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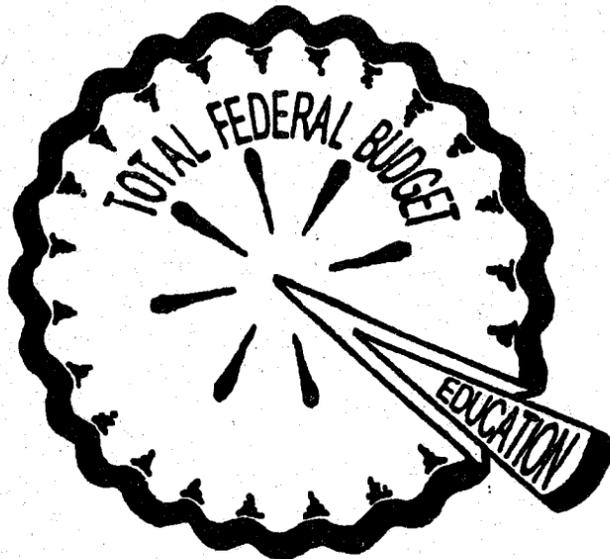
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

FSA Flea Market. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-Level. Call 632-6514.

I-CON Student Group Meeting. 6 p.m. Every Week. Student Union Room 216. For more information call 632-6045.

Prepared Childbirth Classes. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Pre registration Required. University Hospital. For more information call 444-2729.

Stony Brook News Monday 6 p.m. WUSB 90.1 FM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Earth Action Board. 8 p.m. Every Week. First floor meeting room, in Roth Quad Cafeteria. All welcome. For more information call Dawn at 632-2880.

NYPIRG General Intrest Meeting 1 p.m. Union Ballroom. For more information call Gina Kim at 632-6457.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Percussion Plus. A Concert featuring 20th century classics and new works for percussion and mixed ensembles. 8 p.m. Free Admission. Staller Center Recital Hall. For more information call the Music Department at 632-7330

"South African Mail-Message from Inside." Stony Brook Union Art Gallery.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity First meeting of the semester. 8:30 p.m., Student Union Room 231.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

FSA Flea Market. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-Level. Call 632-6514.

The M.F.A Show 1994. Noon - 4 p.m. University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Art.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Student Art Exhibition. David Allen 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Everyday through February 18. Library Gallery.

"Asian Arts Festival" Stony Brook Union Art Gallery

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Italian Symphony Orchestra of Bergamo. Guest Soloist Sergei Babayan Pianist. 8 p.m. Tickets \$22/20 Staller Center Main Stage.

The M.F.A. Show 1994 Reception. 6:30 - 8 p.m. University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts. For more information call 632-7240.

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USSA Targets Higher Education Cuts

By Robyn A. Sauer
Statesman Managing Editor

In reaction to President Bill Clinton submitting the annual budget to the nation, which included a \$38 million cut to higher education, the United States Student Association is conducting an Action Plan with the hopes to sway the country's leaders.

Clinton's budget, released last week, called for the elimination of funding for two programs. "Clinton completely cut all funding for both the State Incentive Grant (SSIG) and the Perkins loan program," said Stephanie Bloomingdale, the field director of USSA.

The Perkins loan program administered \$173 million last year at the lowest interest rates, at five percent, to students with "exceptional" financial need. The loans given out by the individual campuses aided 724,000 students in the 1994 fiscal year. In the same academic year, 1994-95, \$145 million was provided in the SSIG program, in which the federal government matched each dollar the states distributed to grant funds.

Clinton, on the other hand, increased the funding for the Pell Grant program by raising the maximum amount of the grant, although this proposed level is no higher than what it was two years ago. "In fiscal year 1994, almost 4,000,000 students received a Pell Grant," said Bloomingdale. "President Clinton's request would allow the maximum Pell grant to increase from \$2,300 to \$2,400 per year. The maximum Pell Grant in fiscal year 1992 was \$2,400 and was cut to \$2,300 in fiscal year 1993

and 1994." USSA President Tchiyuka Cornelius does not think this is satisfactory. "President Clinton is just playing catch up by increasing the Pell Grant maximum by \$100 which, incidentally, was the maximum in FY92," he said. "Merely playing catch up will not successfully move our country into the 21st Century. We need real investment and real commitment to higher education, not just lip service."

USSA, which represents 3.5 million students, is the largest and oldest national student organization and is the only group of this kind located in Washington D.C. According to Adam Turner, Stony Brook's USSA representative, USSA tracks and lobbies for federal legislation and policy and works with the education and social justice organizations and students in order to work for the students it represents.

Starting today, USSA has launched a two week Action Plan entitled, "Recut the Pie - 1% More for Education." In the proposed budget Clinton has allocated 1.8% of the Federal Budget to education and USSA is asking for another percent to up the portion to 2.8%. According to Turner, the students are launching this campaign urging elected officials to vote against education cuts. He plans for this to be a big success for everyone involved. "The 'recut the pie - 1% more for education' campaign will not only educate our elected officials, but also educate our fellow students and community about why education must be a top budget priority," Turner said.

Representatives of USSA showed a disappointment over the faith they put in

Clinton. "Higher education is an investment in tomorrow," said USSA Vice President Stephanie Arellano. "Education is our best defense against the social and economic ills that plague our streets every day. We thought President Clinton understood this. I guess we were wrong." Turner said that Clinton promised a lot in this campaign, but is now focused on health care reform which has left everything else in a lower priority standing. "He [Clinton] overlooked education and education is the key to turning this country around," he said.

Their actions stems from questions of the seriousness of these actions concerning students today and this country's future among the leaders in USSA. "President Clinton has not made higher education a priority. Sure the maximum Pell grant award is up by \$100, and that is commendable, but it doesn't mean much when both SSIG and the Perkins loan programs are both completely slashed," said Cornelius. "Clinton is robbing Peter to pay Paul, and students are no better off than before." Turner agreed that this plan is not looking at the whole picture. "You have to put one foot in front of the other to get anywhere and we are not getting anywhere," he said. "The reason why we aren't is because our elected officials refuse to vote to increase the education budget in the United States and until they do we are not getting anywhere in this country. People are still going to be uneducated, out of work, and living in poor conditions."

Turner did not blame only the President in the problems that students are facing financially. "Until our representatives start

realizing that you have to invest in tomorrow by educating today, I don't think things will change for students for the better," he said.

Turner also feels that this proposed budget will detrimental to Stony Brook because a large number of Stony Brook students receive financial aid. "This is all evident in the fact that SUNY at Stony Brook is experiencing layoffs, cut backs, and increasing fees," he said. Therefore Turner plans to reach at least 4,000 students over the next two weeks and requesting that they send in the preprinted postcards to elected officials.

Turner has expressed encouragement for everyone in the university community to get involved and work towards the goal of increasing the funds for higher education. "We can't win this battle alone. We must involve large numbers of diverse students, but we must also involve Stony Brook's faculty, administration, community organizations, and city councils," he said. "I am requesting that President Marburger fully support USSA's 'Recut the Pie - 1% more for education' campaign. With this, I'm calling on the president of this university for an official letter of support that can be sent along with the postcards from the 1% more campaign to our Senators, Representatives, and President Clinton."

Through this campaign, USSA hopes, according to Turner that, "the Representatives, Senators, and the President, when the time comes to vote on issues that pertain to the federal budget concerning students, will choose to vote to make education more accessible for all students."

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Just Calling It As I See It

Looking back at last Monday's University Senate meeting I'm not sure why I was expecting anything different this time. Perhaps it was due to the pleasant letter from Dr. Egon Neuburger, the newly elected President, which welcomed myself as the new Editor-in-chief to come to the senate meetings. Perhaps it was because I had not been to these senate meetings in more than a year and had forgotten how truly horrible they are. Whatever the reasons, this meeting was no different from the countless others I and other University community members have struggled through.

There was one interesting occurrence at this meeting. I had the pleasure of hearing Director of Marine Science Research Center Dr. Jerry Schubel, and USB Presidential hopeful, speak about how Stony Brook was coming in the Middle States Accreditation Process, a ten year self study of sorts.

I was really looking forward to listening to Schubel for two reasons. First, I have heard nothing but good things about him from people around campus. Everyone who has mentioned him to me has said how much Schubel cares about Stony Brook, has done so much for the University, and is one of the largest "money moochers" for the University. Secondly, I was interested in hearing about this report because I thought that it might show that the University is trying to take itself seriously and engage in some self improvement.

Well, I was in for two major disappointments. Let's start with Schubel: finally a man that makes University President Jack Marburger look good. At least when Marburger speaks it's obvious that he is saying nothing and that he doesn't want to take a stand on anything. Schubel does not have this problem. He said a lot, and was very clear with his PC/Multiculturalism stance. Within Schubel speaking for five minutes I found myself looking around for a shovel — I was drowning. I was so disappointed that this man whom I had heard so many positive things about could go on for as long as he did spewing PC nothingness.

The content of Schubel's PC nothingness came out while he was giving his Middle States Accreditation report. His whole report seemed like a gigantic backslapping episode for Stony Brook. USB is so great in this way and in that way... Yeah Right. When was the last time this man went and sat in on a class here? Schubel

made references to the great improvements in the social life on campus! I, as a student, only hear other students complaining how there is nothing to do on or near campus. Oh, and by the way, from the students I have spoken to, not so many are so gung-ho about this new Student Activities Center idea. Most people agree that the whole project has not been thought out well! All one has to do is look at how they are building it: Taking an old, decrepit building, gutting it out and trying to put on a new fancy finish. What

a crock! It would have been cheaper and better looking if the school knocked down the old building and built a new one.

Schubel of course has the answer to this problem: make Port Jefferson "the

College Town." Give me a break! Stony Brook and Setauket as a community had rejected this rabid collection of social misfits and losers making this community we call our school, so now Schubel and a few other misanthropes are hell bent on plaguing Port Jefferson with USB. These people should simply face up to the facts and leave USB the isolated bed pan it is. Why would Port Jefferson want to be "the College Town?" So all of the youths this school has recruited can go and pillage our local communities the way they did their home towns? If this is what Port Jefferson wanted then why don't they just open up a state penitentiary down by the harbor?

This brings me to my next point: Schubel mentioned several times that SUSB has been plighted by our undergraduate education for some time and how these series of self studies have suggested ways of changing things. Schubel gave the typical spiel about improving the quality of education here at Stony Brook. Well I have one question: How is the school going to improve the quality of undergraduate education and undergraduate students while still embracing Multiculturalism? The facts speak for themselves: If you target those inner city to fill racial quotas you're not going to get the brightest. I'm not being a racist, although I know that is what I'll be called...I'm simply calling it the way I see it.

If USB is truly interested in becoming an intellectual powerhouse we have to drop this ridiculous charade of Multiculturalism. Schubel made it clear that he and the University have no intention of withdrawing their support of this PC crap. In fact Schubel openly said that one of the

main goals coming out of the ten year self study report was to hire 10% more women and minority professors by the year 1999. Again, the facts are fairly clear. In my opinion, there are not so many QUALIFIED minorities out there to fill those academic lines... and why would a qualified person want to come out here to Stony Brook where the students don't care, the administration abuses the faculty and we have the highest crime rate of any school in the SUNY system! Why Jerry?

P.S.

For the first time during my five years as a student here at Stony Brook I would like to give a thumbs up to Marburger. At the University Senate meeting last week he gave signs of having some balls after all. Marburger rebuked Joel Rosenthal for "lying and spreading complete mistruths" in regards to USB going Division I athletics. Thanks and it's about time, Jack!



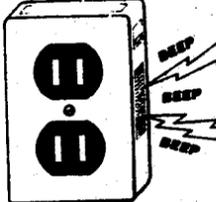
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Questions arise about NYPIRG⁵

By Fred Peters
Special to Statesman

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If you take classes at a public university, then you've defiantly seen people doing work for political corporations called Public Interest Research Groups or PIRGs.

In New York State, this is known as NYPIRG; in New Jersey, it is called NJPIRG, Inc., etc. They're usually on campus campaigning, with petitions about some environmental or political issue. You probably don't think twice about these nice people — who they are, what their agenda is, or how they're funded.

Therefore, most students never discover that they themselves are paying for this benevolent humanitarian service.

"What?" you say. "I never gave those people a dime!" Sorry to tell you, but when you registered for classes, a few dollars were taken from you and handed straight to your local PIRG.

They didn't ask you for the money and they didn't tell you that they took it. But look at your bursar's receipt. Under the tuition charge there is a fee typically labeled "Activity Fee." These fees go to fund your student governments, clubs and publications such as the one you are reading.

But the Public Interest Research empire has a special deal with American universities whereby they get a chunk of that money — typically, three dollars per undergraduate. This arrangement includes many CUNY and SUNY schools.

The booty adds up to millions.

PIRG offices are run by professional paid "Project Coordinators," who supervise teams of volunteer students working out of devotion to social causes.

While none of this activity is illegal per se, closer examination of the national PIRG apparatus reveals a horrifying display of unethical conduct — bordering dangerously close to outright criminal behavior.

Millions of dollars collected at the beginning of each semester by PIRGs are sent to central state-wide offices. Nobody Spheric has spoken to would adequately explain what becomes of the cash after it is siphoned. The investigation of this mystery has been ongoing for five years to date.

PIRGers tell us the money is spent on research and political lobbying for consumer and environmental issues. NYPIRG Inc. has repeatedly evaded attempts to see any official bookkeeping indicating how much money is spent on endeavors.

The PIRGs do a great job publicizing their "findings" — they've regularly made national TV and are quoted in the New York Times nearly every week. Claims that their "findings" influence legislation give the air of a prestigious research outfit.

Trouble is, it's all hooey. PIRG "research," NYPIRG, Inc. in particular, has been repeatedly exposed as bogus. Undocumented claims and data deliberately misinterpreted form a curious political movement that few are able to grasp. [see accompanying column "Research It Ain't"]

Activism pays

A Public Interest Research Group works like a magician's hat, making public funds ostensibly earmarked for awareness disappear. Income always exceeds expenditures, and questions concerning this are always craftily sidetracked.

For instance in New York State, 1991, NYPIRG, Inc. took in \$4.1 million (so called student "contributions" amounted to \$914,592; some \$2.6 million was raised in door-to-door campaigns, and income was earned on investments). As a non-profit organization, NYPIRG, Inc. is required to report their budget to the state and the general public, but this account is deceptively sketchy.

The report does, however, disclose that half of NYPIRG, Inc.'s income is spent on salaries and benefits. Surprising, considering that nearly all their student workers are volunteers. A majority of their workers work on commission or for near-minimum wage. NYPIRG Inc.'s Executive Director, Jay Halfon, refuses to disclose his own salary. According to an article in the New York Newsday, NYPIRG, Inc.'s full-time staff numbers only 46 employees. The figures indicate large salaries for NYPIRG's upper echelon.

Where's the action?

It is unclear how much PIRGs spend on lobbying or how effective their lobbying is. NYPIRG, Inc.'s propaganda includes an impressive list of "legislative victories"; they take credit for the passing of more than 100 pieces of legislation. It doesn't take a Ph.D. in political science to see that there is no way to verify such claims.

Write a letter to any public official and express your point on a bill being discussed. If you say the bill should be passed and it passes, you too can claim a "legislative victory" It will only cost you 26 cents. Then try asking us for \$4 million for the favor; we always appreciate a good laugh.

While we may not know just what the PIRGers are doing in the outside world, we can easily tell what, apart from taking our money, they fail to do on our campuses. The SUNY New Paltz campus is awash with dioxin, while the university denies the hazards posed to 1,000 students living in the contaminated dormitories. What is our environmentalist corporation NYPIRG doing about this? Nothing.

They claim to be fighting lead poisoning while students, including their own volunteers, work, in offices poisoned with lead paint and asbestos. Somehow our Universities slip by City and State health regulations, and for some reason NYPIRG, Inc. always looks the other way. Is this the kind of representation deserved by the people whose wallets supply nearly one-quarter of their income?

U.S. Constitution vs. the PIRGs

Students who try to make the PIRGs accountable for the money they milk soon find themselves facing staffs of slick, experienced lawyers backed by funds galore. Nonetheless, important legal battles against the PIRGs have been fought and won.

At times, students who had woken up to the PIRG scam were particularly infuriated to discover that they were being counted as members of these organizations. The rationale behind that ploy was that these individuals had not asked for a "refund" of the "membership dues" they had unknowingly paid with their mandatory student fees.

In New Jersey, the Third Circuit Federal Court of Appeals ruled that NJPIRG, Inc. is no longer allowed to funnel money away from the campuses where it was collected.

A similar verdict was reached in New York State (Federal Court of Appeals, second circuit.) Feeling that the First amendment guaranteed them the right to decide whether or not to belong to a political organization and pay "membership dues," students at SUNY Albany sued NYPIRG Inc. The

court ruled that NYPIRG, Inc. must spend every dollar taken from SUNY Albany on that campus.

These victories having set a precedent, similar lawsuits originating on the other SUNY and CUNY campuses would be very likely to win, but the suits would have to be made by individual students from those campuses. Knowing how difficult it is for a working student to take the time out for a truly good cause, the PIRGers have not let their Albany setback lead them to change their ways, but continue to practice parasitism at the rest of the campuses afflicted with their presence.

Crushing Student Activism

Public Interest research Groups take student activity money through quasi-legislations known as campus referenda. And the only way to cut these PIRGs from the endless cascade of money is by running new referenda during student elections.

Referenda are items appearing on the bottom of general election ballots which concern the allocation of money and are answered by a "Yes" or a "No." Hundreds of students signatures must first be gathered for the referendum to appear on the election ballot. Then, at the election, more students must vote "Yes" on the referendum than vote "No" for it to become a policy of the school.

In the City University of New York, attempts to run anti-NYPIRG referenda were made at York and Lehman Colleges in the late seventies, at Hunter College in 1991 and at Brooklyn College several years from 1986 to 1993.

Standard PIRG practice of considering all "donors" (i.e. registered students) to be "members" creates a false impression of large active ranks of people in mutual alliance. This illusion of widespread awareness and activism is used to generate an impression that most students on a given campus are ardent PIRG supporters.

In each instance, NYPIRG, Inc. responded to the referendum attempts with massive and expensive propaganda campaigns. The campuses were smothered with leaflets and posters — all financed with student money from throughout the state.

Non-student PIRGers swarmed the campuses, interrupting classes and urging students not to allow the referendum question to appear on the ballot. At Hunter and Brooklyn Colleges in the early 1990's, the students who had taken time from their classes and jobs to fight NYPIRG, Inc. found that the validity of their arguments and the veracity of their information were no match for the sheer volume of propaganda paid for with thousands of their own dollars.

At York College, the students triumphed. On the West Coast, CALPIRG, Inc. in its most blatantly anti-democratic mode. The case of Brooklyn College in 1989 shows NYPIRG Inc. in its most blatantly anti-democratic mode. In that year, students succeeded on passing a referendum to make the mandatory fee voluntary. Even before the election, NYPIRG, Inc.'s lawyers appealed to the

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Questions Arise Over NYPIRG

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CUNY Board of Trustees ion an attempt to block the vote. Senior Counsel Michael D. Solomon came to their aid, informing the college that CUNY by-laws "have the status of an opinion poll."

Did the Trustees then listen to the "poll" when it clearly showed BC students opposed being robbed and drafted as NYPIRG, Inc supporters? If you have to ask that question, you aren't familiar with the CUNY Trustees. Rather than even discuss the referendum's result, they completely ignored it. They rationalized that NYPIRG, Inc. claimed to have seen a students vote twice and the polls close five minutes early on one of the election nights.

If the PIRGers, as they claim, want to foster student involvement in grass-roots democracy, why do they fight us tooth and nail when we try and gain control of our own money and political representation? If they are on the side of democracy, why did they ignore the mandate of the BC students and resort to lawyerism and bureaucratic allies to keep their nest egg at Brooklyn?

Tight with CUNY bosses

Particularly contemptuous to CUNY students is NYPIRG, Inc.'s complete ignoring of the two political issues that have concerned us most over the last year — Chancellor W. A. Reynolds' proposal to consolidate CUNY and her College Preparatory Initiative (CPI). When Chancellor Reynolds proposed slashing departments and courses at our colleges, we learned it from the *New York Times*, not from the Trustees and certainly not from NYPIRG, Inc. It was the CUNY Student Union and the student governments and student media that took the initiative in informing citizens of this threat, and organized protests, petitions and forums.

When we most desperately needed a highly organized, powerful, well-funded advocate organization, NYPIRG, Inc. turned a cold shoulder. The people who in 1991 had taped anti-referendum leaflets to every desk and bulletin board at Hunter College didn't print a word about the proposal or the CPI (which will raise the academic admission requirements of CUNY to a level higher than the average of New York City public high school provides.)

NYPIRG, Inc.'s absolute refusal to fight the Chancellor demands that we examine its relationship with the administrators who run our university. NYPIRG, Inc. is the only organization receiving student activity money that does not have to account for every dollar.

All other organizations (which, invariably, are run by students) must file forms with their college's Business Office for each expenditure. Everyone else must file proposed budgets at the beginning of the academic year and get approval. Then more forms must be filed if they want to spend anything differently than originally outlined.

NYPIRG, Inc., on the other hand, scoops up the money, takes it off-campus, and no

other questions are ever asked. An examination of CUNY by-laws reveals a number of special provisions in which NYPIRG, Inc. is mentioned by name. Obviously an organization with such a cozy relationship with the administrative power structure has no business rocking the boat.

How entrenched is NYPIRG, Inc. in the CUNY administration? Let us draw your attention to Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson. Hershenson was one of the founding members of NYPIRG, Inc. and helped appoint their first Executive Member, and, as he told Spheric, is "damn proud of it."

Well, Jay, you should be proud; you're very slick.

Imagine administering a public university. you know many of your students are minorities. You know that that means rallies, protests, political action on the part of people with little to lose and much to gain. What would be the best way to contain this threat? how could you best prevent political awareness from focusing on you?

Institutionalize it.

Create an organization that purports to be totally left-wing and dedicated to fighting for student's rights. See that they get funded very well. They will always divert students' attention away from you.

Don't take our word for it

If you remain unconvinced, contact Spheric and we'll be delighted to send you copies of any of the documentation these articles are based on. But better yet, go to your local campus PIRG chapter and ask these questions:

- 1) Where does the money go?
- 2) Where is the research?

They will not give you a straight answer. NYPIRG, Inc. has established a pattern of avoiding public debate and inquiries. Instead, they resort to personally attacking their critics. They cannot stand up to questioning.

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Editor's note: In early October 1993, this article was personally presented to NYPIRG, Inc. Executive Director Jay Halfon with a request for a written rebuttal or opposing viewpoint to be run in these pages on the principle of equal time. He promised a rebuttal to the arguments made in this article, and answers to all the questions posed here, including a breakdown of NYPIRG, Inc. salaries. We are still awaiting Mr. Halfon's response.

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...Still Snowing!

Friday's blizzard led to the cancellation of classes, the second time last week. Snow accumulation for the area was between 15 and 20 inches for the entire week.

TOP: Last week's snow made Stony Brook rough to get around.

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Editorial

Students Snowballed Again

Tufts University, UMass-Lowell, and the University at Stony Brook - what do these institutions of higher learning have in common? What separates them? Comparing USB to the others, the Brook is closer to Tufts academically, but much closer to UMass in terms of cost. However, what those two schools have that we do not are parking and crews that make that parking available.

There is no argument that the parking facilities here at Stony Brook are outright disgusting. Is there any other school on the planet where the parking lots are not within walking distance of the actual campus? Is there any logical reason that why Stony Brook cannot make improvements in this area? They are chopping down trees all over the academic quad. Why can they not hew down a few thousand near the campus' entrances and replant them in North and South P lots?

Outside of pure disregard to the convenience of commuters,

who happen to make up about half the population of this university, is the issue of safety. No, this is not about safety from theft or assault that often occurs three miles from campus, where no one can effectively patrol or get help, this is about the plain incompetence of the snowremoval crews on this campus.

Sure, it only snows like this every fifteen years. (Then again, who knows what winter will hold for next year). But, is that any excuse for the absolutely dangerous conditions with which drivers and pedestrians have to contend? Should students, faculty, and staff have to take their lives in their hands just to go to class or work?

Is there any reason that a street on campus cannot be plowed so that two cars can pass each other in opposite directions? And why, because some state worker is too lazy to do his/her job properly? And his/her boss is equally indolent?

How many accidents have

occurred on campus as a result of this complete lack of competence? How many more will? How many people will have to get seriously injured or killed before someone gets off of his/her butt and does something?

One has to wonder what has to happen before someone "up there" does something to help the students on this campus. Do we not pay tuition? Do we not pay outrageous parking/bus fees? Should we not be concerned about our safety? Should we not expect and demand more?

No, Stony Brook's problem is not a planned move to Division I; it is not the quality of education; it is not the condition of the buildings on campus; it is the fact that no one cares about the students and what the students need to become successful students.

Stony Brook, we have to demand for them to *care*. And not only for them to care, but for them to *do* something.

Editor's Note - First, thanks to Mr. Kelly (letter, page 9) for divulging the information we requested. We will check the numbers reported and respond appropriately. However, most of the same problems remain. Your "facts" are nothing more than accusations, allegations, and mystical predictions. It does not really matter what some publication states about other programs in other places. Stony Brook is not some other place, and anyone can get statistics to say anything.

You just cannot separate the football program from the rest of the Department of Athletics. Everything must be considered together.

Also, if a student is spending too much time in extra-curricular activities, it is his/her fault - not the activity's.

Finally, we count 86 members of the Stony Brook football team. Get the facts and get them right, and then we will talk.

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Division IAA Does Not Prove Beneficial

By Michael Kelly

I would like to thank Thomas Masse for his willingness to engage with me in serious and courteous debate about Division IAA football. At Stony Brook this winter passion is a tonic, we hope your editor will allow us as much space in reply to your many points as you have taken in your own columns in presenting them, especially since we like and admire our present Division III sports players and coaches.

No one person is responsible for the sports pamphlet, but I've spoken with several members of our ever-growing committee and it's their impression that team players in classes now seem to have good manners and to be at least as bright as other students. One statistic of great importance here is that Division III players graduate at the same rate as their classmates, while among those in Division IAA only 51 percent as many get through versus their classmates. In short, tomorrow's players will be different from today's. I know that you can't believe this is true: athletes are athletes, right? One faculty member reminded me of George Ball of the State Department in 1964 when he warned President Johnson that the Vietnam War would escalate to 500,000 American troops: LBJ called Ball's warning a "foul ball."

Please let us try to respond to some of your remarks.

1. Shari Osborn has already written about the care with which she quoted campus salaries vs. the way your paper's editor

quoted them. Ms. Osborn, incidentally received the best teacher rating of anyone at the university in the 100 level course evaluations distributed last summer by the Office of New Student Programs.

You repeat that you took your athletic department salary figures from a list date 6/28/93 in the Office Of Finance and Management. By choosing that date you are quoting salaries in effect for July 1, 1992 through the end of June 1993. Ms. Osborn obtained her more up-to-date listings from the campus office of United University Professions. Your figures unintentionally minimize the salaries; Ms. Osborn's state them [sic], as the pamphlet does, for 1994.

2. Our source for saying football is the "most expensive" team to outfit is The American Council on Education. The average Division IAA cost cited - the pamphlet carefully uses the word "average" - to outfit a team is an NCAA statistic quoted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Won't the cost for Division IAA be higher because the team will be larger? Our present football squad runs to about 45, while Georgetown's small Division IAA team has about 85. More later if you will continue to debate with us on whether we're going to be playing schools of the calibre of Georgetown, which has a vigorous but small-scale competition that draws, according to its sports information officer, an average of 1,000 spectators to bleacher seats.

3. At Division I football schools students bear an average of 32 percent of the cost of the

athletic program. This figure was presented by the National Association of College Business Managers in a recent report quoted in the pamphlet. Naturally Stony Brook students "uncontestedly," to quote your first editorial on the topic, pay no more than 25 percent of the costs. But we are in Division III football now. Division I costs more and henceforward the state allows the athletic department to charge students more than double what it did last year. What will next year's fee be? And the year after that?

4. The 30 percent steroid use among football players is a statistic from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the date which is given in the sports pamphlet. I doubt that any of our Division III players take steroids, but the reason the NCAA has to monitor Division IAA football players for steroids is that it has documented widespread use of them there.

5. As for students who can sue their school for catastrophic football injuries, you are incorrect to say that Stony Brook would be insured. SUNY is not insured for such things. When the Staller Center was badly flooded, there was no insurance on the Steinway piano or the more expensive organ. Nor were the recently stolen computers covered. When various bulding [sic] pipes burst this January, there was no insurance.

6. Our citations of facts and figures are by no means infallible, and we welcome corrections. Dean Richard Laskowski does indeed hold a 1983 doctorate in education from Saint Johns [sic] and wrote a dissertation

entitled "A Survey of the Expectations and Perceptions that the People of Union Free School District #12, Malverne, New York, Have for the Public Schools." But generally by citing authorities time after time our "Myths and Facts" tried to assault a steel wall with the artillery of honest scholarship. The remark you quote about teachers in my Excellence in Teaching Award letter has nothing in my Excellence in Teaching Award letter has nothing to do with teachers in Stony Brook's Department of Athletics.

We hope some students considered the sports pamphlet with an open mind, and we hope that your editor will openminded enough to [sic] print our response to your column. We would like to address as length issues of stadium size and what schools we are going to play. The activities of our committee are not a flash in the pan. We are now engaged in accurate statistical gauging of the sentiment of entire campus community, including alumni, on the proposed move to Division IAA.

Finally, you ask why we spend our own money to publish "Myths and Facts." An alumnus contributed \$500, and several faculty contributed sums, including royalties from textbooks used in their Stony Brook classes. The printer charged us nothing because his nephew dropped out of school after spending an excessive amount of the time in football practice and not enough in the library. Some students have been paid for delivering the pamphlet; some are contributing their time for nothing.

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The Guide will be mailed to your Spring '94 local address. (December '93 graduates will receive the Planning Guide at their permanent address.) Any change of local address between now and early February 1994 must be reported to the Registrar's Office to assure delivery of the Planning Guide and other related mailings.

The Planning Guide will be mailed in mid April. Graduation candidates who have not received it by April 21st should alert the office of Conferences and Special Events without delay.

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SB Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

Yaggfu Front: Action Packed Adventure!

By Tom Berkin
Special To Statesman

With new artists arriving daily in the hip-hop spotlight, it's relatively hard to stay famous and not become a one-hit wonder. Yaggfu Front seems to have the potential to become a big act, and stay big. Yaggfu Front's debut full length release "Action Packed Adventure! The Original Motion Picture Soundtrack" is a promising start towards the big time.

Yaggfu is a North Carolina hip-hop trio that uses many different samples from a variety of sources. Samples from jazz artists such as Roy Ayers and Ramsey Lewis are all over this CD as well as some whose origins are only known to Yaggfu Front. The group's sound has elements that are similar to LL Cool J and Biz Markie, but one step better.

The trio of Jingle Bel, Spin 4th, and D'rangd & Damaged make listening to their CD an event rather than just a hip-hop record. The CD opens with an announcement for the audience as if they were at a movie theater. Other very creative touches are sprinkled throughout the album.

One thing might sound familiar to Stony Brook listeners: Yaggfu Front includes a phonemail message from their college days at NC State.

One of the most impressive things about Yaggfu Front was the fact that their lyrics were not all about blunt baking and bitch bashing. The record does contain some blue language, but no more than an average R rated movie. Most of their material comes from collegiate experiences, and observing the way things are for Yaggfu Front.

The trio includes an admirable bonus track at the close of the CD: "My D—k Is So Large!" Yaggfu Front really didn't deserve the "Parental Advisory Explicit Lyrics" for their album; so they openly warn their audience that the track is for adults only, and they explain if the album was going to get stickered, it might as well deserve it.

The bottom line on this CD is a raw, edgy production that has seeds of greatness. It is not, however, great in itself. With more polishing and skill building, Yaggfu Front will definitely have the skills to pay the bills.



Yaggfu Front seems to have the potential to be a big hit.

Total Destruction Of The Ears

By Dominick A. Miserandino
Special to the Statesman

After listening to the album "Total Destruction," by Unsane, the first thing that struck me, was the front and back cover, which presented a car after a deadly accident, with blood strewn about the wreckage. I thought about the pain which must have been caused in this accident and then soon learned a much worse pain would develop from simply listening to the album.

If you are into hard core metal, you might have the ability to listen to this, but even then, it would require extensive recovery time in group therapy. How I managed to drudge my way through the entire 12 track CD, I will never know, but I'm sure I will feel the residual effects for days.

Being as fair as possible, I tried finding something salvageable within this disarray of pandemonium. Trying to list their good qualities, I can honestly say that they do have a basic sense of rhythm and a clear knowledge of how to waste a perfectly good recording contract. Other than that, they are relatively incoherent to understand and lack any basic sense of melody, even for those people into extremely bad heavy metal. If your motive

is to kill your poor grandmother, or scare away your roommate so you can get a double-single room, then repeatedly playing this album will do trick.

After the abuse I put myself through by listening to this album, I made an attempt to do one more review. The second album is called "Deafening Divinities with Aural Affinities," a compilation album with artists from The Beggar's Banquet record label. On this album are songs from The Charlatans, Buffalo Tom, The Dylans, and Peter Murphy.

With a compilation, one has to expect a diversity of music, and this album certainly does that, with songs ranging from hard to soft and brilliant to simply mediocre. However, there was nothing as bad as the "wonderfully entertaining" work mentioned in the first two paragraphs. Out of the whole album, the best track is by Peter Murphy, called, "Cut's You Up." The song is an alternative rock dance track, very similar to Depeche Mode and Duran Duran. This album also has the group, The Go Betweens, doing "Bye Bye Pride," which is just as noteworthy. Overall, most of the artists on the Beggar's Banquet label are definitely worth buying and all of them are at least worth a listen.



It's painful to listen to Unsane. Not Pictured, but reviewed is "Deafening Divinities with Aural Affinities".

Music Trivia Contest

This week's question relates directly to the prize. The question is: On what date did Pink Floyd hold the German benefit concert, "The Wall," at the Berlin Wall? This week's prize is a lovely Pink Floyd "The Wall" T-shirt straight from the concert in Germany, provided by our lovely and amiable friends at PGD records. So as always, strain your brain and call 632-6479 by 6pm on Thursday. The winner will be randomly chosen from the first five people who call with the correct answer. In the event that nobody guesses the exact date, the winner will be the person who guesses the date closest to the actual date.

CAMPUS VOICES

BY JOHN CHU

This Week's Question:
How did you occupy your time while snowed in?



"I went to play sledding in the snow on the Tabler mount."
Philip Chastaing, 23
Class: Senior
Major: Economics



"Go to happy hour at the Park Bench."
Patty Barron, 20
Class: Junior
Major: Nursing



"I had snow fights with my cousin and acted like kids again."
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"I was slamming people down on the snow."
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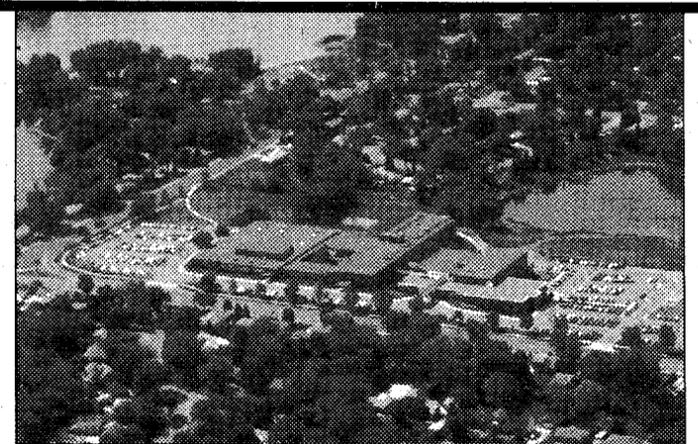


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A Lounge To Call Their Own

By Joe Fraioli
Statesman Associate Features Editor

The Graduate Student Organization is tired of being transplanted. In the late 1980's, the GSO was told to pack up their belongings and remove their lounge from the Old Chemistry building. Last year, the GSO office was excommunicated from Central hall due to the up and coming renovations.

"It [the lounge] closed because it was a financial loss and there were complaints from academic units in that building," said Chris Kushmerick, treasurer of the Graduate Student Organization. "When they closed it, FSA pledged to open a graduate student lounge once space was located."

Space was finally spotted this academic year, in the Fanny Brice Food Mall, located in Eleanor Roosevelt Quad. According to Kushmerick, this allocation of space took years to accomplish. "In 1991, the GSO made a platform to open the lounge under the presidency of John Nolan," he said. "From that point on, we've been looking for space."

The search for space included looking at the former Rainy Night House spot and the bi-level in the Student Union. In the Spring of 1993, the Fannie Brice Food Mall closed down and members of the FSA Board of Directors deemed the space worthy of consideration for a lounge.

Last Thursday, the new graduate student lounge held its grand opening with a jazz, rhythm and blues band and free wine. "It went well," said Gary Halada, an active committee member and director of entertainment. "Over 130 graduates came through. The weather slowed things down."

The grand opening was scheduled to last two days, but had to be cancelled on Friday due to the weather. "Friday was going to be a pretty rowdy night, where we were going to sell beer," said Kushmerick. "We had scheduled a comedian who appeared on the Conan O'Brien Show and in Caroline's in the city."

The second night of the grand opening may be scheduled in a couple of weeks, but the lounge will continue nonetheless. A string quartet is scheduled to appear on the 24th. "We want to have a wide cultural diversity and wide variety of entertainment," said Halada. "We're planning to have poetry readings, films and an open-mike night with people who want to come and play guitar."

"We want it to be a pretty quiet place where people can relax and study," said Kushmerick who is also chairman of the GSO Lounge Committee. "We also want to get a large number of subscriptions of magazines and trade journals, so people can go read and hang out."

The student lounge will open today from 4 to 10 p.m. and will be open through Friday with the same hours. Admission is free and open to anyone. "Our plan is to get a liquor license and serve beer and wine in the evening hours," said Kushmerick. "But, until then, we have decided to open as a cafe. We have coffee, espresso, cappuccino and lots of healthy food."

Once the GSO lounge serves alcohol in the evening hours, admission will be given only to adults 21 and over. Kushmerick said that an admission fee will be charged when performances are given by bands and guests. The



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Dr. Feelgood playing at the opening of the new Graduate Student Lounge

cover charge will be small enough to just cover the cost of the live entertainment.

The future of the GSO lounge includes coming up with a name and possibly providing services for students and faculty. "We're trying to come up with a new name," said Kushmerick. "At this point, we're officially calling the it, 'The Spot.'"

Food service will be contracted with an off campus establishment in Queens. Items will include ethnic and vegetarian foods which will be all natural. Pizza and other fast foods will also be served to those requesting it. "The thing that's going to make The Spot unique is the food," said Kushmerick.

The Spot will also try to uphold a "no trash" policy in

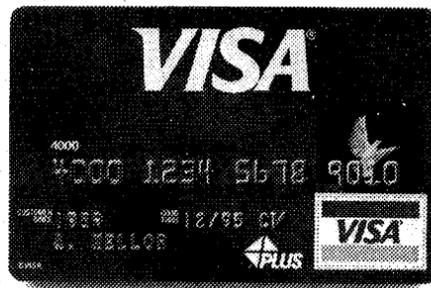
which all food will be served on china plates with silverware and drinks served in glasses.

Kushmerick also said that xerox, fax, and postage stamp machines are an option to include in the services the lounge would provide. After refurbishing the lounge, members of GSO also invite student clubs and organizations to hold their meetings in specially designed rooms to suit those needs.

Halada said that the members of GSO are currently accepting ideas and suggestions for programming and entertainment events. "It's been a long time coming, but hopefully we'll expand rapidly," he said.

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14 New Book Predicted To Rock Campus Sex

By Joe Fraioli
Statesman Associate Features Editor

Students who are taking advantage of the more liberal and tolerant attitudes about sex on the college campus won't be happy with a new book due out in April.

The book, entitled, "98% Of The People You Know & Love Are In Dangerous Sexual Situations," was written by Rev. Edmond Locklear Jr. to get a message out to students concerning their sexual habits. "Ninety percent of the violent and untimely deaths of young people is sex related," said Locklear. "The changes made today are not doing enough to educate the students."

Locklear also said that students who are not engaging in campus sex due to a lack of knowledge on what is right and wrong and a fear of sexually transmitted diseases, will have their questions answered in this book. "My book is knowledge," he said. "It is real today. We need to get more knowledge out so that students can understand more."

Although Locklear doesn't have any statistical support for his book's title, he would say that 98% of the college students are sexually active, putting themselves in what could be dangerous sexual situations. "I would believe that," said Gina Vanacore, hall director of Schick College. "If you include relationships that are unhealthy."

Locklear said this number comes about because students are conditioned by free television, magazines, music and parents who have lost control. "But, even if the majority of college students are in dangerous sexual situations, that does not make wrong sex right," he said.

The paperback, published by WFC Press of Pembroke, North Carolina, is structured with a short story for each chapter, followed by prompts for talking about that dangerous situation and for talking properly about sex.

"I feel a good deal of the campus community is misinformed or not knowledgeable about certain things which could be dealt with in the book," said Omar Villacorta, a senior.

Rev. Locklear said that he hopes college students will learn from the illustrative short stories on how to recognize a dangerous sexual situation, where the danger lies and how to get out of the situation safely. Locklear also hopes students will pass some of their knowledge from the book to other students. Included with the book, is a booklet

titled, "Do Something Great! Stage A Dorm Sex Talk."

"I'm in favor of it [educational on sex]," said Valerie Gurka, hall director of Keller International College. "I think that there is always information about safer sex, such as new findings and new information on STD's."

"These talks will give students who are already in dangerous sexual situations, knowledge and a choice," said Locklear. "I believe young people staging dorm sex talks are going to make a difference."

Stony Brook currently has a program that encourages communication among peers. "Step Beyond," is a campus-wide program that spurs on conversation among the students involved to give themselves more of an understanding about sex. "I'm all for peers educating other peers," said Susan Friedman, hall director of the Langmuir College of Human Development and advisor to Step Beyond. "We [try to answer] what we can do as a campus to inform other students and what we can do as a campus to make it safer."

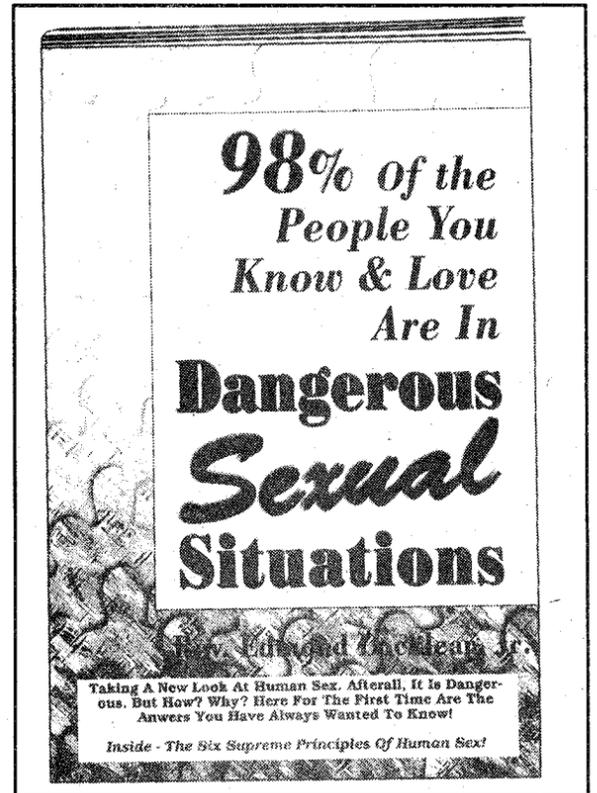
The short stories in the book include different situations to bring out a point. Some examples include a woman who has sex with a different partner almost every night, bisexuals, gays, lesbians, a drug addict and a straight heterosexual male. The book ends by reprinting a tract titled, "The Six Supreme Principles Of Human Sex."

"I believe if young men and women knew the truth, it would help stem the tide of hundreds of thousands of young people getting shot, stabbed, raped and so on," said Locklear. "I'm excited because this book gives the truth."

Locklear's "truth" includes the belief that sex is not a gift one should enjoy without a responsibility and there is a spiritual encasement around human sex and it is dangerous to breach that encasement. "I feel this is a true revelation," he said. "We are not alone in this world."

As you may have guessed, Locklear's book does get highly religious at times. Locklear believes that evil spirits cause a person to want sex and sex itself is part of our punishment because of Adam's sin. He also believes that homosexuals are suffering under an affliction of Satan and that they can be helped and should be considered in a different light. "We shouldn't be interested in angels," said Locklear. "We should be interested in evil spirits and how to avoid them."

The publishers say "98% Of The People You Love & Know Are In Dangerous Sexual Situations" will be one of



the most controversial books to be published this decade. The author himself claims it will rock campuses around the country. "I'm hoping my book will shake people up and show them that human sex is different and not something to be taken lightly," said Locklear. "Let's warn [students] human sex is pockmarked by dangerous and deadly potholes."

"I think it would be interesting reading," said Villacorta. "Something about sex grabs your attention."

The Church Conference asked Locklear to withdraw his book and reprimanded him not to mention it in his sermon. "The title does not invite people to try to change other people," he said. "But, if people will just see their own situations reflected in this book and start talking, I think my mission will be accomplished."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Gill Running For A National Championship

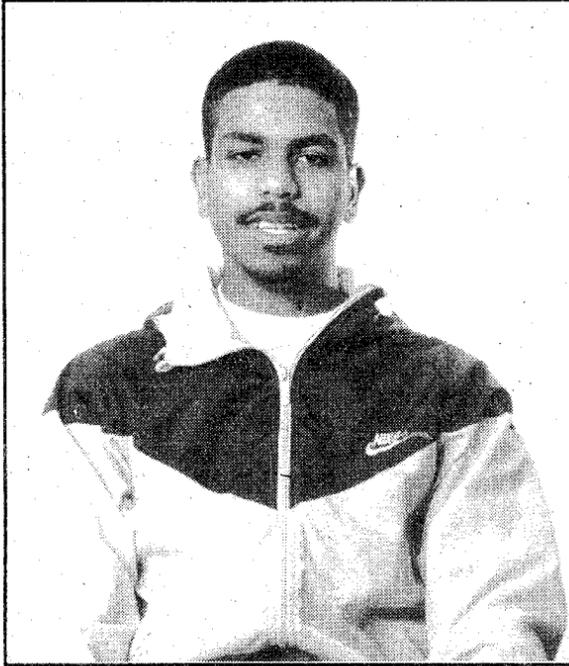
By Mark Peterson
Special to Statesman

Senior Roger Gill qualified for the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field championships at last Sunday's PAC championships, capturing the 400 meter dash with a time of 49.7 seconds in the Indoor Sports Complex. Gill also took second place in the 200 meter dash to give Stony Brook a second place finish. In qualifying for the NCAA's, Gill was named the *Statesman*/VIP Club Athlete of the Week.

The NCAA's will take place at the University of Wisconsin-Oskosh on March 11 and 12; however, Gill is already looking past the indoor championships. "My main focus on the indoor season has been to use it as a warm-up for outdoors. We started late indoors, so I'm still working to get into shape."

"We're not concentrating on the indoor NCAA's with Roger," agreed Jim Meegan, Stony Brook's men's track and field head coach. "Our goal is to get him to peak at the Mizuno Invitational in Fairfax, VA just before the outdoor championships."

Meegan, who is in his first year with Stony Brook,



Roger Gill

also has Gill training differently than he had in the past. "Last year we would train hard one day and then go light the next day," said Gill. "This year, coach Meegan has us going hard every day. Over the winter break he had us working out twice a day, using weights, which I had never done before."

It is too early to tell whether the new training program is paying off, but Gill is not about to doubt his new coach. "I have confidence in him [Meegan]. He has adjusted very well to the team," said Gill. "I'm going to keep working hard to get to the outdoor national championships, and I'm trusting him to help me get there."

Gill, Stony Brook's Male Athlete of the Year last year, has already achieved a great deal as a Patriot. He has been an All-American three times: once as a freshman in the outdoor 200 meter dash, and in both the indoor and outdoor 400 meter dash last year as a junior. How does he stay motivated? "It's my last year," said Gill. "I have to get it done this year."

"Roger has nothing left to prove other than winning a national championship," commented Meegan. "I believe he can do it. He's worked harder than he has in the last three year's, and hopefully it will all pay off."

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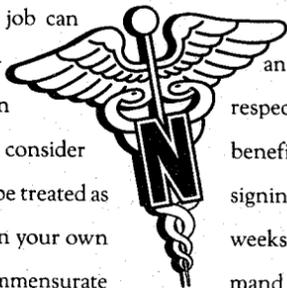
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SPORTS TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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The question was "Name one of Stony Brook's former nicknames before 'Patriots'." The answers we were looking for were Baymen (which was Stony Brook's name from 1957-60) and Warriors (1960-66). We are not really sure why they changed those names, but we know why they changed Patriots. You can expect that the Seawolves are going to be around for a long, long time.

For the second week, we have received a lot of calls. It's getting pretty competitive out there, so make sure you get your answers in early. Remember, we take the first five correct answers.

Join us again on Thursday for another question (definitely about NBA All-Stars) and another chance to win.

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McMullen Reaches Milestone

Women's basketball head coach Dec McMullen recorded his 200th career victory Sunday when the Lady Pats beat Vassar College. McMullen, in his twelfth year at Stony Brook now possesses a 200-106 record, through last Sunday's win on the road at Vassar.

In the game, senior captain Joan Gandolf scored 19 points on eight of ten shooting plus ten rebounds. And freshman Kim Canada had 17 points (eight of nine), eight boards, and four steals.

The Lady Patriots are at home twice this week (see below).

Weather or not...

If any fans were crazy enough to travel to Staten Island, Mount Saint Mary, Hamilton, or New Haven CT, they were most likely disappointed. Every game, match, and meet was either postponed or cancelled. The men's and women's basketball teams' games and the squash team's match will be rescheduled. However, the men's and women's track teams' meet at the CTC Championships have been cancelled.

The women's basketball team will play Monday (hopefully) at home against William Patterson at 6:00 p.m.; and the men will be at Kings Point (USMMA) at 7:45 p.m. Both teams are home Thursday - the men at 5:00 p.m. and the women at 7:00 p.m. - for their last regular season home games. A double-header, what better way to end the home season?

The squash team is off until next weekend's Cornell Round Robin on Saturday and Sunday.

Cajun Party Time

The men's rugby club flew to New Orleans on Thursday to take part in a national rugby tournament during the city's Mardi Gras celebration. Assuming they are not delayed by more severe weather, we will have a report from Louisiana next Monday.

The Garden Game

Time is running out, but it is not too late to get your tickets for the men's basketball team's game at Madison Square Garden on Sunday February 27. Ticket for the St. John's/Syracuse (Noon) and the Stony Brook/Manhattanville (2:00 p.m.) double-header are on sale in the Indoor Sports Complex main office. Game tickets are available from Judy Christ for \$18 and advance discount train tickets are available from Sam Kornhauser for \$6. Train tickets must be purchased before February 25.

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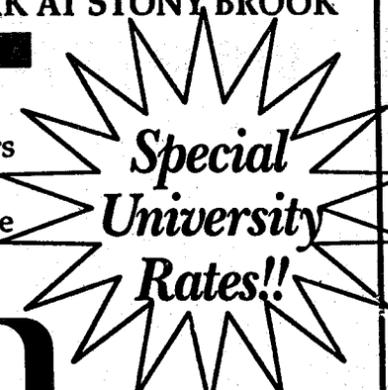
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The Legend Behind The Logo

For those of you living in caves, Stony Brook officially unveiled its new nickname and coordinating logo last week. And in case you have not been paying attention, the new name (as of July 1) is the Seawolves. Of course, most of you are probably wondering "What the hell is a seawolf?"

Greg Economou, our esteemed money man, has been asked this a million and a half times. His answer has been, "it's a mystical creature that guards Stony Brook." He said that he just made that up, but I am not so sure.

The truth is, I had an amazing supernatural experience last fall. What happened was that an Opening Week Activities comedy show was cancelled and I spent an evening looking out over Mount Sinai Harbor. It was very windy (see *Statesman* 9/7/93). I could not reveal what else really happened that night for fear they would lock me up and throw away the key.

But now the time has come.

As I looked out over the harbor that night, I watched the lightning and I listened to the wind. And, lordy, how the wind howled! Now, I've heard the wind howl before, but on this strange evening, the howl had a certain - well, "life-like" quality to it.

I scanned into the harbor, and in the brief flashes of light, I saw a large shape in the water. At first, I was alarmed. I thought it may be a person drowning. Then, I realized that it was not human, and it was not drowning. However, what it was I had no clue. Being one for adventure, I decided to investigate.

As I came to the shore, so did the shape. It buoyed itself, floating steadily as if it were treading water. Of what I could see, it had the torso and head of a wolf. I could not see its lower half. It let loose a horrifying howl as Jacob Marley did in Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*. Unarmed, in spite of the slight fear, I advanced cautiously.

The creature rose to its full height of eight feet - ugh I still could not see below its waist.

Then it spoke.

"For thirty-five years I have waited. Now the time has ne," it bellowed.

"What the heck are you talking about?" I asked. "ait. Better yet. What the heck are you?"

"Listen quietly, and I shall tell a tale," it responded, ching me in its fiery gaze. And with that the world about changed. It led me on through astral nights and galactic s to a time before Stony Brook was Stony Brook.

We arrived in Oyster Bay in 1957. Scenes passed

quickly before us and I could not keep up with the commentary. Unfortunately, most of the history of this institution seems to be forgotten and lost.

But then one vision became clear. A wolf, struggling, dragging a limp-bodied, drowning college student from the bay. Of course, it looked as though it was attacking the student. So, of course, town and college officials tracked the animal. The wolf was spotted and was wounded in the hind quarter.

It crawled into the brush along the shoreline, and hid until nighttime. When it was breathing its last, a spirit of some sort came upon it. The spirit gave the wolf its strength back, but was unable to repair the wounded leg. So it replaced the wolf's lower half with a powerful tail, like that of a dolphin.

The wolf was also granted one request by the spirit. The wolf thought carefully and replied "I want to protect this school and be held in favor by its inhabitants."

"Be careful what you wish for," said the spirit. "Your request is granted."

Careful, indeed. It took almost forty years for the latter part of its wish to come to pass. But I digress.

The "seawolf" patrolled about Long Island Sound by Oyster Bay until the university moved to Stony Brook. Since then, the creature has done the same off the shore of Stony Brook and the surrounding area. Many a time has this creature of legend aided the people of USB, but seldom has it been spotted. In fact, those who have seen it knew not how to describe it, and no identification has ever been made.

But recently, the seawolf - the Stony Brook Seawolf, if you will - has made ready itself. On blustery nights, like the one last September to those of recent eves, it has been out. And, if you listen closely on those nights, you can hear its howl on the whisperings of the winds.

There is only one Stony Brook Seawolf, but because of what was promised to him, we will all be Stony Brook Seawolves. The legend does not end here. Stay tuned to future installments of Scarlet and Gray for the rest of the story.

Fall Coaches (continued)

Last week, I addressed the issue of Fall '93 Coach of the Year. I do not think it would be fair for me to choose one of those three coaches above the others. In fact, I am afraid that after choosing one, accusations would come from everywhere but the Department of Athletics that I chose, not on the basis of merit, but on the basis of

favoritism. It is sad that we all must fall victim to that kind of lunacy, but so be it.

In light of this, I would like to congratulate all of Stony Brook's fall coaches for one of the best fall seasons in recent memory, and I am glad that I got to share so many of those special moments.

A few week ago I told all those who did not want to join Stony Brook on its journey to Division I to get off the bandwagon at the next stop. Well, that stop was at the press conference last Thursday. We are not stopping again. If you want to get off now, there is only one thing I can recommend: jump.

"If you're not part of the Spirit, you're part of the Problem."

Welcome Aboard

I have my first new writer in the sports department. His name is Kris Doorey. I would like to welcome him aboard the staff. I am positive that he will do a tremendous job for *Statesman*, for the coaches, and for the University.

Oh, One More Thing...

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Pats Icemen Tough Out Long Weekend

By Lou Megna
Statesman Staff Writer

The Stony Brook ice hockey club, faced with adversity of all kinds even before the team hit the ice for its first practice this year, has always responded well under the toughest circumstances. Last weekend was the most trying stretch in recent Pats history, as they played three games in a little more than fifty hours.

Showing typical Stony Brook backbone, the Patriots won two of the three games. Most importantly, they gave the Siena Saints, last year's league champions, a rough lesson in grinding, playoff-style hockey, despite losing 6-3.

The Pats began the weekend by picking

up an easy two points against the pitiful, yet thoroughly dedicated, Stevens Tech club February 4 at the Rinx. Goalies Steve Aracri

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and Scott Bonner shared a shutout in the 13-0 romp that was called off after after two periods because of the "mercy rule" employed by the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference (MCHC).

The easy win was little more than a warm-up for a much tougher match the next night against divisional rival Farmingdale.

Saturday's game at the Rinx was by far the hardest hitting contest through half of the Brook's season, as anyone would expect when these two rivals get together. Although

the Rams were impressive with their solid defensive brand of hockey, it was the punishment the Patriots dished out that

opened up room for forwards Scott Kendrick and Brian Karp to score picture-perfect goals in the second and third periods. These two goals added to senior forward Ray Buckman's first of the season, let Stony Brook stretch their winning streak over Farmingdale to five, and evened their divisional record to two wins and two losses.

The pounding the Patriots pasted on the Rams seemed to take somewhat of a toll on the team, perhaps tiring it a bit for the long trip to Albany to face the Saints of Siena on Sunday. Fatigue may have been a factor early as the Brook handed a three to nothing lead to the defending champs. The Saints would up their lead to four-zip early in the second and then got every chance to increase their lead by way of a succession of generous calls by the hometown referees.

The Pats, bent on sticking it to Siena and the refs, owned the game the rest of the way, as defenseman Mike Stillwagon's backhanded goal and torrid Karp's two

scores drew the game to 5-3 with more than ten minutes to play. The Saints, dancing on their bench while they enjoyed their early lead, seemed to forget their dance steps the rest of the way, and needed help from the officials to stop the Pats from rallying for an upset. Karp was whistled for a mysterious interference penalty and subsequent ten-minute major misconduct penalty, and was finally held in check as he served those penalties for the latter part of the final period.

The exhausted Patriots made no excuses after handling the Saints' late barrage of cheap shots. When asked about the impact of the officials on the game, Buckman said, "there were some questionable calls, but we have to expect that by now. We just have to rise above it."

Any rematch with Siena would have to occur during the playoffs. Stony Brook's playoff hopes seem to be more of a reality now that early season injuries and their toughest weekend are behind them.

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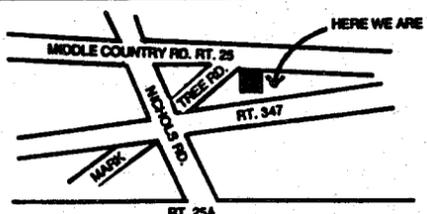
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Still Struggling

Disappointing Loss Sets Pats Back A Step

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Just three days after its biggest victory of the season, a 64-58 win over Hunter College on Monday, the men's basketball team practically handed New Jersey Institute of Technology a win in a crucial Skyline Conference battle.

The Highlanders, winners of nine straight games, took full advantage of 18 Stony Brook turnovers to edge the Patriots 66-61 Thursday night at the Indoor Sports Complex. The loss drops the Patriots (4-2, 9-9) into third place in the Skyline Conference behind NJIT (6-1, 14-3) and Hunter (7-2, 18-2).

Stony Brook head basketball coach Bernard Tomlin put it simply, "Basically we didn't deserve to win the game."

Andrew South and Clarence Pierce combined to score 41 points and grabbed nine rebounds apiece to lead the Highlanders. Pierce led the Highlanders in the scoring column with 21, but it was South, a 6'8" junior, who really hurt the Pats.

South, who finished with 20 points, was three-for-three from beyond the three-point arc, including one the first time he touched the ball in the second half to give the Highlanders the lead, 34-33. "You don't expect a big guy like him to pop out and shoot a three-pointer," Tomlin said. "When you are having a good night everything seems to go in and tonight he was on."

Michel Savane's dunk with 7:47 remaining in the game knotted the contest at 46, but the Pats left the arena for the next three minutes as NJIT went on an 8-0 run to take a 54-46 lead with four minutes left.

The NJIT lead never got below four the rest of the way.

The Patriots were in control of the game for all of the first half, including a nine-point lead, 19-10, six minutes into the contest. NJIT battled back, but the Patriots never gave in taking a 29-28 led into the locker room.

Stony Brook didn't help itself any committing nine turnovers in each half, most of them due to the Highlanders pressing defense. "We really didn't handle the pressure as well as we did on Monday against Hunter," Tomlin said. "Our guards are young and we had trouble with their pressure defense."

"You have to master all of the fundamentals to beat a good basketball team and tonight all of our errors were fundamental," Tomlin added.

The Patriots played a strong defensive game limiting NJIT to 33 percent shooting from the field, but the Highlanders were able to get to the free-throw line 30 times, connecting on 21. In contrast, Stony Brook made it to the foul line only 11 times making seven.

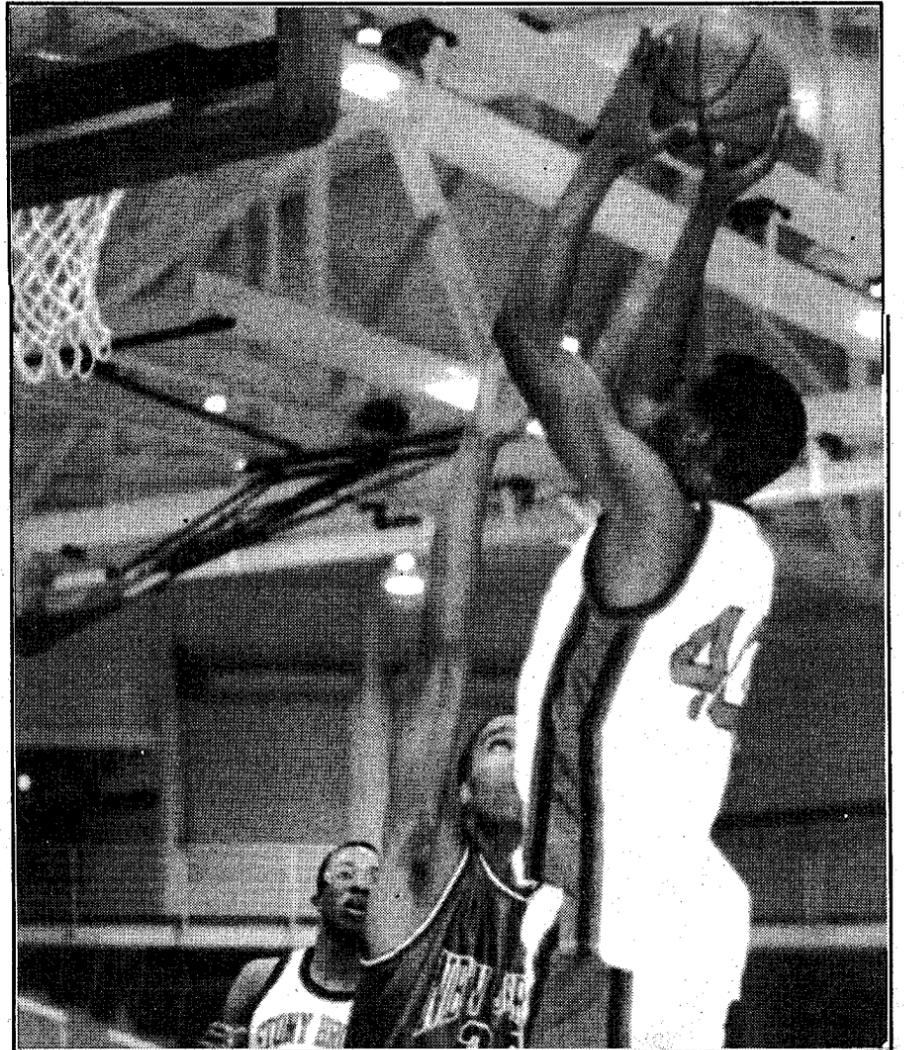
"The reason that we didn't get to the foul line is because we couldn't get many quality shots," Tomlin said. "Not being able to get quality shots goes back to us not being able to beat the press."

Billy Turnage paced the Patriots' offense with 19 points, while Vernard Williams and Savane connected for 13 apiece. KoJo Black led the Patriots on the boards with nine rebounds. Savane and Ron Duckett each grabbed eight boards.

"Michel has been a big guy for us all season," Tomlin said. "He has stretches where he just does everything for us, but we have to get him the ball more. Tonight,

Men's Hoops

NJIT 66
Patriots 61



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Freshman KoJo Black did more damage off the boards than from the floor. he only took six shots and that is mainly because we couldn't get the ball inside." combined for 24 minutes and scored zero points.

Another contributing factor to the Patriots' loss was its lack of bench production. Five Stony Brook subs The Patriots will travel to Kings Point tonight at 7:45 p.m. to take on USMMA in a conference match.

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PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
14 Women's Hoops vs. William Patterson, 6 pm Men's Hoops at Kings Point, 7:45 pm	15	16	17 Men's Hoops vs. New Paltz, 5:00pm Women's Hoops vs. Kean, 7:00 pm	18 Men's Swimming Meet at Met Championships at Trenton	19 Women's B-Ball at Clark, 2 pm Men's Basketball at Rhode Island, 7:30 pm Hockey at Rutgers, 5:15 pm	20 Track at Senior Met Championships at West Point, 11am Squash at Cornell Round Robin