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A Warm Welcome For HSC Students

A Little Lunch, A Lot of Information and Friendly Faces Make Orientation A Success

By KEVIN KEENAN
Statesman Staff

The 1997 Health Sciences Center Joint Orientation Program and Welcome Festival, an event that attracted more than 800 students was held last Monday. The festival was organized by the Health Sciences Center (HSC) office of Student Services in conjunction with the Schools of Medicine, Dental Medicine, Nursing, Social Welfare, and Health Technology and Management.

Director of HSC Student Services Dania Delacampa indicated that the primary reason for this exclusion was that HSC students frequently do not have time to participate in extracurricular University events and there are very few events coordinated for HSC students. Therefore, HSC wanted to create an event conducive with HSC schedules that would allow students to participate and compensate for the lack of other events during the year.

The event consisted of various information tables that highlighted the services provided by the University. The groups present were invited to participate by the HSC office of Student Services and the several HSC schools involved. Each school comprising the HSC and the office of Student Services staffed a table. Various other groups, including off-campus organizations such as the United States Air Force, were present.

The Faculty Student Association, represented by Warren Wartell also attended the event. Wartell said that "there exists a need for the students to understand that there is a variety of opportunities available to them through the University aside from academics." To achieve this understanding, FSA provided information



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University Hospital and The Health Sciences Center

about University jobs and other services along with directories that students can consult for other information and programs. The Student Health Service Center table, staffed by Pat Growley and Peter Mastroianni, provided various pamphlets about physical and mental health.

Numerous other organizations, such as the Catholic Campus Ministry, Disabled Student Services, the Career Placement Center, and the Stony Brook Child Care Service, were also present.

While the majority of the groups present did cite the dispersion of information as their primary goal, some did intend to welcome students. The School of Dental Medicine, which was represented by Kim Lambiase and Jennifer Peace, indicated their intent to provide a "friendly face" for new students as well as provide various information pamphlets. Kayla Mendelsohn from the School of Health Technology and Management said that the planning of this event had spanned for months. Mendelsohn said that her role in the organization was primarily communicating between the different groups invited and she gave Delacampa credit for pulling the event together. Delacampa said that though it was difficult contacting all of the groups, the end result was "gratifying success."

"Because the HSC is not equipped with a Student Activities Center or large auditorium, space is at a premium," Delacampa said. However, the lobby of the third floor, which was used to hold this event, provided the necessary room.

Student response to the event was overwhelmingly positive. Dining tables were packed, and food supplies quickly depleted. Siobhan Scully, student representative from the School of Social Welfare, said that the event was a "good way to get everyone together." Ramona Ramdeo, a Respiratory Therapy major, said that she felt welcomed back to the HSC by the event. □

MEETING AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE

Kenny and the Clergy Get Together to Talk About Relieving Student Stress

By KEVIN KEENAN
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Last Thursday, President Kenny and other members of the Stony Brook community gathered with various clergy members of the surrounding towns at a breakfast roundtable held in the SAC. The discussion focused on stress encountered by the student body here at Stony Brook and methods of preventing the negative results it often produces.

The event was organized by the President's Office in conjunction with the Ward Melville Heritage Organization, a humanitarian association serving the Stony Brook area. According to Kathy Yunger, community relations officer for University Affairs, this roundtable

discussion was the first of a series designed to "reach out to the surrounding communities" and include them in guiding the young people at Stony Brook towards successful and fulfilling lives.

The idea for the discussion originated as a result of President Kenny's five year task force. "Kenny has a real commitment to the student body and to making Stony Brook a good neighbor," Yunger said. "We have so much to offer, and there is so much to be gained for both the students and the faculty through interaction with different communities."

Members of various religious organizations attended the event in order to learn about their role in helping Stony

Brook students grow into physically and mentally healthful beings. The Rev. Noelle Damico from the Protestant Campus Ministry of the Interfaith Organization played a primary role in organizing the discussion. "The clergy was chosen for the first event because they are the underpinning for a strong society," Yunger said. The future roundtable discussions will involve those groups and organizations concerned with enhancing public safety both on and around campus. Yunger said she is unsure as to whether the Ward Melville Heritage Organization will be involved in the future discussions.

Marci Lobel, associate professor of Psychology and director of the Stony

Brook Pregnancy Project, delivered a speech to those present concerning her "Coping with College" study and her studies on stress in medical and college students. Lobel painted a dark picture by indicating that depression is very common among first year students.

"Suicide, an extreme but potent indicator of the stresses which college students face, is the third most common cause of death

among college-aged students," Lobel said. "A recent study found that nearly one-third of college students had thought about suicide...and almost ten percent had thought about specific means that they

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A Heartfelt Loss For Family and Friends

Stony Brook Freshman Remembered For Her Smile and Faith

By BEN VARGHESE
Statesman Staff

The University at Stony Brook mourns the death of yet another one of its brightest students. After battling a prolonged illness, Suja George, 19, a first semester freshman, was "called to glory" on August 11, 1997. She would have celebrated her twentieth birthday in two weeks.

After studying one year at Nassau Community College, she transferred to Stony Brook with aspirations for becoming a social worker, with the intention to serve the poor children in the third world countries. "She was the kind of person who gave everything. She would do anything for her friends," said one close friend, who asked to remain anonymous. "She was like a brother and a sister to everybody."

"She was my sister and she always was there for me whenever I needed her,"

says younger sister Sindhu George." She advised me in everything to do. She always told me to be a God-fearing person. She always had so much faith in God. She always thought about the future. She never complained about anything and always took an interest in the comfort of other people." One of the things George's sister admired about her was her ability to smile through the duration of her illness. George's favorite verse in the Bible was Phillipians 4:13 "I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me," she says. "She always had this smile - she looked so happy. If you looked at her, you would never think she had so many problems in her life. To her, it was so normal. She would take medicine and injections every day. To us it was so traumatic, but to her, it was no big deal. Even when she was sick, and I went to the hospital, she would always be like, 'don't worry, I'll go home



Suja George
1977-1997

next week' even when she knew she was so sick." George left unforgettable memories in the hearts of many people. Although George will be sorely missed by

friends and family, she will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Suja George was born on August 23, 1977. She is survived by her father, Muthalakuzhy George, mother, Gracy George, brother, Sunil and sister, Sindhu.

"Till the day we meet again, in our hearts where we keep our frame"- SOG

Suja's favorite poem printed at the request of her family :

God didn't promise days without pain,
laughter without sorrow,
Or sun without rain.
But God did promise strength for the day,
comfort for the tears, and light for the way.
And for all who believe in His kingdom above,
He answers their faith with everlasting love.

SUNY Trustees Pass Billion Dollar Budget

By PETER GRATTON
Statesman Editor

The trustees of the State University of New York approved a 1.5 billion budget for the SUNY system on September 3. The budget calls for no raises in tuition and an increase of \$34.4 million in state aid for the 34 campus system. The increased state aid is the first in nine years, and will mainly be used to cover additional costs to the University system due to increased labor costs, library acquisitions and equipment.

With the trustees fractured along political lines and a mix of Pataki and Cuomo appointees, there are no plans for system wide program initiatives.

Controversial topics, such as the integration of the small SUNY colleges like Cortland College and SUNY at Cobleskill, Pataki proposed shrinking the University budget, decreasing state aid and increasing the cost of tuition for students. The cut in aid would have cost the University approximately seven million dollars out of this years budget. The legislature, however, was able to restore money back into the SUNY budget because of an unexpected increase in tax revenues. "All of us in the State University community are encouraged by this budget," said SUNY Chancellor John Ryan, "[Legislative support] will allow us to continue to improve access and quality within a system of higher education that already boasts a growing national reputation."

The State University at Stony Brook will receive approximately an additional 3.5 percent raise in aid over last year. President Kenny, however, said that "We got basically a status-quo budget." Much of the increase will pay the costs of recent raises for University staff, including civil service employees and faculty. Recently signed contracts call for raises of over 3 percent for these employees.

In addition, the University may be able to surpass its tuition goals due to an rise 2 percent above goal, which is redistributed back into the overall SUNY system budget. The administration will be able to ascertain its final tuition numbers after the end of the add/drop period.



President Kenny

Statesman File Photo

Breakfast Talk

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could use to commit suicide."

Lobel's speech sparked a heightened discussion among the clergy members and others present. President Kenny indicated that Stony Brook now schedules students in blocks so that they will be part of a group and see familiar faces in different classes in order to minimize the stress that they experience. Before concluding her speech, Lobel offered specific means that could be employed to counter negative stress.

Carmelina DiPietrantonio, a Stony Brook student, spoke after Lobel. DiPietrantonio described her first year experiences and indicated that she "saw stress everywhere." She said her involvement with campus organizations prevented her from becoming stressed out. Belonging to a group or organization was one example offered by Lobel that diminishes the harmful

effects of stress.

Damico said that Lobel's speech was "on target" and that people have to realize that Stony Brook is not a protective ivory tower. She said that she herself sees the effects of stress manifested in students who seek out help from Interfaith.

Stony Brook University's Student Health Center offers a variety of programs to help students manage stress and Interfaith also has a few programs. According to Damico, "Every door of the Interfaith Organization is opened to students who need personal help."

The end results of this first roundtable discussion resulted in a greater awareness by those who attended of the dangers of stress. Lobel said she hopes to circulate her speech and create a resource referral in order to facilitate the process of finding help for those in need. She also said she hopes that host family and mentor programs will be organized in the future.

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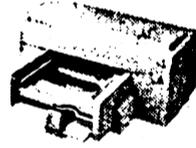
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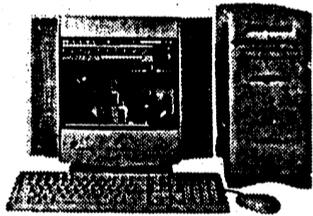
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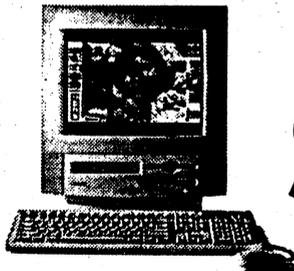
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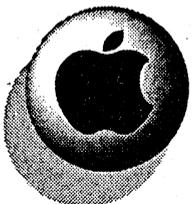
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Since last February, numerous telephone lines from Baruch and Sanger colleges have been severed, rendering more than 100 telephones inoperable and costing approximately \$2,000 in damages, say University Police officials.

University Police and Suffolk County Crime Stoppers are seeking the public's help in identifying the person or persons responsible for the damage. In addition to larceny charges, whoever is responsible for these crimes may also face felony criminal mischief and criminal tampering charges.

Anyone with information on the identity or location of the person or persons involved are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-220-TIPS or the campus hotline at 632-TIPS. All calls are confidential and Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for these crimes. Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit organization that works with members of the community to catch criminals.

Epilepsy Study

The Epilepsy Management Program and the School of Nursing at Stony Brook University Hospital and Medical Center are looking for women volunteers to participate in a study on epilepsy in pregnancy.

Volunteers must have epilepsy and either be pregnant or have an only child less than one year old and must be willing to give a confidential hour-long interview addressing their concerns about the illness.

For information call Mary Anne Dumas, Kathleen Shurpin or Susan Vitale at (516) 444-3297 or on campus 4-3297.

Photo Contest

Stony Brook University Hospital Auxiliary has announced its Tenth Annual Photo Contest.

The contest, open to all amateur photographers, will accept entries from now until the September 30 deadline. There is a \$5 charge for each entry, however, there is no limit to the number of photos that may be entered. Contest rules require either 35 mm mounted color slides or 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 color prints from 35 mm negatives.

Members of the contest committee and a professional photographer will judge the entries during the first week of October and first, second and third place finishers will have their winning entries enlarged and mounted. An awards ceremony will be held for winners and honorable mentions. Winners' work will be mounted in the hospital for permanent display and receive a certificate.

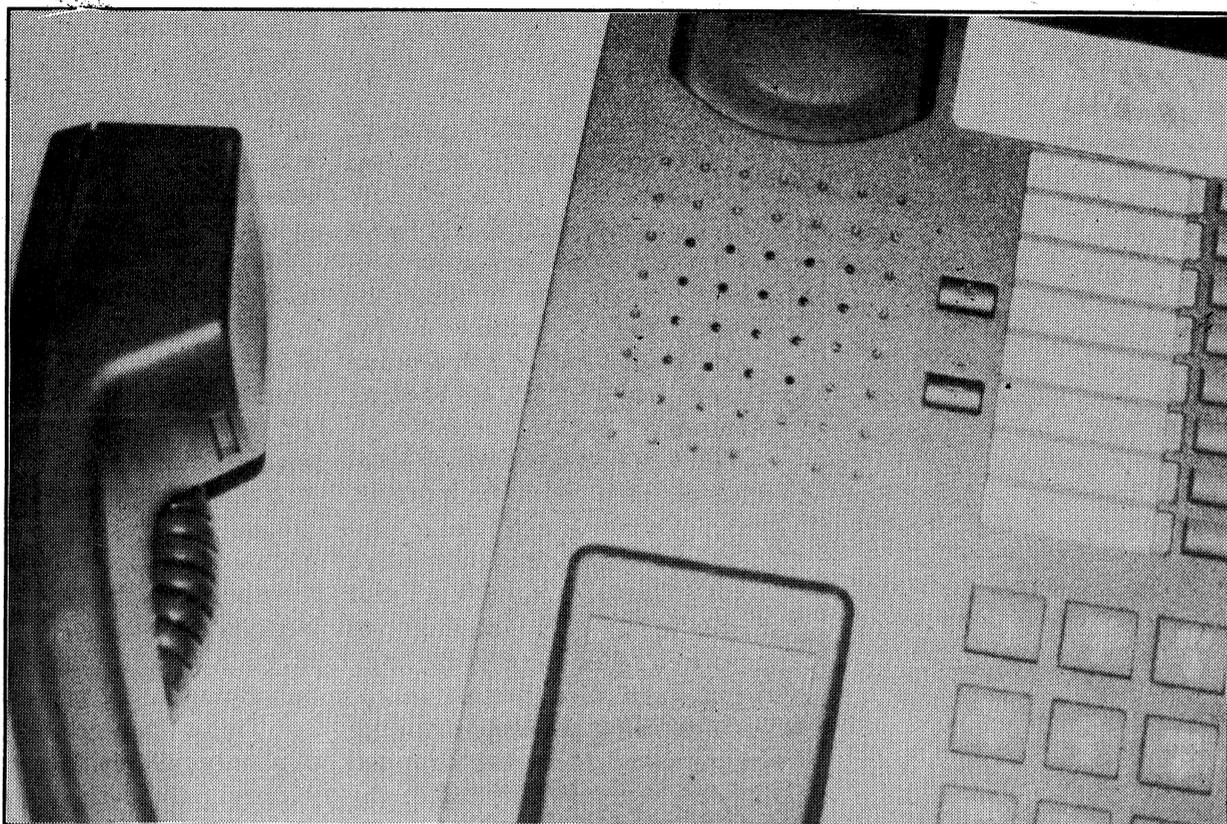
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Astronomy Open Night

The Department of Physics and Astronomy will be presenting a series of lectures on the first Friday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Earth and Space Sciences Lecture Room (001). Weather permitting, there will be an observing session on the roof of the ESS building using the University's telescopes after each lecture.

On October 3, Professor Michael Simon presents "The Clustering of Young Stars." In November, look for Professor James Lattimer's "When Neutron Stars Collide," and in December check out Professor Kenneth Lanzetta's "The Hubble Space Telescope 'Deep Field Image.'"

For more information contact the Department of Physics and Astronomy at 632-8100.



Statesman / Jae M. Kim

Residents got a real treat this semester when new phones were installed. The newer model is modem-ready.

Pataki's Tuition Hike Halted, TAP Restored for '97-'98

After a year of gloomy forecasts when students heard rumors of funding cuts and tuition hikes, the State Assembly passed an appropriations bill that will continue to support the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and halt the \$800 tuition hike proposed by Governor Pataki.

For the third straight year, Pataki tried to hike SUNY tuition and slash funding. His proposed budget in January cut TAP \$175 million and SUNY \$118 million.

TAP funding will remain at the 1996 - 97 levels and according to state assemblymen, the schedule for disbursements will not be delayed by the longest state budget battle in New York's history. According to State Senator and Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, Kenneth P. LaValle award certificates were mailed out prior to the start of classes.

Following the national proposal of tax cuts for college savings, New York passed its own tax break bill for parents saving for their children's tuition. The program called College Choice Tuition Savings Program will allow parents to invest up to \$100,000 in a tax exempt account to pay for college.

"Middle class families rely on SUNY and TAP because without these programs many kids would never have a chance to go to college," said assemblyman Steven Englebright (D-Setauket). "I'm glad to see this savings will be implemented permanently, because it will provide a significant boost to our local economy."

Former Student's Work To Be Displayed At Union Art Gallery

Body parts imprinted on clipboards, a shamanistic pregnant virgin with copper veils, mosaic trapped hair and chicken wire peeking out from under gauze human forms are just some of the ways Pura Cruz expresses creativity in her art. Cruz, a painter and sculptor, is a former Stony Brook student. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, Cruz will place her soul on the wall for her "primero" retrospective exhibition covering her work from 1988 to 1997.

In recent years, Cruz experimented with video art. She credits the filmmaking experience for pointing her towards sculpture. Cruz says that visual artists such as Goya, Bacon and Kiki Smith have been her influences. This past winter she attended an artist-in-residence scholarship program at the Atlantic Center for the Arts, which she says led her to her newest series, "Waiting for the Whitney."

The exhibition will be on display from Monday, September 29, to Wednesday, October 16 from 12 pm to 4 pm at the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. There will be an opening reception September 29, from 8-9:30 pm. For additional information, call 632-6822. If special accommodations are required as a result of a disability, please contact the Department of Student Union and Activities at 632-6828.

Long Island Philharmonic Begins Concert Series At Staller

The Long Island Philharmonic will begin its 1997-98 Season with an Opening Gala Concert September 20, at the Staller Center. Currently in its 19th season, the orchestra will celebrate *The Sound of Long Island*. Returning to perform with the Philharmonic is Cuban pianist Santiago Rodríguez who will be performing Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor*, which has enjoyed renewed popularity for its appearance in the film *Shine*.

Rodríguez is acknowledged as one of the foremost interpreters of Rachmaninoff and he has performed all of the composer's major piano works in concert. He has appeared with many of the world's great orchestras including the London Symphony, the Chicago, Baltimore, Houston, Seattle and St. Louis Symphony Orchestras and the National and American Symphony Orchestras. He is currently recording *The Rachmaninoff Edition*, which will include the entire catalog of Rachmaninoff's solo piano compositions.

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Editorial

Stony Brook Goes Nuclear

During the past two weeks, the University has seen expectations rise and fall as it goes through its bidding process for the Brookhaven National Laboratories. The Kenny Administration had made a bid in August to the Department of Energy to run the facilities at Brookhaven, having faced competition for the bid from a consortium led by Renselear University.

The Lab has faced much local controversy the past few months. Local environmentalists, the fickle band that they are, were upset that the Lab had not announced the leaking of harmful radioactive materials, which had the potential of contaminating the local drinking water supply. Renselear dropped out of the race for the bid in the face of this controversy, not wanting to link its reputation to an organization that had allowed high levels of tritium to leak into the soil and groundwater at the lab for as long as 15 years. The University here, however, does not seem bothered by such concerns.

In addition, U.S. Senator Alfonse Damato and Congressman Michael Forbes have both recently called for the reactor at the facility to be permanently shut down. We see it as no coincidence that their

announcement came at a time when Stony Brook looked as if it was facing no competition in its bid. After all, these Republicans, always thinking, probably assumed that come election time, it would not be good if half of your electorate was poisoned by radioactive waste.

We support Damato and Forbes in their bid to have the reactor shut down permanently. (It has been temporarily closed since December.) Neither the current management team in place at the Lab, nor the Department of Energy have given compelling reasons as to why the reactor should be restarted. Less than 20% of the research at the lab involves the nuclear reactor.

There does remain, however, a number of positive reasons that Stony Brook students should support the University's bid to manage the lab. The lab would be one of the few income sources whose profits would not be transferred back to the SUNY administration in Albany, which would distribute the money amongst the 34 SUNY campuses.

University students can also look forward to more interesting internship possibilities if our bid is successful. We can see the flyers all over campus now: "How would you like to help the environment by aiding in the cleanup of a high flux beam

nuclear reactor? Earn extra money in your spare time while getting to wear Department of Energy space suits."

Sure, we all know that the profits from the lab would not actually go into academic programs, but who actually cares about that? The University could use the money to clean the over 300 rocks, by our count, that have yet to be sandblasted and put on display on this campus. The Administration could also lead the charge in changing our logo, yet again. They already have the nuclear charged entrance signs, and could also add that tacky nuclear symbol as well. With a nuclear reactor under her belt, President Kenny can finally put the finishing touches on her Mr. Burns laugh.

We don't feel, though, that the bidding should be limited just to large corporations and befuddled Universities with little else to do, like the job of educating the youth of America. Students and parents alike can join in their own consortiums to run the lab. We're sure that *these* people would actually care if future leaks at the site should occur. For those interested in making a bid to manage the Labs, please contact Gary Pitchford at the Department of Energy in Chicago. (Phone Number: 603-252-2013) Tell them the *Statesman* sent you.

Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

Stony Brook has always prided itself as a diverse academic community, where minds from all over the world come to meet. Amongst the student population are people from different cultures, races, backgrounds and religions. However, there is one difference that divides the student population: our academic standing.

Although we have been able to overcome other differences this one just doesn't seem to go away. The rift that exists between the Undergraduate and Graduate population is appalling. Whether it is the case of lack of communication or just snobbery remains to be seen.

When was the last time you saw Polity and the Graduate Student Organization get together and do something for the entire student body? When was the last time you saw Undergraduate and Graduate

students get together to rally against the same cause. We both face common issues such as budget cuts and the quality of our education, but still the gap exists.

Could it be that Graduate students don't want to waste their time with "kids"? Could it be that we as undergraduates feel intimidated by our counterparts because they TA practically all our courses? Whatever the reasons may be, it's time the University take a look at this issue instead of cutting a cake in front of the Student Activities Center.

The schism between the two was further widened when Provost Rollin Richmond announced last year plans to focus more resources on the undergraduate program. Unfortunately it was at the cost of the Graduate school, whose programs are rated among the highest in the nation. Dismantling them would have been a travesty.

The undergraduate and graduate student populations have to get rid of these "them" and "us" mentalities. Until we become a truly unified community, we cannot consider ourselves one.

Despite rumors to the contrary, we at the *Statesman* would like to take this opportunity to announce that we have no plans to publish crash scene pictures of the Princess of Whales. We will, however, continue to publish equally grotesque pictures of President Kenny on a motorcycle, as we did in last Wednesday's issue.

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ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & STUDENT LIFE

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Go To Staller And See The World

Five Star Excitement Made Affordable By Staller This Fall

By MARC NARDIN
Statesman Editor

What do Harry Belafonte, The Flying Karamazov Brothers, and All 4 One have in common? They are some of the biggest names in entertainment today who will be featured this fall at the Staller Center, in addition to many other popular and culturally enlightening acts.

"The names on our marquis are among the top rated in the entertainment industry, due to our aggressive quest for new corporate sponsors," says Alan Inkles, Staller's Currently Acting Program Director. Incidentally, the sponsors for Staller's productions are some of the biggest corporations on Long Island including Computer Associates, Raddison Hotel of Islandia, and Symbol Technology.

"Tickets are generally sold below cost which makes the sponsorship a grave necessity so as to keep the affordability within the reach of students," says Inkles. For the average stage or live performance at Staller, necessary equipment and labor generally cost around \$5000. In addition, another \$2000- \$3000 is incurred for hospitality and the lodging costs for guest performers at Staller. These costs are not even including the performance fees which can run between \$20,000 to \$50,000, per show in an auditorium with barely over 1000 seats.

"Our sponsors more or less subsidize

our performances so we can keep our ticket prices far below cost and make Staller affordable for everyone," says Inkles. In return, the sponsors benefit from Staller's acknowledgement of their participation through their marketing in playbills, flyers, and press coverage. Considering that the average sponsor fee is around \$100,000 a year, this amounts to a sizable tax deduction as well for participating sponsors.

Staller plays the spectrum in providing entertainment of all kinds for all kinds of people. Stony Brook's homecoming this year falls on the weekend of October 25, which will be climaxed by a performance of the popular R+B group All 4 One. Most recognized for their chartbusting song "I Swear" three years ago, the all male quartet is releasing their next album "And the Music Speaks" in approximately two weeks.

"Popular shows are great but I take special pride in presenting cultural themes such as the Celebration of India in October," says Inkles. On the weekend of October 17-19 Staller will be showcasing several attractions featuring Indian culture, including a film festival of the cinematic works of Satyajit Ray, one of the most respected film makers of the third world and a live performance by the Odissi dance theatre from north east India.

"Regrettably, for those who wished to attend, both the appearances of Harry



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The Flying Karamazov Brothers

Belafonte and Roberta Flack are sold out. However, students can still purchase tickets for All 4 One and The Flying Karamazov Brothers. "I strongly encourage students to purchase tickets at the first of each month when they are half off to boot," says Inkles.

All in all, it is worth it when I can strike the balance of quality, affordability, and popularity of my productions with the students in mind."

Highlights from Staller's fall line up include:

The Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra

(Saturday, Sept 27-8:00 P.M.)

The main performance follows a pre-concert lecture at 7:00 P.M. in the recital hall and features Mozart, Prokofiev, and Stravinsky among other classical favorites. Tickets (\$12, \$6-students and seniors)

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All 4 One

(Saturday, Oct 25-8:00 P.M.)

From their 1994 platinum single "I Swear", All 4 One blends modern R and B with pure vocal harmony making them one of today's most talented pop groups.

The vocal quartet will also be featuring singles off their new release "And the Music Speaks" such as "I Can Love You Like That" and "These Arms". Tickets (\$26-\$28-front rows)

B.J. Ward

(Friday, Nov 21-8:00 P.M.)

Treating her audiences to her classic soprano arias mixed with humorous firecracking one liners, B.J. Ward is as unique as she is entertaining. "Stand-Up Opera", her latest CD also heads off her newly forged genre in entertainment. Wit, charm, and classical pre-eminence make her a multifaceted one lady show and a must see. Tickets(\$22-All)

The Flying Karamazov Brothers

(Sunday, Nov 9-7:00 P.M.)

Entertaining audiences internationally for over the past 20 years, The Flying Karamazov Brothers are best known for their bizarre but brilliant acts of juggling and other borderline maniacal feats as seen in a cameo appearance of Seinfeld last season. Their latest show "Sharps, Flats, and Accidentals" where the music is as much a feast for the eyes as the ears and comedic chaos is in total abundance. Tickets(\$23-\$25)

For more information about performances, ticket prices, and availability call 632-7230. The box office is open from 12-4:30 P.M. Monday through Saturday and one prior to showtimes. Visit their website at <http://www.staller/sunysb.edu> □



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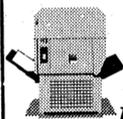
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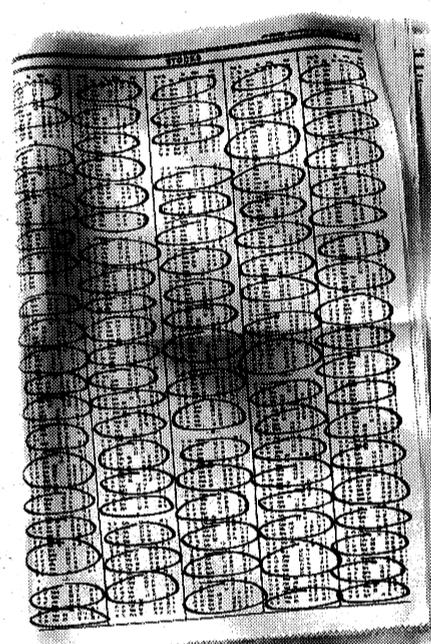
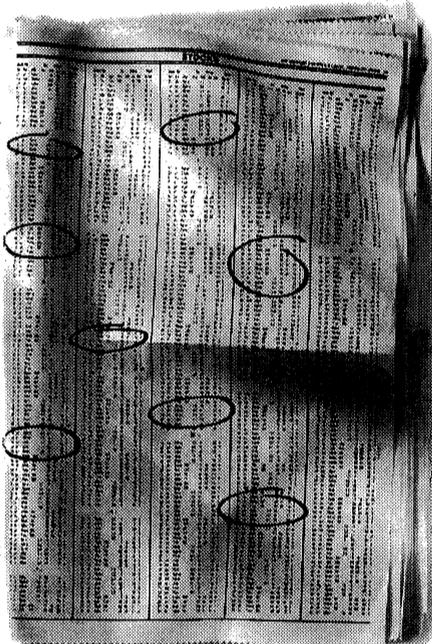


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Backpacking on a Budget

Last year around this time, I visited NYU and came across a small magazine called TRAVEL ABROAD. The stories inside were written by students around the country, around the same age as I, who have traveled to different places around the world on a budget. The more I read, the more I wanted to do the same thing. So I decided by the Spring I would have enough money to go. And so I did.

You may be surprised at how many types of agencies and organizations there are that will help you travel. The main headquarters for any student should be Council Travel in New York City. They offer low airfares, specially priced accommodations and cards that enable you to get discounts on museums. For example I only paid \$350 for a round trip ticket to London on Virgin Atlantic. You're probably saying to yourself "yeah right, and you had to travel with the luggage." This is exactly how I thought it would be but I was pleasantly mistaken. I enjoyed all the comforts you would expect if you bought a more pricey ticket. Each seat was spaced far enough apart where there wasn't any crowding. We each had our own television set with the choice of six movies and various television programs, a Nintendo, a computer image of the plane that tracked the distance from departure to arrival, cloud conditions, temperature, etc., and a music video show that featured some of the hottest new bands in London. Since the flight is only six hours long there is plenty of things to do that will keep you busy. And though I was excited, I was able to enjoy the meal served, which had some fancy name and ended up being chicken. But nonetheless I had a great flight.

Even though London time is five hours ahead of us and my flight left at 11:30 PM New York time, I was wide awake when I arrived in England. I think the adrenaline takes over. It was a funny feeling

for me when I first arrived. It almost felt like a dream and I guess in many ways it was a dream that I finally realized to be true. There were so many things that I was looking forward to seeing. Things that I always saw in books or television were right now in front of me. But before I could do too much of the sightseeing I had to make accommodations

for the night.

For the most part I stayed in hostels or cheap hotel rooms. Being on a budget I had to be quite flexible, so I decided to make even the worst of places the most interesting. Hostels are generally cheap ranging from \$20-\$35 a night. Some include breakfast, others do not. It is a great place to meet other travelers and keeps you from feeling totally alien to the country you are in. I found that whenever I met up with a traveler from the United States, no matter what state they may live in, there is an instant bond. Other travelers can also fill you in on things they have seen and done, as well as tell you prices so that you can know ahead of time what you will spend for the day. If you are too shy to ask people if they are from America the sure giveaway is the yellow book called LET'S GO EUROPE. It seems everyone has this book because it is very informative. Some of the

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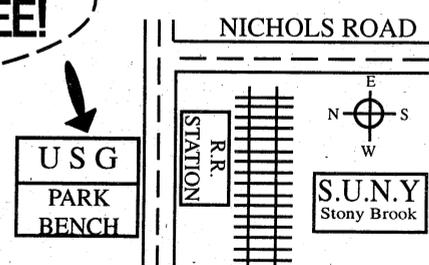
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By Julie Reynolds and Susan Mckelvey
 Special to the Statesman

Residential students are used to the 4 am fire drills on Wednesday nights after returning from the Park Bench. You turn over and debate with your roommate whether or not you should trudge down the hall and hide in the back stairwell. Well, think again.

The NFPA recommends more extensive advice. "This is especially important for freshmen who are going away from home their first year. If they are living in independent housing, many of them will be using cooking and heating equipment for the first time. For students who smoke cigarettes or drink alcohol, combining these habits with an unsupervised environment can be a deadly mix." According to NFPA, improperly discarded smoking materials is the leading cause of fire deaths in the U.S., and cooking equipment is the number-one cause of home fires.

"For older students who are experiencing a new-found independence, fire safety basics are a necessity," Ms. Appy continues. "We know college students are going to entertain friends. Rather than discourage them from partying, we are trying to encourage them to have someone in the house take responsibility when there's a party — a 'designated dweller' who will stay sober, keeping watch over guests and other roommates."

The National Fire Protection Association offers the following recommendations for students of any age staying in school housing:

- Make sure your housing is protected by building-wide fire detection and alarm systems. Learn the sound of the alarm system and take it seriously if you hear it. (Remember the fire in Ammann last semester). Your number-one priority in a fire is to get out safely.

- Every residence should practice a fire drill at least twice a year. Identify two ways out of each room and make sure everyone knows the emergency number for the fire department. For sleeping areas on the second or third floor of a dorm, consider purchasing fire escape ladders. Learn how to deploy and use the ladder before you have a fire.

- React fast to fire. If the fire alarm sounds, don't investigate. Get out and stay out. Don't use elevators. If your primary exit is blocked by smoke or flames, turn

back and use your secondary exit. If you must escape through smoke, crawl low under it, keeping your head about 12-24 inches above the floor.

For older students who will be staying in Greek housing or on their own in off-campus apartments, NFPA recommends this additional fire safety advice:

- Have a "designated dweller" when you host a party. Make sure someone stays sober and responsible, keeping watch over guests and other roommates.

- Smoking materials kill more people than any other fire cause. Make sure you have plenty of large, deep ashtrays and check them often. Soak butts with water before discarding or flush them down the toilet. Check under and around cushions and upholstery before leaving home or going to sleep, especially after a party.

- Keep an eye on what's cooking. Remember to stay with the stove when you're cooking and learn how to smother a small pan fire with a lid. Keep combustibles well away from the stovetop at all times.

- Remember that space heaters need space — at least three feet. Keep anything that can burn well away from all heaters and turn them off before going to sleep or leaving the room. Don't use space heaters to dry clothing.

- Use caution with electrical appliances and avoid over-loading outlets. Many appliances, including TVs and stereos, produce heat and need clearance for air circulation.

- Use a lamp shade, not a scarf! Light bulbs can get very hot, hot enough to cause a fire if fabric or any other combustible comes in contact with them. Use colored light bulbs for mood lighting rather than draping scarves or other fabric over lampshades.

- Remember to extinguish candles before leaving the room and place them well away from anything combustible. Always use a candle holder and blow out the candle before it burns down to the bottom.

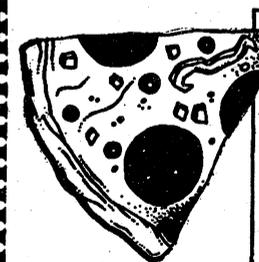
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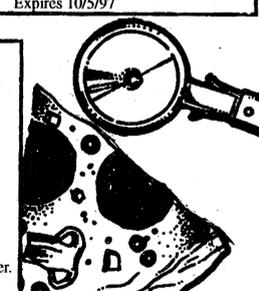
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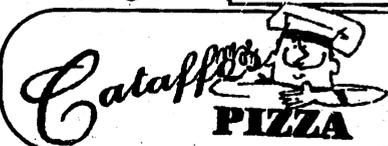
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Before you buy a plane ticket you decide what country you want to see the most of. I thought it would be fun to see as much as possible in a three week period. This can easily be done with the Eurail Pass, which enabled me to travel throughout most parts of Europe on train. The ticket is generally one price everywhere and is available in different lengths of time. For instance I bought a pass that was valid for two consecutive weeks, which sold for \$365. The train can be great for a free overnight sleeping accomodation. Whenever I decided I wanted to go to another city or country I would take the overnight train rather than waste the day or spend the money on a room. For the most part it worked well.

In order to go from London to Paris I needed a Eurostar pass which was different from the Eurail pass. The Eurostar is an underwater rail system that moves at an incredible speed. The ticket cost 74 Pounds which is roughly \$120. I found it to be cheaper to buy in England than in the U.S. It is much cheaper to buy before you leave the States, so be sure to speak to Council travel beforehand.

When I first arrived in Paris, it was late and I didn't have a place to sleep yet. At the train station a man with flyers told me about a cheap sleep in the Hotel De Magenta. Being a native New Yorker, I was hesitant at first but gave in quickly because I didn't want to spend the night wandering through the streets of Paris. The hotel was within walking distance and seemed nice from the outside. The man at the desk only spoke french, which luckily for me was not totally foreign. I took four years of french in high school and two semesters at Stony Brook, so I was able to communicate well enough. I told him that "the man at the train station said a room would be 85 francs" and he right away shook his head "no". After going back and forth for about 10 minutes I agreed to pay 100 francs. It is better

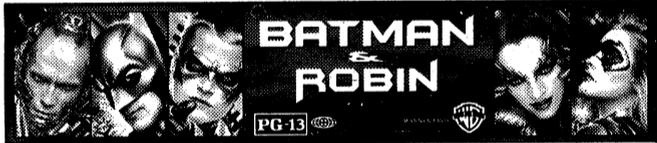
to make reservations before you get to your destination otherwise you can end up paying more than you should. Actually here I was lucky, 100 francs is approximately \$18.

Not only is it interesting to see the sights, the food is great. I ate more french pastries and ice cream than most people eat in a year. The French have a reputation for being rude but, I disagree. As long as you make an attempt at the language and don't act like the typical arrogant American, things work well for you. So before you leave pick up a french dictionary and learn key words such as 'thank you' and 'I would like a croissant, please.'

I really enjoyed the sights, but after you see 100 statues and just as many old buildings, you may want more. I tried to spend most of my time in each city exploring the back streets of each country. I was surprised to find sections of each city set up like New York. I found Chinese communities, Arab communities, Spanish communities etc. It is also much cheaper to eat in these parts because it is far enough away from the tourist areas. You will also find that the telephones are quite expensive to use, and some only except phone cards that are sold for \$5-\$10. If you are calling back home you may want to buy a phone card in the U.S. But make sure the card is an AT&T or Sprint card. If you really look hard you can even find free Internet service like I did in the George Pompidou Centre (a cultral center for all ages). It was cool getting my grades from Stony Brook in France.

My entire trip consisted of England (London and Oxford), France (Paris), Germany (Munich, Dacau, Berlin), Austria (Vienna), Holland (Amsterdam), all in a three week period. For some people they may find it would be nice to see only one country, others may want to do more. I think if I go again I will only spend time in one country, and explore it in detail. It's also possible to work in another country, as long as you apply for a working permit plenty of time before you make a date. If you are interested in planning a trip or would like to share your own story, send me a line or two at:jtcollin@ic.sunysb.edu Hope to hear from you soon.

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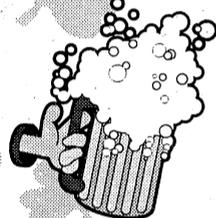
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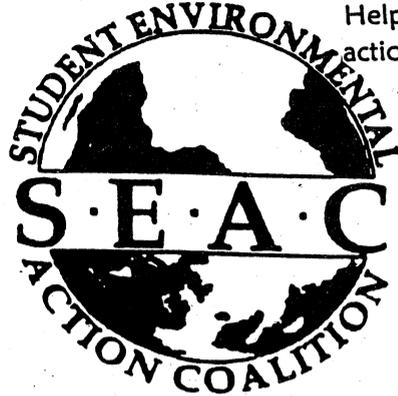
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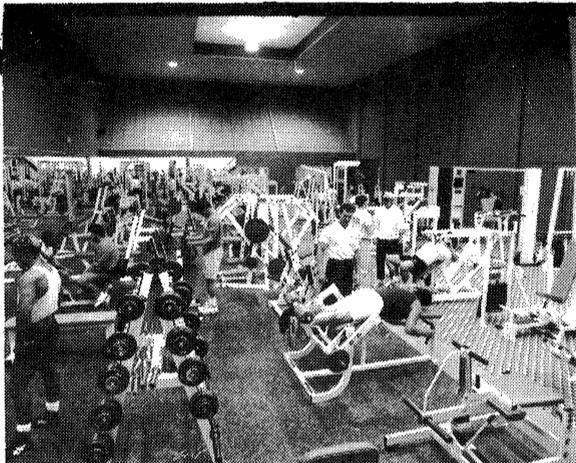
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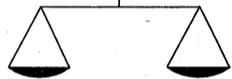
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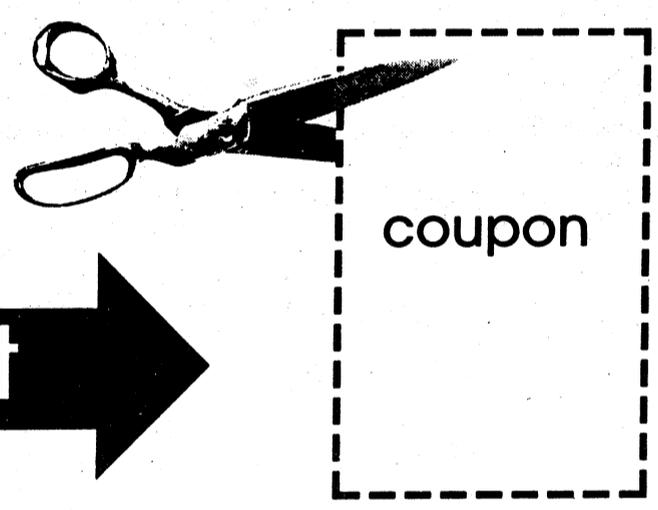
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VOLLEYBALL KEEPS GOING

RUNS RECORD TO 8-2 WITH IMPRESSIVE TOURNAMENT SHOWING

By SAMI AHMED
Statesman Editor

Volleyball continued its hot streak by winning three out of four games at the Holiday Inn Express Invitational, played on Friday and Saturday of last week.

On Friday the Seawolves played the Bryant Bulldogs and beat them in a tough first match of the invitational.

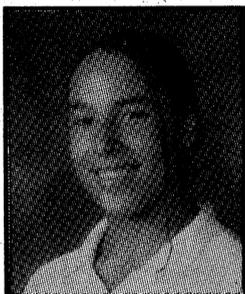
Stony Brook looked squeamish in the beginning and fell behind early, dropping the first two sets: 14-16, 7-15.

Then the tide shifted as the Seawolves, led by Elka Samuels' game high 30 kills, won the final three sets: 15-10, 15-12, 15-12.

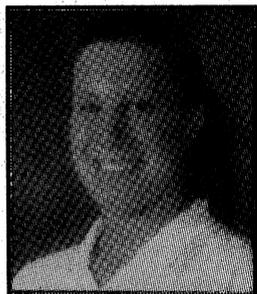
Samuels led the team with three block shots. Outside hitter, Jessica Serrano, also played well delivering 20 kills and 21 digs. Setter Sarah Boeckel contributed 26 digs. That was just the beginning.

On Saturday, the volleyball team played a tripleheader against Southampton, Bentley, and Dowling.

Against Southampton, the Seawolves set the tone of the game by dominating early and finishing off the



ELKA SAMUELS



JESSICA SERRANO

Colonials in three straight sets by a score of 15-5, 15-6, 15-1.

Samuels again led the team in kills with nine and recorded ten digs. Serrano was second in the kills category with eight, while, junior middle hitter, Carrie Doyle also played her part by contributing seven digs.

In the second game of the tripleheader, Stony Brook met Bentley College. It was a matchup of two solid teams who both came into the match with only one loss on the season.

However, Bentley was definitely the lesser of the

two squads. The Seawolves easily won the first two sets by a similar score of 15-8. Then after a mild showing of ability on the Falcons' part, Stony Brook finished them off by a score of 16-14.

Samuels had statistically the best game of the tournament with 20 kills and 13 digs, both team-highs. For the second straight game, Doyle played solidly with ten kills and six digs.

In the final game of the day, the Wolves would play Dowling. A win against the Lions would mean a great deal of pride for Stony Brook. Dowling had never lost to the Seawolves, coming into the game with a 3-0 record. It would also mean a boost in the NCAA Division II Volleyball Standings. Dowling was one of the top programs last year, finishing with a 39-9 record.

But it was not in the stars for the Seawolves. Dowling easily overpowered them, beating them handily in straight sets: 15-8, 15-9, 15-4.

Serrano had 12 kills and 14 digs in the loss. Sarah Boeckel had 17 digs to lead the 'Wolves.

The Seawolves' record now stands at 8-2 on the year. They will play in the Millersville Tournament on this coming Friday. □

FOOTBALL LOSES 15-13

A PICTORIAL REVIEW OF THE GAME

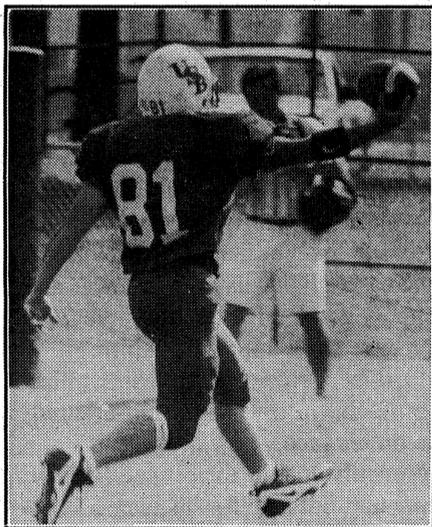


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John Brady scoring a touchdown after catching a 79 yard touchdown reception.

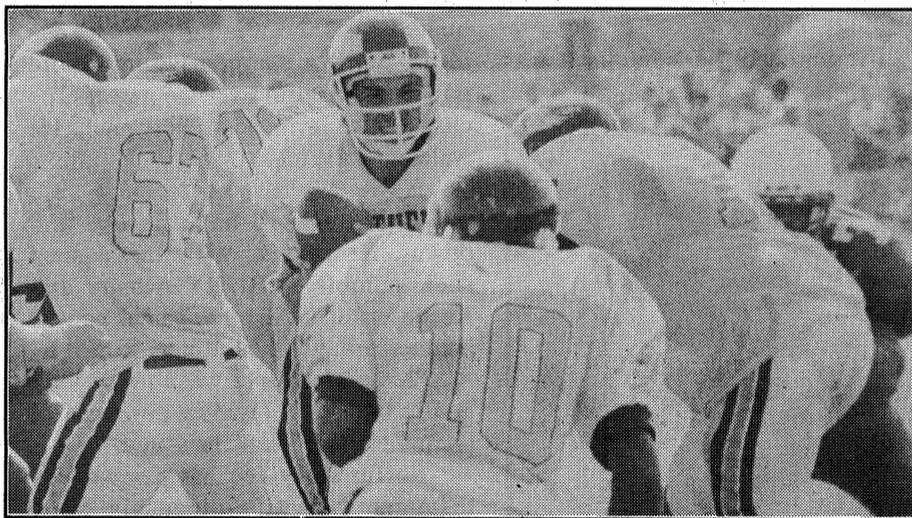


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Southern's usually reliable rushing offense was held in check by the Seawolves rushing defense as they only averaged just over three yards per carry for the game.

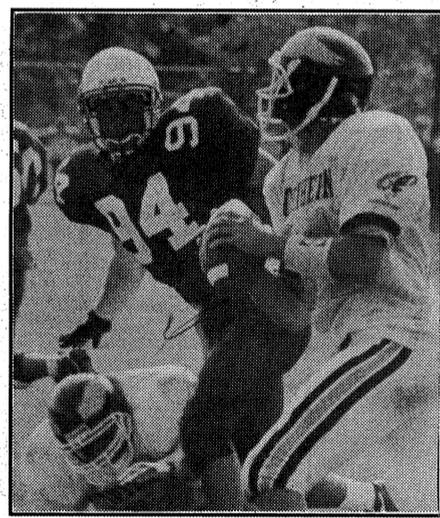


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The Seawolves also did well against the pass holding Tom Klein to just 16-36 passing for the afternoon.

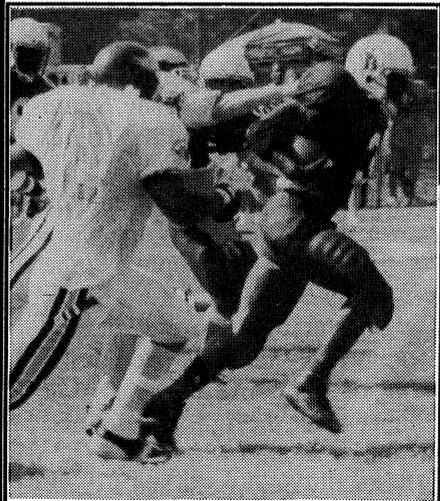


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Usually the strength of the team, The rushing offense was, overall, mediocre.

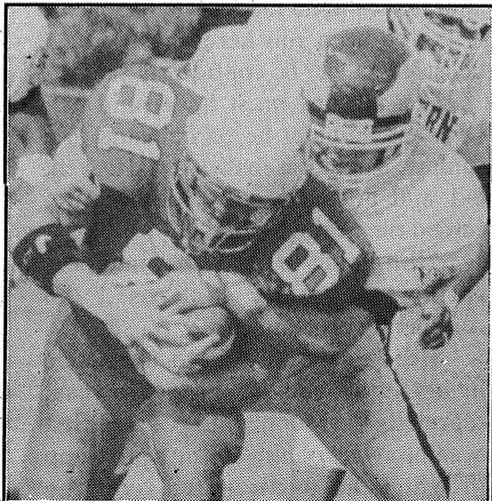


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Tight End, John Brady, played well for the Seawolves catching 3 balls for 100 yards.

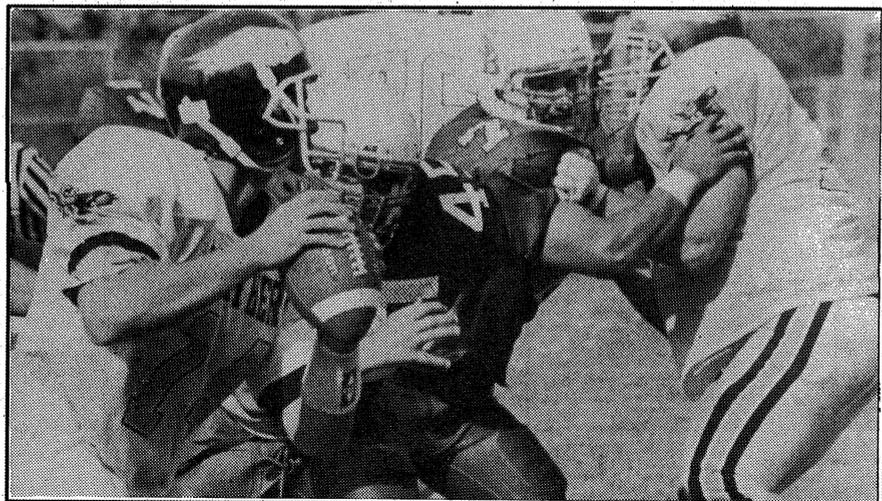


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In the end, the game was not decided by a pass or run, but a late field goal, allowing Southern Connecticut to steal the victory.

MACKOUL: "I'LL BE GETTING DRAFTED"

A PROFILE OF THE STAR RIGHTHANDED PITCHER ON THE BASEBALL TEAM

By SAMI AHMED
Statesman Editor

Greg MacKoul, a 6-2 195 pound pitcher on the Stony Brook baseball team, expects to be the fourth baseball player signed out of Stony Brook. He will be the first baseball player since Frank Colon, a catcher on last year's squad.

Greg grew up in Northport with his two brothers Matt, now 24, and Peter, 16 and his dad, who just turned 50 and his mother, 49 (Hopefully his mom won't hit him for disclosing this information.)

In junior high his first love was football. His love of baseball was nonexistent. In fact he hated baseball. That was before a certain turn of events.

During his time at junior high, he sustained a serious leg injury. It slowed him down immensely and he decided to pick up the baseball mitt.

MacKoul started concentrating on baseball while at Northport High School. He was blessed with the natural ability to play the game and picked up the game

quickly.

"My arm was always good and I could always hit the ball." His love of the game kept growing from there.

MacKoul continued his college playing career at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU), a Division I school located in New Jersey. He played first base and batted a solid .340 with 27 RBIs after taking over for an injured player. However, because his major of Physical Therapy was not offered, he started looking at various Universities, specifically located on Long Island in order to be closer to his family.

Stony Brook was not his first choice. At first he wanted to go to another school which offered an athletic program on the Division I level. After finding out that other schools in the area, such as Past and Pace Universities, did not offer a Physical Therapy Program, he turned his attention towards the Seawolves and liked what he saw. He didn't care whether or not Stony Brook was a Division II school.

"I researched the school. It was

good. Coach Matt Senk was a good coach and had a good record. Division II is not bad. When it comes to baseball, it really doesn't matter what division you play if you're good," he conceded. "To tell you the truth, there's not much difference at all. The only difference is the hitters are more consistent .400 hitters up in D-I. In D-II, the hitters are more up and down and maybe by the end of the year, they will end at .400. But in whatever division, there's good ball going around."

When he started playing for the team last year, Coach Senk liked Greg's strong arm and converted him into a starting pitcher. Though MacKoul had only pitched in relief, and only then on a limited basis, he was thrilled with the idea. Being a starter gave him more power and control over the game. The chance to be involved in every pitch. He welcomed the idea.

However, learning to pitch on a college level will have its ups and downs. He had his good games against such schools as SUNY Albany and Keene State, but in other games he was battered around like a Kenny Rogers.

"My performance wasn't very good at all. I was in a learning process as a pitcher all year long," he stated.

Fortunately for his Seawolves teammates, he fine-tuned his game during his vacation time and expects better fortunes for himself in the future.

"Over the summer, I learned how to deal with the game mentally. I'm more cool and calm no matter what happens. If I give up a run here and there, it doesn't matter," he confidently said.

His lessons must have paid off. Over the summer he participated in a summer league baseball camp. He went 8-1 and posted a solid, dominating earned run average of 1.20.

"I'm going to bring that into next spring and really kick ass," he confidently proclaimed.

He is not the only one to take notice in his improved pitching prowess, especially the Montreal Expos who first became aware of him during a pro camp in which he participated over the summer break.

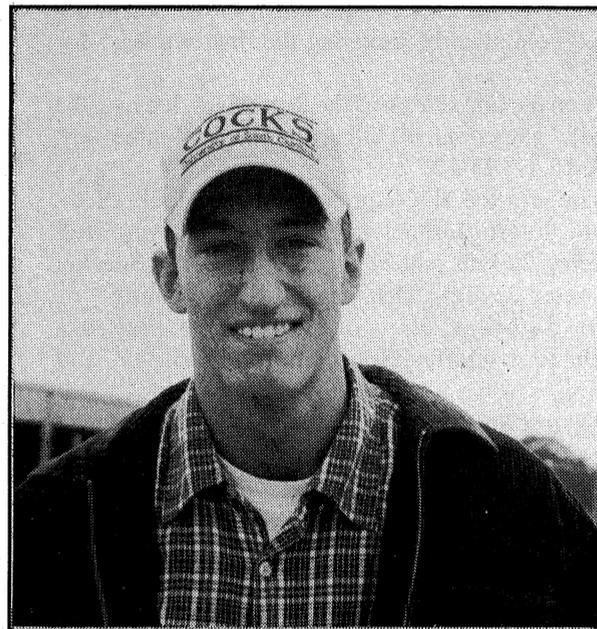


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Greg MacKoul

"I talked to the assistant General Manager of the Expos who said that he really liked me a lot. I told him my story about my beginning as a pitcher and he said, 'You look like you've been pitching for 10 years.'"

The GM gave him a workout program which he has stuck with since day one and is working hard towards achieving his goal of playing major league baseball one day. His chances are extremely good. Six other major league teams have shown interest in him.

"I'll be getting drafted this year, pretty much," he said with a self-assured smile on his face.

Not only does he expect good things for himself, but also for his team.

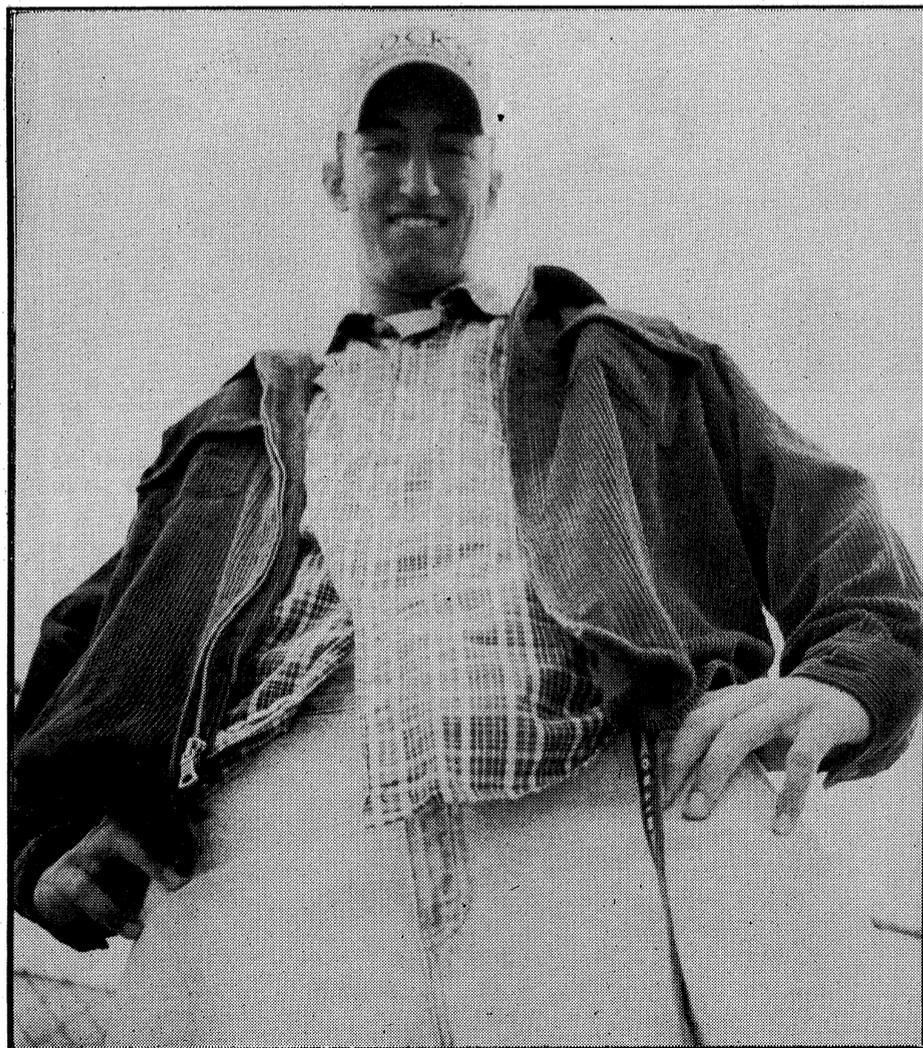
"It's all there. This season, we're gonna go out there and kick ass, because we came together late last season [as a team.] There were a lot of one-run ballgames we lost...we're capable of doing a lot better", he stated.

He also discussed about the team's inconsistent run scoring. They would score 15 runs one game and be shutout the next game.

"It's funny. If we averaged out the score, we would've won a lot more games. We were like Popeye some games," he joked.

Greg has enjoyed playing with his new teammates and looks back at his decision of choosing Stony Brook realizing he made the right decision and has no doubts about it.

"I've really enjoyed it and I don't regret anything." □



GREG "GQ" MACKOUL

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