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Possible Tuition Increase of \$1,800

Despite "Chilling Document," Dr. Kenny Not Ready to "Hit the Panic Button" Students React to Proposed Budget

By TOM FLANAGAN
Statesman Editor

Tuition increase and program cuts likely at all SUNY schools, officials said, if Gov. George Pataki's State Budget recommendations for 1995-96, released yesterday, are approved by the State Legislature.

"It looks like a \$1,000 tuition hike when you take apart everything Governor Pataki tried to cloud in his proposal," said Crystal Plati, Polity president. "He doesn't want to take responsibility for depriving students of an education but that's what he is doing."

University President Shirley Strum Kenny said that it's too early to speculate about a tuition increase, the amount of one if it does occur, or the likelihood of programs being cut. However, the 31.5% cut in direct tax assistance to SUNY as proposed in Pataki's budget would, she said, if it stands, cause major changes



University President Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny

statewide and at Stony Brook. Other University officials projected dollar amounts. Daniel Melucci, associate vice-president of Finance and Management, said at a Polity-sponsored Town Meeting last

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**More on
Tuition
Increase on
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A Tuition Hike Does Not a Happy Student Make
By Tom Flanagan
Statesman Editor

Governor George Pataki's proposed budget will likely spell drastic consequences for SUNY schools, including tuition increases and program cuts, officials said.

Students aren't happy. "Sounds like we'll be paying more and getting less," said Hollie Frankel, a senior majoring in psychology. "This seems to defeat the purpose behind the development of SUNY schools in the first place."

Dina Basile, a senior, shares similar sentiments. "I might as well go to Hofstra and pay a little more on top of the thousands of dollars and have smaller classes and not be just another number like here at Stony Brook," she said.

Going to Hofstra, however, may not be necessary. Polity is urging fight, not flight, reactions.

"We want to challenge [Gov. George] Pataki to come to Stony Brook and give him a tour of the campus," Nicole Rosner, sophomore representative to Polity, said. "We'll show him the dorms, show him the cafeterias, make him eat the food. We'll show him that we need the money and that students can't afford any cuts."

All students can challenge Pataki, said Polity President Crystal Plati, by showing up next Wednesday during Campus Lifetime for a rally in the Fine Arts Plaza. She hopes to have administrators speak and expects media coverage of the event.

"We have to show Gov. [George] Pataki that student activism is now going to be at its peak because he is hurting students," she said. "I think this is a wake-up call for our students."

Plati implores all students to participate in the Student Association of the State University's state-wide letter writing campaign to

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Add/Drop Extended to Wednesday

By THOMAS F. MASSE
Statesman Editor

In light of the fact that hundreds of students still are trying to straighten out their schedules before Friday's Add/Drop deadline, administration officials have announced that the Add/Drop period will be extended through Wednesday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m.

"It was not a difficult decision," said University President Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny. "It's something we needed to do for the students."

The extension was announced yesterday afternoon and spread rapidly by word of mouth. Many students, however,

we unsure of the validity of the information, and limited lines persisted in Administration.

"I'm hoping to make big changes in the way we operate administration," said Dr. Kenny. "We are looking for ways to make administration effective, efficient and economical."

The top administrator said that the Arthur Anderson Corporation has been observing practices in the student services area of administration. Recently, the corporate management firm has made suggestions on what they have seen already.

"One result has been the lengthening of hours," said Dr. Kenny. Hours in the student services lobby have been extended in the early

morning. Instead of opening at 10:00 a.m. as in the past, the offices are now open at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Kenny said that a full analytical report will be available some time in the coming weeks. At that time, she and other administrators will begin meeting to decide what other measures to enact.

"In the long run, we can save money," she said. "And with the recent budget proposals, this can put us a little ahead of the game."

The topic of Add/Drop was also a hot one at last night's Polity Town Meeting. Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies Dr. Ronald Douglas offered some tips to those with add/drop problems.

Particularly for seniors in danger of not graduating due to the inability to add classes, Dr. Douglas said, "It is always possible for a student to request a waiver. . . That starts in the departments. . . I don't think we would grant a blanket waiver."

Dr. Douglas added that it is not the intention of the administration to "delay anyone's graduation," and that students not planning to graduate can avoid similar problems in the future by "starting the process early," that is, by pre-registration. □

TOWN MEETING REPLAYS

Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Friday at 3:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening's Polity Sponsored Town Meeting will be shown in it's entirety.

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Assaults and Armed Robbery Start the Semester

Tuesday, January 24

10:00 p.m.

A student was robbed in the Stony Brook Union parking lot. The victim, a student and staff at Stony Brook, was walking to his car when he noticed two men behind him, assuming they, too, were going to their car. One of the suspects

POLICE BLOTTER

BY LENA MALEKAN
MARYAM RAHIMZADEH

grabbed him from behind, putting a switchblade to his throat and something else to his back and told him to keep his eyes closed. The second suspect asked for his wallet and took away his keys. Fifty dollars was taken from his wallet, and upon request, the perpetrators returned his wallet and informed him of the whereabouts of his keys. The victim was told not to report the incident. The suspects were described to be black males, 5'8" and 5'7".

Wednesday, January 25

8:20 a.m.

A student's bookbag containing \$60 and credit cards was stolen from the basement of Life Sciences. He had left his bag outside the classroom while he attended class.

12:00 p.m.

A 1993 Kawasaki motorcycle, belonging to an employee at the Physical Plant, was stolen from the service area. The motorcycle had been chained to a tree. Its estimated value is \$9,500.

8:01 p.m.

A radio was stolen from the Schomberg parking lot from a 1984 Chevy four door. The front window was also smashed. The estimated damage was \$400.

Thursday, January 26

5:00 p.m.

Graffiti was reported to be found in the Math Tower stairwell. It was written

in green marker and, due to its context, is apparently related to graffiti in the Physics building loading zone.

Friday, January 27

1:15 a.m.

An attempted armed robbery took place in Roosevelt Quad. Four students were in a vehicle between Keller and Greeley Colleges. The suspect approached the passenger side of the vehicle and asked for the time. A moment later, he pulled out a small, silver, Derringer handgun and told them not to move. The victims then fled the scene with their car. The perpetrator was last seen fleeing in the direction of Kelly Quad.

The suspect was described to be a black male, between 5'9" and 6'1" with a muscular build. He was wearing a dark green ski jacket, baggy blue jeans and a dark-colored knitted mask.

2:30 p.m.

A 1985 Pontiac Fiero, belonging to a student, was stolen from the Roth Parking Lot.

1:54 p.m.

A computer was reported stolen from the mailroom in Harriman Hall. A package was delivered to the Philosophy Department but there was no one to sign for it. Personnel from the Science Teaching Department signed for it, and took it to the mailroom from which it disappeared. It was last seen on January 20.

2:52 p.m.

A student was stuck in an elevator in Gershwin College for about fifteen minutes. The Fire Safety was notified and the person was released.

Sunday, January 29

1:00 a.m.

A 1982 Chevy, belonging to a student, was discovered from the Schomberg parking lot with the passenger side window broken. The estimated damage was \$75.

Tuesday, January 31

9:02 p.m.

At the University Medical Center, a

female was assaulted by her boyfriend. The female sustained a fractured jaw in two places. She is being treated at the medical center.

She had initially told personnel that she was hit by a door, but later told a social worker that it was the doing of her boyfriend. She was at the hospital visiting her boyfriend's son. During this time, they got into an altercation and the victim was punched. She reported that this is not the first time she had been physically abused, although, this time she is willing to press charges.

This man fled the scene and has an outstanding warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Wednesday, February 1

12:10 a.m.

Drugs and paraphernalia were confiscated by a Resident Hall Director from students in a room in James College. An anonymous call was made to the R.H.D. due to the smell of marijuana. The students were referred to student affairs.

Call for Action at Town Meeting

BY THOMAS F. MASSE
Statesman Editor

After an hour-long information session, Polity officials called for action from the University's student body to oppose the budget cuts and tuition hike proposed by Governor Pataki.

"This is the time for all student to unite," said Polity President Crystal Plati. "It's time for students to stop fighting each other and to put our energies where it really counts."

"If you don't speak, you can't be heard," said Vice President of Faculty Student Association Dwight Bartley. "As students, we have a responsibility to speak, so that the state can hear us, so that the nation can hear us. We have to stand up and be counted."

Among the most shocking bits of news was a statement delivered by Associate Vice President of Finance and

Management Daniel Melucci. Early reports indicated that tuition could rise \$1,000 at all SUNY schools. However, according to Melucci, tuition at the four SUNY centers could be raised an additional \$800, for a total of \$1800 per student.

"Those would reflect accurate numbers," said Melucci, responding to a request for verification of the figures that he had stated earlier.

The increase in tuition is proposed to coincide with a cut in the New York state Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). According to State Field Director of SASU Jeremy Hoffman, the cap on TAP could be reduced up to \$500 per undergraduate student. Even more alarming for graduate students is that the TAP program could be cut completely for grads.

Hoffman also revealed that on the national level, there is a proposal to drop

the Federal Work/Study Program.

With the exception of the federal cuts, the state proposal to intended to meet Gov. Pataki's demand for the SUNY system to raise an additional \$215 million in income next year. Currently, the SUNY system is responsible for income to the state to the tune of \$600 million.

Many administration and Polity officials are soon to admit that there are too many figures being thrown around to be certain which numbers are significant to Stony Brook. However, each is certain that whatever figures ultimately are used, the effects could be dire.

"If these figures go through, there will be programmatic cuts across the board," said Dean of Students Dr. Paul Chase.

Discussion with the panel that included Dr. Chase, Melucci, Hoffman, See MEETING, Page 6

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Campus Buses: Is There a Grace Period?³

By RICH VERAGA
Statesman Staff Writer

Last Monday morning, senior biology major Emese Bundik used the campus bus for transportation from the South P Lot to the Student Union. She had to pay a fare of fifty cents.

When she boarded the bus later that morning, she did not have to pay a fare.

In the afternoon, while boarding the bus once again, she was obligated to pay the fifty-cents.

"They couldn't make up their minds whether they wanted us to pay or not," Bundik said. "One of the bus drivers was actually yelling at some girl when she tried to explain about a grace period."

According to the Traffic Office, a grace period - a one week span where students without bus passes do not have to pay the fifty-cent fare - exists the first week in the Fall semester, but not at all in the Spring semester.

But the Bus Service gives conflicting statements.

Helen Shalit of the Bus Service said that there is no grace period. "If students have their pass or their money, they are supposed to pay," she said. Before hanging up the phone on a Statesman reporter, she added that if a student did not have the money, then they are permitted to ride for free, although they are supposed to pay.

Ann Marder of the Bus Service said that a grace period does exist. "We are always supposed to collect the money," she said. "I'm not going to say to you as you're getting on the bus, 'You don't have to pay this week.'"

But, Marder said, if a student presented a bus pass from the Fall semester, then that would be okay. Also, if a student were to walk on the bus, not have a pass and not show any money or acknowledge that he or she was even going to put money in the fare box, according to Marder, that student would still be allowed to ride the bus.

Many students were perplexed by the policy concerning the grace period.

"The bus drivers would ask if you had last semester's bus pass because they said it was still valid. Nobody gave me this information, so I threw my bus pass away," said senior Kari Anderson. "They sure don't make it a point to tell you about the grace period. I wasn't even aware that it existed."

James Rugolo, a junior, said he knew of the grace period, but that it was not made clear to him on how it operated. "On the morning of the first day of classes, I paid the fare," he said. "But that afternoon, the bus driver had tape over the fare box and refused to take money. The next day,

the driver asked for my pass or my money.

"It's very confusing for students not to know if there's a grace period," he added. "If there is a grace period, where does the money they collect go? I don't like being taken advantage of." □

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Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language

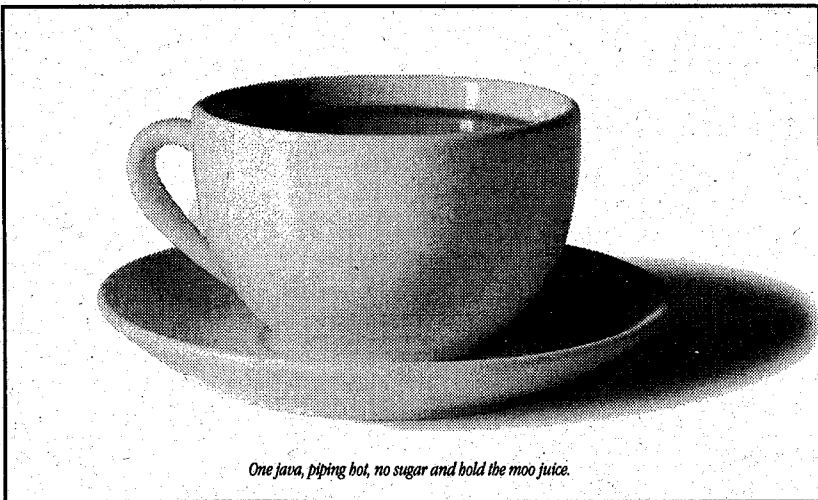
USB Bus Service: A manifestation of robbing students blind.



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Wise Words from Project WISE⁵

By VIKTORIA PARODER
Special to Statesman

Rubi Rodriguez has come a long way.

Facing limited educational opportunities in Chile, she came to the United States. She attended Columbia University for graduate studies and, later, after losing her job in Chile during a military coup, was offered a position at Stony Brook.

Last night, she spoke about the difficulty encountered by women in Chile trying to juggle the roles of housewife and career scientist. She also spoke about the opportunities open to women in the United States.

"You can be a scientist," she said to students. "You could do it well, and you could enjoy it, too."

Prof. Rodriguez was a guest speaker at a dinner sponsored by Project WISE (Women in Science and Engineering). These dinners, possessing both scholastic and social value, provide Project WISE participants with the opportunity to meet and establish

contacts with scientists and faculty in the fields of mathematics, biological sciences, chemistry and engineering.

Among the people who attended the dinner were Irving Kra, Dean of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, Sally Sternlgan, Associate Director of Women Studies, Helen Moore, Assistant Director for Project Wise, Michelle Millar, associate professor of Chemistry, Wendy Katkin, Associate Dean for Arts and Sciences and Project WISE Director and Project WISE participants and mentors.

Project WISE is a young program at Stony Brook. Women faculty from many departments in the University worked hard to initiate this program. The program also gets a lot of support from the Provost and Undergraduate Task Force. The Undergraduate Task Force provided Project WISE with its first financial support of \$10,000.00 last year. This allowed the program to hire three mentors and start the URECA 187 course, which has become an essential part of the program.

Project WISE is also developing a High School Component, which involves young women from grades 10 to 12.

Currently, Project WISE consists of 37 first year participants and seven mentors. Wendy Katkin, director of Project WISE, has secured about \$1,000,000.00 in grants for the next three years from the National Science Foundation for Project WISE.

Student participants find Project WISE a valuable experience. "You feel more like a person than like a number in this huge University," says Tina Contorno.

Mana Heydarpour agrees. "When it comes to registration and tutoring, we get special attention," she says. "We are more than just a face in the crowd." □

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What is WISE?

Stony Brook has established this year a new program known as Project WISE (Women in Science and Engineering). Supported in part by two grants from the National Science Foundation, Project WISE is designed to engage women undergraduates in the excitement and challenge of mathematics, science and engineering early in their college careers, before they make academic decisions that will shape their subsequent educational and professional lives.

Project WISE consists of several components which supplement a student's regular academic program. These include an orientation that educates the women about Stony Brook, and particularly its research milieu in the sciences; specifically created courses that expose them to a range of scientific disciplines and teach critical skills; individual and group research opportunities; individual academic advising by faculty in mathematics, science and engineering; and informal social events attended by other female undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and women researchers from Brookhaven National Laboratory and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Project WISE participants are also given a \$1,000 scholarship for their first year at Stony Brook.

A critical feature of the project is student participation in small peer study groups (five students per group) led by junior mentors - upper-class undergraduate women majoring in math, science, or engineering discipline. The junior mentors provide academic support and help introduce students to the many social and intellectual opportunities on the Stony Brook campus.

Approximately 35 students are accepted into Project WISE each year. In order to qualify for Project WISE, applicants must be women who are graduating from high school and going directly to college. They should have demonstrated aptitude or interest in mathematics, science, or engineering as evidenced by such factors as four years of math and/or science in high school, above-average grades, research or other relevant experience, above-average scores on the quantitative sections of the SAT or ACT exam or SAT science or math achievement test. Submission of a research paper or pertinent essay prepared for a class or college application may also be considered.

Anyone interested in Project WISE should contact Ms. Sarah Church or Ms. Phyllis Dykhuisen at 632-6947 or 9648, or they may write to the Project WISE office at: Project WISE, P-120 Physics, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-3800. □

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Plati, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Dr. Ronald Douglas and Project Coordinator for NYPIRG at Stony Brook Coleen O'Mara. Aside of the budget, the panel also discussed the problems that many students, especially seniors, are having adding classes.

"We do not want to delay anyone's graduation," said Dr. Douglas.

Dr. Douglas also said that a large percentage of the students having problems are victims of the Stony Brook system's "blocks" that come in forms of academic, financial, and (most familiar) traffic.

"We need to re-examine the process of blocks," said Dr. Douglas. "We cannot eliminate all of them, but we can cut them down."

Another familiar predicament is the threat of full and closed classes.

"We're trying to increase the number of classes that are in demand... In the past, psychology was our biggest problem. English was an unforeseen problem this year."

Dr. Chase said that seniors that pre-registered in November have had very few problems, but that administration has no idea how many students are currently being affected.

Dr. Douglas offered one solution to seniors in danger of not graduating because of closed classes. "It is always possible for a student to request a waiver... That starts in the departments... If it is a general education [core or DEC] requirement, we grant some waivers, we don't grant others... Not every student's situation is the same, so I don't think we would grant a blanket waiver."

A decline in the number of faculty has also attributed to the decrease in the number of classes and sections available. According to Dr. Douglas, future budget cuts could lead to further cuts in classes, sections and, possible, entire programs.

The rest of the meeting focused on what students can do to stop the budget from passing.

First on the agenda is a rally scheduled for Wednesday during Campus Lifetime. According to Polity Vice President Annette



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Hicks, the purpose of the rally is twofold: First, to let local congressmen know how members of the SUNY Stony Brook community feel about the proposed budget, and second to challenge Gov. Pataki to come to the campus and explain the budget.

The other major point of attack will

be a letter writing campaign. In the past, most of the letter-writing was directed toward the Governor's office and the politicians of Stony Brook's district. This time, however, letters will be sent to all state politicians on Long Island and to the Governor's office. □

Budget Reactions from Dr. Kenny, Students

KENNY From Page 1

night that a \$1,000 tuition increase at all SUNY institutions is plausible. Furthermore, an additional \$800 increase would most likely occur at all SUNY Centers. The SUNY Centers are Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo and Stony Brook.

In a letter to the campus community yesterday, Pres. Kenny outlined the budget's impact on SUNY institutions, based on a report by SUNY Chancellor Thomas Bartlett. According to the report, the loss of nearly one-third of tax assistance from the state would force an "unprecedented consideration" of student enrollment, the number of SUNY campuses, the number of faculty and staff, the range of programs

and delivery of services and drastic increases in tuition.

To make up for the slash in assistance, Pataki's budget suggests closing the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP), a program for the academically and financially disadvantaged student. According to Plati, the proposed budget also calls for a reduction in financial aid of \$99.6 million including cuts in TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) and Liberty Scholarships, which are need-based scholarships.

"The economically disadvantaged are going to be really hurt by this," Plati said, "which is a crying shame."

Pres. Kenny said that she's never seen a budgetary proposal like Pataki's. "I am so floored - flabbergasted - by these numbers," she said. "This state

really has to decide: if it wants a strong economy, it's going to have to take the State and City systems seriously."

"We're not going to hit the panic button, we'll survive," she added.

But looming on the horizon are the consequences of the proposed budget. "It's a very chilling document," Pres. Kenny said. "And we don't know how it's going to play out."

Thomas F. Masse contributed to this story.

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legislative leaders asking for a healthy SUNY budget.

Plati also said that she hopes to see a large student turnout at SASU's Legislative Conference and Lobby Day on February 10 through 13. This event offers students the opportunity to interact with SUNY Policy makers and top state officials and allows students to voice their concerns.

"The theme we are trying to get across to Gov. [George] Pataki in our public relations campaign for this rally and Lobby Day is that an investment in SUNY means a working New York," Plati said. "We are trying to take a totally economic perspective; that's what appeals to him."

Plati urges all students to get

involved. It effects us all, she said, either directly or indirectly.

A SUNY Board meeting is scheduled for February 3 and 23, and a SUNY President's meeting is scheduled for February 7 and 8, both in Albany.

"I think the people who care about education have to get in touch with Albany," said University President Shirley Strum Kenny. "They have to talk to their legislators - often."

Thomas F. Masse and Rich Vergara contributed to this story.

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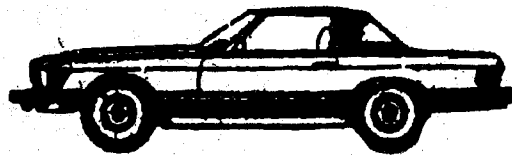
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Gun Control Myths and Measures

By Jim Senyszyn

The vast majority of Americans do not understand the meaning or application of the Second Amendment. The National Rifle Association (NRA) sedulously fosters misinterpretation of the amendment and one must conclude intentionally publishes such misinformation since its high-priced counsel surely knows better.

The full text of the Second Amendment reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged."

The U.S. Supreme Court has spoken on it many times. In *United States vs Cruikshank* (1876) 92 U.S. 542, the court held that the right of bearing arms for lawful purposes is not a right granted by the Constitution and that the Second Amendment "has no other effect than to restrict the powers of the national government."

In *United States vs Miller* (1939) 307 U.S. 174, the U.S. Supreme Court asserted that, "In interpreting and applying [the Second Amendment], the purpose of the amendment to assure continuation and render possible the effectiveness of the militia must be considered."

In *Lewis vs U.S.* (1980) 445 U.S. 55,

the U.S. Supreme Court restated this: "These legislative restrictions on the use of firearms (convicted felons cannot lawfully possess firearms) do not trench upon any constitutionally protected liberties. The Second Amendment guarantees no right to keep and bear a firearm that does not have 'some reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia'."

No federal court has ever held that the Second Amendment confers on the individual a right to bear arms. The courts have consistently adopted the "well-regulated militia" interpretation.

The amendment is to be read as an assurance that the national government will not interfere with a state's militia. Beyond this, even Congress is not prohibited by the amendment from regulating firearms by the exercise of its interstate commerce powers. See *Commonwealth vs Davis* (1976) 369 Mass. 886 by a lower court.

All legislative measures and city ordinances limiting or banning firearms have been upheld including a Morton Grove, Illinois ordinance prohibiting possession of handguns within municipal boundaries.

The California law on assault weapons was upheld through the appeals court level

and the NRA has abandoned plans to bring the measure before the Supreme Court. The NRA is aware, of course, that were it to lose an appeal to the highest court, that would put the quietus on its fundamental contention that the Constitution grants the individual the right to bear arms.

A ban on assault weapons is not only constitutional, but studies show it would also be effective. A study done by the Cox Newspaper Group analyzed 43,000 gun traces of weapons used in criminal activity in 1988 and 1989. An assault gun was found to be 20 times more likely to be used in a crime than a conventional firearm. While accounting for only 0.5 percent of all guns, assault weapons showed up on 10 percent of all traces.

The argument has been made that criminals get their guns illegally, so why target legal sales? In 1988 the Oakland California Police Department found that only 12 percent of assault weapons seized in criminal activity were obtained illegally. Fully 88 percent of them were bought legally over the counter.

The point is we must dry up the supply as much as possible. Many weapons that begin as legal sales get into criminal hands.

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Letter

Greeks Deserve a Response to Vandalism

To the Editor:

This is in response to the recent destruction of all fraternity and sorority rocks throughout the Stony Brook campus. As a member of a Greek organization I was disgusted and shocked. Obviously those who can so easily destroy someone else's property have no idea what the Greek system really is.

Do they realize how much time, effort and money we Greeks pour into this campus? Before they recklessly went vandalizing our rocks they should have considered the fact that without Greeks there would be no Spirit Night or Homecoming Parade. Do they realize how much money IFSC (Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council) allocates each month to non-Greek organizations? Do they realize how much community service is done by Greeks? We participate in the Special Olympics, blood drives, fund-raisers for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), the Leukemia Society and countless other charities. Each Greek organization has its own designated charity. We also participate in Black History Month and Women's History Month.

Before these vandals went generalizing about the entire Greek system and following every crooked stereotype they see on television maybe they should have thought of that. Our organizations add life to this campus. They teach their members dedication and responsibility. They teach us about pride and working together, friendship and commitment. I wonder how many Greeks these vandals actually know.

Those rocks cost money. Not only that, but they are the letters we worked so hard for. It took days to paint some of them. They are symbols of our organizations

which mean so much to us. To my fellow Greeks, remember, united we stand, divided we fall. If there are individuals or even groups out there that have such a big problem with Greek organizations get some guts and confront us yourselves. You might be surprised by what you find. If you don't have what it takes to voice your feelings outwardly and you feel the need to resort to such cowardly actions, you are pathetic.

Caroline Kissi
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Statesman Features

Thursday, February 2, 1995

Black History Months Kicks Off at Fireside

By ERICA D. RAMOS
Special to *The Statesman*

In honor of Black History Month, the University held its annual opening ceremony today at the Fireside Lounge in the Stony Brook Union.

"Different Shades of Black...and Together We Rise," was the theme of this year's ceremony. Unity, dignity and pride were core ideas portrayed in the event, enhanced through speeches, poetry and song.

The ceremony during Campus Lifetime began with the Gospel Choir enthusiastically singing, "Walk down Freedom Street." The singers eagerly encouraged participation from the audience, and taught everyone the chorus to the song. The words of the song were both inspirational and positive. "Let's not quarrel, let's not fight. Let's get together, we all must unite. United we stand...respect your brother and sister and all." The song was a great tool in starting off the ceremony with enthusiasm and pride.

University President Shirley Strum Kenny gave her opening remarks and officially opened the ceremony with the snip of the ribbon, sending the balloons with the red, black and green colors of Africa into the air.

William McAdoo, Chair of Africana Studies, enlightened everyone with his inspirational words about making



Candles burned during yesterday's Black History Month kickoff ceremony at the Student Union. *Statesman / John Chu*

choices, as his great African ancestors did for Black Liberation. "Black History Month is a time for all of us to take stock in where we have come from, and where we must go...we must educate ourselves...become active agents of social change."

"Salute to African Ancestors," read by Faola Ifagboyede, paid tribute to

exceptional late African Americans. "May God bless the dead and the spirits of all our African ancestors."

The voice of Curtis Luster, a senior, riveted the audience as he sang throughout the ceremony. The Negro National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," was one song that conveyed a great enthusiastic atmosphere. When praised for his talents,

after the ceremony, Luster humbly said, "See what God does? I sang. Through me, He moved and touched them [the audience]." Luster said he was very impressed with the outcome of the ceremony.

Vaughn Fauria, who directed the opening ceremony, was extremely pleased. "I'm not just impressed. I was thoroughly impressed that they attended and participated."

Wayne Blair, Resident Hall Director in Gray College, thought the ceremony was, "very nice" and "very exciting."

Vronski Mesidor, a sophomore, was "impressed with the presentation," but "upset and depressed with the crowd motivation and attendance." Mesidor says that the attendance at the ceremony, "shows the overwhelming growth of apathy amongst the so-called 'minority' youth."

The Fireside Lounge was beautifully decorated, as balloons and African flags were proudly displayed. Flyers, calendars and posters were available to all interested in the month's upcoming events. All are welcome and encouraged to come. For more information on events, please call the Voice of Students Activities (24 hours) at 632-6821.

This is "a month of recognition," said Malika Batchie, "Don't confine it to a month. Let us pay tribute to it at all times." □

Lowen & Navarro Release a Surprisingly Good Reissue

By MARC WEISBAUM
Statesman Staff Writer

First off, for all of the Jane's Addiction worshippers out there, this isn't Dave Navarro. He does, however, play guitars on two of the cuts on this album since his cousin, Dan, is half of this songwriting duo. Who is the other half you ask? Eric Lowen.

I found this to be an interesting disc for several reasons. For one, it is in a much more mellow style than what I usually subject myself to, so I had to approach with a completely different viewpoint. Secondly, I really didn't know anything about Lowen & Navarro and the little bit I did know turned out to be wrong. I thought that *Walking On A Wire*, released by Mercury Records, was a new record, when it is, in fact, a reissue. And finally, the music contained within held some interesting twists for me.

I must applaud these guys with writing some of the most intelligent lyrics I've ever heard. Particularly on

the title cut. "You told the truth/ But you're still a liar." The whole song is amazing.

This cut was amazing because the music reminded me of an old Pat Benatar cut, "We Belong." So it turns out, Lowen and Navarro wrote it. Their version of the song appears here, as well. They also throw in an additional Spanish verse that was absent in Benatar's version. Another bonus not on the original release are three new cuts.

The music took a backseat to the words for me. While it was beautifully crafted, it just seemed too quiet and the lyrics stole the spotlight.

At the end of the day, I must say that this disc is a pleasant surprise. I expected very little and discovered quite a lot. Lowen & Navarro construct some fantastic songs that, while they aren't exactly my bread and butter, even I can appreciate what they have done here. This stands as testament to how good the music is. As they walk across their wire, they deserve to be watched. □



Lowen and Navarro

Don't Ignore the Sandman - Everyone Needs Sleep ¹¹

MELISSA RAMSDELL (CPS)

- The clock on the computer center wall seems to speed up as you try writing about T.S. Elliot's influence on paradigms of deconstructionism. Next thing you know, the sun's coming up over the clock tower. You print your paper out and reach your professors office just as the bells chime nine times.

The day in class, your psych TA catches you snoozing in the back row. Or worse, you skip the rest of your classes in favor of a well-earned 12-hour nap.

Yes, the all-nighter is a fact of college life. But researchers say sleep deprivation is bad for you. "At some point the sleep debt has to be paid," said Dr. Max Hirshkowitz, a sleep researcher at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Eventually, the brain will demand sleep."

Problems associated with lack of sleep range from decreased productivity and reduced mental sharpness to increased risk of accidents. The National Commission on Sleep Disorders and Research estimates that sleep-related accidents cost a total of \$46 billion each year.

Research shows that college students are chronically sleep-deprived.

For example, Byran Marenstein, a University of Washington student, says he usually makes it to bed between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., averaging six or less hours of sleep per night.

"Earlier in the quarter, I got a lot of sleep in the library-on the couches, the chairs, the ground- anywhere I could find a place to lie down," Marenstein said. "I got so much sleep at night that I was really tired during the day."

Most research experts agree that young adults need an average of seven to nine hours of sleep a night.

"But for whatever the reasons, maybe a combination between academic, social and work demands, students end up getting five or six hours on the average," said Micheal Vitello, associate, associate director of the University of Washington Sleep and Aging Research Program.

He cautioned against using caffeine, sleeping pills or alcohol as a crutch. "If you have a double espresso each morning, in a couple of hours you may find yourself lower than before," Vitello said.

Follow these pointers from the University of Montana's Health Services to get a good night's sleep:

- Go to bed and rise at about the same times everyday. Establishing a schedule helps regulate your body's inner clock. Also try to establish a "sleep routine" by following the same bedtime preparations each night, thereby telling yourself it's bedtime before you get in bed.

- Make sure your sleeping conditions, including your bed, are as comfortable as possible. If you are sharing your bed with a snoring, cover-stealing or restless partner, make separate, temporary sleeping arrangements until you re-establish a satisfactory sleeping pattern.

- Wear loose-fitting nightclothes. The more comfortable you are, the better you sleep.

- Keep your bedroom darkened. If street lights shine in your room or if you must sleep during the day, buy room-darkening shades or blinds.

- Keep your bedroom as quiet as possible. If you can't block outside noise, "cover" it with a familiar inside noise such as the steady hum of a fan or other appliance.

- Avoid alcoholic drinks - including beer or wine - before bedtime. When alcohol wears off during the night, you might wake up.

- Avoid too much mental stimulation during the hour or so prior to bedtime. Read a "light" novel or watch a relaxing TV program; don't finish homework or office paperwork or discuss finances with your family, for example.

- Avoid using your bedroom for working or watching television. Learn to associate that room with sleep.

- If you can't sleep, get up and pursue some relaxing activity- such as reading or knitting- until you feel sleepy. Do not lie in bed worrying about getting to sleep.

- Avoid daytime napping, which tends to fragment sleep at night.

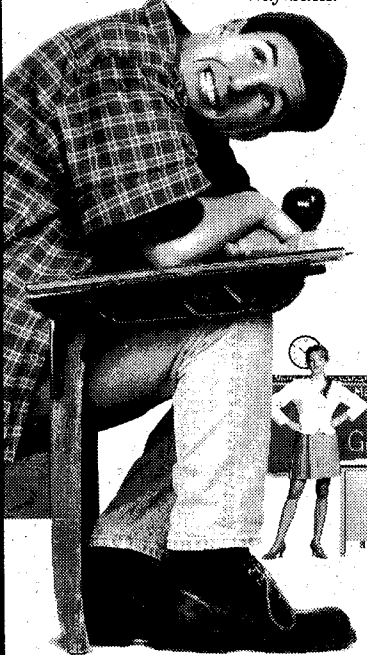
- Avoid all caffeine-containing beverages after lunch. Remember that many soft drinks, as well as coffee and tea, contain caffeine.

- Try to get some exercise each day. Regular walks,

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The Invincible War

By Brooke Donatone

I'm sure everyone is sick of AIDS. We all learned about it in health class in high school: wear a condom and don't share needles. But if we all know, then how come 43 % of AIDS cases on Long Island are from sharing needles, and 34% are from gay male intercourse, and 8% are from heterosexual sex? As of now, more men are dying of this epidemic but at the present time more women are HIV positive. In ten years time more women will have AIDS than men.

"In the white suburban female class in this country, women don't see themselves as being at risk," said Director of AIDS education at the University Medical Center, Dr. Robert Hawkins.

Some women might be embarrassed to talk about their own sexuality in any aspect especially if they are a lesbian or just the act of a young women that's not married is having sex with their partner that's stigmatizing but they don't realize that HIV and AIDS might be even more so, not to mention it's fatal. It's a way of their conformity to be silent so they won't be stigmatized.

"The incidence of HIV infection, is the highest incidence (in women) for the last couple of years, globally,"

said an AIDS educator at the University Medical Center.

I live in a little sheltered town on the island that few people have even heard of, it's the one you pass through as you blink. No one could ever get AIDS in my hometown. That's what I thought until my fifth grade teacher died of AIDS (Thomas Bradley was the first person to sue Blue Cross Blue Shield and win) and I found out that during a small blood drive at school two people were diagnosed as HIV positive.

"Transmission is transmission, you can only get it certain ways," said Dolores Klaish. Basically behavior is transmission, "it's not who you are, it's what you do," added Klaish. People believe that a one night stand won't make them a slut, because they are only at risk, or 'I only used drugs one time, so I'm not at risk.' But it only takes one time.

"I think people would rather not deal with the fact that they are vulnerable to the virus," said Hawkins. Many young people would like to think that they are invincible. If they think of themselves as not being part of a risk group, then they won't see themselves at risk. Some may think 'I'm not gay so I'm not at

risk'. The only true risk group there is is the ignorant group. *Everyone is at risk.* It's not a virus that only affects gay men or white women.

People of African American heritage have a higher incidence of AIDS. "It's true in the United States, and it's true on the island in relation to their population. . . the percentage of cases in the African American community on Long Island is 33%. . . the Caucasian community is 58% and the Caucasian makes up 89% of the population," explained Klaish.

In Suffolk County "the Women and AIDS Coalition. . . was formed about four or five years ago because not enough attention was being paid to women and AIDS generally," said Klaish. There's a theory that HIV positive men have a longer life span than HIV positive women. That theory can be dismissed possibly because women may not be diagnosed as quickly as men. Therefore, if one is diagnosed later they are obviously thought to have a shorter life span. It seems as if women are now gaining more attention and it's being realized that women are at risk, even more so than men. Just as importantly, children are at a high risk of being infected from their mother. In the year 2000 it

is projected that 10 million children will be infected.

"The information's out there, if people want the information they can get it. . . but facts alone don't do it because we're talking about behavior change and we're talking about for women sexual negotiation. . . and that doesn't come easy to us as a society," explained Klaish.

If a woman has a problem getting her partner to wear a condom, then there is a problem. Society dictates our lives too much as it is. One way or another you are going to be stigmatized or stereotyped for something, whether it be for sexual habits or lack there of. I'd rather be alive, though, to refute peoples' arguments about me. □

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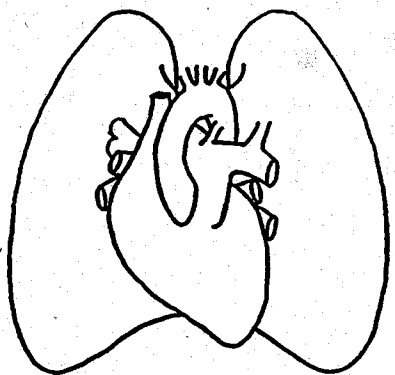
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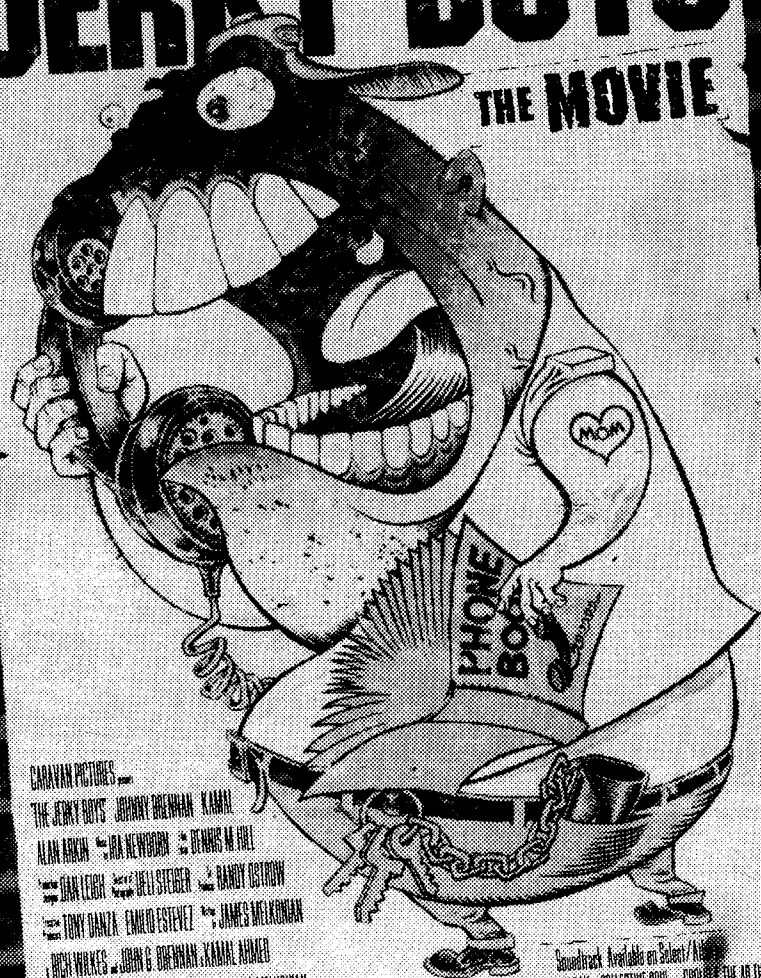
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Open Discussion of Women's Issues

By JEN GLAZE
Statesman Staff Writer

Women's issues on a local, state, and federal level were the topic of last night's Center for Women's Awareness meeting.

Locally, the discussion was about the West Islip Planned Parenthood Center's windows that were smashed, coincidentally, the night of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. At the Brentwood center, at least five people a day protest outside.

After the opening remarks, a public speaker from a women's agency spoke about several women's issues. She remarked that

a vasectomy he has to go to a center to talk about it, then has to think about it for 24 hours, tell his wife, potential grandparents and in-laws. This was all stated in a bill trying to get passed by the legislature.

The spokeswoman from the agency brought up the issue of AIDS. She said that it was the number one killer of ages between 25 and 44, which, she says, means that the disease was transmitted to them from the ages of 15 and up and the disease is also expected to rise by 10% by 1996.

Next month is Women's History Month. The center is holding events all through out the month. Beginning on March 3

they would appreciate any ideas or volunteers.

Meeting-goers such as Peter Drew, a philosophy major, heard of these meetings through friends. Emily Pizza and Rebecca Zaretsky sometimes feel ignorant to the happenings outside of campus and feel these meetings connect them to the outside.

The center is located in the H quad in the Langmuir residence hall, Room- D 120. The phone number is 632-2000. They are available to answer any questions. The Woman's Center holds general meetings every other Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in the Student Union, Room 223.



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Keren Zolotov (center), president of the Center for Womyn's Concerns, voting at a meeting for a representative for the Minority Planning Board.

state wide welfare cutbacks will drastically effect young parents and people struggling on welfare. These cutbacks, she said, are supposed to help people to get off welfare but offer no other options. On the federal level, a law in Indiana was trying to be passed with the idea for parental consent to buy a condom for people under 18 years old. The spokeswoman said young adults need permission to get a contraceptive but they do not have the right to vote on the issue.

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through the 24, an art exhibit entitled "Women's Issues" will be held in the union gallery. A lecture and discussion entitled "Women and AIDS" will be in the Union in room 214 starting at 8pm. Toward the end of the month there will be a march from the front of the Student Union around campus called the "Take Back the Night March." On the 29th, located in the ballroom of the union, Ani DiFranco will be performing a concert co-sponsored by SAB and MPB. There are several projects still in progress and the center and

The center is looking for participants at these meetings.

Karen Zolotov, the president of the women's group wants to have a lot more people involved. She wants to diversify the group as much as possible. "The campus is really pathetic to women's issues", Zolotov says. She wants to see it changed and for more people to be aware of the inequality as for women in work, text books, and treatment. She says, "Sexism among students is not uncommon."

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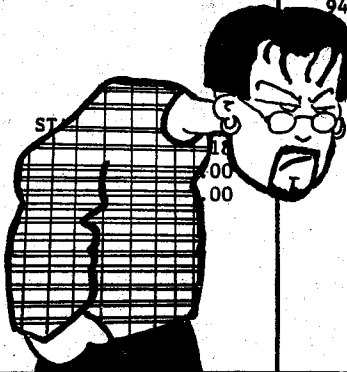
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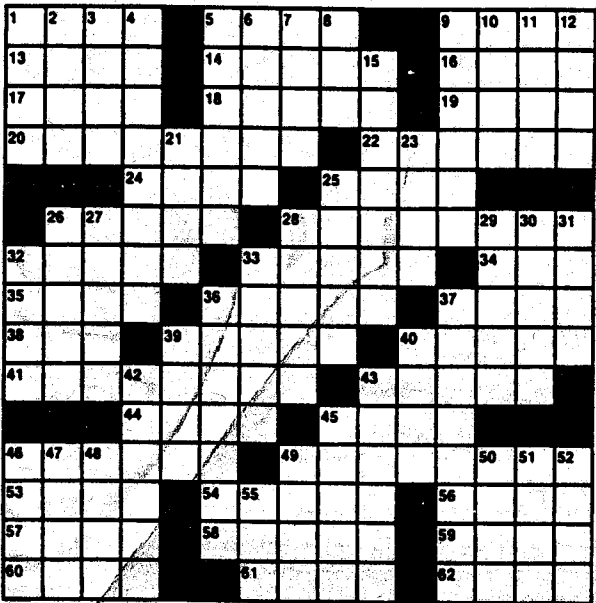


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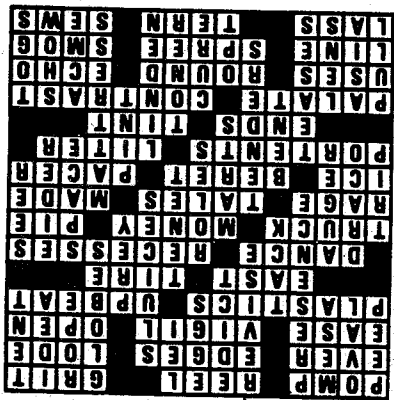
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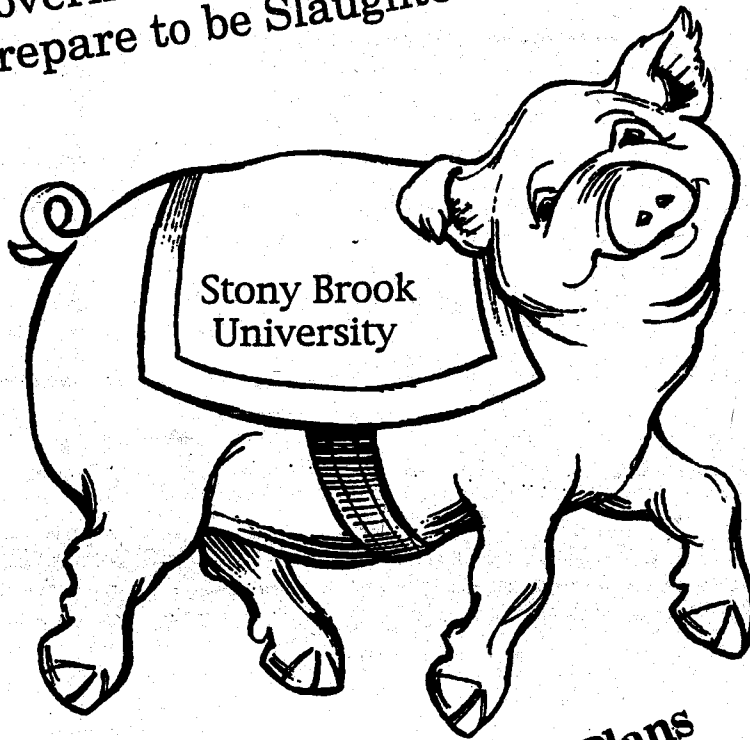
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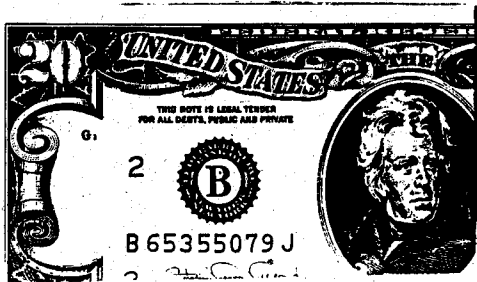
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16 Party School Poll: Who's Number One When Class is Done?

(CPS)- Rich Satur says he had a decent social life in college. "I went out to the bars on the weekends and drank as much as the next guy," he says. "It was nothing special, but it was alright."

But according to the editors of "Inside Edge" magazine, Satur, a University of Chicago grad, attended the "all-time worst place to go to school, ever."

While University of Chicago may be a good place to bump into Nobel Prize laureates, it isn't exactly party central, say "Inside Edge" editors.

In the magazine's second annual Fun College survey, 101 colleges are rated from 0 to 100 for each of the following categories: Bar and club scene, party scene, attractiveness of students, ease of graduation, ease of classes, college location, college facilities, sports involvement, happiness quotient and bragging factor.

Georgetown University tops the survey, scoring 88.9 out of 100 possible points. While acknowledging that the school is difficult to get into, the magazine describes the class loads as "fluffy", leaving students plenty of time to soak in the Washington social scene. "Number one despite a football team that your high school could beat," states the survey. "These guys must know how to kick back."

Although Penn State's football team was denied the national title, the university has earned the nominal distinction of being named the number one drinking school in the nation.

"Without a doubt, it's the top drinking school in the country. Students at this school do not buy beer by the pint unless they are attempting to cleanse their palate before they really start drinking," the survey says. "In fact, our friends at Penn State confess that they buy beer by the case in the bars."

Vicki Fong, a Penn State spokesperson, said school officials really aren't really concerned with the ranking. "It's hardly a scientific survey," she says. "We'll take it all with a grain of salt."

Editors at the "Inside Edge" say they interviewed students from 101 schools of the NCAA's major conferences.

Rounding out the top ten after Georgetown

University were:

- Last years winner, Florida State University - "There's nothing like coming out of a biology class and sun bathing before dinner."

- The University of California at Santa Barbara - "A nice place to work on you tan without the bother of all those distracting college-level classes."

- Southern Methodist University - "Bust out your Bible and go Methodist, because from what we've heard, SMU is one heck of a good time."

- The University of California at Los Angeles. - "Oh, that L.A. club scene."

- Penn State University, - "If only it were not located in the middle of Pennsylvania, where there is no ocean, no culture, and no sunshine. Oh well, no school is perfect."

- Tulane University - "The student body participates in year-long Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest parties complete with music, dancing, spicy food, exotic drinks and celebrations that last all night long."

- Ohio State University - "OSU has a great sporting reputation which amounts to some of the best tailgating parties in the country."

- University of Southern California - "Of course you know the mascot of the school is appropriately named the Trojans. 'Nuff said"

- Stanford University - "The place where the administration does its best to prevent any student from receiving lower than a 'C' in any course."

UCLA junior Josh Abercane says he isn't surprised that his school ranks in the top 10. "We have parties and drink beer like everyone else," he says. "But we also have the sun out here. That can make up for a

lot."

Although the sun occasionally shines in the Midwest, too, it apparently isn't enough to inspire bouts of frivolity and excess among University of Chicago Students, who finish behind Brigham Young University, Providence College and Johns Hopkins University.

"I can't really understand the ranking," says UC grad Satur. "The guys who wrote it must be from Harvard."

Actually, he's right. "Inside Edge" is comprised of alums from Harvard and a few other East Coast schools. And where do Cambridge boys rank their own school, that legendary campus of Ivy League madness? According to "Inside Edge," Harvard placed 34, buoyed by a perfect score of 100 in the bragging factor.

But according to the magazine, other students shouldn't be too concerned with Harvard's ranking. "Since you won't get in," it reads, "who cares?" □

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NCAA Considers Change

number of years to come."

Student athletes with a 600 on the SAT or 15 on the ACT will need a 2.75 GPA to become a "partial qualifier," which would allow them to practice with their respective team but not compete. Delegates also voted to make partial qualifiers eligible for athletic scholarship money.

Under the revised rules, any student with an SAT score under 600 will be a partial qualifier, no matter what their GPA.

A fourth year of eligibility was proposed for the partial qualifiers. Currently, those students are only eligible for three years of competition.

Nebraska chancellor Graham Spanner said the fourth year of eligibility

participation in the sport. But after much debate, the presidents decided to extend support for men's gymnastics for at least two more years.

In 1977, 138 teams competed in men's gymnastics. This year, only 33 of the 906 NCAA schools—seven from the Big Ten alone—are putting out a team. The NCAA requires a minimum of 49 teams for a national championship.

Arguing that fewer participating schools do not necessarily mean less talent, proponents of men's gymnastics feared that the sport would die from lack of interest if the NCAA decided to cut the program from its budget.

Following this year's championships at

"By continuing to rely on standardized test scores, the NCAA persists in exploiting student athletes by denying opportunities to many otherwise qualified high school students who would be able to graduate from college if they were given the chance."

**- Dr. Pamela Zappadino
of the Macintosh Commission.**

would be an incentive to players who needed to work on their grades. "The best thing you can do to urge athletes to complete their college education is to reward the student by giving them the fourth year of eligibility," he said.

The majority, however, disagreed as the vote failed 152-164.

Thomas K. Hearn, president of Wake Forest University, said that the extra of eligibility would go against everything for which college athletics stood. "Our coaches, all the way from Little League to professional sports, every day preset that if you work hard, you can do better. And if you don't, there are penalties and losses," Hearn said. "Somehow, we want to strike a line at the classroom door and say that doesn't apply. We have to keep the penalty in place so that students in high school will be motivated to meet the standard."

Because four-year eligibility for partial qualifiers was narrowly defeated, though NCAA officials expect to see the issue come up again at next year's convention.

Many opponents of the plan have lobbied for a complete ban on all freshmen eligibility and a revision of the admissions requirements for student-athletes. In fact, groups like the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the Black Coaches Association and the Macintosh Commission for Fair Play in Student-Athlete Admissions proposed the elimination of test scores as a means for judging athletes.

"By continuing to rely on standardized test scores, the NCAA persists in exploiting student athletes by denying opportunities to many otherwise qualified high school students who would be able to graduate from college if they were given the chance," said Dr. Pamela Zappadino of the Macintosh Commission.

Men's Gymnastics: The Presidents Commission had been looking into the possible cancellation of the NCAA-sanctioned men's gymnastics national championship meet due to dwindling

Ohio State University in, The NCAA has committed to sponsoring the championships till at least 1997.

NBA Draft Eligibility: While the practice has been criticized by college and NBA coaches, basketball players still will be able to return to their school within 30 days of being claimed by a team in the NBA draft.

Although the National Association of Basketball Coaches originally pushed for this measure, it has since changed its position on the issue.

"It's not working out like we thought it would," says Jim Haney, the association's executive director. "We had the right intentions, but there are too many ways for students and outsiders to take advantage of this loophole."

Division IV: Although the matter wasn't officially considered by the convention delegates, there seems to be a growing movement towards the creation of a Division IV for the nation's top football conferences.

The new division, which would be for football only, would trim the 107 Division I schools to about 80. Schools in weaker conferences such as the Big West and the Mid American still would be Division I but would not be considered Division IV as well, making them ineligible for any type of college playoff.

Currently, 64 Division I basketball teams make the NCAA tournament, but the majority of the profits are split among all of the Division I schools. A Division IV in football would eliminate powerhouse college football teams from sharing potential national championship money with perennial also-rans when and if a national football college playoff is created. It lets the schools with the nation's most prominent football programs keep the profits.

Although talk of Division IV has cooled for now, any future talk of a college football national championship will probably be centered around the Division IV concept. □



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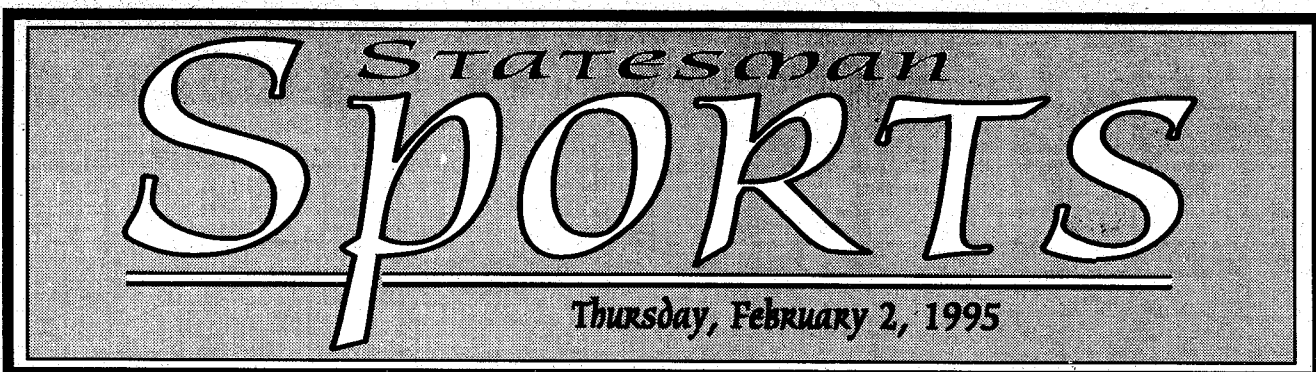
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Seawolves Winter Intercession Re-Cap

By SCOTT LEWIS
Statesman Staff Writer

Stony Brook athletics heated up over the winter break capped off by men's basketball's first win at Madison Square Garden in three tries. The January 22 MSG win over Western Connecticut featured a 44-point turnaround that ranks as the second greatest comeback in the history of USB's men's basketball.

Down 39-13 with eight minutes left in the first half, sparked by senior center Michel Savane's dunk, the Seawolves stormed back to win 81-64 and

evened The Brook's record to 9-9 for the season. Since that stunning come from behind victory the Seawolves have won two straight.

Other highlights for men's basketball over the break included junior Ron Duckett becoming only the 16th player in USB history to eclipse the 1,000-point career scoring mark in a losing effort to New Paltz. Duckett was also named MVP of the Marymount Invitational Tournament a week later. In the opening round game USB defeated Shenandoah 84-77 led by Duckett's game-high 24 points. Fueled by junior Brian

Hennessy's 18 points, 4 assists and 4 steals, Stony Brook overcame a 29-20 first half deficit. In the championship game the 'Wolves came back to bury host Marymount 74-62. Only two overtime losses and a close defeat at the hands of Division I Hofstra prevented USB from finishing with a record better than 5-4 over the break.

The women's basketball team played only three games over the break, winning one. However, the lone victory came at the expense of then-undefeated Susquehanna University 55-47 in the opening round of the William Paterson Tournament.

The upset of Susquehanna, ranked 17th in the nation in Division III, was led by senior

co-captain Erika Bascom's 20 points and 12 rebounds. For her efforts against Susquehanna and in the title game against tournament champion William Paterson (19pts. 10rebs. 5stls.) Bascom, along with teammate Rischawna Sims, was named to the all-tournament team and individually was named *Statesman*/Stony Brook Athlete of the Week. Since coming back from the break the women have split their last two games, winning at Albany on Saturday 64-63.

The winningest team on campus is women's swimming with a 8-3 record. The Stony Brook women possess a four-meet winning streak with a number of individual accomplishments. Kristin Bernard and Corrine Jones both

have been triple winners during the season. Amy Romano and Pauline O'Connor have been double winners in meets. The Seawolves' most recent swimming victory came in the four-team Skidmore meet. The Seawolves amassed 378 points to pull away from the competition.

Men's swimming has a respectable record of 4-3 on the season, but it's been the individual performances that have been outstanding. Steve Mitchell, Larry Sullivan and Joe Whalen have repeatedly been double winners. Stony Brook has also been impressive in the 200 and the 400 freestyle team relays with Ryan Gillespie and Mark Sutura, respectively, teaming up with the big three of Mitchell, Sullivan and Whalen. □

Stricter Academic Standards, New Football Division Debated at NCAA Convention

San Diego (CPS) - The 1995 NCAA convention may not have resulted in as many sweeping reforms as were hoped for by college athletes and school administrators, but the outcome of the week long event definitely points to what could be a historic gathering at the Dallas convention in 1996.

Cedric Dempsey, executive director of the NCAA, set the tone for the convention in his opening remarks. "It's time we give college presidents the ultimate responsibility for all critical decisions," he said in his "State of the Association" address at the San Diego Convention Center. "This will fundamentally change the nature and powers of our Convention, but it is a change whose time has come."

The executive director recommended a complete overhaul of the current NCAA structure by taking power from the presidents Commission and giving it back to the participating schools. Currently the 44-member group holds most of the power within the NCAA. Its members commission studies on various situations and then create legislation to correct and problems or abuses.

Dempsey suggested creating a governing body of college presidents that would initiate various reforms. Their proposals then could only be reversed by a "super majority" of NCAA delegates.

Interest for this year's convention was high, as a record-setting 310 college presidents attended the event. Although more than 150 proposals were heard, the following is a summary of the

major topics discussed at the convention.

Academic Standards: The NCAA once again approved tougher academic standards for incoming student-athletes by a vote of 255-72.

Although proposal by the Presidents Commission would have allowed colleges to accept and give aid to student-athletes who attained at least a 2.5 grade-point-average in 13 core high school courses, regardless of their standardized test scores, it was defeated 168-155, mainly because the delegates feared that it would signal an end to the recent push to strengthen academic standards. Instead of the commission's recommendations, NCAA voters approved an even stricter set of requirements.

Proposition 16, the new standards that will take effect in the fall of 1996, requires that incoming freshmen have at least a 2.0 Grade-Point-Average in 13 core courses and at least a 900 on the SAT and 21 on the ACT. For the students with a 2.5 GPA, the test requirements drop to 700 on the SAT and 17 on the ACT. Currently high school seniors need at least a 2.0 GPA in 11 core courses and at least a 700 on the SAT or a 17 on the ACT.

"What we've seen occur is very important. We have a set of standards that continue to encourage student-athletes to achieve a higher standard of academic preparation," Presidents Commission chairman Judith Albino told the delegates after the vote. "Proposition 16 will set a new standard for a See NCAA, Page 19

On the Rebound with Mr. Consistent

By SCOTT LEWIS
Statesman Staff Writer

With 1,083 points scored on his career, junior guard Ron Duckett has moved into 13th place on the Stony Brook all-time scoring list. Duckett, the Seawolves leading scorer for the third year running, has averaged 19.8 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game and has been Mr. Consistent for a squad that has been up and down all season.

Despite the stellar numbers that Duckett has continuously produced throughout his Stony Brook career the success he has achieved continues to be a pleasant surprise for the 6'4" sharpshooter.

"I didn't get much playing time during high school until my senior year," said Duckett, "I guess you could say I'm a late bloomer."

Late bloomer, indeed. Duckett, who was recently named MVP of the Marymount Invitational Tournament, has raised his scoring, assist and rebounding average in each of his three seasons.

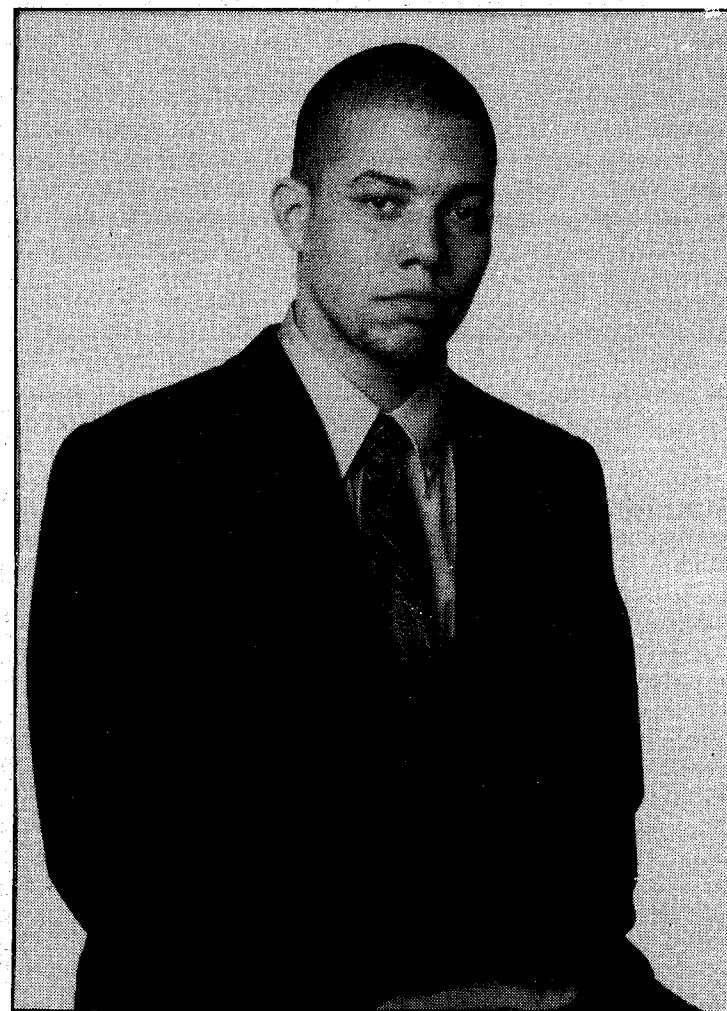
Men's basketball head coach Bernard Tomlin credits a great deal of Duckett's production to his on- and off-court focus.

"Ronnie has a tireless work effort and is our leader on the floor," Coach Tomlin said. "He is a tremendous example to our younger players."

Having scored 27 points against Division I Hofstra in his freshman campaign Duckett's only regret is not having an opportunity to play on that same level.

"I've played against guys like Khalid Reeves [guard for the NBA's Miami Heat] and I know I could have held my own," however, added Duckett, "playing here at USB under Coach Tomlin has not only allowed me to grow as a player, but academically and personally as well."

An economics major with a 2.75 cumulative average, Duckett plans on going to graduate school and eventually opening up his own business. It's that focus and determination that has enabled Duckett to become one of the most prolific scorers in Stony Brook's history.



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