"We Shall Come into Control of an Utterly Ruined Land"
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These clubs' oft-maligned tactics are a reaction to the slandering of the Polity suite door in their faces. Something is wrong with Polity; that's been a common feeling of late, felt by not just the minority clubs and organizations. But when these students show some interest, some initiative in trying to change the situation for the better, they are scoffed at, they are cursed, they are told that they don't really know what it takes to write a budget.

When these people try to find out what it takes, they are told that "now is not the proper time to discuss this matter." When they ask when the proper time is, they are told, "later, after the budget is approved, we'll show you how we did it.

But when will that time come? Will it make a difference? Many clubs were told that they should have voiced their concerns at the budget sub-committee hearings, but on Polity's terms, when the President was allowed to grovel in front of an appointed assistant treasurer for money. We should know, the Press is the subject of local state press.

But the concern of the members of these clubs (many of which fall under the Cultural and Special Interests (CSI) sub-head of the budget) is not simply why their own budget was cut, but the entire process of recognizing and funding any Polity club. These people are outraged at the arbitrary, and often half-baked, methods used to allocate money and grant line budgets. They are even more outraged when many proposals are cut short when questioned those methods. When violently opposing the $35,600 spending cap for all last week's Senate meeting, these people were told that the Senate meeting was not the place or the time to talk about the budget ceiling.

There couldn't have been a better time. Everyone there, the Council, hundreds of club members, the Executive Director of Polity, the Vice President of SASU. What excuse could the Senate possibly have for not explaining the budget process when everyone involved was in the same room at the same time? Opportunities like that don't come often, and cutting discussion of policy short is no way to convince students that the Council is doing its job.

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JOINT MINORITY STATEMENT

Thanks to some unfortunate outside attacks, we will assure those you sense that some of us have already set your mind. Despite the irregularities, the Senate is still to be commended for its methodical effort to deal with the minority clubs, through the granting of targeted funds, in an orderly and fair way. We have not been heard.

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Where Has All the Money Gone?
CARA Holds Out for Change

by Quinn Kaufman

The Chapin Apartments Residents Association (CARA) has opened a $65,000 escrow account with rent money collected from Chapin residents, in a continuing protest against the poor conditions of the Chapin Apartments.

The University has proposed a 4.4% rent increase, and the rent money will not be released to the Bursar’s office until the Administration comes up with satisfactory negotiating terms regarding improvement of the Chapin complex. Ramona Vogt, Chairman of CARA, said CARA has also demanded a total rent freeze.

Dr. Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs, told CARA he will not support the rent freeze and that he feels no pressure to act because of the strike. Vogt suggested to Preston that no reprisals be taken against students who participated in the strike. She said Preston replied that students will be responsible for their actions.

However, Steven Scafell, Secretary of CARA, said, “We don’t care if he [Preston] continues on page 5

New Chancellor Named
President of Buffalo State to Run SUNY System

by R. Sienna

An anonymous SUNY Central source leaked the name of the new SUNY chancellor chosen by the SUNY Board of Trustees search committee to the Times last Friday. Dr. Bruce Johnstone, currently president of SUNY Buffalo, was chosen by the board April 8, who will vote officially on the selection Wednesday. All 15 trustees, only the student trustee opposed Johnstone’s appointment.

The SUNY Board of Trustees tried to call an emergency meeting April 13—a week ahead of the scheduled board meeting—to vote on the new Chancellor of the SUNY system. The meeting failed to make quorum. The scheduled meeting should attract student groups from all over the state, will take place in Albany at 8:30 on Wednesday.

The Board, composed of one student (the SABU President) and fourteen Trustees appointed by the Governor, is also expected to propose that a mandatory “athletic fee” be imposed state-wide. The Trustees are not known for being particularly responsive to the students’ cause; few have graduated from any SUNY school, many are corporate heads and Cuomo campaign contributors. SUNY hasn’t had a Chancellor since Feb. 1987, when Clifton Wharton resigned. Jerome Konvisar, SUNY Vice Chancellor, has been running SUNY since that time. The Board’s search committee, who chose Johnstone, is mainly SUNY Central administrators and Trustees; one faculty member and one student sit on the committee. The committee’s considerations are confidential, but fortunately for students, not confidential enough. Student groups from all over the state are expected to show at Wednesday’s meeting to voice their concern over the Johnstone’s appointment.

The Board of Trustees is also under pressure from students to vote against a proposed athletic fee that would fund varsity sports and SUNY schools. The proposal was defeated in 1984 (after being opposed by all the student members of Cuomo’s Quality of Life Task Force). Arlette Schlomuylider, SABU’s President, said that there has been “no student support for this issue” since it was first proposed in 1982. Currently, only Buffalo State, with Johnstone’s backing, supports the fee. A referendum, designed as a litmus test of student opinion on the fee, was held at SUNY New Paltz recently; the students there overwhelmingly voted against the proposed fee. That referendum is in no way binding upon the Trustees or the Administration of New Paltz.

The proposal, if passed, allows SUNY schools to impose the fee at the Administration’s discretion. “They’re not mandating it state wide.” Schlomuylider said. She maintained that SUNY Central officials approved of the fee because, in their view, there are problems with the current, student-controlled funding of varsity athletics. But, “They couldn’t convince funding problems as they exist,” Schlomuylider said.

Students, many from Buffalo State, will also be at the Board meeting next Wednesday to protest SDI research at SUNY schools. New York State Legislature dictates that all research at SUNY schools must be made public. The SDI research at Johnstone’s Buffalo Campus, for example, is confidential, effectively breaking state law.

Worshipping the Product
I-CON VII and the Iconography of SF

by Kyle Silfer

Last weekend, Javits Lecture Centre held within its carcinogenic bowels a vast, swarming hive intelligence devoted to the veneration of a peculiar subsection of popular culture. The event was I-CON VII, and from Friday afternoon to Sunday night, fans of science fiction film, television, comic books, and literature filtered methodically through corridors and lecture halls to see and be seen by the objects of their adulation. Films were shown, autographs signed, merchandise bought, and egos stroked: it was, in short, a typical science fiction convention.

The featuring actors, authors, scientists, artists, and filmmakers broke up the general chaos with fairly coherent discussions of subjects like “Designing Alien Cultures” and “Breaking into Filmmaking.” Time not spent listening to these debates was easily occupied by exploring the two dealers’ rooms, watching ongoing movies, or frequenting the various specialty booths cluttering the hallways.

The I-CON guests were, like the science fiction field itself, a contradictory omnium-gatherum comprising of differing sources and influences. There along with widely-recognized authors like Harlan Ellison, James Morrow, Barry Malzberg, and Paul Anderson were television actors Anthony Ainley (Doctor Who) and Adam West (Batman). Comic professionals Chris Claremont and Michael Kaluta jostled for complimentary sandwiches with theoretical physicists and low-budget filmmakers. It was a thematically undifferentiated convention (effectively organized by Stony Brook graduate student Ralph Schiasso and a cast of dozens), welcoming best and worst, literate and illiterate, indiscriminately.

The controversial Harlan Ellison (“A Boy and His Dog.” “Repeal, Harlequin!” continued on page 4

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Chapin residents rally in front of the admin. building April 15 to protest poor living conditions.

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The cost per space is $1000. However, said Matthews, “Preston gave no deadline on the project but if the contract plans flow smoothly, the parking problem may be alleviated by September of 1988.” Strike negotiation includes CARA’s demand that the University create adequate parking spaces.

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vided to residents, CARA said Public Safety should not ticket cars in Chapin who have stickera According to Scofield, “We are being ticketed unfairly because we have no place else to park.” One Public Safety officer, who requested anonymity, said, “Officers are unaware of any ticketing res-

Restrictions. We have a set policy of ticketing and towing that rarely davitas.”

CARA plans to use its booming power in order to get new spaces. Scofield said, “If they help us by crtng new spaces, we’ll help the Administration. We’ll tell our res-

dents once new spots are provided, that if you are ticketed it’s your problem. But until then no ticketing.”

Matthews, who is also in charge of resi-
dential buildings’ heat and hot water-operation said he knows “that Chapin residents are concerned about having no heat and hot water for another winter.” Preston has taken

action into the matter and advised Matthews to increase the speed of the ma-
jor renovations, including the installation of new insulating aluminum siding. The reno-

vation was estimated to be completed in two years. Preston also suggested that methods be undertaken to reduce heat and hot water problems, while the major reno-

vations are underway.

In accordance Matthews made plans to in-

stall larger hot water pumps in the mecha-
nical room, which will increase the flow of heat. Matthews said, optimistically, “I’m almost certain that by next semester, every-

one in Chapin will have sufficient heat and hot water.”

Another reason CARA is striking is be-

cause they feel the new $217 per month Roltm phone issue should be made optional.

The University has a seven year contract with Roltm and according to Vogt, Preston said students do have an option; they can have a Roltm or no phone. Although un-

stated with Preston’s decision, Vogt said, “This is the best we’re going to do at this time.”

Concerning the actual strike, Beu said, “Chapin residents have legitimate com-

plaints, but they’re not going to get them to agree to our negotiations with the Administration. They are too general.” Matthews agreed and

said although striking is a drastic measure, “I respect the graduates for what they are doing, I appreciate their efforts in bringing their concerns to our attention. They’ve al-

ready made some significant gains. They have motivated the Administration into ac-

tion. Major renovations will take place in the next two years, which would not have taken place if it wasn’t for the strike. How-

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Clean-up Time

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Even worse, the Senate failed to make quorum (the minimum number of Senators needed to be able to vote on the budget), and so all the appeals so laboriously heard Tuesday are meaningless. The Senate was powerless to change a single item on the budget. To top it all off, after most of the appeals were heard, Parliamentarian Bill Fox, who resigned the following day, ruled that the universal budget cut was invalid because it had been passed by the Council, not by the Senate (who couldn’t pass it; no quorum). It is incredible that a governing body that refused to dis-

cuss actions “because there’s no time” created the time of several hundred students because the Senate didn’t make quorum. Is it so difficult to show up to the most important Senate meeting of the year?

In an effort to placate the angry groups, after ac-

complishing nothing in three hours, the Senate pas-

sed a motion to place referendum on the Tuesday ballot that, if passed, would spend $1.25 of each student’s activity fee on CSI clubs. The money (about $220,000, depending on the number of students pay-

ing) would be allocated by a committee comprised of reps from every CSI club. That motion does not ad-

dress the minority groups’ real problem: they are ignored by Polity, the campus media, the Adminis-

tration, and the white majority. These groups don’t need legislation, they need recognition and accep-

tance.

That recognition is slowly coming. These groups are making their presence known. For the first time in a long time, there is a real chance that the mandatory student activity fee referendum will be voted down. If the fee is voluntary, Polity’s budget (Polity’s pro-

jected budget for next year is $1,053,400) will be slashed in a big way. If you don’t have to pay, why pay? Especially when the general student body de-

mocratically voted it down. The vote Tuesday is the power to dissolve Polity completely. The end of the money.

Next year could be a barren one. Even if the activity fee remains mandatory, as it should, there is a vacc-

uum in student leadership right now. The new coun-

cil, whom ever it is elected, may keep the distribution channels open, but that is the smallest part of what Polity should do. Distributing money is machine work. The division on this campus right now is unbe-

lievable. It is Polity’s explicit duty to rally the stu-

dents on this campus together. The polarization of student groups can not go unnoticed; it is a problem that needs to be taken seriously, not swept aside in a flurry of memos.

What you must do—that means every student—is make your presence known. Make sure that the Se-

nator you elect in your building goes to the State meetings, and tells you what happened. Tell your Senator to pressure the Secretary to distribute minutes of both Council and Senate meetings as soon as possible. That way you know what these people are doing on a weekly basis.

There’s power in numbers. Last year fewer than 2000 students voted in the elections. It doesn’t take many votes to be a majority. If the people elected to office this year don’t fill that leadership vaccum, and take Polity past the meashrings of money distribution, put your own candidates on the ballot. It only takes 400 signatures on a petition to get a candidate on the council ballot, and not many more votes to put that candidate in office. Six or seven hundred votes is all it takes to make a clean sweep of the Council offices. The clout and the chance are there, use them.

A people only become a minority when they allow themselves to be ignored by a majority. Do not be ignored.

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by Bones

In the presidential context, issues matter, but electability and clan are more important in our TV generation. Any question that can't be answered is filed under "unanswerable." I or "I can't answer that now!"

Only three Democratic candidates feel the personal income tax ceiling should be re-adjusted. Jackson feels it should be raised back to 38.5%, a move that would cost $200 billion. Forlorn Dukakis and Gore feel it should be raised, but "soothing please.

All want dialogue in the Middle East. All want more jobs, more social justice, and each has a desire to improve Health Care (most European countries already have some form of nationalized health care). So what? The question who could get anything resembling a Democratic platform through the quagmire called Congress who has some personality, and a clear record.

That's why the right person to vote for in the primary was Michael Dukakis. He won. He is both progressive (with his nationalized health care). So what? The question is, then, whether he has every right to shoot off his mouth: not the question of his middle name.

Dukakis and Gore both attended Howard and Bush went to Yale (Phi Beta Kappa, of course). Jesse attended the U of Illinois, is a Rhodes Scholar and finished in the top five in the State. He was ex-director of King's, Operation Breadbasket, while Bush was president of Zapata Oil Company (fresh out of Harvard, a pre-made man. Jesse has been heavily criticized for the financial difficulties of Operation Push, of which he was National President. I ask you, what volunteer humanitarian organization is not record financially?

Down home with Jesse Jackson. Would you buy a man from this campaign? Would you let him marry your sister? The answers to three and other questions next week...

Jackson has gone to India to study the nonviolent methods of reconciliation between master and slave. He's studied under Martin Luther King Jr. He feels "there are two extremes—too rich, too poor. The cost we pay for not educating our children.

Four years at a SUNY school, full academic scholarship, $25,000 or less—the other—four years sentencing of $140,000 to $300,000. Attitude, John, in teachers than jail wardens. Let us have the reasoning and cost efficiency to invest in Head Start, pre-natal and day care; to keep our children off the street and out of jail.

He's AIVE: a stone faced Gore, a squatly stone faced Dukakis or a repressed stone faced Bush. He's real. I actually saw him sweat on TV! He answers politically volatile questions but he has an ease in politics (look at Reagan, who has corked all his opinions). Jesse's the only presidential personality who wouldn't meet Dukakis, who has a soul. Oh, did I say McGovern?

So why did I vote for Jackson? He won't win the nomination, but he is the only one who has ever brought hope to Jackson's best opportunity in the campaign. The event would be surprising and unmerited. Jesse could even raise both their hands, a moral gesture, and spit rainbows all over election road. This would leave us with a strong, articulate, unadulterated Cuomo driving, worth. Jesse could even raise both their hands, be a moral gesture, and spit rainbows all over election road. This would leave us with a strong, articulate, unadulterated Cuomo driving, worth.

I was attending a conference on the history of comic books and comic book culture. The conference was sponsored by the University of Kansas and held at the Kansas City Public Library. The conference was called "Comicon," and was divided into two parts: a panel discussion and a panel of comic book creators.

The panel discussion was moderated by a woman who had been a comic book fan for many years. She introduced the panelists and asked them to talk about their experiences with comic books. The panelists included a variety of people, including authors, artists, and publishers.

The first panelist was a comic book creator who had been working in the industry for over 20 years. He talked about the challenges of creating comics and how he got into the industry. He also talked about the importance of storytelling in comics and how it can be used to tell important stories.

The second panelist was a comic book writer who had written for many of the major comic book publishers. He talked about the challenges of writing comics and how he got into the industry. He also talked about the importance of character development in comics and how it can be used to tell important stories.

The third panelist was a comic book artist who had worked on many of the major comic book series. He talked about the challenges of being an artist and how he got into the industry. He also talked about the importance of panel layout in comics and how it can be used to tell important stories.

The final panelist was a comic book publisher who had started his own publishing company. He talked about the challenges of being a publisher and how he got into the industry. He also talked about the importance of working with creators and how it can be used to tell important stories.

After the panel discussion, there was a panel of comic book creators. The creators talked about their experiences with creating comics and how they got into the industry. They also talked about the importance of storytelling in comics and how it can be used to tell important stories.

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The conference was a great opportunity to learn about the history of comic books and the people who create them. It was a great experience and I would highly recommend attending a similar conference in the future.
There’s a movement in this area, a movement I can’t exactly describe but I know exists. My hometown, the surrounding area, indeed all of Suffolk County is dramatically changing and only time will tell if it is for the better or worse and who really will benefit from all the changes. Once upon a time Suffolk County was full of farms, farms that grew potatoes, cauliflower and ducks. It was the country, far away from the crowding and pollution of the city and the suburbs. Then came WWII and the accompanying baby boom. This brought more people into the country seeking inexpensive housing away from the crowds and pollution. Real estate values soared and farmers found that it was more profitable to plant shopping centers and houses than potatoes. "Progress" began to make its way eastward from the city.

Parts of the island started to become "exclusive." First it was only a few spots on the North Shore and the Hamptons. Now it extends from the Gold Coast to beyond Port Jefferson. Soon the day will come when the exclusive North Shore will stretch from King’s Point to Orient Point. Of course all this exclusiveness meant skyrocketing housing prices, especially in the past few years. Houses going for $600,000 a few years ago now go for three or four times that amount. The labeling of a community as "exclusive" means a premium price for those moving in and it’s getting carried away. While exclusive used to mean areas like Lloyd Harbour and Poquott, it is now added to such locales as Manorville.

Consider Manorville. For years it had farms, the National Speedway and Grace’s Hot Dog Stand. Now it has few farms, an abandoned speedway, an expanded Grace’s Hot Dog Stand and developments being labeled "exclusive" or with words to that effect. Not to offend the residents of Manorville, but unless I’m misunderstanding the draw of the hot dog stand, what is so exclusive about Manorville? I can see some areas being called exclusive, but Manorville? The only thing exclusive about it is that no one has any idea where it is unless they’ve been there. Basically the whole process has gone insane. The Hamptons have gotten rid of the poor by pushing them onto small little reservations, just like the earlier settlers did with the Shinnecock Indians. Oh, they’ll still be welcome to work as cheap help in the summer and some caretaking of the houses in the winter but other than that they’re not needed so they’re getting pushed out. From the West they’re getting pushed out by people trying to escape the crowds of suburbanites, people willing to pay a little extra for some peace and quiet. To their surprise, they find out a few years later that their exclusive development is now the crowded suburbs they tried to escape in the first place. In the meantime, they’ll keep moving east trying to find peace and quiet and pushing out those who can no longer afford to live in the areas deemed "exclusive." With the combination of the two forces, this is going to leave a small area around Riverhead extending outward towards Babylon Hollow. A little homestead for the poor and elderly who can’t afford to live anywhere else. Think this is a myth? Consider the Long Island Expressway. Back-ups used to start in the ’70s, then up to Route 110. Now it’s up to Hauppauge and Rait 60 with no end in sight. Roads constructed for a smaller population years ago are now chocked under the loads.

The water is slowly being poisoned and there’s no place to put the garbage. Hurray for "progress."

Let’s take a look at an area that has all of a sudden become exclusive, my hometown of St. James. For years it was a small town, not really developed. It was surrounded by lots of farms and woods and it went about its business. With the baby boom, people started to move east and the suburban expansion arrived in St. James. The woods and farms were replaced with developments and the Smithaven Mall nearby. Housing costs started to rise, but nothing dramatic. In the ’80s a small movement all of the sudden exploded. People with money decided that St. James was an exclusive place to live and proceeded to build houses in some interesting locations. The word exclusive meant that a tract of houses on a sod farm near the railroad tracks could go for $250,000-$300,000. Probably the biggest load of crap I’ve ever seen was an ad for a new development on the other side of town. The ad had the line “where you can be a corporate executive by day and a country squire by night.” Who hasn’t ever heard of false advertising guys? I can see if we’re actually out in the country, but we’re not anymore.

St. James used to be a little town with a small supermarket, a barber shop or two, and a few other small enterprises like a hardware store and some small restaurants. Now in 1988, it has an enlarged supermarket; at least eight hairdressers; little boutiques and a place devoted just to nail care. All this in a town of 15,000 people but with a median income of $44,000. I guess no town is complete without a nail-care establishment.

People who moved in only a few years ago are making a continued on page 12

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Viewpoint

State of Welfare

Collectivist schizophrenic? Does anyone out there believe people are proud to collect welfare? Can’t we middle-classers see that welfare is an absolute last resort used by the victims of our society? If some of the money is going to undeserving people, it’s due to the pathetic administration, not the victims.

How does a broken family, with one or more children, possibly afford even minimum food, clothing, shelter, and medical care on a minimum wage job? Look in the newspaper. Apartments: $600, $600 a month, most want 2 month deposit; food, maybe one parent and two children, you could barely exist on $350 a month. To scrape by might cost $1,200 a month, absolute minimum. A minimum wage job brings in about $500 a month. The most destructive myth about poor people is "Why should they get a job if welfare is paying them to sit around?" or "Give our system sure makes it economically attractive to stay single while raising a child." Bullshit! The extreme pressures of being poor, uneducated, illiterate without the slightest hope of improving oneself is what causes families to break up. Don’t blame the victims.

It’s too damn easy for us middle-class or above, college youth, to take Mr. Reagan’s "excess government spending" as meaning "paying for a bunch of lazy..." How can we, who have never had to worry if our children are getting enough basic nutrition, never had to sleep in an apartment infested with rats and cockroaches, maybe without heat and hot water, possibly understand what someone goes through when forced to apply for food stamps? If we middle-classers are so against handouts then let’s get legislation passed to provide enough loan money for poor Americans to educate themselves into better jobs. The poorest people are trapped on their rung in our society. Do you think people like being destitute?

As for lining taxes, even if we eliminated all social programs, including student aid, we couldn’t pay off the billions wasted funding wars in Latin America over the last 35 years, or even part of the trillion dollar defense budget. As soon as we stop college graduates, most of us aren’t screwing even a hint of insight or objectivity! I’m tired of stale rhetoric, flag-waving, and finger-pointing we’ve heard for the last eight years. I must have continued on page 12

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Toni Morrison

Novelist Toni Morrison read a choice text from her latest novel Beloved at the Fine Arts Center April 14. With a deep heavy voice, she touched the listeners; with the tense tranquility, the audience moved with the poetic prose.

Her books include

Tar Baby, Sula, and The Song of Solomon.

Beloved received the Pulitzer Prize.

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In case you didn't know, it is Election Day again at Stony Brook tomorrow. Elections are being held for the Council, Judiciary, class representatives, and SASU delegates.

We at the Press would like all you eager voters to try and make an informed decision when you vote, and with this in mind, are presenting the following information on all of the esteemed ladies and gentlemen who have taken so much time out of their busy schedules to try and get your vote.

The proper activity fee, your hard-earned money, Polity directly affects the quality of life here, so no apology this year, please. The voter turnout last year was miserable, to say the least (about 1800 of the 10,000 activity fee paying students actually voted, so if you really give a shit, stop complaining about how much Stony Brook sucks, and make an effort to do something about it.

There are positions for SASU delegates, who keep the campus aware of issues concerning students and as citizens of New York State. The delegate also acts as spokesperson representing Stony Brook at SASU activities such as conventions and lobbies.

Ten people are elected to the Judiciary whose sole responsibility is to the jurisdiction over all constitutional interpretations, school-wide judicial problems, and appeals from lower Polity courts.

Each class has its own representative. Duties of the class reps. consist of the delegation of power to the appropriate agencies of Polity and to promote a program of service, political, cultural and educational projects and activities.

The President is the chief executive of the Council, the other half of the executive committee: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. The treasurer is elected in the fall.

The most important responsibility of the President is that of advocate for the student body and mediator between the students and our friends over in the administration building. The President must be competent enough to perform the basic procedural duties of the office, such as chairing Council meetings, and preparing agendas for both the Council and Senate meetings. The President is also responsible for appointing people to such positions as FSA president and SAB head.

The Vice-president is a moderator of the Senate meetings, and must be able to perform the duties of the President in case of a vacancy.

The Secretary is responsible for all correspondence, keeping track of records, and informing the members of Polity (that means the students) of all policies and actions of the Council and Senate.

Every activity fee paying undergraduate may vote for SASU delegates, Council candidates, and Judiciary seats. Only class peers may vote for their respective representatives.

This year there are seven candidates for president: John Cucci, Alan J. Livingston, Dan Rubin, Robert Schachter, Hans “Prince” Sherwood, Joseph T. Wilson, Thomas Zbikowski (the largest ballot in over four years). Candidates for vice-president: Stephen Glubok, Mark Kohn, Brian James, Karl Rosenfield, Laurie Z. Schachter. The Press would like to congratulate all of you for taking so much time out of your busy schedules to try and get your vote.

John Cucci: Above all things my conviction. As for my historical background, freshman year I was a building Senator as well as being active in many campus activities. Sophomore year I was building Leg President and was leader of my administration’s dismission of a corrupt RHD—some thing Administration tried to stop but my persistence prevailed and a residence building saw the dismissal of a very corrupt individual. I also have a lot of leadership experience from the time I served in the Army and the marines where I was a leader and had responsibilities for hundreds of people’s lives from the time they woke up until the time they went to sleep. I thrive on adversity which has brought me through many rough decisions affecting my life as well as others.

Alan J. Livingston: I am the Activity Chairman of the Student Activities Board, and have been up in the Polity office for three years. During these past three years I have watched Student Polity work. I believe that I have been on the outside of all the political red tape and I have seen what has gone wrong. I know that I can now step into the political aspect of Student Polity and correct the mistakes of the past. I am an average student and realize the needs of most students. I will do my best to represent the students the way they want to be represented. I am very accessible to students right now and will continue to be next year as President of Student Polity.

Tom Zbikowski: I am running for president because I am tired of all the rhetoric on this campus. I feel the students of this campus can unite and make a difference. I feel that Polity is the most powerful organization in the outside of all the political red tape and I have seen what has gone wrong. I know that I can now step into the political aspect of Student Polity and correct the mistakes of the past. I am an average student and realize the needs of most students. I will do my best to represent the students the way they want to be represented. I am very accessible to students right now and will continue to be next year as President of Student Polity.

The Press asks the candidates a number of questions concerning themselves, their offices, and their campus to help you decide who to vote for. Unfortunately, Alan Livingston and Hans Sherwood did not answer our questions, although they received copies. Brennan Holmes and Meredith Singer were unreachable.

This election also sees a plethora of referenda. Below is a list of the referenda, and how much money per each student’s activity fee would be used to fund an organization. Polity expects about 9,200 students to pay the activity fee next year (if the fee is still mandatory), down from last year by almost a thousand students.

- Should the Activity Fee be mandatory or voluntary?
  - Student Association of the State University (SASU)  $4 per student
  - Cultural and Special Interests (CSS clubs)  $1.25 per student

- New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPiRG)  $6 per student
- United States Student Association (varsity sports)  $50 per student
- Dorm Colleges  $4 per student
- Program and Services Council (PSC) 300 per student
- Minority Planning Board (MPB)  $1.50 per student
- National Collegiate Athletic Association (varsity sports)  $20 per student
- Statesman  $5 per student

Now you can digest all that, and still want to vote, there will be over twenty polling boxes all over campus. Dorm residents must vote in their own building, right inside the main entrance. Commuters must vote in the Union. And remember, all you candidates, the election rules state that you, or any members of your campaign, must keep at least fifty feet from any polling box.

1. Who are you, and why are you running for President?

Cucci: John Cucci, and I am running because I am angry! It’s time for a change in Polity and in the campus as a whole. The students are sick of being scammed by Polity. It’s time for someone to come from the students to take Polity in the right direction and finally give the students what is rightfully theirs: an influential voice about what goes on in our community.

Rubin: My name is Dan Rubin and I am running for President because our student government needs strong leadership and I am the best person for the position.

Schachter: I am a student, that’s who I am. I am a person who believes that it is time for us to go back to the students! It seems to me that every year new Administration is taking more and more power away from the students. The Council that is up in Polity now is practically giving power away. They are not more like new administrators than students. We all know that there are many problems with this University and I want to do my best to fix them with the help of student input. I want more students involved with the running of our campus.

Wilson: I am Joseph T. Wilson. I am running for Polity President for the following reasons: 1) as a student here at Stony Brook, I can relate to the immediate needs of my fellow students and provide some solutions with their help; 2) the political scene is in politics. Hence, by me serving as President at Stony Brook, will give me a political scope that could be utilized in the future.

Zbikowski: My name is Tom Zbikowski. I am running for President of Polity because I am tired of all the rhetoric on this campus. I feel the students of this campus can unite and make a difference. I feel that Polity is the most powerful organization in the

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Rubin: As a first semester freshman, I was the Vice Chairman of Kelly A and I coordinated various building activities. I became a Resident Assistant the following semester and an orientation leader that summer. I was elected President of Rath Quad Council. I also founded Delta Alpha Nu, a coed fraternity/sorority. We now have over 250 members. In the Spring of 1987, I formed a Fight Back Committee to improve the living conditions in Mount College. President Marburger and other administrators came to an Open House Meeting. Several students and myself addressed that situation, and they agreed that I had done much without really being in office, so I figured that as Junior Class Representative, I could accomplish even more and learn about our student government. My major project this year has been to publish a Student Course and Teacher Evaluation book, which is currently in the works. I have been living off campus for a semester now, so I have been the resident and commuter points of view. I have lived through heat and hot water outages, as well as a bousy bus service and pothealth in the road.

Schachter: I could sit here and list every accomplishment that I have had since I came to Stony Brook that may qualify me to be President, but this would just waste your time. Currently I am the Activity Chairman of the Student Activities Board, and have been up in the Polity office for three years. During these past three years I have watched Student Polity work. I believe that I have been on the outside of all the political red tape and I have seen what has gone wrong. I know that I can now step into the political aspect of Student Polity and correct the mistakes of the past. I am an average student and realize the needs of most students. I will do my best to represent the students the way they want to be represented. I am very accessible to students right now and will continue to be next year as President of Student Polity.

Wilson: The qualification of a President at Stony Brook or anywhere else for that matter, lies in his intelligence and ability to provide a platform that is appealing to the majority of the people (students). I think I possess this qualification. For example, I’d like Administration to qualify me to be President, but this would just waste your time. Currently I am the Activity Chairman of the Student Activities Board, and have been up in the Polity office for three years. During these past three years I have watched Student Polity work. I believe that I have been on the outside of all the political red tape and I have seen what has gone wrong. I know that I can now step into the political aspect of Student Polity and correct the mistakes of the past. I am an average student and realize the needs of most students. I will do my best to represent the students the way they want to be represented. I am very accessible to students right now and will continue to be next year as President of Student Polity.

Zbikowski: I am qualified because I was the Student Trustee at Nassau Community College. I was a liaison between the Board of Trustees and the students. I voted and participated in preparing nearly an 80 million dollar budget that affected the entire Nassau County. I also pre-
There are, of course, other problems facing students here, such as the decedent condition of our campus. This is a major impediment to the ability of a campus to attract and retain new students. Perhaps这个问题 is not as critical as the lack of an effective placement center. What I would like to suggest is that we need a more effective placement center to provide information about the job market and to help students find jobs. This is a crucial problem that needs to be addressed by the administration.

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Schachter: The worst thing that has happened to FSA over the last year or two was the loss of the majority of undergraduate seats on the FSA Board. This is something that has to be rectified if it can. The incident when DAKA wanted to raise the price of the meal plan was not good. The students should have been informed of what was happening. FSA must work closely with the students in order for everyone to prosper.

On the positive side FSA has accepted a bid to build the Rathskeller in the Bi-level. The undergraduates have managed to keep an undergraduate as President of FSA. This year FSA has also run a profit and doubled their programs for next year.

Right now I am concentrating on running for President, running for FSA President. I am trying to satisfy all the eligibility requirements, going to my classes in order to get good grades, and maintaining a social life. I really haven’t thought about who I would appoint FSA President. I do know that I would like it to be an undergraduate student.

Wilson: This is my best question so far. If I'm elected President, I will make sure that students who live in cooking dormitories pay less fees for cooking. It’s unfair for ResLife to charge them such a high price. Secondly, I think that the two ID card systems should be abolished. One should be used for both the meal card and regular ID card. This will save waste of money and management.

Zbikowski: Picking an FSA President is a very important job. I will look at all the choices available. After looking at all the applicants, I would pick the person most qualified for the job.

8. How do you feel about the administration's reneging on its promises to the graduate students (i.e., failure to abide by the agreement reached with the GSO last year, the conditions of the Chapin Apartments, etc.?)

Cuccii: This is typical of our Administration. I support the graduate students because if Administration gets away with this now, who knows what kind of double talking we'll get in the future. We’re all too sick of being stepped on by Administration.

Rubin: The Administration should at least have the guts to fire these students just to get them off their backs. As Polity President, I would encourage unity among undergraduates and graduates. Polity should support the GSO and vice-versa.

Schachter: I think that the undergraduate students and graduate students must stick together. We are both students. I believe that Administration is not treating them fairly. Student Polity and the GSO must work together to make this campus better for all. The Chapin Apartments are as bad or worse than the residence halls. There must be responsibilities on both sides. We all need type of housing Bill of Rights. There should be a tenants/landlord relationship. Residence Life and Administration have certain responsibilities to graduates and undergraduates. We are tenants and we all have rights.

Wilson: No response

9. Have you ever committed a felony, when is your birthday, what is your height, weight, and what are your views on Taboo and Transgression, and the possibility that our society is a complex simulacrum without an existential referential?

Cuccii: I've done it but you could never prove it. 6/14/66, 5'10", 185.

What is taboo and transgression? They are only words, completely relative to the current situation and as we know, situations change. I could give you an answer that was taboo or even a good transgression to brighten up everyone's day, but that would be beside the point.

It is very possible that our society is a complex simulacrum without an Existential referential, but we wouldn't know it because nobody uses any language to ever attempt to analyze this society and that's the problem. It is a complex simulacrum in that "society" has the power to create individual, when I thought individuals made up society. Again a primary example is around us in this campus and the willingness of every student to be stepped on by those who are supposed to represent them. Each of us considers ourselves an individual, yet we’re so apathetic we won't even exercise one of the few rights we have—to vote. Part of that apathy may lie in discouragement, that "the system can't be beat." That's total garbage, if we can't beat our system here at Stony Brook then we're all nothing but sheep. I'm no sheep. I only smell like one.

Rubin: No, November. No thanks, I don’t want to be registered for Physics 580, about this tall, about 5 minutes, it is a distinct possibility.

Schachter: is taking your parents' car out when you are 15 without a license a felony? My birthday is April 19, 1967 (I just turned 21 last Sunday, now I can drink in my room). Taboo and transgression are OK as long as they don't interrupt my nap time between 4-6PM Monday thru Friday. When asked about the possibility that our society is a complex simulacrum without an existential referential I always remember what my dad told me when I started college: 1) in math when in doubt e equals 4; 2) in multiple choice tests when in doubt check the blanks; 3) when you don't understand the question make up an answer and never let them see you sweat.

Wilson: DOB 12/23/63 Height 5'5" Weight 140 lbs.


As long as it does not affect others adversely, it does not affect me (nobody ever died of an open mind).

I have never been convicted of a felony.

10. Do you smoke or wear dirty underwear?

Cuccii: I only smoke crack and I don’t ever wear underwear.

Rubin: Smoke what? When the machines are full.

Schachter: I don’t smoke cigarettes and when it comes to dirty underwear, when I’m out of clean underwear I either wear the old ones, buy new underwear or just don’t wear any at all and hope I don’t have to go to the hospital or get into any major accidents.

Zbikowski: I do not smoke and the only time I wear dirty underwear is when the machines in my dorm are broken.

11. Who is your favorite author?

Cuccii: Larsson—he says more in one picture than some books do in 1000 pages. Also J D Salinger. No one else can express the feeling of youth or its institution like the man.

Rubin: Douglas Adams.

Schachter: I am a man of many moods and I am just as happy reading a Robert Ludlum book or any of the many Dr Seuss books I own. I also love any type of pop-up book.

Wilson: No response

Zbikowski: My favorite author! Mayor Koch, because he tells it like it is!

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Activities Record: A third possibility is to have Council members attend key meetings on a rotational basis to offer advice and directly inform everyone of available positions on student organizations and entities under the Student Government. This possibility I have suggested should fall under the Class Representatives' responsibilities, since they still remain unidentified.

The lack of understanding of its own Constitution, its own policies and procedures is horrendous. Most of the problems come from the insane developmental revisions of those documents over the years and I believe the time has come for a new constitution and a new student government to stand in defense of the Stony Brook student. I have been and will continue to work towards the acceptance of such a document.

The lack of continuity can be solved in part through the creation of a new position within a new constitution. The position of Historian, elected or appointed for a year term, who would be responsible for keeping accurate records and make recommendations to the Council and Senate on its yearly agenda.

As for President I plan on speaking with every newly elected leg president in order that he/she may gain a better grasp of Polity and understand the importance of good representation within the Senate. Once we have a completely devoted Senate body, I would like to see a program of Senate "observers" who would sit in on important open University meetings and report back to the Senate, such organizations as the University Senate, FSA, RHA, GSO, etc. so that the undergraduate Senate becomes the most well informed body within this University rather than one of the worst. I would like to see the Senate finally accept Modern Parliamentary Procedure (a streamlined well thought out version of "Robert's Rules") as its formal parliamentary procedure. This can only help the Senate function more effectively since arcane motions of Robert’s Rules known only by a few cannot be used to serve against the majority. I want to know that as the presiding officer, anyone who approaches the Senate has an equal chance to speak without harassment and understand what is going on within that body.

If in the event that the President leaves office for whatever reason, I believe that I have the necessary tools to carry out the task for the duration of the year. I have a firm grasp of the responsibilities of the President and as I have noted before, I have the needed experience on the Council and in the Senate, thereby making me valuable.

7. I do not smoke, but I open any thing. No, I don’t wear underwear but when I have they were already colored brown so I couldn’t tell.

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POLITICAL ELECTIONS

Class Representatives

1. Who are you and why are you running?
2. What makes you qualified to hold such a position?
3. As a student here, what do you see as the major problems confronting students in the coming year?
4. What do you see as the major problems within Polity, and how would you go about solving them?
5. If a new constitution is written next year, your office may be eliminated. How would you like to see seniors represented in the future?
6. Do you smoke or wear dirty underwear?

Sophomore Representative

Brian James
1. My name is Brian James, this year’s Freshman Class Representative and voting Senator. I am running for Sophomore Representative because I feel I am qualified for the position due to my experience this year and knowledge of how to go about solving problems and/or difficulties on this campus (which people to consult, how to approach a problem, and come up with several solutions, discuss with these people the pros and cons of each solution and pick out the best one).

2. I already know the procedures followed in the Council as well as Senate meetings. Furthermore, many people already know me and come to me with projects or problems and I can continue to do so with the same people as well as anyone else. My two opponents have not held office and are not already established in the Council or Senate. Experience is important for anyone who wishes to represent such a large body of students. In addition, I would still be representing basically the same people so continuity will be on my side. I already know how to find out problems that my constituency has.

3. Major problems in the coming year are basically the same ones faced this year such as apathy on the part of the students. We represent the rest of the students. If any students are unhappy about the student government or have a problem, they should come to us directly and talk to us in the Student Polity Office during our office hours or call us. Only a handful of students care to come forward and do so. We as your government should try to make the government more accessible to the general student population and publicize our meetings and office hours more often. We need to hear input from the general student body.

4. Major problems within Student Polity this year was infighting. While it seemed that nearly all of Student Polity was fighting, only two people were fighting. The rest of us were working for the students on many projects. To eliminate this negative appearance next year we should update the students regularly on projects that have just begun, are already underway, or just completed. If we keep the students informed, they should take greater interest and will dispel some of the apathy.

5. If a new constitution is written, my constituency would not be represented as one group. Each of several different elected positions would cover a few specific duties for students of any class standing. This will allow an elected official to concentrate on a few issues rather than many issues and be more productive. My constituency would be represented that way (as well as all other students). I feel that all students would be represented equally under this system.

6. Do you smoke or wear dirty underwear? We’ll see what happens next year.

Junior Representatives

Eric Barbella
1. I am Eric Barbella and I am running for the office of Junior Representative. I am doing this because I see many problems with student life on this campus and I want these problems to be resolved. The problems range from all sides. Some deal with school pride, some with residence life, some with student representation. Also, I see problems with how the future leaders of the student body will deal with the pressures of the Administration.

2. My qualifications for the position are the leadership and experience gained through my fraternity (Chapter President, IFSC Representative) and through high school experiences.

3. The major problems that I see confronting students in the coming year are the severe restrictions placed upon students by the Administration when dealing with both student and residence life. Also, I see problems with how the future leaders of the student body will deal with the pressures of the Administration.

4. The major problem I see in Polity is the lack of student representation. The way I would deal with it would be to get out into the student body and get the students involved. The classes need leaders who will not be closed-minded. They need leaders who will be willing to listen to them and who will find out what they feel about the situations that go on around them. This is what I will try to do.

5. If the representative offices are eliminated by a new constitution, I think Juniors, as well as the rest of the student body, should remain to have the ability to be represented properly in Polity. I think the way for students to do this is to make sure that their voices are heard. The student representatives should be listened to and not forgotten, it is our community.

6. In answer to your last question, unfortunately I do and they are both nasty habits.

Esther Lastique
1. My name is Esther Lastique and I am running for Junior Representative because I have the three things it takes to improve our student government—the knowledge of Polity, the experience, and the desire to succeed.

2. I feel that I am qualified to hold this position because it isn’t the first government oriented position I’ve gone after. I have been serving as the Chair of the Women’s Caucus of the Student Association of the State University (SASU), as well as a member of the Board of Directors for almost a year. I have been a part of high committees within the United States Student Association (USSA), which I became a delegate to last summer. I have fought numerous campaigns here at SUNY Stony Brook, including the Housing Task Force, the Campus Women’s Committee.

3. In the coming year, I see a barrage of problems for the student community. The most important one I feel we have to do with safety and health care. Our campus is an unsafe community. Women are raped, and afraid to report it. Men and women get beaten up and don’t report it. The time will come soon, I fear, that the students will have to take matters into their own hands to end the crimes against them. Our students are going to have to start realizing that they have the power to change just by standing up and demanding that change. Blue light phones, more lighting and an escort service are only a few answers to this problem.

4. First of all, Polity has many foundation problems. A great start would be to rewrite the Constitution and either rewrite or amend the Bylaws of the Council, which is already in the works. Secondly, I think a student government of all students is only as good as the people who run it in the interests of the students, and should not be based solely on its foundations.

With eight good people on the Council next year, I see Polity changing for the better, and a bright future ahead of us. I hope to be a part of that.

The next catastrophe I see is two-fold. The mandatory health fee proposal before us now is a mask of administr- ative promises laced with good intentions and misrepresentations about students. It is also guilty of sexual discrimination—the only prescription drug not covered by the fee is the Pill. And condoms will be covered due to AIDS prevention. The answer was that to give out the Pill is "against the moral standpoint of the University". If giving out the Pill is immoral, what about their cost over another $70 of our money? What about students requesting AIDS testing within the next year? What will we do? Suffer due to The University’s morals, or treat our students? Remember, the choice can be ours, not theirs.

5. I feel that representation by class is outdated. In the future, I would hope to see people representing the oppressed groups (minorities and women) as well as all students through where they live, much the way the Senate is run now.

6. no response

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Bad Attitude

by Rachel Hart Neuhaus

At 2:00am, April 12, I was helping my friend move out of his dorm room. I've known him for three years—it was our emotional goodbye.

As we hesitated to let go, two Public Safety officers disrupted our peaceful goodbye as they flashed their glaring headlights into our window. My friend climbed out of his first-floor window to meet the officers as they approached us. My friend had parked his car next to the window to ease the movement of his weights and other belongings into the car.

I don't know the exact words that passed between my friend and the officers, yet I insisted that my friend move his car—immediately. I reached for the officers, expressing that my friend was under a lot of pressure, and I asked them if we could finish parking the car and leave within five minutes. The officers felt that my friend had a bad attitude.

I am outraged that as a result, my friend received a summons to appear in court and to pay a $50 fine as well as a parking ticket worth $7.50. I feel those officers have a lot to learn concerning their role as protectors—their attitudes reflect suspicion toward the people around them.

"Too bad you can't see it anymore." Yeah, too bad.

This phenomenon may become all too real within the next hundred years if we continue on our present course of polluting the earth's atmosphere. A major problem, which is clearly evidenced around us, is air pollution. According to the National Weather Service forecast, summertime visibility over most of the eastern U.S. has decreased more than 50%, to lose 15 miles. On the outskirts of large cities, the percentages are far worse.

For the sake of all future generations, we need to act now. The EPA has formulated a nation-wide pollution reduction plan to reduce those emissions. But if one state is not willing to follow through with the plan, the EPA cannot enforce the plan.

I am a twenty-one-year-old woman who has heard the personal horror stories of rape victims that were violated on this very campus. I was suddenly and violently attacked on this campus. The irony is real that I turned to my friends for help. I didn't turn to Public Safety for protection. Why? Because I didn't trust them and I felt they weren't a realistic option for protection. How many women do you know that have been raped on this campus? The reaction of disbelief is a reaction that denies the reality that rapes are being inflicted upon us, the people who are asking and paying for protection. I feel Richard Young's statement reflects a lack of concern and a lack of insight toward the realistic problems at hand. The problems I am voicing are real threats to the public safety. Denying that Stony Brook has these problems does not prevent these from occurring. The purpose of this letter is to circulate the truth. I urge you to believe the harsh reality that there are serious human beings capable of victimizing, and they have.

We need to be aware of the problems that exist in order to overcome the problems that exist—only in this way can we achieve a safer campus. If we do not acknowledge the crimes where innocent people are being victimized, we can not prevent future occurrences of these crimes. As an adult and as a paying supporter of the Public Safety Department at Stony Brook, I am disgusted at this lack of basic human understanding within the Public Safety Department.

A人士在April 12th could have been avoided if the two Public Safety officers had only differentiated between who is inflicting harm and who is seeking protection. As I said to Richard Young, "I am not out for blood." I am out to voice my concerns. I regret to bring some eyes away. I would like to add that Richard Young did agree with me concerning the need for improvement within the Public Safety Department. He also agreed to speak with the officers and to get back to me. As adults we must communicate.

Richard Young—If you are reading this—I am still waiting for your phone call and your response.

Kiss the Sky

by Lisa Cafafa

"What's down there?"
I don't know, but it's supposed to be beautiful. My mother saw it when she was young. She said it was this giant canyon with a river at the bottom, and that there was a million stars in the sky.

"Too bad you can't see it anymore." Yeah, too bad.

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small profit by moving out now while residents who've lived here a bit longer are moving out while they still can. As property values go up, few people will be able to afford the expenses of housing, so people wonder if they'll be able to sell in a few years from now when the house is worth an astronomical amount. This has brought about a reality: people are trying to sell their houses before the property values rise even more. Why? So they can sell before the property values reach a point where no one can afford to move in and taxes skyrocket because of all the development going on.

Of course this isn't happening just in St. James, but in towns around Long Island with similar "progress" and developments being made. Has all this progress in recent years done something helpful or just those with some specific gain?

Ever wonder why no one is trying to establish exclusive communities in places like Central Islip and Wyandanch? Will Long Island someday become an exclusive community with little reservations for the longtime residents and minorities who've been pushed out by all the development going on? I don't know if I've gotten my point across, or even made one, but I think there is one here somewhere. You keep seeing statistics that show the population going up.

One vision of Long Island twenty years from now could be that a poisoned island with imported drinking water (or maybe a dam across Peconic Bay with a desalinization plant), artificial reefs off the North and South Shores made from burned garbage (oh, that's progress!)

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One vision of Long Island twenty years from now could be that a poisoned island with imported drinking water (or maybe a dam across Peconic Bay with a desalinization plant), artificial reefs off the North and South Shores made from burned garbage (oh, that's progress!).

Why?
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finding what's wrong with our country, we've got fast-talking charismatic politicians let decade-old problems get worse. The Reagan administration has not held one of its campaign promises: "create a minimum income for the aged". We can say unemployment is at an "all time low" if we don't count the reality that there are profits running out and are still unable to get a job, as Reagan's people have. The "new jobs" created don't even begin to make up for the high-paying industrial jobs that had been a major part of the economy. The unemployment time lag is "the bursting of the 70's. The few jobs created are low-paying, temporary "service jobs" like caterers, bartenders etc. Not only has Mr. Reagan ignored his promise to the nation, but he has also failed in his promise to the people of the United States. We are back where we started.

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Life Is a Carnival

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recruit people with technical acrobatic skills, but to find people who are blessed with the "heart and soul" of a clown. It is the ability to evoke emotions that is looked for. You can be accepted to clown college just by the answers you give to the deep, personality-probing questions on the application. The necessary clowning skills can be developed at the college.

Clown College was founded in 1968 by Irwin Feld, who bought the circus from Ringling Brothers in 1967. At the time, the number of professional clowns in the country had diminished to 200. Feld, believing that clowning was the lifeblood of the circus, founded the college to provide a place where the art of clowning could be passed on from generation to generation.

The college is located in Venice, Florida at the historic Winter quarters of Ringling Brothers. Students go through an intensive ten week training period, taking classes ten hours a day, six days a week. The students learn the history of clowning, work on appropriate clowning skills, and develop their own individual clown characters. The college is tuition-free, but the students must supply funds for equipment, room and board. Equipment—makeup kits, stilts, outfits, juggling pins—costs roughly $600. Housing is $80-85 per week. Overall, it costs the students $1800-2000 for the ten weeks. There is no time for part-time jobs, friends, or family.

Circus life is continuous. Six hundred shows are performed a year; each must look as new as the first. The clown works six days a week, and lives out of the circus train caravan which travels 13,000 miles a year. The pay is low, and the lifestyle is characterized by the unexpected.

It is somehow appropriate that the clowns give up so much, and spend so much time working their asses off. The work, and the competitive hiring process, maintains the proper degree of excellence. Not everyone has to be a professional clown. Despite the hard work, the job is rewarding. There is the pride which results from a performance well done, the memory of smiling faces, and new friends. And when you give your heart away, the audition leader said, "Ohh, how it comes back."

Tales of the Slug by Ken Sugar

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Watch out! If you see these fingerprints anywhere on campus, be extremely cautious. These fingerprints belong to Tent City protestors who were arrested last year. Jack Marburger and the D.A.’s office of Suffolk County are going to try and put these dangerous criminals behind jail once and for all, even though two Suffolk County judges dismissed all the cases, stating unequivocally that the protestors were exercising their constitutional rights. If you or any of your friends see these fingerprints, report it at once to The Stony Brook Press.

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TIME TRIPPERS
MORE BAGS OF SHELLS BAR B Q 
DAG-GY! THESE ARKS ARE RUNNIN' ON THE TAB! WHAT'S UP? GET 'EM!
THAT'S IT! BART! YOU RIFFRAFF! BASTARD!!
DOO'REE MOJO!!

GET IN THE CAR AND WE GO WORK!!!

WWE GET COMPANY!!

OOF CRASH AND BURN CRASH AND BURN CRASH AND BURN!

WE'VE MARCHED TO THE BEAT!

OVERMERS!

OOF BALLY NOT SO FAST BAGS THERE THEY ARE!

WE'RE IN A CAR! I HOPE YOU CAN HANDLE THE STRUGGLE!!

TAKE THAT!

MAYBE!

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE BARON STRANGE VISITORS ARRIVE!

WHY DON'T WE GET HIM IN TO THE LOCKER ROOM?

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED IN HERE!

WELCOME TO THE LOCKER ROOM!

EXIT

BY THE WAY, ARE YOU A DOCTOR?

IF YOU ARE, I NEED HELP RIGHT NOW!

WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM?

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED IN HERE!!

DOCTOR, WHERE ARE WE?

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED IN HERE!!

IF YOU SAY SO!

NEXT ANSWERS
I never thought, when I went to The Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey clown auditions that a lack of seriousness would be my downfall. "We take our silliness seriously. Clowning is not just a hobby," said the audition leader, asking people to think about why they came to the audition. "One must have a genuine interest, not just a passing fancy, to be a clown. It involves intensive training at Ringling Brothers Clown College, and hard work with the knowledge that employment may not come your way. The position requires not only commitment, but also a specialness.

Over the length of the demonstration, the audition leader explained what clowning demands. "You must have a heart the size of Alaska, and be willing to give it away every day," he said. The list went on: a clown has to be able to communicate (without words) to a crowd of thousands; he must be able to pull a laugh out of the ten year old in anybody. Clowns shouldn't be cynical; there are plenty of cynics in the audience. Also, it is a shame when a clown smokes or utters profanities; clowns have a long tradition to uphold.

Clowning is as old as civilization itself. Throughout the ages clowns have held a variety of titles including Jester, Fool, Mostrel, and Mime. The first recorded appearance of a clown was in 2270 BC—a nine year-old Egyptian pharaoh said a clown was "a divine spirit to rejoice and delight the heart."

On April 14th Ringling Brothers sponsored their annual clown college auditions at Madison Square Garden. I took the train to Penn Station, and walked to the Garden through gloomy streets, past beggars and tired people on their way home from work. I entered the Garden through the employee's entrance, at Eight Penn Plaza. The room was filled with big guards, cops, and impatient employees waiting on line for their checks. A fat cop directed me to take the elevator to the 5th floor, and I followed the ugly brown and grey corridors, littered with garbage and empty kegs, to the Garden floor.

There is a special feeling on the floor of the Garden when "The Greatest Show on Earth" is in town. It's like being in a magical world, where all stories have happy endings, and the play of human emotions shine brightly within a sea of shadows. The floor was filled with rings and trampolines, all set for the 6:30 show. Clowns walked in, and among, the forty or so people who came to the audition, instructing and helping the audition leader. Reports good away from the action, taking pictures and asking people occasional questions. Scattered in the seats above were observers who just came to watch the audition: a secret magic event hidden in the Garden, away from the dismal world outside.

People trying out at the audition were led through a warm-up where they stretched and used the whole body to express emotions. The large group was broken into three smaller groups, and the audition leader asked for: Pain...Sadness...Happiness...Shyness...Joy. There was a certain energy emanating from the audition leader, who kept everybody attentive, comfortable, and amused throughout the length of the audition. At one point, when people began to lag, he said "Keep the energy level high. You're a clown. You're imbued with magical powers, you can collapse when you go home." The people trying out ran through small routines and gags; some showed material they brought with them.

The clown routines are developed with family entertainment in mind. They express a universal message which people from all walks of life can understand. Though the humor is clean, there is still a hipness to it. Strangely enough, the clowns at Ringling Brothers don't develop new gags. "There are no new gags," said the audition leader, "they're all old. Developing routines is the constant rediscovery of the old." A cave man slipping on a sardine was the first banana peel gag.

Auditions are held across the nation, every spring. Each year approximately 2000 people apply, only 50 are accepted. Only a third of the people who finish the college program eventually get hired by the circus. The purpose of the tryouts is not to

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The Pixies' SURFER ROSA
Between Banality and Brilliance

by Rob Rothenberg

Among a vast ocean of bland and banal music (often classified as "good rock 'n roll"), very few artists stand out. And then there are the Pixies—those who just bob up and down on the surface, somewhere between breathing creativity and drowning in emulation. Their latest album Surfer Rosa easily meets the quality of their previous LP Come on Pilgrim: both really good, good albums—not great, just really good.

Their songs are of a rather unique style, a combination of the typical college radio "new music" sound and groovy "rock 'n roll". The best way to describe the album is a blend of garage/punk, "up beat" dirges, and semi-organized noise, with touches of T. Rex. The lyrics are also a bit unusual—quite meaningful silliness sung as if there were a lighthearted meaning. Although Surfer Rosa is not quite as good as Come on Pilgrim, the differences are subtle and vague. I enjoy listening to this album. The thirteen tracks are varied enough to be entertaining yet still unified in style so that it can be listened to as an album, not just a series of unconnected singles.

The first side is more coherent than the second half, which sounds as if the Pixies' enthusiasm changed from making music to having fun, and the quality of it shows slightly. At times, it can become rather irritating, especially during "Tony's Theme", a song about a "superhero named Tony", which features many distracting spoken drop-ins.

The better songs on the album are "Bone Machine", "River Euphrates", "Cactus", and "Where Is My Mind?"—all with a sound that subtly moved me in and away. Other songs with dramatic lyrics are "Break My Body" and "Gigantic".

Surfer Rosa is one of the better LPs to be released this year, and it's worth getting a hold of. It's a rather musical piece of art, but an album to be enjoyed for itself. It's just "good new rock 'n roll."