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Police Blotter

Compiled by Michael Kwan, Statesman Editor

Monday, November 22, 1999

7:02 a.m. A Janitor's office in Whitman College was broken into. A pager was taken.

9:22 a.m. Harassing e-mails were received by someone on the third floor of the Library.

10:29 a.m. \$7.00 was taken from a room in the Long Island Veteran's Home.

4:58 a.m. A cell phone was taken from Police Headquarters, numerous calls were made on it.

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

1:03 a.m. Eggs were thrown at a window in Keller College. The problem has been ongoing.

11:29 a.m. There was a case of harassment in Computer Sciences.

3:36 p.m. A credit card was found in the University Hospital.

9:22 p.m. A red bicycle was taken from a closet in the Indoor Sports Complex.

11:03 p.m. There was a report of the smell of marijuana in Hand College. The report was unfounded.

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

2:44 a.m. There was a report of a female screaming in H Quad.

3:03 a.m. There was an altercation between two individuals on a Gray College hallway. The scream in H Quad was a result of this altercation.

11:11 a.m. A towel dispenser was stolen from the H Quad Cafeteria.

8:04 p.m. A Chapin resident lost a cell phone.

10:04 p.m. The rear license plate of a vehicle in the Schomburg Apartments was stolen.

Thursday, November 25, 1999

12:35 a.m. Residential Safety Program staff reported a motor vehicle accident in the Keller College parking lot. Upon University Police arrival, the vehicles involved were gone.

10:31 a.m. There was an incident of harassment between roommates in the Chapin Apartments.

Saturday, November 27, 1999

2:27 a.m. A vehicle was keyed in the Infirmary parking lot.

6:54 a.m. There was a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Nicholls Road and East Loop Road.

10:12 a.m. A trailer at the Indoor Sports Complex was found with its doors pried open.

Sunday, November 28, 1999

6:17 p.m. The crash bar of a fire exit in Mount College was stripped off.

Studying Aesthetics

This Sunday, the Research Track in Philosophy and Literature and the Undergraduate Philosophy Society will be delivering presentations as part of a day-long event titled Desiring the Aesthetic. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. The scheduled events are as follows:

**Sunday, December 5, 1999
Harriman Hall, Room 214
9:45 am**

General Introduction by Professor Hugh J. Silverman (Philosophy and Comparative Literature, SUNY Stony Brook).

10:00 a.m.
Aleksander Plonski: THE FIGURE OF THE POET Introduced by Peter Warden, Graduate Student, Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook.

11:00 a.m.

Sean Kieninger: REPRESENTATION, EXPRESSION, AND PERFORMANCE: VARIATIONS ON A THEME Introduced by John Hartmann, Graduate Student, Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook.

12:00 p.m.
Sheila Shettle: PLAYING ART: PLAY ART Introduced by Sarah Miller, Graduate Student, Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook.

2:00 p.m.
Sharon Burke: TRYING TO ESCAPE METAPHYSICS AND FAILING MISERABLY Introduced by Peter Gratton, Graduate Student, Political Science, SUNY Stony Brook.

3:00 p.m.
Mark Molle': DESIRE, LANGUAGE, SEDUCTION: HEIDEGGER AND KRISTEVA

Introduced by Paul Humphrey, Graduate Student, Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook.

4:00 p.m.
Dorota Gonera: WOMAN IN (E)MOTION Introduced by Michael Tracey, Graduate of Research Track in Philosophy and Literature.

5:00 p.m.
Bahar Zaker: MERLEAU-PONTY/ DUFRENNE :: THE EROTIC/THE AFFECTIVE Introduced by Michael Sanders, Graduate Student, Philosophy, SUNY Stony Brook.


6:00 p.m.
Anthony Barbera: AFFINITIES: THE FUTURE OF DESIRE Introduced by Stephen Szolosi, Graduate Student, Comparative Literature, SUNY Stony Brook.

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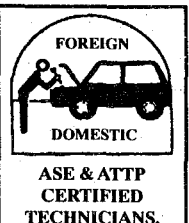
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Unhealthy Finances

SUNY Hospitals Face Growing Deficit

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

The State University of New York's hospitals are in financial trouble.

The SUNY teaching hospitals, located in Stony Brook, Syracuse and Brooklyn, owe the SUNY system \$38 million for the 1998-1999 fiscal year.

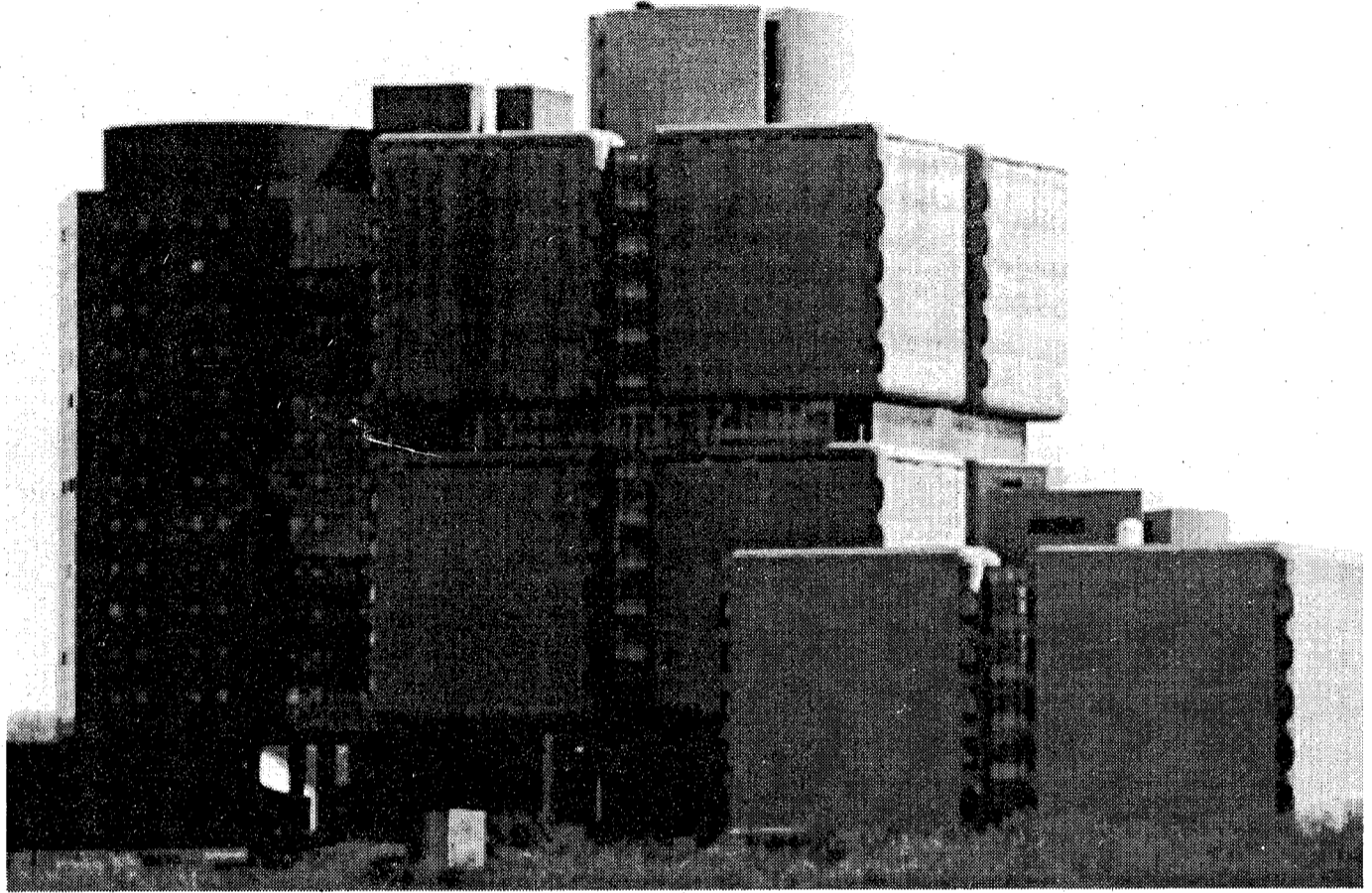
"The State University is now facing an enormous budget shortfall resulting from hospital revenues coming in below budget projections," said State Comptroller H. Carl McCall.

That shortfall, however, should be paid off later this month, according to SUNY spokesman Jon Sorensen.

The more pressing problem, though, is that the hospitals have to transfer \$116 million of its state government funds to the SUNY system every year because of a legislative mandate, SUNY officials said. At the present time, it seems unlikely that the hospitals will be able to come up with the money this year.

This deficit leaves SUNY lacking in funds for the year. It also leaves many to wonder how the University will make up for the missing money. SUNY officials have said that the shortfall will not force them to raise tuition at the rest of the university systems campuses.

According to some of the Assembly members, SUNY officials have kept the problem quiet and have not asked the Legislature for help.



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The Health Sciences Center is part of the Stony Brook University Hospital.

"The trustees have not requested money from the Legislature adequate to those needs," said Assemblyman Steven Englebright.

Despite such altruism, it is the feeling of some that SUNY is not being completely upfront about the circumstances. According to McCall's testimony on SUNY financing before the New York State

Assembly, "...the University has not adequately described the situation...there seems to be a disconnect between SUNY's public and private statements on the issue."

McCall says in his testimony that publicly, the University maintains that "all is well." Privately, however, the revenue shortfall has reached \$116 million, in addition to the \$77 million

gap from last year.

Together, these two financial gaps could make for a problem in the "\$150-200 million range before we even get to next year's budget," McCall said.

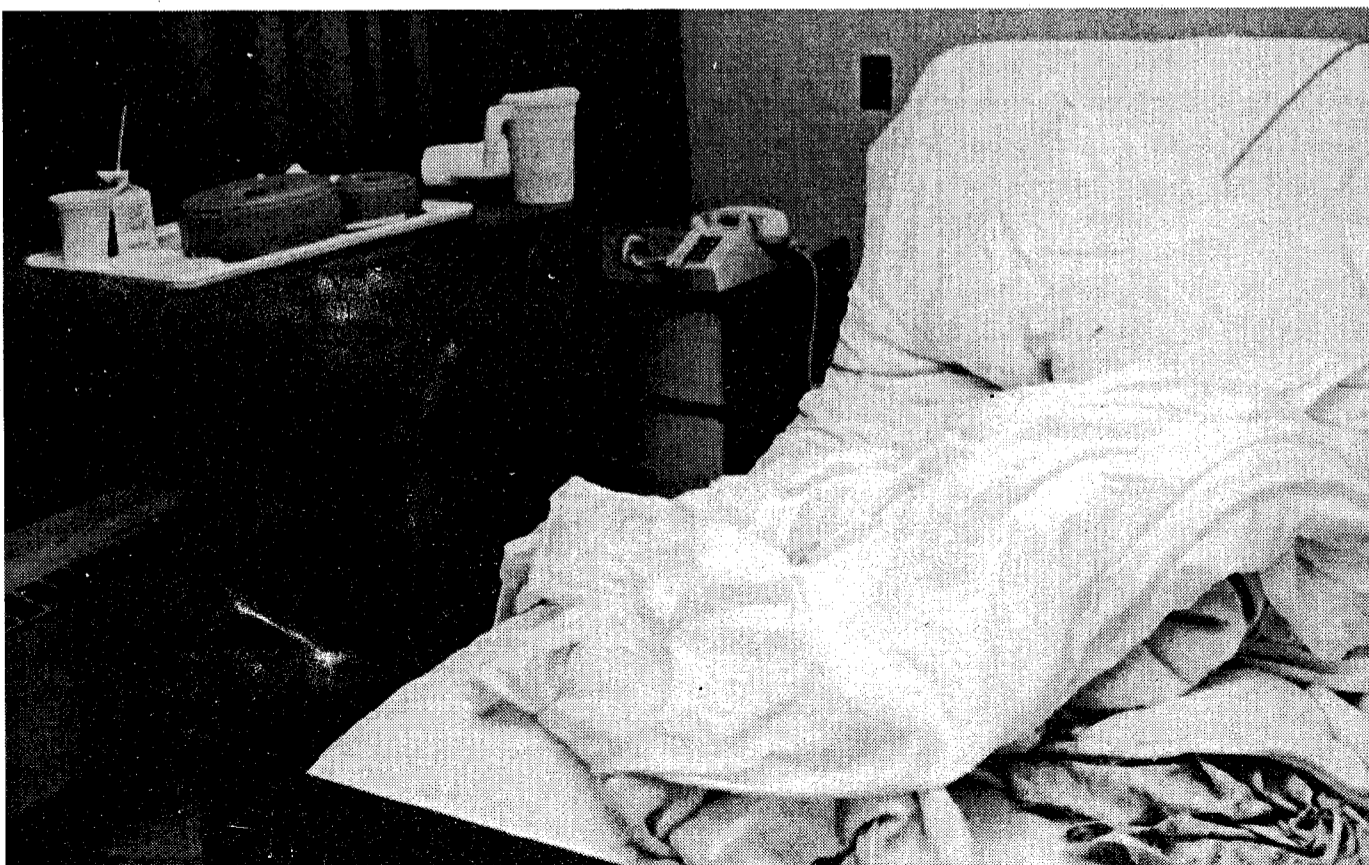
Within the first three weeks of November, the Finance Committee of the State University Board of Trustees approved a 2000-01 budget proposal. In this new plan, an overall increase of nearly 5 percent is expected in the University's core instructional budget, and allocates an additional \$67 million for the 34 state operated campuses. The new plan also promises to provide "...the financial resources necessary to thrive in today's highly-competitive world of higher education," said Trustee Paul Perez.

The problem, according to McCall, is that the plan does not give, "even the vaguest description of how SUNY is planning to address the hospital shortfall." McCall asserts that SUNY assumes that the hospitals will "...somehow find a way to continue to contribute funds to the campuses...[this is] not a responsible approach to the problem."

"The solution lies in a combination of actions," said Brian Stenson, vice chancellor for finance and business. "A multi-pronged approach inclusive of necessary restructuring, administrative, and fiscal actions is required."

Upon reviewing the SUNY budget request, it seems that the hospital problem is being ignored. At the present time, says McCall, "No actions or funds are requested to plug this gaping hole."

AP contributed to this story.



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The new budget plan does not explain how SUNY will tackle the hospital shortfall.

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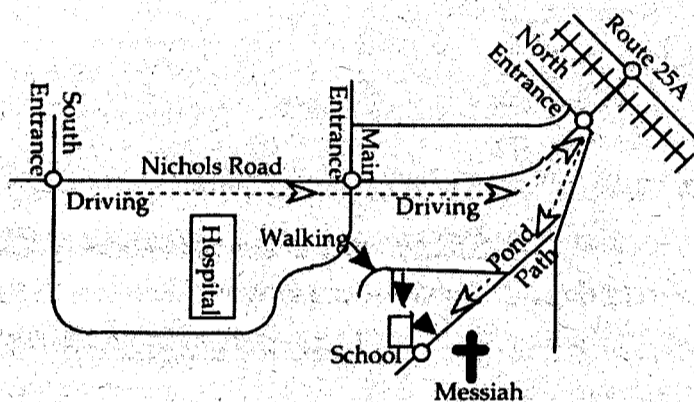
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POLITY - YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

To: The Senior Class

From: Naomi Johnson, Senior Class Rep.

Subject: November Senior Class Memo

Date: November 22, 1999

Hello, everyone! I am currently the Senior Class Representative. I would like to thank all those that supported me during and since the election. Secondly, I would like to congratulate the graduating Seniors of December 1999. I hope that every Senior has had a successful fall semester. I would also like to encourage everyone to excel during finals. Thirdly, I desire to update everyone about some of the events that I have been working on so far.

1. A party for the seniors on December 11th at Planet Dublin's or JamRoc.
2. A ski trip that features Bad Boy Entertainment, Ruff Ryders, Willie Esco, and Ramsey Racing on January 15th to the 17th 2000.
3. An AIDS/HIV awareness day on February 11th 2000 that would feature a play, workshops, panels, skits and counselors.
4. The Graduate Salute on February 22nd to the 24th that would provide you with enough time to purchase your caps and gowns, yearbooks, and class rings.
5. The Senior Barbecue featuring Biz Markie, go-cart racing, and hot air balloon rides.
6. A pool party and barbecue at the Sports Complex
7. An original Senior Class banner for the graduating Class of 2000.
8. A trip to eleven European countries in twenty-five days that, would be co-sponsored by the Dean of Students.

Therefore, committees need to be formed so that, these ideas can be implemented effectively. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please hand in your name, phone number, and the times of your availability to the receptionist in the Polity suite in rm. 202 in the SAC. If you just want to make suggestions for the committees, please hand that in also. I would like to have these committees formed by December 10, 1999 so that, we can get started and order the necessary materials.

Hopefully by this time, everyone has signed up to take his or her yearbook photos. If not please come to the Polity suite and sign up because there are slots that are still available. Photos will be taken until December 10th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 631-632-9196 or 631-632-9197.

Progress as a Community

Recent Study Suggests Breakdown of Barriers

By ANDREW CHIU
Statesman Staff

A recent report by the Ford Foundation concluded that college students today are now less likely to segregate themselves by race.

According to the report, titled "Campus Diversity and Student Self-Segregation: Separating Myths From Facts," increased campus diversity and special programs have made students comfortable enough to cross racial and ethnic barriers in academic, political, organizational, and social situations.

There's no doubt that Stony Brook is a diverse institution. The ethnic distribution of the total student population during fall 1998 was as follows: White - 48%, African American - 7%, Asian American - 16%, Hispanic American - 6%, American Indian - 1%, Foreign - 8%, and Other/Unknown - 14%, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

There is, however, less agreement on the frequency and extent of students interacting across cultures.

"Contrary to popular reports, student self-segregation is not, in fact, a dominant feature of campus life today," said Debra Humphreys, who prepared the report for the Campus Diversity Initiative project of the Ford Foundation.

She also said that students of similar races, ethnic backgrounds and neighborhoods continue to cluster on

campuses where they live, socialize and study. That clustering helps them deal with the stress of being in unfamiliar surroundings and increases their potential for success. Despite this tendency, the clustering does not prevent them from crossing barriers to be involved with others different from themselves, Humphreys said.

Dorothy Hurley, assistant provost for EOP/AIM at Stony Brook, agreed that clustering does not prevent students from crossing barriers. Hurley pointed out that feeling accepted and comfortable is necessary in order for students to cross barriers, as supported by Maslow's pyramid of needs.

"Maslow talks about the lower needs having to be satisfied before we go to the higher order needs, and dealing with that whole area of the first level of higher order needs is belonging," explained Hurley. "Now, if we look at belonging from that perspective, one has to feel that they belong in the sense of their own cultural, racial, ethnic group."

"To send messages that there's something negative about [clustering], I think is very wrong. Diversity is really about freedom, but it starts with whether or not an organization or institution is a campus that really values and promotes diversity," Hurley said. "Now that doesn't mean integration. That doesn't mean that it's not positive if you see groups of students clustering based on



Courtesy of the Asian Students Alliance

Students preparing for Asian Night, one of numerous multicultural activities held at Stony Brook.

their own ethnic, racial, even gender identity,"

Others expressed slightly different views. Marielle Bobadilla, a resident assistant at Toscanini College, expressed how important it is for college students to interact with people of other cultures. "If [students] just want to talk to people of their own culture, gender or race, it limits them in the kind of people that they can meet and the kind of relationships that they can benefit from," Bobadilla said. "Part

of the college experience is to grow as a person and to become an adult. In the real world, if you limit yourself to associating with people from your own culture, you're gonna face a lot of problems and difficulties moving up in your career."

Edewi Egharevba, a junior transfer student, said that part of human nature is that we all seek a place where we can feel comfortable. Clustering of people from similar backgrounds provide this

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SUNY Chancellor to Retire

Trustees to Offer Monetary Incentives to Replacement



John W. Ryan was named SUNY's first chancellor emeritus.

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

A search is underway to replace State University of New York Chancellor John W. Ryan, who recently announced his intentions to retire.

Ryan, 69, who was named SUNY's first chancellor emeritus earlier this month, became chancellor in April 1997 after nine months as an interim chancellor. He has agreed to work with SUNY on a part-time basis following his retirement in the areas of increasing international programming and recruitment, research funding and philanthropic giving at the university system.

SUNY, the nation's largest university system, has been looking for a new chancellor since Ryan announced in January that he wanted to retire. He said then he would stay on until his successor was found, which he thought was likely by January 2000.

"We are...grateful for his decision to help the State University continue the progress it has achieved," said Thomas Egan, SUNY Trustees chairman.

Officials at SUNY, however, are not yet close to finding the next chancellor. A seven-member search committee is reviewing candidates. The SUNY Board created a new compensation package for the next chancellor as an incentive.

Under the present system, a SUNY chancellor can be paid between \$220,000 and \$290,000. The new package allows for an annual salary of between \$275,000 and \$350,000.

This is not the first time SUNY has had difficulty choosing another chancellor. After he got the job, Ryan told reporters that he took the post largely because no other clear choice had emerged for the 25-member search committee.

Among his credits, Ryan was president of Indiana University for 16 years, was chairman of the Association of American Universities, holds 13 honorary degrees and was the first chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Under Ryan's tenure freshmen applications and enrollments have increased and SUNY adopted its new funding method, the Resource Allocation Method, which rewards individual campuses for enrollment growth.

Ryan was also active in modifying the core curriculum, which now requires all SUNY students to take 30 credit hours of core curriculum classes in 10 subjects including mathematics and a foreign language. It is the first time SUNY has imposed a course mandate on its 64 campuses. SUNY's tuition, which stands at \$3,400, has not increased during Ryan's time as chancellor.

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Editorials

No Mercy for the Freezing

As the end of the semester draws ever closer, the days are getting shorter and darkness comes early. For many of us, just as we are finishing our last class of the day, the sun is setting behind bare trees. By the time 6:00 rolls around and you are done for the day, this campus is dark. Perfect timing for you to venture out into the cold night to trek back to your cars or dorm rooms.

When a biting wind is blowing and the wind chill makes it feel like it's below zero, the least you can do is bundle up. This bundling can include gloves, down jackets, scarves, gloves and various other head coverings. While these items can do a world of good in keeping you warm, they could potentially put you in danger. Have you ever tried out your peripheral vision with a hood on? If you have, you would know that you don't have any. In hats and hoods your vision suddenly gets reduced to tunnel and your ears can lose some of their effectiveness as well. What does this mean? You could be a prime target for some form of attack because you can barely see and all noises are reduced to inaudible muffles.

If we put this possibly precarious situation into the Stony

Brook context, we have a recipe for disaster. As many of us have grumbled, especially those of us that are female, this campus is lacking when it comes to well-lit paths and bright parking lots. What's more, there are few of us who would claim that the parking situation here is a good one. The long treks necessary to get to parking lots could provide game for the evil that might be lurking in the shadows.

Recently, it came to our attention that some students attended a late class in the SBS building and like rebels, they defiantly tried to avoid the ticket givers by parking illegally in the circle near the building. But not even the cold or the dark could hinder the pen that fills out those tickets. Upon returning to their cars, tickets were found flapping in the cold wind.

No one could sensibly try to argue with breaking traffic violations, however there is nothing wrong with begging for a little mercy. Couldn't we get just a teensy-weensy bit of leniency, especially after hours?

On a serious note, safety issues are at the core of the issue for the rebellious parkers and not just laziness. In light of the rapes that shocked the campus last semester, you can't blame anyone for putting their safety first and choosing not to put themselves in danger, even if it means a \$15 fine.

It's pointless to beg administration for free parking access after 5:00 pm but we can plead with all of you to be careful. Don't walk alone if you can help it and even if you are all bundled up be aware of what's around you.

Corrections

In our November 15 issue, we said that Steven Youngstein is the president of LGBTA. He is actually the co-chair with Erica Determan. We regret the error.

And in our November 18 issue, we failed to mention where you can donate money to the American Cancer Society to support Tal Azoulay in his bike trip around Long Island. Checks should be made out to "The American Cancer Society" and mailed to Tal Azoulay, 1795 Alice Street, Merrick, NY 11566. If you have questions, you can email him at tazoulay@hotmail.com.

An Angry Senator Responds

To the Editor:

In response to the harsh editorial that appeared in the November 15th issue, so entitled "Some Senators Show Disrespect," I seem to have felt it necessary to shed some light on the true subject at hand from a first hand source and not just allow such shots in the dark to be taken for fact. Senate is comprised of a large number of elected officials which includes one member elected from each dorm and about elected to represent commuter students.

This body is assembled every Wednesday night at 8:30 on a purely volunteer basis with no incentive at all except a lot of work and frustration I trying to work out public policy and do all possible to make the Stony Brook experience more enjoyable for everyone. And this is all done by students who have their own classes to also worry about and tests to study for and yet they devote their Wednesday

nights and all other necessary time for efforts that will promote the benefit of their peers. Yet in turn instead of praise they get disgraced and riddled as children by the very paper that they approved the budget for to run.

They have been claimed a "useless entity that has outlived its heyday," but this is far from the case. While yes one has to admit that the meetings are long and involved for in dealing with such vital issues as are addressed that everyone wants something done about but no one is willing to step up to the plate to take action so instead others just remain complaining about how Stony Brook is so poorly replicable yet it is in Senate where such action is taken to correct these seeming wrongs. It has come to act where others just whine about it, it is here that the voice of students is heard and by those who refuse to sit idly back but instead have decided to take action against, even if it leads them to go face to face with President Kenny herself.

Of course such meetings are going to get heated but each member of Senate has tried their best to adhere to the guidelines outlined in their bylaws along with that dictated by Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, yet in every case though each Senator is guided by not only their own but every student's best interest.

Each Senator though sits through these tedious meetings by choice, all because they want to voice their opinion in hopes to make a positive difference, to make a change in policy and in the path of Stony Brook where others just sit back and complain about it and what gratitude do they get in return?

They get insulted on paper that has been circulated to an "estimated 30,000 readers." They are given charges of incompetence and claims of unprofessionalism, called uninformed with worthless comments even going as far to call their portray as student

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advocates as general stupidity. Perhaps this reporter was right, perhaps it is stupidity to champion for rights of students for what do they care if in turn they only go on to benefit by trashing those who are fighting for their interests? For the Senators were all grouped together in this article as toddlers and all by a "reporter" who has come to only one session of Senate on which she bases this judgement call, if you can even count that one instance for she even claims that her dedication couldn't even get her through one whole meeting, what a poor Senator she would be. We can already see the strides she has made to improve the quality of campus, for she has done so much to complain about the "disorganization" instead of actually actions to correct such for it has been said it is actions that speak louder than words and it is these actions that Senators want to get done. Senate has been the driving force behind most of the issues on campus. It has been and remains the forum of questioning of campus policy and procedures that students have found ridiculous and unfair and most of all it has been the place that has come to get the answers and initiate change on campus to better the Stony Brook lifestyle of all students. All those individuals that are a member of a club or organization, of those who partake in any of the numerous student run activities on campus, most likely had their budget decided by Senate and drawn from such decisions. Tired of the meal plan, the eye saw of construction on campus, no weekend events, or no concerts? Well it in Senate who has been the individuals that have been working hard to improve such issues for the student's benefit, and they are not just sitting back talking about it but are taking action. So in reply to this article on the trashing of Senate and its members, Polity is far from its final days for it is in view of recent improvements that shows it has a long life ahead. Instead of calling quits on this organization for the ignorance of its significance to campus life I believe we should begin to praise their contributions to the activity on campus.

Frederick Davis,
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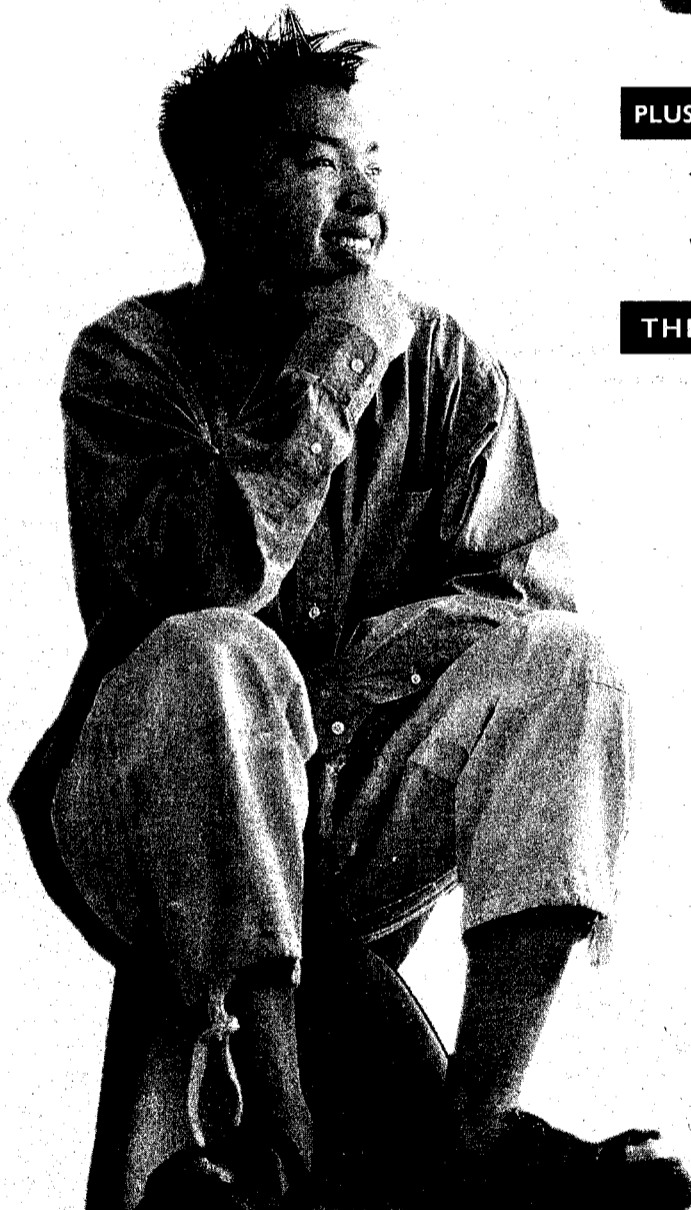
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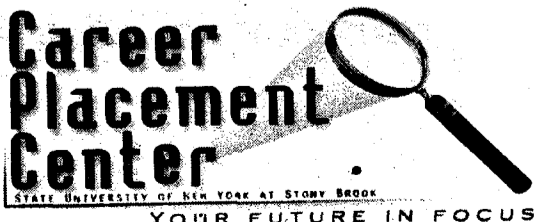
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Anyway, I got here and an old friend walked back into his life. He dropped me and chose her. I felt betrayed and ruined. My self-esteem crushed. For a while I felt that every guy would meet another woman after we began dating and choose her. I got him totally out of my head, began dating and then, after three months, he popped back into my life uninvited.

He says he wants to be friends (he is still dating the other girl). A part of me

wants to be friends. But at the same time, all these feelings are popping up again. What do I do now?

-Lost in Chicago

Write bad fiction? You're off to a roaring start.

"Betrayed and ruined" is exchanging vows with someone and spending 10 years of your life with him and finding out he's been shuffling your sister for nine of them. But even then, I'd call "ruined" a tad overwrought. Grieve, get up, go on.

By comparison, here's what you had: A guy you knew ... we'll be generous and call it a month—30, count 'em, three-oh days. You had potential. And the girl he chose? She had history with him, and memories, and, apparently, love: You know, things that are supposed to come

before you spend a week with someone. If you were in his shoes, you'd have made the same choice (amid the mad sawing of violins, no doubt).

You've made a major life move. Take some pride in that, and take your buckets of self-pity to the curb. Better yet, do something with them. Find a hobby, a passion, a point—something to give your life some stability.

Why not funnel all that emotional runoff into a good, constructive volunteer gig? Who knows, if you get distracted enough by others, you might stumble on some perspective.

Dear Carolyn:

OK, my new boyfriend is having some difficulty telling his ex-girlfriend, and really all of his friends, that we are together. A lot of them are my friends, too, or I want them to be, and this is making it very awkward. He still has feelings for her, not serious ones, and I accept that, but I really want him to tell her and other people! What to do so that I'm not nagging, but he actually tells her?

-Baltimore

Ex-girlfriend? Excellent typo.

From what I've seen, people who find true love want to shout it from the treetops. It kind of loses its poetry, though, if the climactic treetop scene is one of the terms agreed upon during the relationship negotiations you browbeat him into entering.

You're not wrong to want a public declaration of affection—it's that you can't just up and ask for one. And why would you when you already know the answer? You say yourself he has lingering feelings for someone else; with these, I'm sure, come certain doubts about you. Fair enough—it's still "new." At least you're both realistic about that.

But just as he's entitled to some time to figure things out, you're entitled to a little respect. Say you'll drop the issue

of his telling this person or that—if he'll drop any efforts to conceal the truth. No hiding you, no lying about you—or else, no you.

Carolyn:

Can you give me an idea of what current rules of thumb are for values of wedding gifts for twentysomethings? Should you take into consideration whether you attended, whether you traveled to be at the wedding, etc.?

-K.B.

The rule is, if the bride and groom look at what you bought and say, "How cheap," then you spent too much on the twits. Think of something they'd like, see if you can afford it, and work your way down from there. A reasonably well-off grown-up might shoot for the \$75-to-\$100 range, but when you're on pace for eight or nine weddings a year, even a reasonably well-off grown-up would rather shoot somebody else instead.

The perpetual-wedding-guest epiphany: It is the thought that counts.

A good thought to consider is the group gift. One person with 40 bucks buys ... a fork. ("Dear K., Thank you so much for the beautiful ...fork.") Five people with 40 bucks can at least buy a place setting.

There's no law that says you Must Buy Gifts, but if you go, you should. When travel expenses alone are staggering, though, the young, the less fortunate and the grad-school-impooverished have license to say upfront that attending will be their gift. If that doesn't fly, frankly, neither should you.

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Finals start in two weeks. The pressure is building. Some are optimistic. For there are those who had a successful semester. Some despair. For there are others who expected more from themselves. Alas, life is about ups and downs. There are times when a person bonds with one particular friend over the rest. Then again, there are times in which friends drift apart. Again, life is about ups and downs. Sometimes we're happy. Sometimes we're sad. Sometimes we feel popular and wanted. Sometimes we feel all alone. This is reality. This is life. But one should know, not every down is a down in and of itself. For remember, just like one must bend down before jumping up, so too must we curl back before sprinting forward. The Jewish sages have pointed out that forever a person "is ascending in holiness". For one is always going up. Even if it looks superficially as if one is on their way down. Be it in school. Amongst friends. Or within their own standards of morality. However, one must remember, it is only a preparatory descent for the upcoming ascent. What's more. The descent is part and parcel of the ascent for without it there would be no jump. This is the lesson Chanukah offers to the world. A festival of lights. First, one is alit. The next night, two. Then three...because we are forever only going up and never down. For life is really one huge spiritual jump.

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Little Does Big Things

By JOSEPH BAILEY
Statesman Staff

The St. John's University Men's basketball team went to the NCAA final eight championship playoffs last season, and their star player entered the NBA Draft, but none of that intimidated Stony Brook's 6-2" shooting guard, Josh Little.

Little, who had 11 points in last Tuesday's bout with St. John's, entered the game scoring the teams first six points with two back to back three point shots.

Before a sellout crowd of over 4,000 Stony Brook and St. John's fans, Little excited the crowd with his three point shot attempts, as he landed his third three-point field goal at the beginning of the second half to put Stony Brook at a score of 36-55.

Little, who has been excited about playing St. John's since he joined Stony Brook's Men's Basketball Team in 1997, said he was very confident, and once he got on the floor it felt

like any other game.

However, he attributes his success to the up-beat crowd and exciting atmosphere that the Stony Brook students provided for him.

With opponents including Eric Barkley, Bootsy Thornton, Lavor Postell, and Anthony Glover, who scored the team high of 22 points, Little said he was not intimidated during the game by the high caliber players. "I play with players of that caliber a lot and once I got out there I couldn't tell much of a difference," he said.

Little, who has been hurt for the past couple of weeks, said he played a little bit more aggressive, because he got a little bit more confident over the last few games. "It took me a couple of days to get my game back together."

Little is currently a Junior, was named NECC Rookie-of-the-Year in the 97-98 season, and led the team in

scoring with an average of 11.2 points per game. He also scored a career high of 26 points against the University of Bridgeport and 25 points against New Haven University in the same season.

So far this season, he has scored 14 points against Marshall, and has tallied five rebounds and five assists against St. Francis.

Despite Stony Brook's 40-point blowout by St. Johns and a final score of 84-43, Little says he was confident once he got on the floor and tried to focus on the game.

"I tried to be aggressive and I attacked the basket," said Little. "Sometimes I was too aggressive but I felt that's what we needed."

Little will play against many other upbeat teams in the future such as Seton Hall, Auburn, and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Diversity

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comfort. "So if we have all this clustering going on, I think this would actually prevent [one] from crossing that racial or cultural or ethnic line to interact," Egharevba said.

While Bobadilla admitted that clustering does occur at Stony Brook, she also thinks this is balanced by programs that promote diversity. Campus Residences has strived to provide programming where students can learn about different cultures.

"We try and get the students to learn about different cultures, learn about different races, so that if they didn't have a knowledge about different cultures and races prior to Stony Brook, that at least while they're here, they get to know and become more comfortable with different religions and cultures. And I think the staff and the environment really does contribute to that," Bobadilla said.

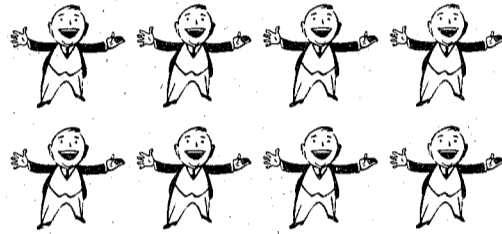
But even with these programs being offered, there are problems. Many students feel they do not have time to come out to such programs. Others, according to Bobadilla, simply do not care about issues of multiculturalism. Overall, she said she feels a lack of motivation on the part of the entire University concerning such programs.

"I just don't find that Stony Brook provides the kind of atmosphere to actually allow students of different cultures or different race to actually interact on a natural level," Egharevba said.

According to him, most programs are superficial in nature. He argues that students still spend more time among people of similar culture despite the availability of diversity programs. Furthermore, he said that he feels that very few programs are being offered outside of Campus Residences. That may mean that commuter students have fewer opportunities to learn about other cultures.

Hurley said that there is much to learn from EOP/ AIM, the Educational Opportunity Program / Advancement on Individual Merit. The program serves approximately 5 percent of the undergraduate population and is designed to give opportunities for higher education to students from economically disadvantaged families. This results in the program being one of the most diverse at Stony Brook, according to Hurley.

The program involves a Pre-Freshman Summer Program where students live, attend class, and often work together, thereby building a sense of community, and one that crosses racial, ethnic, and cultural divides. Hurley suggests that creating programs that are more than just events is part of the answer. This would include students being involved in more intimate interactions, rather than superficial ones, and would result in a true exchange of culture.



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Swivel chairs and fists flew yesterday evening in the *eCircles Times* editing room in Baltimore, Maryland, when *Times* editor Peter Drake fought *Times* publisher Phineas Gibbons III over whether the digital camera giveaway ad, seen at left, would be included on the front page of today's *eCircles Times*. The dispute began

with a verbal altercation the two had via the eCircle they use to discuss business matters. Below is an excerpt:

"There's already one dumb ad wasting space on my front page," Drake told Gibbons. "There won't be two. The front page is reserved for news only. An eCircles digital camera giveaway is not news."

"It certainly is," replied Gibbons. "They're giving away at least 25 AGFA ePhoto 780c (tm) Digital Cameras per week. Why, that makes the presidential election seem like a local bake sale."

"TRAITOR!!! What are they paying you?" asked Drake.

"I beg your pardon?" wrote Gibbons.

"How much is eCircles bribing you to defile my glorious fact-filled digest with one of their silly offers which nobody will read anyway?" asked Drake.

"You better be prepared to back that accusation up," said Gibbons.

"Back it up?" Drake typed. "I'll mosh you, you string bean. I wrestled in high school, college, and was boxing champion of my navy squadron. That abomination will run over my dead body."

"I'll be right over," said Gibbons.

"I hope your will is written," said Drake.

The two then left to settle the squabble by physical means.

Woman Warmed by Child's Sweet Smile Spontaneously Combusts



stopped, filing my body--oh my lord, I'm having heatstroke

Angela: Lets all pray for friend and fellow samaritan Clarissa Jones.

Clarissa: Do't pray. I need an ambulance G----n you.

Thomas: Clarissa!

Martha: I've never...

Clarissa: my forehead's a waterfall do something I know for a fact what you all do in

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Latest Fad: Pierced Kidneys



Parents Shocked by Photos
Posted by Daughter

On Thursday, November 11th, Katie Wilson, a first-year student at The Art Establishment in New York City, used the photosharing

feature of the eCircle she shares with her family to show them her new kidney ring.

"Sweetie, tell us this is some kind of sick joke," her mother typed from their home in Ohio.

"You put that picture together on the computer, right?" her father wrote.

"No, it's real," Katie wrote back. "You guys are so old-fashioned."

"Mom dad can I get one for my birthday?" Katie's 11-year-old brother, Ralph, typed from his computer.

"It's totally safe," Katie typed. "I saw the guy wash his

hands with my own eyes. He used soap, water, and totally promised he wouldn't smoke in the room while he operated. Besides, everybody in the city has one of these."

"Take that thing out, immediately," Katie's father demanded.

"Your father and I will pay for a surgeon—an accredited one—to perform the operation to remove it," Katie's mother said.

"That's not fair," Katie replied. "You said I could use that money to get whatever I

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Sports

St. John's Storms SBU

Seawolves Basketball Loses First Home Game

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The Stony Brook Men's Basketball team took on the St. John's University Red Storm last Tuesday at the Indoor Sport's Complex. The game not only signified the teams transition into Division IAA, but it will go down in SBU basketball history, since it marked the first time that Stony Brook has faced a Top 20 Division I team. The Red Storm, who headed into the game ranked 15th in the nation by the Associated Press, demolished the Seawolves by a score of 84-43.

It can be said though, that the blowout was not such an astonishing feat since, the Associated Press did rank Stony Brook number last in a list of 318 Division I teams. In response to the ranking, the athletic department assured SBU fans that the team has "nowhere to go but up."

Despite the ranking, the game was a sell-out, setting a new single-game attendance record for the Indoor Sports Complex, with 4,103 tickets sold.

Stony Brook students came together to fight the chants of Red Storm fans, as well as to impair the judgement of St. John's free-throw shooters with squeaky balloons.

Despite the thrashing that the Seawolves underwent, the team did show signs of improvement

from the last two contests. Stony Brook was ahead for a while at the beginning of the first half. The team was able to withstand the Red Storm's constant press by playing a man-to-man defense. The Seawolves were able to hold the lead and shut down St. John's' outside shooting.

Since the Red Storm held a tough defense inside, Stony Brook opened their game from the outside. Most of the team was hitting its shots in the first half and these three-pointers and jump shots were keeping them ahead. It was not until the end of the first half that St. John's began to intensify its defense at the top of the key. This broke down Stony Brook's offense and forced the team to create opportunities under the basket.

There were a couple of dunks, but nearly no lay-up's, which caused the Seawolves to fall back during the second half. Although the dunking abilities of 6'8" senior center Ryan McDermott (#45) did bring hope, as well as a roar from the crowd, the Seawolves were unable to get ahead. McDermott has been a key player for the team this season, posting a double-double against St. Francis (13 pts, 10 rebs) on November 20.

Senior Steve Pratta (#04) definitely seemed to be controlling the Stony Brook offense throughout the game at point guard. Pratta, who is probably Stony Brook's most consistent force, helped in every instance,



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Stony Brook's defense had to contend with a St. John's impressive offense.

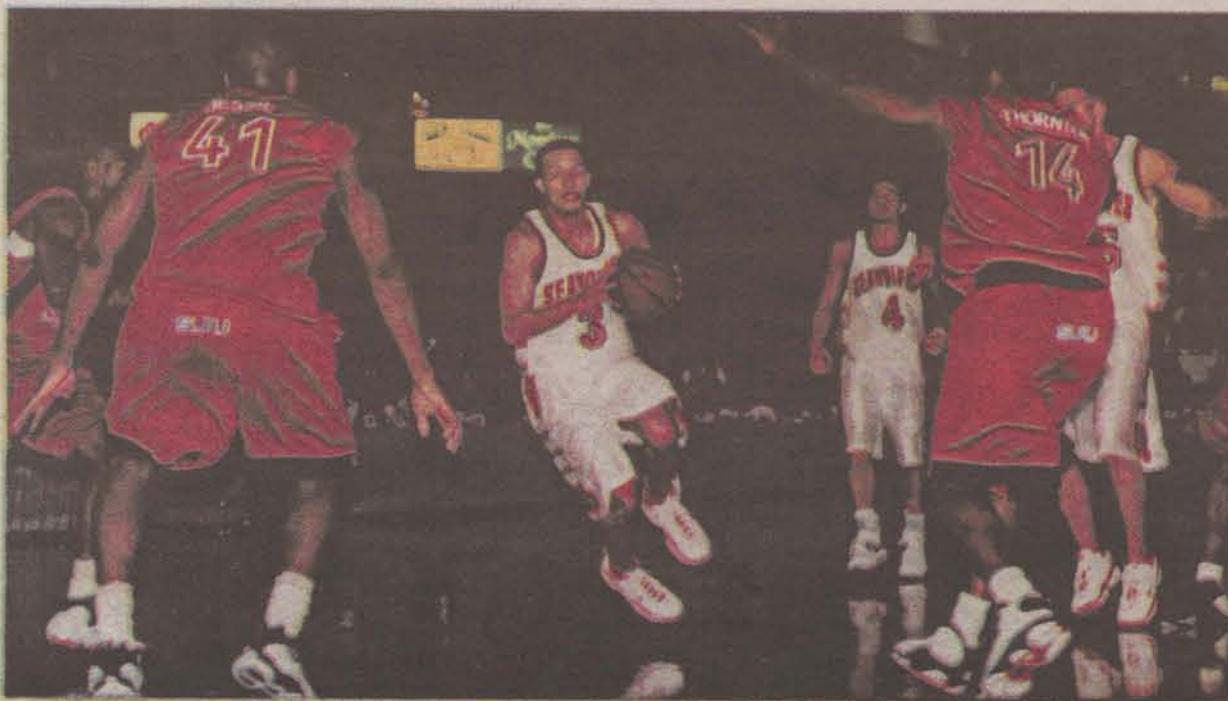
even when he was being heavily guarded by the St. John's defense. This aggressive transfer from Tyler Junior College, in Texas, stepped in last season and made an immediate impact at point guard. He comes into this season as a 78 percent free-throw shooter and has recently notched a 21 point career-high in the loss to St. Francis. Although Pratta did not make much of a mark on the score board during Tuesday's game, he did work the floor with his passing abilities and defensive stamina.

Some amazing shots during the game came from 5-7 junior-guard Terrill Ware (#11). As the shortest player on the team, Ware definitely displayed some crazy hang-time. After one of Ware's shots a fan in the stands screamed, "Hey Terrill, ya want a cup of coffee while you're up there?" It is apparent during his first season at Stony Brook that Ware has the skills, despite his height.

Although the Seawolves lost its first home game, the team is definitely on the road to an incredible and unforgettable season. Toward beginning of the season the team has a rigorous schedule, facing opponents like Hofstra, Columbia and Seton Hall, but they should be able to do better later in the season, when they play teams like Loyola Maryland, Albany and Brown. According to the athletic department, the Seawolves will spend plenty of time on the road in 1999-2000, with plans to travel over nine states and 20,000 miles during the season.

In a pre-season interview Seawolves Head Coach Nick Macarchuk said, "I believe it is important that although we face many challenges this season, it is essential that we enjoy this historical year."

	1st	2nd	Final
St. John's	41	43	-84
Stony Brook	24	19	-43



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Stony Brook's offensive players like, Josh Little (above), also had to tackle a tough St. John's defense. (Please see page 14 for a related article about Little.)