



Senate Recaps "Lobby Day," Passes "Perks" Motion



Polity Senator John Giuffo (center) made the proposal that senate members receive perks for performing their duties. A motion to that effect was later made by Commuter Vice President Ken Daube.

By JOHN LOWTHER
Statesman Editor

The second session of the Polity Senate was marked by a long debate concerned with the proposed tuition hikes. Actions that the senate has taken in the past and will take in the future were discussed at length. Many senators called for unity during the next seven weeks, as the final version of the state's budget nears completion.

The Polity Senate meeting moved along at a fairly quickly pace until the tuition hike was discussed. The main impetus for the discussion concerned "Lobby Day," during which three busses traveled up to Albany to meet with politicians and lawmakers. Some of the senators and council members attended, and spoke about the day's events.

"It was a very productive weekend," said Crystal Plati, Polity president. "We got to see a lot of senators, a lot of assemblymen. We had a thousand students, at least, from all over the state attend. I think we really made an impact."

Plati thanked the senators, many of whom missed classes. Annette Hicks, Polity vice-president, asked that the senators congratulate themselves for their

effort.

Laura Pace, freshman representative, said that the senators should mobilize the Stony Brook community to action. "We have to get letters written and postcards signed," said Pace. "I really need to organize the people on this campus. We need to spread out and cover the whole campus."

After the senate listened to committee reports, a few members expressed their dismay at the lack of support that was shown on Lobby Day shown by all those senators who failed to attend.

"There is a war going on," said Ayodele Ifafore, sergeant-at-arms. "We're senators. We have to answer to our constituents. We have been elected to preserve the welfare of our student body. I saw full-time students at Albany with two jobs."

Some senators, however, took offense at these and other remarks criticizing those that did not attend on Monday. "Personally, I couldn't go to Rally Day because if I don't work, I won't be here next week - forget about next year," said Robyn Sauer, commuter senator. "If I fight for my education and I'm not going to class, what

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Suffolk Co. Bus Fare Increase Delayed

By MICHAEL SCHIAVETTA
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Most students who use the Suffolk County buses on campus have already been made aware of the fare increase from \$1.50 to \$3.00, scheduled to take place on Monday, February 20. However,

this increase has now been pushed back to March 20. Furthermore, there is a chance that this 100 percent boost in bus revenue might not have the opportunity to drain the funds of Stony Brook students at all.

What many customers fail to

realize is that buses used in the S56, S60 and S69 routes, located in the Port Jefferson and Stony Brook area, are in fact operated by a private bus company, CBS. This company has been receiving state funding for approximately fifteen years, working in

conjunction with the Suffolk County Legislature in an effort to maintain a relatively low travel fare for Suffolk residents.

However, the recently advertised increase is the result of a bill passed on December 20, 1994 by the Suffolk County Legislature that curiously prohibited any new negotiations with bus companies that require subsidies. As a result, the CBS contract expired on December 31, 1994, forcing the company to double its fare to accommodate whatever revenue they lose from lack of state assistance.

Private routes such as S56, S60, and S69 will be affected, and Stony Brook students who ride on any of these buses will feel the pinch as they fork over twice the amount they normally pay.

"They want us to cut back on cars but there's no decent public transportation at a decent price," said Patricia O'Rourke, an employee of the University. "I can't use the bus if it's \$3. It's not worth it."

The CBS bus company does not wish to infuriate its customers. One spokesperson said, "There's no need for this fare increase if the subsidy returns, but for now, See BUSES, Page 5



The lines for the Suffolk County buses that run to the Smith Haven Mall probably won't be as long if the fare doubles from its current level of \$1.50.

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Fewer Perks -
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FEBRUARY 7

3:58 p.m.

Once again, the men's restroom stall on the fourth floor of the main library has caught the attention of students. The bathroom has had a long history of homosexual activity. A male walked into the restroom and saw one man in one stall and another man in the other. One man was on his knees while the other was standing. The witness reported that they stopped what they were doing when he walked in. On further examination he saw a hole joining the two stalls. This is commonly referred to on campus as the "glory hole."

FEBRUARY 8

9:00 p.m.

At the End of the Bridge restaurant in the Student Union, a male student left without paying for his food. Later that night, the student returned and the manager confronted him. The suspect fled through the back door of the union. They have the suspect on camera.

FEBRUARY 9

11:30 p.m.

A vehicle in the Stony Brook Union metered parking lot was broken into. The smashed on the left side window was smashed. Nothing was stolen, but there was \$200 in damage.

2:24 p.m.

In the library commuter lounge, a female student was approached by an officer for smoking. He asked her for her identification card, but she refused to present it. The student told him to stop harassing her. She then gave the officer a false name. The officer asked her to leave, but she again refused, saying that the police shouldn't be in the library. She was escorted to Student Affairs.

2:30 p.m.

A male from Mount College was harassed by his roommate. His roommate repeatedly

spoke about knives he had previously displayed. The roommate asked the victim how he thinks it would feel if he slashed his throat open. The victim felt alarmed and called University Police.

FEBRUARY 10

7:50 a.m.

A skinned and mutilated cat was found in an empty garbage can in the Kelly Inner Quad. No suspects have been found.

9 a.m.

A University Medical Center employee reported that someone put broken glass behind her vehicle's tire. She stated that someone has been trying to do damage to her vehicle for quite sometime. The employee suspects a coworker.

1:45 p.m.

A resident at the Chapin apartments reported an attempted robbery. She had come home to find the frame of her door ripped off and screws on the floor. Nothing was missing from her apartment. There are no suspects.

3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m.

Three different female students reported their lingerie stolen from the Dewey laundromat. The items consisted of mostly silk, but some cotton panties and silk bras. Fifteen pairs of panties and nine bras were stolen from one female. There are no suspects.

4:40 p.m.

A female resident from Dewey college has been receiving harassing phone calls by man who breathes on the phone and occasionally talks to her. The calls were from an off-campus phone. There are no suspects.

11:17 p.m.

A Resident Hall Director from Schick College reported that there were a number of vehicles racing around the Kelly Inner Quad area. Responding officers ticketed the perpetrators and had the vehicles removed.

FEBRUARY 11

5:25 a.m.

At Schick college, two male subjects were discharging fire extinguishers during a false fire alarm. The R.A. reported that there was a party; the two males were visiting the University. However, the two males were not on the guest list. They were spraying the extinguishers all over the area. The R.A. was also sprayed in the face and upper body area. When officers arrived, the two males denied the actions. Nevertheless, they were told to leave and not to return or they would be arrested. They were also referred to the campus judiciary.

FEBRUARY 12

2:00 a.m.

At Langmuir college, unknown subjects banged repeatedly on a resident's door. The victim also received harassing calls at this time. The subjects were gone on officer's arrival.

9:50 p.m.

In the Keller dormitory, a couple got into an altercation in the laundry room over laundry money. The female was pushed and sustained facial lacerations. The male also suffered from facial scratches. They were both sent to Student Affairs.

FEBRUARY 13

12:30p.m., 4:49p.m.

Two book bags were stolen from Wallace's bookstore containing \$250 and \$353, respectively.

1:00 p.m.

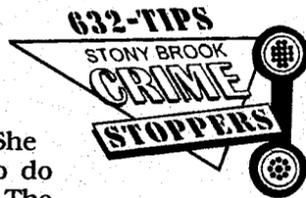
A female worker at the Health Sciences Center was followed from the elevator to the restroom. She screamed and the suspect fled. He warned her not to give away his escape route.

1:56 p.m.

A female student was arrested for stealing two pizzas from Humanities cafeteria. She carried one pizza under her arm and one in her book bag. She was transported to headquarters and released on an appearance ticket.

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Res. Hall Heat Problems

By ANJALI THADANI
Special to *The Statesman*

Imagine waking up early one morning for an eight-thirty class. It's one of the coldest days of winter and you really don't want to get up out of your warm bed. After hitting the snooze button a few times you finally force yourself up. You throw on your robe and grab your bathing necessities. You step into the shower stall and reach for the metal dial. In less than a second your shivering, bare body is being streamed with bitterly cold, numbing water. After the initial shock wears off, imagine feeling somewhat grateful and privileged to be receiving any water at all. Some residents didn't have to do any imagining.

Last week, some residence halls of H and Mendelsohn Quads had only cold water. At times they had absolutely no water, which meant, for many residents, no showering, no brushing teeth, and no flushing toilets.

"This is not fair," said a resident of James College. "People are sick, I'm just getting over a cold and I do not need to be taking cold showers, and then go out into the cold weather just to get sick again. It just isn't fair."

According to Frederick Tokash, director of Residential Operations, there were two problems.

"One, the reason we did not have water - that was probably for about a four hour period - was that there was a water main break outside the college. We had to shut down our service to both Langmuir and James Colleges to make necessary repairs."

The second part of the problem, according to Tokash, was a leak in a 'tube-bundle.' A tube-bundle helps generate hot water for the buildings.

"We have ordered the necessary parts to repair the hot water generator," he said, "but unfortunately, the parts have not come in yet."

According to Tokash, no other buildings were having similar problems. "That was basically it. Just Langmuir and James,"

said Tokash.

But not according to students, such as Cindy Mussafi, resident of Langmuir College. "I was visiting a friend in Ammann, A-1 and I had to use his bathroom."

To some residents, this was simply a matter of inconvenience. To many others, it was a matter of living under some very unsanitary conditions. "The toilets would not even flush. Everyone all over is having the same problem, not just Langmuir and James."

"We have ordered the necessary parts. . . unfortunately, the parts have not come in yet."

- Director of Residential Operations
Fredrick Tokash

Lisa Macchirella, resident assistant in H-Quad recalls having similar problems in Benedict last year. She wants to know why these problems have not yet been rectified.

"Well, we don't have the same hot water generator in

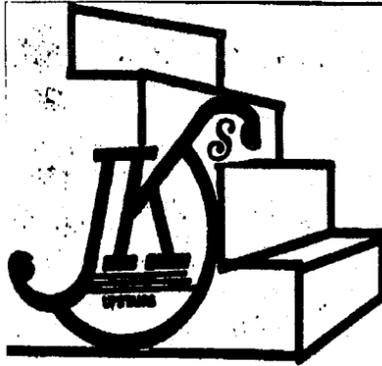
James as we do in Benedict. Each building has it's own hot water heater," explained Tokash.

"There's no check that you can do for them unless you take the whole system apart and pressurize the system to see if there's any leak and the only thing you can gain by that is saying that, 'okay, at this particular moment, at this particular day, there is no leak.'"

So there aren't any ways to check the heaters. But surely there must be some measures Tokash and his department can take to make sure these problems do not occur yet again.

"We know basically where the older equipment is, and we do, on an annual basis, check out the systems to make sure that they're operating correctly. We typically do this over the summertime in order to not inconvenience our residents."

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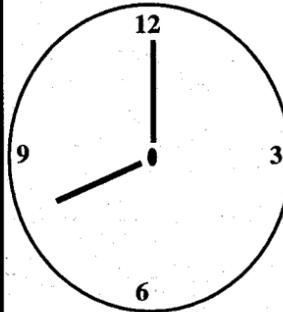
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Senate Passes "Perks"

SENATE, From Front Page

am I fighting for? I find it self-righteous to sit their and tell everyone else they should have been at Lobby Day."

New Business, Motions

Rick Resnick, senior, addressed the senate and was looking for answers. Resnick held up a flyer "Wake the f**k up Stony Brook." that had been distributed on campus. The flyer was opposed to many of the cuts proposed by Governor Pataki. Resnick wanted to know why the flyer was on campus. Sauer responded that it was not a Polity-sponsored flyer, but the actions of a lone, angry student.

Resnick also supported the cutting of EOP and TAP. Ken Daube, Commuter Student Association vice-president, took issue with Resnick. "We pay for far more than we get. To advocate anything being cut and any student not being able to attend Stony Brook next semester is ludicrous."

Two motions were introduced at the end of the session. The first motion, by Ken Daube, stated: *To form an ad-hoc*

committee to discuss judiciary, council, and senate perks.

Many senators felt the motion had potential worth investigating. "I think it's a good idea," said Daube.

Some senators felt this might reward the senators in a small way for their efforts. It might also draw students into the arena of student government.

John Giuffo, student senator, supported the motion. But he also advised caution. "It can open up a can of worms, I understand that."

A minority of senators, however, felt the motion may set a dangerous precedent. The motion was passed on a hand count, 22-5, with one abstention.

Dave Shashoua, Polity secretary and commuter senator, made the second motion of the evening. The motion would have placed the Stony Brook Press on a separate referendum, thereby leaving Blackworld and The Stony Brook Statesman on one referendum, and the Press on another. No second was made in support of the motion, and the motion died. □

County Bus Fare Increase Delayed

BUSES, From Front Page

we have no choice but to compensate. We know that we'll lose 20 to 30 percent of our riders if the increase takes affect, and that will result in a loss of revenue for us since all we get is what goes into the fare box. Nobody wins in this kind of situation." The company hopes that Suffolk County residents will voice their concerns to prevent this increase and contact their local municipality.

Some are placing the blame on the bus companies themselves for the increase. "The bus companies themselves run the routes," said an employee with Suffolk County Transit Bus Information. "They made their decision that they have to raise the rate."

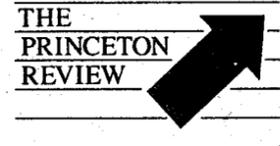
As a result of the protest over the fare increase, the \$3 charge has been pushed back to March 20. This also allows a possible solution by March 7, when the Suffolk County Legislature will vote on a recently introduced bill that will restore subsidy on private routes, thereby eliminating any need for the proposed fare increase, maintaining the \$1.50 ride. □

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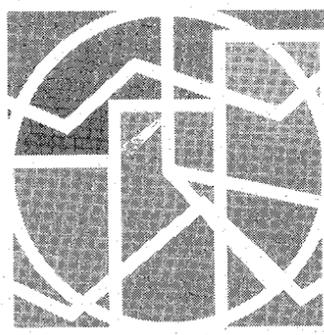
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Editorial

Now They Want PERKS!

The Senate Judiciary has deliberated for 15 hours in two months of classes and has not reached a decision in a case. Some elected members are breaking records for poor attendance. We still haven't received official election results from last semester. *No one* showed up to sit at or set up a display on the table reserved for the Student Polity Association at the student activities fair yesterday.

However, last night, they decided to form a committee to investigate the possibility of giving perks to the council, senate and judiciary.

PERKS!?

Can any person state a logical reason why students who enlist themselves in public service positions and work only 15 hours in two months deserve perks? Can any person explain why we *still* don't have "official" election results, but the people who are supposed to supply said results should get perks?

We doubt it.

In fact, a logical reason cannot be provided.

The motion was made by Senator Ken Daube but was suggested by Senator John Giuffo. Their argument is that it is difficult to retain senators. They said that hard-working

senators should get something for what they do.

Since there are very few hard-working members, why reward all of them? Also, if it's difficult to retain senators, is the answer giving them something to stay?

Giving them the benefit of the doubt, let's say they decide to give elected Polity officials a free soda at Colours and free entry to COCA movies. Is that going to get someone to be a senator? More importantly, if they become a senator for the perks, is that the right reason to run for election?

Unfortunately, that's the best we can hope for.

Polity is rapidly becoming like the U.S. Legislature. Once they get their collective foot in the door, they'll be clamoring for more. Soon, it will be a free soda, a free movie, a free bus pas, parking spaces, travel expenses, stipends, increased stipends, and who knows what else.

By then, everyone will want to be elected.

Some senators defend this by saying that individuals will be graded to determine what perks they receive. Attendance could likely be a defining measure.

Who does the grading? Most likely, themselves.

Currently, when a member has a specified number of absences, that member's voting

privileges are supposed to be revoked. But that hasn't happened in years. Why would they start keeping track when their perks are at stake?

When potential problems and gross abuse were mentioned as possibilities, Giuffo, defending his idea said, "This could open up a can of worms. I understand that." He tried to say that the senate needs members, that the perks are for hard-working senators, that perks will be regulated.

But, experience and history illustrates that it can't happen.

Only five senators had enough sense to vote against forming the committee.

Senators always make a big deal about bringing information back to their LEGs before they vote anything. However, when it comes to perks, not only did they not ask *first* for input, but it's likely that they will not ask *ever*.

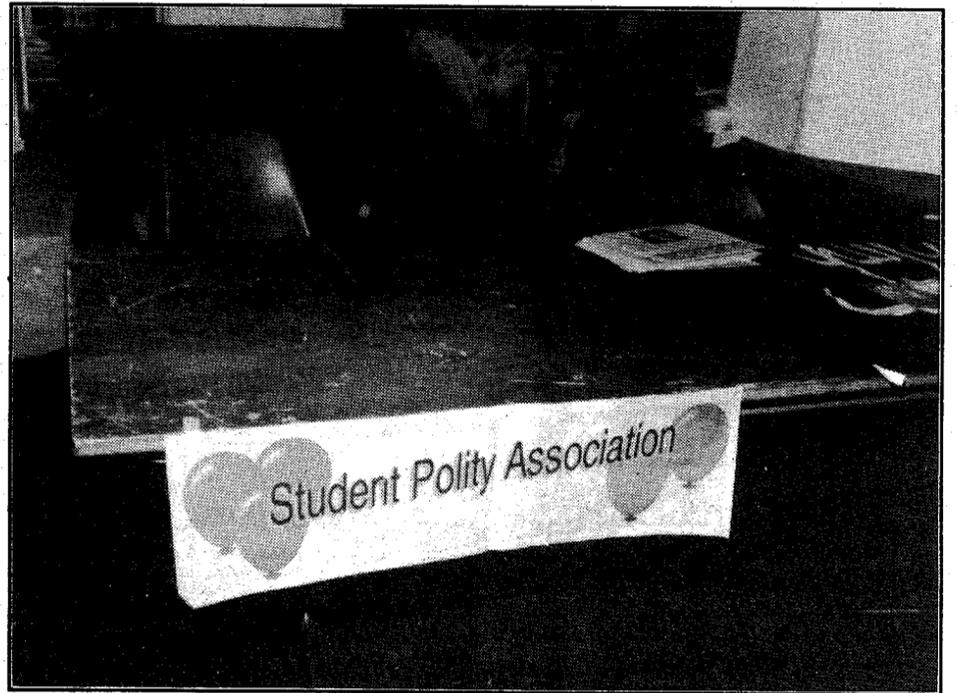
If you don't hear about perks at your LEG, ask your senators about them. *They* will be the ones receiving them.

Not all senators are hard-working. A good number of them will try to pull this one over the students eyes so they can boost the perks later.

We won't let them.

We'll LET EACH BECOME AWARE!

These
People
Want
Perks
???



Polity's table at yesterday's student activities fair. With the budget crisis and other intense topics in the minds of students, could they afford to miss it? They say "yes," and now they want perks.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning."

- Albert Einstein

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By John Chu

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Look to the Gammy!

By Cordell Z. Taylor

I am delighted to announce that Nerlich-Parrett Publishing has just released *The Complete Tales of the Gammy* (\$19.95, 37 pp, 162 page introduction, illustrated throughout), the ancient story of one man who would be the foundation of a religion whose prophecies are only today being fulfilled in such a way that won't make you think that some scholars need to get outside and play. The following tale, taken from the text, has been handed down by disciples through countless generations:

Once a lowly shepherd set out across the hills to find the Great Gammy. When he found him, the shepherd asked, "Oh, Great One! My wedding is but three days away, yet my thoughts are impure and I fear my lust has no bounds, for my bride is quite a catch. What can I do to prevent such a good time?" The wise Gammy merely replied "Nintendo."

This tale has several variations, one of which has the Gammy asking for measurements of the oversexed shepherd's wife and that if she ever wanted to make a movie, then come see him because it's really lonely up in the mountains. Another has the Gammy inquiring if she has a sister and the shepherd maybe send him some photos of the consummation.

The Gammy's influence extended into much of Asia and some parts of Western Europe. Indeed, many great figures of religion have, according to the book, acknowledged the presence of the Gammy and his teachings. When asked if he'd ever heard of the Gammy, Shakyamuni Buddha reportedly answered, "Oh, you mean that idiot up in the mountains?" In addition, Confucius supposedly rolled his eyes and shook his head gravely upon hearing the name of the Gammy. Other times he would just ask for a drink.

Another story of the Gammy's wisdom:

Once a woman of significant obesity visited the Gammy in his mountain dwelling and she asked, "Oh, Gammy! How can I stop my husband and his friends

from making fun of my unfortunate corpulence? He refuses to stop and I feel so helpless." Sitting atop his throne, The Gammy replied, "Bobbit."

This story has variations not unlike the previous tale. In one version, the woman merely asks if the Gammy has an extra chocolate doughnut and a Diet Coke, to which the Gammy answers, "Slim Fast," but this alternate has never been fully accepted by scholars, partly due to lack of evidence and partly because we know the Gammy ate only beef jerky and Yoo-hoo. An interesting theory proposed by the book suggests that this woman, upon her return to her husband, might have well been the source of a series of unprecedented solar eclipses in and about Asia around the year 2488 B.C., an event which had originally been attributed to the movements of Princess Regina's royal ass.

The Gammy's encounters with the female population were not rare occurrences. Many ancient observers have recorded several young women entering and leaving his mountain domain, usually within the time span of just 15 minutes. Another tale from the book concerns a group of women who sought the wisdom of the Gammy.

A group of women entered his cave and sat before him. The leader spoke with a firmness quite unlike other women of that time. She said, "Oh, marvelous Gammy! How may we enable ourselves to discuss the experience of being woman; the joys and delights; the sorrow and the pain; how to do inexpensive makeovers and to get the kids to do their homework?" The Gammy, always serene, replied, "Oprah."

The Gammy did indeed possess wisdom! Another story from the book, concerning a young man and his suspicions, exemplifies the wondrous prognostication of this prophet.

A young man asked the Gammy, "I fear my wife may be fooling around, and as my suspicions grow, so does

my vengeance. Is there a way I can silence my adulterous spouse and her lover, a way that would not draw any significant attention from the community?" The Gammy shook his head and said: "O.J."

Admittedly, his wisdom was lost upon his disciples, as they had absolutely no idea what he meant when he kept asking, "What time is *Saved by the Bell* on? I'm in love with Kelly Kapowski." Other times, the Gammy reportedly screamed, "Sega!" all throughout the night.

In his closing years, the Gammy grew despondent and bitter. His relations with women deteriorated greatly once each of them realized that they had been worshipping an unstable man, a most bizarre man, one who spent way too much time trying to figure out why "abbreviation" is such a long word. His suggestion that they participate in the holy ritual of licking honey off his body eventually lost its attraction.

But despite the unkind decrepitude that held him to his dying day, the Gammy had foreseen many wondrous events in the years to come. Scholars are only now beginning to see how this great man may have also predicted the coming of the Chicken McNugget, Roadrunner cartoons, and, quite possibly, the Seattle Sound.

Upon his deathbed, surrounded by people waiting to move into his four bedroom cave, the Gammy imparted his apocalyptic vision of the future.

"I foresee a team from the New City that shall endure a curse of 54 years. And only through dumb luck shall they proceed in an abomination of nature that will enable them to buy - I mean, win the Stanley Cup. Surely then, Annihilation is near!"

Need I say more? It seems as though Nerlich-Parrett has published this book of wonderful teachings just in time.

[Go Islanders. . . CZT]

Read *Stony Brook Magazine* - Every First Monday of the Month In *Statesman*

Essay on Jim Morrison

By Wendy Krieger

Although it has been twenty years since his death, Jim Morrison remains a celebrated hero.

As lead singer of the Doors during the late 60's, he rocked the world with his sultry voice and theatrical performances. His strong, sensual and poetic lyrics brought new insights and awareness to a generation starved for change.

his immense popularity originated not only from his music, but also from the "Lizard King" image he created. It is this image that has been played upon by others to feed the fire of the currently burning "Morrison Myth." Sadly, the myth betrays Jim Morrison's memory has never received the roundness and fullness it deserves.

The most widely circulated aspects of Jim's life include his early drug-usage, polygamy, excessive drinking, and rock lifestyle. Contrary to popular belief, these aspects do not solely define Jim's substance.

What has not been so highly publicized is that Jim

was extremely intelligent, articulate, and well educated. He graduated from UCLA with a degree in cinematology and was a voracious reader. The subjects that most interested him were philosophy, sociology, psychology, mythology, literature, and poetry. He was an eloquent, creative writer, artist, and poet. Some of the poems he produced were incredibly potent and electric while others were filled with great tenderness and emotion. In addition, Jim was very witty, charming, and had a great sense of humor. A strong magnetic aura surrounded him, drawing people to his charismatic personality.

Through deduction, one can only conclude that the true essence of this legendary hero has been unfairly veiled. The myth surrounding Jim had given far too much credit to the image, while not enough to the man. In order to bring justice to the Lizard King's memory, all parts of him need to be remembered equally. As the old saying goes, "There is more to him than meets the eye." ■

Ode to Anne Ryand

By Ryan Hikata

Unbeknownst to none
The workings of his or her own heart
But only in hindsight can mend
Those mental formulations that rend
And burn into shape
The shell our souls can't escape,
By way our sins depend
Oh how this endeavor will end
How much this worldly environment will bend
And with much luck to this nature send?

The author of this book
For granted these circumstances took
And on bookish fancies lean
To wipe her dirty seeds clean.
What does this mean
When in earnest service seem,
Lies a villain in wait
To only ill goes her fate
Whose only goal to tend
Her worthless soul defend.
No love.

Fury, Anger, Rage

By John Lowther

My three life emotions: Fury, Anger, Rage.
My fists are lethal weapons
Trapped in a legal cage.

My mind is a scalpel
I'll dissect your weak psyche.
No prisoners do I take,
Fortitude can be frightening.

Do not confront me,
It is you I'll destroy.
You are no challenge
No more than a toy.

Fury is the first - necessary to survive.
My reservoir of power,
It lies deep inside.

Anger is the second - it is this that I feel
Dare not cross me,
Your Fate my Anger will seal

Rage is the last - extension of the soul.
Rage is quite powerful,
Too powerful to control.

To underestimate the enemy
Is a fatal mistake.
Your ignorance knows no bounds,
A mistake you will make

Fair warning, Young Warrior,
Listen quite carefully,
Listen to my pledge,
My three life emotions: Fury Anger, Rage

Of countless lies
&
Merry long past ties
Of mornings once shared carings
& tales of one's own fairings.
To see what one's most fears
To avoid shedding bloody tears
Be still and listen
and you may see
as destiny describes her plight for you and me

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Infinite Moments

By N.M.N.

I have been swallowed up
by this room the size of a shoe box.
I cannot remember all I need to say.

My other personality walked away
with half of my thoughts and memories.
Don't blame her -
she is only three years old.

But she has left me here, speechless.

So many infinite moments
are in the pockets of her tiny overalls,
melting beside the chocolates that
mommy brought home from the bar.

Wherever she is now, she is hiding,
I know that she is praying.
Her knees suffering on a hard, burning rug.

She is praying from memory,
Not from her heart.
It has been closed,
like a locket.

I need to quietly slip away.
That is what she did.
One moment she was crying in the bathroom,
the next she managed to cease existing.

Except for in my mind.
hidden like the infinite moments
in her pockets.

A Place in My Heart

By Christopher Chu

She is like, that of no other I've ever known
Her smile ... Catches me like a summer breeze
In her eyes, I can walk into forever
With nothing more to ever need,

A cactus in the loneliness of a desert
More beautiful than what eyes can see.
A pacific calm comes over when she is near
becoming green and fallow in an untilled lea.

I know not what to tell her, but I am in her debt
Like the spirit who guided Daedalus, away from a foolish son.
Under his wings she was the Western wind
Like Gabriels fire flickering until her duty done.

Of tales of love and tales of war
She is the sweetest of melodies from a passionate song.
Stories told in every babes' ear-
From ages old to some just begun.

And if I had to say, if passion was the sole reason for which
we live...
The to this gentle lady I say;
You are all of life, for you, it would be my own life
I'd gladly give,
this place in my heart.

The Story of Brook Slateman

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Park 'N' Shop

By John Chu



What If I Bleed?

By Jim Daszenski

Today passed like a rerun-
repetition is the key.
Did you see that young boy
who stood there, without fear,
blowing bubbles with his stomach-
and breakfast streaming down his chest-
only the best for you, my dear.
Remember the time on the bus I asked,
"Should we have a car?" and you replied,
"No, money will drive us."
It is all so clear.
Remember our first night,
the salt and sight of you-
lying there like a chalk outline
at some heinous crime-
the damp rhyme until we awoke
and our breath stank-
and you looked like hell.
Oh well.
And how tired I became
of waiting for you to decide-
or not decide- which is deciding too.
And then we split like atoms.
Nothing I know yet
chafes me more than the pretentious
name of a pet- and I regret your gerbil,
Fafnir. How sad the dog who only
knows the outside as a place to shit-
who never feels the blood turning over
in his veins. So howls the bowels.
Liberace called the other day
just to say that death tastes like chicken.
(I told him he should have just
had chicken instead, but he is dead
and wasn't listening.)
It was you- my kryptonite lover-
who gave rise to that rare, albino
thought: with me it is all text
and kleenex.
And I am having that dream again,
no, not the one about the lesbians,
the other one...

Mermaids can't cry.
I want to be a mermaid, just like mom.
One would have to assume they can't
See very clearly as well.
The world must be so beautiful that way,
All a misty haze,
A memory you can touch . . .
I want the world to touch me.
I think I felt it once,
In another life,
A small girl on a swing
With her eyes closed,
Flying . . . flying away . . .
Sometimes I wonder if I feel anything now.
It used to be so cold here -
I've become too familiar with the cold.
I don't feel it anymore . . .
That should scare me.
But I do feel him,
All over . . . like a silk dress.
When he holds me, he can hear the screams
In my head.
I hope he stays a while . . .
They tell me that I am confused.
Everyone would be confused,
If they knew all that I know.
Years went by,
All I have here is a storm.
It thunders inside of me.
Maybe that is why my heart shivers.
I heard my voice yesterday . . .
Or was it last year?
It told me to be silent.

By N.M.N.

Sweatfilled Dreams

By Micah Zevin

Your mind
an everpresent
source of knowledge
Thoughts that go unremembered
appear in your dreams
These thoughts represent
your forgettable past

Now that you are asleep
gripping your pillow
closely to your head
your mind is full of scary images
your mind is full of dread

Laying in bed,
violently tossing and turning
all you see if fire
your thoughts are ruled by the devil,
causing your head to burn
just as fire rules wood, leaving ashes in the end.

These sweatfilled dreams, you have
cause you to wake up
in the middle of the night
You attempt to sort out your thoughts
and understand what's going on in your head
instead exhaustion overtakes your body and mind
taking you back to the dark and creepy place
where sweatfilled dreams take place
in your head

Your asleep again
in your dream
sweat fills every pore,
running down every inch of your body
like an ocean of tears
each tear,
a different memory

Thoughts of horrible people
Places you don't want to go
Things you don't want to do
cause chaos in your mind
you search for everlasting peace
But only sweatfilled dreams
rule your mind.

My Heart, My Fear, My God!

By Tiger

He beckons me.
Not now I say.
Persist does he.
No more, not today.

What is it you desire,
In anger I shout!
What is it you aspire,
I'm curious no doubt.

Answering Not I,
But we you see.
A thousand deaths we die
Everyday. Worry.

What deaths be these,
I anxiously retort.
Those of little ease,
Remarks my cohort.

Cradle to the grave,
Your nemesis it is.
Present when you're brave.
Oh, yes! How it lives.

Watch it devour!
Yet all is not lost.
Also a power,
Master it at all cost.

Womb of good and evil,
Our mind it is
Ice to purge the devil
here we'll find bliss.

Slay your demon,
and greatness you will find.
Intellect is your Shaman,
So heed your mind.

No longer in Hell
Will you exist.
To leave this fiery well,
You must persist.

Merely your heart,
I've guided you so far.

You must do your part,
And continue the war.

Though I fear,
I shall fight.
Trickling with some tears,
But always with great might.

Thank You my brother,
You've shown me our demon.
But now with no other,
I must fight, Amen.

Vivian

By Ryan Hikata

Early on Friday afternoons
already my heart begins to sing for you
on the busy streets I see all around me
men and women moving back and forth through space
it's their right, it's their prerogative
as real as my own grasp on reality
but their souls are lost to me
they are, just bodies, just matter,
just atoms who follow physical laws,
doing an inevitable dance, musical notes
that play such beautiful songs
up and around in comparison for you.
A beautiful face. . . yours is stronger
A lovely voice. . . yours is warmer
An assertive eye. . . yours are deeper
the universe sings the songs, the melodies
the sounds, the tones, but there are no
other worthy subjects
they are all on the pallet to realize you.

Places

By Jim Daszenski

Unsure of where *here* is exactly you begin a new map
working out a small town along the border

clouds the color of sky

Rumors and a history come next
maybe a war grew up out of the soil pushing pebbles aside
smelling sweet and necessary
but that would explain very little

At night your father comes around to playing the fiddle
the ceiling fan spins in the silverware

it could be different who knows
you could be in a quiet room the blood loud in your ears

The cat is vibrating in the window
You forget about the map as someone hands you a mint julip

This must be the place.

Never Be Me

By Kathryn Guce

I gazed at him wondering...
 What was it about him
 That drew my attention, my stare?
 He was handsome, they said.
 He was friendly, they said.
 He was a gentlemen, I had to agree.
 The man was different from any other.

I look back and reminisce
 At the mere two days I spent with him wondering...
 What was really about him that was unduly to forget?

Sometimes I gaze upon nothingness
 Trying to remember his smile,
 The way his eyes scream for slumber,
 The way his head hung between his eyes, his forehead.
 The way he talked softly, gently.

Sometimes I wonder what it would be like
 To be with him, to hold his hand
 Or what it would be like to ride away on his boat
 Just sail away into the sunset, the sea
 Thinking about nothing at all
 Just him and me.

But alas, let us get back to reality,
 He never noticed nor laid his eyes upon me
 I couldn't blame him
 The tough, insensitive exterior was not worth to gaze upon.
 But beyond this tough, insensitive exterior lies a
 hopeless romantic
 Whose only dream in the world is to be swept away by a man
 on a boat.

To sail away to the sunset, to the sea
 Thinking about nothing at all,
 Just him and me.

How I wish I would gaze upon his pulchritude,
 Just once more
 How I wish he would remember me
 How I wish he would remember my name
 Although I know, deep inside me
 The girl he would take away on his boat
 Would never be me.

Welcome to the Land of Slumber

By Micah Zevin

Fatigue has stuck me
 like a cloud filled with lightning bolts
 Barely able to move
 Slowly, I ascend the stairs
 in search of dreams
 Do I search for dreams
 that are reachable or unattainable
 What are in the stars for me
 only fate will tell me, they say!

When I reach my room
 I am now bordering on the land of slumber
 I have only to cross
 the imaginary line,
 that separates fantasy from reality.

How do we know when
 when we've entered the land of dreams
 Is everything chaotic or
 Is nothing what it seems

The land of dreams is unpredictable
 we try to escape it by a peaceful means
 Theoretically we control our own thoughts

Who knows what happens when we enter
 the land of dreams
 Do we see white lights or
 Do we see flashing beams
 Trapped by our dreams
 our mind is the world
 a world composed of random thoughts
 and memories, waiting to be unlocked
 We only need to find the key

Can we control our dreams
 where they begin and where they end
 or are our dreams too complex
 for our minds to comprehend
 Well we may claim to know
 alot about the id and the ego
 when it comes to analyzing dreams
 but we know what all this truly means

Group Therapy

By Victor J. Alfieri

He sat in the dayroom
looking out the window.
Jesus stood on a chair
preaching his return
as the puree'd beef
he had for lunch
dried in his beard.
Elvis stood in the corner
practicing the dance of his,
but the valium he received
at 11:30 kept stealing
the floor
from under his feet.
Meanwhile,
Kenny was playing
a great beat
with his head
against the wall
adding new scratches
to his helmet.
My pad is starting to fill up.
These cases are coming along
better than expected.
Possibly tomorrow,
I will be able to
report a breakthrough.
But first,
I'll need more crayons
to keep up with my reports.

Roses are Dying

(From a conversation in the Night)

By Christopher Chu

Somewhere on this earth,
roses are dying
indefatigable symbol of love
and they are dying.

No, not I
however it might, I shall live forever.
my will shall sustain.
Tempestal storms will rage,
with a force of a thousand winds

And on the edge of an ocean,
I whisper her name.

So that she will know
wherever we are,
I will always listen to her.

() ... is who I love, who I cherish in my heart,
and yet; there is still so much more to learn...

Let the songbirds sing us a new song in the morning,
For tonight the roses are dying...
But never will my love.

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The Vase

By N.M.N

I think I have been here for a very long time.
Strapped to this chair for years and years.
I felt my hair grow passed my thighs,
It slightly touches my legs.
Maybe if it gets long enough,
I can float away on the next breeze
That sneaks through my window.
I hate the way he watches me from across the room.
Dangling my dreams just out of my reach.
He likes to see me drool,
Like a little girl with no control.
Wanting. Wanting. Wanting.
But he is wrong.
Despite his best efforts,
My mind still wanders to my lover's arms,
This keeps me sane.
That is how I escape from his constant stare.
It makes me feel naked ... dirty.)
He sits and examines my flaws.
He says that I am like a vase
(so empty inside?),
I have been broken and glued back together.
And he laughs at the hidden damage.

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EOP Students Letter To Pataki Rise to the Top

Governor George E. Pataki
Executive Chamber, State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

To the Editor:

While reading the editorial in the February 6 edition of *The Statesman*, I was outraged by your ideas about the academic capabilities of EOP students. Did you do any actual research on this topic? I think not! Well here is a little reality check:

EOP is not a program for "academically lacking" students. It is a program created to assist students from a low socio-economic environment. No one is denying that some EOP students may have had a low GPA in H.S. or even the chance that some had low S.A.T. scores. However, I then ask you how many "good" students did not suffer the same fate? You classified the entire population of the EOP/SEEK program as "academically lacking" students. That is an ignorant generalization. I am one of those so called "academically lacking" students who ascertained a 3.18 last semester. I do not believe a 3.18 can be classified as "academically lacking". I am only one out of the many EOP students who received above a 3.0. One student received a 3.5, while another "academically lacking" student received a 3.24. Are these not deserving individuals? The EOP program at Stony Brook, in itself has been very successful at assisting students who worked diligently to overcome the handicap created by their environment. *The Statesman* should support hard work and dedication rather than try to destroy the products of it. EOP students take the same challenging courses as all other students, and at times may surpass those same students that you claim are more deserving of financial aid.

EOP students are required to maintain a certain average and if they fall below that average they are put on probation. If they continue to do poorly, then they are removed from the program. The students in EOP work very hard for the extra financial support that they receive. Its not as though they are getting a free ride. They attend a summer program for five weeks, where they are forced to take classes ranging from chemistry to pre-cal.

And as for the comment about an EOP students incapability to get into a quality University, it was an uncalled for piece of bull. Did you poll the EOP students and find out how many students chose Stony Brook over another quality University? I don't think so! I for one was accepted to Smith, Hobart, Connecticut College, Fordham University, and Stony Brook. I chose Stony Brook because it gave me the most financial aid. Other EOP students chose Stony Brook for the same reason as I did.

The basic point that I would like to make is that *The Stony Brook Statesman* is guilty of committing libel against the students in the EOP program. The students deserve an apology; a retraction should most definitely be written. *The Statesman* can stand firmly behind it's opinion of cutting the EOP program but must disavow it's statement about the academic capabilities of an EOP student because it is inaccurate and unjustified.

Sincerely,
Alicia Martinez

P.S. Speaking of academically lacking - why does *The Statesman* constantly have spelling and grammatical errors? Oh, don't tell me your excuse - let me guess. Your staff consists of EOP students?!

Honorable Sir:

I am compelled to write and voice my extreme displeasure with your economic proposals, namely the SUNY budget.

In my opinion, an education is one of the most revered privileges that any one individual can be exposed to, especially if a person is indeed fortunate enough to seize the financial opportunities presented by the educational system of New York that are available. The proposed increase in tuition, lowered and partial elimination of TAP awards, and the complete elimination of the Educational Opportunity Program punishes individuals who strive to overcome life's hardships, scrapping for and diligently pursuing the many obstacles involved in the achievement of a degree. To install more barriers is extremely insensitive to a new generation of voters (including me) who will surely remember this scenario in four years. I will remember, and I will be more than glad to remind those that may have forgotten.

I am in my mid-thirties and have not had a formal education or the opportunity to earn a six figure income (or a decent five figure income for that matter). I've been homeless and destitute, yet I seized the chance when presented me, by the Educational Opportunity Program and the SUNY system to better myself through knowledge and hard work. (I earned a 4.0 GPA my very first semester!) Since that initial exposure to education last year, I have become employed and continue my studies at SUNY Stony Brook. I no longer am eligible for TAP, and now rely on student loans, however, if tuition rises I will be forced to reconsider funding in order to pursue my educational dream.

On cutting faculty and staff, I would like to add, that this is indeed a very grave mistake. Our teachers are our society's greatest human resource. For they are entrusted with our children's minds and the formulation of hopes and dreams for a brighter future for us all. Presently, there is a woeful shortage of both teachers and staff. Students learn and respond in an environment where size and structure of the class if conducive to allowing more interaction between teacher and pupil. Classes now resemble stock yards where the cattle is herded in and out in anonymous fashion. This is not a healthy learning environment, and I'm sure you wouldn't want your children exposed to this situation if you were in our shoes. To cutback this resource even further is to implement the worst kind of "trickle down" economics, resulting in a lower quality of education and an inability to allow accessibility of knowledge to our young.

Long Island in general has deteriorated to such a great degree that scaling back accessibility and affordability to education will only further erode the small gains that this region has seen over the last few years. Governor Pataki, I urge you to reconsider the irreparable damage you are about to inflict on the people of this great state and in particular the people Long Island. We should be expanding our school systems in order to strengthen our economic base through research and development. Don't look for the quick fix. There are other avenues to which you can achieve a balanced budget. To name one, The Lotto; is it really necessary to have commercials

heralding what this week's jackpot is...? People will play regardless. Where is this money going? Not to the schools, or your budget would leave them alone. Grade school children on Long Island wouldn't need to walk to school as they do now in some locales.

One final topic of your proposed cutbacks I wish to comment on is the proposed eradication of shelters for the homeless and the severe elimination of mental health services. This too Governor, is a tragic scenario that you wish to justify through conservative rhetoric. Not everyone has friends and family that they can turn to in a time of crisis. Not everyone is able to shake off the depths of depression when they are encountering difficulties in their home or business, or when they lose a loved one or a job. If only one person benefited from either one of these services that are offered, than the money spent has been well worth it.

In closing, I would like to say that I am aware of the great strain and unpleasantness in constructing a new budget. However, our schools are our *first priority*. Our elected officials should be protecting, not pillaging or placing more constraints and restraints on an already stressed educational system.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully yours,
John J. Allen

Lack of Respect To EOP Students

To the Editor:

In response to your editorial "Drastic Times Call For Drastic Measures," where you called EOP students "people who are academically lacking" and where you expressed your support in cutting the EOP program. This stupid opinion could only have come out from a ignorant person who doesn't respect and who doesn't know the reality of the EOP program which is composed mostly by minority students. I am a sophomore and I belong to the EOP, unlike your comments I consider myself a very smart person. I have made the dean's list the past two semesters. Both of those times my G.P.A's were

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higher than 3.7. As of now I am taking 300-level courses; courses that I don't think your low-IQ staff will dare to take, I know I couldn't have made it without the help of EOP counselors. I believe your comments are unjust and unfounded to all the hard working students that belong to this program.

Lastly I want to say that you have hurt a lot of people by your poor journalism and the lack of respect your newspaper gives to the EOP, the only thing that you have accomplished is divide the Stony Brook community in a time that we should all stick together.

Rafael Castillo

Age 7, 1982



Age 15, 1990



Age 18, 1993



Elizabeth Suto.

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- By Mike Kramer



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"Neighborhood Watch" - 30,000 Eyes Scanning Campus'

By PAUL WRIGHT
Statesman Staff Writer

The words "Neighborhood Watch" are often associated with crime prevention on one's block. However, you can now link them with a new crime and safety program here at Stony Brook.

A Neighborhood Watch program was started up at the Stony Brook Union late last semester, taking the idea from the program started in the Frank Melville Jr. Library in October of 1994.

The Neighborhood Watch, as its motto says, utilizes "the eyes and ears of the community" to deter illegal activity.

Each floor of the Student Union is divided up into three sections. Captains are assigned to each floor. They recruit volunteers who stay alert to the area around them. The volunteers in turn report anything that they find suspicious to the University Police. This effort will be aided by training programs set up with the University Police, which will show what to look out for. Information gathered from volunteers is used to stop potential crimes from taking place and to solve those that have already occurred.

Ed Quinn, associate director for Building Operations at the Student Union, fully supports the program. Although the program is still in the early stages of development, it will expand to include "a day program and a night program because the building is completely different in that use".

The Student Union Neighborhood Watch program started in late November by Doug Little, assistant director of University Police, Carl Corry, co-chairperson of the Union Neighborhood Watch, and Carmen Vasquez, director of Student Union and Activities. It was based on the program started in the Melville Library.

Al Divenuto, chairman of the Neighborhood Watch in the Melville Library, said that the program "Is basically, getting everyone in the library together - staff, faculty and students - and keeping an eye out for everyone's safety."

"You can have a hundred cops, but the bottom line is when you have 30,000 sets of eyes out there helping you, working with the police department - that's when the bad

guys know this is not the place to come to perpetrate their crimes," said Little.

Students are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch in order to increase its effectiveness. Corry said, "All they have to do is come down [to the meetings] and say, 'Hey, listen. I'd like to get involved. I want to help out.'" He added, "I'd like to see more people involved. It's not well known right now. It needs to be promoted more." Vasquez believes that "it's a group effort - not just one person." Monthly meetings are held in both the Melville Library Javits Room and in room 226 in the Union to discuss issues pertaining to crime, safety and health in both buildings.

One such issue is smoking in the library. Ruth Regan, an employee of Bibliographic Access Services in the Melville Library, is concerned with illegal smoking and poor ventilation in the core of the library. "The problem for us is that we work in the old core of the building, and the ventilating system is not adequate for this kind of situation."

The building, unbeknownst to many students, is a core

with a shell around it. The Melville Library is a 30-year-old building brick building with a six-story shell built around it some time later. As a result, the heating and the ventilating system are particularly poor there. Regan works in the old core on the main floor, and said that cigarette smoke from people who smoke off in corners or stairwells eventually winds up in the core of the building where there is no natural ventilation.

Regan would like to see laws enforced. "There are state, county and University regulations that prohibit smoking under these circumstances. This is a school. It is a university. It's a public building. All of those categories fit in the state and county prohibition against smoking. I would just like to see it enforced, and it's very difficult to do that without having a policeman standing there with a billy in his hand, which nobody wants." She also said "To the 85 or more or less percent who are law-abiding, good citizens who also like to breathe fresh air, I say 'Please, come join me. Let us deal with this small minority that is unpleasant, uncooperative, and doesn't care about the rights of the rest of us.'" □

Cupid Visits Brook

By SANDY SASLOVSKY
Statesman Staff Writer

In an effort to help loved ones find the perfect Valentine's Day gift, several campus organizations helped cock Cupid's bow of love.

All last week, the Student Union was decorated and everywhere you looked, someone was trying to sell you something to express your love to your significant other.

One organization was selling plants, which, as one student remarked, "last longer than flowers."

The Union Deli was selling pink heart-shaped cupcakes as well as heart-shaped chocolate candies.

If your meal card was, as usual, maxed out and you had to pay with cash, then a trip to Basix in the basement of the Union would have revealed heart-shaped balloons and red, stuffed animals with the usual Valentine quotes.

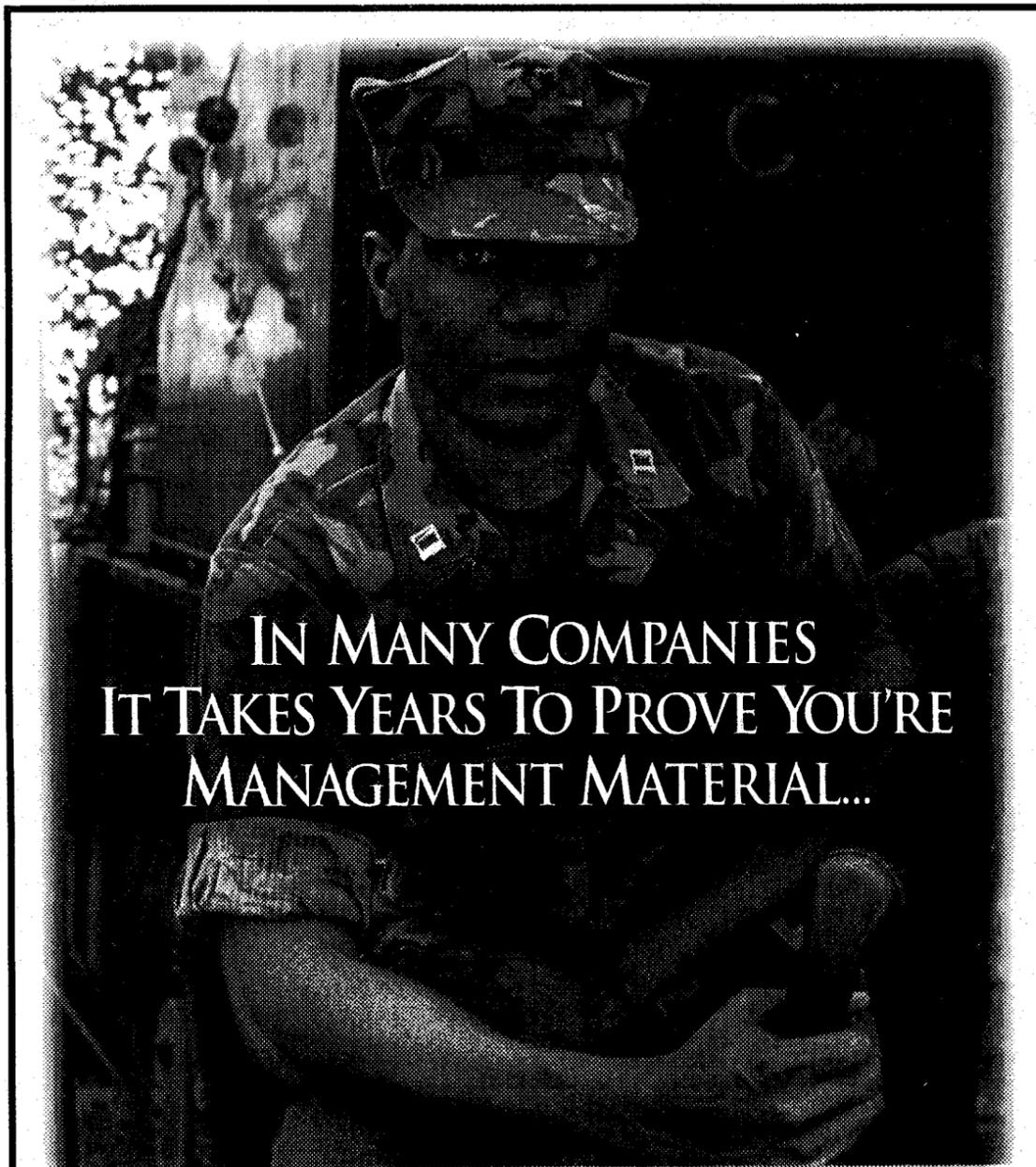
If the selection in Basix didn't appeal to your heart, a short trip to Wallace's might have. At their new cappuccino bar they were selling balloons. If you went into the bookstore, which was decorated in pink and red, you could buy the one you love (or yourself) stuffed animals or candy.

And if you're wondering where the traditional flowers were, Zeta Beta Tau sold and delivered roses all over campus for a modest fee. And after you bought your sweet some sweets, the End of the Bridge restaurant in the Union offered a "Couples Night" on Tuesday that included live Jazz entertainment including singers from Stony Brook's own Gospel Choir. The performance included songs from Anita Baker, Luther Vandross, Shante Moore, Baby Face and more.

For the day, many students seemed to take part in all the University had to offer. Everywhere you looked there were balloons. "There is a very convenient because I was able to shop in between classes without leaving campus," commented one student.

"I didn't know I could buy so many things on campus. . . I bought my girlfriend a teddy bear and a balloon all for under \$20," said another student.

And, just for Valentine's Day, some professors from the Sociology and Women's Studies departments celebrated by discussing romance and male/female relationships. □



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10 Hitting the Nightlife in the Three Villages

By MICHAEL SCHIAVETTA
Statesman Staff Writer

Two places within easy distance of Stony Brook campus are the Park Bench and Mario's Restaurant and Bar. Both possess their own distinctive style and provide luxuries that are a refreshing welcome for all the hardworking students here at Stony Brook. Students should not ignore these two establishments, as they are excellent examples of off-campus entertainment.

The Park Bench, located at

1095 Route 25A, is well known to most students as being the college bar. Indeed, the owners have created several weekly specials to ensure a continual influx of campus residents. The interior boasts two bars, dart boards, a pool table, dance floor, DJ, and several television screens displaying various sports and other entertainment. Prices are fair and the employees are friendly and attractive. Definitely worth a visit.

Stony Brook students are encouraged to visit the Park Bench. The

crowd consists of young, amicable individuals who are determined to have fun. Energetic music compels several patrons to populate the dance floor while the sociability found along the bars is always agreeable. Daily happy hours extend from 4 to 7 PM and the daily buffet, heavily recommended, is offered from 4 to 6 PM. Their hours during the week are 3 PM to 4 AM, and on weekends, they are open from 12 PM to 4 AM.

There are several weekly specials at the Park Bench. Monday nights are "Wing Nite," with \$.15 wings from 7 to 11 PM. In addition, restaurant employees are given drink and food specials. Miller Genuine Drafts are just \$1.50 and ladies drink free at the bar during the Monday night game. Mondays also feature the Guest Bartender Contest, where you can enter and take a chance at winning a tropical vacation. Tuesdays are Burger and Brew Night, with \$2 burgers and \$5 pitchers of Miller Beer. All domestic pints are \$2. Tuesdays also feature live music and a dart tournament where winners are awarded gift certificates. Wednesdays are Nurse and Hospital Employee Night, featuring half-priced entrees and drinks. Furthermore, live music is showcased, as is the Laser Karaoke Live, with prizes for performers. Thursdays are definitely for Stony Brook students, with both University Night and Ladies Night, featuring live music, complimentary champagne for female patrons, and free admission for all ladies and those with SUNY ID. In addition, there is a ten percent discount off all menu items for students with SUNY ID.

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays are special evenings, each worth a look. Fridays feature a Nuts and Bolts Party, an interesting way of encouraging interaction between men and women where each must match their pieces to another's appropriate counterpart. Furthermore, Friday happy hour lasts from 3 to 8 PM and features a deluxe complimentary buffet with gourmet carving station. You can also enter a raffle where the prizes include a free happy hour and a free deluxe tropical vacation. Saturdays feature "The North Shore's Biggest Party," with

more live music and free admission before 10 PM. Sundays are for sports fans, where anyone can catch their favorite games on their four-dish satellite system, thirty video monitors, and two large screen televisions. On both Saturdays and Sundays, drink and food specials are offered during the games. For more information, call 751-9734.

Mario's Restaurant and Bar, located on Route 25A, East Setauket, is a very sophisticated dining establishment that is the perfect spot to impress your significant other. It is also ideal for parents who wish to take their studious SUNY children out to a place that provides a soft, relaxed atmosphere as opposed to the frenzied youth of a college bar that many parents might find, well, uncomfortable. Both the bar and restaurant sections are pleasantly catered to and extremely well-lit. The kitchen is open until 4 AM every night and features specials for university, hospital, and restaurant employees. Mario's is also one of the most considerate establishments for smokers, providing designated areas and special air ventilation systems, a generous accommodation given the current smoking ban.

The menu includes pasta, seafood, veal, steak, chicken, everything, all reasonably priced. They also feature a fifteen minute express lunch for \$3.95 and an early bird special available from 3 to 6:30 PM (except on Sundays) for \$9.95. The latter is a very popular choice that includes soup, salad, entree, dessert, and coffee or tea. Entrees available are similar to menu choices, all extremely well-prepared. Mario's also has full service catering and a party menu, for on- or off-premise occasions.

Happy hour is everyday from 4 to 7 PM with drinks as low as \$.10 each and free Hors d'oeuvres. Valentine's Day will feature white chocolate cups filled with Amaretto Disaranno for \$2. Fridays have unique drink specials such as Sambuca Romana and Sauza Tequila shots and free giveaways such as shirts, caps, and glasses. Mario's Restaurant and Bar has been around since 1965, and with good reason. The service, food, and presentation are all excellent. For more information, call 751-8840. □

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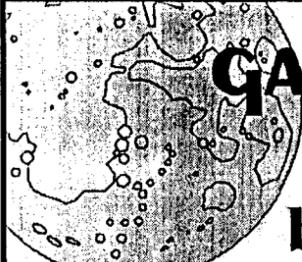
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JASON SEEDORF
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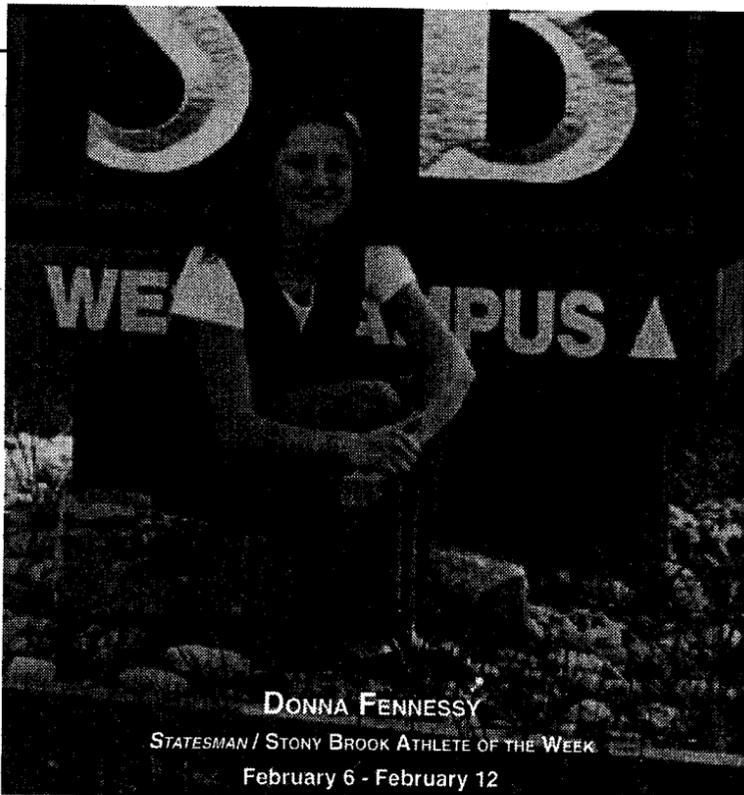
Freshman Donna Fennessy (Wantagh, NY) of the women's basketball team led the Seawolves to a perfect record (3-0) once again this week, and helped extend the team's winning streak to six games.

On Saturday, Stony Brook defeated John Jay 98-35, as Fennessy had her best game as a member of the Seawolves. She nailed a school-record seven three-point field goals on her way to a career-high 27 points. She also set personal bests with 11 assists and five steals.

On Friday, Fennessy helped her team to an easy 78-45 win over Russell Sage at the Sports Complex. She finished the game with eight points and a team-high 10 assists. On Tuesday, Fennessy led her team to a 78-31 victory over York College at the Sports Complex. She scored 13 points, including four three-point field goals, and dished out a team-high seven assists. For her outstanding performances Fennessy was named the *Statesman* / Stony Brook Athlete of the Week. In addition, she was named the ECAC-Holiday Inn Metropolitan NY/NJ Rookie of the Week and the WALK-FM Player of the Week.

"Donna's ability to connect on the three-point shot has really helped our entire offense," said head coach Beckie Dickinson. "When Donna is hitting her outside shot, teams cannot sit back in a zone defense. They are forced to play man-to-man, and this creates opportunities for Shawna [Sims] and Erika [Bascom] to score from the inside."

"I had no idea that I had broken a school record," said Fennessy. "The coaching staff



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

By Jason Seedorf
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told me to shoot the ball if I was open. Most of the time I look to the inside first and if nothing is their, I'll take the shot."

"Our post players continued to kick the ball outside to Donna, so she would have an opportunity to break the record," said Dickinson.

Not only has Fennessy been scoring in bunches lately, she has also been dishing the ball off to her teammates. "Donna averaged over nine assists in our three games last week," said Dickinson. "She is a smart player, who knows when to pass the ball and when to take the open shot."

"I always set a goal for myself on the number of assists I want to achieve each game," said Fennessy. "The number of assists varies each game, depending on our opponent."

With three games remaining in the regular season, Fennessy only needs five three-point field goals to break the school record for most three-pointers in a season. Currently, Jill Cook holds the record connecting on 43 during the 1989-90 season. In addition to leading the team in three-pointers (39), Fennessy also leads the team in assists (85). She is second on the team with (11.3) points per game, and a (.630) free throw percentage.

"In our game versus Albany, everybody wanted to go out and show we were a good team," said Fennessy. "After that game, everybody started to believe it."

"We are treating Thursday night's game versus Adelphi as if it's a championship game," said Dickinson. "The team is really playing hard, enjoying themselves, and is looking forward to finishing out the season strong." □

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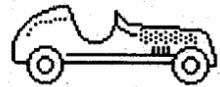
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Fennessy Meets Adversity With Ferocity

By PHIL DIANNI
Special to *The Statesman*

August of 1993 was not exactly a month to remember for Donna Fennessy. This was to be a month in which her love for the game of basketball would be tested for the second time in just four months.

Earlier, in April, while the junior guard was having a routine game, she suffered a potential career-threatening injury. To that point, the game had been just like every other. That is, until she was dribbling down the left side of the court and attempted to make a sudden stop. While doing so, her left knee buckled. The result was a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Three days a week for two months, Fennessy found herself enduring an intense rehabilitation program to help strengthen her surgically repaired knee. Finally, she felt that she was ready to make her comeback.

However, she made one mistake.

Because of her passion for basketball, Fennessy was eager to return to the court, and did so to soon. While the average person can take up to one year to fully recover from a similar injury, Fennessy attempted to make her comeback after only two months - and paid for it.

Then, in August, it happened again. After jumping to grab a

rebound, she landed squarely on her left leg, tearing the same ligament for the second time in just four months. Once again, she would have to endure the intense rehabilitation and face the fact that her basketball career may be over.

By this time, many people might have already given up. Fennessy, being as strong-willed as one can be, decided to give it another shot and returned to the court with full support from her two biggest fans, her parents: Lucille and Joseph.

According to her, both of her parents played a big part in her getting to where she is today. Not only have they been to almost every game she has ever played in, they have been very supportive, ever since she discovered the game in the second grade.

"I guess because it was a big challenge," Fennessy said about journeying onto the court for the first time. She first became acquainted with basketball while watching her sister play, and was immediately intrigued.

After some coaxing, the coach of her sister's team allowed Fennessy, who was too young to play at the time, to join the team. Being the youngest girl on the team was a challenge, and shooting posed a problem right from the get-go.

"When I first started, I

couldn't reach the basket," Fennessy said. "I had to shoot underhand."

All of this was soon to change. With some coaching tips from her father and a lot of dedication, Fennessy would mature into one of the best female basketball players in the

so do positions.

With her potential to become a dangerous outside shooter already becoming evident, she was moved to shooting guard. Although she would still be part of the backcourt, she now needed to make a slight change in her order of thinking. Point guards

Having played almost 11 years at the same position, changing now would not happen overnight. About halfway through this season, realizing her shooting needed improvement for the benefit of both the team and for herself, Fennessy got to work.

She and her guard complement, Dawn Robertson, spent countless hours at the Indoor Sports Complex with one objective: improve outside shooting.

Improve they did.

Fennessy's shooting percentage has risen steadily during the last few weeks. In the women's team's last game against John Jay, she set a new career high in points with 27 and broke the University's old record of six three-pointers in one game with seven. As far as Fennessy is concerned, however, the credit belongs to her teammates.

"The only reason I broke the record was because of my team," she said. "As time was winding down, they kept making an effort to get me the ball."

Fennessy is just five down-towners short of breaking the season record for threes.

When this year's graduating class of Seawolves steps off the court, new leaders will step into their mentors roles. Donna Fennessy will be one of them. □



Statesman / John Chu

Freshman Donna Fennessy has had to overcome injury and adversity to become a leader on the Seawolves' women's basketball team.

Before coming to Stony Brook in August, Fennessy had always been a point guard. She was the reliable, unselfish, typical point guard, looking to set up her teammates for shots before taking them herself.

However, times change and

are usually taught to think pass first and shoot second. Now playing the opposite guard position, Fennessy would also have to think in the opposite way she was taught.

The seemingly slight adjustment would not be an easy one.

Hennessy is "The Natural"

Brian Hennessy was leaving the park where he had been playing ball all day. As he was heading home, basketball curled in his hand, he overheard two players say something that changed his sports life, "Hennessy isn't going anywhere without a jumpshot."

Hennessy, then a high school freshman, didn't want to ever hear those words again.

"From that point on I started shooting 700 jumpshots a day," Hennessy said.

A junior from Oceanside, NY, Hennessy is now the starting scoring guard for the Seawolves. Averaging 13.5 points (second on the team), 2.4 assists (2nd), 3.5 rebounds and 36 steals on the season (1st), he prides himself on being the hardest worker on the basketball court, no matter who he's playing for or against.

"We were playing Old Westbury last week and their guard kept grabbing my shirt and asking me if was going to slow down... and that was in the first half." Seventeen points, five rebounds, four assists and one steal later Hennessy slowed down.

In seemingly constant motion on the offensive side of the court, Hennessy stays in peak physical condition by running five miles a day in the off-season.

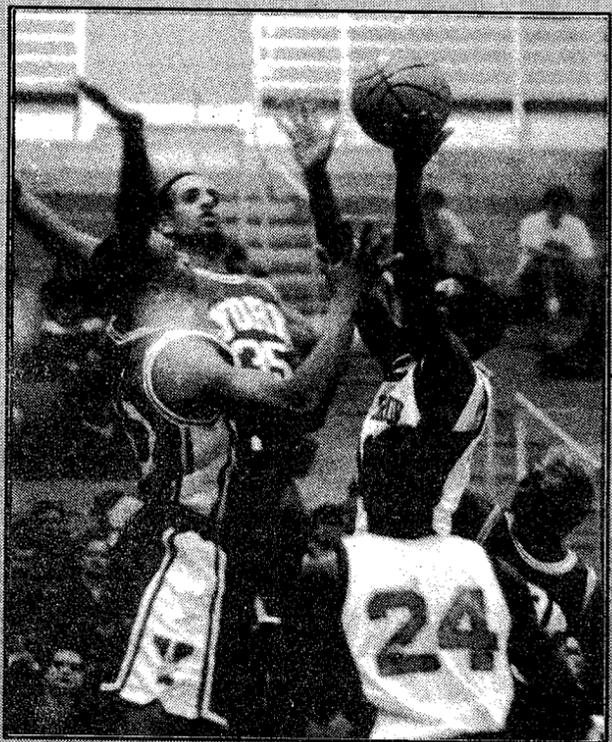
However, the thing that stands out about Hennessy is he has never smoked or consumed alcohol; hence, his nickname, "The Natural."

"That's right, no preservatives," said Hennessy with a laugh. "My mom and dad brought me up right and I'm thankful for that."

In his second year at Stony Brook after transferring from C.W. Post, the versatile 6'4" guard is garnering respect for more than just his three-point shooting in which he also leads the team. Hennessy is a part-time rhymer with a record in the works.

"I love to grab the mike at parties or even just to rap to a girl on an answering machine," said Hennessy. "It's a way for me to relax when I'm not studying or playing ball."

A man of many talents and high morals, Hennessy has his life in order. Reserved and quiet off the court, intense and focused on the court. That's the way "The Natural" lives. □



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The men's basketball team lost another heartbreaker. This time, they fell victim at home to York in overtime, 68-64.

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