

Students Seek Action for Flood on State Quad

by Bruce Levy

The fourth and fifth floors of the State Quad Tower were covered by approximately one inch of water early Saturday morning as a result of a plug blowing out of a fifth floor sink.

These two floors were also damaged by flood waters in a similar incident last October. Residents there said they are still trying to get reimbursed by the University for the damage caused then.

Physical Plant Director Dennis Stevens, Acting Director of Residence Paul Doyle and Tower Director Dave Render met with the residents of these floors Wednesday

night to discuss the possibility of reimbursing the students as well as actions to prevent future flooding in the tower.

According to Stevens, "We have gone through the tower and the entire quad checking to see if any plugs are water logged and . . . we have removed any plug that was steel and not brass. The two plugs that have blown out were steel."

Stevens believes that this kind of thing should not recur, but added, "I can't say this won't happen again."

One of the students at the meeting, Randi Abramowitz, said "the damages from last time were not taken care of. Rugs were just

put down a week before the flood and were definitely damaged by it, but nobody did anything about it."

Another student, Darja Drenchko, added that "this time there was less damage. It happened in the middle of the night so we had time to move things; last time it was the middle of the day so no one was here."

Stevens responded by saying he "would personally like to reimburse you for any damages, but there are legal processes that have to be gone through."

Stevens added, "I would be willing to send things that were damaged, such as rugs, to the cleaners and have them cleaned or stretched or whatever needs to be done, but other things . . . I can't help you with."

Abramowitz complained, however, that the rugs were not dirty, they had "shrunk and started to spread."

Doyle said that to file a complaint of this sort a claim form must

be submitted "as completely as possible. The next step is a statement from (an administrator) that there has been some damage done."

The complaint then goes through various administrative offices and finally winds up in the (SUNY) Chancellor's office.

Doyle said the students must prove the damage was done due to negligence, and added that the damage must be "quantifiable."

According to Doyle the most quantifiable damage reported was that done to the rugs.

Abramowitz contended that the

damage from the first flood was due to negligence because the person sent to fix a leak in a fifth floor bathroom was not a plumber. She claimed he turned something the wrong way, causing the pipe to burst.

Drenchko and other students also questioned whether they would be charged for damage done to desks, floors, and paint while moving the furniture to clean up their rooms.

Render advised that he was "not about to bill anyone for that kind of stuff."

Reagan is Convalescing

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tempt. He remained in critical condition, however.

Contradicting earlier declarations that Reagan's life was never in danger, qualified medical sources said Wednesday that the 70-year-old president lost almost half his blood after he was shot and doctor-

said they "thought they might lose him" in the first, anxious moments at the hospital.

The sources, who insisted on anonymity, said doctors in the emergency room could not find the cause of apparent internal hemorrhaging and feared the president was in danger of slipping into fatal shock.

White House officials said they could neither confirm nor deny the report.

Hinckley

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Court building in an armored limousine from the Quantico, Va., Marine base, where he is being held without bond. He arrived 90 minutes before the hearing was to begin, and entered the heavily guarded courtroom shortly after 10 a.m. EST.

During the hearing, Hinckley frequently conferred with one of his lawyers from the respected firm of famed criminal defense attorney Edward Bennett Williams. He sat still in his seat, occasionally with his hand partially covering his mouth.

Federal investigators meanwhile sought further links between the attempt on Reagan's life and Hinckley's infatuation with 18-year-old actress Jodie Foster.

Miss Foster acknowledged Wednesday she had received letters signed "JWH" and "John Hinckley," although she said none mentioned violent acts or the president.

Jogging

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neutral position. Often they are made of felt, leather, or cork. Non-custom orthotics are available. However, the standard one size that "fits all" usually doesn't fit anyone, and consequently has limited value.

It is particularly important to have a physical exam before embarking on a vigorous exercise program. Jogging is generally an excellent method of staying physically fit. There does seem to be increasing evidence, however, that the long term effects of this increased wear and tear on the musculoskeletal system can lead to earlier problems with arthritis. This is particularly true for those who begin their jogging later in life. The average 150 lb. person exerts 120 tons of force on each foot for every mile run. It is, therefore, absolutely vital for older joggers to use the best possible equipment and training techniques.

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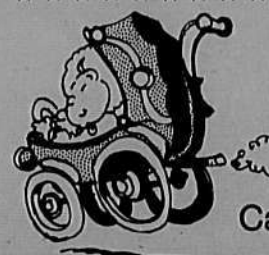
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Organize for Peace:

The Fight for Freedom

Michel Cohen

Last week, the U.S. government announced the sending of a number of Green Beret contingents to El Salvador, in addition to an increase in military aid. This represents a dangerous escalation of U.S. involvement in support of fascist governments in Central America. With the Pentagon calling for an "experimental" draft, it is likely, unless we act quickly, that once again Uncle Sam will be sending young men (and possibly women) to fight, kill, and die on the shores of a foreign land, in a war that can only serve the interests of multinational corporations and banks — but not the people, either of El Salvador or the U.S.

We in the Red Balloon Collective at SUNY Stony Brook and elsewhere have joined in a large coalition of groups and individuals to organize a "March on the Pentagon," May 3. We are actively organizing and encouraging all concerned people to do likewise. At a speech March 23, at C.W. Post College, Abbie Hoffman spoke of the three great lies the U.S. government is laying on us.

The first lie is that there is a centrist government in El Salvador desperately clinging to power, trying to find a peaceful route through the extremists of the right and the left. There is no centrist government. The government and the right are the same, and the left is composed of the entire people, including the Church, peasant unions, workers' organizations, Marxist groups and intellectuals rising up to overthrow five decades of brutal torture and repression.

Another lie is that this is a short, regional war that won't involve much effort on the part of the U.S., when, in fact, once U.S. troops are involved in El Salvador, it is only a matter of months before they chase guerrilla forces into Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Guatemala, and, eventually, to Cuba, for which, as Abbie put it, "Reagan's had a hard-on for years."

Finally it is a lie that the Soviet Union is all-powerful, escalating its domain over the rest of the world, a challenge that the U.S. must meet in El Salvador. As Dave Dellinger put it at a recent conference (attended by 2,000) in New York City's New School for

Social Research, "If the Soviet Union came and dropped machine guns and other weapons on Augusta, Maine, do you think the people would rise up and use them against conditions in the U.S.?"

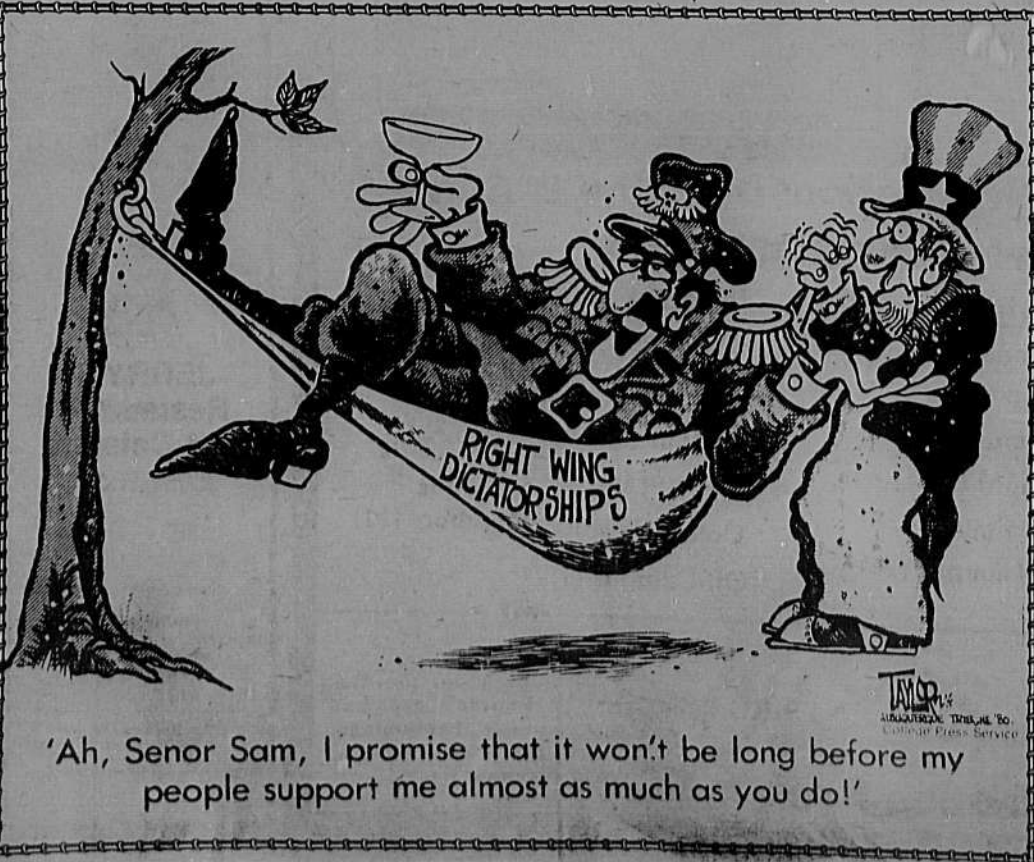
The fact is that arms do not cause or create conditions of revolution — oppression does. Guns are tools that facilitate insurgency, but they don't cause insurgency. Besides, the weapons (for the most part) in the hands of the El Salvador people are not Russian or Cuban or Nicaraguan, but are bought on the Black market from various arms merchants and governments (including West Germany), and are of U.S. origin.

After Abbie's speech, we met with students from C.W. Post College. Also present were representatives from Old Westbury, Nassau Community and other schools. We set up meeting days, exchanged



ideas for organizing our various communities, and pledged to turn out a large contingent from Long Island on May 3 at the Pentagon. With money needed for human needs at home, with the fight to rebuild the South Bronx, mass-transit systems, and housing, and to end racism, sexism, and bigotry draft, to send military aid and troops to El Salvador to make it safe for capitalist penetration and super-profits is not in the interest of either students or workers. And it certainly is not in the interest of the people of El Salvador, who are fighting for only one simple thing — FREEDOM.

Get involved now! Come to Washington May 3, to New York City (at the U.N.) April 18, to Abbie's sentencing (100 Centre St. 9:30 a.m.) April 7. If you live on Long Island, get in touch with us at (516) 639-8473.



'Ah, Senor Sam, I promise that it won't be long before my people support me almost as much as you do!'

Letters, Comme

No Joking Matter

To the Editor:

With the recent assassination attempt on the life of President Reagan, I am writing this letter to express my deep regrets about the whole situation. My other purpose in writing this letter is to express my disgust with those who can joke and wish the man dead. I feel this is uncalled for. Granted, many do not like the man but that is no reason for wishing he were dead.

I do not have any respect for these cold, insensitive people. The man is our president. He represents this country and everyone should feel some deep regret over what happened. I was ashamed and disheartened when I heard remarks such as, "Is he dead yet?" and "Did they do the job right?" or remarks such as, "Oh shit, the Academy Awards are not going to be on because of this Reagan mess. Boy am I pissed!" I hope they find some help and get their brains squared away soon. An assassination is a cowardly way to change the politics of a country, especially in a country like the United States. Anyone who could wish the victim dead is sick and cowardly as the one who committed the deed.

Our American political system needs a new course of action. We could not have gone through another four years with the same stale, old Democratic principles the defeated party followed for so many years. Restraint is needed. Cuts must be made. Everyone is being forced to feel the pinch of the budget cuts. Before the election, many groups were complaining of too much spending and that it must be reduced.

Now that we have a president who is following this philosophy, these very same groups are yelling and complaining. They want cuts but do not want to see them made in their pet programs. These people are selfish and misdirected and do not understand the magnitude of the economic crisis presently facing this country. If they really cared about the well being of the whole country they would be willing to sacrifice. The majority of the American people are in agreement with what President Reagan is proposing. Our congressional representatives better heed these popular opinions or

they will find themselves out of a job in 1982.

I hope and pray what happened on the afternoon of March 30 never happens again. I really wish those people who do not agree with President Reagan will give him a chance to prove himself sufficiently. The purpose of his proposals is to rid the system of the waste and inefficient bureaucratic regulations which stifle American productivity and violate the personal right to do what the population wishes to do with their personal incomes.

I am glad to see this cowardly attempt on Mr. Reagan's life did not succeed. Also, anyone who can walk into a hospital and joke with a bullet lodged in his lung deserves all the praise of being able to perform the duties of the presidency. Mr. Reagan I wish the best of luck to you.

— James Koury

Freedom from Harm

To the Editor:

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees all Americans freedom of speech. As I am writing this, the President of the United States is in emergency surgery fighting for his life. Three other men were also hurt in this rage of a madman.

In our lifetimes, the Kennedy brothers, Martin Luther King, and John Lennon have been assassinated. Although the rights of these great people to speak publicly are protected by the highest law, the same is not true of their right to be able to speak safely. But let's not forget that a twelve-day old girl in our own area died two days after suffering a brutal beating by her mother's boyfriend. She was also denied her right to be able to speak.

In America today, handguns are becoming as common a household item as television sets. People can kill with the knowledge that their punishment, if they are ever caught at all, might be so little as a slap on the hand. When people are denied their right to be able to speak — the right to live — society today is no better than in Nazi Germany when people were, in a similar way, denied their right to be able to speak.

— Kenneth A. Sloff

Presidential Support

To the Editor:

I should have written this long ago, unfortunately a tragedy had to occur before I finally did it. I am not a raving Political Science major but I do care what happens to this country. I care enough that every November I take five minutes out of my day to vote. I have had several political arguments ever since the election where I have agreed with the president. Maybe I don't need that loan next year as much as I thought I did. The stereo I bought with the last one was nice but did I really need it? Maybe I'll just have to look for a higher paying job this year.

A question that usually arises during most political arguments is, "Who did you vote for?" More often than not my opponent says something like, "I would have voted for Carter but I never got around to it." If you did not bother to vote I feel that you have no reason to accuse President Reagan of doing a bad job. Nor do you have the right to say such things (and I quote from various people on campus), "Yippee, now we can watch Reagan die.", "Has the asshole died yet," and "Too bad the guy didn't get him."

— Ellen Worthing

Appalled

To the Editor:

It is the morning after an assassination attempt on the President of the United States. Nearly every student in this university has some opinion about this unfortunate incident. What appalls me is the callousness of the comments that many students are making.

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