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# POLITY ELECTIONS

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# Polity Elections '87

In case you didn't know, it is election day again at Stony Brook. Elections are being held for the Executive committee, Judiciary, class representatives, and SASU delegates. You can all expect to see voting tables in the dorm lobbies and the commuter college into which you will be expected to drop your ballot.

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

Remember, Polity controls **your** activity fee, **your** hard-earned money. Polity directly affects the quality of life here, so no apathy this year, please. The voting turn-out last year was miserable, to say the least, so if you really give a shit, stop complaining about how much Stony Brook sucks, and make an effort to do something about it

There are two positions for SASU delegates, who keep the campus aware of issues concerning students as students and 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. 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 reps make up half of the Polity Council, the other half is the Executive Committee: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer.

The most important responsibility of the President is that of advocate for the student body and mediator between the students and our friends over in the administration building. The President must also be competent enough to perform the basic procedural duties of the office such as chairing council meetings and preparing the agendas for both the Senate and council meetings. The Vice-president is a moderator at the Senate meetings and must be able to perform the duties of the President in case of a vacancy. The Secretary is responsible for all correspondence, keeping track of records, and informing the members of Polity of all policies and actions of the Executive Committee, concil, and Senate. The Treasurer is responsible for all financial transactions such as paying the typesetters down at **The Press**.

Every undergraduate may vote for SASU delegates, Executive Committee positions, and Judiciary positions; only class peers may vote for their respective representatives.

This year there are three candidates for President: Brad Jones, Brian Levitt, and Gerry Shaps. Pat Flannery and Paul Rubenstein are running for Vice-president. Denise Geier is running against Evynne Grover for Secretary. The candidates for class reps are as follows: Senior rep.--Lisa Garcia and Mark Joachim; Junior rep.--Carlos Menjivar and Daniel Rubin; Sophomore rep.--Steven Rosenfeld.

**The Press** asked the Polity Council candidates questions pertaining to their offices, their campus, and their constituents in order to help inform the student body of the issues at hand and how the candidates feel about them. Unfortunately, not all of the candidates deigned to provide answers to our questions. The answers that we did receive follow.

*The Press welcomes your letters and viewpoints. Please mail them to The Press, room 020 Central Hall, or drop them off at the office.*



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# The President

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

**Jones:** I am someone who can add things lacking in campus life. Namely concerts.

**Levitt:** My name is Brian Levitt and I'm running for the office of Student Polity President for several reasons. The main reason is that I feel my motivational level along with my business and Stony Brook experience can aid me to have a positive impact on everyone's educational experience at Stony Brook. Other reasons include my personal feelings that Polity and its funded as well as non-funded organizations need to be pushed to their full potential; something that is not presently happening.

**Shaps:** My name is Gerry Shaps and I'm a junior currently trying to obtain a B.A. in political science and sociology. I am running for the position of Polity President because I feel I can make a difference! I view Polity as a challenge, I've done my homework and now I'm ready to take the test. My involvement and experience in Polity as well as my record for efficiency and effectiveness gives me confidence that I can provide the undergraduate population with strong and directional leadership.

## 2. What makes you qualified to be president?

**Jones:** Qualifications? I know how things are. I know how things should be. It's not like this is an exclusive quality, I'm sure most people have it. But, things aren't as they should be.

My qualifications? I work well under pressure. I work well with little sleep. I can sign my name. I have lived in the Setauket/Stony Brook area 10 years and I have seen S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook activities go from good to non-existent. I know how the life on campus was and I know how life can be.

I am the change.

**Levitt:** What makes me qualified as the president of the students at SUNY Stony Brook are my business, political, and people skills. Some of my Stony Brook accomplishments that helped me attain these skills are: two years varsity football, participation as a new student orientation leader, being an M.A. as well as an R.A., serving as the O'Neill College vice-president and president, and participating on the Residence Hall Director Search Committee. My business skills come from two years of running my father's electronics company. I needed to delegate power in a personable and fair manner. Most of all, I really want to work *hard!!!* I have shown what I can do to a college leg. with sheer motivation and hard work and wish to do the same for the campus community.

**Shaps:** The Polity President is the major representative of the largest constituency on the Stony Brook campus. With a voice 10,000 strong, the Polity leaders should be experienced, informed, and sensitive to the needs of their fellow students. I have worked closely with two distinctly different Polity presidents. I have seen their successes and their pitfalls. I'm more than ready and capable of filling the position with respect, dedication, and responsibility.

I have been involved in Polity for well over two years. My experience in Polity stretches far wide since I have been a member of the Council and Senate. I am currently the Vice-president of Polity and President of the Polity Senate. Last year I represented the class of 1988 as the Sophomore Representative.

In the capacity as a Polity officer I have given hard work and dedication to each facet of my responsibilities. Some people feel that you can go to a meeting once and instantly become a longstanding and hardworking member or officer. I SAY WRONG.

There is a system of accountability in Polity whereby if you are not performing your responsibilities in a capable manner, you are ultimately removed by your colleagues. I have personally strived to give my best to the job at hand; in most cases I feel I improved upon them.

Prior to my election as Treasurer of the PSC, the funds would usually run out early in the spring semester for either overspending or lack of proper management. Since PSC funds well over one hundred of the smaller Polity clubs and organizations, this was detrimental to campus programming. Upon my election as Treasurer, I immediately instituted a system of "seed money" allocations to PSC funded organizations.

PSC would lend money to those clubs that generate revenue from their activities. The initial amount of the money would be given back to PSC, and the club would keep all profits. The system worked well because for the first time in several years, PSC had money to fund clubs until the last day of the semester, and it even had a surplus.

As Sophomore rep. I founded the Dorm Business Commission to set up self-sustaining snack bar/amusement centers in those residential quads that don't have them. This was a complex project but with the support of FSA as well as many other organizations we were able to formulate the business from the ground up.

The aspect of this project that was most exciting for me was the fact that it was phasing Polity into a whole new sphere in the provision of services to students. For the first time Polity, not a college legislature, ran a food service for students.

The first operation of the DBC set up was the Golden Bear Cafe in O'Neill College, conveniently located to serve G and H quad students. As chairman of the DBC I can say that the operation has proven successful. Jobs have been provided for students, money is generated for activities, and a great service has been provided for the students who want to take advantage of it. The DBC is currently looking to set up another operation, in either Roth or Stage XII in the fall of '88.

Experience, creativity, efficiency, and a mind for business all go hand in hand for a successful Polity presidency.

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

**Jones:** Possible DAKA price increases, lack of campus activities, heating problems in the dorms, student apathy, lack of parking is a bad problem, especially if you are a commuter.

**Levitt:** The major problems confronting the students in the coming year will be many of the problems that we face now, along with any new policy changes. The biggest problem I see now is the lack of interaction between Polity subgroups and working with each other rather than against. The student living conditions need vast improvement as well. How can we expect students to concentrate on learning and improving the university when we are so pre-occupied with poor living conditions? We also need to create a better campus night-life. All work and not enough play makes Jack and the students very dull and unhappy. Not to mention potential driving hazards of students drinking at off-campus establishments.

**Shaps:** There are several major problems confronting students in the coming year. The one most important on my list is the simple lack of deserved and necessary services that are supposed to be provided by administration. Heat, hot water, adequate bussing, and more forethought on policies concerning academics are all excellent issues for Polity to set its sights on.

Mandatory housing for freshmen is coming down to the wire because the fall of '88 is right around the corner. A reasonable policy must be agreed upon by Polity and Residence Life before one upperclassman gets displaced.

## 4. Where do you stand on abortion, Iran Scam, and the acid rain dilemma on the Canadian border?

**Jones:** I would never have one, no seriously, sometimes they are necessary but I think a lot of times they are completely avoidable. No matter how you slice it, it is the taking of a life. But it's the women's choice in the end

Iran is a terrorist nation that should not have weapons of any type. Selling weapons to Iran is what I expect the Soviet Union to do, not the United States. We live in the greatest nation, and selling weapons to a country so they can sponsor world-wide terrorism is not a move toward peace.

Acid rain is caused by the general population's total disinterest about our environment. This is apparent through our wasting of resources, littering, raping the land for production of most everything, from lumber for building to raising warm-blooded animals for "food". Acid rain is just the tip of the iceberg. Getting back to the question, I'm completely against acid rain because it is killing forests all over the world.

**Levitt:** As humorous as this question may seem, I can't joke about it, we should invest some tax money and move the acid rain back to Russia where it belongs, take back our weapons from Iran and use the defense money we save to sponsor Planned Parenthood and sex education programs.

**Shaps:** I can't personally have an abortion so...I think I'll drop it.

Iran Scam- Reagan could have avoided the whole ordeal not by avoiding the sale of the arms to Iran, but rather by buying the Ayatollah's house.

Acid rain on the Canadian border? Uh-oh, I hope it doesn't get in the Molson.

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

**Jones:** The Student Polity Association has become so complex that it hinders its own performance. One hand does not know what the other is doing. Overexpenditure is also a great problem (which is partially caused by the first problem). Spending \$30,000 for one concert (Paul Young) and then having virtually no other activities is wrong. This is just one example of wasteful spending.

The activity fee goes up and up and student activities decrease. I don't consider Tokyo Joe's and activity for all students. It appeals to one segment. I would consider beer for the Rainy Night House a great improvement.

**Levitt:** The major problems within Polity itself are that not enough people are trying to interact with each other and finding that organizations are being pushed apart. So many important groups and people are located in extremely nearby offices in the Polity suite and there is no reason why positive interaction hasn't been happening.

Polity needs more student input committees. These committees should be made of representatives from different organizations and these reps should not be directly Polity involved, lets hear from the average student!

A way to get interaction would be for me as president to let the students be my personal advisors, rather than just using my powers for my own ideas.

**Shaps:** Like all organizations, Polity has its ups and downs. A major problem confronting Polity is the lack of communication between the varying clubs and organizations within Polity. Wasted resources because of programming that overlaps is a problem that must be attended to. The Student Activities Advisory Board has proven that it can successfully combat this problem with weekly or bi-weekly meetings between leaders from the major Polity organizations.

Another major problem confronting Polity is the simple fact that enough students aren't getting involved for one reason or another. Some of the Polity organizations that are supposed to be receptive of student needs, such as PSC, frustrate students who want to join Polity by developing

new or existant types of programs to the point where they just say forget it. Polity should be receptive of students and as Polity President I would actively encourage outreach programs that would bring students into Polity.

## 6. What will you do to insure the quality and value of both the dorm-cooking program and the meal plan?

**Jones:** Not living on campus and being a vegetarian, this was a hard question to answer completely. I've only eaten at DAKA once, but that was enough. I have no idea how to ruin raw vegetables, but they did. Aside from complete lack of nutrition, and inconvenient hours, there are no problems with DAKA. I think dorm-cooking is the only real solution to the DAKA problem.

**Levitt:** Student input and solidarity is very important on these issues. If one person complains, nothing will get done, but if Polity can create student lobby groups, we can force administration to action.

**Shaps:** I can tell you what I have done and what I will do to insure the quality of these programs. I have been a member of the FSA and the Dorm Cooking Advisory Board for two years now. In that capacity I strived to maintain and secure our basic rights as participants in the meal plan and dorm cooking. I have had an outspoken voice as a member of these committees and will continue to do so in the future.

## 7. What do you feel were the most important positive and negative changes made in the FSA during this past year?

**Jones:** Increasing check cashing fees is negative, and opening the GSL was positive.

**Levitt:** The most important positive change in the FSA is the reopening of the lounge. Students really needed another study relief and especially another on-campus drinking establishment. Also a positive change was the change to the name "Stony Snacks" and the continued operation of the Union snack bar. As far as negative changes, I feel as though it was one organization that went forwards in progress, not backwards.

**Shaps:** As an FSA class A member for two years I have become sensitive to the changes that FSA has gone through in the preceding year, both positive and negative. A positive change is the fact that both the FSA Executive Director and Comptroller are both coming out on their own. They were both hired early last year and are now starting to bring new and exciting changes to FSA's future outlook. They are an asset that I will feel will improve FSA as a whole.

Another positive change is that graduate students finally have a seat on the Board of Directors. Polity and the GSO have worked well together in the preceding year and I'm sure we'll continue to do so.

A negative change in FSA is the fact that meal plan rates were hiked, but DAKA can help it if inflation goes up. However, this change was diminished by the fact that FSA

will be giving rebates to all meal plan participants to ease the financial strain on students, a very positive action on the part of FSA.

**Shaps:** The Lecture Center issue was a major blunder on the part of administration. I don't believe that any forethought of the effects on students when the decision was made to keep Javits open.

I took a class with Professor Dube called POL 337- *The Politics of Africa*. Even though I only got a C in the course I found his professional performance to be excellent. His insight into the turmoil in Africa came from experience which made his lectures not only informative but interesting as well. I feel his loss of tenure is our loss as well.

I don't think that the administration is receptive to the needs of the graduate students (why should they be treated any differently than undergraduates?). The administration should do everything in its power to keep their graduate assistants and research assistants as happy as they keep their own because they are the backbone of a lot of what goes on in this university.

## 8. How do you feel about the way admin. handled the Javits Lecture Center fire, the Dube tenure ordeal, and the graduate student work stoppage?

**Jones:** I think, after having attended classes in the dioxin death seat, I think the university made an obviously bad mistake by refusing to change classrooms immediately.

After having attended the Dioxin Forum (4/16), I think the administration (especially Mr. Francis, who did not attend) acted in a completely irresponsible manner. They still refuse to make the appropriate test to determine the amount of toxins (the test done only determined that there were toxins, not how much there were).

The Dube issue is clouded. The basic question is this: did he publish or didn't he? I can not answer this question. I do not agree with the tenure requirements, they hinder teaching. If Dube published, he should stay, period. If not, he should be judged as all other professors. But either way, the tenure laws should be changed.

The grad. students do a lot of work and receive pitiful compensation for it. If the university wishes at all to keep the quality of education high, they will rectify the problem.

**Levitt:** This school year our administration has been very unfair to us. What we don't know can hurt us, and if they know, they will be responsible...or will they!?

As for our grad. students and Dube, they exemplify the same unfair treatment from the university administration.

We are not being treated fairly. Administration has certain goals for SUNY Stony Brook, but they certainly haven't made me feel that its to make life better for its students.

## 9. Have you ever committed a felony, when is your birthday, what are your views on post-modern conceptualism and its relation to existential philosophy, and who is your favorite author?

**Jones:** I have never committed a felony. I never tell my birthday (I'm 22).

Post-modern conceptualism, if taken to mean the reduction of one's experience of the world to the level of ideas or concepts, betrays life itself because it seeks to undermine the fundamental bodily, or corporeal, nature of existence. Thus post-modern conceptualism, as a philosophy that claims to re-evaluate the meaning of being in such a way as to be palatable to contemporary culture, is removed from the aims of existentialism which attempts to see the meaning of existence primarily in terms of social relationships and not the mere juxtaposition of ideas.

**Levitt:** No...that wasn't me?! My birthdate is 3/12/66.

Post-modern conceptualism can be prevented if proper birth control is used, then you won't have to worry about its relatives.

My favorite author is Anton. He has truly brought the joys of calculus into my life!

**Shaps:** Except for the time that I bumped off my RHD for writing me up, I don't believe I've committed any felonies. My birthdate is April 11, 1966.

Post-modern conceptualism varies consequentially between the afterthoughts of human interaction and the possibility of predated biological contraceptives. Accordingly, this type of conceptualism stands to reason that by chance someday existentialism will become more than just a rebirth by choice but an occurrence justified only in the writings of Eric Levine or Nostradamus.

It's a draw between Robert Ludlum and Jean Avel.

## 10. Do you smoke?

**Jones:** No response.

**Levitt:** No response.

**Shaps:** It depends if it contains THC or not.

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# Polity Council

## The Questions

1. Who are you, and why are you running for the Polity Council?
2. What makes you qualified to hold such a post?

3. As a student here, what do you see as the major problems confronting students in the coming year?
4. What do you see as the major problems within Polity itself, and how would you go about solving them?

## Vice-president

### Paul Rubinstein

1. I'm Paul Rubinstein and I'm a resident student studying political science. I have lived in James for the last two years, this year serving as leg. chairman. I'm running for Vice-president so that I can work more effectively to implement the programs that Stony Brook students need.

2. Firstly, as an undergraduate student, I know and live in our problems. I've always been an accessible person, willing to listen, and willing to learn from other students. Through my past activities on campus, and from the work I have done as producer of next year's Fall Fest, I have gained a working knowledge of campus activities and administrative policy.

My knowledge of Polity's inner workings has come from serving as Polity Parliamentarian this year. And through my follow-up work from the Student/Faculty/Staff retreat, I've proven my effectiveness in working to impress student goals upon administrators.

3. The major hurdles that students will have to cross this

coming year include the freshman housing process; where will we live when we are seniors? With the coming changes in the alcohol policy, we must seriously look at the composition of the committee that controls it and make sure there is effective student representation on the committee. Control of the FSA board must come back into the hands of the undergraduates. This will allow our famous rathskellar to become reality.

The school policies regarding fraternities and sororities must be carefully reviewed. Excluding freshmen from these activities may kill the Greek system at Stony Brook before it starts to flourish.

Will a university that wants us to study give us some place to do just that?

Now that the gym is going to be partially closed for construction, what is the future of Stony Brook Concerts if the gym only seats 900 people?

Finally, if Dr. Preston can always find someplace to park his Porsche, why can't the people who paid for it?

4. Polity, like any other student organization, sometimes

forgets what it was really created for. Polity is here to serve students, not to serve Polity. The student activity fee should be producing more of what its name implies. One Latin week, one Carribean week, one Giant festival, a Tokyo Joe's every two or three weeks, and concerts with the frequency of eclipses, is not the standard that we should be perpetuating.

As Vice-president I would sit on the executive board of SAB, and be able to work with this potentially superb committee. The budget process itself is a mystery, and students should be more informed as to where their activity fee goes. By stressing the importance of the building senator positions, hopefully a group can be formed in the senate that will not only show up to vote on important issues, but will be a productive group. PSC is one of the best ideas on campus, and can help many small groups. However, the people appointed to the council have rendered it ineffective this year. Just look at back issues of the Press and see how my opponent made a mockery of it, treating PSC like a joke.

## Senior Representative

### Mark Joachim

1. My name is Mark Joachim. I am a political science major, with a concentration in American politics and government. Currently I am the Treasurer of Tabler Quad Council, and was the instrumental in the planning of the Tabler Cruise this semester, one of the largest semi-formals this campus has seen. I am very active politically, and belong to many interest groups and political activist groups.

As Treasurer of Tabler Quad Council, I have dealt with Polity extensively over the past semester, and have seen how Polity works. My main concern, once elected, would be to improve the system so that all groups and clubs have the ability to receive the funds they deserve, not merely clubs with cronies in Polity.

2. In my experiences on this campus, I have come to understand the needs and desires of many of my fellow students. In addition, as an officer of a Quad Council, I have come to learn the ways in which one can fulfill these needs.

Furthermore, in my dealings with Polity in the planning of various events, I have learned much about the Polity system, how it works, and how it does not work.

3. The major problem confronting students at Stony Brook is not toxins in the Lecture Center, nor is it an unresponsive administration. The major problem confronting us is our own apathy. Students at Stony Brook, as well as many students all over the country, are in an "I don't care" period. If this is to persist, administration will take our cue and continue to be unresponsive to our needs. We must first cure the disease of apathy, and then, and only then, can we

force administration to act in accordance with our wishes.

4. As I said before, I feel the major problem within Polity is the fact that Polity only works for you if you know the right people. From my experiences with the Quad Council, I see that the rules for funding a club or an event are not laid out at all, and if you don't have a friend in Polity, no-one will explain them to you. Polity officials fail to realize that they are servants of all students, and therefore have a responsibility to be fair, just, and equitable. If elected Senior Rep., I would solve this injustice by ensuring that some type of handbook of the rules of Polity clubs is distributed to all clubs and organizations on campus.

## Junior Representative

### Dan Rubin

1. My name is Dan Rubin. I've gotten very involved from the start of my short career here at Stony Brook. During my first semester here I organized a building-wide Killer game in Kelly A, and I also served as the Vice-president of the building leg. I also got involved with the Undergraduate Psychology Club, Tagar, college work-study, intramural sports, Big Brother-Big Sister Day, the annual phone-a-thon, the MDA Dance-a-thon, Harpo's Ice Cream Parlor, and I became an RA and moved to Roth Quad. As an RA in Mount College, I was involved in various building programs-developmental and social.

Last summer, I was a Residence Life orientation leader. Over the past year I was involved with RHA, the Transfer Ambassador Program, AIM tutoring, and the Polity Hotline. I am the President of the Roth Quad Council, I work for Domino's Pizza, and I was the co-ordinator of quad-wide, and Roth-to-Tabler "Murder" games. I am a key member in the Mount College Fight Back Committee. The purpose of Fight Back is to improve the living conditions in Mount and hopefully, in the future, extend to the entire campus. In

addition to all this, I have a double major in psychology and applied math.

I've seen a lot of things on this campus, some good and some bad. Things can change for the better and I want to help make that difference. I am running for this position to get involved in Polity, the key to this campus. One major problem is that the students are not informed. They don't know who's in office. They don't know what issues are being contemplated. They don't know the result of these discussions and they don't know who to contact when they have a problem. The student council should take on the responsibility of accomplishing these tasks.

2. My response to question 1 should satisfy this question.

3. I feel that many of the problems that have confronted students over the past year have not improved or been solved and so, they will apply next year.

As far as students and academic concerns go, a major problem is our "teachers". The only requirement of a teacher these days is that he/she write a book and do good research. Professors should be concerned with the students and their progress. Don't get me wrong, there are good teachers. The problem is that they get penalized and lose

tenure for not producing a publication.

Another major problem with this campus is that it's falling apart. Everybody knows it, yet not much is being done about it. This particularly applies to students who live in the dormitories. They're poorly designed and we're seeing the consequences now. Commuters have it bad, too. They have to drive through pot-holes as they zip around the campus. People are giving up on Stony Brook. Is there hope? I think so! Everybody has to pitch in and do their share.

4. Polity does not adequately inform the students as to what's going on. Polity does a lot, but nobody knows about it, and therefore puts in no input. Information packets and newsletters should be sent out to all students either as a group or as separate individuals. Maybe each officer could say what they're personally doing and what Polity is doing for all students. Also, Stony Brook is so impersonal and Polity is no exception. People don't always want ot help and all they do is "pass the buck" or give you the runaround. Why can't people stop for a minute to give a friendly smile or direct a lost person?

The Press : Theatre Concerts Arts

Where It Is, My Friend

# Sophomore Representative

## Steven Rosenfeld

1. My name is Steve Rosenfeld. I am a freshman endeavoring to become a computer science major with a business minor. I reside in College Point, Queens, and O'Neill College when I'm on campus. I am the current Freshman Representative and I have played an active role in many organizations such as PSC, Dorm Cooking Advisory Board, Dorm Business Commission (which opened the Golden Bear Cafe), and the new organization that I helped find its way- HELP (Housing, Environmental, and Living Problems).

I am running for the position of Sophomore Representative because I believe I am most qualified to "get it through", follow up on projects begun to benefit the class of 1990 and the Stony Brook student in general.

2. I have served as Freshman Rep. since my election in October '86, and with the experience I have acquired in that capacity of that position, my attendance at Council, Senate, and PSC, the Student Leaders Roundtable, and other major organizations' meetings has been felt, and since I have been noted as one who follows through, by each of

them, this I believe qualifies me as a primary representative of students at Stony Brook.

3. With the adoption of a policy of guaranteed freshmen housing by the administration, it is the fight to stay on campus as a senior or perhaps even as a junior, is a major problem confronting the current freshman and sophomore classes in the coming year.

4. Polity does not know its own policies, that is to say, a large majority of persons directly involved with Polity, within the Senate, within PSC, etc. do not know nor follow the constitution nor their specific by-laws as they should.

# Secretary

## Evyne Grover

1. I am a concerned student who truly cares about the university and the students. This is my third year at Stony Brook and my involvement has progressed with each year. I want to help other students enjoy their college years both by assisting clubs and activities and by lobbying for changes to improve living conditions. I enjoy working within Polity, meeting the leaders and members of clubs, and feel personally enriched by the eclectic group of people I have met thus far.

2. I am responsible, intelligent, and capable. I feel I am aware, enthusiastic, and caring. I feel I am efficient and organized. These are necessary qualities for Student Polity Secretary. I am currently Polity Assistant Treasurer for Services, Student Assistant to the Polity Legal Clinic, Chairperson of the Senate Budget Sub-committee for Services, a member of the Academic Judiciary, and a member of the University Senate Sub-committee for Student Life. My experiences within Polity and its branches throughout the campus network have made me completely

aware and informed of the issues facing students, and of the numerous policies and procedures by which they are dealt with.

I have the desire to act as a representative of the students and, most importantly, to act towards our own best interests and insure that we do not get pushed around by administration.

3. The major problems of the coming year include: freshmen priority housing, dorm maintenance, commuter involvement, administration/student relationships and communication, student apathy and lack of school spirit. I do not see how giving freshman students housing priority will enhance the student body as a whole. It is *not* a fair and equitable solution to the lack of undergraduate student housing.

Without action there can be no change. This is best exemplified by the conditions residents have had to live with and we must not allow the present situation to continue.

Commuters must be made more aware of their opportunities for activity on campus and must be given greater

consideration in activity and club planning.

The lines of communication between administrators and students must be improved in order for maximum efficiency of decision making and for subsequent action to occur.

Many students are unaware of Polity, what it does, and its central importance within the campus. They do not see where they can fit in and become a part of it all. Students must be made aware of the great variety of opportunities that occur here at Stony Brook.

4. The biggest problem with Polity is that most students are unaware of its existence and its importance. Students must be made aware that Polity exists by students and for student use.

As Polity Secretary, it will be my duty to disseminate information and make it available to the students. There is a great communication problem that I hope to solve by getting greater press coverage and by keeping the students informed of all the goings-on and achievements of Polity.

## Denise Geier

1. My name is Denise Geier and I'm a junior with a major in sociology and a minor in business. When I'm not attending school, I live at home in Staten Island and I work for a Wall Street firm as a secretary. When I'm not working I like to party hard, by dancing and socializing with interesting men. When I'm not working or partying hard, I'm in the gym working out to keep fit but sometimes you can find me at home relaxing.

Having been a student here at Stony Brook since 1984, I have lived in Stage XII, H Quad (Benedict), G Quad (O'Neill), and Roth Quad (Mount). This has given me insight to the drastic changes taking place in the social life, living conditions, and working conditions students have to deal with.

The alcohol policy stopped the partying in the dorms, then the elimination of the separation of the non-drinkers and the drinkers in the EOB prevented anyone who wasn't of age from partying, and misappropriation of funds by the administration require students to deal with sub-standard living conditions which are not conducive to rest and relaxation, and the elimination of late-night studying hasn't helped in the pursuit of good grades.

Well everyone knows Stony Brook life is lousy and getting worse. What I intend to do as Secretary is work on those issues relevant to bettering student life by bringing my

ideas to action.

*Ideas:*

1. Try to get a few dorms on campus as 21-and-over dorms only, so that there will be partying in the dorms again which everyone can attend because there will be a separation between those of age and those under age.

2. To improve living conditions we will hire a hitman to eliminate Bob Francis...the man will truly not see problems...only kidding. What I really want to do is get a stronger student voice into where the money goes.

3. For working conditions I would like a building on campus set aside for studying the whole night through.

2. As a student at Stony Brook I've seen a school go from lots of fun to boring. If this is not enough to qualify me because of the sheer motivation it gives me, then my experience as a secretary on Wall Street, Secretary of the Entrepreneur Club, and Secretary of the Roth Quad Council should qualify me and allow anyone to see that I have experience directly related to the Secretary position of Polity, unlike my opponent who has never played the role of secretary and probably doesn't know what it entails. She has assistant Treasurer skills, not secretarial skills.

3. Getting Polity to allocate the funds needed to eliminate Bob Francis...not that they're not willing to allocate it, but Polity moves kind of slow...only kidding, but we really need to get Bob Francis a pair of glasses so he can see the

problems.

Seriously, the major problems are freshmen priority housing, lousy meal plan, too much interest in research over and above teaching, suicide rate, lack of socializing, corruption within Polity, and generally the same problems which have been in the campaign rhetoric for the last several years (shows you the lack of effectiveness of our student government).

4. Corruption- Strengthen the system of internal control within Polity.

Unqualified leaders- Have a much more comprehensive election process so that those not qualified could be revealed to those voting.

Communication- Have the press require a letter from all leaders once a week so that everyone can be informed as to what's going on. We can call it the *Polity Forum*.

Apathy- People don't realize that they have an obligation to help run Polity. It is just too much to do for three hundred students to do it.

Lack of direction- Polity leaders need to work together rather than against each other.

Self-interest of leaders- Leaders are unwilling to "rock the boat" because they want a letter of recommendation from administrative officials. The solution would be to make them realize letters of recommendation don't go as far in the job market as results.

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