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## Sports

## Schubert &amp; Byrnes: SBU's 1-2 Punch



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Erin Byrnes qualified for NCAA nationals on the one-meter board.

By ADAM ZIMMERMAN  
Statesman Editor

Throughout their history, Tlingit Indians always held the water in high esteem. In fact, according to their legend, Seawolves, mythical creatures of the water, bring good luck to anyone who sees them.

Thanks to Stony Brook University divers, Kristi Schubert and Erin Byrnes, modern-day Seawolves are continuing to bestow good fortune upon their teams.

In a span of three days, Schubert and Byrnes became the first Stony Brook

divers to qualify for nationals since SBU went Division I in 1999. Schubert qualified in a meet against Fairfield on February 2nd; Byrnes followed suit 72 hours later versus Sacred Heart.

For Schubert, the national recognition was the result of years of persistence and dedication.

"It's about time," she said with a laugh when asked about her initial reaction to the news that she had finally done it. "It had always been a goal of mine since I started college, and especially from the start of this season."

Schubert has been diving competitively since 7th grade. Following a stellar high school career during which she was twice named Suffolk County champion, Schubert, a junior, knew that this would be the year.

"I focused on being able to make harder dives with more consistency," she said. "Coach Billy [McGowan] was a great influence throughout, so all the time I put in was definitely worth it."

Byrnes followed a remarkably similar path to excellence. The two-time Nassau County high school champion first took to the board in 8th grade, and is equally proud of her impressive achievement.

"I'm really excited to be going to nationals, especially as a sophomore," she said. "I've done well on both the one-meter and three-meter boards this year, so we'll see how I do at nationals."

Qualifying for nationals, held March

15-17 at Annapolis, didn't go without tireless training. Practices each lasted close to two hours, and involved stretching, strength training, and countless practice dives. But as Byrnes was quick to point out, getting through those grueling sessions was a team effort.

"Kristi and I worked together since the start of the year," she said. "We always pushed each other in practice, and that helped us improve a lot."

Schubert agreed, noting that the two have a history of making Long Island proud. "Erin and I actually competed against each other in high school and did well, so we know each other's strengths," she said. "It's great being on the same team. We make each other better."

Heading into nationals, both are aware of the heavy competition they will face, but each remains undaunted. "I plan on doing well," said Byrnes matter-of-factly. "It's my first trip, so I'll learn a lot for future competitions. I just want to go and have a lot of fun."

A confident Schubert also believes that they belong in a rich talent pool.

"There will be a lot of great divers, but I think I'll be right there with them," she said. "It will definitely be a great experience, and I'll know even better next year what to expect."

Two of the leaders of the women's swimming team, the pair reach out to others as well.

Byrnes works as a lifeguard, while

Schubert coaches children. Both talked about how much fun it was to be on the team, and credited their parents with being terrific influences.

When diving runs its course, Erin Byrnes would like to become a therapist, and Kristi Schubert wants to work for the FBI.

Today, however, they each remain Seawolves, spreading their good fortune to the waters of Stony Brook.

And, in just a few more weeks, to Annapolis as well.



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org

Kristi Schubert diving into NCAA nationals.

## Track Runs Through Conference Champs

By KELLY BROWN  
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She led almost every step of the way. In 500 meters she ran away with an America East Conference Championship and a conference record.

Corinne Leake's time of 1:14.86 erased the 10 year-old mark of 1:15.18 by Vermont's Amy Dwire. It also improved Leake's own school record as she paced Stony Brook University in their first-ever conference championship meet last weekend.

"She went in as the top seed and she performed that way," head coach Andy Ronan said.

Leake's standout performance did not stand alone. Senior Jenny Payne

captured the conference title at 5000 meters with a time of 17:25.47. That qualified her for the ECAC Championships.

Payne doubled to place fourth in the 3000 meters, running 10:09.91.

Senior Mike Thompson ran away with the 1000-meter title. He took for the race with a little more than 200 meters left.

With his parents cheering him in the stands, he crossed the line with a victory and a new school record, running 2:26.56.

SBU's 4x800-meter relay also turned out to be one of the most exciting races of the afternoon. The relay of Thompson, Dale Summerville,

Chris Hunt and Jonathan Brims smashed the record they set earlier in the season by 12 seconds.

They ran 7:39.85 and qualified for the IC4A Championships beginning March 2.

Thompson and Summerville kept the race in a close second for the first two legs setting up Hunt to take the lead, and Brims never looked back.

"It was great to have all four guys put it together one day," Hunt said. "We knew we could win this relay and it was exciting to just get it done."

Even those who didn't come away with victories left their impression.

Hunt placed second in the 500

meters in 1:04.12. Brims also raced to a second place finish at 800 meters in 1:53.63, setting a new school record and also qualifying him for IC4A's in that event.

Nicola Baker finished third in the 400 meters in 58.49, her season's best and .03 away from the school record.

Other Seawolves in their first year found ways to score points for SBU. Summerville, Kereem Vargas and freshman Abigail Nathaniel all placed sixth in the mile, 500 meters and long jump, respectively.

"Between school records, conference records and qualifying for championships," Ronan said, "You can't ask for more than that."



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## Eating Disorders: A Silent Epidemic

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Among the new territory often experienced by a college student is a severe change in eating habits. Food can be accessed with a steady swipe of the meal card during as many as 19 out of 24 hours in a day. This poses a problem for students entering college with eating disorders, and can cause healthy students to develop them.

Eating disorders have been around since medieval times. These maladies are most commonly divided into anorexia, or self-starvation, bulimia, or bingeing and purging, and compulsive overeating.

Over eight million people in the US suffer from eating disorders. Females comprise the bulk of this group, but 10% of this group is male. Adolescents and young adults are most vulnerable to developing an eating disorder.

Eating disorders are brought on by a complex interplay of factors, including stress or psychological

disorders, personality traits, learned behavior, a possible genetic or biologic susceptibility, and a culture in which there is an overabundance of food and an obsession with thinness.

In response to this ever-growing problem, the Student Health Center (SHC) offers free and confidential individual counseling, assessments, treatment groups and referrals to outside sources. SHC Substance Abuse Counselor Ellen Driscoll works with many students with eating disorders.

"Eating habits change when students enter college. Students eat too much, and when they realize, they enter fad diets and try to lose calories. The behavior turns obsessive and it begins to affect schoolwork and relationships," Driscoll said.

Also reaching out to those with eating disorders are the NOURISH Peer Educators, who travel to different quads to teach about eating disorders. NOURISH is a national group that sponsors programs such as "Disorderly



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The variety and abundance of food at university dining halls like the Union Deli foster the development of bad eating habits and, more seriously, eating disorders.

Eating Screening Day" to help students determine whether they may have a eating disorder just need to eat healthier.

Another group on campus is Overeaters Anonymous, an international fellowship of individuals who meet to help abstain from compulsive eating

behaviors. The twelve-step program addresses physical, emotional and spiritual recovery aspects of the problem. OA for overeaters meets in the University Veterans Home for open discussion

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## Polity Weighed Down By Financial Stress

By LEONID BOROVSKIY  
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Major issues overwhelmed the floor of the Tuesday Feb. 20 Polity Senate meeting, as the legislative body attempted to keep things simple and working.

The meeting started quite simply, with no major issues arising from the adoption of the agenda and approval of the minutes. But the first of many complications was rapidly introduced by Interim Polity President Akelia Lawrence.

Lawrence brought up a controversial decision by Polity Council to use approximately \$72,000 available to them in order to provide Student Polity Association (SPA) security to Polity funded organizations, and continued with an explanation of the current Polity Print Shop problem.

The university-owned print shop is being closed permanently, to be replaced by an outside business. The administration has returned the issue to Polity Council for consideration.

When asked by Senator Godfrey Palaia why Polity Council would be

taking on the responsibility of dealing with the changeover, Lawrence replied simply, "[The] Administration doesn't want it."

The discussion of how to properly deal with the print shop situation ignited debate among senators on how exactly to remedy the situation. Delay in acting on the matter could result in a loss of almost



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Interim Polity President Akelia Lawrence addressed the concerns of senators at last Thursday's meeting.

\$60,000 from the Polity budget.

A popular idea was the introduction of Kinko's onto the Stony Brook campus. SPA is currently speaking with Kinko's representatives to explore the possibility of setting up a small satellite store at the university, a move that has been made by many other universities, according to senator Greg Lubicich.

The biggest bombshell of the night put an abrupt end to the print shop discussion. Lawrence revealed to members that the price of the Polity audit would not be the originally projected \$8,000, but would instead fall somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

One reason for the greater charge, which more than tripled the estimate and overdrew the allocated \$15,000, was the turmoil Polity has experienced over the past year. The problems have prolonged the time required to perform the audit, thereby hiking the price.

There was also unforeseen expense incurred in purchasing computer software, and an

unexpected \$35,000 paid for Polity employee salaries. According to Director of Student Activities Robert Fung, these additional expenses were unavoidable.

The money controversies led to the revelation that, since Nicholas Kilb vacated his position as Treasurer, no SPA officer has been signing checks. When asked who was signing the checks, Lawrence said two non-student Polity employees.

"No students are signing checks," Lawrence said.

Senator Palaia asked whether the council was aware of what the two employees were signing checks for, to which Lawrence replied, "No."

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# Bird Song: Composition Eighteen

By KRISTOPHER LEE  
Statesman Staff

The man in glasses remembered me from the park.

"What the hell are YOU doing here? Do you know who I am? I could have you killed and they would never find your body."

I turned my gaze on her and I saw it... the woman I had to save. There are many



unexplainable things in life. You could say this was one of them.

One of his men came back from the gate. Something about police outside the park. I smiled as things started coming together in my mind. Crista's police friends. She had set the man up. The man suddenly turned on her screaming out a confused why? Ripping apart her pocket book he pulled out the mini recorder. With her stone cold eyes she scorned him.

"I'm Crista, you b-----d! You didn't kill me that night, it was April! I told her all about your drug running operation! But that night when you set me up, April knocked me out. She switched our outfits and pocket books and went to that warehouse in my place. You had the women you loved killed!"

As she finished, I knew my time had come. I had the speed and the strength now. I heard the muted shot of the gun more then I felt the pain. My grip on my body left the moment I touched her, tackling her to the ground.

He tried to get a bullet to her through me but I did my job well. I would allow no pain to befall her. The cops arrived putting an end to his life as my sight dimmed.

Crista was hysterical.

"Crista, I'm sorry about before. But I love you. I only wanted to protect you. That's why I met you that night in the rain. I failed your sister." It all came back to me. I had failed as a guardian. I looked after April, she was fragile she was weak. Deep down she knew what the man in glasses did, how abusive he was, but she stayed with him.

I couldn't help her as a bird, I needed a body. But when I entered that man in the car accident, I hadn't anticipated his coma. I woke up too late, I knew April was dead the moment I awoke. But I couldn't return yet. I couldn't release the body. I had to look after her sister. I was guided, but I was lost. I became a man then as I held that umbrella over her shivering form. He knew all this but He let me continue. Maybe I was devastated by April's death and maybe He let me be because of this, but my time was over. But angels can't fall in love.

"Crista, don't worry about me. I'll always be by your side. I promise you I'll look after you from now on and protect you. I love you... goodbye."

She wailed and screamed, but I did not



hear. The tears fell on my face, but all I felt was the cold emptiness of death. I longed to comfort her.

Everything went dark and cold. My mind bent and shifted as I was ejected from the body. The emptiness was not long and there was no pain at all. I died in her arms. That's all I could have wanted.

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Correction: In the article "Proposed TAP Cuts Move NYPIRG to Action," published Feb. 18, Governor Pataki's program was cited as including a \$55 million cut to TAP. The figure is actually \$155 million.

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**A Thought From Rabbi Adam**



THE HISTORY OF PURIM

Jewish morale was at an all time low. The temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed by the Babylonians (486 BCE), the kingdom conquered, and the nation of Israel had been exiled to foreign lands. The Jews had hoped that the Persian conquest of Babylonia might herald in better times, however, the royal decree to allow the nation of Israel to return to their land would not be for some time. For with the Persians came Haman, the Prime Minister of the empire. To emphasize the prestigious position of the Prime Minister, a royal decree was issued that all the King's servants must prostrate themselves before Haman. Mordechai, the leading Rabbi at the time, firmly refused to comply with the edict, saying that he bowed down before G-d alone and non-else. The enraged Haman resolved to take revenge not only upon Mordechai, but upon the entire Jewish people. Appearing before the Persian king, Haman made his proposal: "There is a certain people scattered in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are different from those of all people, nor do they keep the King's laws. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed." To which the king replied, "The nation is yours to do with as you please." (Esther 3:8-11) Haman devised a plan to annihilate every living Jew in the entire civilized world on one day, the 13th of the Jewish month of Adar. Though the unified resistance of the Jewish people rallied behind Mordechai and the courageous efforts of the Jewish queen Esther, the Persian King was successfully convinced of the evil intentions of Haman and issued another decree saying that the king would allow the Jews to destroy any army that might attack them. And so, on the 13th day of Adar, the Jews killed some 75,000 Haman loyalists with the battles finally ending on the 14th day of Adar, now celebrated as the Jewish holiday of Purim.

# SBU Rethinks Black Power During Black History Month

By MARC NEWMAN  
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Imam Abdul Malik has spoken on behalf of Islam since he became a Muslim. The Muslim Student Association sponsored a talk by Imam Abdul Malik on Feb. 21, the 42nd anniversary of Malcolm X's assassination. The foci of the speech entitled "Rethinking Black Power" included a number of thoughts presented by Malcolm X throughout the span of his career.

"Devil Dog Cake is black, blackmailing, notice the negative insinuation," Malik pointed out, "and yet look at angel cake, it's white," he said in an aggravated tone - this is indeed a point emphasized by Malcolm X in the early days of his career as a preacher.

"President Reagan once said that the dollar in black America doesn't go around," Malik said. Blacks, once they get their money, spend it, claimed Malik echoing yet another message of Malcolm X's. "I, a poor kid growing up in Brooklyn, as soon as I got money, I would spend it on new clothes...I even went as far as selling my food stamps to buy new shoes...the bottom line message is the black community are consumers



Courtesy of www.members.aol.com

On Feb. 21, Muslim spokesperson Imam Abdul Malik gave a speech in commemoration of the 42nd anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X.

not investors in their future," Malik said.

He pointed out, much like Malcolm X did at the end of his career, that this system can change. But he feels the white politicians of America want to do

little to help blacks make this change possible.

One cannot preach the politics of Malcolm X in a vacuum however. Malik spent the vast majority of his speech

referencing Islam, a religious faith that Malcolm perused throughout his lifetime.

"As Malcolm said, Islam can help Americans," Malik claimed. "No Muslim can accept sexism and racism," Malik pointed out. "No one is unworthy," Malik added, despite what he described as an American mantra that puts the rich above the poor, for instance. Islam's message, Malik contended, is to bring the struggle of civil rights to a struggle for human rights, to have everyone stand-up for justice, under this idea that we all "share a common destiny."

"Ask yourself at what point you will stand up for those who aren't white (for the whites in the audience)?" Ultimately, man today is doing little to follow Islam Malik assented.

In New Jersey, 6 men were shot, and the cops lost their badges and were fined \$280. No New Yorker can forget the black immigrant that was shot 41 times, and police that were penalized similarly to those in NJ.

"Open your eyes!" Malik demanded. "Times haven't changed [from Malcolm's time], we've just

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# Cooling Effects On Heart Attack Victims

By GENE TULMAN  
Statesman Editor

Two new studies reported in the Feb. 21 issue of The New England Journal of Medicine show that lowering body temperature by several degrees may prevent brain damage in unconscious victims of heart attack. Research teams in Europe and Australia have independently confirmed the effects of mild hypothermia on brain integrity.

Experts are optimistic about possible applications of these research findings. According to Dr. Gregory Curfman, executive editor of the New England Journal of Medicine, the studies should prompt new approaches to treatment.

"Here we have two trials in two different parts of the world, using different methods of cooling, but finding the same results,"

Curfman told Newsday. "That adds strength to the validity of the procedure."

With a malady as widespread as cardiac arrest, an improvement in treatment could save many thousands of lives worldwide.

Dr. Stephen A. Bernard of Dandenong Hospital in Australia is a principal investigator in a controlled research study on the effects of mild hypothermia on heart attack victims. He reported that patients treated with hypothermia were more likely to survive than those who were randomly assigned to a normal treatment group.

His team's findings indicate that 49% of the hypothermia group survived and were discharged to go home or to a rehabilitation clinic, compared with 26% of patients who did not receive mild hypothermia treatment.

In fact, when researchers considered such factors as age and the length of time a patient's heart was non-functional, they estimated that experimental group patients were about five times more likely to have a favorable outcome.

According to Dr. Peter Safar, an authority on cooling procedures at the University of Pittsburgh, the two studies provide sufficient evidence to make the treatment routine.

"What you want is mild hypothermia. That's what they have shown in the studies," Safar said. Mild hypothermia, which is characterized by a body temperature of about 92 degrees Fahrenheit, will save brain cells, according to Safar.

One possible mechanism to explain a decrease in neural cell death due to cooling is that the brain requires less oxygen at mild hypothermic states. That is, more brain cells

remain intact at lower body temperatures following a post heart attack coma.

Heart attack victims may lose consciousness because the oxygen cannot reach the brain, and brain death starts within less than six minutes.

According to Dr. Michael Holzer and his colleagues at Vienna General Hospital, cooling stops the deleterious cascade of molecules (including free radicals) that speed the destruction of brain cells.

In an editorial, Dr. Curfman noted that the findings of these two cooling studies "may have profound clinical implications."

"Still, given the magnitude and complexity of the clinical problems, further studies of the efficacy and safety of therapeutic hypothermia in survivors of cardiac arrest should be given a high priority," Curfman added.

# U.S. Closing in on Pakistani Kidnappers

By RALPH D'AMBROSIO  
Statesman Staff

Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, who was kidnapped in Pakistan a month ago, is dead, according to the U.S. government and Journal officials.

A videotape delivered to Pakistani officials is now in the hands of the F.B.I. The videocassette provides unambiguous proof of his murder. The undated tape shows Mr. Pearl being fatally stabbed.

The motives of the kidnappers are still unclear, according to those who have examined the evidence. However, the killing may have been a form of retaliation by Pakistani militants against President Pervez Musharraf. Some Pakistani citizens are

unhappy with the President turning his back on the Taliban and other extremists who have had close ties with the Pakistani government in the past.

Bush, who is currently in China on an official visit, expressed condolences to Pearl's parents and wife. Peter Kann, publisher of the Wall Street Journal, and Paul Steiger, the daily's managing editor, broke the news to their staff by e-mail. They expressed that they were heartbroken over the loss, and called Pearl a "gentle soul."

General Musharraf officially expressed his sympathy. He said that he has directed the government and other security agencies to apprehend everyone involved in the kidnapping and murder of Pearl.

One suspect, British-born militant



Courtesy of www.yahoo.com

According to U.S. government officials, kidnapped Wallstreet Journal reporter, Daniel Pearl, has been murdered.

Ahmed Omar Sheikh, is currently being held for the murder by the Pakistani government. The U.S. may take steps to extradite the proceedings to try the case in the United States. Sheikh has already told a Pakistani court that he was involved in the crime.

Three other suspects are also in custody in Pakistan. All three are believed to have links to an extremist organization called Jaish-e-Mohammad. Sheikh has been tentatively identified as the group's leader. Law enforcement officials have had discussions with Pakistani officials to negotiate the extradition of the other suspects, in addition to Sheikh.

United States law deems the killing of an American as part of an act of terror, anywhere in the world, as a capital crime.

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# Staller Center Prepares for 2002 Season

By URVI GANDHI  
Statesman Staff

The Staller Center offers a wide variety of performances from September through May, in addition to a summer film series in July and August. It has had over fifty professional performances by entertainers such as Ray Charles, Judy Collins, Sydney Dance Company, and the London City Opera.

There are also approximately 450 events generated by the departments of Art, Theater Arts, and Music along with outside presenters such as the Long Island Philharmonic and the Seiskaya Ballet, which presents the Nutcracker.

Since opening in 1978, the Staller Center for the Arts has presented an expanding schedule of live theatre, music, and fine art exhibitions in its five theaters and 5,000 square foot University Art Gallery. In 1994,

the Center introduced 35mm film presentations in the Main Stage theater, complete with Long Island's largest movie screen and a state-of-the-art Dolby sound system. There are currently regular presentations of art, foreign, and popular films year round.

Many individuals and corporations provide generous financial contributions, which enable the Center to present world renowned entertainers at reasonable prices. It's corporate sponsors are a special group of philanthropically inclined companies that provide much of the financial support for the center. Each year, the Staller Center grows stronger, attracting more and more corporate sponsors.

Among the benefits sponsors receive are full color playbill ads, promotional slides, great seats to shows, company logos included

in print advertising, sponsorship of one show per season with the best seats in the house to that performance, the opportunity to throw a private reception with the artists, and much more.

Along with the sponsors, there are also Friends of the Staller Center. The Friends are patrons committed to seeing the arts flourish on Long Island. These donors are cherished members and also enjoy several benefits.

Some of these benefits include connections with people who share an interest in the arts, advance mailings of center brochures, opportunities to buy tickets prior to public sale, listings in season playbills, and complimentary subscription to concerts of the Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra. Finally, Friends get an exclusive invitation to all University Art Gallery openings to meet many of the exhibition artists.

Along with this, the Staller Center also offers an annual Stony Brook Film Festival. This year, the Staller Center will celebrate its seventh year hosting the event. The Festival, which showcases dozens of independent films, has grown rapidly with over 13,000 moviegoers attending in 2001. Films from past Festivals have included The Deep End, The Book of Stars, Manna From Heaven, Diamond Men, Way Off Broadway, Liam, Tango, Steal This Movie, Row Your Boat, The Ice Rink, The Waiting Game and Together.

The Staller Center for the Arts will continue to provide Stony Brook students as well as guests with fine performances, movies, and much more. To become a sponsor those interested should contact the Staller Center Advancement Office at 631-632-7469.

## Alumni Association Pursues Once and Future Graduates

By CHRISTOPHER LATHAM  
Editor Emeritus

The Stony Brook Alumni Association is taking a few new approaches in its quest to increase membership and financial support.

More emphasis has been placed on connecting with recent graduates and students. And large events, in the form of reunions, have been organized to target older alum.

"The point is to prove that we are for students when they graduate, but also when they're here," said Tim Kenney, director of Alumni Relations. "We want people to have connections when they leave, to network with and learn from."

Recent graduates are often dissuaded from joining the association because of two requirements they are either unable or loathe to commit – time and money.

That is why an experimental alumni council, geared to new graduates as an easy gateway to involvement, is under construction. It is still uncertain how guidelines on participation, dues and benefits will compare to those of general members, however.

As it stands, all graduating seniors receive a free one-year trial membership. Then payments begin. Annual membership is \$30. Lifetime membership is \$400.

Members receive various benefits. On campus they include discounts for non-credit courses, tickets to athletic events, and products at the Seawolf Market Place. Off campus benefits include discounts with Liberty Mutual insurance, Kaplan academic tutoring, and Alamo rental services.

Because many recent graduates are more concerned with their job performance and paycheck than they are with Stony Brook, the alumni council will likely offer different options.

"However we can do it, the goal is to make alum feel part of the Stony Brook family," Kenney said.



Statesman/Christopher Latham

**The Alumni Association is working on improving its membership base.**

But perhaps even more so than recent graduates, students have become a primary focus for the Alumni Association.

Events such as Wall Street Day and Stony Brook Alumni Law Day were started by alumni to show students professional opportunities.

On Wall Street Day, last fall, students spoke with traders, market analysts and executives to learn about the many positions that comprise corporate America. Joe Campolo, SBU alumnus and lawyer at Farrell Fritz, orchestrated Law Day. He took students to meet with an Islip judge and to tour his law firm last year.

The next Law Day will take place Thursday, Feb. 28, in the SAC at 5 p.m. Due to the success of these two events, similar programs are being considered with alum in other fields.

Along with Student Affairs, the Alumni Association sponsors eight Student Recognition Awards given on the basis of academics, leadership, and the improvement of community life. The Alumni Board, which plans and organizes programs and fiscal policies, chooses the winners who each get a plaque and \$750 in addition to the award.

This year's awards were accompanied by a huge publicity

push. Advertisements were placed in residence halls, dean offices, and campus mailboxes.

"We wanted it to be big," Kenney

said. "It's our way to give back."

Students and alumni will also participate in Stony Brook Day in Albany this Tuesday, where they will travel to the capital to speak with state representatives on behalf of the university.

The association is also trying to appeal to older graduates by holding reunion events.

Around 1,200 made it to Homecoming 2001, and the association plans to increase that number substantially next fall. Depending on its success, there is talk of holding reunions in both the fall and spring next year.

"Our work is challenging but fun," Kenney said. "I've been here seven years and I believe in this place. To watch us develop is a great thing."

To find out more about the Alumni Association call 631-632-6330, or visit [www.alumni.sunysb.edu](http://www.alumni.sunysb.edu).

## Muslim Spokesperson Commemorates Malcolm X

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become more sophisticated." When the World Trade Center went down, a scornful eye was cast upon Islam, Malik conveyed, but when the religious Catholic Timothy McVeigh killed so many innocents, no one inquired into the Catholic Church.

"Look at Palestine and South Africa, you'll see similar problems," Malik added. Similar to when whites celebrated the hanging of blacks in their churches, today we celebrate as we drop bombs in Afghanistan on those darker than us, Malik emphasized.

"98% of prisoners are black or latino, 20 years of prison go to kids selling 5 dollars of crack on the street, while probation goes to whites who sniff cocaine off their knuckles," Malik angrily explained. "Racism still exists in the world today."

Malik's speech was a message of disdain and hope for a "better" future in a world that follows the preachings of the Koran. He challenged those who have never read the book, to pick it up and read it, as Malcolm X had done so many times.

Most listeners seemed satisfied with what Malik had to say. "Malik really integrated the ideas of Malcolm X well. This is the third or fourth time I've heard Malik speak, and I would have never had insight into any of these ideas beforehand if it wasn't for some African Studies classes I've taken here," said Stony Brook student Waheed Kahn.

Fatima, another SBU student, added that the core messages of Malik's speech were truly insightful, "It was pretty positive; he wants us to get rid of racism in America, much like Malcolm X did."



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## Editorial

# Daniel Pearl: 1963-2002

Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.

Journalists can be categorized into two groups; one big, one small. The big group gives us fish. They tell us who, what, when, where, and how. For the most part, they do so very well. They report the news. We learn what happened. At the end of the day, we are well fed.

Then there is the small group of journalists. They, too, tell us the who, what, when, where, and how. But this group has a distinct quality: they also tell us the *why*. The *why* part of a story is the most challenging to uncover, the most difficult to understand, and, often times, the most dangerous to report. Accepting that challenge allows these journalists to truly change the world.

Daniel Pearl died in the midst of making a difference. The young Wall Street Journal reporter was kidnapped by a group of Pakistani militants, held hostage, and eventually killed. He is the 10th foreign news correspondent to have died since this war began.

Pearl was in Pakistan investigating possible links between the Al Qaeda terrorist network and alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid. But his assignment, and

the man behind it, had a much larger purpose.

Thousands of miles from his home and family, caught in a war zone with no means of self-defense, 38 year-old Danny set about trying to understand *why* Sept. 11 happened, and he made it his mission to explain *why* the terrorists did what they did, and do what they do. Not a job for the ordinary among us.

After all, to the vast majority of us, the above task would be mission impossible. But to Danny Pearl, it represented his calling. Attempting to discover the *why* behind 9/11 is to try and prevent it from happening to future generations. This man gave his life in the pursuit of that effort.

His wife Mariane, herself a member of that same small group of journalists, is carrying his unborn baby. That the soon-to-be newborn will live an entire life without a father is absolutely devastating. But, at least we know where Danny Pearl's soul will live on. And to his child, the world delivers this message:

Daddy was a good man. In spirit, he will do for you as he did for us: teach you how to fish, and feed you for a lifetime.

## Letter to the Editor

# Rock is Alive and Well

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the article entitled "What Happened to Rock?" by Rohit Das in the Feb. 21 issue.

While displaying excellent taste in music, the author is completely wrong when it comes to the state of modern rock. He writes that the rock music is dead, while the mainstream scene is clogged with talentless "rap-core" bands. While the second part is certainly true, rock music is doing better than ever!

Since the beginning, rock music has always been in the underground, having little to no mainstream exposure. In the 1980s, rock and metal suddenly became "hip," and all of a sudden there were thousands of rock bands being successful, and many had gold and platinum albums.

This all ended with the coming of Nirvana, and since then, heavy metal music has not been heard on the radio (with very few exceptions: Pantera being one of them) and is considered dead. But the fact is, it's simply not true! The rock music is there - you just don't hear it on the radio!

Since the 1980s, thousands of new bands have appeared, and the genre has evolved tremendously.

For example, new styles of metal have appeared, including power, thrash, doom, black, progressive and others—all of this with absolutely no radio or TV exposure in the U.S.

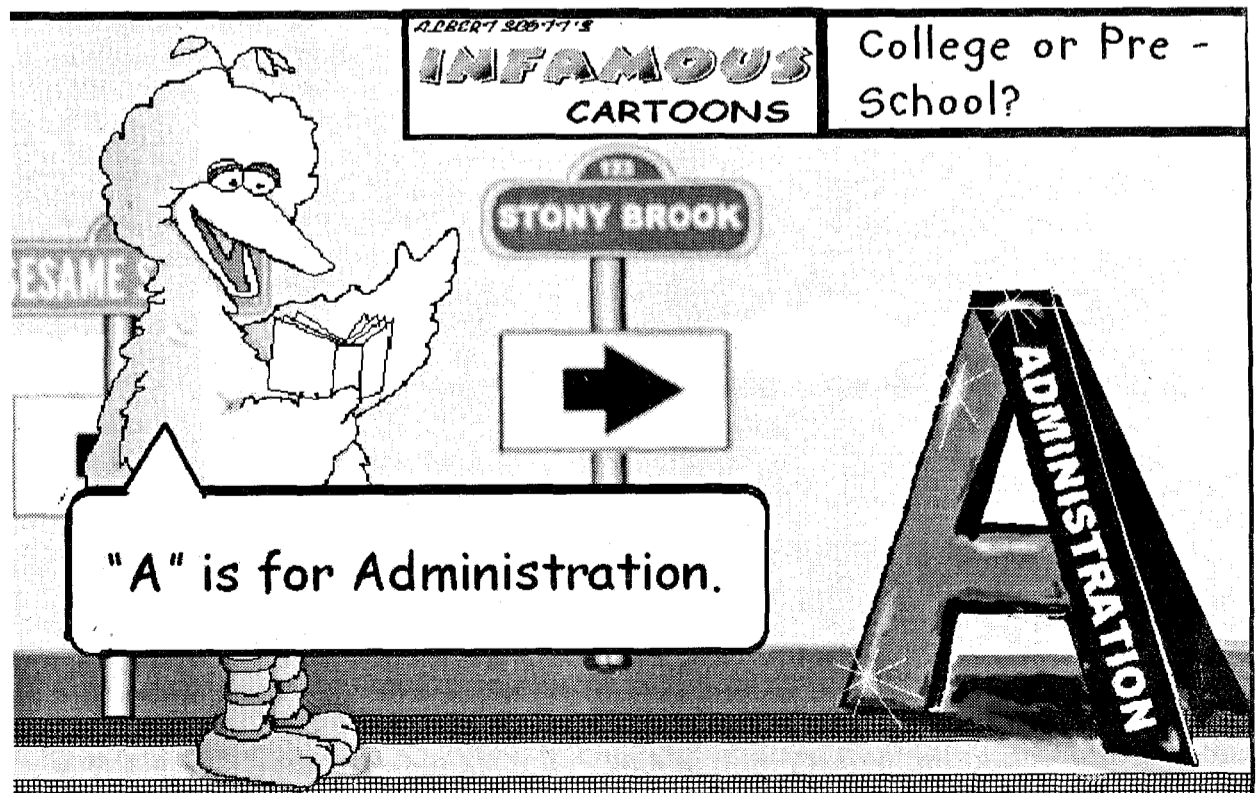
I find it a very disturbing trend. Most people assume that if you don't hear a band on the radio, it's probably not good. Just because something's not popular doesn't mean it's bad! In Europe, there are rock festivals with tens of thousands of people in attendance. For example, at Wacken Open Air in Germany, metal bands sell thousands of records exploring the boundaries of rock music, while in the US, people still think that Slipknot is the last word in rock.

Rock music is still alive, and it's doing better than ever. Open your eyes (and ears!) and look beyond K-ROCK and MTV.

Sincerely,

Alex Kharlamov

P.S.: The former lead singer of Judas Priest is Rob Halford.





# Feminist Rant: What Feminism Is

By MARIE HUCHTON  
Statesman Editor

Looking back at my first several columns, I've decided that I have done feminism a disservice by not discussing exactly what it is. I may have told everyone what feminism is not, but I don't think I did an adequate job in explaining what feminism *is*. So, to rectify this situation, I will spend today's column trying to make this nebulous and seemingly menacing concept a little more understandable.

Everything in life can be seen as a feminist issue or read in a feminist context. Feminism is more than just a political stance; it is a way of perceiving and interpreting the world. It is a construct that requires you to view an issue from all sides and examine the myriad of ways that who/what/where/when/why/how influence what you read and how you read it. It forces you to see the many ways that the environment, society and the individual interact to produce particular beliefs or actions. It questions dominant assumptions about the majority and minorities. It shows how economics, races, ethnicities, class, ableness and religion are intertwined and interrelated.

Rather than letting you get off with a superficial analysis of good and evil, feminism forces you to question the very nature of good and evil, and why you as an individual label one thing good, and another evil.

Feminism is not about conforming to a single norm of thought. It is not a single area of academic pursuit. It is a multi-dimensional, multi-disciplinary way of thought. Feminism and the women's movement of the 1970s have influenced the way

every '-ology' is studied and taught. Sociology, psychology, philosophy, even biology, every area of academia has been impacted.

You may not notice the impact that feminism has upon undergraduate studies (unless you take a women's studies class), but, rest assured, it is there. Even if visibly it only influences the inclusion of both men and women in a chemistry experiment, it has succeeded in bringing awareness of gender and identity into the laboratory. Though this is certainly not the extent of feminism's impact upon science, it is easier to see than a culture-wide shift in notions of gender appropriate behavior.

Feminism is not something which can be easily written down in a book, or explained through a diagram. Most simply, it is a heightened consciousness of how identities (such as gender, sex, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, ableness, intelligence, and social position) interact with one another and in many individuals to create culture and to perpetuate certain social norms. This sentence may not seem simple, but hopefully with a second and third reading we both will understand exactly what I'm trying to say.

Feminism has been blacklisted by modern society as being radical, anarchist, deviant and destructive. It has been labeled these things by people who think feminism is a political ideology calling for the genocide of the male half of the species.

Feminism itself is none of these things. I will admit that increased awareness and analytical thinking may be radical; but this is a positive radicalness, certainly not something that should be attacked and discouraged.

## Eating Disorders

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groups on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., while the Anorexic/Bulimic division of OA meets in the same place on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Both these groups are free and confidential.

The WO/MEN'S Center hosts the Body Image Group for eating concerns, as well. It was started last semester by graduate student, Audrey Todd. Individual and group therapy sessions are held to discuss underlying issues of body image. As with the other programs, the group is open to all students, and remains free and confidential. The coordinators are organizing an April workshop in conjunction with the Wellness Center.

"Rather than being a 'Weight Watchers' group, we take an anti-diet approach. Our goal is to see how society and media shapes our opinions of our bodies, and how we use food to deal with daily issues," Motoni Hodges, the postdoctoral resident of the WO/MEN'S Center, said.

Eating disorders have been, and

remain, a silent disease. While studies show that almost 80% of college females have binged, and that nearly half of Navy men are at risk for an eating disorder, the fact that one suffers from the disease is usually not apparent.

"It is an issue of control that is tested in college. With substance abuse, people can pick up hints, whereas eating disorders remain a secretive kind of illness. You could be quietly starving yourself to death," Driscoll said.

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# Mike on the Mat: The Unwritten Rules of Wrestling

By MICHAEL ADLER  
Statesman Staff

In sports entertainment, there are (believe it or not) some rules that one must follow in fighting an opponent. Some examples: the use of a foreign object in most matches is strictly forbidden, there is a ten count to return to the ring and in the case of a disqualification, a title cannot change hands. These are the written rules, and are broken liberally in the course of a normal week of programming.

Then, we have the unwritten rules of wrestling. They are little axioms, events and taboos that are broken time and again, costing countless competitors several matches. An astute historian of wrestling will find these written nowhere else:

1. After throwing your opponent into the ropes, never put your head down. This will invariably lead to getting kicked in the head, which hurts. If you happen to be fighting HHH, he's going to jam your face into his knee.

2. Never shake hands with your opponent. You're going to get hurt.

3. When your opponent's manager tries to interfere with the match, IGNORE them. This is especially relevant if their manager is a beautiful woman with gigantic breast implants. Further, DO NOT, under any circumstances, drag them into the ring to terrorize them. If you do this you're going to get hurt severely.

3a. If your opponent runs out of the ring, do not chase him. He will run back into the ring, stomp your back when you slide in after him, and perform a devastating move. Once again, you'll get hurt...terribly hurt.

3b. If you are a heel and have had enough of a particularly brutal match, do not try to escape. Your face opponent will always catch you, before you've even made it half way up the ramp, and will pummel you senseless.

4. Do not bother to pin your opponent unless you've performed your finishing move on him. A hip toss- suplex combo is never sufficient for a pin. Only a finisher will

guarantee a three count.

4a. If the referee is knocked out, DO NOT, I repeat, DO NOT try to pin your opponent. Who's going to count to three?

5. If you are a heel and you ram the ambulance containing your severely injured opponent with a Mac Truck, you've committed a crime. If you are a face and you do this, it's really cool.

6. The wrestling ring is for wrestling only. Nothing good ever happens when the red carpet is laid down in the ring for a "special event" In-ring marriages and contract signings always end in tragedy.

7. If your name is Buh-buh Ray Dudley, don't go to the second rope to attempt the Senton. If your name is Ric Flair, don't bother going to the top rope. In both cases, you're going to miss and land on your bum.



Ric Flair: 30 years and the wrestler still hasn't learned the unwritten rules.

8. Submission moves in a tag match are just plain stupid. It is nearly impossible to successfully cause a submission without your opponent's tag partner charging into the ring to break it up.

8a. If you've recently pissed off somebody, it's a good idea to do your submission move while facing the entrance ramp. This drastically decreases the chances of getting taken by surprise if a run-in occurs.

9. If you are a former ECW World Champion, don't bother trying to win a match.

Wrestling trivia question of the week:  
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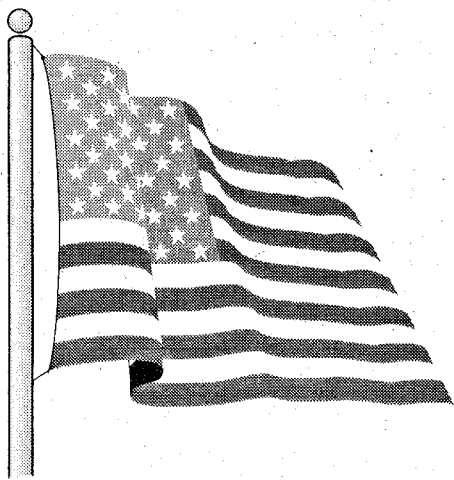
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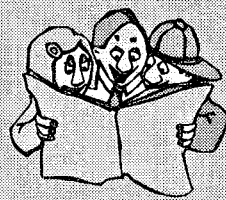


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