time in student leadership at the time this was past which we know have to fight for. I am currently on University Senate which at two meetings ago voted to reopen for consideration. So I am currently trying to help this issue be changed and I will continue too.

The recreation center is a tough subject for me to decide personally. My own view is I don't want

Wendy Lau is also running for vice president, but she did not return answers to our survey.

To find out more about the candidates, come to the Polity debates today at 10 p.m. in the Uniti Cultural Center.

The Stony Brook Statesman Monday, April 10, 2000

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A Shout in the Dark

CWC Hosts Annual Take Back the Night March

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

The chill in the air on Wednesday night could not compare to the energy emanating from the Take Back the Night March, a procession of mostly women united in chants to raise awareness about violence and sexual assault.

From the moment people started gathering outside the Student Union, voices were raised with shouts such as, "University silence perpetuates the violence!" This was an obvious response to what some called the University's minimal protective action taken after a series of rapes on campus in fall 1998.

"This is a silent problem," said Andrea Leeson of the campus group Feminists for Humanity. "The University has not addressed [sexual assault] as it should."

But the real message of the march and candlelit vigil held afterwards was "...for everybody to come together and support each other," according to Jessica McLoughlin, a senior. The march united over 100 women and about 20 men as they walked through each residence quad. Fran Ahel, president of the Center for Womyn's Concerns (CWC), the organization sponsoring the event, led and organized the march. Ahel called it "a success," and emphasized the need, "To raise awareness against the violence that happens to women and men."

Most of the rally's participants were old veterans of Take Back the Night. "This is my third time. Every year it's gotten better and stronger," said Carmen Perez, a SAFE peer intern. "It's a healing, cathartic feeling. It empowers you."

Whistles were blowing and voices were uplifted in a cacophony of sound from the marching crowd, most wearing the free Take Back the Night T-shirts handed out.



Statesman/Ruth Chung

Over 100 students marched, shouted and blew whistles in a show of unity at Wednesday's Take Back the Night.

Polity President Andrez Carberry was in attendance, marching and shouting along with the crowd as it snaked through the dorms and academic mall. When asked why he thought it important to come to Take Back the Night, he answered simply. "If you want to be someone who represents the students, then coming here is very important. I always come to Take Back the Night," he said. "It's one of the most important, efficient and successful programs on this campus."

Another male in attendance was Marino Lovric. "Take Back the Night is important because I think that there shouldn't be violence towards anyone." Not a Stony Brook student, Lovric attended the event with his girlfriend.

A new feature at the march was the presence of counselors from the University Counseling Center. Jerry Shephard and Mary Anne Hughes marched with the students for support. "An event like this demonstrates solidarity for an important issue," said

Hughes. Shephard called sexual assault a "timely and important issue that people need to raise their awareness of." Hughes and Shephard were available after the candlelight vigil to speak with anyone who felt overcome by emotion. "We're here because as counselors we are a little bit more aware of the issues," said Hughes and she encouraged anyone dealing with domestic violence or sexual assault to schedule an appointment at the Center. "It's free and absolutely confidential," she said.

When the march reached the edge of the woods separating Tabler and Roosevelt Quads where the 1998 sexual attacks occurred, group leaders asked all to be silent and to take a moment to look into the trees. Soon after, the march continued with chants like "Rapists go home. I want to walk alone!" and "Rape is rape. Even on a date!"

The march concluded with a candlelit vigil in a large ballroom of Roth Quad. Said Lisa LaBarbera, an organizer of the event, "The vigil was the biggest success in the three years I've been attending." Each of the nearly one hundred participants was seated in a large circle and handed a white candle to light. The atmosphere was somber but strong as a forum was presented for anyone wanting to share stories of their own sexual assault or stories of friends and family. Through their tears, those who spoke were candid about the lasting, devastating effects of abuse. The vigil provided what event organizers called a "safe space" for people to open up about traumatic experiences in confidentiality.

"We've never had to stay so long at the vigil. People were willing to stay to listen to everyone's stories. I'm glad we could provide a supportive environment," said LaBarbera.

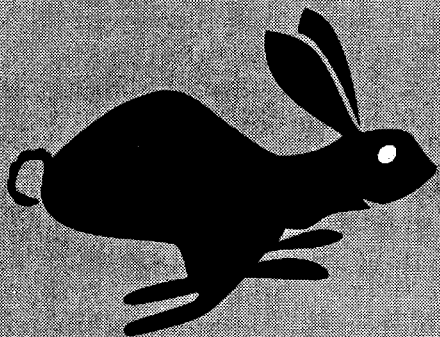
At the march's start, Kathy Monahan of the Health and Sciences Center addressed the recent study that claimed that men are biologically inclined to rape. "We don't buy it," she said. Monahan also told of the first Take Back the Night March she attended at NYU twenty years ago, and encouraged all present on Wednesday night to march until the "bitter end." Her speech closed with an enthusiastic roar from the crowd as she exclaimed, "I hope in 20 years we no longer need Take Back the Night!"



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Visibly moved participants held candles at the vigil following the march.

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TREASURER



Renee Johnson

Major: Applied Math and Statistics/
Economics

What will you change if elected?

As the current treasurer of the Student Polity Association I realized that one of the

biggest problems was the communications of policies and procedures to the colleges, clubs and organizations. This year we had two conclaves geared at letting students know the ins and outs of Polity. As a response to students' needs, the treasurer's office is now disbursing checks 5 days a week instead of two. One of the things I would like to change is the way students view Polity. They either don't know who we are and that we represent them, they don't care or they think we can help them and their causes. This year the Council has instituted a plan where each member will be assigned clubs or colleges that we must visit on a regular basis. This will definitely build the communication gap

between students and Polity and give them a broader understanding of what we are here for and what we can do for them.

How do you feel about the 8 semester rule?

Although I feel that freshmen are better off experiencing campus life by living on campus for their first year, it is unfair to disregard the other students who have been here for more than eight semesters and not provide an alternative. Statistics have it that the average college student does not graduate in 4 years. Stony Brook needs to be responsive to that. I know that space is limited but here's a suggestion: Administration should either

buy houses in the surrounding neighborhoods or work with the residents of USB to secure nearby off campus housing for students that are being forced off campus. In some way, whether through a subsidy or government funding these residents can be encouraged to rent these facilities at a lower rate.

Do you support the proposed rec center? (why or why not)

Being one of the students that complains about the same old activities I think this will do the students a world of good. From the looks of it, there will be a lot of new and exciting activities and just a new venue for a change. My only concern is that faculty and staff will have access to this facility and should bear some of the cost.

What is the last book you read?

My Brother by Jamaica Kincaid



Daniel Kim

Major: Business

What will you change if elected?

There are not a lot of things I see that I would change in Stony Brook. Moreover, I

believe it is not the need to change, but purpose of improve upon. There are a lot of clubs and organizations on campus that represent a diverse student body. Improvement through communication between these groups make it easier for student government to see the needs and wants. If we improve the communication gaps that exist between student body, administration, as well as faculty, as well as the differences between commuters and residence, I think that would most benefit Stony Brook.

How do you feel about the eight semester rule?

I see that returning seniors are faced with

a problem when it comes to campus housing. I do agree on the stance that there be a ruling saying that eight semesters will be guaranteed, to whomever starts there freshman year in Stony Brook's dorms.

Let's face the fact, Stony Brook is getting larger. As enrollments reach new levels, campus residents is forced to deal with the issue of placing the new freshmen in dorms. It is not right to say that any student (albeit seniors, juniors, and sophomore, and the new freshman classes) be denied residency. Yes, the eight semesters that Stony Brook grants, do not accommodate the fact that students are graduating in four and a half or five and a half semesters. It is good to know that students value academics and support double majors. I say we must keep the eight

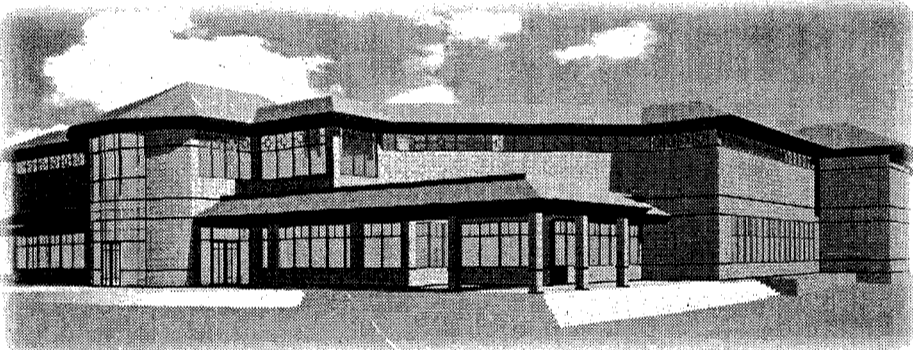
semester rule, and bring about a cause for amendment.

Do you support the building of the rec center? (why or why not)

I agree on the fact that Stony Brook needs a recreation center. I think that building a rec center would enhance the campus. However, if clubs and organizations as well as commuters do not use the building, then why should it be built at all. If a rec center is put up, I would see to it that clubs and organizations receive the most benefits, in the form of Polity money as well as time at the recreation center.

What's the last book you read? Power for Living

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It could be Murray or it could be Coleman but one thing is for sure, the person that is voted into the Polity presidential seat in the upcoming elections has a tough act to follow. During his tenure as Polity president, Andrez Carberry has done the impossible: our student government has taken a hiatus from the jokes that accuse it of being hopelessly inept and pathetically corrupt. But the jokes haven't just stopped for no reason. The ineptitude and corruption have gone as well.

Many remember the Monique Maylor fiasco a few years back, where student money was used to fund her birthday party. Granted, that was an extreme example of corruption at its best but have any other presidents been as hard working, as accessible, as noticeable and as effective as Carberry? Remember last semester's meal plan rally?

The leadership skills, the eloquence and the determination he showed during that bout should have earned him the title of campus hero. And the guy's got charisma. He actually got mass amounts of people mobilized and changes implemented. Surely an arduous task on a campus notorious for its apathy.

But unfortunately, all good things must come to

end and come May, he will be graduating. Does this mean we should dust off our Polity negativity and practice our "Polity sucks" jokes? Not if we continue where Andrez left off.

Isn't it a good feeling to know that administration is giving heed to our concerns and demands? With Andrez at the helm, the doors of communication have been

"Make sure you vote for the person who will continue this newly created tradition of respect and communication."

opened between students and the University and there is no reason that they can't stay open. But it is all up to us. Make sure you vote for the person who will continue this newly created tradition of respect and communication.

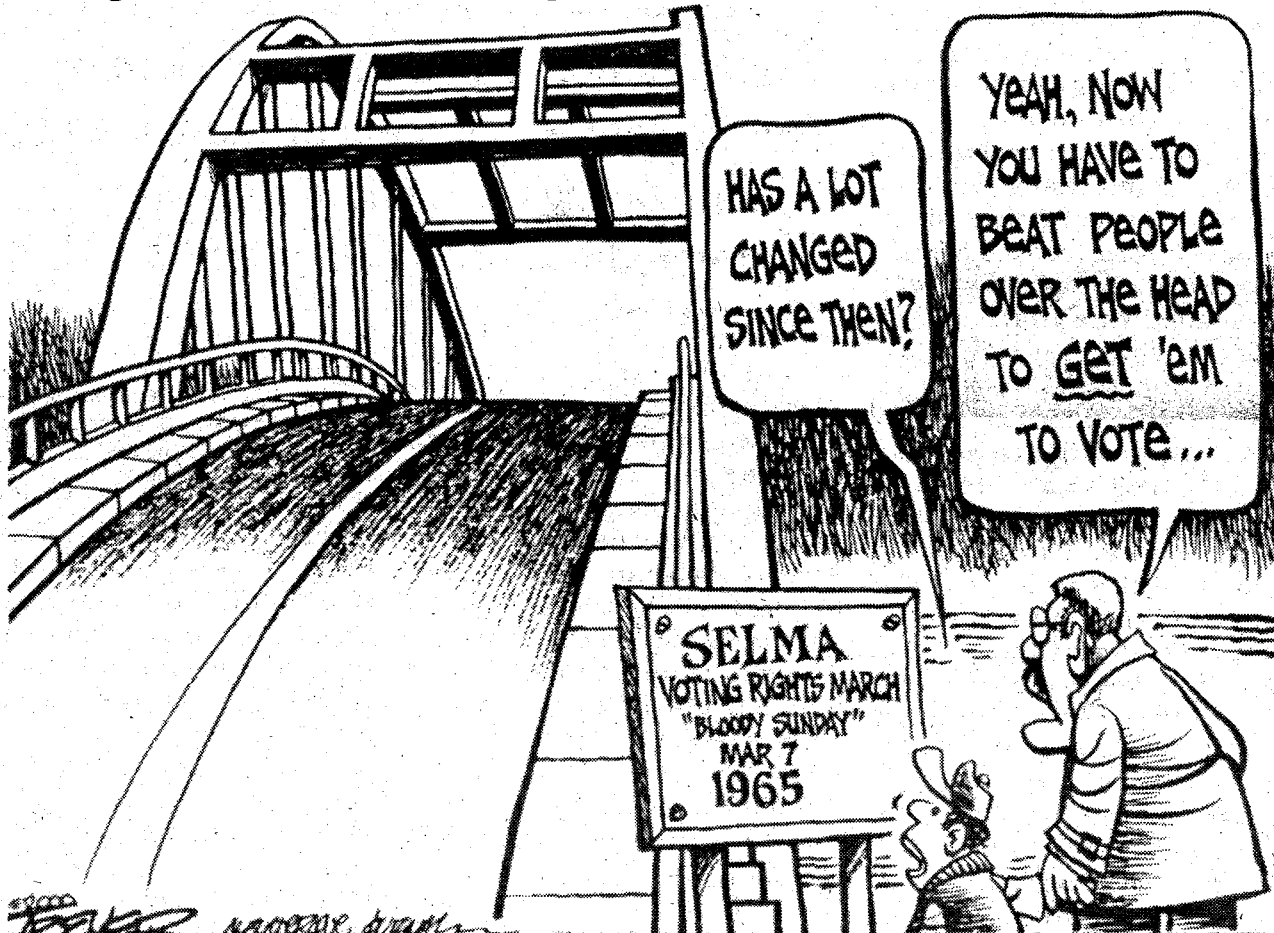
But in addition to administrative matters, Carberry recently pointed out that the people you will vote into Polity offices this week are sitting on a budget some \$2 million big. Do you want to

play around with your money like that? There is no reason that any of us should make a blind decision. Can you read? Than please be sure to read the platforms of each of the candidates before you sharpen that number 2 pencil. And show your face and ask your questions at the debates Monday night at 10pm in the Uniti Cultural Center.

There is also a bit of worry as to whether or not we as voters are being left with adequate options for who will speak and act on our behalf.

A number of the candidates are new and they have yet to make a name for themselves in students affairs. On the one hand, this is dangerous. Is it a good idea to put people in charge even if they are unfamiliar with how things work? But on the other hand, it was the fresh perspectives and new ideas that helped make Andrez so successful. And ideally, this does not necessarily come with Polity experience.

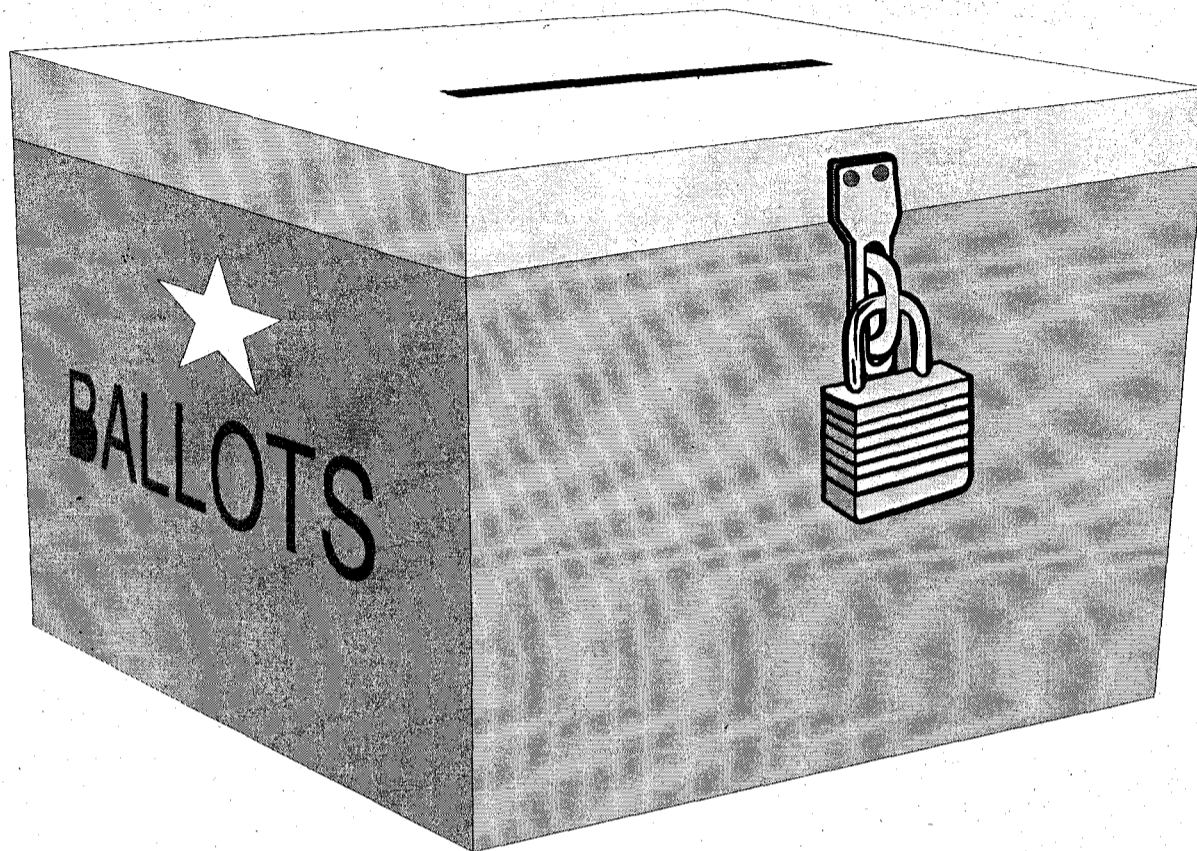
Whoever you choose, heed all the candidates. All of them are practically begging you to vote. There is no reason to have a low turnout at a school so big. If we want to continue the legacy that Andrez is leaving us with, we have to show that we are paying attention. It's the least we can do to show him what his term has done for us. Please make sure to vote.



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Electoral Woes at USB

Polity
Candidate
Faces
Problems
Trying to
Get on to
the Ballot



By ANDREW MURRAY
Special to the Statesman

When I first got to this school, I really was not interested in getting involved on campus. Obviously I have changed, but one of the reasons that I am writing this is for those who are not involved and unaware of the power that Polity has and the large amount of money that they control. In order to fund all of the campus organizations this power is necessary considering the need to regulate and coordinate the efforts of all the groups and organizations on campus. Sometimes (in fact most of the time) Polity does not work the way it was designed to. I think my story will demonstrate that.

Each year an election board is appointed in order to regulate the deadlines and other important rules for campaigning. The election board is appointed by the Polity Senate. One of their responsibilities is to post the deadlines for running as a candidate for office. These deadlines were not posted until after the election deadline and even when they were posted, they only appeared on the election board door in the Polity office.

Being a member of Senate, I and other senators came to realize that because of the lack

of advertisement for the availability of positions, we only had one candidate running for president. I personally find it hard to believe that proper advertisement by the election board would lead to one candidate running unopposed for the highest elected position a student could have in this

on the ballot based on the Constitution and that the election board failed to advertise the election properly.

At least two-thirds of the senators on Wednesday, knowing that the Senate had the power to so, voted to put me on the ballot. So why in the world would anyone bring a

undemocratic? Well, I'm sure that almost no one can picture a fair election with only one choice for a position. The only choice you have in a one candidate "election" is not to choose at all. Up until now my opponent only needed to go to the polling place on Tuesday and vote for himself to win the election.

This may be the first you have heard about what we were going into last week, a one-candidate election for president. Does it seem suspicious that some people were out to keep it a one-candidate election? If you are unopposed, what do you have to do? Absolutely nothing. Why attend a debate if you are the only candidate? Who needs to give a speech about a platform? The job is already yours. Who needs to pass around flyers? The situation changes however when Senate places another candidate on the ballot.

There is absolutely nothing I can promise without student involvement in the key positions in government. What has gotten me interested in Polity is the fact that you can either get involved and speak or someone will speak for you. With involvement this school can be what ever you want it to be.

"He alleged that the action taken by the Senate was unconstitutional, and that because commuter senators appointed me, they had to be biased."

school. On Wednesday, the Senate, by voting two-thirds on a series of votes, chose to put me on the ballot for president as long as I could get 400 signatures by Friday, April 7 at 5 pm. One senator decided to take the decision of the Senate to the Polity Judiciary. He alleged that the action taken by the Senate was unconstitutional, and that because commuter senators appointed me, they had to be biased. Thursday night was the Judiciary hearing and the Court found that the Senate did have the power to place me

case before Senate, complaining that it was not fair to put another candidate on the ballot? This Senator in the hearing said, "We cannot force the election board to place candidates on the ballot and that if there is no student interested in being president is not the election board's problem." It was already shown that the problem here was not student interest, it was student knowledge. As a witness I was asked by that same Senator, why do I believe that having only one candidate on the ballot for president is

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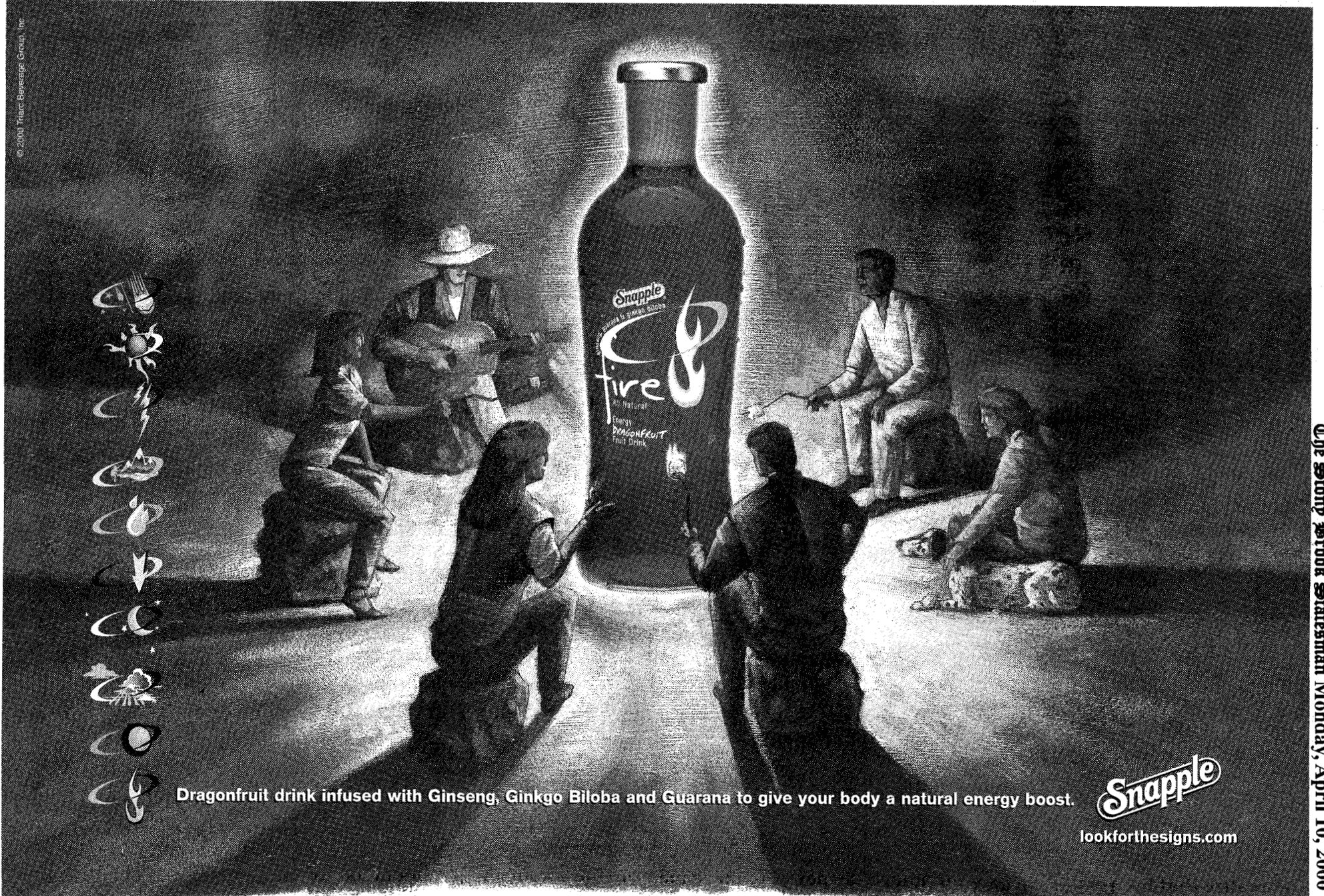
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New English Chair Named

By TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editor

Peter Manning, professor of English from the University of Southern California, recently accepted the position of chair of Stony Brook's English department.

Manning is highly qualified for the post. He received a degree from Harvard in 1963 and a Ph.D. from Yale in 1968. After Yale, he taught at the University of California at Berkeley until 1975. From there, he moved to the University of Southern California. He accepted the position as English chair of USB on Wednesday Mar. 29,

At USC, he held a number of administrative positions, including chair of the English department and chair of the department's Graduate Studies Committee. He has also held the position of the Moss Chair of Excellence in English from the University of Memphis. His other academic honors and awards include the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Keats-Shelley Association, a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Manning has written six books, including four co-edited volumes and two monographs. His most recent works include *The Late Wordsworth* and *Reading Romantics*.

Manning's appointment comes after a period of strife within Stony Brook's English department, which has been without a permanent chair since the abrupt resignation of Lee Edelman last March. Manning and three other candidates went through an extensive interview process, including the first round conducted by the English department. The final decision was then approved by the University President, Dean and Provost. "Peter Manning was chosen because he was judged best able to lead the entire department forward," said Lorenzo Simpson, interim chair of the English department.

Leading the department forward will be a welcome change to the lack of unity and ongoing standstill recently faced by the English department, problems that the new chair hopes to resolve. These departmental problems were brought to light last April when thirty students protested the administration's involvement in controlling the English department. The protesters, who were mostly graduate students, were angered by the University's rescindment of a position offer made to Tufts University Professor Modhumita Roy. Prior to the protest, Edelman resigned after less than a year on the job, attributing his grievances to the division within the department between literary theorists and



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Peter Manning has accepted the position of USB English Department Chair.

literature historians.

Manning, who officially begins on Sept. 1, is anxiously awaited by students. "I hope this one sticks around for longer than a year," said Derek Java, a graduate student. "Not that I will be here longer than a year myself."

Many students were disappointed with the selection of classes this year along with the crowded class rooms due to an understaffed faculty. These problems along with other student concerns were voiced at the informal

State of the Department address held last month. Helen Cooper, director of Graduate Studies for the English Department, recorded students concerns and suggestions in order to deliver them to Manning so he can immediately begin to reconstruct the department. "It would be a 'nice' thing for the English department to actually function as a department," said Java, "because the selection of graduate classes for Fall 2000, well, the selection sucks."

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Shantiqua Williams

Major: English/ Political Science

What will you change if elected?

The thing that I would most like to change if elected would have to be the communication gap. Not only the gap between administration and students, but also between the students and Polity. Most students that attend Stony Brook aren't aware of all the services that Polity provides and that Polity is there to help us. At the debates which I attended on Wednesday, even some of the candidates running for office didn't know that they, as well as every other student enrolled in Stony Brook are members of Polity which makes them entitled to its services. I would like to make students aware of where they stand.

How do you feel about the eight semesters rule?

Even though I can understand where administration is coming from with this rule, I think it's unfair to a lot of people. The average rate of graduation is 5 years. The school acknowledges this by putting the expiration date on our identification cards as 5 years from when we are matriculated. I think that is sending students mixed messages. On one hand they are saying "We know it takes the average student 5 yrs. to graduate.", but you'll get kicked off campus after four. Hopefully after the new dormitory that is being built behind Roosevelt is finished, some of these problems can be eradicated.

Do you support the proposed recreation center? (why or why not)

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I think the new rec center will have its perks, even if most of us won't be around to use it. The Sports complex that we have now is not enough. I work at the front desk there, so I see that the students may not always be able to use its facilities and they sometimes are upset. However, it's something that the student body has to vote on because we will be getting charged extra money in our tuition for the building and maintenance of the new facility.

What was the last book you read?
PUSH by Sapphire.

Abigail Jordan and Kevin Pierre are also running for the position of Polity secretary. Neither responded to our

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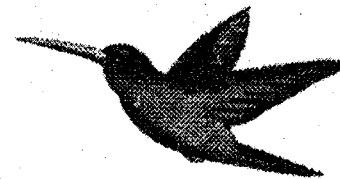
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Aging Pop Artists Still Rock On in New Release

By MICHAEL KIMMEL
Special to the Statesman

Warren Zevon and Marshall Crenshaw have been two of pop's most consistent songwriters. Ignored today by the major labels who first recorded them, but which are now too dazzled by megastars and units sold rather than musical quality, they still linger on, after decades, in the world of independent labels. Once the home of up-and-coming bands, these labels now offer refuge to seasoned veterans who are still too active and energetic to be put out to pasture. Thank heaven for them.

For 30 years, Warren Zevon has been one of pop's smartest songwriters - almost fatally smart. He began his career on David Geffen's Asylum Records, and has bounced around among several before finally landing on Danny Goldberg's new independent label, Artemis. And it's because he refuses to compromise.

Zevon always flirted with respectability without ever succumbing to it. He pushes the envelope to the edge, and then falls giddily over it. Several of his earlier songs were so clever that they appeared to celebrate brutality, mercenary warfare and violence against women, while they actually were savage critiques of the cult of media celebrity and public indifference that facilitates such atrocities.

And yet he's been a singer's songwriter for three decades, having his songs covered most notably by Linda Ronstadt ("Poor Poor Pitiful Me") and a host of southern California pop stars. You all probably know "Werewolves of London" at least. Let me put it this way: Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura asked Zevon to play "Lawyers, Guns, and Money" at his inaugural ball. Need I say more?

On his new album, *Life'll Kill Ya* (Artemis) - his ninth - Zevon jumps over the edge once again. The entire album is an exercise in contradictory form and content. As the title song suggests, Zevon is preoccupied with death and its imagery. There's a darkness here, and it's not on the edge of town. It's in the center of town, in comfortable and seemingly safe suburban housing developments.

Take, for example, the title song. Zevon notes how everyone eventually succumbs to the Grim Reaper, from the mightiest president to the lowliest rock star. Some "get the awful diseases," others get "the knife" or "the gun" while some



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Warren Zevon's new release, *Life'll Kill Ya*, has a slightly morbid preoccupation.

lucky few die in their sleep "at the age of 101."

And this song comes after the lead-off "I was in the House When the House Burned Down" which laments the debility of mind, body - and home. He even mocks the pretenses of rock and roll salvation in a ballad about the crusades - both real and metaphoric.

Not even the brightest star in the rock firmament - the King himself - is exempt, as "Porcelain Monkey" makes clear. Instead of giving a idealized biography on Elvis, the song is a non-tribute.

"Hostage-O" and "Don't Let us Get Sick," offer studies in contrasts. Soft and melodic, his trademark dark, deep baritone descends to descriptions of bondage for the sake of feeling something - anything - and pleads for more time. A slow acoustic number that does not appear on the jacket, called "My S—t's F—

ked Up," is a stinging confrontation with reality.

Why does Zevon write so relentlessly about death, decay and debility? This is because he is a true believer in the redemptive power of music. Within the songs there are hints of transcendence, however. "Fistful of Rain," invites the listener to believe the impossible, while his haunting acoustic cover of Steve Winwood's "Back in the High Life Again," offers a glimmer of salvation.

Marshall Crenshaw is a bastion of pop respectability. After starring as John Lennon on Broadway 20 years ago, the clean-cut and wholesome artist burst onto the scene with a debut that yielded several instant hits. Several albums later, he was cut loose by Warner Bros. Records and drifted from record company to record company until landing at Razor and Tie - a company that is rapidly

becoming a haven for once-popular and still-great artists such as Graham Parker.

Crenshaw's latest record, "#447," feels incomplete. A few instrumental tunes noodle around, fade out, or simply end abruptly. "Dime a Dozen Guy," is a sad lament with teasing hooks. "Television Light," is a lilting sweet love song, with a countrified fiddle filler that careens off the electric guitar melody.

"T.M.D." is a corny but wonderful love song. Throughout it, Crenshaw's plaintive tenor aches for meaning, love and happiness without a trace of hostility.

Both Crenshaw and Zevon reveal that they are wiser, sadder and more chastened through their music. Both have released some of their best work to date, proving that grownup musicians can stare down musical mortality with a wink and a strum of the guitar.

Hacking it at I-Con

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Much discussion could be heard regarding warp drive through hyperspace and quantum teleportation as a means of futuristic travel at the USB hosted I-Con event. Possibly more intriguing, though, were the panels of computer hackers sharing tales of exploration of technology and harmless mischief over the three-day conference.

Two of the hackers that spoke graduated from USB, and commented that they had used the University as their technological playground while living on campus. For instance, SBU graduate Scott Skinner described building an FM transmitter in his room that was capable of taking over the frequency of his hallmate's radio alarm clock. Skinner complained that the radio alarm clock

used to go off every morning at a very early hour playing terrible music. He decided to "hack" the radio by playing his own favorite music on that particular frequency.

Needless to say, it was now worth getting up at this early hour just to hear the screaming frustration of his hallmate, who couldn't understand why his radio refused to work properly. The hallmate would change the radio station, then Scott would adjust his frequency until he found it and took that one over. This story generated a round of laughter at the panel discussion.

Classifying this as a "hack" may be confusing because many think that all hackers are evil people who cause commotion and destruction using their computers. This stereotyping, which panelists insisted was facilitated by the media, is one of the things that annoy



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Panelists explained that Hollywood and the media have perpetuated the myth of the criminal hacker.

the hacker panelists the most.

Panelists told conference attendants that a true hacker is "someone who wants to learn and explore everything they can about a technological system," including computers, telephones, electronics, etc. to use the system in creative ways, ways for which it was not originally intended. The panelists maintained that this exploration is done for reasons of curiosity and not for personal gain. None of this has to involve breaking the law.

Hacker Panelist Emmanuel Goldstein, SBU grad and editor of *2600*, the hacker quarterly, said that "individuals that destroy computer systems or steal using credit card numbers obtained electronically should not be called hackers; they are just criminals."

The hackers felt that the current laws regarding computers and technology were very vaguely worded and excessively harsh in penalties. For instance, one hacker on the panel, Bernie S., was arrested by the Secret Service and put into 5 different federal maximum-security prisons for almost 2 years.

What was his crime? Possession of a piece of software which he had written himself that the government had viewed as dangerous. He was never accused of any type of fraud or other illegal activities in conjunction with the software. In fact the judge at his trial said, "There were no victims in this case." Bernie S. said

that the statute he was punished under (USC Title 18, Sec. 1029) was so vaguely worded that literally anyone who even owns a computer, a modem or a copy of Windows 95 can be put into prison.

Finally, the biggest looming threat was a lawsuit against *2600* magazine from the MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) and all the major Hollywood film producers (Fox, Columbia, Paramount, et al). They are being prosecuted under the recently enacted DMCA (Digital Millennium Copyright Act) for posting software written by a 16-year-old hacker in Europe on their website that allows people to play DVDs (Digital Versatile Disks) on computers running the Linux operating system.

2600 claims that the software was not primarily intended for copying or pirating DVDs, but rather allowed the consumer to play a DVD they had already paid for on their computer. They said that this was an important landmark test case against the DMCA which would affect everyone, whether or not they have a DVD player. This is because of the way the DMCA can be applied to restrict the legitimate use of many forms of digitized intellectual property, such as e-books, music, software and streaming audio.

For more information on this and other topics mentioned at the hacker panels, check out the following web sites: www.opendvd.org, <http://www.2600.com> and www.h2k.net.

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The I-Con panelists talked about a recent lawsuit brought against *2600* magazine.