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## Armed Robbery in Student Union

By TOM FLANAGAN  
Statesman Editor

Two armed men broke into the FSA office in the Student Union yesterday morning, held employees at gunpoint, and made off with several thousand dollars in cash, University Police said.

Doug Little, assistant director of University Police for Community Affairs, gave the following account: at approximately 8:45 a.m. yesterday, two men entered the vestibule area of the Faculty Student Association Office on the second floor of the Student Union, broke a plexiglass service window and climbed into the inner office. Once inside, both men produced semi-automatic handguns. The employees were ordered to lie down on the floor with their hands behind their heads.

The gunmen then asked a female employee for the combination to the safe. She said that she did not know it. Ron Willa, FSA's Controller, was present and said that he had the combination and

proceeded with the gunmen into the cash room.

The safe was already open and Willa removed four canvass bags, holding \$2,500 to \$4,000, and placed them

into one of the gunmen's knapsacks.

Both armed men then fled the scene in what police believe to be a small to mid-size light colored vehicle. No

one was injured, police said. University Police have

furnished the following descriptions of the gunmen: one was a white male, stocky,

5'10", 220 lbs., dark sweatshirt and blue jeans; the other was a black male, 5'8", 150 lbs., hair in "corn rows", denim jacket, with hooded sweatshirt.

Kevin Kelly, executive director of FSA, said that he was glad that no one was hurt. He refused further comment.

Warren Wartell, student staffing resources manager for FSA, said that although the employees weren't physically hurt, many were psychologically shaken.

A source close to the incident, who did not wish to be identified, said that the victims underwent counseling yesterday afternoon.

The University Police are pursuing the investigation in cooperation with the Suffolk County Police. Little urges anyone with information that would help in the investigation to call CrimeStoppers at 2-TIPS. □



Statesman / Lynn Klein

The FSA Banking Services Center on the second floor of the Union was closed yesterday because of the robbery. Sources indicate that FSA is unsure as to when Banking Services will open again.

## Polity Secretary Resigns

By ALEXANDRA CRUZ  
Statesman Editor

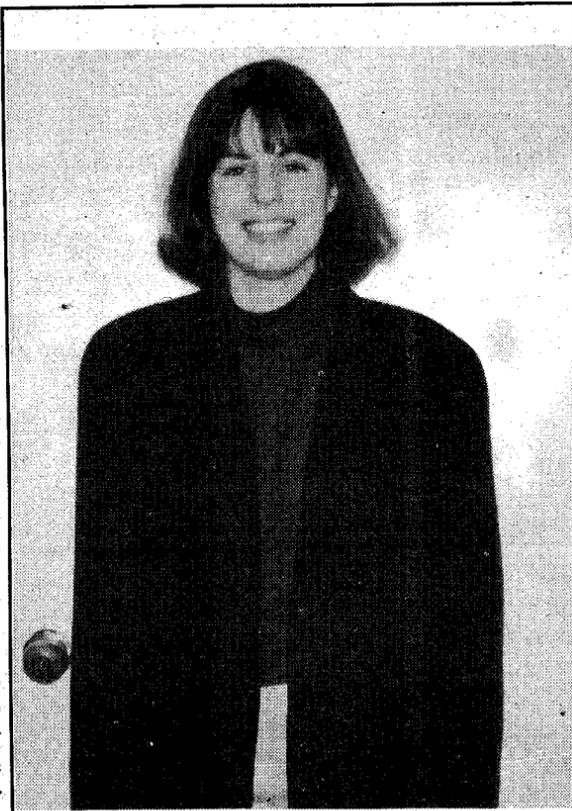
Polity Council Secretary, Lisa Mather, has resigned from her position this week due to stress and academic concerns.

Mather, submitted her resignation last week and said that she could not fulfill her duties as secretary since she said she felt the position was very demanding.

Mather said that she didn't realize the position was going to be so stressful and time consuming and also added that her health was as well suffering.

"I thought they would be better off with someone who could better perform," said Mather. Mather said that because she wanted to dedicate more time to her studies, she would not be able to fulfill her responsibilities as Council secretary.

Mather said it was not a



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Former Polity Secretary Lisa Mather

decision that took her long to decide. "It was pretty much an instant decision." Mather added "As soon as I realized it, I wrote my resignation."

"It has nothing to do with the council," Mather said on why she left, "It's my stress level, not the council."

Mather said that although she will no longer be involved with Polity she will still be active with her sorority Psi Gamma. Mather said that she was greatly involved with the sorority last year but because of the position on the council she hasn't been as active this year.

Mather was as well the secretary of the Inter Fraternity Sorority Council last year. Although she said she does not plan on being on the board this year, she will still support IFSC as much as she can. "I don't plan on holding a position, but I do plan on continuing supporting them in any way I can."

As far as running again in the future for a position in Polity, Mather said that she would not be running again since she plans to leave Stony Brook after next fall.

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# Social Security Numbers: Your Rights and Responsibilities

By CHRIS HIBBERT  
Special to *The Statesman*

Many people are concerned about the number of organizations asking for their Social Security Numbers. They worry about invasions of privacy and the oppressive feeling of being treated as just a number. Unfortunately, I can't offer any hope about the dehumanizing effects of identifying you with your numbers. I can try to help you keep your Social Security Number from being used as a tool in the invasion of your privacy.

## Dealing with Government Organizations

Surprisingly, government agencies are reasonably easy to deal with; private organizations are much more troublesome. Federal law restricts the agencies at all levels of government that can demand your number and a fairly complete disclosure is required even if the disclosure is voluntary. There are no comparable Federal laws either restricting the uses non-government organizations can make of it, or compelling them to tell you anything about their plans. Some states have recently enacted regulations on collection of SSNs by private entities. With private institutions, your main recourse is refusing to do business with anyone whose terms you don't like. They, in turn, are allowed to refuse to deal with you on those terms.

## Universities and Colleges

Universities that accept federal funds are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (the "Buckley Amendment", which prohibits them from giving out personal information on students without permission. There is an exception for directory information, which is limited to names, addresses, and phone numbers, and another exception for release of information to the parents of minors. There is no exception for Social Security Numbers, so covered Universities aren't allowed to reveal students' numbers without their permission. In addition, state universities are bound by the requirements of the Privacy Act, (so they have to give a Privacy Act notice if they ask for a SSN). If they make uses of the SSN which aren't covered by the disclosure they are in violation.

## US Passports

The application for US Passports (DSP-11 12/87) requests a Social Security Number, but doesn't give enough information in its Privacy Act notice to verify that the Passport office has the authority to request it. There is a reference to "Federal Tax Law" and a misquotation of Section 6039E of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code, claiming that that section requires that you

provide your name, mailing address, date of birth, and Social Security Number. The referenced section only requires TIN (SSN), and it only requires that it be sent to the IRS (not to the Passport office). It appears that when you apply for a passport, you can refuse to reveal your SSN to the passport office, and instead mail a notice to the IRS, give only your SSN (other identifying info optional) and notify them that you are applying for a passport.

## Private Organizations

The guidelines for dealing with non-governmental institutions are much more tenuous. Most of the time private organizations that request your Social Security Number can get by quite well without your number, and if you can find the right person to negotiate with, they'll willingly admit it. The problem is finding that right person. The person behind the counter is often told no more than "get the customers to fill out the form completely."

Most of the time, you can convince them to use some other number. Usually the simplest way to refuse to give your Social Security

Number is simply to leave the appropriate space blank. One of the times when this isn't a strong enough statement of your desire to conceal your number is when dealing with institutions which have direct contact with your employer. Most employers have no policy against revealing your Social Security Number; they apparently believe that it must be an unintentional slip when an employee doesn't provide an SSN to everyone who asks.

## Employers

Employers are required by the IRS to get the SSNs of people they hire. They often ask for it during the interview process, but there are good reasons to refuse if you can afford to argue with the potential employer. Some of them use the SSN to check credit records, to look for criminal history, and otherwise to delve into your past in areas you might object to. Tell them you'll give them your SSN when you accept their offer. They have no legitimate use for it before then.

## Banks

Banks and various others are required by the IRS to report the SSNs of account holders to whom they pay interest. If you don't tell them your number you will probably either be refused an account or be charged a penalty such as withholding of taxes on your interest.

Most banks send your name, address, and SSN to a company called ChexSystem when you open an account. ChexSystem keeps a database of people whose accounts have been

terminated for fraud or chronic insufficient funds in the past 5 years. ChexSystems is covered by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the bank is required to let you know if it refuses to open your account and a report from ChexSystems was a factor. You can also send a letter to ChexSystems directly (Consumer Relations, 1550 E. 79th Street, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55425) and request a copy of their report on you.

Many Banks, Brokerages, and other financial institutions have started implementing automated systems to let you check your balance. All too often, they are using SSNs as the PIN that lets you get access to your personal account information. If your bank does this to you, write them a letter pointing out how common it is for the people with whom you have financial business to know your SSN. Ask them to change your PIN, and if you feel like doing a good deed, ask them to stop using the SSN as a default identifier for their other customers. Some customers will believe that there's some security in it, and be insufficiently protective of their account numbers.

Sometimes banks provide for a customer-supplied password, but are reluctant to advertise it. The only way to find out is to ask if they'll let you provide a password. (This is reportedly true of Citibank Visa, for instance. They ask for a phone number but are willing to accept any password.)

## Insurers, Hospitals, Doctors

No laws require private medical service providers to use your Social Security Number as an ID number. They often use it because it's

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## Secretary Resigns

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Polity Vice President, Nicole Rosner said she understood Mather's reasons for resigning. "Being a Polity council member requires numerous hours in Polity and outside Polity."

"It[Polity] requires a student to sometimes put their academics on the back burner and sometimes it is very difficult to get your studies and Polity done effectively. So I understand where she's coming from and I wish her the best," Rosner said.

Mather said she feels the council will be able to do fine without her. "I really have a lot of faith in the council and I know they will make the best of it." □

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# University Says Get Out and Vote <sup>3</sup>

A combined effort by Polity, NYPIRG and the Associate Dean of Students is making it easier for members of the University community to exercise their right to vote by distributing voter registration forms.

"Our mission is to educate students, faculty and staff about voter registration and to make it as easy as possible," said Roni Paschkes, associate dean of students.

Paschkes' plan to heighten awareness about voting and stimulate registration includes distributing one registration form per room to resident students, both graduate and

undergraduate. She would like to remind resident students that if you live here, then, if you register, you can vote here. Registering to vote with a local address may be easier than leaving the area to vote or using an absentee ballot, she said.

For commuter students, voter registration forms will be distributed through the campus bus service.

Paschkes said that there are usually two major problems on voter registration forms filled out by students. One, students make careless errors or don't fill out all sections; two, students confuse home address with local address. She advises all

students to fill out the form carefully and accurately.

And quickly. Deadline to mail in the form is October 13. However, forms will be accepted in person through October 28. The Board of Elections for Suffolk is located in Yaphank; Nassau's is located in Mineola.

The University's faculty and staff are also encouraged to register to vote. They will receive registration forms through the next payroll distribution, said Paschkes.

In addition, the University, in cooperation with NYPIRG, is trying to facilitate transportation to

polls on election day, less than five weeks away on November 7. In the meantime, Polity will have tables set up in the Student Union on Wednesdays during campus lifetime to help with voter registration.

Anyone with questions can call the following individuals for information: Roni Paschkes at 632-6700; Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, project coordinator for NYPIRG, at 632-6457; or Monique Maylor, Sophomore Representative, at 632-9197.

"Remember," Paschkes said, "if you're not registered, you can't vote." □

## VVrrrooommm... Engineering Students Win Roadrace

Last summer, a group of five Mechanical Engineering undergraduate students participated in the Society of Automotive Engineer's Annual International SAE Mid-West Mini-Baja Competition in Dayton, Ohio. The USB team placed Third in the Ride & Handling Event.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering celebrated the victory last Wednesday with an award ceremony and luncheon. More than 80 faculty, staff and students attended the event and gave their support as the team presented Dean Yacov Shamash with the award.

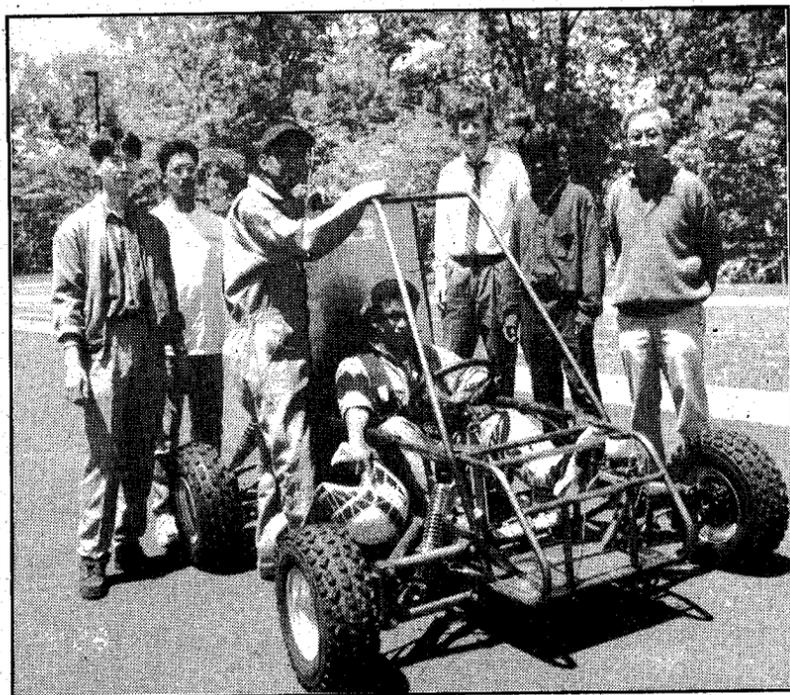


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Posing with the winning car are, from left, Hing-Shung Chan, Jerry Jacala, Roberto Maldonado, ME Professor John Kincaid, Paresch Rana and ME Professor Lin-Shu Wang. Sitting in the car is Noel Aquino

## Clinton Lashes Against Cuts

(NSNS) - As the federal budget battle heated up in Washington, D.C. this week, President Clinton took the offensive in support of education funding and student financial aid.

In a Sept. 11 speech at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Clinton railed against Congressional cuts to student aid.

"Unless we can better educate our people, too many of them will be left behind in the global economy of the 21st century," he said in a speech that was simulcast to 50 other campuses. "The unmistakable fault line in America over who makes it and who doesn't today, more than ever before, is education."

Since the Republicans took majority control of the Congress in January, they have proposed cuts to education totaling \$36 billion. At the same time, they have found enough

money to propose a \$245 billion tax cut to the wealthiest one percent of the American population.

Proposed cuts include killing the direct lending program, slashing the federal Stafford Loan program by \$10 billion, freezing Pell Grant funding, and canceling the AmeriCorps National Service Program.

"I want you to know that I oppose these cuts. I will do everything in my power to fight them and to see to it that the dream of higher education remains real for all Americans," Clinton said.

James B. King, director of the Federal Office of Personnel, argued that the direct student lending program championed by Clinton has saved \$6.8 billion over

the past three years.

"The debate going on is a question of who puts that money in their pockets," King said. "We believe that money should go to students rather than bankers, or tax cuts to the wealthiest people in America."

Under the program, student loans are administered directly by the federal government, cutting out the "middlemen" of banks and lending institutions.

King said students would best be served by calling or faxing their Congressional representatives to voice

opposition to the proposed cuts.

In related developments, a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee voted this week not to fund the AmeriCorps national service initiative. According to Wendy Grassi, spokeswoman for the Corporation for National Service, the funding bill probably will go to the full Appropriations Committee and Senate floor in coming weeks.

Asked whether Clinton would veto the budget package, Grassi replied, "The President has said he's not going to let the program die." □



Photo Courtesy Golden Key

Dr. Paul Chase, back left, with representatives from the Golden Key National Honor Society

## Golden Key Wins Chapter Award

The prestigious Key Chapter Award was presented to members of the SUNY at Stony Brook chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society at the August 11, 1995 International Convention Awards Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

The Key Chapter Award is presented to select Golden Key chapters that have excelled in communication, leadership, public relations, faculty and administrative involvement and campus and community services.

Chapter officers accepted the award at the Golden Key International Convention, "Capitolizing on Partnerships: Scholarship and Service." All chapters may apply for the award, however, only the most outstanding are selected to receive honor. Dr. Paul Chase serves as advisor for the USB chapter.

Golden Key is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, career networking and scholarships. The Society has 230 chapters across the United States, Puerto Rico and Australia. Membership into the Society is by invitation only to the top 15% of juniors and seniors in all fields of study. □

# STUDENT POLITY ELECTIONS

## THE STUDENT POLITY ASSOCIATION

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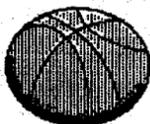
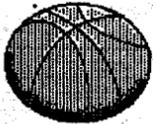


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# Congress: Time is Running Out

The beginning of next week is going to be the biggest deadline in modern history. I am not referring to a big term paper that is due, nor referring to a big exam I have to take such as the LSAT, that I took during the summer. The



*The Washington Chronicles*  
David Samuel Shashoua

deadline is which I am referring to is the United States Government.

As I mentioned in this column previously, if the 13 appropriations bills are not enacted before this deadline, or if there isn't any Continuing Resolution for temporary emergency spending, then the government will have to shutdown. Remember that under Article 1, 19, Clause 7, of the U.S. Constitution, it says that, "No money shall be drawn from the [U.S.] Treasury, but in consequence of appropriations by law." Thus, the U.S. Government cannot spend a single cent without appropriation laws being enacted.

With Congress finishing up the appropriation bills, President Bill Clinton has threatened to veto at least six of these 13 bills. Nevertheless, the Republican Congress does not have a veto-proof majority to enact these bills either. This is the "train-wreck" scenario that everyone inside the beltway is talking about.

Meanwhile, in the middle of this budget haggling there are big steps, if not revolutionary steps, to reform the government's Medicare and Medicaid programs for the poor and the elderly.

Of course the minority Democrats are screaming hard about how the GOP's Medicare "cuts will go to fund that enormous — I would say obscene — tax cut [the Republicans] voted out early this year," said Representative Samuel Gibbons, ranking member of the House Ways & Means Committee from Florida. It shows how tempers are flaring on this issue of medical reform, during this "train-wreck" scenario.

Just for the record, the tax cuts are not that enormous or "obscene" as Gibbons suggests.

In fact, the tax cuts provide a \$500 tax credit for families having children under the age of 18, with incomes up to \$200,000, with phase-outs starting at around \$100,000. Secondly, the GOP tax bill provides the repeal of the "marriage tax penalty" for married

couples.

Finally, the proposal expands Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to allow savings for higher education, medical expenses and first home purchases. Tell me if this tax bill is only for "the rich"?

Anyway, what the GOP Congress plans to do is have citizens choose different plans (e.g. Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)), so that the government will have less of a burden to pay for health care needs for a growing elderly population. Besides, the Republican

Congress will still have these same or similar reforms with or without the tax cut proposals.

Another major revolutionary change that the GOP Congress passed last week, was welfare reform. We all remember, or should remember, when Clinton campaigned for "an end to welfare as we know it" back in 1992.

However, guess who is really trying to reform the welfare state, not Clinton but the current Congress. Even though there are differences between the House passed and Senate passed versions on some issues such as illegitimacy and family caps, the idea is the same. The idea is to end the notion of welfare as a continuing safety net for those who refuse to get a job. The House version has stricter requirements for someone who requests welfare checks. The Senate version has leaner provisions, and allows the state governments to be their own laboratories of welfare reform.

Now that the two versions are in conference, Clinton has also threatened to veto the welfare bill, if it becomes a reality, which it will probably be, will be similar to the House version.

Thus, the scenario of the legislative schedule for the rest of the 1st Session of the 104th Congress will be as follows: 1) The budget package for fiscal year '96 is due on Sunday, October 1st, 2) Medicare, Medicaid, and welfare reforms are being proposed and is trying to get enacted with the Democrats on the political war path, and 3) the national debt limit will be reached by mid-November with the GOP using it as a device to force the Administration to compromise (or should I say concede) to the GOP's budgetary, Medicare/Medicaid, and welfare legislative packages.

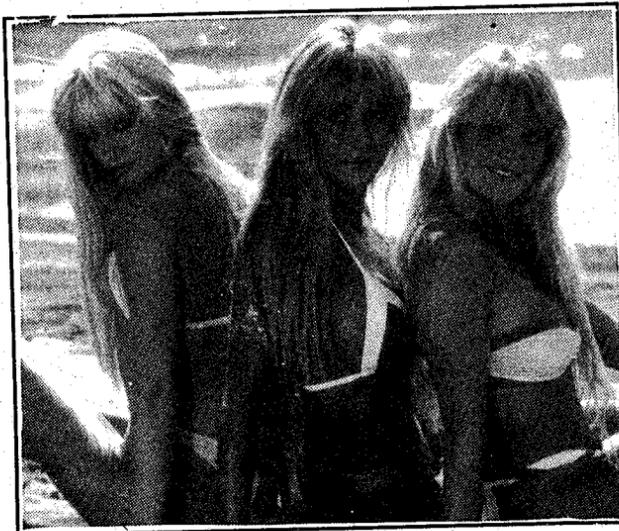
As a response to the Clinton's message to students in last Thursday's *Statesman*, warning the deadline is near, think about what you are doing. □

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convenient or because your employer uses it to identify employees to its groups health plan. In the latter case, you have to get your employer to change their policies. Often, the people who work in personnel assume that the employer or insurance company requires use of the SSN when that's not really the case. When a previous employer asked for my SSN for an insurance form, I asked them to find out if they had to use it. After a week they reported that the insurance company had gone along with my request and told me what number to use. Most insurance companies share access to old claims through the Medical Information Bureau. If your insurance company uses your SSN, other insurance companies will have a much easier time finding out about your medical history. You can get a copy of the file MIB keeps on you by writing to Medical Information Bureau, P.O. Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, MA 02112. Their phone number is (617)426-3660. If an insurance agent asks for your Social Security Number in order to "check your credit", point out that the contract is invalid if your check bounces or your payment is late. Insurance is always prepaid, so they don't need to know what your credit is like, just whether your check cleared.

## Privacy Act

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579, in section 7) requires that any federal, state, or local government agency that requests your

Social Security Number has to tell you four things:

- 1: Whether disclosure of your Social Security Number is required or optional,
- 2: What statute or other authority they have for asking for your number,
- 3: How your Social Security Number will be used if you give it to them, and
- 4: The consequences of failure to provide an SSN.

In addition, the Act says that only Federal law can make use of the Social Security Number mandatory (at 5 USC 552a note). So anytime you're dealing with a government institution and you're asked for your Social Security Number, just look for the Privacy Act Statement. If there isn't one, complain and don't give your number. If the statement is present, read it. If it says giving your Social Security Number is voluntary, you'll have to decide for yourself whether to fill in the number.

## Security

Older cards are not at all forgery-resistant, even if anyone did ever ask for it. (Recently-issued cards are more resistant to forgery.) The numbers don't

have any redundancy (no check-digits) so any 9-digit number in the range of numbers that have been issued is a valid number. It's relatively easy to write down the number incorrectly, and there's no way to tell that you've done so.

In most cases, there is no cross-checking that a number is valid. Credit card and checking account numbers are checked against a database almost every time they are used. If you write down someone's phone number incorrectly, you find out the first time you try to use it. An incorrect SSN might go unnoticed for years in some databases. In others it will likely be caught at tax time, but could cause a variety of headaches.

## Why you should resist requests for your SSN

A major problem with the use of SSNs as identifiers is that it makes it hard to control

access to personal information. Even assuming you want someone to be able to find out some things about you, there's no reason to believe that you want to make all records concerning yourself available. When multiple record systems are all keyed by the same identifier, and all are intended to be easily accessible to some users, it becomes difficult to allow someone access to some of the information about a person while restricting them to specific topics. Unfortunately, far too many organizations assume that anyone who presents your SSN must be you. When more than one person uses the same number, it clouds up the records. If someone intended to hide their activities, it's likely that it'll look bad on whichever record it shows up on. When it happens accidentally, it can be unexpected, embarrassing, or worse. The best policy, then, is to guard your number - and give it out only when absolutely necessary! □

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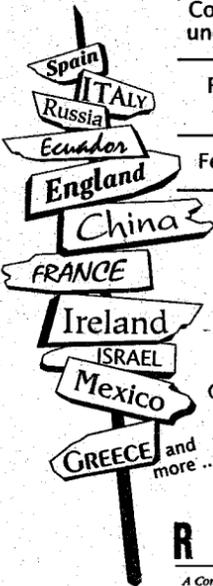
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# Editorial

## Students, Exercise Your Right To Vote!

Many students have complained about skyrocketing tuition rates at colleges across the nation. Many students have dropped out of school because they could not afford to come back. Many students won't even try to go to college because it costs too much. Many of these students have one thing in common. They don't vote.

If you have to ask what voting has to do with tuition rates or going to college in general, then your perception of reality is somewhat clouded. Voting is a right given to us - that means that we should exercise it at every given opportunity. By voting, we not only let our own voice be heard, but we let those in power know that we care about what is going on in our lives, and that we are to be taken seriously.

Unfortunately, students are not.

Most students are of the reactive type - they'll get upset about a tuition hike, or a legislation that they perceive as being unfair. However, they are just that - reactive. Instead of doing something to nip a potential problem in the bud, most students will gripe about something drastic that befalls them after the fact - similar to what goes on here at Stony Brook.

Brook.

In the Polity elections this past spring, about 1100 votes were cast for the office of president. Currently, there are about 11,000 undergrads attending school here. That means that about ten percent of the undergraduate students here at USB found the time to cast a vote.

Of all the positions, the office of president received by far the most attention - the USSA delegate won by receiving less than 90 valid votes (for you non-math majors, that is less than one percent). These are the students who are your leaders. Those who have the power to do what you, the students, want done. Yet only one out of ten felt like voicing their opinion.

There is no excuse for what happened last spring. Polls were open for two days - all afternoon. Everyone had plenty of time to vote. And if everyone who thought that they couldn't make a difference voted, they could have in just about every race.

Such an attitude is not, however, on this campus alone. Lack of interest in politics on any scale is a problem present everywhere. The 18-24 age group is the

least registered and least likely to show in the polls. These are the same people who will someday run this world. Yet they'll let others make their choice for them.

George Pataki is a common target for the stones and arrows cast by the students of USB. He is largely responsible for the tuition increase experienced by SUNY students this semester, as well as the ones that will be experienced by students in future semesters. However, a lot of the responsibility lies with you, the students. Lack of action on your part got Pataki elected. This is understandable - most of you were also unaware of what he'd do once in office. Had you known - and given a care - you'd have probably made sure that he never been elected.

In the upcoming weeks, there will be a big push to register the students of Stony Brook. Get registered to vote in New York, get informed, and use your power wisely. You can't afford not to.

Let each become a registered voter. Let each become informed. And LET EACH BECOME AWARE!



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**- Teresa Day**

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## Smokers in Union Should Obey Rules

To the Editor:

Let's start things off on the right foot: I feel smokers have the right to smoke. I feel that no government has the right to tell sane, well-informed people what they can or cannot do to their own bodies, even if they choose to do something destructive to those bodies. So smoke all you want, and enjoy. There are some awkward ramifications to a perspective like this, of course: if what you choose to do is destructive, and if you have been told it is destructive, and if you choose to do it anyway, you should then be expected to pay for medical attention if you develop an illness or injury that can be traced to the choice, but I know that even this would not deter many smokers. What I will not accept, however, is the right for the self-destructive practices of one person to impair the comfort or health of anyone who has chosen to avoid the selfsame practice. Let me explain why I am saying this:

I often buy my lunch at the USB Union, a smoke-free building according to New York State law. Large "No-Smoking" signs are placed prominently throughout the building, and there are no ash trays. Far from being a smoke-free environment, however, the Union is often used as a place for smokers to hang out and smoke, either within a few feet of the "No-Smoking" signs or so close to an open doorway that the smoke is sucked in more than it is blown out. The no-smoking law in the Union is a joke.

If you complain to the building management, they will tell you that they are understaffed and helpless. Unless something drastic happens, people will probably continue to smoke in here, and I will have to make a decision about whether or not I should start eating somewhere else. I think I will have to do that soon.

A few facts: nicotine is (get this) more addictive than heroin. I am very sorry if you have become a smoker, and I give up right now any hope that anyone who is a smoker has the strength to stop. You probably don't. It is just about impossible. Another fact: according to the Center for Disease Control, tobacco addiction kills more than 418,000 Americans each year. That's more than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, fires, car accidents, and AIDS combined. Secondhand smoke kills 53,000, which is less than those killed by tobacco use directly and is about half of those killed by alcohol, but is more than any other single cause of premature death. If this doesn't shock you, it should.

Cigarettes are incredibly addictive, and incredibly lethal. I have made what I consider a relatively intelligent choice to be a non-smoker. But in campus environments like the Union, I have no right to clean air because smokers are violating laws which were enacted to make sure I could have that air. It probably started off as a relatively rare event: one smoker lit up in the fireside lounge area and nobody stopped her, then some of her

friends came for a snack one day and all smoked and nobody stopped them, then some guys caught on and started doing it, and pretty soon everyone realized that the laws were a joke until all that was left was the pretense that it was a non-smoking building. This is how it remains today. My message to smokers is this: it isn't okay, and I am asking you to stop. Most of the world's surface is a smoking area; I just want the air inside of a few public buildings to be safe for me to breathe, something to which the state of New York has told me I have a right. I do not genuinely expect to be listened to, but I am making the request.

As a smoker, you have rights. I acknowledge and respect those rights. They do not include the right to contaminate my air, public air, and failure to understand this is only going to cause friction. At the moment, my request is just that: a request, not a demand. If the sign says no-smoking, it does mean you, whether you are in the Union or any other building on campus. If smokers continue to press the limits of public tolerance, you can only expect a backlash of some kind, and I am sure that it will not be very pleasant. So please, if you have to smoke, just do it outside. And don't hang in the doorway; walk the extra 20 feet to really make a difference. I will appreciate it, and so will hundreds if not thousands of your fellow students.

Thank you.

Kirby D. Schroeder

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## Polity Conclave Leaves Bitter Aftertaste

To the Editor,

Please print this. It is ranting caused by my experience with Polity.

I am so angry. I went to polity to politely excuse my absence from the Sunday's portion of the leadership conclave. For those who don't know this is an annual event in which polity wastes time and money telling people things they already know. If any club's executive staff do not attend, then that club's budget is frozen. Anyway, I was really sick and just couldn't make it.

When I got there I was totally mocked. I was told that I had to see the acting treasurer to explain my excuse. No problem, I thought. I was then told six or seven times that he would not believe me, would

laugh in my face and that sickness wasn't really that original for an excuse.

I was now a little agitated. I asked who had made the mandatory attendance rule, and was told Polity did. No sh—. I asked the process of changing it or amending it, and was told, "Polity is a dictatorship in the guise of a democracy. We decided it, not the senate. It can not be changed." I was really mad now. I had no voice in my own government. Polity's own president missed the entire first day. Is polity's budget frozen? Hell no.

I was basically told that there was nothing I could do except throw myself at the mercy of the treasurer and hope that he doesn't laugh too hard. I can not work through the senate to change it and that is

just the way it is. Fu— that! Two hundred years ago we would have had an armed rebellion and handed Polity their heads.

Hell, I would do it now, but it is not worth jail, and they know that. That is why they continuously pull this sh—. Make the damn conclave mandatory for freshmen, and people who have never held an office, not people who know their sh—.

I went calmly with an honest explanation for an absence and was laughed at and mocked. This is my student government and I was told I have no voice in it. Well for those of you who don't know. Polity on paper isn't that bad. It is all the power hungry, ego-tripping, a—holes in it that make it SUCK!!!

Ryan Muldoon

## Yeah, Marc!

To the Editor:

This is to congratulate Marc Weisbaum on the brilliant review for Fear Factory's *Demufacture* album. Glad to know that there are people out there who have the vision to look beyond MTV's garbage and buy the stuff that is really music. Death to Silverchair, PearlJam and all those wussy bands who can't play music for nuts, but have been helped in such a great deal by MTV and its ignorant fans.

Anand T. Shah

## Statesman = Feces

To the Editor:

Two complaints about the Thursday, August 31, 1995 issue of *The Statesman*:

1) "According to Eve": What a bunch of sh--! I'm sorry, but that's what it is. Try giving males equal time, none of this: One paragraph versus 20? C'mon. Get it right.

2) "The Life Column": Read my article in *The Press* for the real situation of the Health Center.

I'm sorry, but you guys are a bunch of crap. Thank you. Just had to say it.

Andy Preston

Editors Note: Mr. Preston is a staff member of The Stony Brook Press.

## Top Ten Reasons There's a 3 in 3-TV

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4. Number of prescription medications their general manager, Felix Fermin, is currently taking
3. Anything was better than SPA-TV!
2. Number of minutes per day anything but blue screen can be seen
1. Total number of viewers!

# Statesman Features

Thursday, September 28, 1995

## Raising Consciousness at Staller Department of Theatre Arts Plans Themes of Diversity and Education for Fall Semester

By PAM GUNTHER  
Statesman Staff

Shows dealing with deep social issues geared toward raising the audiences' consciousness are scheduled this semester by the Department of Theatre Arts.

Dr. Farley Richmond, chairman of the department, says that educational theatre has long been part of Stony Brooks' emphasis. His goal is to put together a program that will relate to the educational mission of the department as well as to portray historical and contemporary issues. Two targeted themes of the shows are education and diversity.

Another aspect of setting up a production program is balance. All scheduled productions are put together by faculty and students. Richmond stressed importance of balance in determining which shows will be produced. These decisions are based on available talent and the ability orchestrate the work chosen.

Richmond also said he wanted to introduce students to non-traditional theatre. One goal is to allow students to develop their own interests. These

productions will also introduce areas of concern that are important to students. The intent of these

productions is to entertain as well as stimulate.

Sexual harassment is going to be dealt with in David Mamet's play *Oleanna*. Directed by Richmond, *Oleanna* will run October 12-15 and 19-22. Richmond said that he is approaching the play in an unconventional manner. He wants to show all possible sides to this multi-faceted issue. Richmond's goal, as he put it, is to raise consciousness in an



Jessica Maere, left, and Katie Lee at rehearsal last week.

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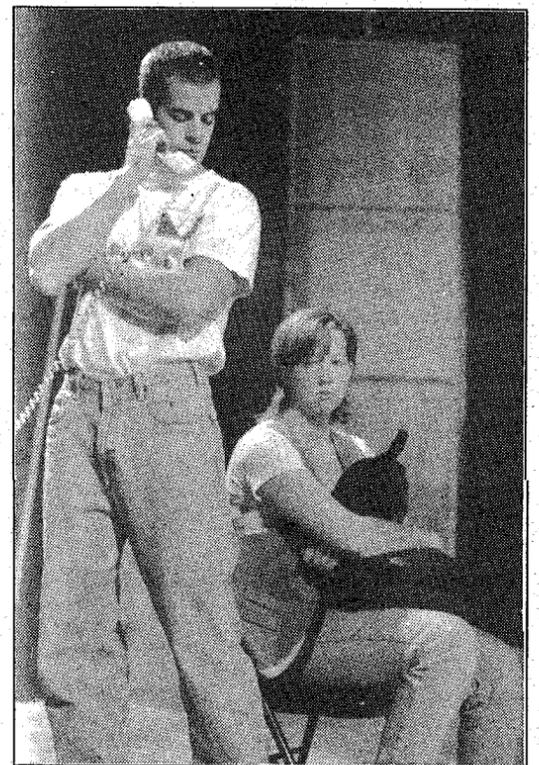
Richmond said he hopes to have various people in related fields to lead the discussion. According to Richmond, this show has the potential to be one of the most talked about this year.

*Blood Wedding*, by Federico Garcia Lorea, will run November 9-12 and 16-19. This passionate tragedy, directed by Dr. John Lutterbie, is the story of star-crossed lovers who are not allowed to marry due to cultural barriers. According to Lutterbie, this play will be a blend of realism and surrealism, which is going to be developed through improvisation. Original music provided by Peter Winkler of the music department will highlight the production. This play promises to be a powerful example of social mores and what happens when they are broken.

A special studio performance of the Stony Brook Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Assistant Professor Randy Thomas, will run from November 30 to December 2. This workshop performance is not fully produced and will be an informal concert.

One part of the dance ensemble's program talks about what makes a dance a dance. Thomas said the emphasis will be the "human spirit in motion." He also said that you cannot separate motion from person. He said his desire is for the audience to see the creative aspect of the dance. There will be a variety of dances performed; and there will also be audience participation.

The Fall semester will have some other productions around campus. There will be a student directed lunch time theatre. There will also be a



Shane Covey, left, and Stephanie Hughes at rehearsal last week.

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performance workshop relating to alcoholism on campus. Both will strive to continue with the overall theme of the department.

The Fall semester for the Department of Theatre Arts promises to offer challenge, entertainment, education and enlightenment.

Those with open minds will not be disappointed. □

## Battle of the Bands: Suffocation vs. Bush

By MARC WEISBAUM  
Statesman Staff

According to *Good Times*, *Pierced From Within* is the debut effort from locals **Suffocation**.

They cite the band's last album, *Breeding The Spawn*, as a demo rather than a regular full-length recording. However that totally disregards their first full-length LP, *Effigy Of The Forgotten*, and their premier EP *Human Waste*.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the band, they hail from the Coram-Ridge area and represent one of the most extreme forms of death metal available today.

Their EP is available through Relapse Records with the remainder of their material going through Roadrunner Records.

Featuring Frank Mullen on vocals, Terrance Hobbs and Doug Cerrito on guitars, Chris Richards on bass, and Mike Smith on drums, the band succeeded in carving out a name for themselves in death circles worldwide. Well, a lot has changed for the boys since the beginning. Mike left the band in pursuit of a rap project and was replaced by Doug "Bones" Bohn and, more recently, Frank departed and has been replaced (temporarily, at

least) by the singer for fellow death-mongers, **Pyrexia**.

Their latest, *Pierced From Within*, shows the band maturing into a more controlled outfit. While their songs are of a considerably fast pace, they have mastered the skill of slowing down and use speed judiciously. A prime example of this is the opening title track. All of the songs are equally heavy in their own right and a particular highlight is a reworking of the title track from their latest release, *Breeding The Spawn* because the band were reportedly unhappy with that album's production.

This album is a testimony

to the band's strength in a genre that has been choked to death by bands sorely lacking originality and is a great wake-up call to all the people who so heavily frequent the malls and have turned Long Island into a huge shopping center.

Sharply contrasting is another band, **Bush**. What many of you may not know is that before former lead singer of Nirvana, Kurt Cobain (the blonde-haired guy) shot himself, the band recorded another album and asked that it be marketed under a different name to see how well it would sell without the big N's name splattered all

over it. The album has already coasted through the great MTV buzzbin wave and into everybody's hearts, so it really doesn't matter what anybody says about the band at this point.

For those of you who believe this, you are mistaken, but judging by *Sixteen Stone*, its an error that can easily be made. The album is candy-coated by Gavin Rossdale's (easily mistaken for Kurt Cobain) Nirvana-esque screams and howls. The problem with imitating Nirvana is that nobody has a voice even close

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# Jill Jackson's Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD... I had the best time at "To Wong Foo. Thanks For Everything!, Julie Newmar." Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayze and John Leguizamo were simply wonderful as three drag queens whose car breaks down in a small town. After their arrival, the town and its people are never quite the same. No, it's not another "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." There's more plot, more fun, wilder costumes and also more excellent performances by Stockard Channing, Blythe Danner and a large cast of ensemble performers.

The press kit for "Moonlight and

Valentino" reads a lot better than the picture plays. Originally written as a play by Ellen Simon (Neil Simon's daughter), it's based on the happenings in her life when she suddenly lost her husband. Even with actresses such as Kathleen Turner, Whoopi Goldberg, Elizabeth Perkins and Gwyneth Paltrow, and the acting debut of rock star, Jon Bon Jovi, what is supposed to be a comedy/drama turns into a rather redundant couple of hours with a corny ending. Incidentally, in the credits, head honcho Michael Kuhn lists himself as "the Big Cheese."

Maybe you already knew this. I didn't. It's the story of Massimo Troisi, so wonderful as the postman in "Il Postino." Thank heaven I didn't know while viewing the film, or I would have cried even more. The Italian actor had always suffered from a weak heart. Early on in the filming, Troisi collapsed and it was learned he needed a transplant, but he refused, saying he could do it when the film was finished. Massimo died the day after "Il Postino" was completed. He was 41 years old. Ten thousand people attended his funeral in his hometown outside Naples. The film is

dedicated "To Massimo," and it's too bad it is a foreign film or he would be a shoo-in for this year's Oscar.

**BITS 'N' PIECES:** Aside to Huben R. of Columbus, Ga.: Yup. That is Robin Williams who appears for a few seconds in "To Wong Foo." And no, he doesn't take billing. Robin does a lot of things for fun. ... It's Neil Simon, B.B. King, Sidney Poitier, Marilyn Horne and Jacques D'Amboise who'll be honored at Kennedy Center come December 3rd. ... You'll be seeing Jack Nicholson with ex-love, Anjelica Huston, in "The Crossing Guard" very soon, and word is that Jack N. could get an Oscar nod for his work. ... To Hildegard L. of Covington, La.: I dunno whether Tom Berenger put on that weight to play Lewis Gates in "Last of the

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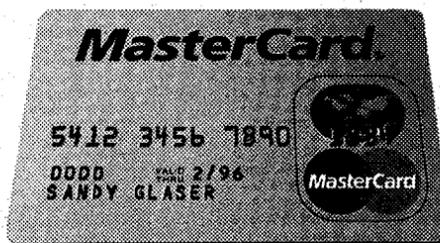
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Dogmen" or whether he's just been enjoying his food. So what. He's still a good actor. ... It's two years now since "Starlight Express" chugged into the Las Vegas Hilton and it looks good for the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical to steal along for several more. ... I hate that word, "yummy," and "yum," even more. They seem to be the gooey epithets used in many commercials these days. ... Hard to believe, but heard it on the radio, that Al Cowlings is posing for pictures beside that white bronco and selling them???. ... How nice to see someone in a coat and tie in lieu of denim and leather. It was Nicolas Cage and his beautiful Patricia at the preem screening of "Beyond Rangoon". ... Aside to Kirsten H. of Alice, Texas: I haven't heard anymore about "Phantom of the Opera," the movie version. Michael Crawford is happily ensconced on stage at Vegas making a mint doing what he does best: singing! □

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# Tuning In

**COURTING DRAMA:** This season is seeing an explosion of courtroom-based series on television— such as “Court House,” and “John Grisham’s The Client” on CBS; ABC’s “Murder One,” which takes a case from investigation on through trial; and NBC’s “JAG,” about military justice, to cite just a few. “Court TV” will also expand into new shows. CNN will also offer a new program devoted to legal matters.

Many of the specials you’ll see turn up on your TV log this season are also courtroom-based. SHOWTIME offers “Woman Undone” on October 8, starring **Mary McDonnell, Sam Elliott, and**

**Randy Quaid.** This courtroom drama revolves around a woman (McDonnell) suspected of murdering her husband (Quaid). Sam Elliott plays her lawyer.

**Shelly T. Turtle** is on your TV screens these days, and if you care about quality programming for your children, make this a must in their viewing lineup. The PBS series teaches youngsters respect for animals in a way that makes them understand how important it is that we protect all these furry, finny, and feathery creatures who not only share the world with us, but help make the world a better and happier place to live in.

**QUOTABLES FROM THE FOX**

**DEN:** D.B. Sweeney, who stars in “Lucky Chance” on FOX, grew up in New York City a rabid baseball fan. “Then I played a hockey player in a movie,” he said, “and now I’m a rabid New York Rangers fan.”

**Patti D’Arbanville-Quinn,** of “New York Undercover”, says, “When I meet a real New York City police officer, she or he always tells me I play the role well enough for them to believe I might have been a cop or I’m married to one. I hate to disappoint any of New York’s Finest, but I’m married to one of New York’s Bravest, a firefighter.”

**END NOTE:** American International Pictures, and other studios produced a series of hard-hitting flicks 25 years ago with black actors as heroes and heavies. A resurgence of interest in these movies, including “Superfly” and “Blacula,” led Kit Parker Films to package 33 under the title “Blaxploitation, Baby” for showing around the country. Why the renewed interest? Those wise heads have a short answer: “Q.J.” □

## Entertainment <sup>13</sup> Extra

**Q.** What is going on with my favorite soap, “All My Children”? It seems to me the plot lines are really getting ridiculous, what with Hayley (Kelly Ripa) suddenly turning into a mindless dolt and Brooke (Julia Barr) in love with Adam (David Canary) yet again, despite their very bitter divorce some years ago. It’s getting to the point that I’ve stopped watching the show on a regular basis. That’s a shame since I’ve been a regular viewer since it first came on the air. Is there anyone I can write to about this at ABC?

**A.** I’m sorry you’re not enjoying the soap lately. However, the ratings don’t reflect your feelings, so I don’t foresee that there’d be any changes made. Feel free to write to the show at Capital Cities/ABC, 77 West 66th Street, New York, N.Y. 10023. As for Hayley’s story line, if you haven’t been watching it, she’s finally returning to her common sense, savvy self and has her new husband, Alec, (Grant Aleksander) under surveillance. Brooke and Adam’s renewed romance shouldn’t be such a shocker. After all, as things usually go on a soap, once there’s no new blood to explore, couples who’ve divorced invariably find each other again. Don’t give up on the show altogether. It really is one of the best on the tube with a superb cast turning in consistently fine performances despite some of the goofy writing they’ve had to endure over the years.

**Q.** How many children does Tom Selleck have? Also, is he related to the old-time screen actor, Victor Mature? I read somewhere that Mature is his uncle.

**A.** Selleck and his wife have one child. He is not related to Victor Mature. (Funny thing, people used to ask if Mature and Dean Martin were related. Guess it was those bedroom eyes they both had.)

**Q.** My husband and two sons are looking forward to Frank Sinatra’s 80th birthday in December. As you can imagine, when you live pretty close to Hoboken, NJ., you can’t help but think of Frank as family. My question is, I read that Frank couldn’t marry Barbara in the church because he was

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still married to his first wife, Nancy. Later, I read that Barbara and Frank had a Catholic wedding. How could that have happened?

A. Frank, whose wives in order were, Nancy Barbato, Ava Gardner, Mia Farrow, and currently, Barbara Marx, was able to get an annulment of his first marriage, which allowed him to marry Barbara in church.

Q. I'm a long-time Bob Newhart fan and would love to see him back on television. Any chance of that happening?

A. Bob has had a problem finding a successful TV format since his first two successful series, "The Bob Newhart Show" with Suzanne Pleshette, and "Newhart," with Mary Frann. His recent shows were not ratings raisers. If he returns to weekly TV, it'll be with a strictly thought-out format. P.S. You can catch reruns of "Newhart" on the Family Channel. □

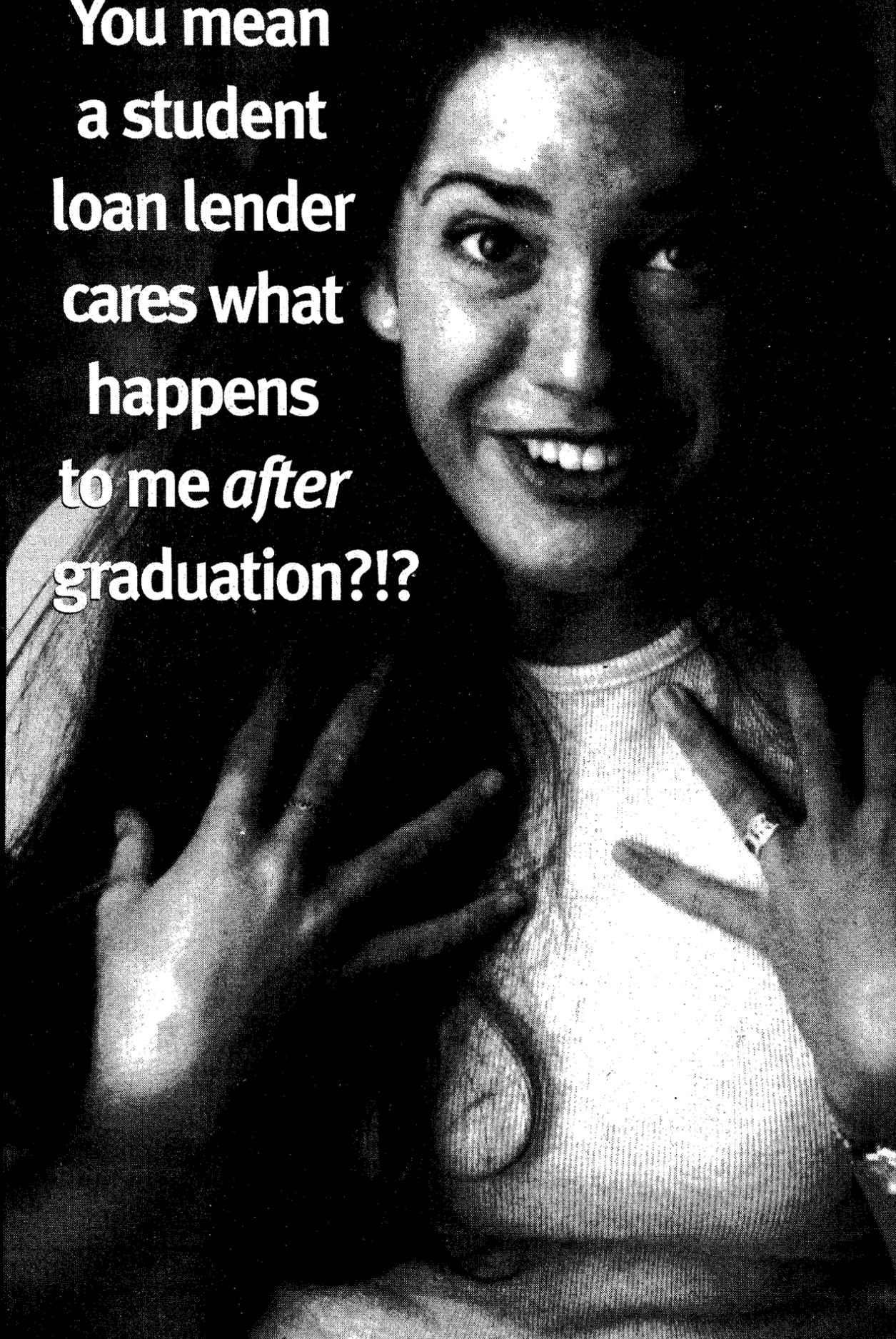
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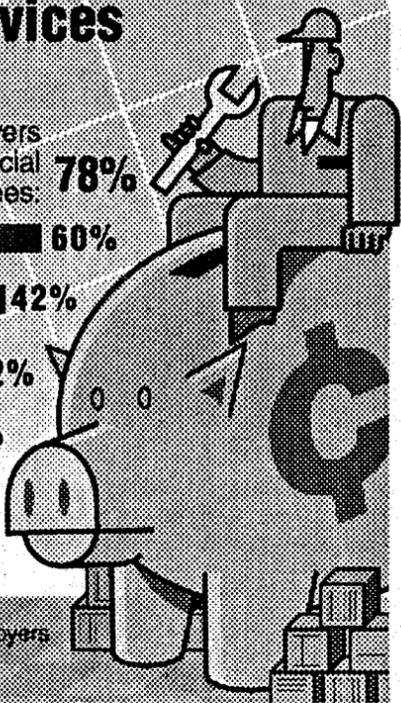


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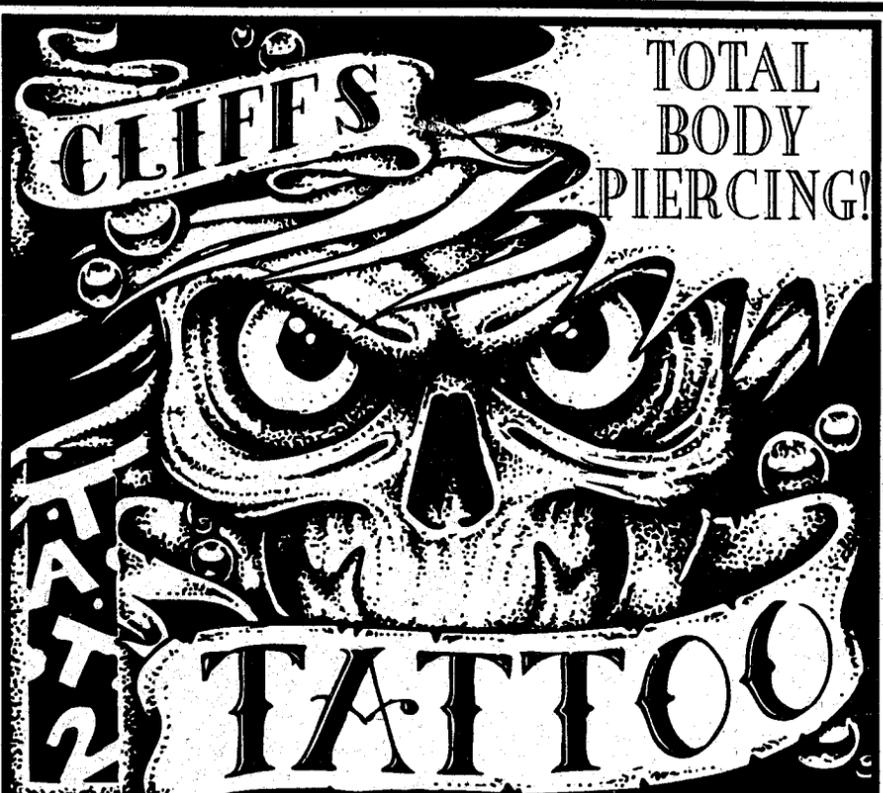
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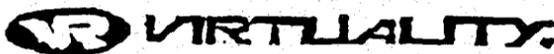
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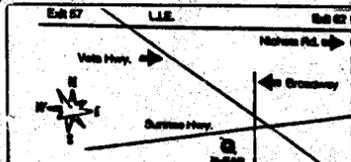
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# According to Eve

By Brooke Donatone



## Curse the Darkness

I never thought that getting lost could be such a great way of finding something better. On my way to another interview, I accidentally wandered into an office to ask directions. I noticed that a huge banner hugged the upper portion of the wall and prominently displayed "Women's Services".

Joan Hudson, appointed by Robert Gaffney, has been in charge of Women's Services for Suffolk County for the past three years. She was described to me as probably being the most powerful woman in Suffolk County. She laughed for a long time after I told her that opinion.

The Women's Services office went from a staff of three to eight people, without tax dollars for financing. Its grant money adds up to almost half a million dollars, the majority going to women's services, including the breast cancer movement and cervical cancer testing. The office oversees the entire Suffolk County breast health partnership that includes all providers of services, so women are able to have a free

mammography, and free transportation if need be through taxi service.

"We also expand on that; we try to get more coalition built up," Hudson said. "We started with two, we now have sixteen; we started with one provider of service... and we now have eighteen with twenty-six sites available."

This disproves the theory that one person can't make a difference.

For instance, Jessica Savitch became the first female anchor on NBC when few men wanted to work with a woman; Eileen Stevens battled New York state to pass anti-hazing laws; and if it wasn't for Madonna-well, we'd have a lot less nudity on MTV.

In addition to the programs pioneered by women's services, there is also tremendous outreach to the hospitals, which is where some of the money goes to.

"We did a one year empirical study on the unmet needs of the women in jail, and that resulted in three grants being written by the probation department based on our findings," said Hudson.

She also managed to bring

the office into the twentieth century by getting older computer equipment from the county rather than carving information on stone slabs.

"We try to dovetail onto as many things as we can, and making better use of what's already available for the county, and not spending any extra taxpayers money," Hudson emphasized.

The R.E.A.D.I. (Research Education and Development Incorporated) fund is a not-for-profit program for Suffolk women that is a fiscal mediator for necessities with certain programs. All the people involved with this fund are volunteers from the community that believe in the cause.

They also do various programs in conjunction with other departments; such as women with disabilities program working with the office of handicapped services, and a workshop for women getting back into the labor force works with the department of labor.

Government departments aren't all self-serving, working together for the common good of buying a congressman a new car.

"I think the reason that it's working so well is that

it's really for the good, no one is doing anything for self-serving purposes," said Hudson.

Hudson also helped to establish a Women's Hall of Fame, with two recipients thus far. One woman is chosen from Suffolk county for her activism and/or accomplishments.

Many may wonder why there are all these services for women and why are men being left in the dark. (Incidentally, there is a national annual prostate cancer screening for men, and there has yet to be a national annual breast cancer screening for women)

"What bothers me the most is that there isn't a problem that affects a woman that doesn't effect her family," said Hudson. These programs and workshops have tremendous outcomes of men in attendance

Also, "We're fifty-three percent of the population, there are over 700,070 women who reside in Suffolk County and... of those women, 9% are eligible for the Suffolk County breast cancer partnership and we only got money for a thousand."

Women's Services went from non-existent, to a grass-roots organization, to a well-

respected program. Hudson used the analogy, "You don't want to curse the darkness, you have to light the candle."

Joan Hudson was the spark to light the match.

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## Give the Gift of Life, Give Blood

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Thanks to all the generous members of the Stony Brook Campus Community who have donated blood, many hundreds of lives have been saved, but more blood is needed. The human body is the only "manufacturer" of this precious fluid. No amount of money would be of help if the right type of blood is not available during an emergency.

By the time we reach age 72, 95 percent of us will need a transfusion of blood or one of its products. However, we are not self-sufficient. Thirty-three percent of the blood used in the greater New York area is imported from Europe. If every donor gave at least twice a year, it would not be necessary to import blood from Europe.

In Nassau and Suffolk Counties, only 4 out of 100 eligible people donate, and in Queens, only 1 out of 100. In Nassau, Suffolk and Queens, 800 pints are needed daily for fifty hospitals. One case in point: a young mother was looking forward to recovering after the Cesarean delivery of her new baby. Several hours later, she began to bleed internally. Within the next six days, she was sustained

by 160 units of red blood cells. Her blood supply was replaced sixteen times!

This case is an extraordinary one. However, since blood cannot be manufactured, had it not been for the generosity of blood donors, this young

mother would not be home now with her baby.

Any individual in good health, weighing 110 pounds or more, between the ages of 17 and 75 may give blood. A free mini-physical, including a blood pressure check, is obtained before donating. All donors must present identification.

There are several permanent reasons not to donate blood, some of which are: having used illegal intravenous drugs, even once; having had male to male sex since 1977, even once; having a history of heart disease, stroke, hemophilia or hepatitis. Some conditions that may

delay the length of time before you can give blood are: tattoos, acupuncture, ears or nose pierced, tuberculosis, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and genital herpes.

The drawing of blood takes about 7-10 minutes. However, plan to spend about an hour at the blood drive, since you will have to give some basic information, including answering a brief health history questionnaire.

When the needle is inserted, a little pinch is felt, but not pain. You cannot get any disease from donating blood. All materials used are new, sterile and disposable. They are discarded after your donation. Afterward, you rest for a short time, while snacking on juice, coffee and cookies.

Most people feel great after donating. Your body replenishes the plasma in your blood within 24 hours. Red blood cells are replenished in about 4-8 weeks. Drinking extra fluids for the next 24 hours is advised. Strenuous activity such as lifting heavy objects should be avoided for 4-5 hours after giving blood.

Although blood can be donated every 56 days, up to six times a year, only 4 out of 100 who are able to give

blood do so. After donation, blood is tested for blood group and type, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (the AIDS Virus), Hepatitis (a liver infection), Human T-Lymphotropic Virus (HTLV - a virus that may cause a blood or nerve disease) and Syphilis (a venereal disease).

Blood that tests positive for any of the diseases mentioned above will be destroyed and the donor will be notified. You will not be notified if your blood results are negative, or if sample tubes do not provide enough blood to complete all laboratory tests. This is a rare occurrence in which case the blood will be destroyed.

The Blood Center urgently requests that individuals do not give blood just to find out their HIV status. In addition to possibly putting the person who is drawing your blood at risk, you may be in the "window period" (the time when an infected person will test negative before converting to positive).

Several weeks after donating, you will receive an identification card with your blood group and RH type. Uses of blood: up to five lives can be saved by separating each blood donation into five blood components: Red blood

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Marie Santiago*

# Battle of the Bands: Suffocation vs. Bush

**BANDS**, From Page 10

to Cobain's, just listen to "Scentless Apprentice" from Nirvana's final studio outing, *In Utero*. Merely by listening to the leadoff track and video, "Everything Zen" you get a great example of grunge-lite. Unfortunately for these guys, they're from London, not Seattle and they are about two years late to hop on the grunge wagon. The band doesn't seem to want to crawl out of Nirvana's shadow and shout, "Hey, we're Bush" and that's a shame. Drummer, Robin Goodridge, is content pretending he's Dave Grohl and guitarist, Nigel Pulsford is happy attempting to recreate the



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SUFFOCATION, from left, Doug Cerrito, Terrance Hobbs, Frank Muller, Doug "Boner" Bohn, Chris Richards

noisy, feedback drenched sound Cobain was a master at. The only person who doesn't seem like he's trying to be a Nirvana member is the bass player, Dave Parsons.

All the slagging aside, this is a pleasant album. However, music should

move you and this just goes nowhere. Also, listening to a band trying to be (keyword here is "trying") another band is quite depressing. As you cruise the mall you can stop in Sam Goody and make your choice: The moving and the unnoticed. □

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BUSH, from left, Gavin Rossdale, Nigel Pulsford, Dave Parsons, Robin Goodridge.

## Give the Gift of Life

**BLOOD**, From Page 16

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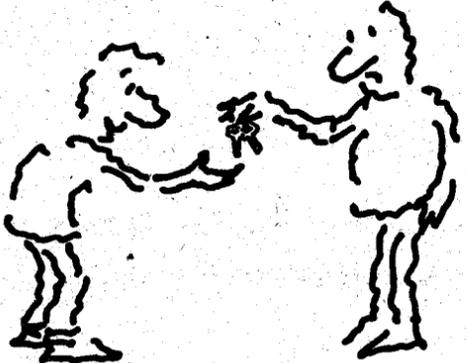
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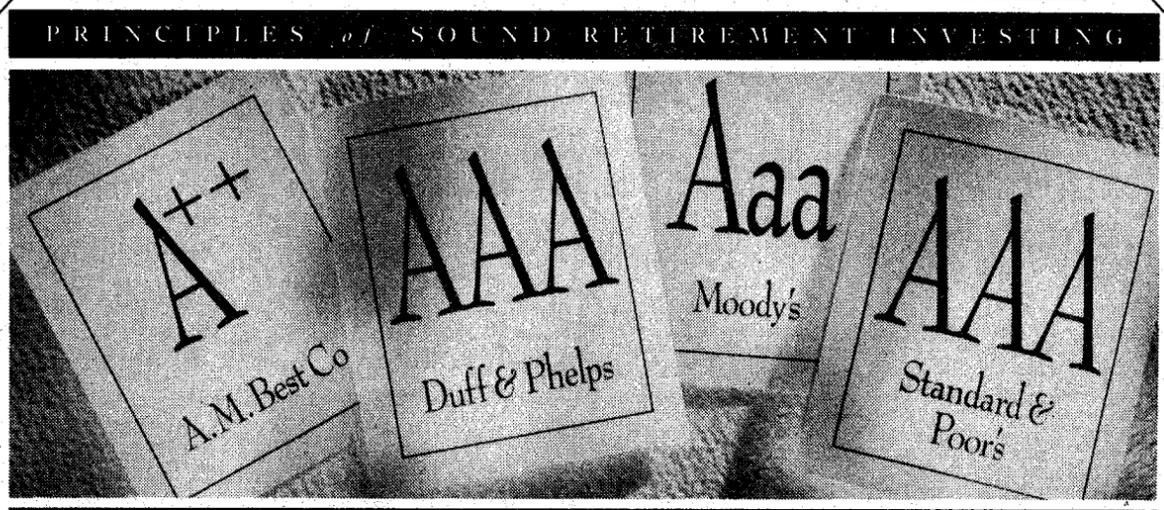
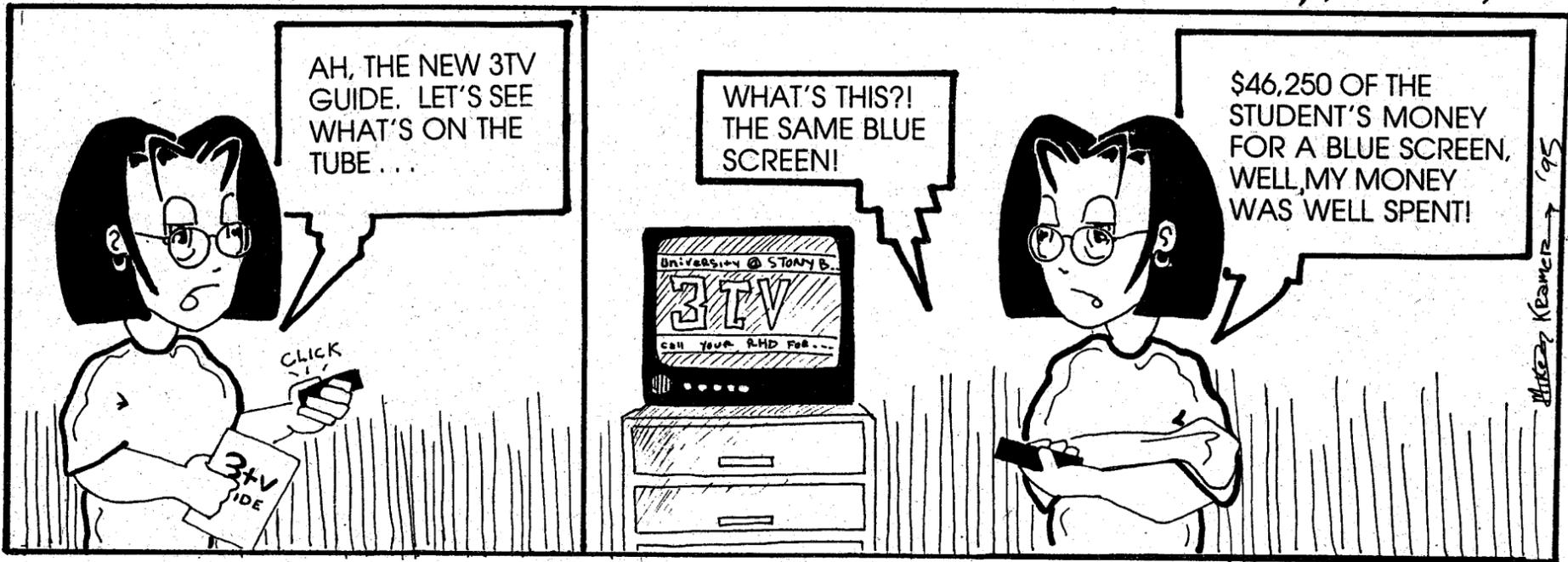
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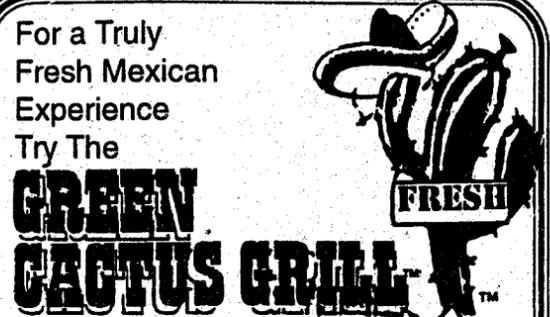
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# 20 V-Ball Takes Second in Tourney

By **DAVE CHOW**  
Statesman Staff

The Women's Volleyball team finished second in the Holiday Inn Express Stony Brook Invitational this past weekend with three wins and one loss, raising their season record to 9-3.

The championship title went to Bentley, who also finished three and one but beat out Stony Brook by virtue of a head to head victory.

The Seawolves continue to play well in their first season at the Division II level while beating some good competition. Among those defeated by the 'Brook over the weekend were California (PA) and Bryant, two solid D-II teams. They also beat C.W. Post.

"Bryant and California were very big wins for us," said head

coach Teri Tiso. "We didn't play that well on Friday. Against C.W. Post we sat back on our heels in the first game then we fought hard in the following games. But Bentley was a really tough loss.

We came back strong Saturday against Bryant and dominated them. We also played great against Cal', a good team. They had a dominant 6-2' outside hitter who put down some tough shots. But Jolie Ward and Maura Gormley, our outside shooters, played great. Sarah Boeckel, our setter, also played great games over the course of the tournament. She hadn't played in two weeks so it took a while for us to get used to her again."

On Friday, the 'Wolves opened the tournament beating

C.W. Post 15-8, 13-15, 15-4 and 15-8. Senior Maura Gormley led the way with 16 kills and 14 digs. Jolie Ward had 12 kills and 16 digs and freshman Sarah Boeckel notched 38 assists and 15 digs.

In their only loss, against tourney champion Bentley, Gormley had 9 kills and 14 digs while Boeckel recorded 24 assists. The games went 15-6, 19-17 and 15-13.

On Saturday, the 'Wolves opened with wins over Bryant 15-9, 15-12 and 15-9. In this match Gormley had 19 kills and 13 digs. Against California in the second match, she had 21 kills and 15 digs. Boeckel in the two matches had 74 assists and 19 digs and Ward had 18 kills and 33 digs. Stony Brook won over Cal' 15-4, 14-16, 15-6

and 15-11.

Maura Gormley was named to the All-Tournament Team for her performance.

The saving grace so far in this, the inaugural season for Stony Brook at the Division II level, has been the women's volleyball team. With all other sports sporting a .500 record or worse, the volleyball team's 9-3 record is a welcome sight.

While other teams may be expecting difficult times ahead just adjusting to the heightened challenges of the higher division, the volleyball team is considering fighting for an NCAA berth. The 'Wolves are ranked fourth in their region and prepare to fight number two Dowling Wednesday night.

"I'm very happy that we've been ranked," said Tiso. "Number one New Haven and Dowling have killed us [in the past] but we will

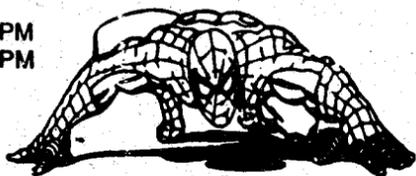
play them again. By the end of the season it could be a different story. We have a lot of new players but I see leadership from our five juniors and one senior. We are right up there in talent and what we lack in height we make up for with hustle."

As far as the Dowling game, Tiso said, "We're gonna just go with what [game plan] we have.. continue changing sets so that we get to the outside middle of the right side using all our hitters. We are serving better and getting tougher mentally while playing good defense. Dowling has a good offense, but our defense is better."

Notes: After playing at Dowling Wednesday the 'Wolves will travel to Albany for a weekend tournament. Then they return home Tuesday the 3rd and play NYU 7:00 PM at the Indoor Sports Complex. □

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## Women's Soccer Hosts Holiday Inn Express Invitational

On Saturday September 30th and Sunday October 1st, Stony Brook will host the Women's Soccer Holiday Inn Express Invitational Tournament. The Seawolves (2-8) will play Siena Saturday, then play in the third place game and then, hopefully, the championship game on Sunday.

"We are very excited about the weekend," said head coach Susan Ryan. "Last year we won this, so that has been one of our goals for the season, to repeat a victory in our home tournament. We've had a very long stretch of away games so we're excited to be home. We are looking at this as a possible turning of the corner for us. The first half of our season is over,

and we're trying to start the second half fresh with a good attitude about winning."

Ryan expressed a need for her team to have the midfielders and backers to push forward more and create scoring chances as a key to future success. She also suggested that, though Siena and BC look like tough teams coming into the tournament, the competition looks to be pretty equal and that should make play more exciting.

"It should be a very festive weekend," she added "There will be a clinic Saturday

morning and a banquet at night. It should be fun with a lot of people and parents in attendance."

## Volleyball Falls At Dowling

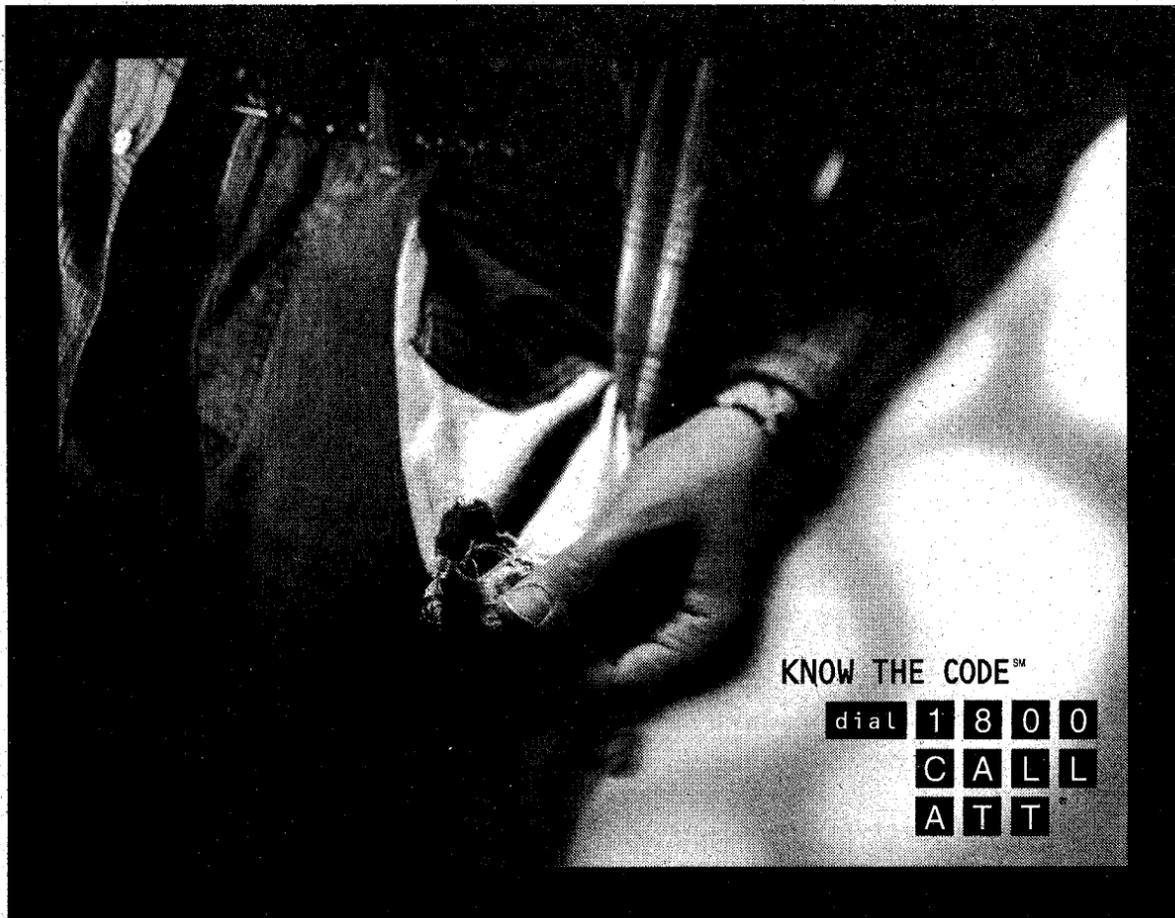
The Women's Volleyball Team (9-4) fell at Dowling (14-3) Wednesday night. The Seawolves won the first game 15-7 but lost the subsequent games 19-17, 15-10 and 15-8. Dowling was ranked second in the North East Region and Stony Brook fourth. Jolie Ward had 18 kills, 11

digs, Sarah Boeckel 51 assists and Maura Gormley had 17 kills with 20 digs.

## Men's Soccer Falls At Dowling

The Men's Soccer Team fell to 2-6 as they lost 1-0 at Dowling on

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Who - besides Kornel - woulda thunk Detroit was going to beat the spread Monday night, much less the 49ers? Unbelievable. Apparently, that was just about it for Kornel, though. The Cube pulled off the top record of the week, closing in a game on Da Mass and two on the coaches, hey maybe we should give the clean-shaven one some respect after all. Mass picked up another on the coaches himself, and "Hey, look. We have a race!" Especially after Kornhauser's showing for the special guest pickers. This time around, Women's Basketball coach Beckie Francis (formerly Dickinson) will try to keep the guest experts in the lead. Of course, it's no comparison to last season when *The Stony Brook Statesman* was tearing it up in the 60 to 70 percent range and was kicking the crap out of the *Newsday* writers. Almost embarrassing this year. Eh. Whaterya gonna do? This week, San Diego is the pick of the litter. Pittsburgh has been awful since O'Donnell and Woodson went down. Chargers in a rout.

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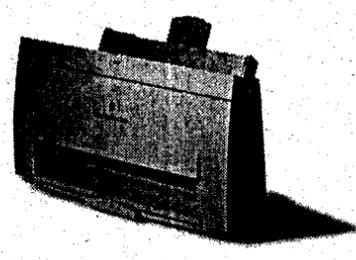
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# Donnie Baseball Forever...

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talking about a great baseball player. Someone who defies mere numbers, though a .309 lifetime batting average and an American League record .996 fielding percentage are nothing to be ridiculed. There is something about watching him at the plate that epitomizes the way baseball should be. When Mattingly takes a swing and connects, there is a style and beauty to his game that nobody else has. No hot-dogging, no showboating, just a love for baseball that he wears on his sleeve for the world to see. And though he

doesn't connect nearly as often as he used to, when he does come through in the clutch it is still a sight to behold. And nobody plays first base like Don Mattingly.

Now don't get me wrong, my stance is not anti-Hernandez. I'm a Met fan myself and I will never forget the way he led them in the 80's upon his arrival in New York. I personally would love to see them both make the Hall of Fame, though injuries in the twilight of their careers may have damaged both of their chances. But if everyone played the game with the same fervor, determination and love that Mattingly does, baseball

would be that much more enjoyable to watch.

So this week I just wanted to personally address everyone who has jumped on the Mattingly-bashing bandwagon. The Yankees, at press time, are leading the wild-card race by a game and a half, and with the season in its final days appear to be heading towards the playoffs for the first time in the Mattingly years. Although Artie thinks he will pop-up come clutch-time, I would love to see a different ending to his career.

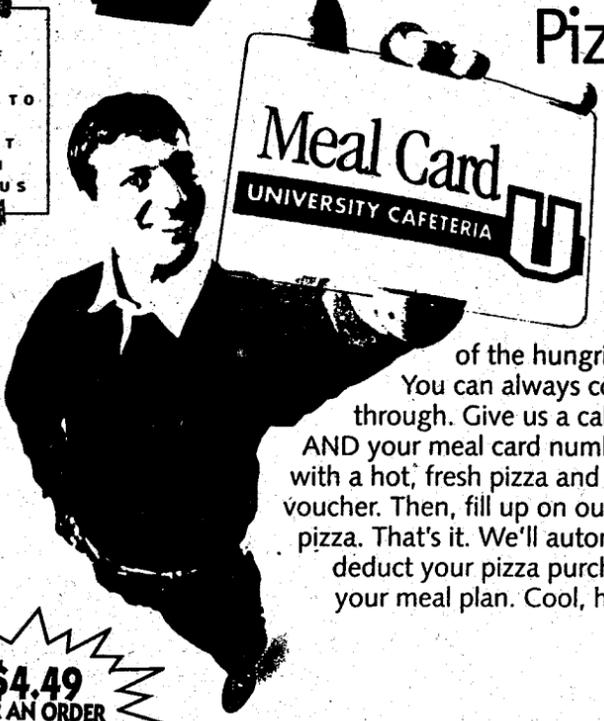
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# STATESMAN SPORTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1995

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK BY NICOLE J. SEQUINO

When Junior goalkeeper Jodi Yerys looks at her Stony Brook Women's Soccer team's season so far, she fondly remembers the two losses against Colgate and Cornell University. Sound a bit strange? To Yerys, the **Statesman/Stony Brook Athlete of the Week**, those games were competition that she could sink her cleats into.

In the first half of the Colgate game, the Stony Brook Seawolves were winning 1-0, but were eventually defeated 2-1, despite Yerys 19 saves. At Cornell, likewise, a fierce battle ensued, but the Seawolves were again overtaken, losing 2-0. Yerys had 23 saves.

"Those games were tests for us," said Yerys. "We were thrown into much tougher competition, being in a Division I conference. It proved to us, and to other people, that we could play....I guess I enjoyed that weekend more than I thought."

Last week, the Seawolves achieved their first win, 2-0,

against Lehigh University, with Yerys attaining 15 saves and her first shutout of the season, second in her career at Stony Brook. Even more uplifting, the Women's Soccer team also won later that week beating Hofstra University 2-1, again aided by the Seawolves goalie and her 14 saves.

"A lot of players were injured or getting hurt, so we decided to get together as a team...we wanted the win more than either of those teams did. It was certainly a positive week for us," said Yerys. "We all have so much talent - if we can utilize it, and truly put our minds to it, then I know that we can be winners."

Originally, Yerys stopped leather as a Freshman at SUNY Binghamton back in 1993. In her first and only season there, Yerys played a total of 14 games and had seven shutouts, 64 saves and a 0.71 goals against average. She then transferred to Stony Brook in the fall of 1994, and in her only five starts as a Sophomore, she had one



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Jodi Yerys

shutout, 70 saves and a 1.86 goals against average percentage.

This season, Yerys has started each of her team's nine games played and has a total of 102 saves on goal.

"It's exciting to be Athlete of the Week," Yerys said. "Because it shows that I'm doing something right. But I think my defense has improved every game. As goalkeeper, if your team doesn't win, you get the bum's rush; but, if your team does win, you receive better recognition, and it's like, 'Wow, she did this and they won!'" Currently, the Seawolves are 2-6 overall, but Yerys maintains her optimistic perspective towards her team, position and personal goals.

"I have my last two seasons here and I'd really like the team to pull together. If we all have faith in ourselves, faith in each other, then I know we can do it...and that's the bottom line," said Yerys. "My whole thing is that I want to be remembered for helping this growing Division I team to develop and mature." □

# Donnie Baseball Forever...

(... and don't you forget it, Artie!)

Over the past couple of weeks, my suitemate Artie and I have been debating over the rightful place in history for the one and only Donnie Baseball.

For those not in the know, Donnie Baseball is Yankee great Don Mattingly. Mattingly, who exudes professionalism from every pore of his aging body, has been New York's everyday first baseman for the past 12 years and has been their leader both on and off the field.

During his time in pinstripes, stars like Dave Winfield, Rickey Henderson and Jay Buhner have passed through the "House that Ruth Built." Mattingly didn't just pass through - he took up permanent residence in the Bronx and etched his name in Yankee lore. Above all, he avoided controversy in an environment that thrives on it. Remember Ed Whitson, Luis Polonia and Danny Tartabull? Well, they certainly remember New York, I promise you that.

But this year, for the first time in his career, the once-Teflon Don has been under constant attack from the local media. One *Daily News* story in particular, written by Bill Madden, bothered Mattingly so much that he stepped out of character and lashed out at owner George Steinbrenner.

The article, under the headline "Done Don," was, according to Mattingly, orchestrated by Steinbrenner in an attempt to run him out of town.

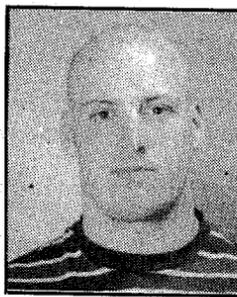
"It doesn't surprise me," Mattingly said in a *Newsday* interview last month. "This is how all the players here are treated when he decides their time is up." It doesn't take a rocket scientist/brain surgeon (pick one) to figure out who "he" is.

Mattingly has since stated that he doesn't expect to return to the Yankees after this season. He doesn't expect Steinbrenner will want him back and Mattingly has said if he doesn't return, he will retire. Mattingly has said, however, that he wishes he wasn't "backstabbed" in the end. After everything he has given to the organization, he expected to go out in the same way that he has conducted himself throughout his tenure here - with class.

I couldn't agree more. Now back to the debate. Artie, such a die-hard Met fan that he is actually going to attend Friday night's game at Shea Stadium, does

not talk very highly of Mattingly. Not surprisingly, he feels that former-Met Keith Hernandez was better

"He hasn't been good for years," says Artie of Mattingly. "He is the worst-hitting first baseman in the game right now."



CUBIE SPEAKS  
SCOTT LEWIS

Granted, Mattingly hasn't been the hitter he was during the mid-to-late 80's for some time now, but he is still the best fielding first baseman on this side of the planet. Nine Gold Glove awards speaks for itself. He led the American League in hits twice and in a classic down-to-the-last-day battle with fellow Yankee Dave Winfield, won the batting title in 1984. Mattingly started the final day just percentage points ahead of Winfield. Three hits later, Mattingly finished with a .343 average compared to Winfield's .340. There was his amazing Most Valuable Player season of 1985, when he finished with a .324 batting average, 35 home runs and an incredible 145 runs batted in. Not since Al Rosen of the Cleveland Indians drove in 145 runs in 1953 had anyone in the American League reached that number and nobody has touched it since.

The "Hit Man," as he is known by the Yankee brethren, also set major league records in 1987 for

consecutive games with a home run (8), and Grand Slams in a season (6). He finished the '87 season with a .327 batting average, 30 homers and 115 RBI's. To give you a better idea of how dominating Mattingly was from 1984-87 take a look at his statistics over that four-year span: he averaged .336 with 29 home runs and 121 RBI's. Is there any wonder why he was named *Sporting News* AL Player of the Year in 1984, '85 and '86?

It is true that a chronic back injury has made Mattingly a mirror of his former self; the numbers don't lie. He hit 30 home runs for four straight seasons, but he hasn't hit home runs for seven years already. Though he did hit over .300 in last year's strike-shortened season, this year he has hovered under .300 all season and his home run and RBI numbers are more fitting for a shortstop than a first baseman. In fact, there is only one first baseman in the American League who has had worse numbers this year. And it just happens to be that these are the statistics that Artie likes to point out to me when we talk about Donnie Baseball. And lest we forget that Hernandez has won two World Series and Mattingly has yet to play in October.

But as far as I'm concerned, when you talk about Mattingly you're