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Hearings Held On Proposed Budget Cuts

By SLAV KAPLAN
Special to *The Statesman*

The Assembly Committee on Higher Education held hearings, Thursday, to hear testimony on the proposed budget cuts.

The hearings, which were held in the Student Union ballroom, included testimony from the presidents of both Nassau and Suffolk Community Colleges, the project coordinator of NYPIRG and University President Shirley Strum Kenny. These people, and many others, gathered in front of the committee to give their testimony on the effects of the budget cuts and some possible solutions.

Kenny was on hand and told the committee that the proposed plan to give Stony Brook more flexibility in management would be good for Stony Brook. "If the state is willing to give the University flexibility management, SUNY can streamline without hurting the educational product," she said. During the budget cuts she said Stony Brook has had to "reduce



Statesman/Paul Wright

Members of the Committee of Higher Education heard testimony, last Thursday, on proposed budget cuts.

administrative process to protect academic operations."

Kenny is asking for what many other state systems already have - the flexibility to deal with

purchasing. Under this plan the University would have the "opportunity to apply dollars where they are most needed, and the encouragement of

entrepreneurial activities," she said.

Results of last year's \$750 tuition hike and this year's proposed \$250 tuition hike has

made it more difficult for many students to afford attending school.

"I work 2 jobs and am a full-time, double major student," said Karen Alicia Kowalik. "If tuition increases I will not be able to get the degree I have worked so hard for."

According to Lisa Tyson of the Long Progressive Coalition, the present job market is glum with wages on the decline. Tyson said that currently the most perspective field is retail.

The committee led by Assemblyman Ed Sullivan, listened as students and administrators alike told the committee that due to the budget cuts many professors have not been replaced after they either retired or left and has caused many classes, like those of the English Department to become lectures.

The members of the committee of higher education said that budget cuts are not the solution, but in fact bureaucracy must be reduced in order to create the most efficient system. □

Diversity Conclave to Be Held Today

(UNS)-The University at Stony Brook will hold its Second Annual Workforce Diversity Conference on Thursday, February 29. The half-day conference geared to business executives, state and local officials and college place diversity issues.

"Achieving Diversity '96," will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Staller Center for the Arts, followed by a luncheon in the Stony Brook Union Ballroom. Keynote speaker will be Raymond Jansen, publisher and CEO of *Newsday*, Jansen will speak on "Achieving Diversity: A Corporate Response."

Suffolk County Executive Robert J. Gaffney and University at Stony Brook President Shirley

Strum Kenny will offer the welcoming remarks. The Conference, hosted by the University and the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission, is sponsored by AT&T, Lucent Technologies, American Express Financial Services and *Newsday*.

"Universities, particularly public universities, have the responsibility to provide leadership in enlightened social behavior. As SUNY's premiere university center, the University at Stony Brook is doubly obligated to express and demonstrate its commitment to developing a supportive and diverse environment," notes Gary Matthews, the University's Interim assistant vice-president and special assistant to the president for Affirmative Action. "Central to this process is respect for and acceptance of those from different backgrounds. Our society is still far from the just and equitable ideal that it seeks to achieve. The University at Stony Brook can play an important role in advancing that goal."

The conference will include

two morning seminars. The first, from 10 a.m. to 11:10 a.m., will be on "Diversity: A Work In Progress" and will be followed at 11:15 a.m. by a seminar on "Diversity & Profitability - A Perfect Match: Opening New Markets for the 21st Century."

Suffolk County Human Rights Commissioner Dr. Robert O. Hawkins, a professor in Stony Brook's School of Health Technology and Management, will serve as moderator of the first session. Panelists will be Touro Law School professor Deborah Post and Jack Battaglia; Mary Elizabeth Willis, Director, Diversity Planning, Lucent Technologies, formerly AT&T's Systems and Technology Division; Joanna Cohan, executive director, Center for the New American Workforce, Queens College; and Dr. Sabrina Hope King, Hofstra University, Hempstead.

The second panel, moderated by Suffolk County Human Rights Commissioner Patricia Hill Williams, will run until 12:30 p.m. On the panel will be Richard Gaskins, Vice-President, American Express

Financial Services; Kenneth Nixon, Leader, Multimedia Products Group, Lucent Technologies, Gary Kishanuk, manager, Industry-Labor Council, National Center for Disability Services; Dr. Mary C. Murphree, Regional Administrator, Women's Bureau, Region II, U.S. Department of Labor. Gaskins will also be the luncheon speaker. He will be introduced by Bruce G. Blower, director, Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services.

Rabbi Steven A. Moss, chair, Suffolk County Human Rights Commission, will deliver the morning session closing remarks. The luncheon will begin at 12:45 p.m.

"Increasingly our society has become more and more diverse by its composition," says Lawrence A. Miller, Commission executive director. "There are many demographers who project that by the year 2000, the American workforce will be comprised mainly of women and minorities. Already the workforce of this nation has

undergone dramatic change, so much so that the question now is how will America respond to diversity and compete in the global marketplace. The conference at Stony Brook will provide a setting in which representatives from the region can discuss this issue." □

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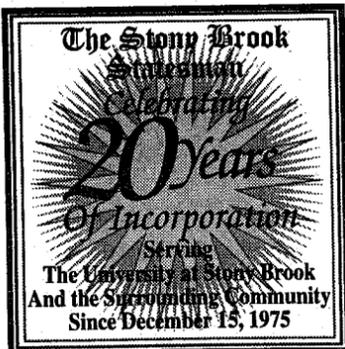
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Tuesday, February 20

5:00 p.m.

The owner of a blue 1992 two-door Mitsubishi, parked in the Douglass College parking lot, found the glove compartment open and credit

cards and various papers tossed about in the vehicle. Half a tank of gas, valued at \$10, was also found missing, along with an AT&T Universal card.

Wednesday, February 21

Time unknown.

At least five cars of various makes and models, parked in the Tabler Quad lot, had their driver's and passenger's side locks damaged. Damage was valued between \$100 to \$175.

With the exception of one car, the targeted vehicles were either white or gray.

11:03 a.m.

The owner of a 1987 two-door Plymouth found his driver's side lock drilled out and his stereo and amplifiers, worth \$600, stolen.

3:29 p.m.

A black canvas briefcase worth \$40, containing \$300 worth of books and papers, was stolen from the Social and Behavioral Science building on the fourth floor.

5:30 p.m.

A number of possessions were stolen from a 1989 four-door Plymouth Acclaim while it was parked in the Student Infirmary parking lot. The items were a \$15 handicap permit, a steering club worth \$50, a \$500 coat, two suits worth \$400 and designer prescription glasses worth \$500. A car window was also broken, the damage valuing at \$50.

11:26 p.m.

The driver's side locks of two vehicles were damaged. One of the vehicles was parked at Whitman College, and the other at Douglas College. Each lock was assumed to cost \$175 to fix.

Thursday, February 22

Time unknown

The windshield of a red 1984 two-door Pontiac was found broken. The damage is valued at \$200.

1:39 a.m.

A Dreiser College resident felt numbness in the hands and feet, and was transported to University Hospital by SBVAC. An allergic reaction to seafood

was suspected.

6:30 a.m.

An Amman College resident, suspected to be drunk, was found vomiting blood and was transported to University Hospital by SBVAC.

The driver's side lock and handle of a 1986 four-door Honda Accord parked in the Douglas College parking lot were damaged.

Saturday, February 24

Time unknown.

A Cardozo College student hit his head on the sidewalk after falling off his bicycle. The student was

transported to University Hospital by the Setauket Fire Department.

8:34 p.m.

Holes were found in two windows of the Life Sciences Greenhouse.

9:20 p.m.

A backpack valued at \$30, which contained a \$100 book and a \$50 Texas Instruments calculator, was stolen from the lobby of Mount College.

Sunday, February 25

1:45 p.m.

The window of a 1992 two-door Honda Accord was broken as it was parked in Dreiser College parking lot. The damage is valued at \$200.

2:40 p.m.

The lock of a gray 1989 four-door Nissan Sentra parked in the Hendrix College parking lot was found damaged. Damage was valued at \$30.

3:59 p.m.

A blue wallet worth \$10 including credit cards was stolen from the Old Gym of the Indoor Sports Complex.

5:23 p.m.

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POLICE BLOTTER

BY BELVIN GONG

Friday, February 23

5:45 a.m.

A custodial worker witnessed four males loading stolen computers from the fourth floor of the Frank Melville Memorial Library into their brown van parked at the library entrance. The suspects were arrested on a felony charge.

9:15 a.m.

A window of a gray 1991 two-door Ford automobile was found broken. The damage is valued at \$200.

10:49 a.m.

The gas tank of a Volkswagen Rabbit parked in Langmuir College parking lot was damaged when it was put into neutral and pushed over a concrete curb. The damage is valued at \$800.

2:00 p.m.

A Hamilton College student complained of abdominal pains and was transported to University Hospital by SBVAC.

3:20 p.m.

A Douglass College resident suffering from abdominal pains was transported to University Hospital by SBVAC.

3:30 p.m.

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Forbes Leads The Race in Republican Nominations

By DAVID SAMUEL SHASHOUA
Statesman Staff

Steve Forbes, publisher of *Forbes* magazine, increased his chances in the Republican nomination process last Saturday, winning all of Delaware's 12 delegates.

He scored 33 percent of the primary vote, with Dole garnering 27 percent, Buchanan 18 percent, Alexander 13 percent, Keyes 9 percent, Lugar 2 percent and Gramm 1 percent.

Most of the other candidates did not even campaign for Delaware's Presidential Primary. These results give Forbes a boost for nomination.

Forbes was the only Republican candidate actively campaigning in the state, which is why he scored significantly in the primary. The other candidates refused to run out of deference to New Hampshire's Presidential Primary. New Hampshire has a statute which forbids any other state from having its Presidential Primary less than seven days after New Hampshire. However, Delaware insisted of having its Presidential Primary less than seven days after New Hampshire's.

Dole made sure that no one else

got on Delaware's ballot, but the Delaware Legislature passed a bill placing all of the Republican Presidential candidates on the ballot. However, hardly anyone else bothered to campaign in the state, with the exception of Steve Forbes.

Arizona had its Presidential Primary on Tuesday and Forbes picked up all of the state's 39 delegates. With 75 percent of the precincts reporting, Forbes scored 34 percent, Dole 29 percent, Buchanan 28 percent, Alexander 7 percent, Keyes 1 percent and Lugar 1 percent.

Buchanan was expected to have won Arizona and moved onto South Carolina to enhance his chances of emerging as the GOP's nominee for president. However, with Forbes, Dole, and Alexander attacking Buchanan as an "extremist," the primary electorate decided to vote for someone with a positive image rather than voting for a candidate with a negative one.

Dole skipped a debate with his opponents in Arizona last week so he could focus on the primaries in the two Dakotas. Some political analysts think he is not gaining any ground. Nevertheless, Dole won big in the

Dakota primaries. In North Dakota, Dole scored 42 percent, Forbes 20 percent, Buchanan 18 percent, Alexander 6 percent, Keyes 3 percent and Lugar 1 percent.

At the conclusion of the three Presidential Primaries on Tuesday, the delegation allocation is: Forbes 59 percent, Dole 33 percent, Buchanan 32 percent, Alexander 9 percent and Gramm 8 percent.

As of now, it is unclear who is going

to be the Republican nominee. A candidate needs to gather 996 out of the 1990 convention delegates in San Diego to become the Republican nominee for president. We will have to see who will emerge from the pact.

The campaign shifts into high gear with South Carolina on Saturday, the 10 presidential primaries next Tuesday and New York next Thursday.

The nomination race is not over yet. □

WUSB-FM Prepping for Spring Radiothon '96

(UNS)-WUSB-FM — the radio voice of the University at Stony Brook — starts the station's spring pledge drive, Spring Radiothon '96, on March 3.

"We need to raise at least \$56,000 over the next 12 months and we hope to get most of it during the 28-day Spring Radiothon '96 period," says general manager Norm Prusslin. "It's the longest pledge drive we've ever run. We're optimistic that our listeners and supporters will come to our assistance."

The funds represent about 45% of the station's operating budget, and will make it possible for the station to continue to provide the campus and Long Island community with a diverse mix of entertainment and information ranging from rock, classical, jazz, hip-hop, folk, punk and world music to news, talk and public affairs shows. The student-run station is on the air 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year including holidays and intersessions. "We have a very dedicated staff of students and community volunteers who believe WUSB plays an important role in campus and

community life. At 90.1 on the FM dial, the station regularly reaches some 20,000 regular off-campus listeners a week from the Hamptons to Hempstead, Prusslin points out.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help during the fund drive can do so by calling the station at 516-632-6498, WUSB's *Listener Line*, and leaving a message. Contributions to Spring Radiothon '96 can be sent to WUSB at 260 Stony Brook Union, University at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York, 11794. Checks or money orders should be made payable to WUSB/SBF.

"Every cent we raise goes back into programming, equipment maintenance and replacement," says Prusslin, who is also an assistant director of the department of Student Union and Activities. With the help of are businesses, this spring, WUSB will be able to offer listeners incentives for making a donation to the non-commercial station. "We'll be giving away gift certificates, tickets, books, compact discs and more to those making premium donations," Prusslin says. □

Professional Development Seeking Nominees for Great Teacher Award

(UNS)-Are you a current or former student or a colleague of a professor in the University at Stony Brook's School of Professional Development and Continuing Studies (formerly the School of Continuing Education).

If you are, you have until Friday, April 5 to submit nominations for the first annual Bentley Glass Great Teacher Award, to be given to an SPD teacher whose ability and commitment is judged to be superlative.

The award will recognize a teacher who is (or was) either a full or part-time member of the Stony Brook faculty and teaches (or taught) an SPD course. The award, which consists of a plaque and a check for \$2,000, will be presented at the school's commencement convocation in

May.

The Bentley Glass Great Teacher Award is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Bentley Glass, Professor Emeritus and former academic vice president of the university. Dr. Glass established the School of Continuing Education in the 1960s and taught there for many years.

To nominate a candidate, you'll need to fill out a formal nomination form and submit a minimum of three letter of recommendation. Nomination packets are available in the SPD main office, located at the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, Room N-201, University at Stony Brook. Or, they can be obtained by mail by calling SPD at 516-632-7050. □

Two Robberies Occur in the Same Day

A safety advisory from the Department of Public Safety warns of two crimes that occurred on February 27, 1996. At 2:45 a.m., a resident student was walking near the Infirmary on the athletic path. The victim was robbed after he was approached by two males and struck by a nightstick. The perpetrators were both about 5' 9" and approximately 170 lbs. wearing dark hooded sweatshirts and camouflaged pants.

A second robbery occurred at

12:15 p.m. to a resident walking along the North Loop Road sidewalk near the North "P" Lot. Two males approached the female victim and one of the men grabbed her in a choke hold from behind. She lost personal items and \$43.00 in cash.

Any information regarding these crimes should be directed to the University Police at 632-3333 or Crimestoppers at 632-TIPS. □

-ROBERT BONFIGLI

Three Students Pass Out in Life Sciences

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A male athlete injured his right ankle at the Pritchard Gym and was transported to the University Hospital by SBVAC.

6:35 p.m.

Stereo speakers belonging to a Hendrix College resident were suspected to be stolen by a fellow suite mate. No charges were pressed.

Monday, February 26

4:10 a.m.

A student thought that he was pricked by a needle, though no puncture wound could be found.

9:57 a.m.

A Gateway 2000 computer worth \$2000 was stolen from a room on the third floor of the Frank Melville Memorial Library. Ceiling access was suspected.

10:48 a.m.

APC Clone computer, a printer, a modem and five compact discs were found missing from the Polity office, room 257B in the Student Union. Total value stolen amounted to \$2800.

11:04 a.m.

Three females passed out on the third floor of the Life Sciences Building but were conscious upon the arrival of police. No chemicals were nearby, and the victims were transported to University Hospital by SBVAC and the Setauket Fire Department.

1:30 p.m.

Windshields of three trucks parked outside the Environmental Conservation Building were broken. Damage was valued at \$175 each. A window of the building valued at \$300 was also broken.

2:29 p.m.

A VCR was reported stolen from the storeroom of the Frank Melville Memorial

Library.

Tuesday, February 27

2:41 a.m.

A student walking to 7-11 was struck on the back of the neck with a PR24-type instrument (i.e. a nightstick). After falling on the ground, his head was struck and his wallet was stolen. The victim was sent to University Hospital. The Suffolk County Police and canine units were dispatched. The suspects were recognized only as two males in black clothing.

5:10 a.m.

Two females walking from Kelly Quad to 7-11 were chased by two males in black hooded sweatshirts hailing obscenities and threats of bodily harm. The victims ran to Dreiser College. When police arrived, no sightings were

found.

12:15 p.m.

A female walking along the North Loop Road from the Student Union was choked unconscious by a male, approximately 5'9" in height, and wearing a black top. The attacker feigned an injury while lying in the sump.

6:18 p.m.

The registration and inspection stickers of a red NYS-owned 1983 Chevrolet van were removed from the vehicle while it was parked in the G and H Quad parking lot.

6:56 p.m.

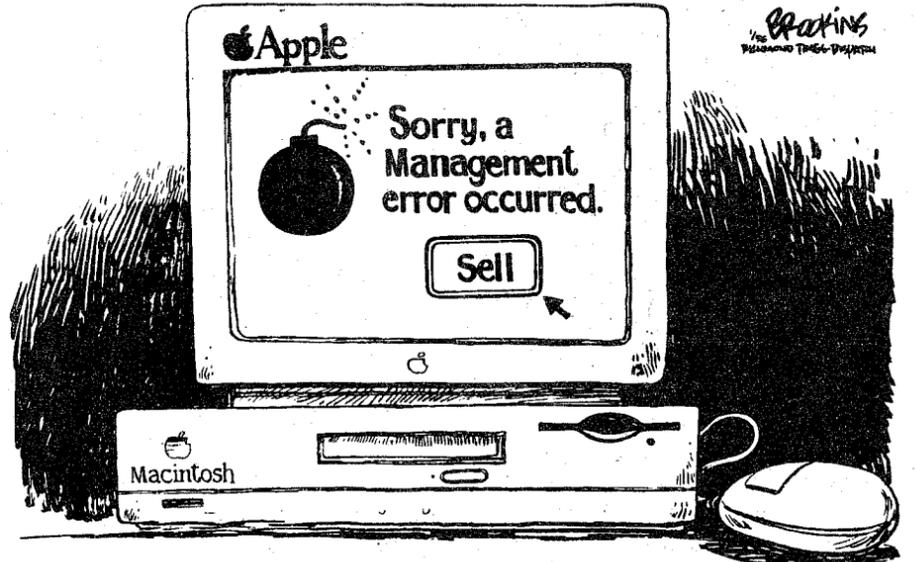
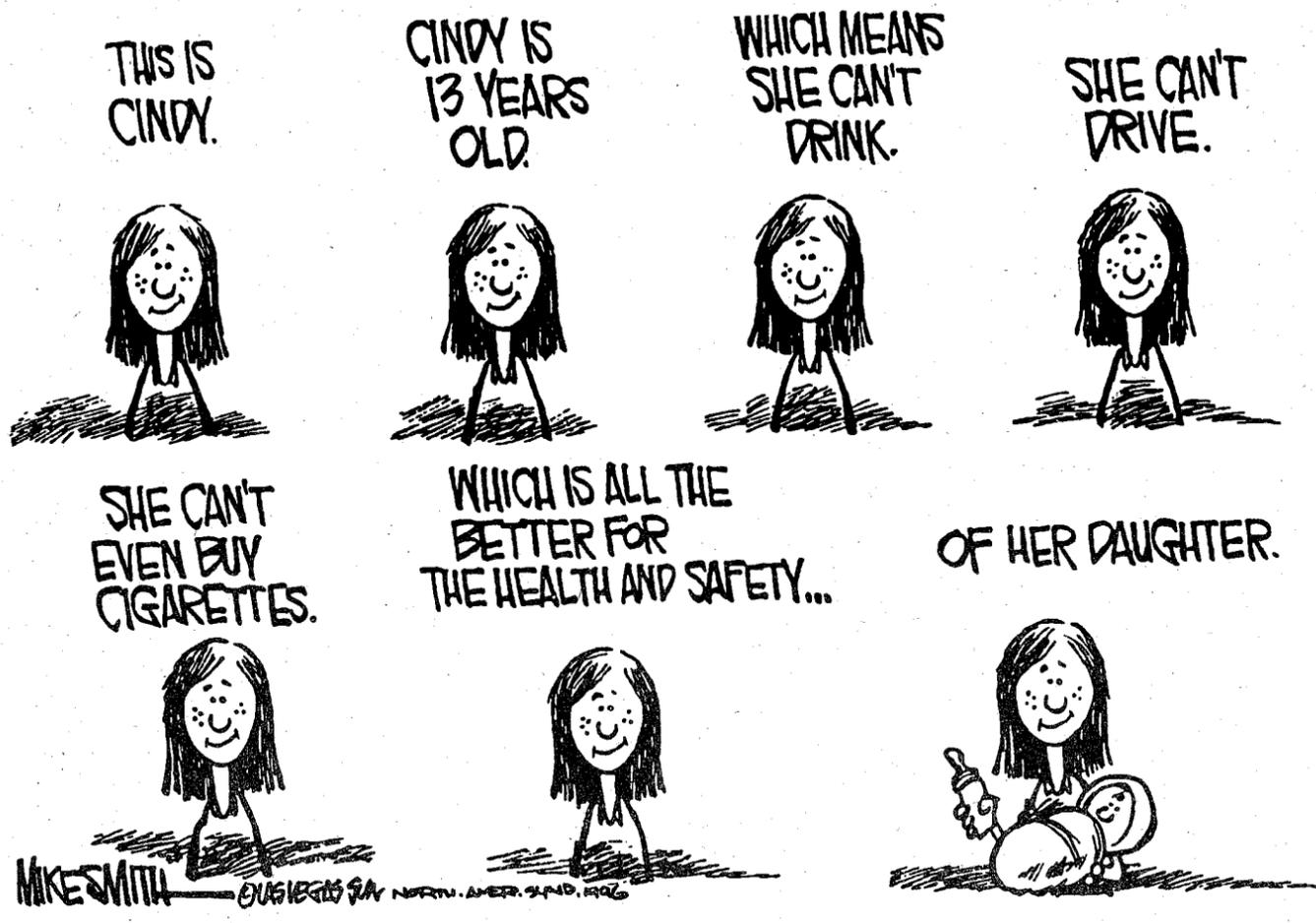
A female thinking of committing suicide by jumping from the seventh floor of the Social and Behavioral Science building was restrained and referred to University Hospital.

Wednesday, February 28

5:05 a.m.

Safety mirrors worth \$40 in a hallway of the University Hospital were found broken. □





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- James H. Cone

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Letters and Opinions

Shapiro Incompetent, Unchecked Polity Corrupt

To the Editor:

There are several issues that need to be addressed, so therefore as is usual I will address them. First, my favorite issue and person, Polity's Lawyer Lenny Shapiro. If anyone read the Newsday article on *Statesman's* victory in the issue in releasing documents that pertain to the freedom of information act, may have caught Mr. Shapiro's fascist quote:

"There's going to be a deluge of requests on every State University campus every time a student has a feeling of dissatisfaction."

Wouldn't that be a shame? Students who pay your enormous salary, Mr. Shapiro, actually asking for information when they are upset. How could they? Mr. Shapiro's words are so prophetic we should apply them to everything — let's make all information privileged. Just because you the students pay all the money, are the constituents of the student government, you obviously have no right to request a shred of evidence whenever you feel there is wrong doing (and trust me there is plenty of wrong doing to be concerned about). Polity should sanction their lawyer for his words, he is a menace to this campus, this coupled with his past actions have shown him to not only be incompetent but malicious as well. As for the information that *The Statesman* was requesting and Mr. Shapiro was hiding the story goes as follows:

Polity's TV station, SPATV, hired a

consulting firm known as NIA Entertainment for \$12,000. The issue was brought to my attention last year that the contract for their services was illegally signed off (Corey Williams signed the contract as 'Executive Director' of Polity — which he was not, and the voucher was improperly filled out as well). As chair of Polity's Judiciary board, I looked into the matter further, as did several other students such as current council members Nicole Rosner and Erika Abel (your vice president and senior representative, respectively). It turned out that the average cost for a consulting firm is about \$1,500 for the same services. So why did Polity pay so much and do so illegally? The answer became obvious when we saw the name of the person on the contract. . . David Greene. David is not only a former president of Polity but also Crystal Plati's (last years president) best friend. Needless to say, an investigation ensued and Polity refused to release the documents. *Statesman* then initiated legal action and won the suit. We should all commend Mr. Shapiro on abusing his position as lawyer to deceive the student body and protect his 'bosses,' who he sees as the council but who actually are the students of this university. Lenny accuses me of attacking him, yet he continually makes it so easy. . .

The other issue is the attacks on *The Statesman* for racism. Why? Because they copied the police report verbatim, which is what they are supposed to do. The

attacks then digressed onto personal attacks on Rich Cole. Most of the people attacking Rich have never met him, nor I bet read any of his articles. They claim that *The Statesman* has to win back the campus due to Rich's actions as Editor-in-Chief he was seen as writing racist columns. To begin with, *The Statesman* was never so widely read as when Rich was writing. His articles may have struck people the wrong way, but it sparked discussion on this case about race issues that was never here before. The campus was intrigued, not rebellious. The fact of the matter is that the students that members of Polity so claim to represent do not seem to be as irked by *The Statesman* as claimed. I read no letters, see no protest. All I see are self-interested student leaders who, [when they] do not get good press find a way to attack a newspaper.

As for the senators and Judiciary, you are pathetic. Use your common sense, do you question nothing? Polity is running rampant under your noses and yet you sit back. Did you receive any written report on the many retreats the [Polity] Council loves to go on? Do you review the council minutes at the beginning of senate? You're here to be a check on the council and Judiciary is there to be a check on everyone. Your ambivalence has let the council feed this campus with an ocean of half-truths pretending to have the lifeboat of veracity in their possession. Although, I say Annette, you must be having a ball.

Vincent Bruzzese

"Unlawful Entry" of Concern to All

To The Editor:

It has recently come to my attention that two women on this campus have been gang raped, one week apart, by separate parties. The force of evil has cast its shadow over this campus and as more and more rapes occur, the shadow remains. The unfortunate women who were raped have yet to come forward with statements to campus police. In doing so, the acts become justified by our society and go unnoticed, unpunished and often repeat themselves.

In both instances the women knew their rapists, they were "friends." It seems to me that there is a complete devaluation of friendship here, not to mention the complete and inhumane devaluation of human beings. The rape of one woman affects every other woman in this school, because one can never really be sure they are among "friends." How do we secure our friendships? What are they based on? Where does friendship stop and rape begin?

When a woman is raped, she is raped for a lifetime of emotions and anger. One of the female students that was raped refused to admit [who] she was. However, she woke up naked in some rapist's room, with no recollection of what happened.

She only holds the memories that males were passing in and out of the room and their was a lot of loud music. What a way to end a Thursday night.

The other woman, raped two weeks ago, phased in and out of consciousness while her "friends" took turns. She told

them to stop. She woke up the next morning in one of the males' t-shirts and her panties were on inside out. The males in the room at the time admitted their guilt but all she could do was ask "Why, I thought you were my friends?" She walked home alone and violated. She locked herself in her room for days before I got her to tell me what was wrong. I was mortified. I never thought anything like this could happen to someone so close, so beautiful and wonderful. Her pain became mine. Her anger became my aggression. My aggression wrote this letter.

There is something going on here that no one wants to talk about. It's called rape and it's wrong. To the women on this campus, don't let rape become your reality. To the rapists, take a step back and look at what you are doing and go jerk off.

Claire Libert

P.S. For those who rape, you know who you are and now I know. This is not over.

Ed. note: According to Scott Law, Assistant Director of Safety and Security of Campus Residences, the aforementioned events have not been reported to University Police.

Rugby Deserving of More Respect

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Rugby Coach Marty Rosenthal and goes out to all the players who are participating in Rugby, have participated in the past, or will ever participate in the future:

I read the letter since my suitemate's response to it was of concern to me. Predictably, my response was even more

sympathetic since I, too, am a SEAWOLF. I write this as a point of emphasis because I have recently completed four years of servitude, and I choose this word because I am referring to Stony Brook — to this school's athletic program.

Throughout that time we as a team have noticed the good and the bad, the crowd and the lack thereof, the attention and the missing element of support. I do not wish nor will I ever look back in deceit however when a story as touching as yours reaches so many people, I find a desire to support you, your team, and all the effort that it entails to be part of it.

One of my friends asked me if the teams which are not considered "revenue producing sports" will become clubs when the school can't find enough funds to support them. And this day is coming, unfortunately. I gave it some thought and decided "no," without a feeling of pride that this university can easily provide a lot is lost.

I applaud the entire RUGBY TEAM for continuing to play regardless of the school's refusal to fund you. But the most shocking of all isn't the money you spent which was wasted on that banquet, and it isn't the lack of recognition the Rugby team ignores and works past. It's the event on February 1st which you weren't invited to, the Women in Sports Banquet, which I attended. That really hit my heart. And I'll tell you why. I came home from that evening's events with a complete sense of worth and achievement — and I am nowhere close to an MVP or being the recipient of an award like the speakers at this banquet were recognized for. There was a wonderful presentation of the school's teams and of Patriot (who?) and Seawolves highlights alike. Women in particular were applauded for overcoming societal prejudices and remaining in sports we love just because we love them.

Your team should've been there to view it and to take credit where credit is

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certainly due. There were speeches given by coaches and among the best lines were those alluding to memories. Memories over the years of particular persons which stand out, memories over this year in particular of important events and special people. Your team should've been there too.

Finally the point of pain: team activity was spoken about. The function of a team was restated and it's importance in the well-being and response of the team was used as a reminder to all who practice collegiate athletics. Too bad this sense of 'unity' the athletic program speaks so highly of in order to produce successful teams forgot one piece of the puzzle which is all it takes — their Rugby team... Stony Brook's Rugby team.

Joanie Walsh

In Search of a Good Samaritan

To the Editor:

On Sunday, January 21, 1996, 1:55, P.M., I was about to board a train at the L.I. Railroad Station, Lake Ronkonkoma. I slipped on ice and broke my leg. A young lady revealing with a group of her friends was kind enough to stop and assist me. She called 911 and some members of my family for me. I was taken to University Hospital in Stony Brook. (I believe she said she was from Setauket and associated with the University or Stony Brook Hospital.) If anyone knows the identity of this young lady please contact me at the following address so that I and thank her in person.

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Statesman Features

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Skinny Puppy's Last Hurrah



The Final Grade By Marc Weisbaum

Back in June of '92, I didn't realize that I was getting my only chance to see **Skinny Puppy** live.

At the time, I wasn't really into them; but I quickly became a devotee. Since then, I've heard a number of rumors circulating about the band. Some said they had broken up. Others said they lip-synched and mimed their whole last tour.

But if you can cut through all the confusion, at the heart of it, Skinny Puppy is a unique and irreplaceable band.

That final tour for their album, *Last Rights*, was a visual and aural masterpiece. The band contributed an unreleased track, "Ode To Groovy" to the benefit album, *In Defense Of Animals*. The track served as their statement against animal abuse, something people always believed the band supported because of their harsh visual imagery.

But that is the past.

Finally, Skinny Puppy's newest album, *The Process*, has arrived. After countless recording problems and delays, the final Skinny Puppy opus is among us. Puppy fans were all nervous about this closing release. It was rumored to be more commercial, something Skinny Puppy never was. What if

the album disappointed after a huge string of excellent albums? Like watching a good mini-series, we feared having a bad ending.

Fear not.

This album is excellent. It does have a bit more of a metal edge to it in certain parts, such as in the opening track, "Jahya," but all of the odd unstructured monsters that the band has sculpted in the past return to haunt. Some samples in "Jahya" sound very much like leftovers from *Last Rights*, but Puppy doesn't simply rehash old material.

Ogre's voice sounds particularly spooky upon its first appearance on the album. His singing is more like a voice guiding you through a nightmare, the Skinny Puppy experience.

For all of the Puppy followers, you'll probably buy this album no matter what I say. You'd probably buy it even if it sucked, just to complete your collection. But, luckily, Puppy has chosen to go out with a bang, rather than a wimper.

To imagine the sound of the album, you'd have to cross *Too Dark Park* with *Last Rights* and throw in a touch of *Rabies* to make it just right. The band also brought in Lorne from *Drown* and industrial guru Martin Atkins. As you should know, Puppy's albums are to be experienced as wholes, not parts. Hence, individual song titles seem to be intended for the masses.

Now some info for the uninitiated. First off, if you aren't

even into industrial music, Puppy has something in it's music for everyone. Even if you're just a druggie, Puppy should accompany you along the way in your trips.

It is this indescribable twist that makes me kind of glad they never got highly popular, at least commercially, since surely their sound would be corrupted. Their beasts would be reduced to humans. To describe the Puppy experience is like trying to describe a beautiful girl to a blind man. Still, I'll attempt the impossible.

"Death" is the second track, but first actual song. It cruises along with a metal tinge to it, but Ogre's bizarre vocal style immediately separates the band and grants them a further definition. The song stops to say "Doesn't mean a thing!" which may not sound special, but the way it is done needs to be heard to be believed.

The next track is "Candle," my personal favorite. "Candle" is a prime example of Skinny Puppy. They take a beat that shouldn't work, but make it work.

Other highlights include the title track where Ogre numbly announces "No breath — no breath — we have no breath." A bright moment that needs to be heard to be appreciated. Yet another stroke of genius is "Blue Serge." Once again Ogre takes the spotlight with his painfully unemotional vocal delivery.

This is not to say that cEvin Key (yeah, that's how he spells it) and Dwayne Goettel (R.I.P.) are in the background. They are the ones that create the soundscapes that are Skinny Puppy's domain. Their collaboration was so successful



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Skinny Puppy, from left, Ogre, cEvin Key, Dwayne Goettel

that they had also spawned a side project album named *Furnace* under the name *Download*. This was all in the process of recording *The Process*.

I wouldn't say that this is the band's best release, but it is definitely a great one. When it ends, you are almost mad that there's not more. Nor will there be more. It is painfully unfortunate that the band is, to put it quite bluntly, dead.

Ogre is pursuing a project called W.E.L.T. and Goettel died of a heroin overdose. Nobody knows where Key is going from here, but he'll surely resurface. It is highly known that there was always a lot of tension revolving around the band. They were extremely critical of their work.

Supposedly Ogre even said on the internet that the band "was the biggest mistake to ever happen."

It is clear, however, that Skinny Puppy took ideas and elements and incorporated them in a way that should have never been able to take root; but take root they did and they have invaded our brains. Calculated genius or mistake? Regardless, it is safe to say that had Skinny Puppy never existed, industrial music as we know it would not exist.

For those looking to fill the void Puppy has left, search locally for **Christ Cage** and **Terminal Sect**.

Rest in peace, Skinny Puppy. You'll surely be missed.

THE FINAL GRADE: A +

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Broken Arrow's Plot Won't Woo You, But The Stunts and FX Will Blow Your Mind

BY DENIS SOMAR
Special to *The Statesman*

After directing Jean-Claude Van Damme's action flick "Hard Target" in 1993, director John Woo bravely, almost crazily, steps forward to orchestrate chaos in his latest film, "Broken Arrow".

The Hong Kong native who has developed a cult-like following now hones his effortless ability in concocting explosions and weapons. While his storytelling skills are simplistic and elementary, he nonetheless impresses with fantastic special effects, the nonchalance threat of destroying the American Southwest with nuclear weapons, a half-decent soundtrack, and last but not least,

the casting of John Travolta as an all-happy villain.

With two and three dimensional special effects in near-ubiquitous use, he also brings spectacular stunts to a possibly new level. Expect a crash or an explosion regularly. From a screenplay written by Graham Yost, of "Speed" fame, the film never ceases to deliver, except for the few instances required to progress from one fight or catastrophic explosion to the next.

The simpleton plot strategy is concisely summed in the beginning of the film. It starts with the two main characters, Vic Deakins (John Travolta) and Riley Hale (Christian Slater), both United States

Air Force pilots, who friendly spar in a boxing ring. Deakins begins the film by alluding to the most basic of boxing principles, "You show your opponent one thing and then you do —" as he lands a brick of a punch, "—something else."

Jumping to the panorama of an azure blue sea, we find both pilots partnering the duties of flying a B-3 Stealth Bomber that carries two nuclear warheads. Dead in the middle of the film's boastfulness of the sci-fi visual effects, Deakins ejects his partner and crashes the plane to run off with its very destructive cargo.

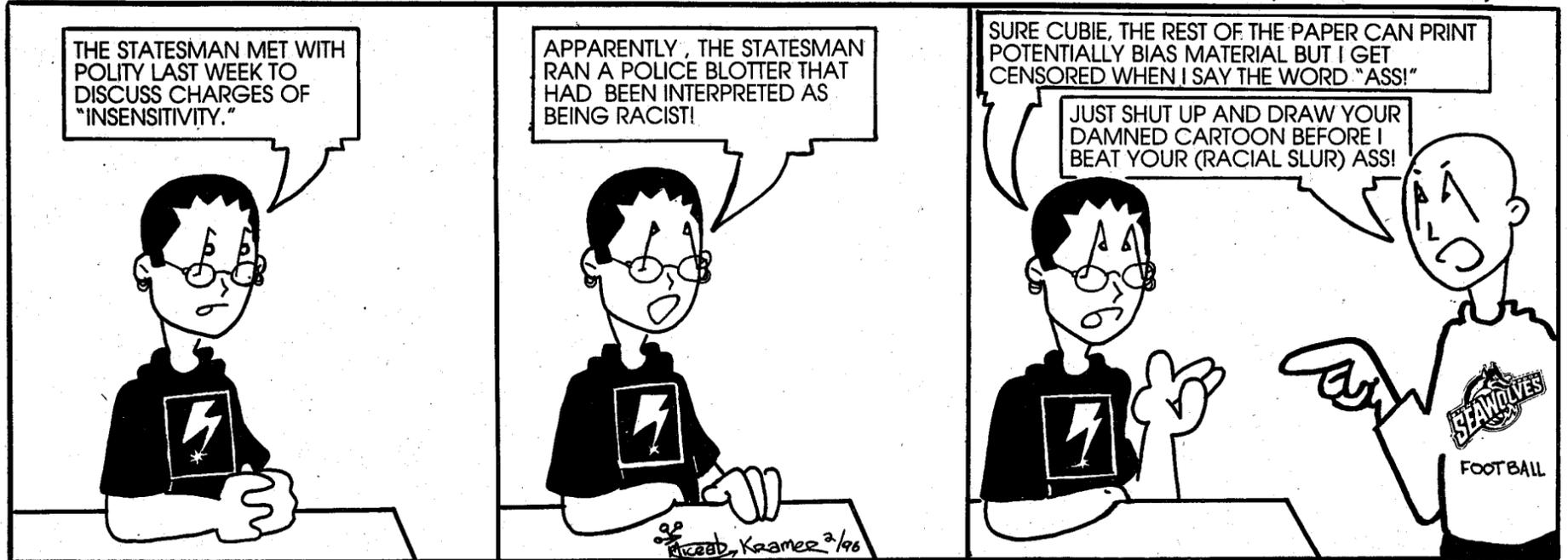
If you can swallow this, then all of Woo's tireless bravado will come as easy. Welcome to the fast and furious fireball

that is "Broken Arrow."

While Deakins is of a seemingly flat quality, Travolta does exceedingly well in assuming the throne of Villain. As he hides behind shades and smokes the cigarettes and the cigars of his character, he leads his belligerent followers smoothly, saying the right things that will have audiences confused as to whether they want to love him or hate him.

After being ejected from the plane, Hale teams up with Terry Carmichael (Samantha Mathis), who happens to be a rather valiant and risk-taking National Parks ranger. Meanwhile, Deakins begins

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his plans of threatening the United States and squeezing as much money as he can get out of the government.

Enter Delroy Lindo as Colonel Max Wilkins and Howie Long (yes, the former football star) as Kelly, both of whom are present to keep tap on Deakins' trigger-happiness. At this point, the plot is pretty much as thick as it gets.

The remainder of "Broken Arrow" is simply a

string of incohesive physical stunts and explosions, all of which have no real dramatic consequence. While that may sound rather mundane, the producers are adamant in convincing you otherwise. The credits (a near show in itself) are ended with an "800" number to call if you felt that the film was anything less than eye-popping.

Travolta gives an exceptional and gritty performance of genuine wit and wickedness, outdoing his

colleagues, who do provide very solid performances. As an action film laced with shoddy sub-plots, "Broken Arrow's" action very often becomes mindless and seems to hinder the energy of the film.

And as the film runs from crisis to crisis, Woo's emphasis seems to be focused on continuous mayhem and explosion, rather than plot development. Thus, he weakens a story exceptional in potential, but only very good in product. □

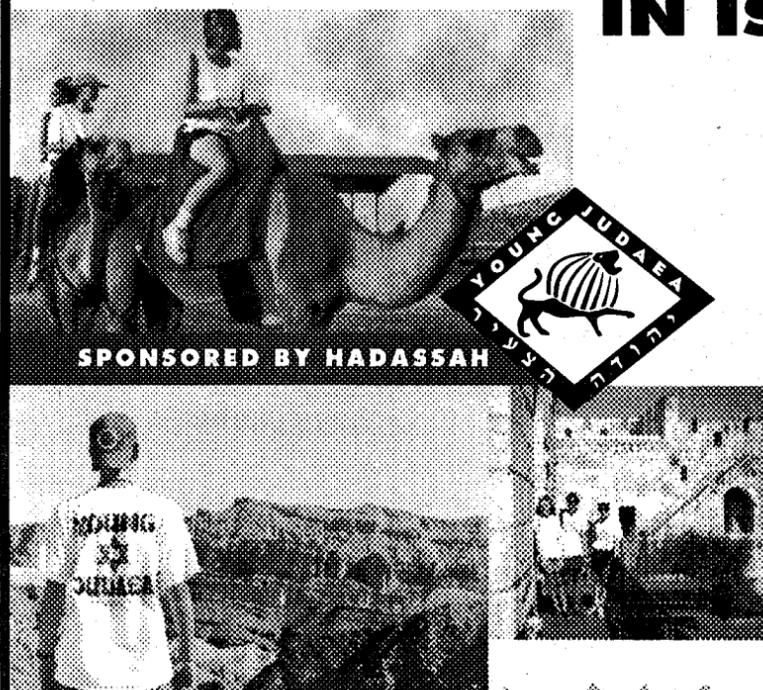
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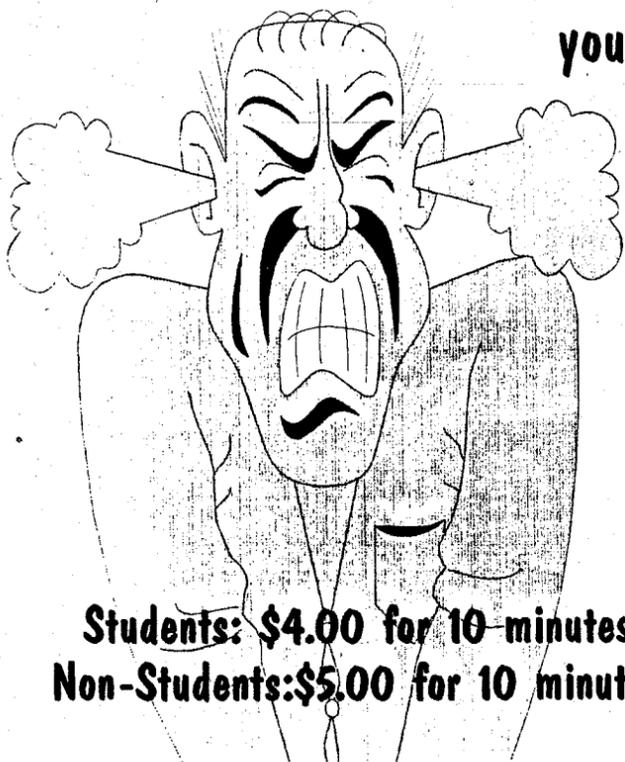
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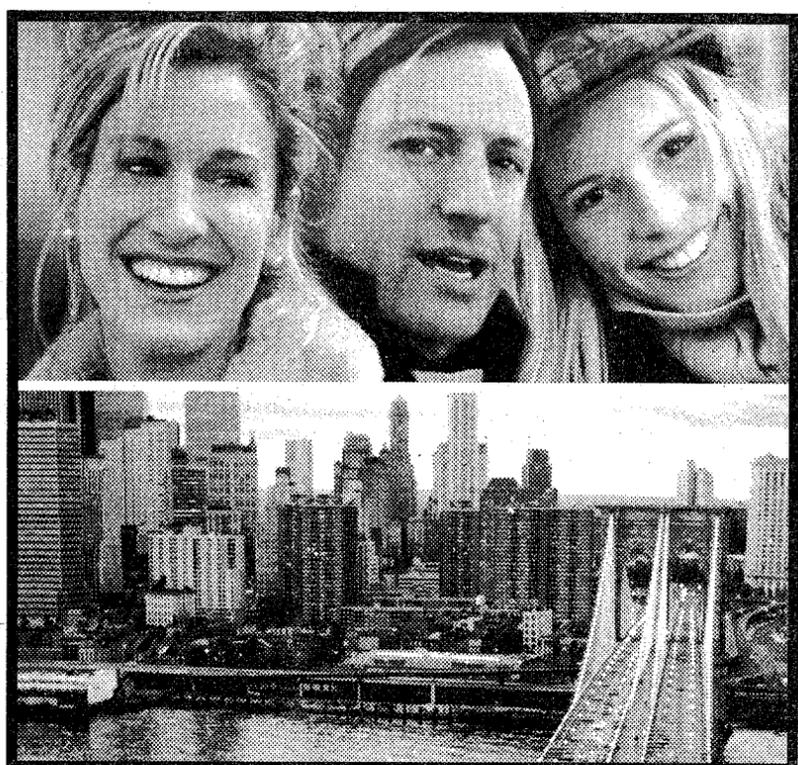


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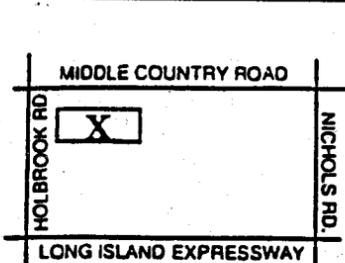
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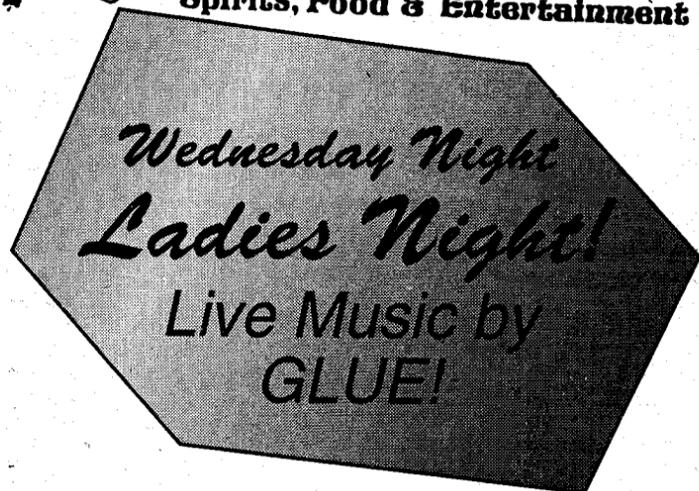
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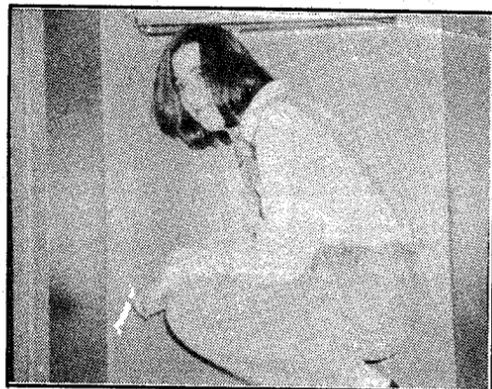
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According to Eve

By Brooke Donatone

Rubber Bands vs. Paper Bans: Which Shoots Farther?



It's sexy, it's seductive, it makes your pulse race.

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Those airbrushed angels from the magazines may look like they're from heaven, but the only place they came from is a plastic surgeon's office or a computer program. Pictures say a thousand words. They also start a controversy for many more.

Several residents of Hempstead in Nassau County registered complaints to the Hempstead town board about the public display of pornography in stores. Pornographic material was sold next to fashion and teenage magazines, where everyone has their attention drawn to the latest heartthrob or sex tip on the cover. "His Orgasm, What Makes It Good, Better, or Great" (cover of *Glamour*) sits next to *Penthouse*, "Sex Toys of Men".

I don't know which is more detrimental to young minds, but at least scantily clad women don't decorate the covers of

mainstream magazines. Even though some of the hardcore porn has a plastic cover to mask it, it's still obvious what the contents are.

The town of Hempstead banned the public display of pornography in stationary stores, deli, and the like. Some may argue the idea of censorship and repression of free speech. However, it's not censorship because the magazines can still be sold and it's legal for the material to be read. It's a protest so pornography won't be visible to children.

It's the same as putting cigarettes behind the counter since you have to be 18 to purchase them. You have to be 18 to purchase pornography as well. It shouldn't be a problem if a customer gives the cashier the magazine or if the cashier takes the magazine from behind the counter. I guess it takes too much effort for the extra arm motion of actually taking the magazine from behind the counter and giving it to the customer.

A manager of the Gemini

II Stationary in Hempstead said, "I don't like to display pornography." He doesn't sell it in his store and agrees with the vote of the board.

Some store owners think that keeping porn behind the counter takes away from their business because it's not as easily accessible, which creates a financial burden for them. It might seem like a parental rampage to hide the evils of the world from children.

Where will it stop? If people suddenly disapprove of Doc Martens will they be sold on the black market? I doubt it.

The decision of the Hempstead Town Board is not intentional censorship in any way since nothing is being censored. What kind of problem is created if store owners are still allowed to continue selling the same materials they always have except now they are in a different location?

"We don't think that we're imposing any financial hardships on any of the store

owners because we're not asking them to build a separate room," explained Marlene Kasselmann, director of Communications for the Town of Smithtown. "All we're asking them is to take them out of the same rack where they have car magazines or *Seventeen* and keep them in a separate area so they're not easily picked up and leafed through by young people." She used the analogy that video stores have closed-off areas for the rental of pornography videos.

There's really no difference if magazines are put behind a counter as opposed to videos being put behind a curtain. No one complains that guns are put behind glass casing and you have to ask the salesperson if you can test them.

Doodles Cards and Gifts in Port Jefferson Station also agrees with the decision. "It's a public place and little kids are around," said employee Jaime Moskowitz. She and co-workers were receptive to

the same motion being passed for surrounding areas.

"You have many youngsters... who get on their bikes and peddle to the neighborhood stores to get trading cards or whatever and parents are not always with them. We feel that the store owners should take some responsibility," Kasselmann said.

"There are certainly other towns out there that face the same problems that we do," said Kasselmann. Hempstead is the first town in Nassau or Suffolk to impose such a ban.

If pornography was banned altogether, then that is censorship and a violation of the first amendment. According to Kasselmann, taking porn out of public view because it is inappropriate for children to see is just a matter of "preserving the quality of life for our residents."

How far can a ban be stretched? If you stretch a rubber band, it will shoot an object across a room. The idea is to aim for something worthwhile. □

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Easy isn't always better, A grizzly's not always a bear, Some domes weren't meant to be shiny, Please, Doggie, grow back your hair! The Barber (If I meet you, will you beat me up?)

Blossom,
She's not psychotic. She just has psychotic tendencies.
Joey

Big Mark #55,
I would have something more loving to say if you weren't such a selfish bastard.
Love,
Me

Nugget,
Thanks for the \$20. Now you know how it feels.
CK

B'52,
I'm sorry for being such a bad friend. I hope you're not mad.
Chocolate

Joey F.
Miss you, sweetums.
Tommy

River,
I'll come to you whenever I want the real story.
Digger

Digger,
How's the camaro? Thanks for the dinner invite. We'll shut him up. Just mention ice tea.
Eve

Tom,
We'll be together someday.
Joe

Brown Pants,
When's Happy Hour? Nice pants. Sayville, Right?
Best of luck to you & The Cube; you guys look great together!
Pot Roast

Indiglo Man,
Give them hell at Wednesday's meeting!
Indiglo Woman

Maelstrom,
29 and counting...
Fusion

Liam,
Where's Amelia? She found a zip code. What's that on your neck, tuna?
Na Tai Tai.
Nell

Jen,
O.K., I'll cook, clean, and do everything you say. Just live with me. I'm putting it in writing.
Fray

Pot Roast,
How many shades of green are there?
Brown pants

Company,
I would never leave you and you always have my support.
Misery

Boss Dog,
Love ya hon! Keep up the good work! Remember, a female dog isn't necessarily a bitch, even if she's called one.
Dog lover

Pace,
Duh.
Beer

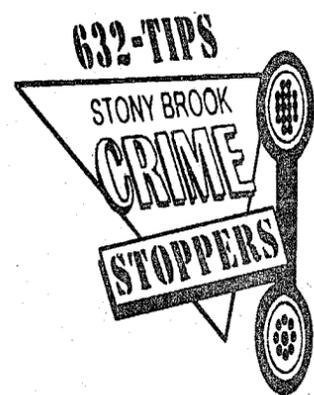
Joey,
Don't jump Six, Whoa! Eva doa, where's the pick? Take a bite, it's a good thing!
kkkkkkk
Blossom

ex Pol 320,
Are you going to your classes?
V.P.

Wonderboy,
If we use the Dole cap to take up the collection, and send them to the PJ Harbor motel, will we ever see them again? Will \$55 cover it?
Just Asking

Boy Toy,
How many boyfriends do you have? Or should I say how many girlfriends?
Bye.
Liam

Platti Pus,
Can I have some gum? Oh, it's your last piece? That's O.K. You can have some of mine.
D'



— Bite Eve Every Thursday —

Luv Ya, Joe!



Statesman SPORTS

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Seawolves Tennis Set To Make A Racket In 1996

By JAWAD (TABOO) HASAN
Special to *The Statesman*

Bruno Barbera epitomized what being a Seawolves tennis player is all about. He was the backbone of the whole team; the person that everyone on the team strived to emulate.

Barbera was the invincible one, "The Golden Child," with an almost unblemished record of 39-1. The lone defeat of his collegiate career was to the number one player of Concordia College (Division II), losing in straight sets 4-6, 6-7 to J.P.

Aferrera.

But now Barbera has graduated, and it is still unclear as to who will step up and take his position on the throne. Keep in mind that the Stony Brook tennis team, since last semester, has now been moved up to Division II. And now comes the responsibility of Coach Mansour Tabibnia to bring the team players up to the new division standards.

This year the team holds a lot of young talent ready to burst, if coached properly. Coach Mansour

Tabibnia, also known to the players as Manny, has always pushed the team members (both men's and women's) to his/her physical limits. Manny has incorporated into the team's schedule this season such a rigorous workout that it would make the "Navy Seals" applaud their effort.

Every morning at 6:30, in the Sports Complex, the team begins with an "easy" three mile run (no jogging for these athletes). In which if you're slacking off enough to get lapped, you have the distinct honor of running

another two laps at the end. Then we move on to the 30 yard dashes, then to the ski jumps, then to karaoke style foot shuffle, to running up and down stairs, and to whatever else is inhumanly possible.

By the end of the morning session, along with the moans and groans, comes a smile of satisfaction. They smile knowing that each morning that they are there, they're getting an edge up on all the other teams that are on their schedule in this upcoming 1996 season. □

The Stony Brook Statesman Sports Trivia Question of the Week

Here's another chance to win a famous Stony Brook pretzel and a large soda every day for a week courtesy of Sports Complex Concessions, Inc. and The Stony Brook Pretzel Service

Last Week's question — Name the two New York Yankees who traded wives in 1973 — was apparently too hard as we received no responses. But hey, we can't just give away these pretzels, you have to work for them. The two wife-traders were in fact none other than Fritz Peterson and Mike Kekich (Thanks Kris Doorey).

This week we'll make it a little easier for everyone as we go from the diamond to the hardwood: **Name the active NBA player who holds the all-time record for assists and steals.** We will select a winner from the first three people to call 632-6479 and give the correct answer.

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Hartford University Quinnipiac College

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK By Tim Depeltau

Shum Turns In Personal Best Performance At Seton Hall

Shirley Shum (long Island City, NY) of the Stony Brook Women's Indoor Track & Field team, ran a personal best 11:36.60 in the 3000 meter race Sunday at the Division I and II Seton Hall Last Chance Open in South Orange, New Jersey. Shum finished 8th in the race and was named Seawolves Athlete of the Week.

"I usually focus on shorter races like the half mile so to run the 3000 meters in that time felt very good," said the senior who will be competing in both the 3000 and 5000 meter races this weekend at the ECAC Championships.

"This weekend will be the first time she has run the 5000 meters," head coach Jim Meegan said. "She has shown that she can keep the pace up when she runs longer races. Running both races in the same day will be a real challenge for her but I'm confident she will do well."

"Ever since I began training with coach Meegan three years ago he has been nothing but supportive," said Shum. "He always believes in me and keeps pushing me."

Shum's season will not end at the conclusion of the indoor season. She is a twelve-month a year athlete who will be competing during the outdoor

track season and is a member of Stony Brook's cross country team. Her competitive seasons last ten months (September- May) and to run long distances effectively she trains year-round. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Shum has been honored for her academic achievement as Stony Brook's women's cross country team was awarded Division II All-Academic honors by the Division II Cross Country Coaches Association for accumulating a team grade point average exceeding 3.0.

"Shirley is a student first and an athlete second," Meegan said. "While she excels in both endeavors, it's a pleasure to coach someone who has their priorities in order."

"Being a student-athlete at Stony Brook is a privilege," said Shum. "In order not to abuse this privilege I make sure that I have time for my studies."

Shirley, who will be graduating in May with a degree in Multi-Disciplinary Studies, has one year of athletic eligibility left but instead will pursue a Masters degree in teaching back home.

"I wish she could stay one more year because she is a real leader and losing her is a real loss to team leadership," said Meegan. "But

Shirley has her head on straight, she knows what she wants and I'm confident she'll achieve it."



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SHIRLEY SHUM
The Stony Brook Statesman
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