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# Meet the Candidates

## PRESIDENT



Dan Slepian

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If Polity President Dan Slepian is successful in his bid for re-election next Tuesday, he will have spent all four of his college years in Polity office and two of them as chief executive officer.

Slepian, who held the offices of freshman representative and vice president before becoming president last year, considers the cost of education to be the most important issue facing Polity next year. He says that Polity needs to keep a closer eye on the budget crisis, which will cost the university \$10 million and at least 175 jobs, and cost students 60 percent more in tuition, according to Slepian.

If he is re-elected, Slepian says he plans to hold every member of the Polity Council and Senate publicly accountable for their performance by recording their position on every issue, so students know how their representatives are voting. "The students have a right to know, and should know, every way a council member votes . . . and any money spent," he says.

Slepian says he wants to continue his relationship with the administration in his second year as president. "The only way to get things done is to work with the administration," says Slepian, "not

necessarily against them. That doesn't mean to be buddy-buddy with the administration, but that means make sure the administration respects you as a leader enough to make sure that when you say something, they listen."

Slepian also plans to have Polity get more involved with academics. "We're here for an education," says Slepian. He says that publishing a teacher evaluation handbook for students is important to him in the upcoming year.

Slepian is concerned that the new concert restrictions handed down by Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, will hurt minority clubs and organizations most. Concerning the prohibition of using the Union Ballroom for concerts, Slepian says that "traditionally underrepresented groups" like the Minority Planning Board will not be able to afford concerts elsewhere.

Slepian condemns the Common Sense party, the first student-oriented political party on campus and is competing with almost all of the incumbents for Polity positions. "I do not recognize any student political parties," says Slepian. "There is only one party on campus, and that's the student party."

## Keith McLaren

Keith McLaren will be running against the incumbent Polity President Dan Slepian in Tuesday's elections. McLaren is a member of the newly recognized campus political group called the Common Sense party and has been involved in working on the increased tuition and campus security issues.

McLaren is very concerned about getting students more involved in what is going on around campus. He feels the student government representatives should go to the students to find out what they are having problems with, rather than waiting for the students to come to them. "I feel you have to get out there and see what the students want," said McLaren. "They're not just going to come and knock on your door."

McLaren feels that the existing student government members don't go out and get feedback from students, but they just wait for the students to come to the Polity office if they have to express a concern. McLaren feels that not all students with a

gripe about the way things are being run have the time or the desire to go to the office. "The office door can always be open," says McLaren. "But sometimes we have to go out and ask people."

According to McLaren, the Common Sense party was formed so students who were not happy with the workings of Polity could assemble and create their own party that felt their needs and the needs of other students were not being met. "I don't feel that anyone can have a strong chance of winning the election without a party so we created one . . . with the methods of working together," says McLaren.

McLaren is the publicity coordinator for Students Against Drunk Driving and has been involved in organizations including the Computer Science Society. McLaren says he is letting the students know it is them that the student government is working for. "I want the students' point of view," says McLaren.



Keith McLaren

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

Department of Student Union and Activities, "the Joycean Year," paintings by Gerald Davis relating to the writings of James Joyce. Noon-5:00 pm or by appointment. 2nd floor, Union Art Gallery. Call 632-6822. April 8-14.

School of Continuing Education Professional, Management & HRD Programs Training, "Recognition and Reporting Child Abuse." Advance registration \$25. 6:00-8:00 pm. N121, Ward Melville Social and Behavioral Sciences. Call 632-7071.

The Week of the Child Workshop, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care Services, "Infant Nutrition." Free and open to campus community and public. 11:30-12:30 pm. 216 SB Union. For registration information call 632-6930.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

The Week of the Child Workshop, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care Services, "Living With Your Preschooler." Free and open to the campus and the public. Noon-1:30 pm. 216 SB Union. For registration information call 632-6930.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

The Alternative Cinema at Stony Brook, *Matador*, psychosexual melodrama of serial murders, Latin romanticism, psychic phenomena and religious fanaticism. Directed by Pedro Almodovar. 7:00 and 9:30 pm. \$2. Stony Brook Union Auditorium. Call 632-6136.

Humanities Institute Visiting Fellows Lecture Series, "Popular Culture and the humanities in the 1990s," Houston Baker, University of Pennsylvania. Cosponsored by the Poetry Center. 7:00 pm, 256 Humanities. Call 632-7765.

The Week of the Child Panel Discussion, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care

Services, "Young Children and AIDS." 4:00-6:00 pm Main Library, Javits Center. For registration information call 632-6930.

The Week of the Child Workshop, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care Services, "Children's Safety in the Home." 6:00-8:00 pm Benedict Child Care Center, Daniel Webster Drive Building A.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

The Week of the Child Workshop, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care Services, "Aggressive Themes in Children's Play." Noon-1:00 pm 216 SB Union. For Registration information call 632-6930.

The Week of the Child Workshop, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care Services, "the Elephant in the Living Room-Family Violence and Child Abuse." 6:00-8:00 pm Benedict Child Care Center, Daniel Webster Drive Building A.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

The Week of the Child Workshop, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care Services, "Common Childhood Illnesses and Immunizations." Free and open to the campus community and to the public. Noon-1:00 pm. 216 SB Union. For registration information call 632-6930.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Union Crafts Center Course, "Paper Making Workshop." \$35 students, \$45 non students. 10:15 am-4:00 pm, Union Crafts Center Fiber Studio. Call 632-6822.

The Week of the Child Workshop, sponsored by the Stony Brook Child Care Services. A celebration of children and families together. 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Fireside Lounge, SB Union. For information call 632-6930.



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Faculty Student Association

# Students sit-in over HSO suspensions

By Toni Masercola  
Statesman News Editor

Several students gathered in the lobby of the Administration building Thursday for a sit-in opposing the Student Judiciary's decision to suspend Haitian Student Organization members Emanuel Severe and Philippe Valbrune.

HSO members wrote a list of demands, presented them to University President John Marburger during a University Senate meeting, and said they would be sitting in Administration until all the demands were met.

The demands, according to HSO member Junod Etienne, are as follows: that all the University charges against Severe and Valbrune be dropped, that all the decisions based on the charges be made void, that the University present an educational program for Public Safety on cultural diversity, and a public letter of apology be given to the HSO by Marburger.

"He [Marburger] is not going to comply immediately," said Etienne. "Hopefully as time goes on he'll see that students are serious about this and what the University has started can't go on."

The protestors began the sit-in Thursday afternoon, stayed through Thursday night, and continued through Friday. Members of the HSO said they would not sit during the weekend, but resume their positions on Monday, in support of Severe and Valbrune.

"For them [Severe and Valbrune] to get kicked out of this school is unjust," said senior Lucinda Jean-Baptiste, a member of the HSO.

The protestors are fighting the University ruling that found Severe guilty of five out of the six charges against him, while Valbrune was found guilty of four out of the six. Both were found innocent of entering the Alliance Room of the Library. And only Severe was found guilty of physically and verbally abusing Department of Public Safety officers. Valbrune was sentenced to a six month



Statesman/Christopher Reid

Protestors sit-in inside the administration building Friday morning, after staying there overnight.

suspension and Severe was sentenced to one year.

"The decision was unpopular," said Marburger. "We have a well defined appeals process... I urge them [Severe and Valbrune] to take advantage of this process."

The suspensions are a result of a four-day Student Judiciary hearing stemming from a riot that ensued during a HSO blood drive protest. The students were protesting a Food and Drug Administration policy which excluded Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans from donating blood

because they were believed to be in the high risk group for AIDS. The policy has since been rescinded.

The two HSO members will appear at the Suffolk County District Court on April 12 to face criminal charges of second degree rioting. Henry O'Brien, the students' attorney, will submit a statement asking that the charges be dropped. If the charges are not dropped, Severe and Valbrune will go to trial.

## Basix, Statesman offices burglarized during break

By Stephen Shapiro  
Statesman Contributing Writer

Public Safety is investigating two burglaries that took place in the Stony Brook Union Saturday evening, March 23, with losses totalling \$5,000.

Union Manager Lee Conover, who

was on duty when University Police began their investigation on Sunday afternoon said, "It was a total surprise... nobody was in that part of the building when I secured the building at 5:15 p.m., Saturday."

The burglaries were reported to University Police at approximately 8:30 p.m.,

Saturday, after a custodian discovered the break-in at Basix. Later that evening, it was reported that Statesman has also been burglarized.

Conover also stated that during Saturday evening, the Union Craft Center was open and that WUSB, Stony Brook's radio

station, was conducting its Radiothon. "There were 35-40 people 'hanging out' and playing Latino Salsa-oriented music, sometimes also roaming the building. There was forced entry here," said Conover.

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March 23, 1991

12:58 pm: Computer stolen in H Quad, Benedict room E104  
10:44 am: VCR and Stereo equipment stolen in H Quad, Benedict room E105.  
9:13 am: Television stolen in Kelly Quad, Baruch room 324b

9:56 am: Computer stolen from Health Science Center, 3rd level room 165

March 26, 1991

March 27, 1991

11:43 pm: Guitar, Stereo, and Amplifier stolen in Kelly Quad, Baruch college room 324c

March 28, 1991

Time not recorded: Computer parts stolen from Health Sciences Center

March 25, 1991

1:36 pm: Computer and Printer stolen in Life Sciences room 313

March 29, 1991

5:06 am: Money stolen in Tabler Quad, Douglass.

8:46 pm: Complaint that roommate forged and signed checks and stole money from her in Kelly Quad, Schick room 300c

April 1, 1991

10:59 am: Compact Disc and Cassette player stolen from Staller Center for the Arts, room 3020

April 3, 1991

9:04 pm: Unknown black male dangling small child out of window in H Quad, Benedict

April 5, 1991

Time not recorded: Portable stereo and fifty Compact Discs stolen in Tabler Quad, Douglass.

— Compiled by Lisa Volpicella

## Where Was Public Safety?

EVERY YEAR it's the same thing. During Spring Break Stony Brook becomes an open target for thieves and buildings get burglarized and vandalized.

So I wasn't surprised to hear that there were several burglaries during the break, including the theft of one *Statesman* computer from its offices.

This computer, although not critical to the production of the paper, is the result of months of planning and hard work.

Several computer systems, which are undoubtedly essential to those groups that are now missing them, were stolen during that week. I'm sure that either the University will be laying out big bucks to replace these items, or the departments and clubs will simply go without them.

But all of this could have been avoided. All we needed was just a little security — just a little.

Where was Public Safety? Where was that overwhelmingly intimidating force that scares away thieves and vandals during the regular year? Didn't anyone realize that the crime rate consistently goes up ten fold

during the break?

During most breaks, residents are urged by their residence hall directors to take extra precautions: lock windows, close shades, hide valuables or take them with you. This behavior is a responsible and wise way to battle crime over the break. If burglars do not see what's in the rooms, and if many of the valuables are hidden or taken away, there is no reason to risk capture.

But there is little or no risk in stealing from the academic buildings. Because the equipment is not owned by any one person, it is never taken out of the offices. And because the academic mall is seldom patrolled (that would mean Public Safety officers actually walking), there

is little chance of being caught.

It seems so safe, maybe I'll do it. Perhaps I'll do what somebody did to *Statesman*: take advantage of an obviously lacking security force and make a couple of thousand bucks off a poor organization. That's a living.

### News Views



David Joachim

## Basix, *Statesman* burglarized over break

BURGLARY from page 3

Neither WUSB management nor Union Crafts Center staff were available for comment.

Basix, a newly opened convenience store, estimates damages and replacement costs for equipment and merchandise at approximately \$3,000. Basix, operated by the Faculty Student Association (FSA) opened the convenience store in January to meet student needs.

Store Manager Padma Kuppa stated, "they did a month's worth of shopping. . . ." As Kuppa commented further, "we feel violated. Whoever did this hurt Basix and FSA, which is a student run organization."

*Statesman*, the official student newspaper, is missing a complete Macintosh Classic system, valued at approximately \$2,000. "It's not going to kill us," said *Statesman* Editor-in-Chief David Joachim, "but somebody is making a couple of thousand dollars off *Statesman*."

Regarding Student Union Security, Joachim insisted, "Obviously, Public Safety and the Union should take more responsibility for the property it is being paid to protect and that students regularly utilize."

Officials state that perpetrators entered Basix through a wooden panel and stole a fax machine, a complete rack of clothing, medicine, condoms, as well as food and other non-perishable items.

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# Editorial

## HSO Protestors Do Not Deserve Suspension

Emmanuel Severe and Philippe Valbrune, two members of the Haitian Student Organization suspended from the University last week on charges stemming from the blood drive riot on Dec. 4, were wrongly dismissed. The affair happened because of discrimination, and for that sole reason the charges should have been dropped.

Severe was convicted on five of six University charges and was suspended until the fall of 1992. Valbrune was found guilty of four out of six charges and is not eligible to return to the University until the Spring 1992 semester.

Both students participated in the HSO movement, and both were made martyrs by the University. The incident was directly related to the FDA ruling that Haitians and sub-Saharan Africans could not give blood. The peaceful protest was interrupted by Public Safety, and a riot broke out. The students also face criminal charges for second-degree riot.

Severe and Valbrune did not deserve their sentences. According to most eyewitness accounts, the two did nothing different from the rest of the protestors.

The University conviction and sentence of the two protestors simply violates students' freedom of speech. Now that two of our comrades have gone through hell, are future protests likely? Will Public Safety simply arrest us if it doesn't like what we're saying?

The University claimed that the HSO broke University conduct codes with their protest. These included the most ridiculous of all: trespassing. How was it trespassing for the Haitian students to enter the blood drive in the library and not the other people inside? Why were they being denied the same right as others?

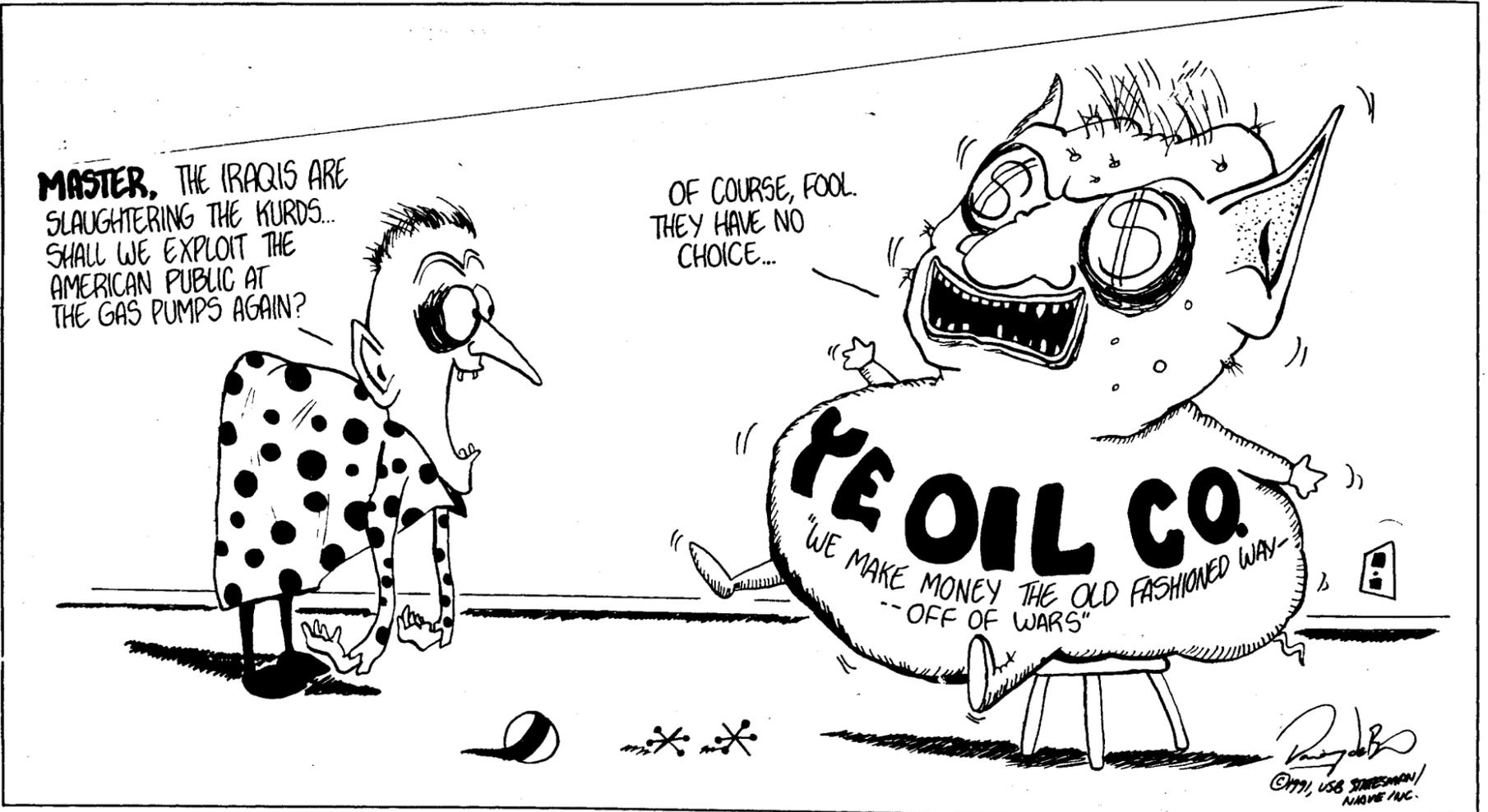
University President John Marburger has refused to go on the record about the HSO case. He seems to have no interest in the students'

plight.

In fact, before Spring Break Valbrune and Severe challenged Marburger at a Polity Senate meeting. This was supposed to be a rare opportunity for students to engage in productive conversation with the big guys. But Marburger only had one thing to say: "I have no comment on that."

No comment? If the trouble Valbrune and Severe have been going through is not worth a comment to Marburger, what is? Marburger repeatedly says he is open to student ideas and criticisms. But he seldom shows it.

The administration must see that there is little evidence against the HSO protestors. And the evidence that has been presented has been largely unsubstantiated. It's time to drop the charges and reverse what may prove to be irreversible damage to these students — and the campus.



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# Statesman • S B Magazine

## Seniors: reflecting on past — looking towards future

By Lisa J. Volpicella  
Statesman Staff Writer

Stony Brook seniors are happy yet sad to graduate in May. "It's a good kind of sad," said Stephanie Julian, a senior. "I'm leaving behind the old, but I'm psyched for what is to come."

Every person has a different goal, and when seniors leave Stony Brook they will all go in a different direction. Julian, a 21-year-old Biology major plans to become a doctor.

"I think as each year went by, each year went so much faster," said Julian. "Graduation kind of snuck up on me."

"You're kind of afraid to go out to the real world," said Nelly Sein, a senior. "You know college will be the best time in your life." Sein has completed all of her goals at Stony Brook. Belonging to a sorority, TA of Cell Biology and being accepted into medical school are just a few of her accomplishments. Now, after four hard years, Sein wants to party as much as possible.

Having fun is what seniors look forward to. The so-called senior-itis is beginning to set in. "I don't find it hard to study but you just don't want to try as hard because you have already established your college career," said Sein.

"Even though graduation is in front of me, it's still far enough to take it away from me," said Michele De Maria, a senior. "In fact, this is the last chance I have to do the

best that I can." However, when the warm weather comes around, De Maria and others may look at things in a different perspective.

"The main cause of senior-itis is the warm weather," said De Maria. "You forget about school and think of the beach, especially at Stony Brook with the beach five minutes away."

"Last week, the weather was like a tease, you just got so psyched," said Julian. "You think about how you're going to cut class and go to the beach." Julian went on to say, "It made you realize — this is it and we're coming to an end."

After four years of college, most seniors have many precious memories. De Maria, captain and coach of the cheerleading squad says pledging a sorority is one of her many highlights from college. "It's something I never thought I would do — and it gave me more than I

thought I could ever get." De Maria says her sorority gave her moral support and more confidence in herself. She has also made many life-lasting friendships.

"I had an awesome time at Stony Brook," said senior Keith Grover. "I took advantage of all the opportunities." Grover, a Business Management

major, is a founding father of a fraternity on campus. "It has given me so many memories, formals, parties and just plain fun." Grover says he wants to stay at Stony Brook for a couple of more years. "I'm going to law school in the Fall — at Stony Brook I can at least party as much as I want."

"Every aspect of Stony Brook is shaped by the friends you make," explains De Maria. "They provide more than a support network, they help you grow up." De Maria says being social helps, even in academics. "You have so many places to look for

help."

"Besides your grades, the most important thing is friends," explained History major senior Steve Simone. "If you make good friends, time goes faster." He says friends help you get through the good and bad times. "There are people who stay in and study all the time," said Simone. "Yeah, they have good grades, but what else do they have?"

Living away from home is one of the most memorable experiences to many seniors. "The rooms are so small, the food stinks and the bathrooms are gross," says De Maria. "But, I would never change anything." De Maria explains how you meet so many people and bond with some. "Living in the dorms, away from home, has let me find my true friends."

Part of being a second-semester senior is knowing that college is almost over. "You have to have so much fun this semester," said Julian. "I have too, it's my last semester." Other seniors have the same emotions. "I feel like I should party more than ever," said Sein. "The traditional Thursday nights at the Bridge and Carringtons will definitely be missed."

On May 19, 1991, the graduating class will move out and make room for the incoming freshmen. "You go past the undergraduate office in administration and you see all in-coming freshmen," said Julian. "It's so depressing."

**"I think as each year went by, each year went so much faster,"**

**-senior Stephanie Julian**

## Student temps do the job and fill their pockets

By Deborah Du Planty  
Statesman Contributing Writer

With pens in hands and books in arms, students are once again finding holes in their wallets.

The beginning of the semester means the end of earning money, to many students. However, temporary employment agencies may offer students the flexibility they need.

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tomation, legal support, accounting, records management, technical support, light industrial work and marketing departments. There is a high demand for typists, secretaries and word processing operators. Many factories, warehouses, mailrooms and distribution centers seek help through temporary agencies for the inexperienced workers.

"Even though getting your first job can be a big challenge, we have many temporary assignments that don't require a lot of experience," said Meyers.

Through the temporary agencies, the students are offered the assignments to fit their skills and schedules and the students are free to accept or decline the assignments as they come. "As temps, students can work when they want, where they want," said Meyers. "They can learn about the latest technology and meet new people. They can convert their skills into cash... and still have leisure time."

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"Through our marketing division," said Meyers, "temporaries are assigned to demonstrate products, take surveys, and even play Santa Claus and the Easter

## Wakefield mystery plays revisited

By Maria Lutz  
Statesman Contributing Writer

Attention all medievalists and theater enthusiasts alike! The Medieval Drama Society of Stony Brook welcomes all to its proud performance of the "Wakefield Mystery Plays", which are scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 13th at Christ Episcopal Church in Port Jefferson.

Mystery plays are medieval dramatizations of Biblical and Apocryphal stories designed to teach and preserve the Christian faith. Such plays, which were also community affairs, were usually sponsored by medieval guilds, which were associations of skilled tradesmen, merchants or artisans. They were presented in amusing and sometimes frightening detail, but always with a sense of earthiness. The Wakefield Mystery plays are one of the four surviving mystery play cycles which include York, Chester and N-town.

The Wakefield cycle, also known as the Towneley plays, was written during the 14th century and includes

revisions which extend it into the 15th century. It is the work of many authors, one of whom is known to us simply as the Wakefield Master, whose style is characterized by a rhyme scheme of the first four lines in each stanza.

When the Anglican Church was formed during the 16th century, Catholicism was driven underground. Many mystery plays were severely edited or banned by an Ecclesiastical Commission designed to "amend" the doctrinal ideas presented in the plays. The Wakefield manuscript was in the possession of both the Townley family and the Abbey of Woodkirk, north of Wakefield, England for many years until it reached its present location in the Huntington Library in San Marino, California.

It is hoped that the Medieval Drama Society of Stony Brook, with the guidance of Dr. Stephen J. Spector of the English department, will re-create the mixture of entertainment, teaching and delight that are the Wakefield Mystery plays, for the enjoyment of all.

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"I'd ask them 'What is the universal formula that makes the world go round?' — then I'd take them to Carrington's."



**Jim Nolan, 23**  
Junior  
Mechanical Engineer

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"I'd probably do a double-take. I wouldn't want to make any noise because I wouldn't want to attract any attention. I'd run."



**Nicole Garcia, 21**  
Junior  
Sociology

"I'd let them take me home to outer space."



**Barbara Cohen, 20**  
Sophomore  
Geology

"I don't know. I'd just stare at them. I think my mouth would drop open."

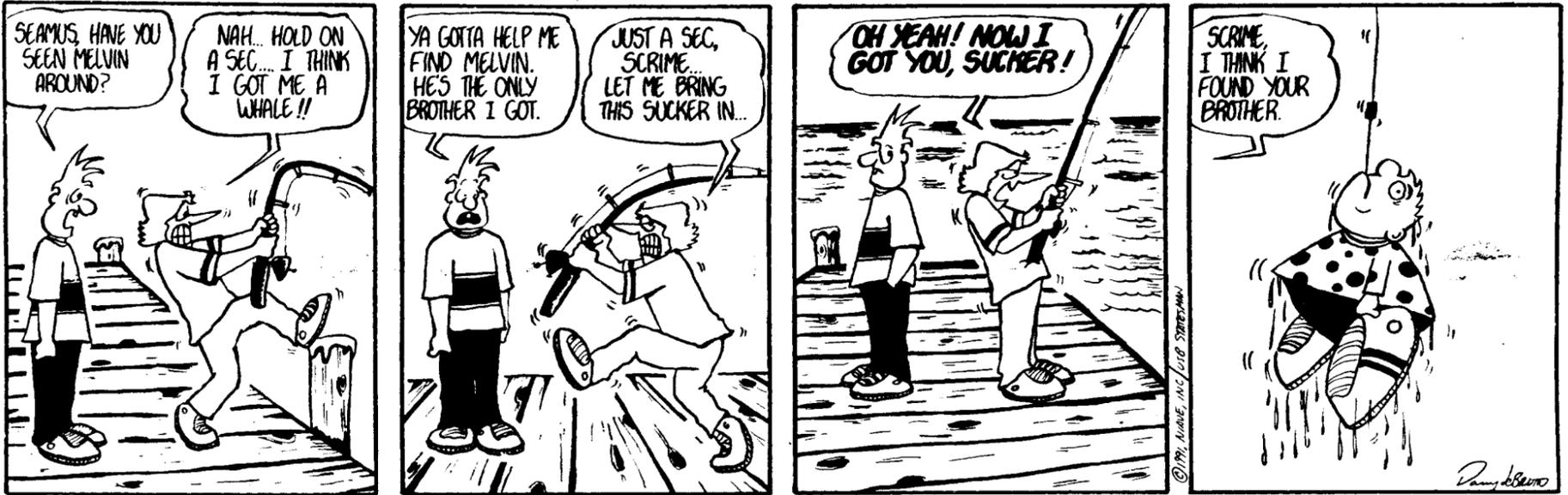


**Lisa Wong, 19**  
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Liberal Arts

**BY CHRISTOPHER REID**

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## Polity Election Preview

### VICE PRESIDENT

#### Tom Pye



Tom Pye

Tom Pye, who is running for Polity vice president after serving as sophomore and junior representatives in the past two years, says that he wants to take more of a leadership role in Polity next year.

"Reps are sometimes not even considered part of the council," says Pye. "I want to use my experience in Polity, especially in the senate."

Pye says that the rising cost of education is his biggest concern for next

year. He says he wants more students to get involved and voice their opinions about the budget crisis. "Students sometimes don't understand that their opinions matter," says Pye.

Pye sees Polity officers as role models for the students. "For example," says Pye, "if I see a piece of paper on the ground, I pick it up so maybe someone will see me and do the same." He says that student leaders have a responsibility

to set the trends on campus.

Polity needs to work more as a team, says Pye. "There were a lot of individual achievements this year," he says, "but we could have achieved more if we meshed together better." And Pye says he hopes more students will get involved in the decisions made next year so that "eight people are not making the decisions for over 11,000."

#### Lee Wiedl

Lee Wiedl, who is currently serving as president of the Commuter Student Association, has cast his bid for vice president of Polity.

"The time has come for commuters and resident students to interact as a unified student body," says Wiedl.

Last month, Commuter Student Day, was an unprecedented event for com-

muters. "Everyone was king for a day," says Wiedl, "we plan for this to be an active event to be held at least yearly."

"Fight the bus fee," says Wiedl. "It is something CSA has been at the forefront of addressing, but we need your help."

About student government in general, Wiedl says that students should

become more involved within their governance, "You can make a difference," says Wiedl.

Wiedl was at the forefront of establishing a newsletter for commuters. "Students need to be kept informed of who we are, what we do, and how they can take part in the wide variety of our activities."

Plans for next year at CSA include opening a typing service and an exercise area, with the possibility of free weights.

*(Wiedl could not be reached for an interview before press time. This profile was compiled by a Statesman reporter from past interviews.)*

Note: Maxine Douglas, who ran for sophomore representative last year, has also petitioned for the vice presidency. She could not be reached before press time.

### SECRETARY

#### Ary Rosenbaum



Ary Rosenbaum

Ary Rosenbaum, a freshman with a background in high school politics, cites the budget crisis as the most important issue in his bid for Polity secretary.

Rosenbaum, 18, who says he registered as a candidate for President of the United States in 1988 as a joke, says he is concerned about the affordability of SUNY colleges. "Let's face it, a lot of people are not going to come back next year," says Rosenbaum. "And those who come back will be faced with fewer class

sections available."

Not enough is being done about campus security, Rosenbaum continued. He says he is not in favor of arming Public Safety, and offers suggestions for the force. "If sitting in your car outside 7-Eleven is your idea of security, I think you're wrong," he suggests more foot patrols by Public Safety officers and the installation of more blue light phones around campus.

Polity spending is "the issue I really

go off on," says Rosenbaum, who thinks that there is too much wasteful spending in Polity. He calls the renovation of the Polity suite earlier this year "in bad taste," and the "\$10,000" Polity phone bill "extraordinary."

Rosenbaum, who is a member of the Common Sense party, says a rumor that the party wants to discontinue special interest groups is false. "After we cut administration costs, money will be freed-up for these clubs," he says.

### SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE

#### Michael Vultaggio

Junior Michael Vultaggio, a member of the Common Sense party, feels it is important to have a liason between the student and local governmental officials. He will stress this problem is he is elected senior representative.

Vultaggio had an internship in the Suffolk County executive office with Senator Patrick Halpin and feels that it is

a mistake on behalf of Polity that there is currently no contact between Polity and local governmental officials. He feels the local officials could have an impact on the student body. "By pressing local officials, they will want to best serve the students in their district," says Vultaggio, who feels he could serve the students as a liason with outside officials.

Vultaggio feels his experience in Halpin's office has allowed him to acquire political technology that will help him if he is elected.

The political science major also feels that campus security is not being utilized to its maximum efficiency. "We should beef up security during prime crime hours ... like putting in blue light phones at bus

stops surrounded by wooded areas," says Vultaggio.

Vultaggio is also concerned about the tuition hike and the parking problems facing the Stony Brook student. He says these are the issues that most effect the students and he is dedicated and determined to rectifying these problems.

The above is an unofficial list of Polity candidates. Candidacy is not official until Tuesday morning, after all petitions are in. Interviews were conducted and written by Toni Masercola and David Joachim. Photos by Christopher Reid.

## JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE



Christine Tracy

Polity sophomore representative, Christine Tracy is in the running for junior representative. She believes the suspension of the two Haitian Student Organization members, stemming from the Dec. 4 blood drive riot, is an important issue concerning students and student support.

"It is great that so many students support them," says Tracy, "because that's what they need." "The blood drive is so controversial, you can't discriminate."

Tracy says that there should be more

### Christine Tracy

communication between the Department of Public Safety and the students to make them more aware of crime on campus. "Students must be more aware so they can take precautions." Tracy says there needs to be more communication through the Polity Newsletter. Tracy is the editor of the newsletter and feels it is a good source of information.

Tracy is also concerned about arming Public Safety, saying that students should make the decision. "I still think it's more important that no one get hurt."

In addition to the newsletter, she is

a student representative of the Campus Environmental Committee, and feels her experience in Polity has aided her interaction with the students. "I'm a student," says Tracy. "And I'm here to represent students on student issues . . . I think my experience will prove itself."

Tracy said that the role of student government is to act as liaison for administration and students and to make sure there is communication going on between the two. "We are here to keep students aware and to act as a representative on student issues."

## Steve Mauriello

Steve Mauriello, the Common Sense party's candidate for junior representative, has been outspoken in the Polity Senate on the Gulf War.

Mauriello, who represented commuter college in the Senate, plans to institute the Common Sense platform if he is elected. This includes: stopping the tuition hike and an increase in campus security.

A sophomore majoring in history, Mauriello was one of the organizers of a rally to support the American troops in the Persian Gulf Feb. 12. "I am proud of the young heroes," he said at the rally.

When the Senate considered taking a stand on the Gulf War, Mauriello urged the Senate not to take a vote. "The campus is split," he said. "A vote either way will cause tension."

Mauriello has since been forced to resign as a Polity senator representing commuter college because he has moved on to campus.

*(Mauriello could not be reached for an interview before press time. This profile was compiled by a Statesman reporter from past interviews.)*



Steve Mauriello

## SOPHOMORE REPRESENTATIVE



Ken Bristow

### Ken Bristow

Ken Bristow, 19, who is currently freshman representative, says he plans to continue his work on issues like room consolidation, commuter involvement, and the budget crisis if he is elected sophomore representative.

Bristow puts the consolidation policy, in which students without a roommate are forced to find a roommate, pay for a single, or move elsewhere, at the top of his list of priorities. He calls the policy "unfair" and says he wants the Residence Hall Association and Polity to work more closely on the issue.

In retrospect, Bristow says Polity should have taken a stand after blood drive protestors Philippe Valbrune and Emanuel Severe were arrested and suspended from the university. He calls the suspensions "outlandish" and fears future protests will be scarce. "We have a right to protest," he says.

Bristow concludes with a motto he learned on his track team in high school, which he says applies to his aspirations in Polity: "Obstacles are the things you see when you take your mind off the goal."



Nadia Chanza

### Nadia Chanza

Nadia Chanza, who ran for freshman representative last semester, feels safety is one of the most important issues facing students. She will work on creating more safety programs if she is elected sophomore representative.

Chanza says that students' lack of information is another problem she will address. "I want to make sure all sophomores know exactly what programs are available for them in school," says Chanza. Chanza says she would like to have her own column in the Polity Newsletter with the main goal to inform the sophomore class of special events

and deadlines. She will also work on getting information out to the commuter students through the mail, if they are not able to get it on campus.

"I feel I'm the right person for the job," says Chanza. "I just want to be there for the students . . . I know what they're going through."



Vincent Bruzzese

### Vincent Bruzzese

Freshman Vincent J. Bruzzese, a Polity senator from the Commuter College, who has become reacquainted with the workings of Polity after a car accident left him with a two year memory loss, is running for sophomore representative.

Bruzzese ran for freshman representative last semester. He was involved in different activities before his accident and has since been trying to relearn the responsibility of his position. Bruzzese has been tending Polity senate meet-

ings regularly and voicing his concerns on issues that face the students.

Bruzzese is a student who enjoys school and the responsibility of being a student leader. "I like to get the impression that there is nothing I can't do," he said.

*(Bruzzese could not be reached for an interview before press time. This profile was compiled by a Statesman reporter from past interviews.)*

### SherryAnn Schomber

Freshman SherryAnn Schomber feels her main priority, if she is elected sophomore representative, will be to stop the increasing tuition.

Schomber, who is a member of the Common Sense party, says they're opposed to any tuition hike. "The burden of [Governor Mario] Cuomo's fiscal disaster is falling upon SUNY students," says Schomber, "and that's not right."

Schomber is concerned about campus security. She says Stony Brook needs more foot patrolling, instead of officers giving students parking tickets.

"We [the Common Sense party] are not in favor of cutting the [Student] Activity Fee," says Schomber, who feels that the Polity's budget needs to be streamlined.

Schomber stated that the present student government is not working as well as it should be, "The only thing that gets things done is working out problems," says Schomber. "I hope to be able to do that."

## Monroe: Framed for success

By Danny deBruin  
Statesman Staff Writer

Marcel Monroe is a band that knows how to play rock 'n roll with a real justice. Their CD is called "Framed", and any radio station that is not **REVIEW** playing it should have their heads examined.

The band is Bob Windbiel, guitars and vocals, Kimberly Jean, Vocals and bass, and Dave Keay, drums. All the bands songs are loaded with sharp guitar riffs and the presence and influences of Chicago Electric Blues and the Rolling Stones. YOW!

Kimberly Jean sings most of the songs, and on the songs she doesn't lead in, her back-up vocals blend in with Windbiel's vocals like butter and mashed potatoes. And there's a lot to be said about people who don't like mashed potatoes.

Marcel Monroe does a song called "Charlie," and in it they sing, "Charlie Watts is on my mind." This confirms that they are a great rock 'n roll band. Any band that pays homage to the Rolling Stones drummer knows what they are doing.

There are all kinds of great rock 'n roll riffs going on in this CD. You can hear that Bob Windbiel knows who Howlin' Wolf is. You can tell he really knows who Chuck Berry is. You can tell he is listening to Keith Richards. Windbiel's guitar playing is really alive.

Next to the Black Crowes, Marcel Monroe is the best new band around. It would be great to see these two bands tour together. But don't expect the boobs in the music industry to ever think about providing a great tour with great bands. While the bureaucrats in the music industry are trying to figure out which band is politically correct to win a grammy, you should start to enjoy your summer by picking up this CD.



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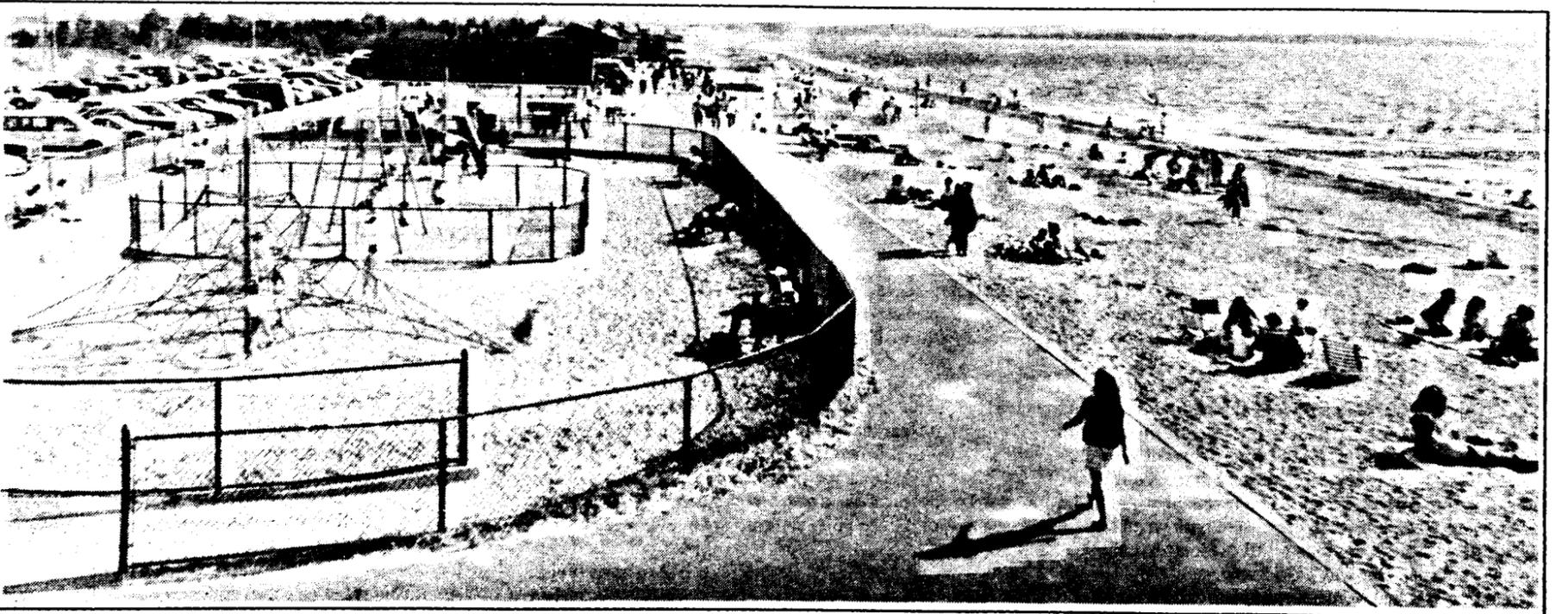
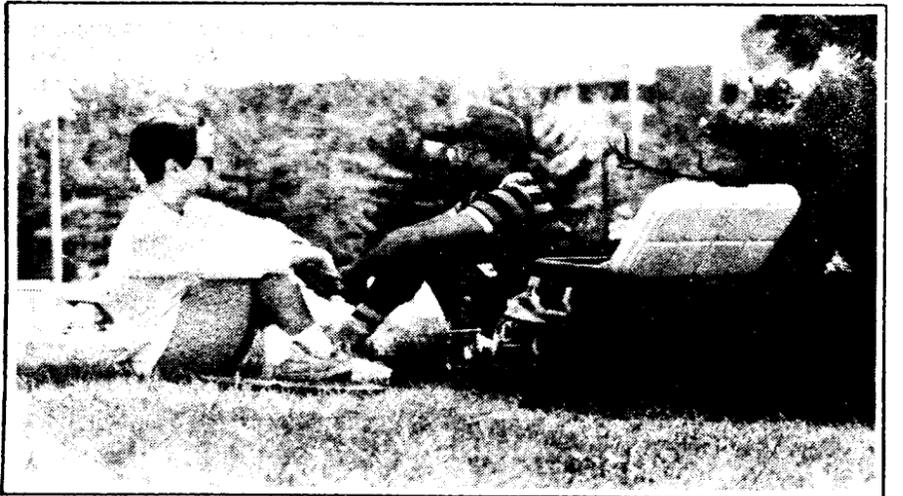
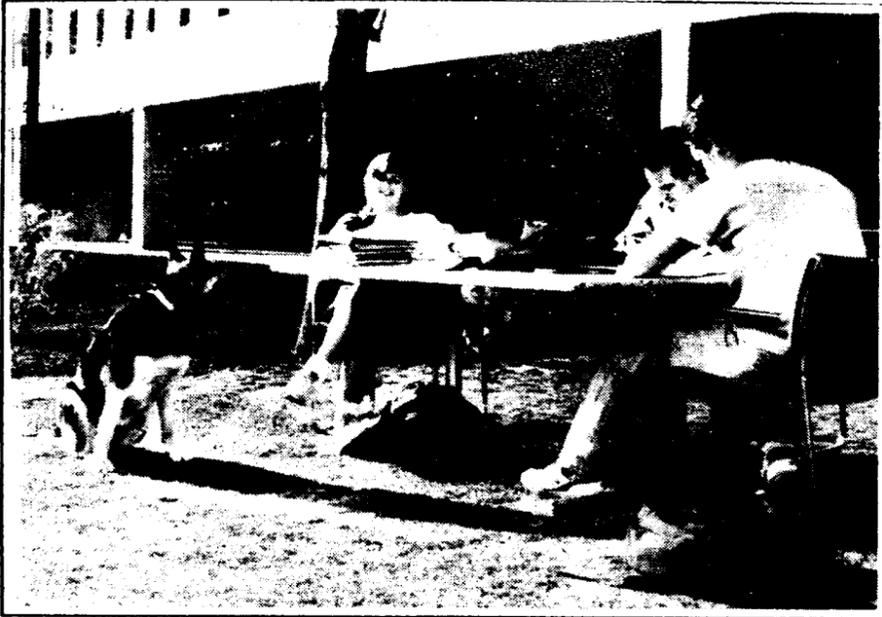
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## Opinions

# Liberal or Conservative: Not Much Choice

By Matthew Schmidt

Although it is seldom fruitful to utilize labels that generalize about groups of people who share attributes, most would agree that the political climate in our country today is dominated by two schools of thought that are often perceived as ideologically opposite. These two factions, often referred to as "liberals" and "conservatives", can usually be identified by the characteristic positions they adopt on many issues.

"Liberals", for example, are generally opposed to government censorship of any form often favor affirmative action-type programs and demand the recognition of special "rights" for minority groups; resent government interference in abortion decisions; tend to advance environmental and animal rights agendas; and lean towards a socialist-type economic system, advocating redistribution of wealth and the imposition of taxes to fund "social programs".

"Conservative" positions characteristically include the (alleged) advocacy of capitalism, a strong religious foundation that they believe allows them to impose government restrictions on abortion, "obscenity", etc.; opposition to affirmative action-type programs, etc.

Perhaps when forming your political convictions you were uncomfortable with certain aspects of both of these ideologies, and couldn't easily choose whether you were "liberal" or "conservative". If you think the choice is "liberal" or "conservative", think again: both of these idea systems are full of inconsistencies and contradictions, and

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are morally bankrupt and devoid of rationality. Furthermore, both "liberals" and "conservatives" share the same fundamental premises.

In the "material" realm (issues dealing with production and trade), the "liberals" advocate government regulations, restrictions, and central planning; in "spiritual" matters. They say they want the government *OUT*. This amounts to the following statement of nonsense: "A human being has the inalienable right to exist unhindered by the state, but the government is also morally justified in forcefully seizing the fruits of his labor (which are, in essence, his life), to be used for whatever purpose it deems proper."

The "conservatives" take the opposite side: "The government has no right to direct or control a man's economic life, but is justified in forcefully imposing its vision of "morality" on all people." (This is what the separation of Church and State was supposed to prevent.) Both sides see the state as a tool of force to be used against its own individual citizens. They only disagree on the rules and doctrines to be enforced! Neither of these alternatives are logical or defensible.

At this point, it is vital to note that political science is a highly derivative branch of philosophy. Political principles rest on and must be derived from more fundamental premises in the field of ethics, epistemology, and metaphysics.

Metaphysically, "conservatives" postulate the existence of a supernatural realm and deity which negates any concept of a causal, predictable universe, and take faith as superior to reason as a means of gaining knowledge. "Liberals", if they don't accept the preceding scenario,

either claim there is really no such thing as absolute reality, or that reality is created by consciousness.

In the field of ethics, there is also little disagreement. Both factions advance a moral system based on altruism and self-sacrifice; one emphasizes duty to God, and the other duty to humanity, but the end result is the same — any self-interest is ultimately characterized as evil. Thus, any political differences between "liberals" and "conservatives" are not a result of fundamentally different ideas, but are attributable to a misunderstanding and misapplication of philosophical principles.

If "liberals" and "conservatives" represent different mutations of a similar set of ideas, then what is one to do? Is there a rational alternative? The answer is "yes"! A full philosophical system advocating objective reality, reason and egoism has been defined by Ayn Rand; it is the alternative to today's ludicrous irrationality and destructiveness and the "antidote to the present state of the world" (Leonard Peikoff). This system is called objectivism. Objectivism holds that reality is objective.

Ethically, this translates into "rational egoism." This egoism does not entail the sacrifice of others for the benefit of the self. Objectivist ethics simply state that an individual has the right to his own life, and that the pursuit of one's own happiness is a moral quest, not a guiltily accepted necessity.

Do you still think the choice is "liberal" or "conservative"? The real choice is: reason and happiness vs. mysticism and self sacrifice; individual rights vs. mob rule; freedom, prosperity, and benevolence vs. statism, slavery, destruction and misery. I don't think it is such a difficult choice. Why are so few people making it?

# Tips to Protect You from Campus Rapes

By Adam Kaminsky

From as early as orientation, we were informed of the hidden pitfalls this schools has in store. Everything from petty pilferage to violent crime was covered by the Public Safety officer lecturing us, warning us to be careful.

One of the topics the officer touched upon is the subject of rape, rattling off frightening statistics of how three out of four women in the room will be raped at least once in the four years. They will be attending the school, and through many sources it was mentioned that one in ten rapes are reported. And of those reported, there is a three percent chance that the rapist will be convicted.

Although there are many organizations that exist to console the victims of such brutality, there are many others that are unquestionably well-intentioned, but play upon the natural fear in people when they face any frightening situation, and suggest that they are a legitimate solution to the problem. However, these groups provide only a momentary safe haven, and it seems that their responsibilities

*Adam Kaminsky, a supervisor of the Residential Security/Walk Service Program, is a regular contributor to these pages.*

## Letter

### Don't Vote Common Sense

To the Editor:

Once again the Common Sense party has had to wake up and find themselves meddling in abstractions. I was witness to quite an embarrassing scene on March 20, when a few Common Sense party members schlepped into our LEG meeting at Keller building and pressed to allow them to speak. For almost ten minutes they bored us.

After they gave their platform one of the spokespersons, ShariAnn, was asked by a Keller resident attending a LEG meeting if she had at any time been affiliated with the College Republicans. Three times she denied vehemently. But then the LEG member said that once when he had called the College Republicans it was ShariAnn who had answered the phone. Her face went pink when he said this and it was quite obvious to all present that she was lying her butt off. But why? Go know.

Finally, as if that were not enough to call it a night, one

end once you walk out their door.

There is no reason why a whole group of people must be alienated and frightened into thinking that they are insignificant victims of a world that is irreparably violent.. Because of the recent incidents ravaging this campus, many people, women especially, are being chained to their rooms, afraid to walk even to adjacent buildings. Why, it has gotten so bad that once, I met a girl and tried to put my arm around her, she screamed so loud because she thought I'd attack her.

While it is a sad fact that rape occurs on this campus, there is not excuse to live life in perpetual fear. Of course, the general attitude towards women plays a part in the prevalence of rape, but saying that alone is taking the easy way out. The ignorance of the population is a major factor that contributes to the ease of committing a rape. Believe me, by knowing ways to thwart a rapist, you will lessen your chances of rape occurring to those of winning the lottery.

First and foremost, WALK ASSERTIVELY. That means chin up, shoulders square, and chest out. Take a look over you shoulder periodically. Keep everything in front of you. By looking alert and being confident, people

of the spokespersons (not a pleasant looking young man) started tirading about a bill that had been posted around the campus by an anonymous party. The bill attempted to slander the Common Sense party but turned on the Lesbian Gay & Bisexual Alliance instead. It was said that the LGBA is associated in a friendly sort of way with the Common Sense party, when in truth, the LGBA has nothing to do with any of the organizations in question. Is it once again not obvious that LGBA is the victim of abusive political discourse? The Common Sense spokesperson at LEG denied any affiliation with LGBA, but he also made it clear that they would have no use for Lesbians or Gays or the dreaded Bisexuals at any time and they are offended to find our name associated with theirs. It all seems too political to be true but you can rest assured that the Common Sense party will never have this gay man's vote.

Anthony Teets  
Gay Man

will respect your presence and will not trouble you. Should something happen, don't panic, keep walking normally until you find safe haven, and keep a close eye on you suspect.

**USE WALK SERVICE.** Walk service is a radio-dispatched escort service not for those too wimpy to walk across campus alone, but for those too smart to take the risks. Walk Service has three to four units on call each night that handle an average of six walks a night between them. I have walked many people who just want somebody to take their mind off that long journey from Benedict to Eisenhower, in addition to being assured safe passage. Walk Service has the capacity to accommodate fifty walks a night, and while everybody is complaining about security, Walk Service is just engaged in a combat against boredom.

**DON'T PROP ENTRANCE DOORS OPEN.** This is self explanatory, but it always struck me as unusual as to why some people will risk security because they are too lazy to sign their guests in at the front door, or open the door every time a guest of theirs calls. Residential Security patrols the buildings at least three times a night, but we are so shorthanded that it is impossible to keep tabs on every door without cooperation.

**LOCK YOUR DOOR** when you leave eyesight of it, whether you are going home or to the end hall lounge. If you are in the room and feel somebody has the key to you room, peg it shut with a doorstop placed at the inside base, and lock it. This will make keying in an exercise in futility.

In the event something does happen, **SEEK HELP IMMEDIATELY.** As soon as you regain composure, **NOTIFY PUBLIC SAFETY** or the Suffolk County Police Department. Don't be embarrassed about or take any blame for the incident. The reason rapes go unreported is that the victims have a guilty conscience. Baloney. Factors beyond your control were to blame, and nothing can be done to indict the rapist unless you take the first step.

Lastly **DON'T BE VICTIMIZED BY FEAR.** Go to the 7-Eleven with your friends at ten o'clock at night. Have those midnight chats with your hallmates in the lobby of the Union. Just remember that it is okay and normal to be afraid, but don't let it overcome you. There is nothing wrong with traveling upon whim, if you put you mind towards assertiveness and independence, rather than helplessness servility. Be aware, and go for it! Welcome back to life!

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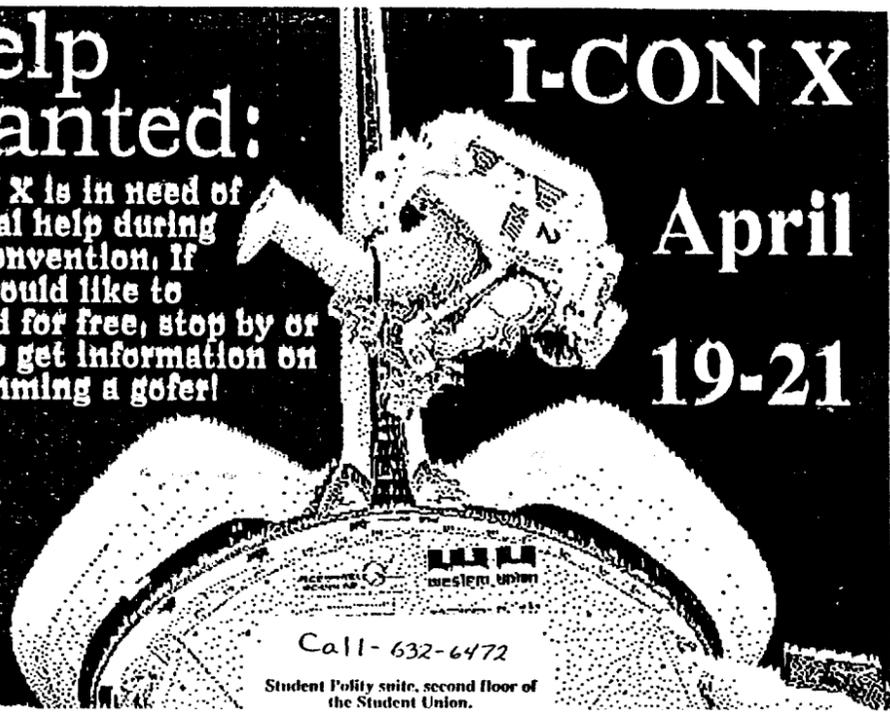
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# Rangers on the road to Stanley Cup

By Sandra B. Carreon  
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The New York Rangers are 14 games away from capturing the elusive Stanley Cup. Over 50 years of fruitless tries through minor mishaps and struggles can be finally laid to rest, if they win in 1991.

Broadway's Blueshirts are up 2-1 in this best of seven series against the Washington Capitals after defeating the Caps in Landover 6-0. Goaltender Mike Richter rebounded from a valiant, though losing effort Friday night when his team was shutout 3-0.

The team's chance this year appears more promising due in large part to the presence of Brian Leetch. The all-star defenseman was sidelined in the 1990 playoffs after a broken right foot. This season, his stamina, superb stickhandling, tricky shots and overall talent will help New York on defense. Leetch is also the man to jump start the Ranger offense. He quarterbacks the power play, along with James Patrick, and he leads the rush up ice to the opposition's zone, on transitional plays.

Jan Erixon, the unsung hero in all three playoff games thus far, has to maintain the streak that he is in. His pretty goal, falling through the slot behind the net on his stomach in game one was an added bonus. Erixon's main task is to keep the Caps' big guns from scoring. He anchors the penalty killing unit, along with Darren Turcotte, Brian Mullen and Paul Broten.

Mike Gartner and Bernie Nicholls will have a lot to do with the Rangers' final outcome. Gartner sustained a consistent scoring repertoire in the regular season, with a team-high 49 goals, whereas Nicholls basically coasted the last couple of months. Nicholls is a proven playoff performer. His scoring touch propelled the team to victory.

Kris King, Troy Mallette and Joey Kocur are among the NHL's top fighters/checkers. Their presence is needed to intimidate the foes and to protect the more finesse guys on the ice. The mudslinging between the tough Rangers and the tough Capitals has already received attention. And the efforts of these three guys have paid dividends, first in game one and again in game three.

Richter, in his sophomore year and already one of the league's best is backed by another great performer by the name of John Vanbiesbrouck. It is unknown how much or how little work the Beezer will actually see in the post-season. But, rest assured, he will respond capably and effectively.

Roger Neilson's club consists of a healthy mix of veterans and youths. There are a number of players on the team who have been through the playoffs. Their leadership and guidance will help the younger players, intent on staking a claim to hockey's Holy Grail.

14 more victories to go . . . And the Stanley Cup will belong to the New York Rangers.

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# Air Force L-axed; Runners set three school records

**LACROSSE** -Pats shoot down Air Force — The Men's Lacrosse team traveled west to Denver this weekend to face-off against Air Force. Freshman attackman Terence Vetter catapulted the Patriots to victory by scoring five goals and adding two assists. Junior attackman Joel Insinga notched two goals, and junior goaltender Rob Serratore had 18 saves in the 11-9 win. More on this game and the match versus the University of Denver in the Thursday issue of *Statesman*.

## USB Sports Update

the event in 42.65. Vilien, Matadeen and Gill were also involved in the record-setting 4x200 team with Courtney O'Mealley at a time of 1:30.3.

In the women's side, Nicole Hafemeister, Farah Merceron, Delia Hopkins and Meegan Pyle combined for a 13.2 seconds time for fourth place in the distance medley. On Saturday, April 13th, both the men's and women's squads will compete in the PAC Championships at 11am. This tournament will take place, here, at the University at Stony Brook.

Catcher Bill Zagger caught both games. J.P. Maurin started and was relieved by Barry Liebowitz, Jeremy Yellin and Aaron Eagle in the 16-run white-washing by the Dolphins.

Drew McDowell started the second half of the twin bill. The Pats managed to

lead their opponents at one point. But according to catcher Ray Lacer, the team suffered mental collapse, leading to defensive errors and the eventual loss.

The team gets back into action this Wednesday when they travel to Queens College.



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Staten Island hit their way to a doubleheader victory past the Patriots

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**TRACK** -Runners have successful weekend —The Men's and Women's Outdoor Track team consummated a successful weekend meet at Williamsburg, Virginia by setting University records.

The 4x100 men's relay team of Anderson Vilien, Wayne Matadeen, Roger Gill and Jerry Canada completed

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**BASEBALL** - Team drops doubleheader —The baseball team lost both games of their doubleheader to Staten Island Sunday afternoon. They fell in the first match, 20-4 and came closer to victory in the second with a 9-8 defeat.

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**Men's tennis team in action yesterday against Fairleigh Dickinson.**

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# Pitching Power



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## Racioppi leads Lady Pats to 5-0 record after tossing a 1-hitter and a shutout

By John Carden  
 Statesman Softball Writer

"STTRRRRIIIKKKE!" was the only noise heard by Patriot softball fans these past four days as Lady Patriots pitchers Traci Racioppi and Joan Gandolph led a dominant parade against New Paltz in a doubleheader Wednesday, Manhattanville on Thursday and Albany at home in a doubleheader Saturday. The Lady Patriots are off to an excellent start with five wins and no losses.

**SOFTBALL**

New Paltz pitcher Tiza Werner was unable to get it together in the first inning and as a result walked eight. Only Cathy DiMaio actually recorded a base hit in that inning, but Werner surrendered four runs.

In the third inning of the contest, the Lady Hawks scored one run while the Pats put the game away. With the bases loaded, Jo-Anne Greggo and Heidi Epstein had two RBIs each to up the score to 14-3 by the end of the third inning. After this, New Paltz head coach Alan Duvefsky made a pitching change. However, it proved unsuccessful when the Lady Patriots scored four more to end the game, winning 18-8.

Racioppi began the second game of the doubleheader, putting on an excellent pitching performance, allowing only one run, four walks and just one hit the entire five innings. With the pitching performance of Racioppi and the hard-hitting from Gandolph, Greggo and freshman Kerry Diggin, the Lady Pats defeated the Lady Hawks 4-1.

Thursday at Manhattanville, Racioppi's powerful pitching struck again. This time, she chalked up her second win in a complete game effort. At the plate, she went 4-for-5, with three RBIs and a home run. Junior Kim Verunac was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and senior Teri Manno and DiMaio each had 3-for-4 days.

Saturday against Albany, the Lady Patriots continued their winning ways. With shortstop Dana Carasig leading in assists, freshman pitcher Gandolph gave up only seven runs and 11 hits. Having capitalized on the excessive Albany errors, the Lady Patriots handed their opponent a 20-7 loss in the first game of the doubleheader.

In the second game, Racioppi came through again. This time, she gave up only four hits in a shutout, beating Albany 4-0. On offense, DiMaio was 4-for-5 with four

RBIs; Carasig went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and freshman Joanna Kerney went 4-for-4 with three doubles and one RBI.

Head coach Judy Christ and her Lady

Patriots look forward to improving their record when they travel to Queens on Friday and host Staten Island in a doubleheader Saturday afternoon.



One of many Lady Patriots breezes into home plate.

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