WORN SNEAKERS

Today, as we go to vote we should keep in mind where our money goes and how it is spent. At the polls, students will have an opportunity to vote on whether or not the Student Activity Fee should increase $4.50 a year, or in simpler terms, $2.25 a semester. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) is requesting this increase for the same reason anyone else would ask for an increase — they would like more money. Such sports as football, basketball, baseball etc. are Division III NCAA members. The increase would total $50 a student a year for the NCAA. Unfortunately, though, at the most, merely 500 students benefit from those services provided by the NCAA. Now, that is not including spectators that enjoy watching the sports because they also benefit from the club sports — cycling, hockey, rugby, the equestrian team, etc.

Of course, there is nothing wrong with funding NCAA sports but there is something wrong when one single organization receives more money from Polity than most of the Polity clubs put together. Instead of increasing the amount of money NCAA receives, we should make sure that the presently allocated money is spent wisely. Many of us could mention cases where an NCAA athlete or athletes were taken out to an expensive dinner courtesy of the athletic department. (As a side of information, the athletic department is in essence the NCAA. All colleges have a choice to chose an athletic department that is independent of an outside influence or run by an outside organization. In the case of Stony Brook, we chose the latter, hence the NCAA.) Anyway, sneakers are bought for players as soon as their old ones wear thin. Worn thin because the sneakers are worn outside of the playing field for everyday use. The list of monetary abuses could go on and on but that is not the point.

The point is do students actually want to turn over $20 of their money to an organization that benefits so few students? The NCAA is not a student run organization — it is a national institution. An institution that does not take to heart the needs of the students individually or collectively.

As an individual one could not join the football team if one were not an already experienced player. Sure, he could try out, but would he actually make it? Probably not. In a student run sport, a club sport, such as rugby (women's or men's) any student can participate at any time, and it is not necessary to compete with other team members for a position. Collectively, we as students do not have a right to our gym without first paying a fee or having the fear of being bumped from a scheduled reservation. For example, SAB (the Student Activities Board) can not use the gym without first paying an exorbitant fee. It is difficult for a club sport to participate in inter-collegiate competition because it is close to impossible to reserve the gym. NCAA has priority. Even if the sport is an outdoor activity, it cannot use the athletic fields. Such is the case with rugby. Rugby is a popular club sport that many students take part in both mentally and physically and take pride in because our team is one of the best in the nation. One would think that such a popular sport would be able to use the million dollar fields nearest the gym. But nope. They are forced to play in the field closest to South-P Lot; a field, that until recently was not even designated as campus property, thereby allowing the community to trample over the field and ruin it. Because there is not a fence around the property, field posts rarely stay standing, the "townies" knock them over.

We should set a priority for ourselves by way of sports. Do we want to continue giving more and more money to an organization that does not take heed to the needs of students, and why? Yes abuses have become abominably wide spread or do we want to to put an end to those dyspeptic abuses and fund those activities that benefit us the most?

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Hibernation

Golden Bear Lounge To Reopen
By Quinn Kaufman

The Golden Bear, a recreation room located in the basement of O'Neill College in G Quad, has been opened and closed many times through out its many years of operations due to insufficient funds. Yet, due to new funding provided by the Dorm Business Committee, it will be re-opened for long term use in mid-November.

Once operating, the facility will sell sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, bagels and munchies. Besides food, the center will include two pool, two ping pong tables, two televisions, a VCR, a juke box, and video games.

The Golden Bear has a long history of attempts for revitalization. It operated two times as a coffee shop and again last fall, when the O'Neill legislature attempted to respect the center. They purchased the television, and pool and ping pong tables, although, according to Brian Levitt, O'Neill College President, the legislation funds were not sufficient to open the Golden Bear as a food service center.

Shaps expects The Golden Bear to open as soon as the food license is signed. "It's already in the mail, and it takes 20 days to clear, so it should open in mid-November, just in time for finals, and will operate full scale in February." Once opened, Shaps will see to the hiring of managers, who in turn will be responsible for hiring, firing, and the determination of shifts. According to Shaps, following the grand opening, he will produce the show, and the managers will direct it.

Shaps sees the center as an experiment. According to him, "students need more facilities like The Golden Bear, but especially in G and H quad where there are no late night food services. It is a place to come together, to mingle, meet and hang out, and the best way to accomplish that is here, because The Golden Bear provides food, music, movies and video." Shaps maintains that the Bear's popularity will decide whether other Quads need a similar facility.

Environmental Bondage

The Environmental Quality Bond Act was the focus of a citizen's hearing sponsored by the New York Environmental Institute this Wednesday night the the Javits Lecture Center. "This is potentially the most important event on the environment this decade in this state," said John Diefenbacker-Kraul, of the Institute. His opinion was shared by the one campus group, two county legislators, three citizens, and seven community groups that testified.

If approved by referendum on election day, the bond will provide $1.2 billion for inactive hazardous waste site cleanup, $210 million for acquisition of environmentally sensitive land, and $100 million for a loan fund to aid municipalities' financing of the closing of non-hazardous landfills. An environmental trust fund for additional cleanup to be financed by industry fees will also be created by the referendum.

"Long Island should gain more than any other area of the state," testified Harold Burger, the Regional Director of the State Department of Environmental Conservation. Diefenbacker-Kraul agreed. "There are 978 toxic dumps identified in New York State and 93 of them are in Suffolk County," of those sites, 77 are class A, the designation for dumps whose danger level has not yet even been determined.

"This reflects the past inadequate fund- ing," pointed out Diefenbacker-Kraul. "The passage of the bond would reduce the project close, 205 waste dumps to 15 years." Presently, the funding for waste cleanup is provided by the responsible parties, Superfund, and the state Superfund. Noted Burger, at a price tag of $4 billion for a complete state-wide clean-up, the estimate is that within the bond it would take forty years to finish.

Kevin Difflly of Stony Brook's New York Public Interest Research Group chapter thinks Diefenbacker-Kraul's projection is too optimistic. It assumes that the average site is only fifteen acres when "most Long Island dumps are municipal dumps which are far larger."

Using New York State Department of Conservation estimates of per acre cleanup cost, he calculated that it would take $718 million to clean up Long Island alone. "It would take 60% of the entire bond to clean up Nassau and Suffolk," said Difflly.

County Legislator Steven Engelbright agreed. "This is only the first of many steps."

He added that the money allocated for land acquisition would be the perfect compliment to the environmentally sensitive land purchase bill that the County Legislature passed recently. Kevin McDonald, Vice-President of the Group for the South Fork, added that passage of this bill was essential for purchase of access to the coast. If this land is not bought now, McDonald estimates that all available coast line will be developed before the beginning of the next century and invaluable for public use. "Any one who has tried to use field four at Jones Beach will realize how badly we need more access to our oceans," he said.

Environmental Department

Locations of known or potential hazardous waste dumps in New York State by county.

How 'Bout Them Mets?

October 16, 1986
Stony Brook
Men’s Rugby
VS.
N.Y.P.D.’s
Rugby Club
Saturday 10/18/86 at 1:00 pm
South P-Lot Field (Stony Brook Rd. & Oxhead)
Watch Stony Brook Ruggers up against New York’s Finest w/o their guns and badges.

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NYPIRG News

by Robert V. Gilheany

New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) is a statewide student activist organization. The Stony Brook chapter is setting up student-run environmental and consumer-oriented projects on campus. Presently the projects deal with issues of the Environmental Quality Bond Act, nuclear issues, women's issues and a small claims court action center.

NYPIRG's top priority is the passage of the Environmental Quality Bond Act on Election Day. The Bond will set aside $1.45 billion for the clean-up of toxic waste dump sites statewide.

Kevin Diffily, project co-ordinator, states "There are 99 toxic dump sites in Suffolk County, and Long Island's drinking water supply comes from underground aquifers. Most of the dump sites are in the critical recharge zone where the water enters the aquifer system. The aquifer system is Long Island's sole source of drinking water."

Diffily adds "A poll shows that, while 70% of the people approve of the Environmental Bond Act, only 18% of the people are aware that the Bond is on the ballot. Our job is to make people aware of the proposition."

NYPIRG is going into the dorms and into the community to recruit volunteers and to get voter support for the Bond on November 4. NYPIRG's goal is to reach 500,000 New Yorkers statewide through recruitment and dissemination of information with their other campus chapters.

Another project with both environmental and consumer sides to it is the nuclear issues project. The students at Stony Brook's NYPIRG chapter are opposing the opening of the Shoreham reactor, supporting the public takeover of the Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO) and joining in the fight against nuclear irradiation of our food.

"If Shoreham goes on line, our rates will double in 5 years" complains Chris Pezzullo, co-ordinator of the nuclear issues project. NYPIRG is running a letter writing campaign and working on a community outreach program, in conjunction with other groups to fight the opening of Shoreham for safety and economic reasons. Because there is no safe way to evacuate Long Island in the event of a nuclear accident, LILCO has neither local nor state cooperation with the present evacuation plan. According to Pezzullo, "NYPIRG is going to lobby school districts to boycott bus companies that participate in the evacuation plan."

Another major concern of the nuclear issues project is food irradiation. Food is irradiated to increase its shelf life, but according to Pezzullo, "the nuclear irradiation of food could cause the formation of carcinogens, such as formaldehyde and benzene, and may destroy the vitamins in foods." The project is planning a teach-in later in the semester.

NYPIRG has set up a women's issues project. A prime concern for this project is the preservation of daycares on campus. The 1987 New York State budget proposes to eliminate SUNY daycares. "We are planning a lobbying campaign in Albany to put pressure in the legislators and Governor Cuomo to save SUNY daycares," says Nancy Johnson, co-ordinator of the women's issues project. In addition, the project is also surveying facilities in the area by phone and by visiting the centers in person.

NYPIRG has set up a small claims action center. It was created to let people know how to use the small claims court. The students are trained by a NYPIRG staff lawyer in how to process a case through the small claims court.

"People who feel they have been ripped off by a car dealer, landlord, or other unscrupulous persons can sue in the small claims court for up to $1500 without a lawyer," states Richard Drury, Project Co-ordinator for the Stony Brook NYPIRG.

October 16, 1986
To Hunger Strikes
Four Veteran
by Sanford Lee
Four U.S. Veterans are fasting on the
steps of the U.S. Capitol, protesting
U.S. support for the contra army in Nicaragua.

The protest is a commitment to which they
will devote their lives. "They have put their
lives on the line on the line for something
they did not believe in (U.S. involvement in
Viet Nam). Now they are doing it again, only
this time it's for something they believe in,"
said Andias Thomas, an activist for the
veteran's protest.

The four fasting veterans are George
Mizo, Duncan Murphy, Charles Liteky, and
Brian Willson. George and Charley, both
Vietnam vets have been fasting since Sept-
ember 1. Duncan, a W.W. II vet and Brian,
another Vietnam veteran joined the fast on
September 15.

The confluence of four war
veterans, who had not met previously, was
coincidental. They had been organizing fasts
independently, until Charlie heard about
the others. Since the causes of their protests
are the same, they decided to bring the
protest to the public's eye on the steps of
the Capitol. Yet for 35 days, their act was
virtually ignored by the major news media.

"We risked our lives for war and were
applauded," said a veteran in the crowd
shuffling about the steps of the capitol
"But we risk our lives for peace and we are
denounced."

The question of the validity of their pro-
test for peace is raised by the policy makers,
in their justification of the prevention of
communism in supporting the contras fi-
nancially and militarily. Former Secretary
of State John Foster Dulles, serving under
Eisenhower, stated, that, under similar
situations as our present perceptions of
Nicaragua, "Conditions in Latin America
are somewhat comparable to conditions as
they were in China in the mid-thirties when
the communist movement was getting star-
ting. If we don't look out, we will wake up
some morning and read in the newspaper
that there happened in South America the
same kind of thing that happened in China
in 1938."

The convictions for both pro- and anti-
contra aid are strong. This conflict of view-
points is the stem of the prevalent confusion.

"People don't want to hear about it, and the
press doesn't want to mess with it," said Bill
Gingerich, who is concerned with the lack
of public's interest and involvement in the
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"They are making a very strong state-
ment... but I'm afraid these men are dying in
vain," said Kirk Fitzch, a German student
activist. "I don't think many people will
stand for this though, they won't be
interested."

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The Endless War...
From the very outset of Latin America's independence, the United
States was hostile to instability and revo-
lution in the region, not because of any serious
evaluation of the needs and or capabilities of the emerging states, but
rather because of our own desires to expand.

And expansion was coupled with our need
to demonstrate the vitality and power of our
own form of democracy.

The justification shifted with time from
our environment and influence of European
Central America to, "to prevent European
Imperialism," through "to maintain a balance
between the superpowers, to "to prevent the
spread of communism."

However, this justification was not valid,
for outside influences were never reached a
level of serious threat. It has been the inter-
vention in the internal affairs of the new
worker's rights and the Latin American
question. The Mexican threat was relatively late and the

"I am going to fast until Congress stops
money to Contras!"
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★ Treasurer
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C.O.C.A. PRESENTS
YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES
By Alan Kaplan

The flux capacitor behind me flashed energetically as I pushed my right foot to the floor. The wheels of my plumo-

nium-driven Yugo squealed as I started to speed away from Stony Brook University. The trees along Nichols Road

raced by as I approached the magic velocity of 44 m.p.h. (quite fast for a Yugo, even when powered by pure plu-

mum) "I came the lightning bolts, the rapid temper-

front of each of the doorways. Dressed in brick and ivy

colored camouflage uniforms, they appeared as quite a

The students themselves seemed totally unconcerned.

I decided to visit my home, perhaps there I could find

As I walked through my neighborhood, I could see that

The blank stares on their faces puzzled me to no end. As I

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Sanctions, Soviets, and Surrender

By Amit Doshi

Perhaps every nation in the world is trying to help South Africa achieve racial justice without creating large-scale bloodshed, economic deprivation, and increased political oppression. To this end, economic sanctions—apparently the only action widely considered to have coercive potential—have been inconsistently imposed on the white-ruled Republic of South Africa since 1919, in the Treaty of Versailles, which ended World War I. Under the League of Nations, sanctions were called "effective collective measures," but effective they were not: the League collapsed in 1935, when France and the United Kingdom failed to honor sanctions against Italy for the invasion of Ethiopia, an aggression that went unpunished.

The United Nations has been no more successful: neither the UN Security Council trade embargo against the People’s Republic of China during the Korean War in 1951, nor the embargo against Southern Rhodesia in response to its unilateral declaration of independence in 1966 had the slightest political impact.

Having given up on UN actions, the United States became the world’s leading proponent and organizer of unilateral or international sanctions, although the U.S. has historical experience with their dangers: the U.S. embargo against the German Empire was the direct cause of the sinking of the Lusitania and our embargo of Japan led to Pearl Harbor. Nevertheless, since 1960, the U.S. has maintained a total trade embargo against Cuba, the first effective collective measure had been imposed by importing food (mostly bought in the U.S. with Western loans) to Cuba, while, in return, Cuba exports its massive army of mercenaries. Sanctions from the Soviet Union, Uganda, and Cuba in 1975-79 did not fulfill the gap in the embargo. Similarly embargoes against Kampuchea (1979-80) and Uganda (1978-79) in response to human rights abuses were also undermined by Soviet-subsidized" financed entry of Pol Pot and I di Amin fell not because of economic pressure, but because of military defeat. More recently, Soviet sanctions against Libya (1986-87) and Nicaragua (1985-87) have suffered the same fate. Even the short-lived US grain embargo against the USSR in retaliation for its invasion of Afghanistan failed as embargoes from other Western countries increased sales to fill the gap.

In the resulting chaos, logical and ethical standards have disappeared, as the US, without a clear definition of terms, consistently confuses sanctions with reprisals, a wholly different set of actions in foreign policy and international law. In the process, adversaries often find themselves rewarded (e.g., the new U.S. grain sales to the USSR), while friends find themselves damaged or isolated (consolidated Western Europe at the US push for collective sanctions against Libya).

Hail to Chairman Lugar

The United States has imposed sanctions against South Africa. Given the U.S. track record, is this credible diplomacy, or a sham? If every U.S. business divested and withdrew from South Africa tomorrow, it would affect no more than 3% of South Africa’s GNP. South African Deputy Minister of Finance, Kent Durr, has admitted that his government has been stockpiling strategic materials for more than a decade to prepare for such interruptions in supply. This stockpiling will gain time for local industries to begin producing sanctioned goods and trading with producers willing to break the sanctions. Experts estimate that South Africa is already self-sufficient enough to withstand a total world embargo for three to four years.

Impact on Surrounding Nations

Former National Security Advisor Robert C. McFarlane puts it clearly: "It is in our interest to press sanctions to the breaking point, and then to stop."

The writer is a member of Stony Brook College Republicans.
Woza Afrika:
“Our children lie dead in the streets…”

By Craig Goldsmith

The evils of apartheid in South Africa are a hot issue these days. The media mentions the violence in South Africa almost daily.

Any politician who wants to keep his office speaks out against apartheid. Acting on what seemed to be the desires of the American people, Congress overrode Reagan’s veto of economic sanctions against South Africa. With these recent political developments in mind, small but enthusiastic audiences assembled in Theatre Two last week to view two plays from Woza Afrika: South African Theatre Festival.

Both of the plays, Children of Asazi and Gangsters, confront the fear and anger of blacks in South Africa. The black man is trapped within a fence built by outsiders’ hands, but on his native soil. The black man is dispossessed of his birthright. The plays accuse the white man of turning black against black, and stealing their land while they are fighting.

The dispossession of the black man is expressed poignantly in the first play, Children of Asazi, by Matsemala Manaka. Opening on a set starkly decorated with graffiti; “Viva Fridom”, “Tell Dem We Beautiful”. It tells the story of a young man who must choose between his filial obligations and the duty of several, almost formal arguments in which each character tries to justify his own position in South African society. The white officer speaking to Masechaba, the poet, insists that his government is doing everything within its power to help the blacks. Masechaba counters that the government only buys out certain blacks, giving them nice houses, swimming pools, and “a white education.” The white man doesn’t help all the black men, only the few who act as white men would have them act. “You turn brother against brother,” she says.

The black officer, Jonathan, lives in a nice house with a swimming pool. His children secretly go to white schools. He pleads with Masechaba to cease her revolutionary activities or she will suffer for it. He points out that he is doing quite nicely, and shall continue to do so if he behaves himself. “Do our children eat your poems when they starve?” he asks her. For her part, Masechaba seems quite content to martyr herself for her people. “Oh fuck off, you’re a sell out,” she tells Jonathan. How can he do this, she wonders. He’s black too.

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The second play of the evening, Gangsters, by Maishe Maponya, turned what might have been a wasted evening into a breathless roller-coaster ride of emotion. Gangsters is based on the experiences of Gangsters, a black juvenile who was “detained” by South African police and who eventually disappeared without explanation. As the title of the play suggests, the tactics of the police were less than professional.

A female revolutionary and poet, portrayed breathlessly by Nomathemba Nomvume Mdini, is brought in for questioning by the police. Their government’s motive is to attempt to suppress her poetry, which is “inflammatory.” The play takes the form of several, almost formal arguments in which each character tries to justify his own position in South African society. The white officer speaking to Masechaba, the poet, insists that his government is doing everything within its power to help the blacks. Masechaba counters that the government only buys out certain blacks, giving them nice houses, swimming pools, and “a white education.” The white man doesn’t help all the black men, only the few who act as white men would have them act. “You turn brother against brother,” she says.

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