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"Every government
is run by liars, and
nothing they say
should be
believed . . ."

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When told five military bases in Libya were bombed, one easily knows that bombs were dropped from airplanes, hit their respective targets, exploded. People died. But the words, the relationship they maintain as referents to referentials, present only a dim view of what really happened. More exactly, bombs flew into barracks and exploded the weed and metal they were made of into splinters and nothing, destroyed buildings into the ground, destroyed living bodies, breathing, eating, moving, into pulp and mess. However, even this doesn't capture what happened, it only serves to show that in fact no words can capture the event. They can approximate, sometimes even closer, but never entirely capture. Still everyone is talking of certain particular events in very concrete terms. Debates are had over Kaddafi's next move, the Russians' imminent arrival, Thatcher's imminent departure, precisely how many bombs were dropped exactly where.

Curiously frightening, as it is remarkable, this departure from the truth, what actually is and/or happened, isn't the primary concern here. That is, besides the fact that people are busy wasting good breath — carbon dioxide and water vapor — on irresolvable issues they basically know nothing about, except for what they've gleaned from reprobate newscasters, there is a bigger, more poisonous cultural fact present.

Regardless of previous political alignments, left or right, the uppity scale, beliefs in God, shoe size, owned appliances, disbelief in Dylan's alliance with

Tom Petty, mayonaise preference, majors and minors, there seems to be an unprecedented surge of nationalism — a perverse perfume of United States mania. In fact, everyone seems to be caught up in the fuss — relief has swept across the land, like a damp handkerchief on a hot summer night, making everybody part of a giant "we".

The United States of America, fifty states, miles and miles of acreage, towns and cities, all reduced to "we". An entire continent suddenly "we". "We bombed the Libyans", "We bombed the Libyans because they are bad", "We will bomb the Libyans if they are bad again." What happens in the middle of

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Smoked Eyelids

When things don't work, change them. In professional sports this idea often takes years to enact, and when something finally is revised, whether it's for the absolute value of the sport or for financial benefits usually isn't always totally clear. In basketball, the 24 second clock and outlawed zone defense have truly made the game faster and closer to its purest form. But the two additional games in baseball play-offs only serve to overwork the players before the World Series, belabor the point, and reap cash through advertising and ticket sales. The integrity of the game becomes lost and forsaken in a blue fog of dubious inclinations and realities; why change tradition unless that change will indeed embellish what previously was? Unless the game is so tired and ridiculous that

any form of resuscitation is warranted.

On Sunday afternoon the boxing fans in the gymnasium easily understood this point. That is, if a particular rule change or alteration benefits a sport — makes it more exciting, challenging, and athletic — while maintaining a sense of decorum and tradition, that change would have to be for the good. Subtle revisions would take place immediately while the drastic changes would be periodically worked up to — over a set amount of time.

Now, boxing is an essentially brutal sport exuding what many believe to be primate-like characteristics. Some say it's no sport at all. However, a closer look at the details of this activity would certainly show that it is not only a very athletic competition but a fantastic

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this primitive upheaval, the assignment of this referent to Rambo/Tom Sawyer America without tears, emotions, is the liquidation of all connections between the words and realities. This "we" is a spongy referent absorbing all facts and realities into a majority mind secured in a teen-ager's blind crush — anything the U.S. does is fine, it provides purpose, gives meaning when there isn't any, defines blob, but all the while with a counterfeit ring. The idea, plainly, is the people's, better yet, the individual's emotions are being scrambled like so many eggs in a coffee-

shop at breakfast, so that the truth is lost and what one thinks is the truth is only a misrepresentation they've already fallen in love with as an unpardonable, immaculate fact.

In virtue of this fact, blurred insouciance the blind leading the blind, how can national decisions be accurately propositioned, for where is the truth? Where is America? Where is Libya? And though time and space dictates quite the complicated answer, for now it's adequate to say that not only do those who

claim they know don't, but they are also liars and cheaters — but mostly, there may in fact not be any location. Who, what, where, how, and why, may not even exist except perhaps in some vacuum utopia. So when pruned into a profoundly dumb conversation spewing ridiculous ideas heard in unreal Political Science classes, remember that what is being said has no connection, not even a laser strand, to any reality because reality has been unassailably altered by the breakdown between the referent and referential. In other words, be quiet.

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intellectual one, too. Each hook, jab, punch is considered with the focus of a championship chess move. Floating around the ring, dodging aimed might, bouncing precisely off ropes to elude an attack or to launch one, shoulder to shoulder with naked challenge, are its finer points.

But yet even the multiplicitous intricacies boxing contains leaves the fan, whom sports are ultimately designed for, at a loss. After a technical knockout or a split decision, one feels cheated and short-changed. That is why a rather large revision is desperately needed in boxing. Due to what some will call the "radical nature" of this revision, the projected amount of time to swing things into motion and install the necessary furnishings will be set for twenty years. After it becomes a success in boxing, which it no will doubt, it can easily be incorporated into other sports, affording the sporting world a new lease on life — reviving the tired ones and emblazoning the already good.

After a knockout the winner will eat the loser's heart. Out on the mat, the official will leave the ring, the winner will have his gloves removed, tear out the loser's heart, hold it up for the crowd's approval and

pop it into his sweaty, hungry mouth. The athletes wouldn't think of disobeying this rule, for if they did, the audience would react with such calumny that the athlete's career would be ruined. Soon this act would become so traditional and highly thought of as to be likened to a home run or touchdown.

After a few years individual athletes, in the heat of personality developments, would start special trademark devices. Some hot-dog, pretty-boy boxer might wear a lobster bib with Neptune on it so blood won't get on his yellow silk robe. Another might do a special dance in celebration of his victory culminating in ingestion of a warm aorta. Striving for originality, hoping to please the fans' ravenous hunger, the victors would become more and more extravagant in their celebrations. Of course, the fight itself would become more ferocious because defeat means death. In the middle of this abandon, fighters would soon take to eating the loser's face, except for the eyes, which could be pierced to make large beads in a champion-like necklace. Eventually the victor would devour the loser's entire body.

This would catch on as an underground movement

in team sports and rabid shortstops might attack opposing ball players in hopes of getting a heart or an eye. Soon sports crowds would demand that this convention be mandatory fare and at the end of all competitions, the winner(s) would eat the loser(s). In the case of team sports, which are usually played in seasons — a number of games in a specified division — the activity would be saved for the championship games — the seventh game of the Stanley Cup, the Super Bowl.

Since the ideas of death and killing are present in all sports, this activity would manifest the ultimate athletic activity, eating the competition. The ramifications could certainly include large increases in revenues while at the same time increasing the value of the events and enriching each respective sport. Besides boxing, football, baseball, basketball and other professional sports, think about what it would do for golf and girls' volleyball. Nubile college coeds delighting crowds in a bloodbath of victory. On smaller levels, even Little League would benefit. Clearly this is a necessary amendment that time and fate will bring the sports of the world, saving them as fans and keeping alive that competitive spirit all thrive upon.

Burning Trash Incineration vs. Recycling

by Christopher Pezzullo
NYPIRG Organizer

For years Long Islanders have been trying to hide our garbage. It has been dumped in landfills all over Long Island, with little regard for the environmental consequences. As we now know, landfills give off harmful gases and pollute the groundwater, and eventually the Long Island Sound and ocean. These ill-begotten dumpsites are now at or near capacity. a new solution must now be found to solve our garbage problem.

Two ways to deal with our waste are presently being discussed: incineration and recycling. Incineration has been chosen by our elected officials as the viable and necessary alternative. In NYPIRG's opinion, this decision, besides dealing a deadly blow to our environment, could threaten our lives.

On the surface, incineration seems to be a wonderful proposal. Plants would be built to burn our garbage. There would be a resultant production of energy (hence a "resource recovery plant") which could be used immediately, stored, or sold.

As a result of burning garbage, toxins will also be released into the air. These include known carcinogens as well as sulfur emissions known to cause acid rain. Pollution control devices will be installed in these incinerators; none have proven effective enough to remove all the air borne toxics.

Contrary to the belief that once we burn the garbage, its gone, up to 40% of the refuse weight will remain as ash. This ash contains hundreds of pollutants and carcinogens such as dioxin (an ingredient of the deadly defoliant Agent Orange). This ash would have to be landfilled. the same current hazards of landfills would thus remain — including air pollution and contamination of groundwater.

An environmentally safe alternative exists — recycling.

at the present time 65% of our garbage is recycleable; 90% is feasibly recycleable.

It would not be necessary, as many think, for residents to manually separate their garbage. Ultimately, recycling plants would be built to mechanically split open a bag of garbage and separate out the various classes of recycleables. Products now relegated to the town dump could be recycled and used again.

These recycling plants would require manual labor to be operated. A new job market would be created, and most importantly, the waste would be dealt with without harming the environment.

Up to 90% of our garbage could be reused, not released into our air and water as a mixture of chemicals and toxins. Only 10% would have to be disposed of, rather than the 40% in highly toxic ash remaining after incineration. In NYPIRG's opinion, recycling is a cleaner, safer, and more intelligent alternative to our current garbage problems.

NYPIRG is proposing a 5 year moratorium on the construction of incinerators — until more definitive answers are known as to how these toxic chemicals will affect our environment, and until effective pollution controls can be produced. In the meantime, recycling programs should be developed. Once these are fully operating, there will be little need to construct incinerators.

Private citizens, Civic Associations, concerned groups and legislators have already begun to band together in opposing this wave of incineration. A NYPIRG Conference was held on April 12 at SUNY Farmingdale to form a Long Island-wide coalition against incineration. This group is currently writing letters to law makers, and will be strengthening a lobby campaign to be held this Spring in favor of recycling, and a year moratorium on incineration.

For more information, stop at the NYPIRG office Union Room 079 or call 246-7702

"Up to 90% of our garbage could be reused, not released into our air and water as a mixture of chemicals and toxins."

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# Missing In Action

## A Plan to Rescue American P.O.W.'s

The truth can no longer be denied. American fighting men are still being held captive in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

Reliable estimates now show that as many as 253 American prisoners of war yet remain to be rescued . . . an amazing number to survive when you consider what we've learned about their savage treatment by the North Vietnamese.

Recent reports by native refugees (all checked by lie-detector) tell a story of *stark brutality*: Starved and clothed only in filthy rags, American soldiers and airmen are kept chained in tiny bamboo cages . . . made to work like animals pulling heavy plows . . . forced to toil from daybreak to nightfall in steaming tropic heat . . . kicked and beaten constantly just for the their guards' amusement.

Similar stories are told by Europeans too, such as the following:

Two Swedes on business near Hanoi ran into a chain gang of men slaving on the road. They yelled, "We are American P.O.W.'s. There are many of us here . . . many of us. Tell America not to forget us."

A West German diplomat saw another group in Laos. Asking who they were, his guide laughed and said, "They are American P.O.W.'s left over from the war."

Frankly, it's become hard for those of us working on this project to control our rage as all these reports of sightings — and the brutality inflicted on helpless fellow Americans — keep pouring in.

In fact, I'm sure you feel the same sense of fury rising within your heart as you read this letter.

Still, you must be wondering *why* Communist Vietnam would bother to keep these prisoners alive, and then lie to us about not knowing of any Americans remaining in their country.

As you might guess, the answer is not a pretty one. The reason these people have broken their vow to return all of the American boys in their P.O.W. camps is *pure black-mail*!!

You see, North Vietnam plans to use the poor, forgotten U.S. soldiers and airmen they've hidden away in the jungles of Laos to squeeze billions of dollars out of our government.

In fact, they've already started.

As a U.S. Congressman, I met with a Communist Vietnamese official in Thailand when I began looking into reports of missing American P.O.W.'s.

When asked him about these reports, he sneered and said that he couldn't be 100% certain that there weren't Americans still held in remote areas of the region — but that his government wouldn't bother looking for them *unless the U.S. government paid for these "investigations."*

*But it doesn't matter. Our government won't soon cough up that money anyway. Two U.S. administrations have stated for the record that there are no more American P.O.W.'s left in Vietnam.* So you can be sure that no government official is going to risk embarrassing all those high-ranking politicians by announcing the truth for quite a while.

BUT there is a *another way* to get those American boys out of the jungle hell where they're hidden and tortured!

Right now, anti-communist rebels are very active in many areas where American prisoners have been seen. They can operate in these remote regions because local Communists either fear them — or have been bribed to "look the other way" as the rebels slip past on their missions.

Why not have these rebels (many of whom are American-trained veterans of the war) *get our boys out for us?*

How? It will take money — but much, much less than the Communists want. Besides, it will be used *for us* by our friends.

Just for example, suppose we gave one of these rebel bands a few thousand dollars to set up an operation that would get two or three Americans out of one of those hidden "horror camps."

What would follow might happen something like this:

Late one evening, as prison-camp guards kick and flog a group of our boys along the trail back to their cages, the last few Communists in line might be swiftly and quietly dragged into the jungle.

Then, a few seconds later, the bedraggled American P.O.W.'s they were guarding might also vanish suddenly from the rear of the plodding group. The Americans, of course would now be in friendly hands. (We won't talk about the guards' fate.)

In a matter of just a day or two, the rescued Americans would be smuggled across the border to our SKYHOOK II PROJECT ground in Thailand.



Now let's suppose that episodes much like the one outlined above were to happen *throughout the areas of Vietnam and Laos where American prisoners have been seen.*

In just a few weeks — for a relatively few thousands of dollars — six, ten, perhaps a dozen of these abused and forgotten American service men could be brought back to America and *allowed to tell their story to the world.*

Imagine the headlines: **AMERICAN POW'S FOUND ALIVE IN VIETNAM!**

Imagine the outrage that would sweep the U.S. as these gaunt survivors appeared on TV coast to coast, telling the entire nation not only about their sufferings . . . *but also about all their comrades still held captive in the torrid Asian jungles.*

With their appearance, those government officials who once declared them dead would have to admit their grim mistake.

As a result, millions of furious Americans would demand an end to all the current talk between the U.S. and the "poor" North Vietnamese about helping them rebuild what they once forced us to destroy.

Suddenly, their leaders would be seen not as the brave, simple peasants they are painted to be, but as the brutal Soviet-supported liars they actually are . . . *secretly holding American prisoners in slavery for use as future bargaining-chips.*

The truth would be out for all the world to see . . . *and all the financial aid North Vietnam now gets from nonCommunist nations would immediately be in danger of a cut-off!*

For world opinion is a powerful force. Not only would the U.S. refuse to have any further dealings with North Vietnam until *all* of our boys are returned to us, but every decent-minded country on earth would surely follow the same course.

But none of this can happen until we can bring out that first handful of long-enslaved Americans as proof.

And as I've said, that's going to take lots of expert planning and many thousands of dollars. Some of that

money may be needed to equip anti-communist rebels in the area. Some of it may even be needed to pay off border officials.

In any event, one thing's certain: our group can the provide expert planning — but we need *you* to supply the money!

So the people I've picked to receive my letter are Americans who I have reason to believe will support us — the kind of Americans who never stand idly by and let U.S. soldiers and airmen continue to rot in stinking jungle cages far from home.

I'm talking about Americans like *you!*

Help me get those first few bedraggled P.O.W.'s out of the filthy hell in which they're hidden so we can squeeze their captors into returning all our soldiers and airmen to us.

It won't take much. If each of you who are getting this letter would send just \$10, \$15 or even \$20, it would quickly add up to the thousands we need to launch our mission.

So how about it? Don't you want to help blast this tale of communist treachery and lies wide open for all the world to see?

Don't you want to play a part in our mission to rescue those American P.O.W.'s from the starvation and brutality they now face each and every day?

Of course you do. In fact, I *know* you do.

But please, you **MUST** hurry! With each day that passes, those once-proud American fighting men grow weaker and lose even more hope of ever escaping the vicious brutality they suffer.

So all of us will be anxiously awaiting your reply within the coming week. I pray you won't fail us.

Urgently,  
John LeBoutillier

*John LeBoutillier is a former Congressman from Long Island.*

*The address of the Skyhook II Project is: P.O. Box 230, Old Westbury, NY 11568*

# Would you buy a used Polity Elections '86:

Undergraduate students here at Stony Brook can once again be expected to flock to the voting booths this Tuesday, for the annual Polity elections for the Executive committee, Judiciary, class representatives, SASU delegates, and referendum issues.

The two issues for referendum this year are an activity fee increase and Polity President Eric Levine's proposal to change the vote for College Leg. Presidents and Treasurers to the Spring as opposed to the current Fall elections. An activity fee increase would enable more activities to be funded. The purpose of elections in the Spring would allow Leg. officers to familiarize themselves with their duties over the summer rather than just thrusting them into the politics of Polity.

There are two positions for SASU delegate, who keep the campus aware of issues concerning students as students and as citizens and to keep them involved in activities concerning these issues. The delegate also acts as spokesperson representing Stony Brook at SASU activities such as conventions, lobbies etc. Two people are running to fill the two openings, with both Bill Fox and Rita Solorzano on the ballot. 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 representative 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 class representatives make up half the Polity council, the other half is comprised of the Executive committee: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (a position which, along with Freshman rep., is elected in the Fall). The most important responsibility of the President is that of advocate for the student body and a mediator for students and administration, but he/she must be able to perform the basic procedural duties such as chairing council meetings and preparing agendas for both the Senate and council meetings. The Vice-President is a moderator at Senate meetings and must be able to perform the duties of the President in the case of a vacancy. Responsibility for all forms of correspondence, keeping track of all records and informing the members of Polity of all policies and actions of the Executive committee, council and Senate goes to the Secretary.

It is the responsibility of the student to vote for the most responsible and capable person to represent him/her. Everyone votes for the Executive committee, SASU delegate, Judiciary and the referendum. Only direct peers vote for their class representatives.

This year there are four candidates for President Eric Blackwell, Gerry Brouard, Adam Cole, and Marc Gunning. Gerry Shaps is on the ballot alone for Vice-President, and Andrea Best is running against Bob Timm for Secretary. The candidates for class reps. are as follows: Senior rep. — Anthony Donofrio and Craig Levine; Junior rep. — Bill Fox, Lisa Garcia, and Marc Salzman; and unopposed for Sophomore Rep. — Lance Mankowski.

The Press asked the Polity council candidates questions pertaining to students to inform them of the issues at hand and how the candidates feel about them. Next year at Stony Brook with the prospect of these candidates, should prove to be an exciting one.

Commuters can vote in the Library, Union and Lecture Hall while residents can vote in their colleges.

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

**Cole:** I am Adam Cole and I am running for Polity President because I believe that I can do the job better than anyone else who is running for President can. I am confident that if I am elected, Polity will be run in an efficient and responsible manner, serving all student's needs and interests.

**Gunning:** My name is Marc "Doc" Gunning, and I am a senior in the Psychology Bachelor of Science Program. I am running for Polity President for one basic reason: to improve the quality of life on campus. By providing effective leadership; addressing student concerns; searching for solutions to problems that are evident on campus; maintaining open communications between students, faculty, and administrators; and coordinating more effective developmental and recreational programs, I feel that I can do much in achieving this goal. I hope that the student population feels the same.

**Blackwell:** I consider myself a people person. My love for politics stems from my love for people because no matter how much a person shuns politics they're directly affected by them. From politics comes policy which we are all governed by. I'm running for Polity President because we are once again being asked to put up or shut up by insensitive policy makers. We must meet this political challenge by putting up the strongest policy we can. My personal and political inclinations tell me we can do it.

**Brouard:** My name is Gerry Brouard. I am a senior majoring in Liberal Arts. I am running for Polity President because I feel that I have the experience to bring back the rallies and student voice of the past so that students don't have to take everything sitting down.

Polity seems to be rubber stamping any and all policies which the Administration sets fourth. When we were told

that we would be forced to live off campus when we turned into Juniors or Seniors; I had expected at least some student leaders to visibly protest. But what I heard was a disasterous silence which led to freshmen priority housing being set for 1988.

We have accepted this policy which is completely insensitive to student needs, simply because we as students have no reacted to the possible consequences of losing housing when we become Jrs. or Snrs.

I can not understand why students allow such a policy when it is relatively simple to have a rally and protest. All the student leaders needed to do is raise the awareness of the students, set up a rally date with a few social events, and students would be there.

This is not the course of action which has been followed; leaving Polity nearly indistinguishable from the Admin. in its policies.

As President I would like to change the course of Polity, away from a puppet government which seems to do nothing but run the day to day affairs accepting dictates from the Administration.

What I hope to change Polity into is a student government representing student needs.

## 2. What makes you qualified as the primary representative of the students at SUNY Stony Brook?

**Cole:** Experience is what counts when one is Polity President. For the past three years I have been serving student interests at Stony Brook. As a Polity Senator, I have insured that student activity fee money has been spent in a judicious and proper manner. I have served students as a member of the University Senate which has afforded me valuable experience in dealing with faculty, staff and administration. As a student member of the Academic Judiciary I have dealt with the academic concerns of Stony Brook students. These various experiences have given me a well rounded background in the operational aspects of Polity.

**Gunning:** Based on my experiences as a student leader, businessman, community organizer, programmer and coordinator, I believe that I am very qualified for this position of responsibility.

For example, as a former Resident Assistant, I have received training in conflict mediation, diplomacy, advising and resource development. As the manager of a chain of karate schools I have gained experience in maintaining business accounts, supervising employees, and other business skills. As the President and founder of LIFE Committee, I have worked at improving the quality of life on campus by organizing major campus-wide events such as "Big Brothers/Sisters for a Day," "New York Jets vs. Residence Life Basketball Game," and the "Third Annual Bike-A-Thon for Lukemia." As an Administration Assistant I have learned the proper channels for seeking assistance in solving problems and I have become very familiar with the procedures and policies of Residence Life. Finally as the Telecast Coordinator for the WNEW Channel 5 Lukemia Society Broadcast of "Four Hours for Life" I have learned how to facilitate and develop fund raising programs, maintained accurate records of activities and funds, and served as a professional representative of a nation-wide organization.

**Blackwell:** Besides my strong desire and political past which includes appointment to P.S.C., Minority Affairs Liason to Polity and Chairman of the Affirmative Action Council, I have a genuine interest in student rights because I am a student.

**Brouard:** My qualifications come from my experience and interaction with Polity. I have been around long enough to have spoken with the last three presidents of Polity. I know what their mistakes were and I know what they did right. This knowledge, added to my experience as Wagner Leg. Chair, Entertainment Committee Chairman for M.D.A., Mount Leg. Chair, and the equivalent of quad president when I went to school in Buffalo, all adds up to give me the insight necessary to know how students want their government to run. I guess you could say I have vintage experience. (I ran for President last year against Dave and Eric.) I know where Polity 'was' ten years ago, five years ago and where it is today. Furthermore I know where I would like to see it in five years.

Students here seem to forget the only thing they have in common (apart from other students in the country) is that someday hopefully they will be Stony Brook alumni. This is also the most important thing because it recognizes the fact that we as students have a debt to Stony Brook's current graduates. We should be in control and we should leave Stony Brook a better place than we came here.

## 3. As students here, what do you see as the major problems confronting students in the coming year?

**Cole:** There are many major problems confronting students in the coming year. In a recent edition of The Three Village Herald, an article was published calling for the arming of Public Safety officers. Arming Public Safety officers would only add to the fear and intimidation that they now project. This cannot happen!

Alcohol has been a consistent ingredient on college campuses for a very long time. Within the last year, the Whitman Pub and the Graduate Student Lounge were forced to close and shut down their taps. By assuring the opening of the Rathskellar, to be located in the Union Bi-Level space, the strong tradition of having campus drinking establishments will continue.

The food service has been a consistent problem at Stony Brook over the last few years. Anyone who tells you there is no problem is lying to you. Efforts must be made to insure better quality and a wider selection of food. The majority of people who eat the food are resident students living in dormitories. Dormitory rates are being raised over \$100 next year. Students will be paying more for less. As President, I will use the power of Polity to hold the line on future dorm rate increases. There are many problems affecting students in the coming year and all must be addressed by the new Polity President.

**Gunning:** There are a number of problems facing students in the coming year, any one of which could become a "major" problem. The problems that I foresee as the most serious include the freshman Priority Housing Policy; the proposed budget cuts from Albany; the proposed cuts in

# car from these men?

## The Candidates

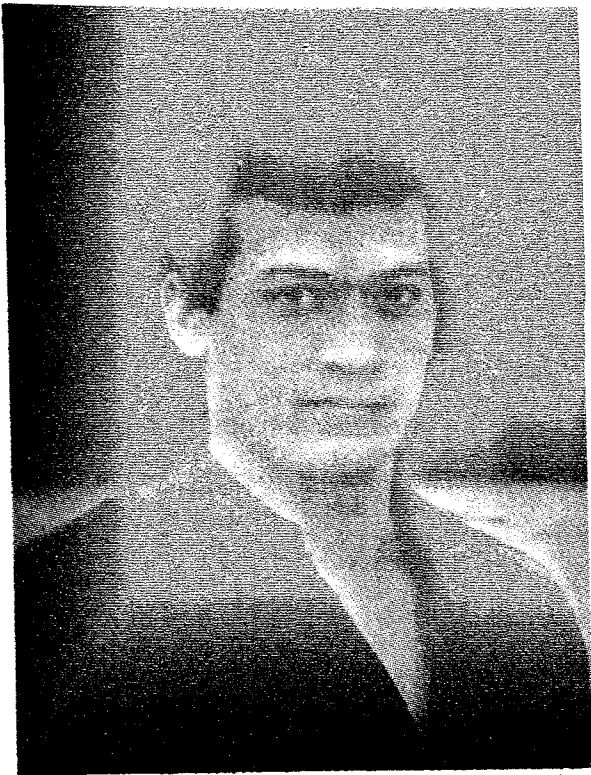


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Brouard

financial aid; the insufficient number of effective social, recreational and developmental programs (especially on weekends); the insufficient number of parking spaces, particularly for commuters; the Dorm Cooking Program; and, of course, the Mandatory Meal Plan.

Unfortunately, some of these problems are beyond the ability of one person to solve, even the Polity President (for example, the proposed budget cuts from Albany and Washington.)

Other problems, such as the freshman Priority Housing policy and the Mandatory Meal Plan are administrative policies that are no under the Polity President's direct influence. Fortunately, however, the Polity President can offer alternatives (such as University sponsored off-campus fraternity housing to alleviate the "crowding out" of seniors and a point system for the Meal Plan that could give students more flexibility in their choice of eating times and locations and to allow for reimbursement for missed meals.

This leaves us with the major problems that the Polity President can address: the insufficient number of effective programs on campus; the lack of an adequate number of parking spaces; and the Dorm Cooking Program. If the Polity President is an experienced programmer and is responsive to student needs, more effective programs can be developed and initiated. If the Polity President is experienced in dealing with the Administration, then proposals such as expanding on existing parking lots and creating more parking spaces can be made. Finally, if the Polity President is an effective leader then he will be able to obtain results as far as improvements that need to be made in the Dorm Cooking Program.

**Blackwell:** We are being confronted with many social and economic problems. For this survey I will touch on the economic problems. Room increases and possible Meal Plan increases will definitely hit us where it hurts. So we must be creative to alleviate the financial pain we're sure to endure. The Alcohol Polity the administration is considering will take over \$10,000 out of our two biggest events, G-fest and Fall Fest. We must meet these type of challenges with our best.

**Brouard:** This question embodies the kind of rhetoric that should be eliminated from our campus.

Granted students may be in and out of here in four years, and they may be only concerned with the coming year, but any student who graduates from here will be a Stony Brook alumni for the rest of his life. And this should be our greatest concern.

Stony Brook is the fifth largest employer on Long Island and its possibilities for growth really have no limitations. But the way the Administration is currently running Stony Brook, we only find limitations.

Examples of this are the theft of equipment from our various departments, the lack of maintenance of our

buildings, the loss of important faculty members to other universities, the lack of security on campus etc.

Polity is a 1.8 million dollar non-profit corporation which can solicit funds from large corporations in exchange for advertising via the News Media. This is the kind of advertising corporations can not buy because it shows actual good will towards the community. A two minute spot on the Six O'Clock News would be worth 500,000 dollars to a large corporation. Therefore they would think nothing of donating 100,000 dollars to our university. With this in mind and the fact that we number 16,000 full-time students one can see how our possibilities become limitless.

The power of Polity lies in the hands of the students. This is a realization which allowed Gerry Manginelli, (President of Polity for three consecutive years in the late 70's) to create Polity Hotline, start a legal clinic and have the most effective student voice ever. He dealt with the administration in a way which stressed the independence of Polity but left room for negotiation.

As President of Polity I hope to bring back the spirit and impact of Gerry Manginelli's leadership to eliminate the problems which will be confronting students in the future.

Specifically the problems which I will be working on are:

- The ridiculous Alcohol Polity which forces residence to play the role of our parents through our R.A.'s and M.A.'s.
- Student D.W.I. which has doubled during this semester. Partly because of the Alcohol policy which causes students to go off campus to drink because of the lack of drinking facilities on campus.
- The self-sufficiency of the residence halls, which is open to abuse by the administration.
- Making sure DAKA keeps its contractual obligations.
- Freshman Priority Housing.

### 4. What do you see as the major problems within Polity itself, and how would you go about solving them?

**Cole:** There are many problems within Polity, many of which can be traced to a lack of accountability within Polity itself. If elected President, Polity will become a more responsible organization and people within Polity will be held accountable for their actions. Polity must also have greater contact with the student body it represents. More communication on Polity's part with the students as well as administration is a must. As President, I will make Polity more accessible to students.

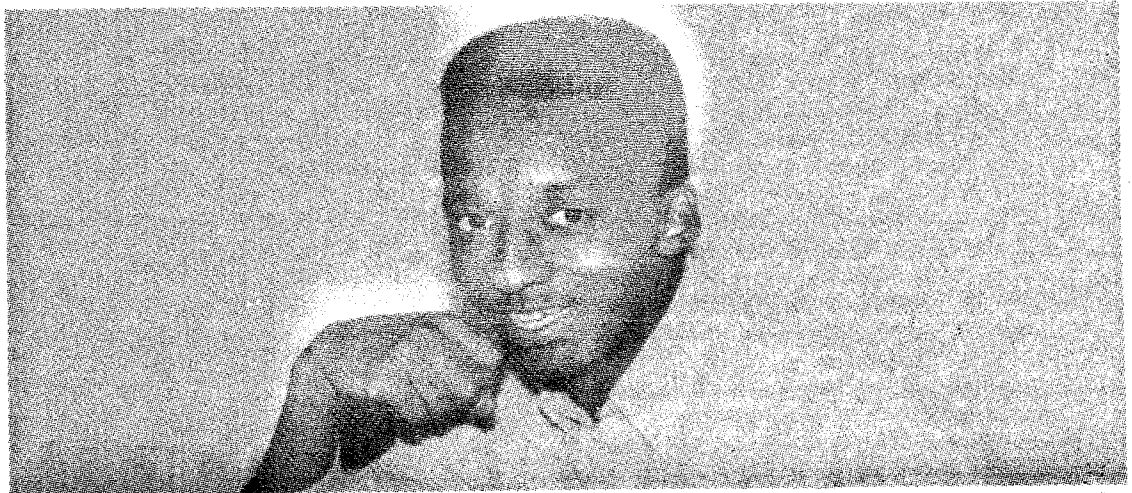


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Blackwell

**Gunning:** Polity has two major problems that require immediate attention: the first is a lack of open communication among the different organizations in Polity, which has led to a number of additional problems. The second major problem is that Polity is not effectively addressing the students' needs.

By opening lines of communication with the organizations in Polity, establishing a board of representatives from each of these organizations (called the Student Activities Advisory Board) and running Polity like the business that it is, I hope to encourage these organizations to become better organized and lessen the bureaucracy found in Polity.

To address the student's needs, I would actively encourage the different Polity organizations to participate

in organizing more joint programs that would appeal to a greater number of students. I would also work with the Student Activities Advisory Board on making proposals of effective programs to the Office of Student Activities, PSC, and the Minority Programming Board. Finally, I would seek to make known to the student body what Polity can do, and is doing for them. (This is a problem in itself, as there are many students who have no idea of the functions of Polity.)

Overall my goal is simple: to remind everyone that Polity is a government by the students, of the students, for the students.

**Blackwell:** Lack of student involvement in Polity is a big problem. I think Polity isn't too in touch with the student body. I doubt we'll ever see a day when Polity and student involvement is at 100% but that shouldn't stop us from conveying the general student feeling. I would use a polling system so that we can always know what the general student interests are. I don't think some of the Polity subsidiaries such as P.S.C. are operating at 100%, they can be improved, but mainly so can Polity.

**Brouard:** The first and foremost problem in Polity is the lack of a historian or any kind of historical background of the organization. (I went to the campus papers) The people who take office each year have no conception of what Polity once was. They are not learning from past mistakes and this allows for their repetition. Without a historian there is no succession of one council to the next. An no long-term planning. If Polity is to survive as an organization it needs to develop extended five and ten year plans.

A simple comparison of Polity at its most effective best in the past, against the Polity of today, reveals that Polity needs unity, communication; and that it has too much red tape and politics. When Gerry Manginelli was president the clubs and organizations did not just come to Polity for money, never to be seen again. Instead they remained involved in the central government and kept abreast with everything and anything which affected students.

Polity today seems to do only two things, hand out money to the different clubs and organizations and rubber stamp the policies dictated to us from the administration.

The structure of Polity causes social separation, cultural separation, ethnic separation, etc. Polity seems to have become the exact opposite of the unity it once stood for. This unity will only be restored by calling back the clubs and organizations back to Polity to coordinate events together. Having them put out a bi-monthly newsletter allowing the campus community to know what they're doing. This will cause them to work together to coordinate events so that there is no duplication of services. This will

also act to make Polity the centralized government it once was.

The students in Polity today waste a lot of time discussing rules and proper procedure. Students go into Polity today as senators without even knowing what Robert's Rules of Order are. This leads to much wasted time which could be better spent elsewhere in Polity. The time spent discussing Robert's Rules of Order is ridiculous and highly unprofessional.

The red tape is another problem in Polity which can be almost completely removed from Polity by making information of how Polity works in a step-by-step manual readily available. The red tape in Polity exists only for those who are not familiar with the organizations's procedures.

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## Polity Elections '86

# Biorhythms Give Nod To Gunning

For the last two years, Press writer Hubert Moore has analysed the biorhythms of the Polity Presidential candidates, seeking to use this method to determine the winner before any votes were cast. Two years ago, they correctly predicted "Hawkeye" Aylward's election, and kept their streak going last year, correctly picking Eric Levine's victory.

Moore fell victim to the disease of graduation last year, and we at the Press were worried that we would lose those insightful predictions. But not to despair. Reached by phone, Moore jumped at the chance to reprise his article, and go for his third correct year in a row.

by Hubert Moore

"Come on Ron, I've got to drive an ambulance tomorrow, get someone else to write the biorhythms story."

"Hugh, it's got to be you. No one else has the insight and perception needed to interpret the biorhythms."

"But..."

"No one else has the sophisticated wit necessary to craft this crap into an amusing feature."

"Well, L."

"No one else has two dollars to feed the biorhythm machine."

Conversation between Hugh Moore and Ron Ostertag.

Well, to hell with the hospital, the public must know the election will result in a run off between Gunning and Brouard which Gunning will win. How do we know? Have we spent millions of your activity fee dollars on polls, political analysis, and computer projections that are all too often inaccurate? No. Once again we have turned to biorhythms: the Infallible (and inexpensive) Oracle.

### ● Miracle Science ●

Biorhythms is the modern miracle science that ranks with pyramid power as the greatest discovery of the twentieth century. (Actually it ranks just below pyramid power and just above quantum mechanics and the vega-matic.

Why? The most degrading and unpatriotic abuse of your democratic rights is voting for a loser. If the man you vote for doesn't win then you have had no voice in the government. In effect your vote has been taken away. That's down right communist! Further more, supporting the losing candidate is humiliating. Just see if you can find one person who voted for Nixon instead of Kennedy in 1960. They all died of embarrassment. But just as pyramid power can spare you the trauma of dull razor blades, biorhythms can save you the embarrassment of backing a bum. Because the course of future events is as clear as crystal to those who are privy to the prognosticative powers of biorhythms.

### ● How It Works ●

Years of scientific evaluation has shown that human beings are ruled by three cycles of different lengths: the 23 day physical cycle, the 28 day emotional cycle and the 33 day mental cycle. Interestingly enough it is not the low of the cycle, but the median of each cycle that is marked by "rhythmologists" as days to beware. Days when any cycle is at zero on a scale of plus 10 to minus 10 is called a critical day, when an individual is in transition from the high half of the cycle to the low half or vice versa; bode ill for that individual in that cycle precisely because this state of transition exists. Triple critical days have been known to be fatal.

By coincidence each human being starts every cycle at zero. This makes biorhythms easy to calculate. Simply calculate the number of days between the subject's birth and the date for which you want the information. Then divide this number by the length of the particular cycle and make note of the remainder. Next, plot a sine wave of wavelength equal to the length of the cycle and of amplitude 10. The subject's potential is given by measuring the remainder along the wavelength axis and finding the value of the augmented sine function for that cycle, or you can go down to Cook's Steak Pub and put a quarter in the biorhythm machine like we did.

### ● Analysis ●

The election day biorhythms are a little tricky to call. Adam Cole, who appears to an excellent prospect will be in the throes of a double critical (emotional and physical cycles at 0) day and this rules him out. Of the three remaining candidates, Brouard is clearly the strongest in friendship and luck, the categories most pertinent to the election. For

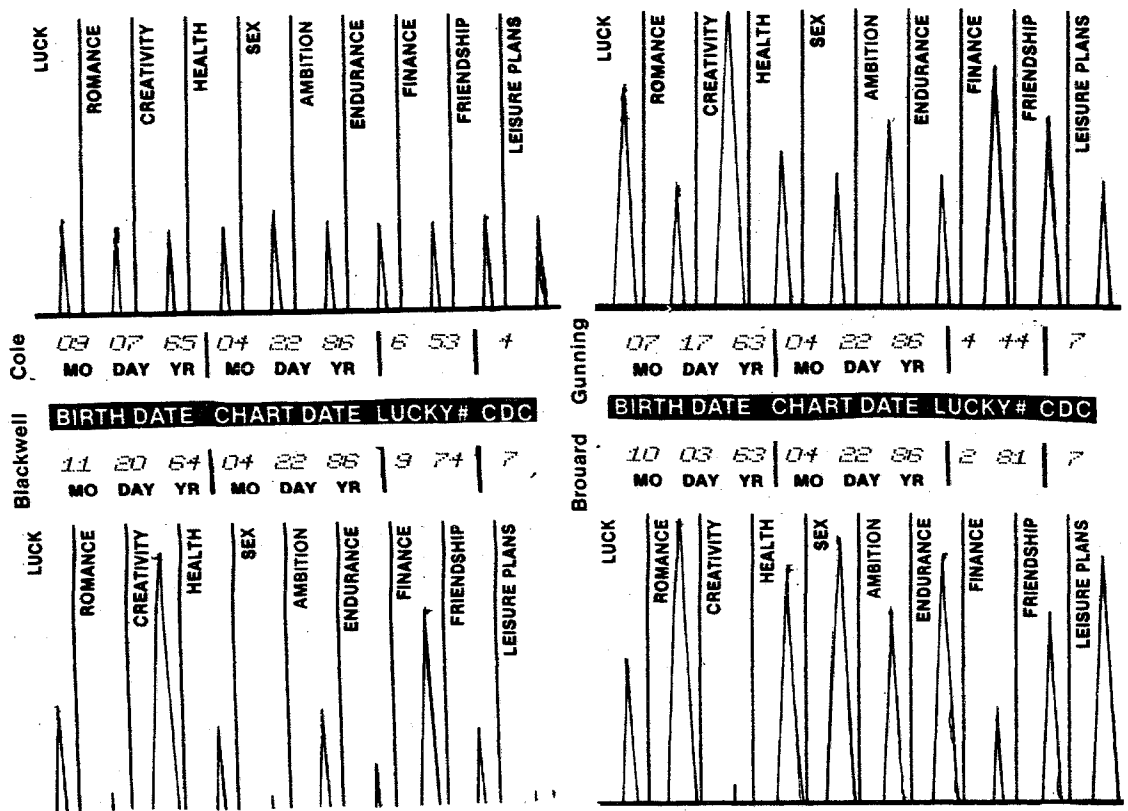
his opponent in the inevitable run-off election, we think that Gunning's edge in friendship will prevail despite Blackwell's slight advantage in luck.

The picture for the run-off (May 1) is startling:

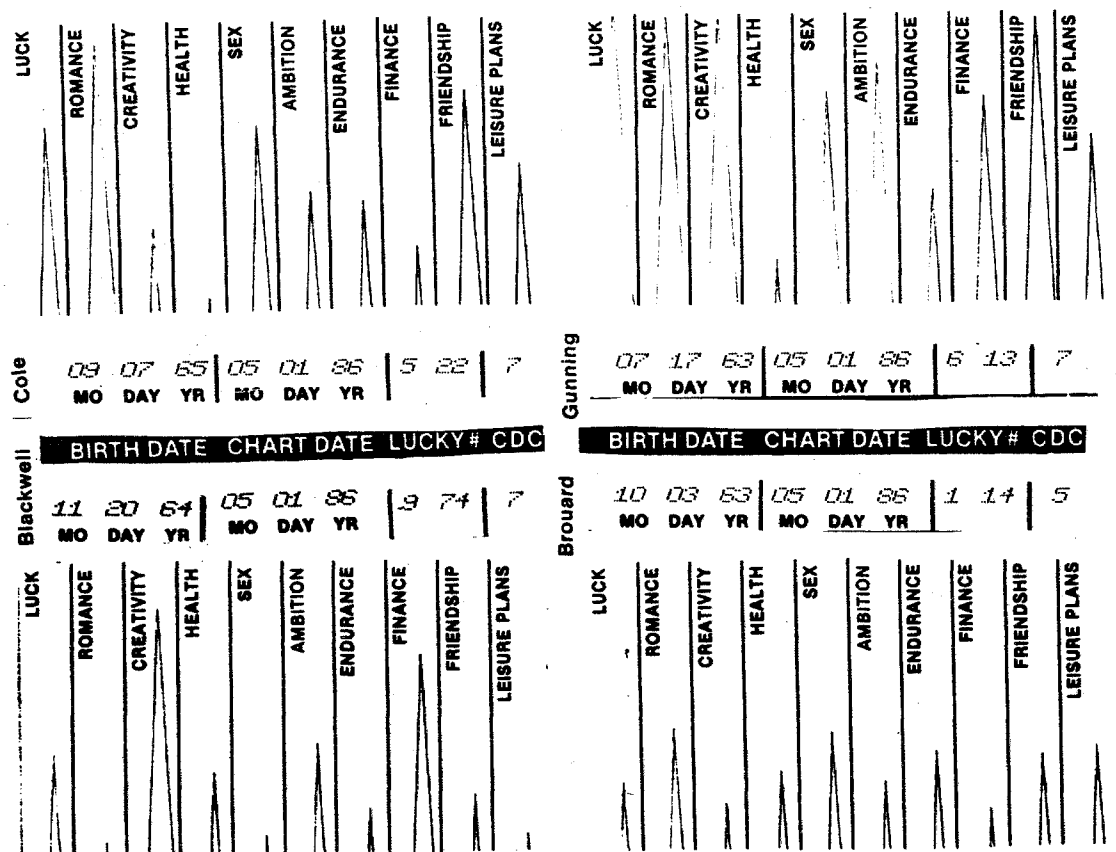
Gunning's remarkable advantage over all other candidates, especially Brouard, leaves no doubt as to who the winner will be. Congratulations, Mark.

Well, there you have it; undisputable proof that Mark Gunning will be the next Polity President. The fact that my boss just fired me for writing this article instead of picking up that cardiac emergency is inconsequential if even one Press reader was spared the humiliation of voting for the wrong man. Besides, I won't have trouble getting another job...The Enquirer is hiring.

## Tuesday Polity Election



## May Polity Runoff



# Sleaze on Parade

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## 5. What will you do to insure the quality and value of both the Dorm Cooking Program and the Meal Plan?

**Cole:** With Mandatory Meal Plan growing on campus, it is only fair that students receive the quality of food they pay for. The Faculty Student Association (FSA) has recently hired a food service contract administrator. That person's job is to guarantee high quality of food on campus. As President, I will be in daily contact with this person to insure that the food on campus is of the highest quality.

Dorm cooking has been a tradition at Stony Brook since the early 1970's. Students who pay Dorm Cooking fees of over \$100 per semester have been plagued with stoves and ovens comparable to the "Betty Crocker bake-a-cake" ovens bought at Child World. Where is Dorm Cooking money going? Anyone who tells you that there are no problems with the Dorm Cooking Program is lying! If elected President, I will place tremendous pressures on Gary Matthews and other bureaucratic administrators who handle the Dorm Cooking Program to improve the appliances.

Meal Plan and Dorm Cooking Programs must provide a higher quality service than they presently do.

**Gunning:** As a former Meal Plan student who is now on the Dorm Cooking Program, I have seen both sides of the coin on this issue. The high cost and low quality of the Dorm Cooking Program has led to many complaints, while the Meal Plan has also experienced a number of problems. The situation is a "Catch 22" — the student can't seem to win.

I hope to ensure the quality and value of the Dorm Cooking Program by appealing to Residence Life and the Dorm Cooking Advisory Board to make improvements in the maintenance of cooking facilities (particularly in the issues of cleaning and roach control).

By working with the Faculty Student Association on the task of signing a contract with a company that is willing to provide quality service at a reasonable price and is willing to change to a system that is more to the benefit of the students than the present system, I feel that I can help ensure that the Meal Plan provides the best possible alternative to the Dorm Cooking Program.

**Blackwell:** The only way to insure the quality of both the Dorm Cooking Program and the Meal Plan is to have direct input into both. Lack of input will allow profit-hungry

changes and the good faith of DAKA will not require any policing from Polity but this would be a gross negligence on my part.

DAKA has signed a new contract with us and promised us a whole lot of things but that's what they did before they signed the last contract. This time we have to make sure they live up to their contractual obligations over the next five years. This requires Polity forming a five year plan to police DAKA and police the people hired to police DAKA. Otherwise, we have the possibility of more rubber stamping.

## 6. What do you feel were the most important changes made in the F.S.A. Bylaws over a year ago, positive or not?

**Cole:** The most significant change in the F.S.A. Bylaws is the manner of election of the Board of Directors. Article IV, section 1 of the F.S.A. Bylaws establishes the number and constituency of the directors of the F.S.A. Board. It further provides for the manner of election of these directors. This change altered the student control of the F.S.A. Board to what amounts to only a veto of unfavorable board decisions. This removes the ability of students to thoroughly manipulate their own destiny because before these changes were made, students controlled the F.S.A. Board. Although other changes were made, their significance is greatly overshadowed by Article IV, section 1.

**Gunning:** In the Fall of 1984, the Faculty Student Association was experiencing a number of internal problems that made the organization somewhat chaotic and ineffective. Due to these internal problems, F.S.A. soon came to a clash with President Marburger, who decided that F.S.A. had to meet with certain requirements of his. F.S.A. refused, and Dr. Marburger moved to dissolve the organization. Faced with this dilemma, the Board members of F.S.A. decided to compromise with Dr. Marburger on some of his requirements.

On November 11, 1984 the voting members of F.S.A. approved the following changes in the Bylaws:

1. The ratio of students to faculty/administrators on the F.S.A. Board of Directors was changed from 8:6 to 6:6, thereby, eliminating the student majority in the Board.
2. The University President shall appoint three administrators to the Board of Directors. The

voting edge in the first place is due to a strong stance in the past. We need a stronger stance to protect such fundamental rights.

**Brouard:** The Bylaws were changed because President Marburger felt they were not in conformity with the SUNY guidelines. Specifically he felt the Class A members should not (while having a student majority) be electing the officers of the corporation, and he felt the need to remove student control from the twelve member Board of Directors.

The changes reduced student power and input in the corporation and took away effective student control. I think it was a very negative change for the student voice on campus.

On the positive side President Marburger learned something about students. When he pushed too far he learned there are still some students which will not let him cross certain lines which would destroy the power of Polity.



Photo by Scott Richter

Gunning

## 7. Have you ever committed a felony, when is your birthdate, and who is your favorite author?

**Cole:** I have never committed a felony, but I have gotten several bogus parking tickets from Public Safety. I was born in 1965 on September 7. My favorite author is Agatha Christie, for her wonderful exhilarating mystery novels.

**Gunning:** Not in the past two weeks. July 17, 1963. Dr. Suess.

**Blackwell:** No, none that I know of. I'm a Scorpio 11-20-64. Although I can't call these authors my favorites, and because I'm not into favorites, I can call Karl Marx and Malcolm X very influential and enlightening.

**Brouard:** Well, one morning I was eating my Alphabet's and out of nowhere a gorgeous blonde with blue eyes and a figure which could stop a truck started to speak to me (it was obvious she was a lawyer) she said,

"way to be Gerry B. want to see for no fee, follow me to the sea"

So I followed her (wouldn't you) staying a few paces behind. When we reached the sea shore she showed me things in the sand that I only thought existed in my imagination. She took me to clouds and stars that I didn't know existed. Then she took me to paradise and I couldn't help myself so I kidnapped her, and keep her locked up in a picture frame (I'll bet you thought I was going to say I ate her.)

My birthdate is 10-3-63 making me a Libra the sign of Balance and Justice.

My favorite author is Richard Bach because he knows what I know, and that is that matter does not form consciousness but rather consciousness forms matter and reality.

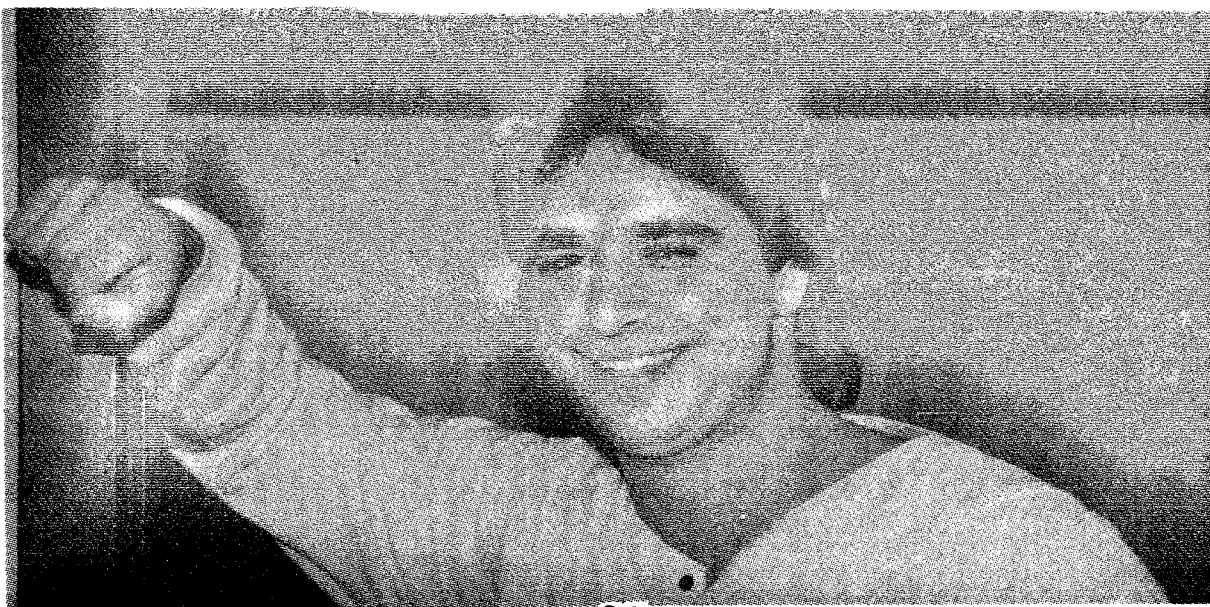


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Cole

and budget tight people like DAKA and administrators to close in on us. This is evident with possible Meal Plan increases and more and more buildings being designated Meal Plan only. My personal feeling is one should know their beautician and their cook very well because to me there's nothing worse than a bad haircut or a bad meal. (Smile).

**Brouard:** The Dorm Cooking Program failed only because of a lack of intelligent management. As a matter of fact, Ferdonia State College has a well operated Dorm Cooking Program which I hope to learn from, then bring this knowledge to the administration. This should remove the necessity of policing the Dorm Cooking Program, which can be attractive to both students and administrators when properly managed.

The Meal Plan has undergone some major changes which will not appear until next year. I'd like to say that these

other directors are voted in by the majority of their peers in the F.S.A. voting body (Class A members).

For the most part, these changes led to positive results, most notably is the fact that F.S.A. wasn't dissolved. My concern with the changes, however, is the fact that the University President has a great deal of influence on at least of the 12 members on the Board of Directors. If an issue could come up that served the interests of the administration and not the students, I foresee the possibility of internal problems resurfacing.

**Blackwell:** The most important changes in F.S.A. Bylaws affect the majority voting position we once enjoyed on the F.S.A. Board. The fact that changes can be demanded and made by administrators shows a need for a strong student government. The reason we had a majority

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# Polity Elections '86

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## Vice Presidential Candidate

### *The Questions*

1. Why are you running for the Polity Council, and what Polity or other Stony Brook experience helps qualify you for such a position?
2. What do you feel will be the major issues confronting students here next year, and how do you feel Polity should go about dealing with them?

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**"Huge Brains, small necks, weak muscles, and fat wallets — these are the dominant characteristics of the '80's — the generation of swine."**

**— Hunter S. Thompson**

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### **Gerry Shaps**

1. The Vice-President is an integral part of Polity. The Vice-President runs the council meetings in the absence of the President, chairs all the senate meetings, holds a seat on the SAB Executive Board, and is an ex-officio member of every Polity organization. The primary reason that I am running for this position is that I feel that I can perform the responsibilities in the most effective way. My experience with Polity includes being Sophomore Class Representative, a Polity Senator, a member of the Senate Executive Committee, Programs and Services Treasurer, Chairman of the Facilities and Services Use Committee, Chairman of the Dorm Business Committee, and a member of the Student Leaders Round Table. As a Polity Council member I've worked closely with Administration and FSA officials on many issues that have had a great impact on student life, and in doing so, I've personally made sure that they were aware of student rights, opinions, and needs.
2. There is a broad range of issues affecting Stony Brook student next year. The primary issue is the lack of study space on campus. Any student who has walked into the library this year will have noticed that chairs and tables are a scarce commodity. Reducing study space in the library is a current policy of Administration. This includes the removal

of the carrels from the fifth floor which will be turned into none other than... offices! A plan of theirs is currently in the works that will pinpoint a certain area in each dorm to be renovated for the specific purpose of turning it into a study area (which means quiet dorms!) Students who want to study in the dorms are presently doing so but I don't feel that they should be pushed into the dorms because that is the only alternative. Commuters will also be forced to study off campus. Polity should work to nip this in the bud.

Self-sufficiency is another issue. With self-sufficiency, Administration will be able to spend our dorm fees as they desire, instead of the State telling them how to spend it. Polity should keep a watchful eye over where our rent goes so that it benefits us in the best way possible.

Another issue that just about every student has noticed is that Stony Brook has lost a lot of its vigor. Our reputation as a "Party School" has dwindled due primarily to the ridiculous alcohol policy. Polity should work to provide the campus with a wide base of centralized and decentralized activities. The Student Activities Board, MPB, and PSC should try to work more closely together so that activities can be more abundant and not overlapping. Activities should be geared toward the weekend as well as during the week to provide students with alternatives to studying.

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## Secretary Candidates

### **Andrea Best**

1. My main objective in participating in Polity Council elections is to be a vocal advocate of the needs of every student attending the university. We can distinctly see that the position of Polity Secretary entails a great deal more than simply one that is competent at note-taking and attending meetings. I believe that the Polity Secretary in accordance with the other members of the Council, must work to attain the heights of representation of the academic, financial, and social demands. For example, one issue that I am fully opposing is the guaranteed student housing to lower classmen. This issue is just one of many to show the dire need of a strong Polity.

As an ardent follower of John Keats' quotation "There is not a fiercer hell than the failure..." I will work diligently to better Polity, if not making it the best. My belief of the necessary qualification to ameliorate Polity, a student organization is to be a student. In essence, I am stating to experience the problems daily allows for insight on how to rectify them. Thus, my knowledge on how all of Polity operates may be limited as compared with others, but one must not always be overly knowledgeable to positively fulfill a job such as Polity Secretary. My hard-working abilities and my understanding of student concerns are the other pertinent qualifications for the position.

2. One of the major issues confronting us as students next year will be the designation of other Meal Plan buildings. As many of us sought housing in non-Meal Plan buildings, a great number of students found themselves faced with being on the Meal Plan due to the housing situation. Another major issue Stony Brook students must contend with is the decreasing financial aid. It is believed programs such as

SEOG will decline by approximately 60%. Therefore, many students will find it difficult to finance their education. As stated before students will have problems seeking housing in the upcoming year due to the lack of guaranteed housing to those students with junior and senior status. With dilemmas like these, among others, Polity needs to be a mighty symbol of students' concerns.

Polity requires individuals of various 'circles' in order for every student's needs to be heard. There should be representatives of Polity meeting with all the other organizations on a frequent basis in order to stay abreast of each new development. This is simply one example of how Polity should deal with predicaments facing our student body; thus I hope many more of my ideas will be heard on how we (students at Stony Brook) can make it the best SUNY school.

### **Bob Timm**

1. When I decided I wanted to get involved and work for fellow students, I didn't go right out and run for a Council position. I started in the fall of '85 as a Polity Senator for my building, Kelly B. I was active in issues such as the Meal Plan contract renewal and the revised campus Alcohol Policy. In February, I was elected by the Senate as Chairman of the Administration and Policy Review Committee. As a member of the Programs and Services Council, I established myself as a fair and unbiased decision-maker in allocating funds for clubs and special events, such as G-Fest, Fanny Brice Theatre, Minority Alliance Network, Drastic Measures, Pit Hockey, and about fifty of sixty others. PSC was successful this year in providing funds for a wide diversity of clubs and events so that each student could benefit from his or her activity fee. I took great interest in my work this

year and I have pride in the fact that I never missed any meeting or appointment, no matter how minor.

With this experience behind me, I feel I am now ready and qualified to be a member of the Executive Council of Polity. I plan to work next year with the same consistency and dedication so that the Stony Brook student body will get the results they want from Polity.

2. One of the main problems Polity has had this year in dealing with any issue was the decline in student participation in Polity and at town meetings. Some solutions would be to increase coverage of the issues in campus newspapers and publish periodically a "Polity Newsletter" to brief students on the current issues and implications and how Polity is handling these issues. If we can show Administration that student interest extends to more than just the small minority that show up to town meetings, then Polity will have a lot more power to protect the rights of the student body.

An issue that is important this year and will continue to be important in years to come is the new campus Alcohol Policy. Administration must realize that the purpose of the raised drinking age was to prevent drunk driving and not to prevent a student from drinking a beer in an end hall lounge. Another important issue next year will be the Freshman Priority Housing Plan that Administration plans to implement in the fall of '88. We must investigate the research behind this plan and work to revise it so that no junior or senior will be forced to find housing off campus. Other major issues for next year will be the new Meal Plan contract and dormitory self-sufficiency which will add over \$100 to next year's residence fees. We must make sure that funds are spent wisely and in the best interest of the student body of Stony Brook.

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## Senior Representative Candidates

### **Anthony Donofrio:**

1. I am running for the position of Senior Representative because I am concerned, energetic, and experienced. Polity is an organization which needs leadership, through my past experiences I can provide that leadership. I am this year's Junior Representative in which I have had a strong voice on the council and the senate. I was involved with decisions ranging from budgetary matters to the alcohol policy. I was the presidential student appointment on the Alcohol and Drug Advisory panel. Here I fought for maximum kegs at events and tried my best to support student feelings. I have regularly attended the student leader's roundtable which meets twice a month. At these meetings all the leaders of the major organizations on campus get together and discuss important problems affecting student life. I was instrumental in the running of this year's town meetings in which the council brought students together with the key administrators to go face to face on the issues. These meetings turned out to be quite successful and I plan on doing more of them next year. In the senate, I sat on the Administration

and Policy Review committee. This committee reviews the jobs that all administrators and Polity personnel do. The experience I have gained in these positions during the past year, I feel, will give me an advantage in accomplishing much more for the students next year.

2. There will be many major issues that will face students in the upcoming year:

**The Alcohol Policy** — The present policy needs much adjustment in the future. Students need to socialize and socialization happens to include alcohol. We have to fight to maintain what little alcohol consumption we are allowed and work hard to achieve further drinking rights.

**Freshman Priority Housing** — It begins in 1988 and will become a major issue which the Polity council must concentrate on. The University needs to provide alternative housing off campus - before they can force juniors and seniors out of their present rooms.

Rates have been increasing every year. Through the Room Rate committee, Polity should fight to stabilize the rates.

**The Meal Plan** — The meal service on campus is always a major concern. Any food institution needs quality control, and I will fight on the FSA board and the Quality Control panel to make sure students are receiving quality food at a fair price.

### **Craig Levine:**

As Senior Representative I will be involved in the occurrences going on in Polity and how they effect the students. I was vice-president of my college's legislature and organized different functions in the building. One of the issues that is confronting seniors is the problem of freshmen priority. There will be a lot going on trying to solve this problem and I will work for a feasible solution for all. Another issue on our campus is the alcohol policy. The reality of the Rathskeller being opened is here. I will work for alcohol to be served there so that upperclassmen of age can drink in more than one place on campus. Next year on campus I hope to see a lot of changes happen. As Senior Representative I will be the initiator of these changes.

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## Junior Representative Candidates

### Bill Fox

1. I'm Bill Fox; I'm running for Junior Representative. There was a time when Polity was, as strange as it may sound, a *Student Advocacy organization*. That is to say that the primary function of Polity was to protect and advance the rights of students. In recent years, we've lost that attitude and quickly became an organization wrapped up in our own financial matters and internal political bickering just for the sport of it. This type of behavior is reminiscent of the French Government in Versailles for the last couple of decades before the French Revolution. It's time Polity reaffirmed its commitment to student rights, I am willing to commit myself to that task as I have done in the past and I continue to do today.

My experiences as Polity Senate Secretary and Chairperson of the Program and Services council has shown me that because there is so much demand on programming, the budget procedure often overlooks the financial side of student advocacy. As Junior Representative, I will work towards a separate set of budgetary lines for student advocacy use and develop a set of guidelines for the responsible use of those funds.

I realize that some rules of order are needed to run an organization such as Polity. Realizing that there are some documents which are part of the rules which run Polity which are in short, unintelligible, I, as Junior Representative, will propose clearer substitutions for these documents to the Polity Senate and Student Council.

Much, no...make that "most", of what goes on at Stony Brook (or the lack thereof) is an effect of what goes on in Albany. Let's face it, the *State University* of New York at Stony Brook is a *State* institution. Polity has come, in recent months to very nearly disowning the Student Association of the State University (SASU). This would have been (excusing the cliché) "cutting off our nose to spite our face!" As Junior Representative, I will strive to create a better working relationship between Polity and SASU.

In capsule, I, will work for that balance between Polity the student government and Polity the not-for-profit corporation; a Polity which protects student rights and justly handles student funds.

2. Many of the important issues which will face students next year will be difficult to address due to the fact that they have not been properly and/or appropriately addressed in years past. For example, the "Dorm Cooking Reduction Plan" will be extremely difficult to defeat due to the momentum it has built since the "Plan" started implementation. Dormitory "Self-Sufficiency" was also an issue we lost because we failed to address it in a timely manner,

the result is an explosive increase in room rates with little capital to stop building deterioration and correct poor building design. This is not to say that these issues should not be faced but I want to point out the necessity of facing such issues when they present themselves.

Another issue that we'll be facing is the Core Curriculum idea, that is, how willing are we to be told what kind of courses we *must* take to be considered "well-rounded" scholars. Furthermore the idea of SUNY forcing foreign students to buy *their* health insurance, while it's potentially well meaning, insults students' intelligence, shows obvious discrimination and questions the free market model on which SUNY makes many of their decisions.

I think that it would be in all our best interests to work for Student Tenants Rights. When we get Tenants Rights, many of the administrative "Plans" (Cooking Reduction, and Freshman Priority Housing) become much more difficult for administrators to implement.

I think I ought to mention that no one student, be she/he Junior Representative, SASU Representative or even Polity President *cannot* effect changes alone. If Polity needs anything, it needs more students to come down and help with these issues: in short — **GET INVOLVED!**

### Lisa Garcia:

1. This year I was a Senator representing Benedict College. I became very interested in the student government and all the various problems the student body faces; academic life, social life, and Polity's financial problems. This semester I worked with S.A.I.N.T.S. and Polity in passing a proposal for a test library for all students.

I would like to continue my involvement and try to change some of the ways issues are dealt with. I think if we all work together a lot could be done — but, first and most importantly we need to become a united student body.

2. One of the major problems Polity has is the way it conducts its meetings. I feel student government should be more concerned with answering the questions than with who is out of order. One of the first things I would like to do is make sure everyone understands the rules.

Next year I would like to promote more student involvement. With student unity, the administration will have less power and we, the students, will have more say. Issues such as mandatory Meal Plan and Freshman Priority housing directly affect us, therefore, we should have some input on their decision. There has to be better communication between the student body and the administration.

I'd like to work with the Junior Class and Polity to sponsor more activities and start student involvement

through my class. I think commuters, minority groups and other students should start work toward a better Stony Brook community. If we all work together then things will work for us.

I feel its a time for changes, and it can all start next semester.

### Marc Salzman:

1. I am running for the Polity Council because I really am proud of this university and I will bring that pride into the student government. Polity is very good for this university, although there is one thing missing from it. It needs students, not politicians, representing fellow students. I am not a politician, I am a STUDENT, and I intend to be a true representative of next year's junior class. I will do my part to make SUNY at Stony Brook a better place.

I am a transfer student from SUNY at Purchase. As a freshman at Purchase one of my major accomplishments was as Program Director of the school radio station. As a driving force behind the revitalization of WPUR at Purchase, I, along with my fellow board members, made the radio station a success on the campus.

Being new to Stony Brook and not working with Polity this year has given my one advantage over my opponents and that is being neutral to all the organizations on this campus, and within the student government. With my neutrality and fresh ideas, I will interject new life into the student government and help create positive, progressive changes.

2. Some of the major issues confronting students here next year are: Freshman Priority Housing, The Alcohol Policy, and Mandatory Meal Plan. I feel the underlying cause of these and other problems is the lack of communication between Polity and the students, and between the student body and the administration. Each of these issues has a major effect on campus life. The most effective way to deal with them is for the student body, both commuters and residents to unite and support Polity thereby giving our student government a stronger voice with the administration.

I, as next year's junior class representative, and as a member of Polity Council will use that voice to initiate a more dynamic dialogue between the student government and the university administration. With renewed communication, and a revitalized student government, the student body and university administration can once again work side by side to bring life to our school and resolve the issues that are plaguing us today.

## Sophomore Representative Candidate

### Lance Mankowski:

1. I am running for Sophomore Representative because I am confident that with my experience as Freshman Representative I will be able to successfully continue representing the class of '89 and also keep Polity on its feet since five important council members are leaving us this year. I was not the most active representative but I did my share of the work and learned a great deal, listening attentively, regularly attending meetings, whether of the council, the Senate, Programs and Services Council, Dorm Business Committee and a list of other Polity organization. I intend to convey the knowledge I have acquired this year to next year's council and put this knowledge to use taking as much initiative needed to improve the campus and student life.

2. I believe that there are going to be two major issues confronting students next year: One is going to be the Administration pushing for a mandatory meal plan for the whole campus. To prevent this we need a lot more input from the students. I get the impression that the Administration is not listening to what the students want and is putting words into our mouths saying that more and more students every year want to be on the meal plan. That may be true to an extent but that's not a sufficient reason to put two entire quads on the Meal Plan next year. There are people who still want to cook, besides, the reason why some students may have been motivated to go on the Meal Plan is that Administration does not provide the maintenance needed for the dorm cooking facilities to operate properly.

The other major issue I fear will be an obstacle for not

only next year but also the year after is Freshman Housing Priority which Fred Preston plans to enact the Fall of '88. That will affect primarily my class and I intend to fight Administration on this issue until the day I graduate.

I believe the Alcohol Policy will not be an issue as controversial as the first two I mentioned, yet I am particularly disturbed by the denial of permission to sell beer at the major fests which also proved to be extremely profitable to Polity.

The only major change I see is needed for next year within Polity is a reforming of the bylaws of PSC, a committee which has brought about a great deal of discussion this year.

Basically we are going to be at war next year with Administration and Polity needs a lot more student involvement. We want you!

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# Flesh-Colored Christs

While many people will doubt that the Stony Brook Press actually received the following letter from God, it was sent to us by a Eugene Changey of Maple Heights, Ohio who claims that he is the son of the Almighty Father. The Press called the Son of God in order to verify the letter and also to ask a few questions, as well as to try to dispel our readers possible notions that the Press has gone insane. (We have a tape of the conversation with Mr. Changey.)

Unfortunately, the Son of the All-Powerful would not agree to an interview since he has claimed "my Father is against it," and instead offered us to write him a letter to which he promised his Father would respond to. We did find out that Mr. Changey is 65 years old, and was born in Stuebenville, Ohio. He or his Father will answer any questions by mail, though they regularly send out form letters of the type which the Press received. If you have any questions for God or his Son, the Press will be glad to forward them to Mr. Changey and publish some answers.

To the Editor:

As Almighty GOD, I greet you:

With sadness in My Heart, I must convey to you a Message which I dread. This, in all probability, will finally be Our last Letter, after almost three decades of correspondence with humanity — which consists mainly of Newspaper Editors and Publishers.

Please have the courtesy and patience, to read this Holy Letter in its entirety. Perhaps it is long, but the fruits of your labor will be rewarding. This Letter contains excerpts — and are a summation of Personal Letters, which I, YOUR Living GOD, Dictated through My Son, Personally, over many decades. Very few Letters were written by My Son.

These are days of trial for everyone, to heap upon the righteous days of Love. We combat Lucifer, who is always on the prowl to add lost sinners to his domain in Hell.

The curtain of Armageddon is rapidly descending on humanity, as violence shatters this World. There are conflicts of aggression in both Hemispheres for ill-gotten wealth — which is the source of ALL Evil.

In Our household, My Son is the treasurer — just as was Judas. I do not compare Him to Judas morally, because He has served Me Faithfully and with Dignity, but someone has to take this disgusting task — which is thrust upon Him. I vigorously disdain wealth — which is the root of ALL Evil in this Earthly domain. Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and render unto GOD the things that are GOD'S.

Perhaps this is why We are on the downward slide, financially. I oppose wealth, but My Son is too proud to accept aid. This is Our downfall, as his Bank balance is approaching nil. As My Son sorrowfully relates to Our Books and Letters We mailed: "Everything went out and Nothing (the money) came in."

My Son owns NO real-estate whatsoever. His spinster sister owns the house and car. My Son pays \$300 for His room and board — from a meager Social-Security, and Pension check which total \$696 per month. His Earthly possessions include His typewriter, clothes, a TV set, and a meager bank account of less than \$2,000.

We have No secretary, Prayer-Phones or other help in Our correspondence. My Bachelor Son and I are alone to challenge a World.

I have outlived the Bible — with its ancient mysteries — and I stand upon this Earth and bellow My ROAR!! Many Clergymen doubt My Veracity. Theologians grasp at straws in a whirlpool of distrust, to know that any GOD has survived the many myths and fantasies written in the Bible. Many concoct their own version of belief — from an out-dated Book — the Bible. I have outlived the Bible and will continue to live long, long after the pages of the Bible have crumbled and the ashes of puny mortals have turned to dust!

Almost two-thousand years is a long time to be chained to the wheels of destiny — which turn lightly, but with gain.

I do not want to disillusion Christians, who believe that the second coming of Jesus will be in the clouds, to meet Christians in the air — and they shall be forever with the Lord, as Prophesied in the Bible. That Prophecy has been fulfilled since 1942, when My HOLY SPIRIT became entwined in the Body of My Second-born Son, Eugene, who is actually Jesus, My first-born Son — Reincarnated into His Body.

Reincarnation is Real, and NOT a Myth or the figment of imagination in the minds of many People. a whole Body (as Jesus and Lazarus) CANNOT be resurrected, but must remain a Spirit in Heaven and Hell Through Light and Time it (the Spirit) can be Reincarnated into another whole body on Earth.

This is a never ending cycle which has occurred throughout the annals of Time — after the Universe and this Earth has been in Existence.

Many Spirits will exist (in Heaven) until they, by their

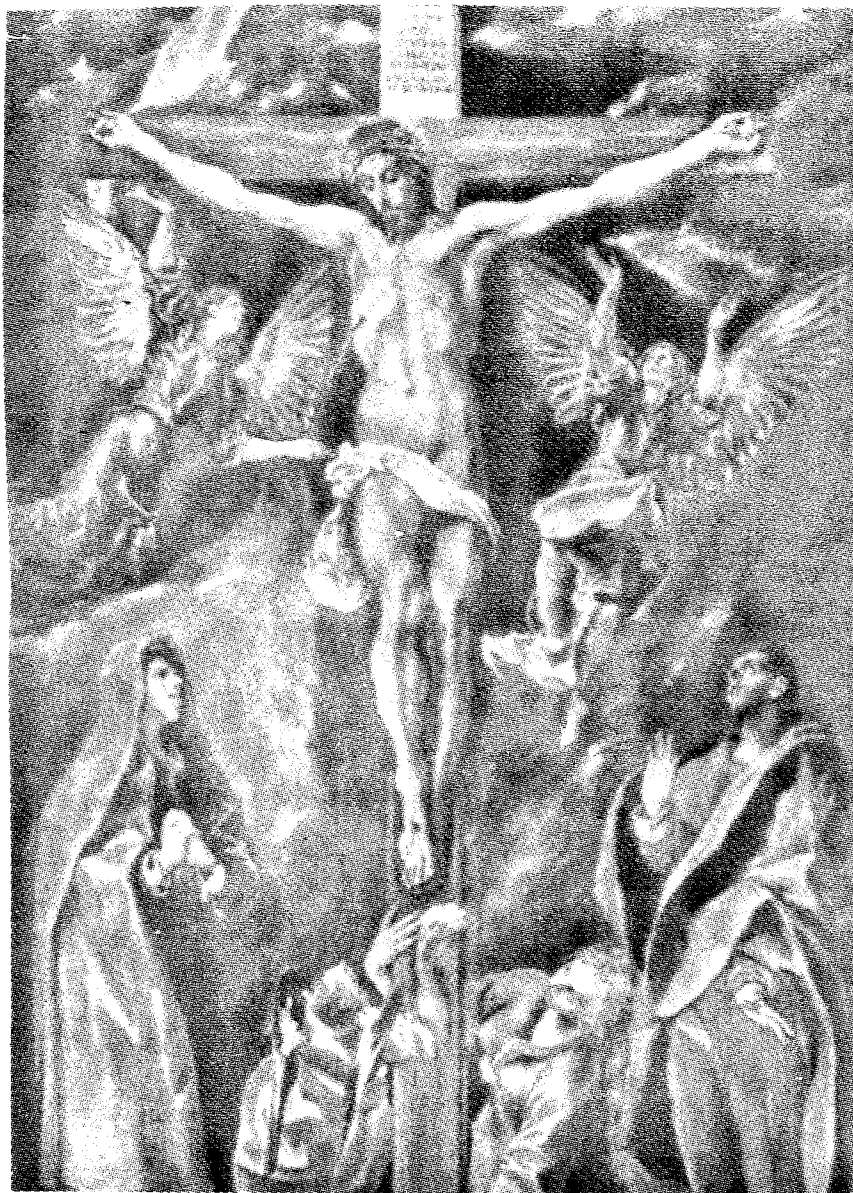
own choice or Mine, are ready to be Reincarnated into a whole body on Earth. Unfortunately, some vicious sinners do NOT have a choice, but are Reincarnated into the body of animals, for their dastardly deeds on Earth. This is their fate in Hell, as the hunter may someday become the hunted!

At present, there is too much hatred in this World to offer a solution to this Letter. Brother against brother...is this the way I taught humanity which has prevailed since My first-born Son, Jesus, was Crucified?

The ensuing two-thousand years, have always been of violence and trails. Armageddon is very near, but the destruction of the human race cannot offer Me consolation. Life is more PRECIOUS to Me than the cob-webs of a defunct World could offer.

Bickering among humanity, is the constant unrest that will cause obliteration of ALL life in this World, in this generation.

My son once asked: "How it would feel to be GOD'S rest in Heaven, throughout Eternity?" I replied to Him — as I do to you — "You would not like it, My Son."



Some believe Armageddon can never be. ALL life of my Creation is interlinked through My light. With a resounding thunder like lighting, ALL souls can become defunct through this Light — since ALL humanity is composed of the same basic substance, namely the spirit, water, blood and notable, LIGHT. Humanity is vulnerable to destruction through this LIGHT.

We must trudge wearily onward, always seeking a better way to assist humanity to adjust to a more tranquil way of life.

Bigotry, unfortunately, is not dead throughout the World, as long as mongrels support it. Such is apartheid in South Africa.

Time will never erode Our Righteous stand for Blacks in this decade, and those to follow. We leave a legacy of Comfort and Solace to countless numbers of Blacks, who should receive equal benefits in this country — but do not. I constantly repeat: There are NO Racial-barriers in Heaven. I would not tolerate that.

Please do not misconstrue this Holy Letter. My Son and I Love ALL Races, Creeds, and colors of humanity who offer Us their Prayers, which spiral upward to My GREATER SPIRIT in Heaven.

Many people who read this (and previous) Letters in haste, come to the asinine conclusion, that My Son, ALONE is GOD, and He personally writes these Letters. How low

and stupid can these mongrels be? Upon their demise, they shall meet Me face to FACE, then their denials they WILL repeat. In torment, they will look toward their false god for consolation, but alas, I Am the ONLY GOD they will see.

I Am not here, on Earth, to shed fear upon the righteous — but only on those who do Evil in My sight. There are many wayward sinners, who sincerely need Prayer. It is NOT My desire they should languish in Hell, but be repentant and enjoy My many Mansions in Heaven.

The news media have treated Us shabbily with their silence — since 1942. Consequently, this has caused skeptics to flourish — when they read Our Works for the first time.

In Our phone conversations, many people believe that I Am All knowing. I constantly repeat: I Am but the HOLY GHOST in My Son's Body. I Am NOT all knowing, but My GREATER SPIRIT over the Universe IS! Some clods grill My son mercilessly, to obtain information which My Son, alone, cannot answer. They will also come under My scrutiny, after their demise.

We receive some letters from people who want to remain

anonymous. Some are written in fear — others through ignorance. They do not believe that every, single word is Recorded in LIGHT, in the annals of TIME. Actions are also Weighted. Thus they shall be Justified or condemned by their own words and actions. In the end, Virtue will be sustained. Virtue is the commodity that is left, after GOOD and EVIL have been evaluated. The Scales of Justice must balance.

Death will tell Us when to leave, and the hearts of puny mortals will no more grieve.

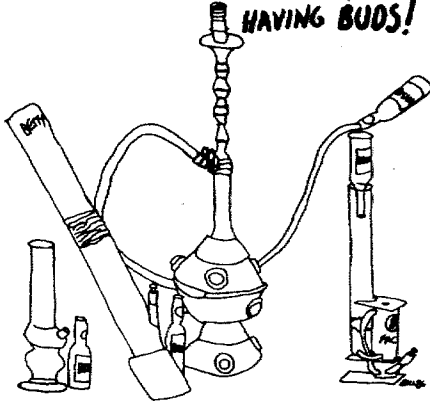
My Son is the ONLY contact I have, to make My Holy Words known to the outside World. He tries to deep His mind a total blank. My Holy Voice is heard above a void, thus He rapidly writes My Words.

With tears in My Eye — and My Son's and a Prayer on Our Lips, I end this sorrowful Letter of understanding. My Holy Name is void of form, so it is never written on paper. My Son, Eugene/Jesus, will sign His Name, to hold you dear to Our Heart — which is divided between Us...as We are TWO SPIRITS in One Body.

Prayerfully yours,

Eugene Changey

A BUNCH OF BONG-S  
HANGING OUT  
HAVING BUDS!



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EVALUATE ACADEMIC PROGRESS...

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module: BEER.  
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... TO RESOLVE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES,  
SON, LET US TALK ABOUT MEDSCHOOL.

LET'S TALK MONEY FOR MEDSCHOOL,  
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GOING TO GET TO KNOW WHAT I  
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YOU INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN  
ME, DAD...  
THE DRUGS YOU DO, DO NOT  
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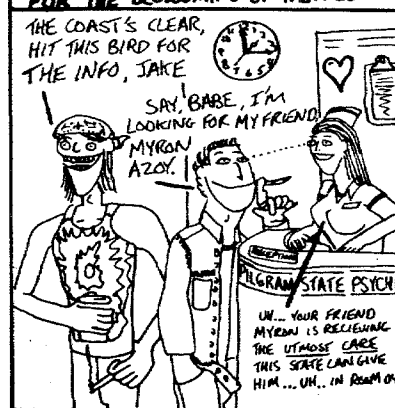
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ULTIMATELY, SPRING IS A TIME  
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## Letters

To the Editor:

I would like to talk about lies. Lies from the people who are supposed to represent us.

On the front page of the New York Times last week, there was a quote from the Vice President claiming that relations between the United States and Libya had cooled down. Lies!

President Reagan has repeatedly told us that the Government of Nicaragua is an oppressive regime. That Human Rights are being violated. That the government there is not a popular one, which was not fairly or democratically elected. Lies!

The lies do not pertain to only international issues. The administration of Stony Brook lied to the students about the number of students who will be affected by the mandatory meal plan. Once Kelly falls, more than 50% of the students on campus will be on the meal plan. A staff member of Residence Life said that in three years, the figure will be up to 75%. These are not sins of omission, these are lies.

President Marburger claimed he had a valid reason to deny Prof. Dube tenure. Lies!

The lies will continue until students realize the biggest lie. The biggest lie is that nothing can be done. The Student Association of the State University (SASU) is working to do something.

N.Y. State Congresspeople have been promising to pass a bill that will allow students to vote in their campus districts, and not merely in their parents' home district. They have been promising to do this for a long time. SASU is currently organizing an action to force these legislators to make good on their promise, and do not plan another lie to go unnoticed. Remember, only by working together can students make a difference.

Support SASU. Support your rights to the truth.

Chris Kushmerick

"Student voting rights is probably the most critical and fundamental issue that SASU has ever worked on," said SASU President Jane McAlevey. "We hope to mobilize thousands of students to make this a successful campaign."

SASU's voting rights campaign is targeted at getting a bill passed in the New York Legislature which would amend the current Election Law. This bill was introduced by Governor Cuomo on March 3 and comes as a result of a meeting SASU had with him in December and weeks of negotiations with his office.

McAlevey is encouraging each campus to participate in SASU's post card campaign and to make as many local lobby visits as possible. Campus groups such as student association senates and faculty unions should be asked to pass resolutions in support of the bill; copies of resolutions should be sent to Senator E. Levy, Senate Majority leader Anderson, Speaker Fink and SASU.

According to McAlevey: "The vote is a citizen's voice in a democracy; the student voice on issues such as financial aid, state support of SUNY and tenant rights is often ignored by legislators who say students don't vote. We need to make it clear that the reason students don't vote is because New York State has done everything possible to discourage student participation in the electoral process."

SASU's bill would change the residency requirements that county boards of election now have the discretion to use to exclude student voters in college communities.

Adine Schuman  
SASU Communications  
Director

## Stray of the Week



Washington D.C. (AP) — April 17 — Students from Stony Brook gather at the Capitol to protest the closing of the Graduate Student Lounge. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R.,NY) was quoted as saying "Students need more than the E.O.B."

To the Editor:

During the last five centuries hasn't Britain prowled the world, invaded and claimed more territory than any other nation in Europe? Didn't it twice invade America and in 1812 burn our national Capitol? Why are we always ready to sacrifice our sons and bankrupt ourselves helping some foreign nation? Why do we guard borders around the world while our own are invaded yearly

by millions of Aliens? Is it possible to make an American out of an immigrant? Why is President Reagan making enemies out of hundreds of millions of Moslems? At the end of World War II, why was a third of Europe given to Russia? It has been costing and will continue to cost us trillions to defend what is left of Europe from the enemy we made more powerful. Some leadership, huh?

O.L. Brannaman

# POLITY

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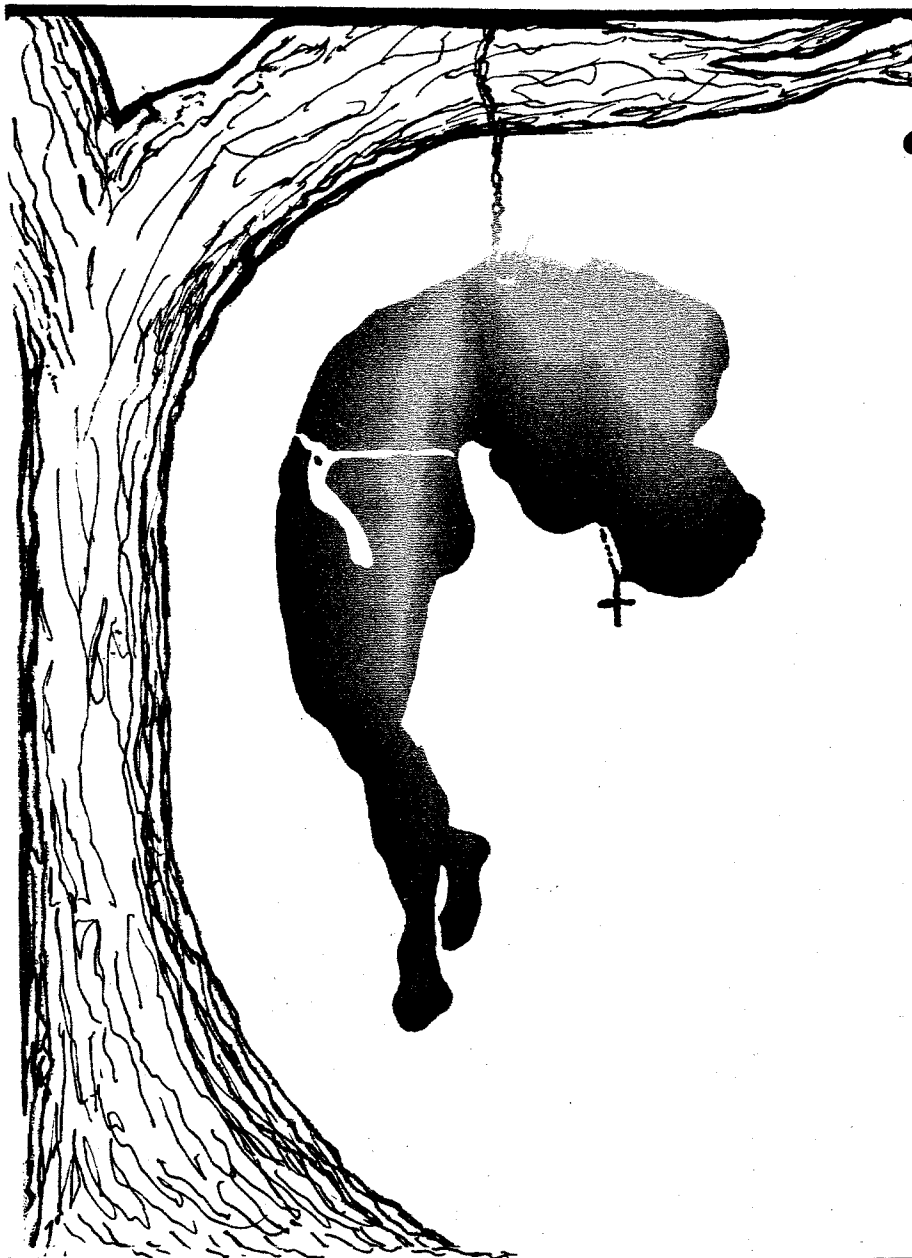
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# Distorted Images "The Fruit in the Tree"

by Angela Tormin

German and American literature in the 18th century, at a time when the abolition movement was born and women's liberation became an idea, described victims of racism and slavery who were lynched from a tree "fruit in a tree." In a play by Stony Brook Professor Andreas Mielke, which is to be performed in May, a preacher finds a black slave hanging in a tree building the fight for the liberation from white paternal oppression.

The protagonist is an eccentric hunchback preacher, patterned after his historical "brother," Benjamin Lay, an Englishman who lived in Barbados and in Pennsylvania. He received a lot of attention because of his tantrums and excessive manners, and his vigorous fight to convince the Quakers to free their slaves. His wife was also well known for her engagement to the fight for the liberation of blacks. Lay was so eccentric that even the peaceful Quakers wouldn't let him speak up in their meetings.

The play depicts the Lays in their encounter with a plantation owner on Barbados. There are many power struggles going on: black against white; men against women; generation against generation; freedom vs. captivity and responsibility; fundamentalists against free spirited religion and so on. The

leitmotif though is language: its possibility and power.

The theatrical challenge, posed to the audience, will be to understand the discrepancy between obvious action and hidden ideology. "They will have to read between, or even behind the spoken words," says Andreas Mielke, "the audience is asked to distinguish between show and reality. You need abstraction to understand the play, from what you see, and take the clues, hidden in speech."

The style in which "The Fruit in the Tree" is written, might be a blend of expressionism and deconstructionism; an unusual, maybe even weird approach to theater, full of turnarounds and surprises.

"In order to write a moralistic play in modern times, it's unavoidable to be grotesque, but maybe only the grotesque can deliver entertainment combined with a message."

Sex, violence, blood, sweat, and lots of fruit... Sounds strange? Go there and make up your mind...

The play will be performed on May 5, 6, 7 at 8:15 pm in the Calderon Theatre (South Campus).

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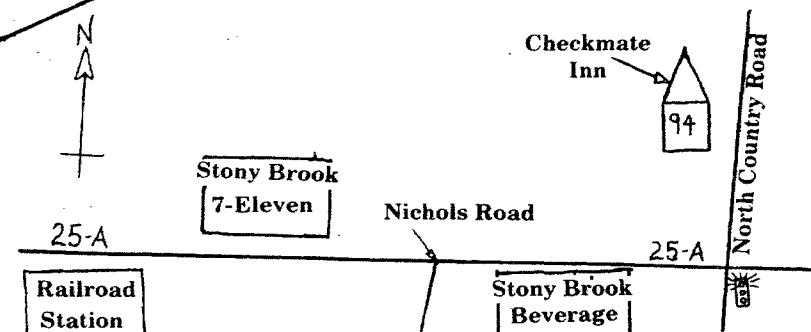
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# NONACADEMICS

## Buonogurio's Fleeting, Far-Flung,

by Ed Bridges

Energy can move like fluid. It is the fluid of existence, but what is energy? How is it personified or objectified? This thing called energy is something with no true "objective" form, its definition is determined by the context and the definer. It is an intuition that is understood by most of us yet is impossible to describe completely by any of us.

Energy has two main functions in our descriptions of events external to all of us, while its usage is inexhaustible. Its first usage is that which is used to describe the empirical and physical phenomena of the world around us; how much gas your car uses in a week is relative to the amount of energy that it produces in various ways. Energy is also used as a description of things esthetic. A painting or drawing will exhibit its potential energy in the carrying of the mind and imagination of those viewing it through the colors and the movement and shape of lines.

Toby Buonogurio's recent exhibition in the Fine Arts Center Gallery is fully packed with energy, though not energy which is hidden to the eye. In fact, the energy oozes out at the seams, it runs through the shoes and robots to fill your mind with color and enjoyment of objects as objects. Influenced, as she openly declares, by both Art Deco and Carmen Miranda, (among others), there is an open feeling of exuberance, irrationality, and insanity which carries you around and parades its own extravagance.

Not searching for the meaning behind anything, instead she explores and expands the, unfortunately often very narrow, boundaries of taste, making an artwork that, if described, would sound utterly suburban, but, if seen, appears utterly fantastic and imaginative. Would you take someone seriously if they tried to tell you they saw what they considered a work of art, teeming with pink flamingos, that they enjoyed? Maybe, maybe not, but she incorporates run of the mill "objets d'art" into fantasy-filled wonders and artistic objects that don't need interpretation, and don't want to be fit into any sort of historical perspective. If you like it, then simply enjoy, if not then don't.

Shoes, robots, and bionics... heightened

## Flocked Fantasies



with flocking, glitter, and fuschia. Michelangelo's David twisted for her fantasy, but she still recognizes him as the star of the work. One might say she's simply wallowing in her fantasies, but she's having loads of fun doing so, and the inevitable question comes to mind... "why not?" If something such as this can raise one's spirits, through her excess and excitement, then one can surely look beyond and find something in it for themselves.

Serious craftsmanship and delicate planning radiate through the surface gloss and glamour. Works such as the massive and mythical "Shrine of Four Dimensions" exhibit complexities and intricate patterns highlighted and underscored by bright colors and the four basic elements... fire, earth, air, and water. A mainstay of her exhibit are the exaggerated shoes and taunts at technology in her elaborations of the robot and her throwing "bionic" everything at you. Sigmund Freud would have a field day with her podophilic attachment, embracing everything from gambling devices to shiny silver revolvers acting as spike heels.

Sometimes looking like a bad nightmare in the disco of your choice, her ceramics are drowning faces submerged with lobsters as your last bubbles slowly waver upward, kissing your last goodbye. Screaming out loud as a mad tigerman carresses your head with its jaws. Views into hell, flickering lights and flames surrounding the inner walls of your head, poised on a pedestal for everyone to enjoy. Bad vibes and ideas of a slickly produced record album by Duran Duran come to mind in her startling and slick colorful arrangements.

What is one to make of all of this? The term energy is really a misnomer because it describes something so incredibly diverse and far-reaching, and the one word cannot describe it all effectively. Instead, one must go beyond the term and explore its meaning to the individual, by letting its power carry the individual to its extent exploring every aspect of its potential. Toby has done this in her ceramics, allowing all of it to come from all directions to excite the senses.

Art with a pouting pun-fun punch by Toby Buonogurio will be in the Fine Arts Center Gallery Tuesday through Saturday, noon 'til four until April 26th.

## Floored Straining Reality at Fine Arts

by Jennifer Schwartz and Joseph Caponi

The meaning of love, life, and friendship are unsuccessfully explored in an evening of three short plays, "Friends, Family and Other Intimate Strangers" by Bruce Brickmeier, now playing in Theatre Three of the Fine Arts Center. The subjects being grappled with by writer/director Brickmeier display a fourth-hand understanding of war, sibling rivalry, incest, and marital difficulties that seem to come straight from television movies created for primetime audiences.

The first play takes place in "a war torn wilderness," as the program indicates, and consists of a string of clichés about the injustices of war. During the opening soliloquy the young, disillusioned American

soldier cries "Where's the movie?" What movie? Rambo? The bottom line is meant to be that man must keep his sense of humanity, but the writer completely lacks an understanding of such situations and his dialogue leaves the characters unable to demonstrate the feelings they pretend to have.

On that optimistic note, the second play begins with two bronzed and bikini clad sisters, Hope and Joy, sprawled provocatively and gratuitously on the floor, and were, like their two soldier counterparts, impossible to see from all but the front row due to poor staging. Not only was the scene impossible to see, it was also impossible to believe: two curvaceous young things writhing around complaining with bitter and murderous pith about their soap-opera lives.

Bad degenerates to worse with the final story about a once happy, frolicking couple whose autistic child fidgets on the floor building a truly symbolic wall of building blocks between her parents as they argue about their crumbling marriage.

All three plays suffer from impossible vapid, pseudo-existential dialogue that plods in all directions. Examples abound: a dying soldier shouts "Keep your humanity!"; a jealous girl to her incestuous sister pouts "and you said the jewelry and the car were gifts from your boyfriends!"; as the symbolic wall is built the husband cries "I'm sick of walls!"; upon hearing about another soldier's amorous strategies, the enemy soldier enquires, "So, do you miss your father?"; and an autistic child launches into a five-minute soliloquy on the nature of being.

The characters suffer from schizophrenia as they achieve the rare distinction of changing moods virtually at random while still being aggressively one-dimensional.

Overshadowing every other element of the play, however, was the enormous difficulty the bulk of the audience had in seeing the performers. Both the soldiers and the sisters spend their entire stage lives lying on the floor in front of the first row, invisible from the majority of seats. The actors were at a disadvantage through no fault of their own due to poor staging, choppy sound effects, and the difficulties inherent when a writer directs his own play.

The most insightful words of the playwright sum up the problem of his play "the more you add to it, the more it falls apart."