SKY ABOVE

EARTH BELOW

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The original framers of the Constitution of the United States never planned for the vote to be al-
lowed to the undereducated, the unattentive, the uninformed. The Polity Council is working to turn the
student body into such people—making its greatest ef-
fort (seemingly) to keep voter turn-out at an all time
low.

See, the Council has banned all candidates for
Polity offices from hanging posters of any kind, any-
where. Ostensibly the Council is trying to prevent a
re-hash of last year’s truly pathetic series of run-offs,
a product of non-existent campaigns among can-
didates. The poster ban is also designed to force
candidates to go out and actually talk to people. You
know, introduce themselves, hand your ticket, tell
you why you should vote for them, maybe even demo-
strate some energy and effort before even getting
elected.

And that’s why the anti-poster ban is, and the
Council is looking towards just such a drastic change
in campaign tactics as its goal. Word also has it that
Fred Preston (the university Vice-president for Stud-
ent Affairs) appointed to the Council last year’s
election, after seeing so many posters plastic-
ated on every conceivable spot on campus. So much
for the impetus.

What’s really irksome about the new poster ban is
that the Council members who voted in favor of the
ban, and those who voted against it, as troublesome
as they might be, many, if not most, students will not
know any details about the candi-
dates. They may not even realize that there is an
election happening. The Council members who voted
against the ban stressed this several times.

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Election? What Election?

Polity Outlaws Campaign Posters

by R. Sienna

With next Wednesday's petition deadline for Polity candidates rapidly approaching, and the memory of last year's election-timeiasco still lingering, the Polity Council drafted new election rules at their weekly meeting last Monday night. Last year's election saw accusations of electioneering and poster-ripping flying back and forth between candidates running for Polity positions.

The new election rules, which were narrowly approved with a 4-3 vote, forbid any candidate from hanging posters anywhere on campus. The only exception is for class representatives, who will be limited to hanging only their class's campaign posters. The only other exception is that class representatives can hang posters only for class representatives who are running for class representative positions.

The Polity election board will oversee the printing of posters and hand-outs to ensure that the new rules are followed. The board will approve all materials for printing at the Polity print shop. Polity's printing of a limited number of materials for official candidate use is restricted to the use of hand-outs at their own expense.

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Junior Class Rep Dan Rubin and Soph Class Rep Steve Rosenfeld

locations, and a list of all the candidates who are running for offices. The election board may initiate disciplinary action against any candidate who disregards the election rules. The motion also stated that "a candidate is responsible for campaign members' [staff] and may face disciplinary action on behalf of said staff" should the staff disobey the election guidelines. The type of action that could be taken was not specified by the Council, but any such action would most likely involve disqualification from candidacy.

There was dissension, though, as to whether or not the new election guidelines would have a beneficial effect. Although he conceded that the new guidelines would force candidates to actually go out and talk to their constituents, junior class representative Dan Rubin questioned the impact that the motion would have on commuter voters. "Committers don't have doors...you go to the Commuter College and reach ten of 'em," he explained. Lisa Oishe, NYPIRG project coordinator said that "by eliminating numbers of posters you are limiting awareness of commuters...it will discourage commuters from voting." Commissers generally display the poorest voter turnout (commuter seniors often run contested as well, or worse, positions remain unfilled), and getting commuters into the voting things has been a concern up at Polity all year.

Sophomore class representative Steve Rosenfeld also voiced objections, saying "I don't think we've solved the problem. I think we've just added another rule...I don't think we've put enough thought into this." Although Craig Cohen, who heads to the election board, contested that most post voters "just say the name and don't bring up any issues," and Schachter said that "no candidate will be elected on posters alone," Rosenfeld predicted that "elections [voter turnout] will be down even more than last year" because fewer students will be aware of who is running and what their platforms are. Rubin echoed this feeling, commenting that "you know we're not going to have just say the name and don't bring up any issues." After the narrow vote, Rosenfeld stated for the record that "no one voting for this motion appears to be running for an offices in upcoming elections."

In an effort to allay such fears, senior representative Lisa Garcia pointed out that limiting campaigning to hand-outs is "forcing every candidate to do some work" in order to get elected. Rubenstein extolled the campus media to place more attention on the election so that students will be better informed. "The campus media," he said, "has not been treating the election to the level at which they should." The Council also began discussion as to whether or not the administration budget (which according to Lisa Miller, Polity treasurer, now amounts to about $600) should be used to help pay for the senatorial weekend next month or to pay court fees for students trying to obtain voting rights in the Town of Brookhaven. The court fees are $100 per case. The council will make its decision next week, after determining how much money is actually available.

Forsaking Earth's Wisdom

Environmentalist Lou Gold Speaks at SB

by Joe DiStefano and Mark Mancuso

Lou Gold, environmental activist, protested the United States government's large-scale destruction of the environment in a lecture Tuesday, March 22nd. The lecture, part of the Siskiyou Centers series, Building a Sustainable Future. Gold quit his job as professor of political science at Stony Brook in 1986 to devoted his time to the cause.

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In case you didn't already know, presidential hopeful and man about-town Jesse Jackson will be speaking at a rally in the Fine Arts Plaza tomorrow sometime between 3 and 4.

The rally is part of a cultural awareness program of activities that will include live music, student and faculty speakers, and the man himself, Jesse. It is the only presidential hopeful who will speak at the university before April 19th's democratic primary.

Members of the campus media, as well as members of the metropolitan media, have been screened by the Secret Service so that we can talk to Jesse about his plans should he become president. Check out next week's issue for complete coverage.
Sometimes the guards were visibly frustrated. "They were very aggressive," said Sarah. "Their breathing would get heavy, more people began to grab the edges of the group, more and more people crowded in, and some cops are like this." Showing me both sides of her vest, one side was ripped and some cops are like this."

Willner, an organizer for Seeds of Peace, how the guards acted towards protestors, but they were rough. When I asked Sarah about the test site, she said, "I would not know how to describe it."

Over the ten days, groups of protestors met separately to decide individual actions. When it was guessed that protestors would not be given any sort of a demonstration, more demonstrations were organized. Some groups had left country areas, more protestors would cross over the fence to the test site at night and try to get in as deep as the test site as possible. Other groups decided to barricade the roads entering the site. "We are taking over by force this place," they said. "We are going to dance and protest till we are the only people left here.

The tree doesn't see the vision. If you protest because that is what you do, you will not suffer the same that others suffer."

At the Nevada test site from all over the country, an estimated 3,000 people committed civil disobedience. For the "Reclaim the test site" demonstration, Seeds drove over 30 support vehicles from the east coast, including a kitchen running that fed people for a dollar a day.

What happened at the test site was not just a protest, it was a test of action. A test of social action.

Seeds has been involved in a number of demonstrations over the last few years including the Florida Peace Pilgrimage, which took place in the Spring of 1987, promoting the idea of civil disobedience. In the summer of 1987, the group participated in the Greenpeace Peace Walk through the desert of the Nevada test site, and they have provided support vehicles from the east coast, including a kitchen running that fed people for a dollar a day.

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By Ryder Miller
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Lou was among the 300 arrested people. She was a representative of the American Indian movement. The demonstration ended with a series of short protests. The "Reclaim the test site" demonstration received very little attention in the national press.

"It's not the end of the road yet," Lou said. "There are still a lot of people who believe in civil disobedience."

Lou concluded his lecture by saying that when industry and government engage in environmental crimes, they "oppose in direct opposition to the fact that man is at war with the earth."

Unlike laws designed as "National Parks," National Forests, or monuments, it is rare to find a federalagency that both recognizes the need for the protection of the environment and also provides a natural and vital function. Slides shown by Lou showed the damage done by the AEC over the years, including the destruction of every goddamn tree planted and ground completely barren by fear and fear.

Politics makes the issue so much more confusing. When looking for coverage of the demonstration in the NY Times, I access a few interesting things that may shed some light on how difficult a problem it is to push these issues through the political process. On page 42, for March 10, 1985 is the News Summary Section, I read a summary which said, "George Bush, savoring his victory in Tuesday's presidential primaries, now says he will use his power to stop the nuclear war."

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Otis Sez: 3 for $1—35¢ Each
by Hubert Sweete
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Point 6 was partially blown on my part with the suggestion that students who work for campus media receive credit for doing so. Blackboard is a course (APS 447), so those students can easily gain credit. Others can get it via internships. However, something still is wrong with campus media involvement; it's very small. Take a look at the size of the staffs of the major campus publications. When about sixty students are staffing three papers, that would suggest that apathy is widespread...

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by John Dunn
Last April I wrote an article for the Press which gave a fifteen-year plan for improvements at Stony Brook. I felt I had presented some valid points which should be acted upon by those that have the ability. Ten months later, here’s a look back at my points and what’s been done in the meantime. I’m not claiming any credit for any action; rather, I am glad that something was done.
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Point 2 said that Stony Brook should come up with a plan for the development of off-campus housing. This is still a problem. Actually, not a lot has changed.
Point 3 questioned why the commuter students here at Stony Brook and why certain things like athletics, the media involvement it’s very small. Take a look at the size of the staffs of the major campus publications. When about sixty students are staffing three papers, that would suggest that apathy is widespread...

"If nothing is done about the money soon, what happens when the campus really starts to deteriorate..."
April 7th & 8th is the first anniversary of the graduate student work stoppage!!
Pitch a tent on Friday, April 8th to commemorate it!
Celebration Fri., Apr. 8th at Tent City, after Jesse Jackson speaks!
by Alexandra Odulak

Last Tuesday, Concerts 101 hosted two heavy metal bands in the Union Ballroom, Wizards and Marchello. Wizards, who opened up for Marchello at about 10:30 consisted of three members: a singer, guitarist, and bassist. As for performance, they were mediocre. The band not only lacked originality, but style, and most of all, stage presence. The drummer was the loudest and most energetic in getting the crowd (rather, lack of crowd) going, which numbered no more than 10 people. There wasn’t anyone for the bands to play for except Concerts 101, Scoop AV, and me. No one was dancing, getting into the music, or having a good time.

The singer-guitarist pounded away on his set, screaming so violently you couldn’t understand what he was singing. The guitarist had a few solos here and there, but his playing would have been better had he copied old guitar riffs, for his original solos were simple enough for a first year guitar player. Oh, the bassist, yeah, he was there too. I thought. The only interesting part of the show was the light wind chimes the drummer tapped after each song. Or was that just so we knew when to clap?

The only lively member was the drummer. While confined to his seat he attempted to get the audience up. At one point he was yelling, ‘Get up, this is for America!’ which sounded ridiculous to the apathetic audience, for they kept to their seats just the same. Bravo for his attempt, though. Perhaps it would have been more appropriate if the other two band members showed some enthusiasm, if only to radiate the same. The guitarist, Gene Marchello, Peppi Marchello’s son (originally of the Good Rats—a popular band in the ‘70s) and the bassist jumped around the stage. Both were clad in colorful clothing, tight pants, and looked like they were having a great time. They also didn’t let the small audience get them down for it seemed that they played the same as they would have for a larger audience.

Marchello was pretty good, really. The guitarist had some interesting solos and a decent voice, but it wasn’t exceptional. Marchello doesn’t sound like anything that hasn’t already been done before. The drummer had his solo too where he proceeded to bang the crap out of his drums big deal. These guys didn’t do anything new, an exciting show, but no more. People actually moved up to the stage and even started dancing.

Meanwhile, Peppi Marchello hadn’t made his appearances yet. Alas, he arrived on stage at about 12:30 and almost felt bad about interrupting, but he had to play at least two songs that was the contract. Peppi, however, only sang, while the band continued their gig. He was also the only one for the bands to play for except for the contract, giving an energetic performance. When he wasn’t singing he sauntered off into the background as if not to detract attention from the band. Makes you wonder, did he do the whole thing for his son’s debut? What people wanted to hear was Peppi Marchello, not his son. Dad got the contract, and Gene got to play!

By the end of the concert, the band was still energetic, and the drums were going. About thirty of them, were still dancing and having a good time. What Marchello needed was something other than bang-your-head music. Perhaps it would have been better had he copied old guitar riffs, but you couldn’t get from better bands such as Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, and Led Zeppelin. Those bands were the innovators. Marchello is just a generic version of hard rock, I came home, listened to some Iron Butterfly, and was happy to find out I even made it home for the Honeymooners.

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by John Gabriel

Bright Lights, Big City, based on the novel by Jay McInerny and starring Michael J Fox, shows something you’ll never see on Family Ties: Alex Keaton hoovering coke. This is the movie of the book that doesn’t it? and starring Michael J Fox, and tells Jamie it’s his brother. Fox says, “Tell him I’m not here,” and he does, but he looks as if he would really like to know why and you can tell why Jamie would want him for a friend. An irresponsible sort of way, he cares.

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Jay McInerney’s Novel On Screen

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