

Funds Restored to NYPIRG

By Howard Saltz

The Polity Council agreed last night to add about \$3,000 to the budget of the Stony Brook chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), but did not satisfy its demands for free advertising space in the campus newspapers.

The agreement to allocate the extra money came after NYPIRG charged that the council had violated a referendum passed by the student body last fall that gave \$1.50 per student per semester

to NYPIRG. The Council had budgeted NYPIRG for about \$25,000 this year, or \$1.34 per student per semester.

NYPIRG, however, was refused the free advertising space in Statesman and the Stony Brook Press—a service other Polity clubs are entitled to. According to Polity Treasurer Larry Seigel, the contract for \$28,000 (\$1.50 per student per semester) did not include the free advertising space.

"We contracted for services," said Seigel, "\$28,000 is theirs

for performing these... if we also give them free ad space, we'll be bumping club's advertising." Seigel cited the difference between NYPIRG and other clubs in that it, like Statesman and the Stony Brook Press, is under contract each year with the student government. Seigel said that an outside organization such as NYPIRG must, according to state law, be funded through a contract.

A NYPIRG official, however, said that cutting off the group's

free advertising space was wrong because NYPIRG had always been under contract with Polity, and had always received the free advertisements.

"We are a recognized student group," said NYPIRG Project Coordinator Stephen Johnson. "Now, for the first time, at Larry Seigel's request... we'll have to pay for our own ads."

Johnson cited the importance of keeping people informed of NYPIRG's activities, as well as



LARRY SEIGEL

the "historical precedent" for free advertisements. "It's never a service to the community that wanted us funded from the beginning," Johnson said.

CRIME ROUND-UP

Public Safety Arrests Two

Two men were arrested by Public Safety officers Friday night in the Union Parking lot on drug and assault charges.

According to Lt. Frank Parrino, head of the department's Crime Prevention Unit (CPU), three officers from his unit—Kevin Wamsanz, Doug Little and Gene Roos—were on routine patrol when they spotted two men sitting in a parked van.

"One thing led to another," said Parrino, and the officers arrested Robert Gordon, 18, from Centereach, and James Papike, 18, from Setauket.

Gordon was charged with assault second degree, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Papike was charged with possession of a controlled substance and resisting arrest.

Lt. Thomas O'Brien was slightly injured in a scuffle during the arrest. He was taken to the University Hospital, treated for a laceration of the arm and released.

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Cooking Program Hits Snags

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before these [for the work in G and H Quads] have been approved."

Madonna, together with Carl Hanes, vice-president for finance and business, expects to have a more complete presentation ready for Capital Facilities by next week.

"I do not expect a rejection of our plans," Madonna said, "and I see no reason why plans to begin [dormitory cooking facilities] rehabilitation should not begin on time." Madonna also anticipates that the more complete package will necessitate Capital Facilities moving the program up in their list of priorities to handle contract negotiations.

The "terrific workload" has made it necessary for SUNY to create a list of priorities for Capital Facilities to follow, said Lanford. "Improvement of Program," under which the dormitory improvement plan

falls, sits fifth in a list of six, subsequent to projects that concern the safety and health of students and staff, projects that involve academic accreditation and preservation of facilities, projects that involves energy conservation, and those dealing with environment protection, respectively. Only "miscellaneous" follows "Improvement of Program."

All projects are scheduled to begin before winter and are expected to be completed by August 1981, Madonna said. In addition to the installation of stoves in lounges of adjoining wings in G and H Quads is the addition of dishwashers to each wing in Roth, Tabler and Kelly Quads, the construction of additional kitchens in Stage XII Quad, and the installation of stoves in each suite in Roth, Tabler, and Kelly Quads. Unaffected by the possible postponement of construction would be the addition of tables and chairs and waste receptacles

for all end hall cooking lounges, expected to be completed, according to Madonna, "within the next few weeks."

The cost for the purchase of equipment and the construction work necessary for installation—nearly \$500,000—was reflected this semester in and increase of the dormitory cooking fee from \$25 to \$50 per semester. The fee per semester will be \$55 for the 1981-82 school year, and increased to \$60 for the 1983-84 year.

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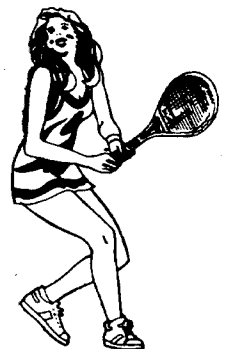
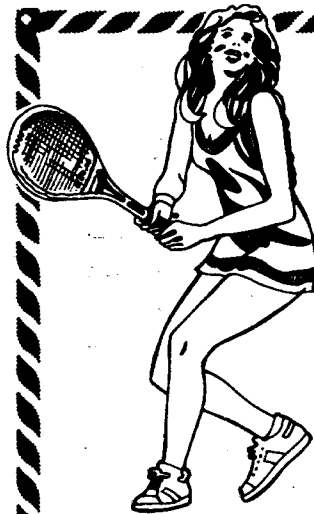
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