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Thanksgiving Tragedy

*Stony Brook Student, 24,
Slain at Nassau County Bar*

By Richard Cole

Statesman Associate Editor At Large

While this past weekend was one of festivities for most, the mother of a Stony Brook junior mourned the death of her only son.

The 24 year old student, Marlot Versailles, was fatally wounded outside a Levittown bar, The Mix, at approximately 3 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning.

Versailles is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alexandre, two sisters, Sandy Alexandre and Lynn Versailles, his fiance, Traci Collier who could not be reached for comment, and his beloved Rottweiler, Zeus. As Alexandre sat in her bedroom mourning her son her only comment was, "My only son... he was so friendly... he was going to be a dentist."

According to family members Versailles had planned to go onto medical school. Lynn Versailles said, "he was going to transfer to Harvard." According to the family, Versailles's fiance was already attending Harvard.

According to Mrs. Alexandre, Versailles went to the bar with several friends from school. Alexandre referred to one of the friends as "Brian." Detective Guidice, of the Nassau County

Homicide Squad, refused to comment on who in particular the police were looking for. According to the police a Mark Caraway, 18 yrs old, has been apprehended in relation to this case.

According to a news release from the Nassau County Police Department, "The Homicide Squad is investigating a altercation that resulted in the death of one male that occurred at the Mix, 2686 Hempstead Tpke., Levittown." A later release from the police identified the victim as Versailles of Brentwood.

Detective Guidice said, "apparently there was a dispute in the club and several people were ejected from the club. These same people then attempted to get back into the bar and the second altercation occurred outside. Mr. Versailles connection with these people is not clear at this point." According to Guidice it was during this altercation outside the bar that several guns were brought out and shots were fired. Versailles was hit once in the chest and was pronounced dead when the police arrived shortly thereafter. Guidice would not release the name, but he said that another person was injured in the shoot out.

Dean of Students Dr. Paul Chase, commented on the murder, "It's certainly a tragedy. Something so senseless as this can take away such a promising life."

The family said funeral will be held this week, most likely in Brooklyn.



Marlot Versailles, right and his fiance Traci Collier.

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A Weekly Guide to Campus Events

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Student Art Exhibition. Gary Wojdyla. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Melville Library Gallery. Free. Shown through December 17.

Chamber Music Winter Festival. 8 p.m. Features music from the baroque to contemporary. Staller Center Recital Hall. Free.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

FSA Weekly Nine Ball Tournaments. 9 p.m. Stony Brook Union Basement. \$5/entry fee.

Alternative Cinema Film. 7 & 9:30 p.m. "Jesus of Montreal." French with English subtitles. Stony Brook Union Auditorium. Tickets available at door. \$2.

Interdisciplinary Feminist Studies Colloquium. 4:30 p.m. Ruth Behar. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Co-sponsored USB's Humanities Institute, Women's Studies Program, and the Latin and Caribbean Committee. Melville Library. For information, call 632-7765.

Single Fire Glaze Workshop. 7 - 9 p.m. Union Crafts Center. Basement, Stony Brook Union. \$20/ students. \$25/non-students. To Register, call 632-6822 or 632-6828.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Holiday Festival and Crafts Fair. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fireside lounge. Stony Brook Union. Through Saturday.

Art Show/Reception. 12:30 - 2 p.m. Features Stony Brook Student Artist Vinnie Sceravino, Staff member, and other artists with disabilities. In celebration of Diversity of Abilities Month. Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union. Call 632-6748.

Distinguished Teaching Professor Lecture Series. 12:30 p.m. Speaker Barbara Elling discusses "Teaching Culture in a Rapidly Changing World." Room N-3063, Melville Library. Free. Call 632-7447.

Faculty/Staff Blood Drive. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lobby, Indoor Sports Complex. For an appointment, call Cynthia Pedersen at 632-6136.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Thursdays at Noon Lecture Series. Noon "Coming into Communion: Women and the Churches in the 18th Century New England." Laura Henigman, assistant Professor, English. The Poetry Center, Room 239 Humanities Building. Free. Call 632-7399.

University Orchestra. 8 p.m. Features works by Telemann, Haydn, Bach, and Bizet. Main Stage, Staller Center. Free. Call 632-7330.

USB's Theatre Arts Production. 8 p.m. "The Second Shepherds Play and Why the Lord Came to Sand Mountain." Thursday through Saturday. Theatre 1, Staller Center. \$8 \$6/students and Senior Citizens. Call 632-7230.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Exhibition Wheelchair Basketball Game. 7:30 p.m. Stony Brook faculty, Staff and Volunteers vs. the Nassau County Kings Wheelchair Team. Pritchard Gym, Indoor Sports Complex. Call 632-6748.

Astronomy Open Night. 7:30 p.m. "Most Stars are Born as Twins." Michael Simon, Earth and Space Sciences. Viewing with telescopes, weather permitting. Room 001, Earth and Space Sciences Building. Free. Call 632-8200.

Winter Weekend Getaway, December Senior Week activities. Pinegrove Resort Ranch. \$149 per person. Through December 5. All welcome. For More Information Call Nancy Belson at 632-9197 or 632-2811.

Open Auditions: "On Strivers Row". 4 - 6:30 p.m. Abram Hill's Uproariously funny play about life in 1940's Harlem. Theatre 3, Staller Center. Call 632-7300. Auditions also on Saturday from 4- 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Stony Brook's Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m.; Pre-concert Lecture at 7 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. \$10. Call 632-7230.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Tito Puente and his Orchestra. 8 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center. Tickets: \$22/\$20. Tickets also available through ticketmaster, call 516-888-9000.

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Better Parking for Clean Air Commuters

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Sports Editor

The Department of Parking and Transportation Services carried through the first segment of the Commuter Initiative Program in order to comply with the Clear Air Act.

Transportation Coordinator Melody Thomas has been speaking to people with the hopes of getting more faculty and staff involved in the program by showing them the benefits the university is offering for those who car pool.

According to Thomas, the Clear Air Act mandates that employers that employ 100 or more people must reduce the number of vehicles driven to work by 25 per cent. Presently, the university employees approximately 9800 people, which adds to the total of about 30,000 cars driven on campus on weekdays.

What the faculty and staff who

participate in the program get is a reserved spot on campus with a sign stating that the space is held for a certain group. In addition, they will receive a guaranteed ride home in the event of an emergency or illness, as well as a free bus pass for the mass transportation on campus. They will also have six free parking passes for the parking garage for each six month period in case an individual needs to have their own car on campus for the day. The reserved spot is where ever the group designates it to be and if the group chooses to have a spot in the parking garage, it will be closest to the most convenient building. The spot is 24 hour reserved, unlike the regular faculty/staff parking, which opens up to anyone at 4 p.m. Spouses that work on campus together are eligible to receive the benefits of the commuter initiatives.

A problem that is seen with this plan is that many people are not willing to give up their independence. "People on Long Island

love their cars," said Thomas.

The university is talking with the Long Island Railroad and Suffolk County about approving mass transportation. Also, the university received a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$73,000 to assist in this program.

Some Commuter College representatives feel that this leaves out a large group of the individuals that bring cars onto campus - the commuter students. "I'm enormously happy for the wonderful parking opportunity for our beloved faculty, but what about...students," said Vincent Bruzzese, a commuter senator.

Thomas said that the program may expand to commuter students in the future. "It depends on how well it takes off," she said. "It depends on the responsive rate." She added that if and when the commuter students are offered the same initiative they would not receive reserved spots in

the South Parking Lot because that gives the commuters that car pool no extra benefits. "The request is for the inner part of campus," she said.

The Commuter College representatives, for the most part, are not optimistic about their chances with the initiative. "It will never happen. I can see it for faculty. They already have the spots," said Commuter College Vice President Steve Alamia. "Even if they did have a commuter incentive parking program, they would have to have more parking [on the main campus] and it would take years to go into effect." Commuter College President Erika Abel said that they would have to make so many more spots on campus for commuters and that the best thing to do is build a large parking garage on campus for commuters.

So far, the DOPTS has received 148 applicants, seven ride shares have been formed, and the others have been sent notices so that they can call the other people to see if they are compatible with one another.

Gallo Wines Benefit Undergrads

By Cliff Kurkowski
Statesman Staff Writer

The Campus Community Committee held it's fourth annual university scholarship auction in the sports complex, on November 16.

Wineries and restaurants from the East end to Garden City filled the decorated gym to help promote their names and help a worthy cause; scholarships for undergraduate students.

Associate Dean for Enrollment Planning and Management Michael McHale, the coordinator of the event, was very pleased with this year's results. "Approximately \$48,000 in gross revenues were raised this year, up 56 per cent from last year's total."

The CCC, an organization based here at the University, helps academically challenged freshman by giving them a full four year tuition free

scholarship.

"An event like this is very unique," said McHale. "It's a nice event because it kicks off the holiday season. The enthusiasm of the vendors and the people participating were very high."

The highest auctioned off bottle of wine this year went for \$700. It was a 1978 six liter bottle of Mayacamas.

Naomi Solo, vice president of public affairs for Danford's Inn was also very satisfied with this year's charitable event. "The sport's complex was beautifully decorated, the fine wine and

gourmet food was simply wonderful. Each year this event keeps getting bigger and better.

Many of the vendors were ecstatic over this year's results. "It is a very good way of inexpensively advertising your restaurant or winery, plus giving to a charitable cause," said Solo.

McHale hopes that "this will be an on going Stony Brook tradition that will last." "This event is an innovative and unique way of raising money for striving, academically inclined students," he said. "It helps to promote the community and new students that want to come to Stony Brook."

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Once More Over the Coals

Against the Tide by
Richard D. Cole

Religions of Whores

I don't believe in God (Yes I know that I am damned. Oh well, what's a Hobbesian hedonist to do?). But I live in a society in which so many things center around religious ideology. So I walk around looking about me and wondering why so many people believe in all they do. In the past I have spent a great deal of time thinking about this topic, debating it, etc.

Then this past weekend it occurred to me: that majority of Americans don't really believe either, they just like the idea of believing and the comfort that superficial religiosity gives them. How did I come to this strange conclusion? Easy, just look around. Look at how some thing that is supposed to so sacred has been prostituted. That's right the commercialization of religion is prostitution.

The first Thanksgiving was a very religious occasion. Today almost all of the religious significance of the day has been lost. This can be seen by the fact that Thanksgiving is seen as an American holiday, therefore all Americans observe the holiday. Question: Why do or should Islamic, Buddhist, Jewish, even non-Protestant Christians observe Thanksgiving? It's plain foolishness. It would be like my Jewish friends observing Christmas. Oh but wait; that's right, some of them have, Chanukah Bushes? (Some of you ask, "What the hell is a Chanukah Bush? It's a Christmas tree in disguise, for all of those Jews who are closet Christian wannabes... Don't tell any one, but they're all around.)

And lets take a closer look at the Jews. If one looks at the Jewish religion, Chanukah is actually one of the smaller holidays. So why has it been commercialized so much? Answer: because it happens to land in proximity to Christmas and the great entrepreneurs of this capitalistic country saw another opportunity to make more money at the expense of - ah

who cares; it's just someone's religion.

The worst part is that members of the church apparently support the commercialization of their religions. These people help in the prostitution of their own religion. Why? Perhaps the church profits in some way? Perhaps the church realizes they're false prophets (charlatans)?

For the next month we are going to be subjected/bombarded with the commercialization of Christmas. If you out there really believe in Christ and the spirit of Christmas don't let those capitalistic pigs out there prostitute you and your religion. I question: where in the bible does it say that people should go out and spend lots of money buying gifts for other people to celebrate the birth of Christ. It doesn't! This is the creation of our own modern society. The commercialization can only work if you out there allow it. Nothing happens in this society without the direct consent of the citizens.

The Homeless Problem

In the past, Nat Hendricks has been called a "Stony Brook Tradition." In the past I questioned why he is a tradition and I still question this. The fact of the matter is that several people have complained about Mr. Hendricks, who is a self proclaimed homeless being. Apparently he has made himself at home in the commuter lounge in the basement of the Student Union. He has been seen bathing in the sink of this lounge. Hendricks has been found sleeping half dressed in the TV area of the lounge. His stuff has been strewn across the room. There have also been conflicts between students and Mr. Hendricks over the use of the TV in the commuter lounge.

The fact is that Mr. Hendricks may be a nice guy, but that does not mean that he should make this university his home. The University administration has been completely lackadaisical in dealing with this issue. This semester students from the Commuter Student Association went to Student Union and Activities to complain about Mr. Hendricks and to ask for help in

dealing with him. This administrative body offered no help what-so-ever. Furthermore Public Safety has refused to get involved with the issue.

So, to force the issue I propose to do the following: I, and a few friends, are going to go into New York City, and with our own money, we are going to pay for the train tickets for any homeless person that wants to come to Stony Brook. We are going to start an advertising campaign to bring these derelicts to our campus. It shouldn't be too hard. "Are you homeless? Would you like a nice liberal atmosphere in which you can get free food, from politically correct student clubs, attend lectures for free, sleep in heated buildings and have no one hassle you? Then Stony Brook University is the place for you." Is this crazy? Perhaps, but sometimes one has to be a little crazy to make a point. We are going to force the administration to take a stand on this issue. When there are dozens of Nat Hendricks roaming around campus, and prospective students start noticing,

things will change. I guarantee that!

Dear ARA:

I, more than other people tend not to dump on ARA. I realize that no one ever likes institutional food. But, there is was bone that needs to be picked... The deli in the Student Union sucks! Last night I bought some potato salad, and it was rotten; literally. Furthermore the prices are out of this world. Example: a can of cold soda - 87 cents with tax at the deli, 75 cents with tax from a vending machine, 35 cents with tax at RockBottom. What's wrong with this picture? According to ARA's contract they are supposed to compare the deli prices to three outside similar type stores. Has this been done? Not that any one can tell us.

P.S. Why hasn't your student government looked into this. This is an example of where the student government could actually do something for the students. But that might be too much to ask.

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Students Caught in Center of Business Dispute

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By Joe Fraioli

Statesman Assistant Features Editor

More than 60 Stony Brook students were caught in the middle of a dispute between Entertainment Industries and Regent Street Hair Design in Nesconset.

Entertainment Industries, an ad agency that specializes in the promotions of various Long Island businesses, sold certificates to students in September, featuring the services of Regent Street Hair Design. The certificates sold for \$39.99 and entitled the purchaser to up to 12 services such as a manicure, haircut, scalp massage, and skin analysis.

According to one Entertainment Industries spokesman the students get the better end of the deal. "The purpose behind it is that the people that purchase those certificates, they get a fantastic value," said Mike Vallarella, vice-president of Entertainment Industries. "They get all the salon's top services at a ridiculously low cost."

The promotion was designed to benefit the salon by adding customers to its clientele. "As a result, the salon will show them excellent service in hopes of keeping them as long term, permanent customers," said Vallarella.

Barbara Graziano, owner of Regent Street Hair Design, went to Entertainment Industries in July to increase the business of her salon during the slower summer months. "I thought it would have been something nice when the salon was slow," she said.

Originally, students who bought the package thought they got a bargain. "It's a pretty good deal if you think about it," said Laura Agnello, a junior who bought one of the promotions. "Because a haircut now can be like \$20 plus tip."

When Agnello and her friends called to reschedule an appointment they had made, they were told that the promotion was cancelled and the salon was no longer honoring the certificates.

"I was very upset," said Agnello. "When I called up, they said this had been cancelled a month now."

"What happened was, this particular salon, Regent Street Hair Design, called up and said 'Why are your representatives selling at a college,' and we said there isn't anything in our contract that states where we're allowed to sell or not to sell," said Vallarella. He added that the salon owner worried about clients staying on after the promotion was over. "She started pre-assessing people by saying a couple of girls came to the salon and then she said 'she looks like she's ready to graduate, she's not gonna have enough money to be a steady client.'"

Vallarella also said that he only sold about 350 certificates all together, including people out of Stony Brook before Entertainment Industries agreed to cut off the promotion, but Graziano disputes this. "That's not true at all," she said. "I have a box full of at least 500."

Graziano said that this was the reason she had to force customers to wait almost a month for an appointment. "We had so many per day that my appointment book is full and I have to turn away some of my clients," she said.

Graziano said she receives no money from the selling of the certificates. Her payment comes later if customers decide to become clients. She also said that each certificate contains about \$300 in services. "The promotion cost me such a fortune. The ball shouldn't have landed in my lap like this," she said.

After serving a few students, Graziano said that she and Entertainment Industries had an agreement not to sell on the Stony Brook campus anymore. "The promotion was never supposed to be sold on campus," she said. "He knew full well and sold them anyway."

Graziano did not wish to have the certificates sold on campus because she felt the students would not become perspective clients. "They're lovely girls," she said. "One girl told me that when her card

is filled, she can't afford to come here. There's a beauty shop on campus and on Route 25A, why would they keep coming here?"

"Anybody that's willing to spend \$39 on the spot for all those salon services is certainly a candidate for a good customer, and this is where the salon misses the boat altogether...Do people that go to colleges get their hair cut too," asked Vallarella.

Furthermore, this event may lead to litigation against Regent Street Hair Design. "Our attorney has served them with a notice and has contacted them and we now have a problem on our hands," said Vallarella.

The feeling was mutual. "I am considering suing for slander, and I am considering suing for the harassment of my girls," said Graziano. "I think his business should be looked upon as illegal."

"We're not a scam company just coming around and flipping people bad promotions," said Vallarella.

According to Warren Wartell, marketing manager of the Faculty Student Association, Entertainment Industries should never have been selling promotions door to door to begin with. "We know nothing about it, and that's the very reason for having something like that centralized, so that people don't get burnt," he said.

Wartell said that students should be more wary of who shows up at your door selling goods. "If somebody had an approval sticker and an actual permit and had to demonstrate that they had the

permit... you have the protection in the event that something like this occurs."


Vallarella hires individuals to distribute and sell the certificates themselves and they are responsible for the permission from FSA. "Our contractors are responsible for licensing, peddling and the who and where they sell them to," he said.

However, Vallarella was the one who sold the promotions last September. "...it's basically protection, ultimately," said Wartell of FSA. "Entertainment Industries somehow decided to take it upon themselves to be a marketer for this other group and they probably sold the packages as such. Then one pulls out and the other's left holding the bag. The problem is, the one's left holding the bag are the students."

Not entirely. "We're not out to let people standing there thinking that they bought something that's worthless," said Vallarella. "We have another salon in Huntington... offering all the same services and a tanning session and along with the exchange, we will also give free comedy club tickets to a local comedy club...and we'll just give them free for the people's inconvenience for the exchange...we'll sue for the losses to the client, that's our responsibility."

Students who purchased the promotion are instructed to call the number on the back of their brochure to redeem the exchange.

Agnello said she is happy with the new promotion, but is being cautious. "I think I'm gonna take the new deal," she said, "but first I'll call the place [salon] and ask if they're accepting it."



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Editorial

CSA Riddled With Poor Leadership

Almost half of the undergraduate population at Stony Brook is comprised of students that live off campus and commute daily. Within the student government these students are represented by 15 senators in the Polity Senate and by the Commuter Student Association.

Although it is often said that students, especially commuters, do not show any interest in the happenings on campus, is it not fair to say that they deserve fair and well managed representation both on campus and within Polity? It seems that many of the commuter representatives are following the stereotype of apathetic commuters and are not working for the interests of their constituents. This problem can be seen by the fact that several commuter senators don't even show up to their own legislative meetings. Most of the commuter senators don't hold office hours within the Commuter College Lounge in the basement of the Student Union.

Commuters, challenge your representatives. Ask them to check out a situation and work with you to improve it. Then, follow it up a week later and see what they have done. The answer will most likely be nothing. Maybe, if you are lucky, a senator may have discussed it with

another senator. But typically, it won't go any further than your inquiry. To be fair, it may be that they were too busy with another project. Find out what that project was; the answer should be interesting.

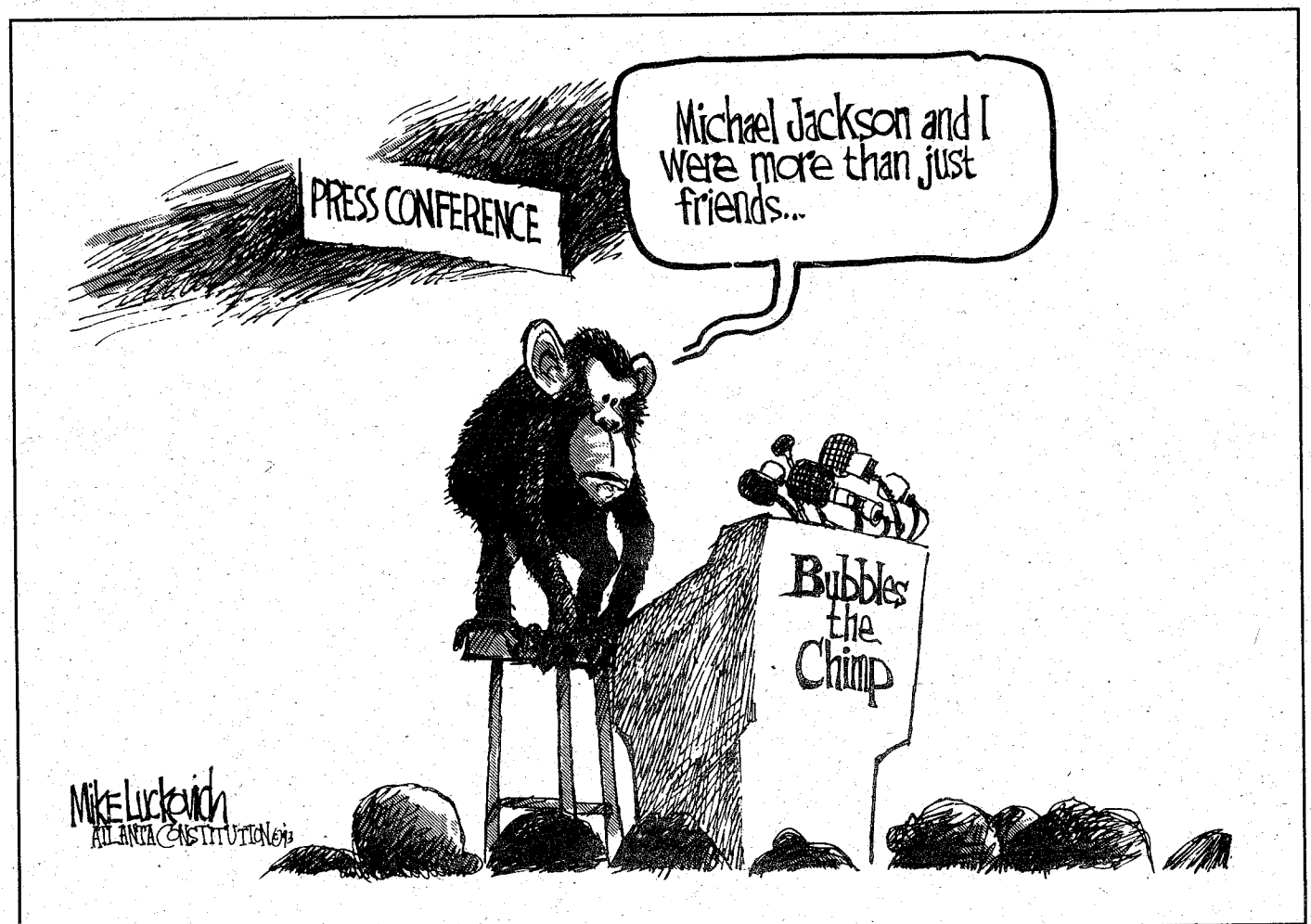
Most commuters are disgusted with the parking locations, conditions of the lots, and the fact that they must pay for a bus that drives them to the main campus. What is currently being done to fight for commuter rights? You can hear a lot of "shoulds" and "wills" out of their mouths, but no "ares". Have you heard them voice any disapproval of the other situations to Polity, Administration, or anyone else?

Erika Abel, the president, is not completely at fault in this matter. She is the one person that has made a real attempt to help the students that CSA represents. Abel has proven that she will try to act on a matter brought to her, but time must allow for it. Abel can not do everything, even though some commuter senators expect her to. The senators, as well as the rest of the executive council, must support her efforts and work with her. It is not that the rest of the CSA leadership disagree with her, they just don't work as their positions call for. CSA will not and cannot be effective in its goals if only the

president is on the ball. It's time for the rest of the CSA leadership, including the vice-president, to stop complaining and start working to enhance the lives of the commuter population. Too many times people are heard complaining about their lot in life, but when it comes time to actually do something positive, for change, they are no where to be seen. In fact it appears that certain members of the CSA leadership are involved for the sole purpose of causing a disturbance within their own organization and Polity. This was even blatantly admitted by one current CSA officer who said, "I started going to Senate meetings just to see the fights. Why else would some one join?" This is a hurtful attitude for supposed student leaders to have.

The CSA leadership can not be expected to solve the world's problems, but doing their job would be nice. They volunteered and were elected after promising some kind of change, so why have they decided that there job is to play ping-pong, pool, air hockey and operate an illegal casino of sorts (simply walk into the CSA lounge for a good game of Poker.)?

Commuters, put pressure on your representatives. It may just scare them into doing something. Anything.



SB Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

FACE 2 FACE

The Bo Jackson of Stony Brook

By Ary Rosenbaum

Statesman Managing Editor

Greg Alexandre, a junior majoring in Political Science and French is the "Bo Jackson" of Stony Brook. Alexandre plays forward on the Stony Brook basketball and soccer teams. Alexandre took time out of his busy schedule to participate in this interview.

Q: What do you think of the move to Division I?

A: It's definitely good, it's good for school reputation a Stony Brook diploma will be worth more, and more people will stay over on the weekends.

Q: Should Joey Buttafucio's birthday be made a national holiday?

A: Definitely not.

Q: What are your expectations of this year's Stony Brook basketball team?

A: We are going to surprise a lot of people.

Q: If you could be any flavor of soda, which one would it be?

A: Sprite, I can't think of a reason.

Q: Do you think the Stony Brook basketball team could beat the Dallas Mavericks?

A: Yes, I think we could beat them.

Q: Do you know where Michael Jackson is, and do you care?

A: I don't care where Michael Jackson is, but they should leave him alone.

Q: What is your favorite television show?

A: The Howard Stern Television Show.

Q: What is your favorite movie of all-time?

A: A Few Good Men.

Q: Why did you choose Stony Brook?

A: I chose Stony Brook because I heard about it's social life and I am very disappointed about it.

Q: What is your favorite type of music?

A: Dance or reggae.

Q: Who do you think should be named the next University President?

A: Marc Newmark, the pretzel guy.

Q: What is the greatest thing about Stony Brook?

A: I can't think of anything.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: A professional soccer player.

Q: Should Public Safety get guns?

A: No, I don't think they should get guns because there are too many guns in this country.

Q: Should [basketball player] Mugsy Bogues should be classified as a midget?

A: He's short, but I don't think he is a midget.

Q: If you could change the Patriots' name, which name would you change it to?

A: Anything, but Patriots.

Q: Do you enjoy being charged with a technical foul?

A: I don't mind getting one for the team. If we are down in a game, it's definitely not good to get one.

Q: Should the school offer courses in Pig Latin?

A: If people are willing to take it, why not?

Q: Who do you watch, Leno or Letterman?

A: Letterman.

Q: What is your favorite ARA meal?

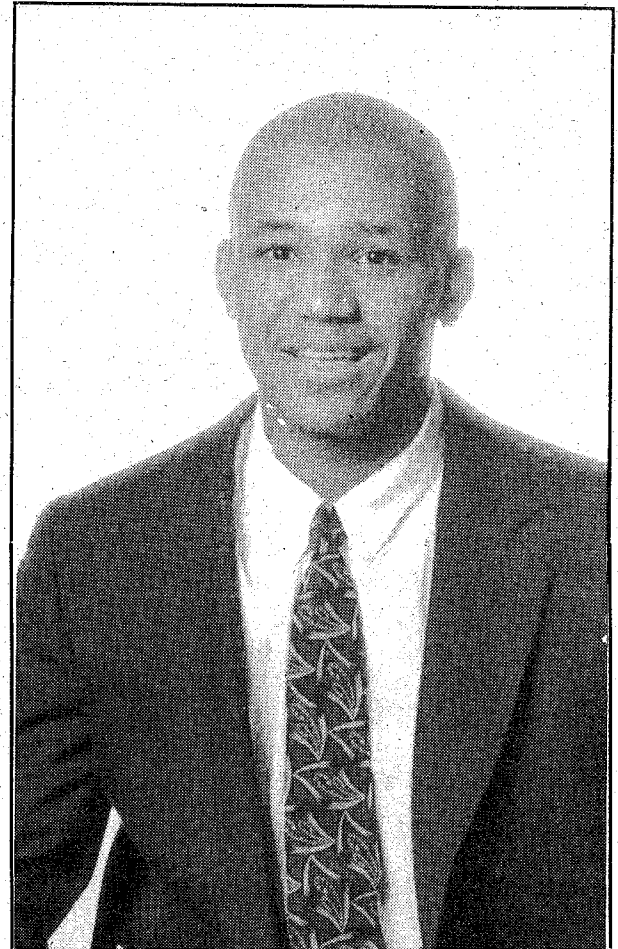
A: None, I stay away from the cafeteria.

Q: What is your favorite professional basketball team?

A: The Knicks.

Q: How does it feel being the Bo Jackson of Stony Brook?

A: I don't feel any difference.



Statesman/John Chu

Greg Alexandre

Virtual Sex For the Poor Man

By Cliff Kurkowski

Statesman Staff Writer

The three words I would use to describe the Cyberorgasm CD would probably be erotic, stimulating, fascinating.

A new CD put out by a company called Algorithm, based out of San Francisco, is the talk among Virtual Reality fans. This CD is probably the first step towards the future of Virtual Reality.

Even though Virtual Reality is out on the market, it is only offered to a select number of people who can afford the \$5,000-\$10,000 price range.

Recorded in Virtual 3-D Audio this CD is not like anything you have heard on a CD before.

The directions ask you to find a comfortable spot, use your headphones (which is a must), dim the lights and close your eyes.

You must let the CD take control of your mind. For reasons unknown to me, the CD has sort of a hypnotizing, mental effect.

When I asked several people to listen to the CD while I observed, I found very different reactions. One male subject actually began to get flushed in the face and started to get aroused, another person felt a tingling

sensation through her body, while another male subject just thought it was very relaxing, instead of stimulating.

The CD is very erotic. The stories, or fantasies range from S&M, lesbianism to an actual love making sequence, from beginning to end. It makes you feel as if you were in the room listening to someone's conversation about their fantasies.

The sounds and clarity on this CD is very rich. The volume must be on a good enough level to block out any outside sounds for distraction purposes.

The only negative thing that I have to say about this CD is that it might be a very obsessive form of entertainment, especially if used on a regular basis.

I don't know what the future of a CD like this might do to those that own 1-900 services, but if it was publicized correctly and there was a real push for it, I think it could do really well, and make a financial dent in the phone sex services.

Not many people carry this CD but if you are looking for it, I found it in a Tower Records store, under the video and laser disc section.

If you can't find it in a record store you can write to: Algorithm, 2325 Third Street, San Francisco, California 94107.

If this is the first step towards Virtual Reality, I think there is something to look forward to in the future of technology.

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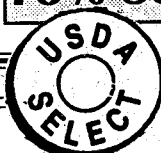
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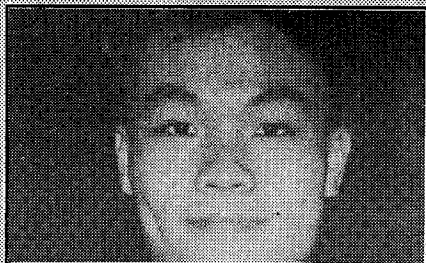
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BY JOHN CHU

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How did you spend your Thanksgiving weekend?



"I went to Atlantic City with my friends."

Richard Tan, 20
Class: Junior
Major: Mechanical Engineering



"I spent time with my family and came back to do my ... homework."

Sonny Chattopadhyay, 21
Junior
Computer Science



"I went out with my friends to the movies, played pool, and dancing."

Rachel Livne, 17
Freshman
Undecided



"With my family in Pennsylvania and played a rugby tournament."

Tom Avella 20
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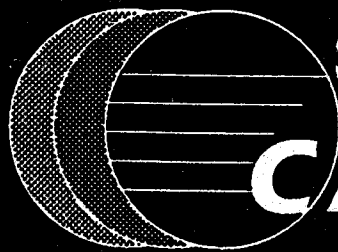


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Dress Does Not Equal Rape

To the Editor,

I just finished reading, "Friends Don't Let Friends Drink and Fornicate," an article in the latest issue of the *Statesman*. Although I agree with some of what the writer says, like the parts about the laws pertaining only to men, I think that he passed over an important point.

One line out of the article stated, "If a girl walks into a sleazy bar wearing a short skirt, and a cut off T-shirt, given there is evil in the world, she is going to be raped." I'm not trying to be disrespectful, but that line shows the attitude and problem with men in our world. When I get dressed to go out at night, I don't look in the mirror and say, "Oh no, this outfit is going to tell people to rape me." I don't think that a womyn does that either. She is dressing the way that she wants to dress. End of story. She chooses to wear what she is comfortable in. If men can't control themselves, then that is a problem they need to rectify on their own. Also, let us not forget that rape is a crime based on power and subjugation, not sexual desire. So a womyn walking into that bar in a three piece suit has the same chance of being raped.

If men are going to make it in the world, they had better learn that womyn are their equals. Otherwise, they may wake up and find out that womyn don't need men.

Scott Mitchell
Co-chair of LGBA

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University Should Provide Free Opscans

To the Editor:

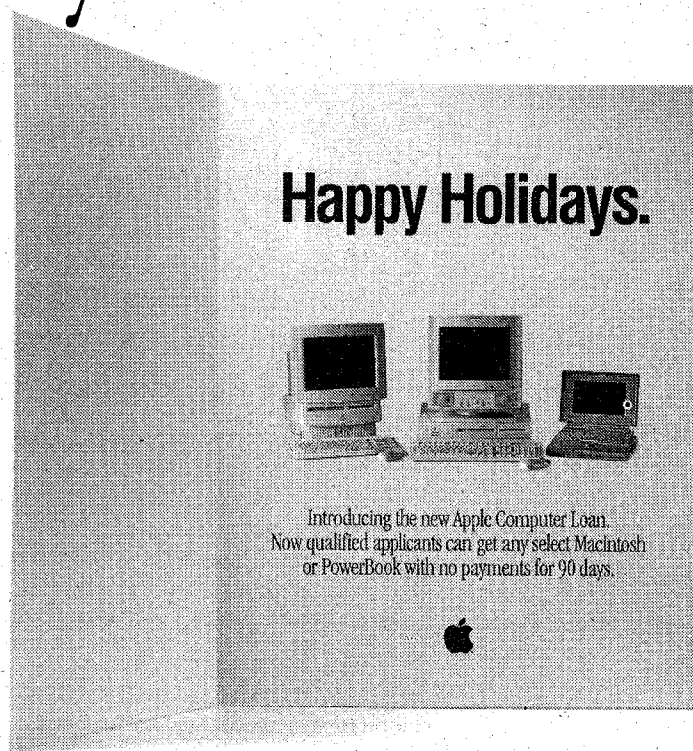
I was told by a student in this university that some departments required their students to bring their own opscan sheets to answer midterm exams or pay 18 or 25 cents for each opscan sheet used to answer an exam. I was also told that if a student did not bring an opscan sheet, there were other students who would sell an opscan sheet at a cost of a dollar each! If this is true, in my personal opinion it sounds disgusting. A university which spends millions and millions of dollars and charges thousands of dollars tuition from students, cannot afford to supply opscan sheets for answering exams? The university or the departments must provide free opscan sheets or blue books for students to answer exams. I know what they would say, "their budgets have been cut". I think providing opscan sheets must be the first item of their expenses before anything else. Will someone please tell me that what I heard is not true? I would like to know if this is a standard practice in other universities like SUNY Binghamton, for example.

Dr. Raghu Sarma
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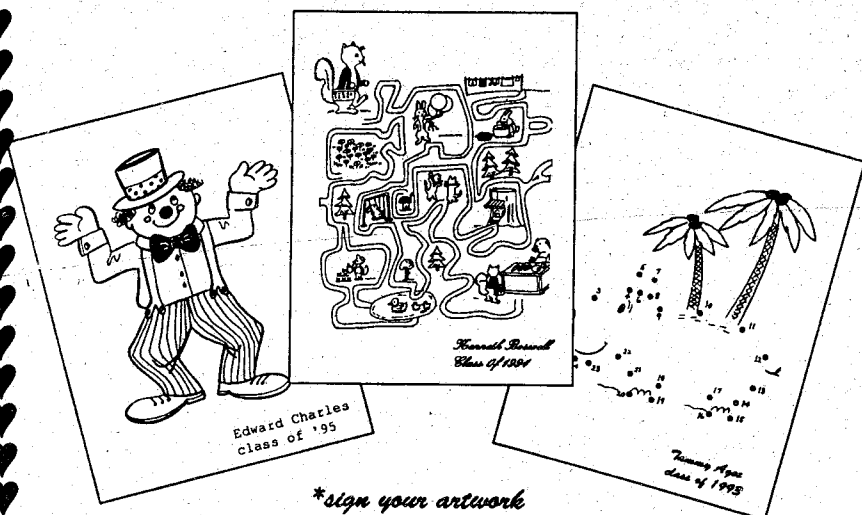
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THE PRO ZONE

By Jay Kash

Who is number one?

Before Thanksgiving, Florida State, Nebraska, and Auburn could be made for West Virginia as the Nation's top squad with Boston College's upset of the former Head Honcho Notre Dame the question is who is number one.

When Boston College, the 17th ranked in the polls, took on the Fighting Irish, most of the players were remembering last year's devastating blow out. Turn about is fair game in football and that is what happened on the 20th.

Notre Dame needed only to win this game to be involved in a National Championship game. As the fourth quarter wore on and Boston College began to fall apart at the seams, it looked like another Notre Dame come back. Kevin McDougal led the charge as the Irish scored three times in the final stanza and took the lead. On the first of the three scores, they executed a two point conversion. The score was 39-38, Notre Dame, despite the Boston College domination of most of the game. This sparked a comeback that was more classic. This time it was Boston College and Glen Foley who passed for a total of 315 yards.

Foley led BC down the field to the Irish's 34 with some clutch passes to tight-end Pete Mitchell who had 13 on the day. This set up the biggest play in BC history, since Doug Fouter's Hail Mary against Miami. David Gordon nailed a 41 yard field goal to cap off an exciting fourth quarter. This was Gordon's longest of his career.

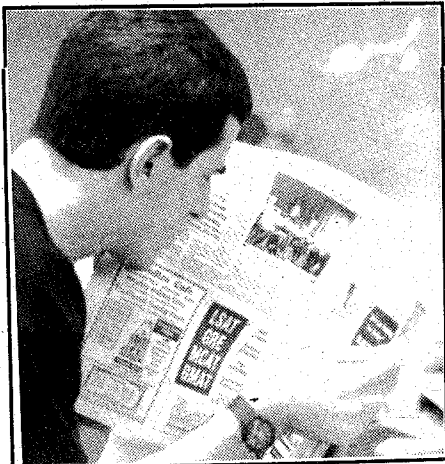
Pay back really hurts sometimes and it couldn't have happened to a better team than Notre Dame. The team that seems to luck out all the time finally tasted its own medicine, especially after last year's game against BC. They were up 37-0 and Lou Holtz ran a fake punt. How ironic when BC led 31-14 they tried an onside kick and recovered it.

This game did a lot to possible bowl games but so did West Virginia's win over the fourth ranked Hurricanes. West Virginia beat Miami 17-14 on a late touchdown run by Robert Walker. This win puts the Mountaineers squarely in the National Championship hunt. They are undefeated and beat the 'Canes.

Then there is Nebraska, who is ranked number one. After the Irish loss they leapfrogged FSU and the Irish to hold this spot. Nebraska is unbeaten going into their final clash against Oklahoma. This is an important game for the Cornhuskers, who need to win to stay undefeated and get a little respect. Some say their padded schedule shouldn't allow them to be rated as high as they are.

Finally, in all this mess there is FSU. They remained with one blemish as they blew out North Carolina State. Charlie Ward all but the Heisman delivered on the 22nd, as he accounted for five FSU touchdowns.

The true key in all this is to first or second. It doesn't matter as long as you're in the top two except for the color of your jersey. Right now, Nebraska and FSU occupy these positions right now.



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Education is The Payment

Over the past couple of years, there has been talk about paying college athletes for their services rendered. It has been said that offering a free education is not enough any more to keep the athletes in school when they can be acquiring thousands, possibly millions, in the professional market.

I say, this is a choice that the individuals have to make themselves. If they want to offer themselves directly to the NFL, NBA, or who ever right out of high school, they can. Colleges do not offer every student a free education to protect their well being and prevent them from diving into their chosen profession right away.

There is nothing saying that colleges will not accept you if you are not fresh out of high school. An athlete can decide to test the pro market and if things do not work out, they can retreat to the college scene. If they are a valuable player, any college would be happy to pick them up with scholarship abilities.

The colleges can not afford to pay all of the athletes a salary to be on the teams that they choose. Athletics is not the main part of any university, although it can be an incentive to attend school and a main fund-raising department for the college. Some say, then, that the universities should only pay their top athletes that are bringing in top dollar for their school through merchandising. But who decides which individuals and from which teams get paid? It would seem logical that the football and basketball team players would be the ones receiving salaries. Notice though that both of these teams would be male teams. Under Federal Laws, the schools, as well as everyone else, are required to treat both men and women equally. Not to mention that there are not many schools that could possibly keep up with the high (possibly too high) salaries that these athletes would be paid in the professional market.

If athletes were to be paid then many of the less publicized or marketable sports in each school would have to be shut down. The athletic departments would not

be able to bear these new costs without cutting in other areas. Female athletes would probably be hurt once again.

Why should athletes get paid? Some say it is because they are getting cheated out of revenues that they are producing? Wrong. Without the opportunities that the universities are providing, they would not be in the spot light they are in. It is rare that you would ever hear of a student being paid, in addition to getting a scholarship, because they have the potential to become a great doctor some day and therefore increase admissions due to his/her fame. Without the professors or equipment at that school maybe this student would not have been as successful as they are.

Others say that the time that these individuals are putting into practices, games, and so forth could be time that they would spend working at a part-time job. This may be true but this is a decision that must be made. Officers of any club on any campus put in numerous hours working for the interests of their organization. Should they, too, be paid for their efforts? This would be impossible. There would not be nearly as many clubs being offered as there are now on campuses across the country. It is true that many may not be able to live without a job and consequently, their academics would suffer. In such cases, I am in support of athletic departments picking up some of the costs of living for players in which they feel need the assistance, including meal plans.

Just so no one gets any ulcers over this and starts all types of protests, this is not, in any way, reflecting any decisions being made in the Athletic Department here at Stony Brook.



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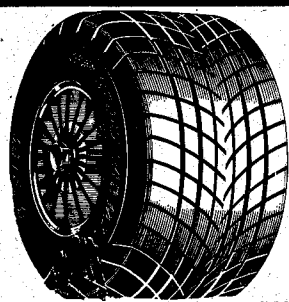
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Win Slips Through Their Fingers

Despite Tough Play, Pats Lose to Redmen

By Robyn Sauer
Statesman Sports Editor

Earlier in the season, the football team brought an exciting ending to its fans that out did Boston College and the Giants. But on Thanksgiving in the Patriots' TV debut, they fell to victim to a similar scenario, with a score of 17-14, although not quite as dramatic.

From the start, many may have thought Stony Brook was overmatched. Division IAA St. John's scholarship players up against Division III non-recipients. The Redmen also had star running back Anthony Russo, one of the top in the country.

Stony Brook made it clear that it was not overmatched. Chris Delmadge overshadowed Anthony Russo. Delmadge rushed for 174 yards on 28 carries which let him to rush more than 1,000 yards for the season. Anthony Russo fell behind with 145 yards on 31 carries. "Chris Delmadge outplayed Russo," said wide receiver John Fischer. "Russo was a non-factor." Linebacker Rich Russo agreed that Anthony Russo was not a factor in the game. "We just realized he's a weapon," he said. "But, they are a passing team."

But in the end, with 16 seconds remaining on the clock, Redman John Ledwith broke the 14-14 tied score with a 37-yard field goal, after six Patriot turnovers including the one with 2:28 remaining that gave the Redmen their final possession. This resulted in a final season record for Stony Brook of 6-3-1, the best record for Stony Brook ever in the ten years that the university has had a varsity program in football.

In the first quarter, the scoring started with a three yard run from Anthony Russo. Ledwith kicked a successful PAT. The rest of the first half belonged to the Pats when Delmadge made a two yard run and with and with a Hughes extra point, the score was tied.

Delmadge and the Pats let the Redmen know that they were not to be taken lightly. Sean Sharkey, the quarterback of the Redmen threw a 11-yard pass to Tom Guidice to put St. John's up 14-7 with Ledwith's extra point. But the Pats did not let up. Junior quarterback Timm Schroeder threw a 33-yard pass to Fischer, on the first down, and Hughes kicked another extra point to tie the game up at 14.

Without a doubt, Stony Brook outplayed St. John's but six turnovers are bound to ruin anyone's game when

the other team does not let up any of its possessions. "It was one of those things. We just didn't execute," said Fischer. "It wasn't one individual." Rich Russo also thought that it is always a team effort, win or lose. "The offense made the turnovers, but the defense didn't pick any up," he said.

Playing a D-I team and doing so on TV did not effect the team. "You just go out there and play the game," said Fischer, about the fact the game was televised. "They weren't as good as we thought," said Rich Russo.

Despite the mistakes, the Patriots were happy with

the year and the game. "We had a better season than last year," said Fischer. "But we should have won those last three games." Rich Russo agreed that the team played well in addition to added prestige. "We played as good as we did all year, [so] I don't feel as bad," he said. "Those guys respect us now."

Stony Brook may have lost what some called the "Ski Bowl," in honor of Dean Laskowski, who left St. John's to come to Stony Brook. The scoreboard may have shown a Redmen victory, but in some ways the Patriots won.

Football

Redmen: 17
Patriots: 14



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The offense split two TD's by passing and running, but Schroeder handing off to Delmadge seemed to work the best.

PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

Home Games In **BOLD**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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