

President Shirley Strum Kenny Addresses University

Annual Convocation Received Well by Many

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

President Shirley Strum Kenny spoke to a packed audience at the Wang Center theatre yesterday at Stony Brook University's Convocation.

The event started with a 10-minute video displaying Stony Brook University at its finest. It detailed several highlights of the University, including students at work, research labs, theatrical presentations and Stony Brook's Division I athletic teams.

Following the film, Kenny welcomed students, faculty, administrators and Assemblymen Steve Engelbright and Michael Fitzpatrick to her annual State of the University Address.

She spoke frankly about the strengths and weaknesses of Stony Brook University while presenting statistics and figures on the Wang Center theatre's new screen.

"Often in talking about our university," Kenny said, "I use the phrase 'so far, so fast'—that is, in only 41 years, this campus has come so far, so fast." Kenny went on to illustrate SBU's progress in a wide variety of areas, including demographics, finances,



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University President Shirley Strum Kenny shortly after speaking before a receptive audience at the Wang Center.

and progress in academics.

"Together we have created a miracle on Long Island, a hub for economic, social, cultural, ecological and medical life on the Island," she said, "and an academic institution that gives the brightest an opportunity to study with the best, even if they cannot afford the most expensive."

Kenny noted that despite maintaining state university tuition levels, SBU students are still being asked to pay higher tuition than in the past.

"State tax support is only 60 percent of the state allocation; tuition comprises 40 percent of the total; fifteen years ago, tuition was a mere 16 percent," she said. "So yes, the students are paying a bigger percentage of the costs of their education."

But the university is continuing to make progress, she said, citing the newly built Wang Center, Ambulatory Surgery Building, residence halls and Cody Center for Autism, all constructed without state funding.

"Instead of wasting time regretting that the State does

not—as some states certainly do—support us well, we have to focus our energies on being creative and entrepreneurial in finding other sources of funding," Kenny said.

Kenny went on to discuss the increase in student enrollment and credentials. The average freshman SAT scores for regular admits has now topped 1200, a full 100 points higher than in 1996. Also, there are

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Involvement Fair at SBU

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Statesman Editor

Hundreds of students took a break from class this Wednesday to scope out Campus clubs and organizations at the Involvement Fair in the SAC Plaza. By the end of Campus Life Time, over 600 students had attended, and clubs on campus had increased their membership significantly.

"We held the fair to give new students an idea about the campus, and what goes on here," said Brian Mitra, Student Activities Advisor and organizer for the event.

Several student organizations performed during the event, giving students a more thorough view of what each club does. "This year, we had performers from six groups on campus," Mitra said. "In total, over 80 groups set up tables there."

Among the performers were members of Ballroom Dance, Coalition Dance Troupe, the Fencing Club, Korean Christian Fellowship, and Taiko Tides drummers. The events drew large audiences, with large crowds gathered at each performance.

"I signed up for Ballroom Dance while I was [at the fair]," said Junior Rutvi Mehta. "I saw them perform, and they just looked so good."

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Shooting at King's Club Victimizes USB Fraternity



Statesman/Marc Newman

The King's Club off of Nicolls Road was the site of the shooting that wounded two and killed one.

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

A party hosted by a Stony Brook University fraternity in Centereach, Long Island ended in deadly gunfire Saturday morning.

At 2:45 a.m., 15 minutes after the party began at the King's Club, right off Route 25 and Nicolls Road, Eric Lee, 24, allegedly pulled into the club's parking lot and fired

four shots, killing Andre Valerio, 21, and wounding Angel Valdez, 24, and Andwi Nunex, 22, residents of Port Jefferson Station and members of Lambda Upsilon Lambda, a latino fraternity on campus. Lee was not affiliated with Stony Brook University in any form.

Lee allegedly fled shortly after the shooting but was stopped by Suffolk County Police on Nicolls Road in a Nissan 240SX with three fellow passengers. Lee was arrested after he disposed his handgun and attempted to flee into the woods.

Lee was charged Monday with second degree murder and two counts of second degree assault. The three other passengers were detained, but later released.

During an on-campus party that took place before the party at King's Club, Valdez and Andwi allegedly entered into a dispute with Lee. Valerio was approached by Lee and offered a drug called purple

haze at the on-campus party, but declined the offer, according to Suffolk police. "There was some sort of offer to sell drugs by one member of the shooter's party and a rebuff by members of the victim's party," said Detective Lt. John Fitzpatrick, Head of Suffolk County Homicide.

Dean of Students Jerry Stein said that when on-campus parties are organized, students and guests need to present IDs, get patted down and go through metal detectors. "We have procedures that work very well in terms of security on campus," Stein said.

The student who signed Lee into the on-campus party of nearly 600 people is currently under investigation.

University policy prohibits the distribution of flyers by sororities and fraternities advertising after parties, such as the one at the King's Club. Tashika Sutton, Assistant Director to the Fraternity and Sorority Advisor, claimed that Lambda Upsilon Lambda did not distribute any

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Interdependence Day Highlights Women's Rights

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This Friday, in the shadow of the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Stony Brook joined other universities and non-governmental organizations across the world in observance of the first Interdependence Day.

Stony Brook University invited Joan T. Ross Frankson, Director of Communications for the Women's Environmental and Development Organization (WEDO), to speak on Friday as part of the Provost's Lecture Series.

The goal of the event was to promote peaceful conflict resolution on both an individual and international level through dialogue rather than violence and war, according to the Interdependence Day web site.

To underscore that goal and to fight anti-Americanism and anti-globalization, the day was purposely scheduled on Sept. 12. WEDO also denounces the wars that followed 9/11. They believe that the potent seeds of equality and peace can burgeon through globalization and international civic engagement.

In *Jihad vs. McWorld*, Benjamin Barber theorized that only through cultivating international cooperation can the divisive forces of American economic expansion and extremist calls be eradicated and peaceful, sustainable coexistence be obtained.

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"Interdependence Day was an outgrowth of that idea," said Professor Jackie Smith, an Interdependence Day organizer.

Smith said WEDO serves as proof that individuals can affect international policy while also providing an opinion on globalization that differs from that propounded by the mainstream media.

Founded in 1990, WEDO is a New York based international advocacy group that promotes gender equality in economics and government policy-making bodies. The organization also promotes sustainable development.

Women represent the majority of the world's poor and only 12.7 percent of the world's parliaments. WEDO has lobbied the United Nations to develop international policies that encourage individual nations to give half of their

policy decision-making power to women to insure that they are not exploited.

Frankson discussed many of the group's policy successes achieved in UN conferences, as well as those of other women's groups over the last three decades, beginning with the UN-declared International Women's Year in 1975. "In the last 30 years, we started making policy and stopped making coffee," Frankson said.

She discussed some of the milestones in the international women's movement at the UN, including the adoption of Agenda 21 at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in 1992. The measure "proposed actions to strengthen women's role in sustainable development by eliminating obstacles to their equal participation, particularly in decision making," according to WEDO literature. Frankson said that it was during that 1992 conference that the UN first formally recognized women's human rights.

At the UN International Conference on Population and Development, women's groups, including WEDO, argued that increases in population were not the main cause of environmental degradation, and offered worldwide industrial and military expansion as the main causes for the world's environmental problems. Frankson said that the UN was the first to recognize women's reproductive rights.

She also discussed the 12 point

platform on actions governments must take to ensure gender equality. This measure was adopted by the UN during the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing.

In her speech, Frankson briefly touched on the real-world implementation of these policies. She said that WEDO and other women's groups are trying to gain the sympathies of American voters because of the huge power the American government wields in the international arena.

"We see a very important part of our program as reaching out to the American people, because at the end of the day, the powers that be will ignore 15 million marchers if it doesn't translate into votes," Frankson said. WEDO participated in the protests against the American war on Iraq on Feb. 15 with 15 million other people worldwide. The organization stands opposed to all wars.

Frankson called for all governments to recognize the International Criminal Court and its jurisdiction to try war criminals and individuals charged with crimes against humanity, among other things. The United States does not recognize the court because Americans would not be granted impunity from its proceedings. American critics claim the court would be used to unfairly and erroneously single-out Americans.

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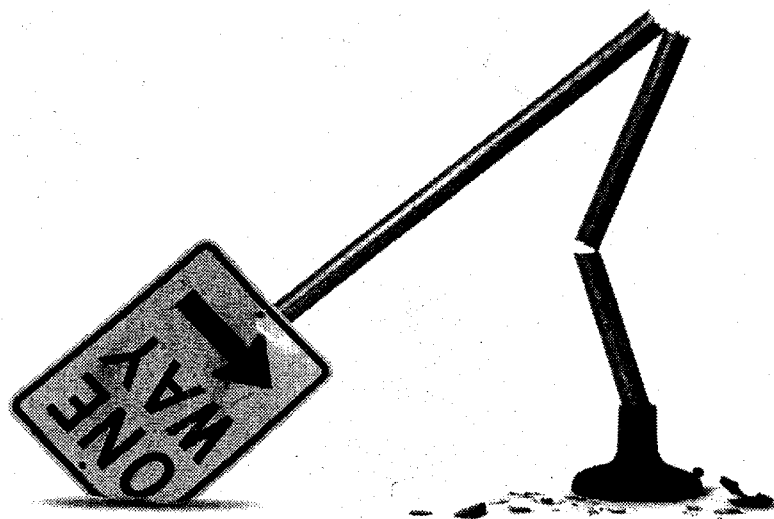
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Self-Expression Takes a Backseat at MIT

By ELIZABETH F. FARRELL
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Throwing political caution to the wind, a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has insisted on hanging an Israeli flag from his dormitory window. Administrators gave the student, Jonathan A. Goler, a September 8 deadline to remove the flag, and when he refused, they took it down for him. Goler then returned the flag to his window, despite a warning from the house manager, Dennis J. Collins, that he would face "immediate disciplinary action."

To administrators at MIT, it's simply policy: Students are not allowed to hang anything outside their dormitory windows. To Goler, it's clearly politics.

"I put the flag up because at MIT and many other colleges, there's a huge anti-Israeli presence, and people like Noam Chomsky are very vocal about it," said Goler, a computer-science major. "I felt the need to show that Israel isn't going anywhere."

Keith N. Hampton, Associate House-master at the Sidney-Pacific dormitory,

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Joyce Crockett

said a group of students complained that the flag "interfered with their ability to enjoy the use of the courtyard," which Goler's ninth-floor window faces.

"It's never been an issue of censorship for us. It's been an issue of compliance with an existing policy," Hampton said, adding that Goler is free to display the flag inside his window, in full view of the courtyard.

Goler has asked the university to make exceptions for "items of personal expression." According to a housing official, Anthony E. Gray, the dormitory's student government may review Goler's request.

At press time, Goler was in

"amicable" discussions with university housing officials to resolve the matter, according to Gray, and no disciplinary action had been taken. The flag was still there.

"Folks along the way have tried to make this into a free-speech issue, but we strongly disagree with that," says J. Allan Guenther of the university's residential-life office.

Still, he says, "We're trying to promote a family atmosphere here, and we don't want people being offended or upset."

Officials at the University of Nebraska at Omaha wanted to block obscenity on some campus computers,

but many students found the solution itself to be obscene. The officials put pornography-filtering software on computers in a 24-hour lab this semester but removed it after students complained. The students said they were unable to view sexual-health information and other benign content, like the website for *The Onion*, a satirical newspaper, and some e-mail messages.

"It's not the administration's role to act as a parent," says Nick Turner, a senior majoring in journalism. "They have a staff in the lab at all times to regulate usage, so they shouldn't censor everybody."

Joyce Crockett, director of academic information services, says that the filters were excessive but that university officials had installed them to prevent harassment complaints.

Crockett says the university is considering other types of filtering software but doesn't have any immediate plans: "We're faced with a tension between academic freedom and the need to provide a nonhostile and harassment-free learning environment for our students."

Afghanistan May Be Detaining Medical Students

By DANIEL DEL CASTILLO
Chronicle of Higher Education

Government security officials in Afghanistan may still be detaining a number of medical students who were arrested a month ago during violent clashes in the university district of Kabul, the country's higher-education minister said Monday.

About 40 students at the Kabul Medical Institute were arrested in mid-August after a period of unrest that was sparked by interethnic rivalries between Pashtuns and Tajiks, and by opposition to the nascent Afghan government.

The arrests followed the deaths last month of two university students during a security roundup. "Three students were making a bomb, and

in the middle of the night, around 2 a.m., the bomb exploded," said Shereif Fayaz, Afghanistan's minister of higher education. "Two were immediately killed, and the third is in a coma."

The minister said that a majority of the detained students had been released but that it was possible that Afghan security forces were still holding some without his knowledge. "Most of these students are troublemakers," he said. "Some of them have links with the Taliban and Al Qaeda, but the vast majority of them are unqualified to enroll in Kabul Medical Institute."

Local reporters affiliated with the Institute for War and Peace Reporting quoted unnamed students as saying that Afghan security officials had identi-

fied students by ethnicity during the roundup and had singled out Pashtuns for arrest. "Our main guilt is that we are Pashtun," one student said, "and because of that we sometimes get called Taliban, Al Qaeda, or terrorists."

Fayaz has been battling traditionalists and religious conservatives in an attempt to reform higher education in Afghanistan. He said the ministry faced a challenge in trying to promote change and purge the vestiges of the Taliban's reactionary imprint on the country.

"We have had a lot of problems with these students," Fayaz said. "Before the war, the Taliban needed battlefield doctors, and they needed them fast, so they brought a large number of students to the institute,

and some are still there with a Taliban mentality. They have still retained their links with the Taliban."

The Kabul Medical Institute is a six-year, degree-granting medical school that was carved out of Kabul University. It has nearly 5,000 students. Fayaz has already begun plans to scale back the institute, with the eventual goal of dissolving it and merging it into the university. He said many of the current students had forged undergraduate degrees and counterfeit Afghan identity cards.

"The problem is that a large number of these students were brought from the other side of the [Pakistani] border by the Taliban and enrolled in the Kabul Medical Institute," he said. "Thousands and thousands of them."

A Concrete Use for Discarded Beer Bottles

By GOLDIE BLUMENSTYK
Chronicle of Higher Education

What it is: Techniques for suppressing the chemical reaction between glass and cement that has kept glass from being used as an aggregate in concrete.

The market: Local governments, commercial builders, and homeowners spend billions of dollars a year on the kinds of products--floor and wall tiles, benches, tables, paving stones, stairs--that could conceivably be made with glass concrete.

The spark: Like many in his field, Christian Meyer, a professor of civil engineering at Columbia University, was well aware of the difficulty of using glass in concrete, because the interaction of the alkali in the cement paste with the silica in the glass can produce a gel that expands and weakens the concrete. He knew that some other engineers and companies had developed strategies



Glass bottles can now potentially be used as a component in concrete synthesis.

to deal with the problem, but it wasn't something that had engaged him.

Then one day in 1994, the owner of a roofing company and a glass-industry consultant came to his Columbia University office and asked him to help them with their plan to use recycled glass as an ingredient in concrete.

"They walked in cold," Meyer recalls. "Neither of them knew anything about concrete." As they talked, though,

he warmed up to the idea of a research project involving glass in concrete, especially as he realized how it could help resolve a giant waste-disposal problem for New York City. While recycled metal and plastic can be sold for a profit, the market for recycled glass isn't as vibrant; the city has to pay to ship it to landfills. The city collected more than 175,000 tons of recycled glass in 2002.

He also recognized the aesthetic potential of incorporating glass into concrete. "I can solve a waste problem and make beautiful concrete," he said.

Developing the invention: The techniques created by Meyer and his colleagues in the Concrete Materials Laboratory at the university evolved gradually. After conducting an extensive study of the so-called alkali-silica reaction (ASR), they began testing ways to minimize it.

With grants from the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority and later from a start-up company called Echo Environmental, the team experimented with finer and coarser grades of ground glass and with chemical additives to minimize the reaction.

They also looked to see if different colors of glass reacted differently. "We studied clear glass, we studied brown glass, we studied green glass," Meyer says. Even the glass-industry consultant who had approached him got into the project. Hired to work in the lab, he did some of the research in a small furnace at home, melting down Snapple bottles to examine their properties.

The team found, among other things, that the chromium oxide used to create the green in bottles used for Heineken beer and other beverages tended to mitigate ASR.

Campus Voices

How are you preparing for Hurricane Isabel?

By Irina Sarafova and Saina Ahmad

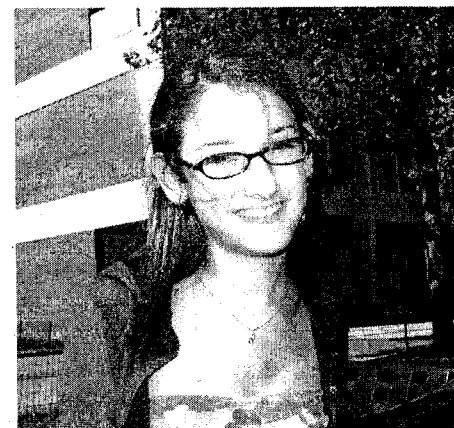


"I'm not really worried about it."
Katrina Theodorou, Freshman



"I'm planning on having food around and candles of course."

Diana Gabriel-Ventimiglia,
Junior



"I haven't really thought about it."
Michelle Abraham, Freshman



"I've been buying lots of water... and diapers."

David White, Senior

"I'm just living a regular life. Nothing special to it."

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Warren Zevon's Death Highlights New Album: *The Wind*

By MIKE KIMMEL
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Biography

Warren Zevon made a career out of death. He was the seamy underside of laid-back Los Angeles, the sardonic soft-rocker, the bitingly sarcastic observer. In a career spanning almost four decades, he wrote some of the most memorable songs from some of the most memorable groups, including *Jackson Browne*, *J.D. Souther* and *The Eagles*.

Whether he reveled in self-pity in his song "Poor Poor Pitiful Me," revealed in heartbreak in his song "Hasten Down the Wind" or amped up the histrionics in his song "Excitable Boy," he was both smart and clever. At Jesse Ventura's inauguration as Minnesota governor, the band played "Lawyers, Guns and Money," a suitable anthem for current politics in Iraq. Who other than Zevon would write a song about professional hockey called "Hit Somebody" that includes his old friend David Letterman doing background vocals?

Life has its reality-show side, and years of fast-living, chain smoking and alcoholism finally caught up with Zevon, who died last week of lung cancer at 56. Though he spent the 1980s spitting in the eye of death in his song "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead" Zevon spent the 1990s recovering from his addiction to alcohol and cigarettes. His 2000 album, *Life'll Kill Ya* was a sustained essay on mortality — two years before Zevon was diagnosed with cancer. Not exactly live fast, die young but more like live fast, repent and die middle-aged.

Album

Zevon left not only an enviable musical legacy, but he left something even more precious — a farewell album, *The Wind* (Artemis Records). Knowing he was dying, Zevon did what he did best by staring life squarely in the face and making music.

On *The Wind*, he has a lot of help. Many of his old friends stopped by to

add a background vocal, a guitar solo, or just hang around the recording studio. Every song on the album features a guest performance — from the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Jackson Browne, Ry Cooder, Don Henley, Dwight Yoakum, Emmylou Harris — and even a few surprises such as Billy Bob Thornton.

To be sure, Zevon's dark and brooding baritone strains instead of swoops, unlike his whoops from the song "Werewolves of London." Zevon's songs lack the melodic drive of many earlier compositions. Zevon was writing against the clock, and his lyrics remain both poignant and honest.

Some songs mine the range of feelings of someone with chronic incurable diseases — from denial in the song "Numb as a Statue" to hard rockin' fatalism in the song "Rest of the Night" to rage in the song "Disorder in the House." There is a beautiful duet with Emmylou Harris on the song "Please Stay," an all-star chorus of all his friends and his son Jordan on the song "Prison Grove" and a stinging guitar

solo by Bruce Springsteen in the song "Disorder in the House."

The highlight of this album is a heartbreaking cover of Bob Dylan's "Knockin' on Heaven's Door." In this song, a death-bed plaint of a small-town sheriff becomes a rolling soft and sad auto-elegy.

Bob Dylan recently performed a couple of Zevon tunes on his recent tour as a tribute to Zevon, a longtime friend, but couldn't seem to find the time to show up for the recording sessions of this album.

The Wind ends with the simple acoustic song "Keep Me in Your Heart." It's rounds-out the album well, as the pain of the song edges into peace.

Warren Zevon left his fans a rich musical legacy of exuberant defiance, biting social observation and poignant lyricism. *The Wind* is tinged with inevitable sadness. Rocking and resigning, piercing and peaceful, haunting and healing. Now, Zevon can sleep.

Peter Frampton's Album *Now* Surprises Public

By IAN RICE
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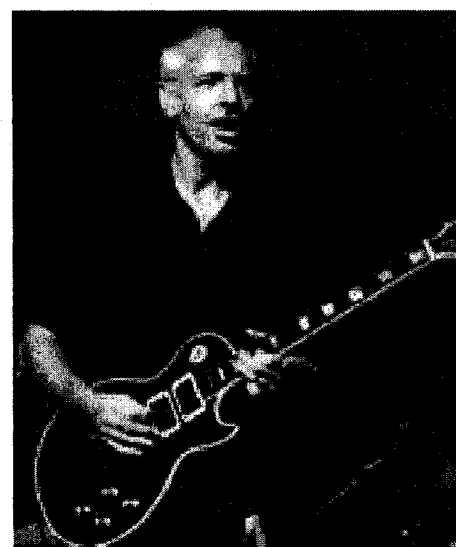
Somewhere around 1978, the general public wrote off Peter Frampton, the man who had shattered sales records a mere two years before with his multi-platinum double live album, *Frampton Comes Alive!* As with anything that hits the ground running in the world of popular culture, people had burnt out on the overexposure of the ex-Humble Pie guitarist's brand of rock and tossed him aside carelessly. A shame, really, because Frampton still continued to released great albums for years after that. But each one sold consistently less until Frampton found himself without a record label and thus no means to release his recordings.

That is, until now. With the rising success of smaller, more independent labels, many classic rock artists have found new outlets for their material to reach the masses. Frampton is no exception. His latest release, simply titled *Now*, has been released with barely a whisper surrounding it. However,

after nine years without anything from this masterful guitarist, Frampton has released the type of masterful work that has marked his career.

From the first track, it's clear that this album was written and performed from Frampton's heart with his fans firmly in mind. "Verge of a Thing" and "Flying Without Wings" really set the tone for the record and capture your interest fully. You'll definitely be in for the duration when you hear these songs, which are both dripping with guitar riffs and draw you in with undeniably catchy choruses.

The entire album is full of choruses you'll be humming incessantly after hearing them. On the slower side, there's "Love Stands Alone," which will strike a chord with just about anyone who's been in a relationship in their lives, while "Hour of Need," features one of Frampton's most passionate and sincere vocal performances and contains one of Frampton's best riffs since his mega-hit



Courtesy of www.google.com
Peter Frampton makes a dynamic comeback with his latest album.

"Do You Feel Like We Do."

The album does stumble once or twice, but luckily those moments come within the same song. The uptempo "I'm Back" tries too hard to herald Frampton's return to the recording scene, with some glaringly

redundant lyrics to hammer it home. Still, one bad tune in the bunch does not a bad album make.

Frampton barely misses a beat, though, as he jumps into an inspired and faithful performance of George Harrison's Beatles hit, "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." His voice seems made for this song and he really makes it one of his own without disrespecting its original singer. This track alone is worth the purchase price, hands down.

The bottom line here is simple...if you're looking for something cutting edge that fits into today's music scene, don't even bother hunting down this album.. it's not for you. However, if you're a fan of good music, performed by artists who care more about the material than the money made from it, then this is your album.

Peter Frampton may have been unfairly forsaken nearly three decades ago, but buying this recording might just bring him back.

Convocation Speech At Wang Center Well Received

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now 5000 more students at Stony Brook than there were then. "Frankly, this is an amazing record," she said.

The president also discussed Stony Brook's future plans, including a new Recreation Center on campus featuring swimming facilities, a track, ball courts, a climbing wall and more. In addition, Stony Brook has plans to erect a Center of Excellence in Wireless Technology, what Kenny calls a "key component for the continued economic development of Long Island."

After Kenny's speech, Provost Robert McGrath and Dean of the School of Medicine Norman Edelman introduced new faculty members, including Dr. Kerry

Cronin of the Emergency Department, who is now an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine.

"I feel proud and I feel enthusiastic about doing productive research and making positive changes in the Emergency

The average freshman SAT scores for regular admits has now topped 1200, a full 100 points higher than in 1996.

Department and in the School of Medicine," Cronin said,

"It's a great opportunity for the new faculty to be introduced to the new community," said Fred Preston, Vice President for Student Affairs. "That's what I enjoy the about the convocation."

Members of the administration were pleased with the Convocation and President Kenny's speech. "I thought the president gave an extremely good comprehensive overview," McGrath said. "She said what is true, that we have some budget problems. On the other hand, almost all public universities are looking at the same challenge."

"[The Convocation] was very welcoming for the new people," said Sunita Mukhi, who was introduced as the new Director of the Wang Center. "It's

good to see how far the University has come."

Assemblyman Steve Engelbright offered a positive review of the Convocation. "It was upbeat and the group of new faculty renews the promise of Stony Brook as a place of excellence and a center of good things to come for Long Island and New York," he said.

Bruce Schroff, Executive Director of University Hospital, was pleased with the number of new East Campus faculty that were introduced at the Convocation. He also appreciated the president's speech. "I thought it was really reinvigorating," Schroff said. "Dr. Kenny did a spectacular job. I've gone to this for three years, and every year I walk out reinvigorated."

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Commentary

Bored? Well You Shouldn't Be

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What do you do with your time? Do you go back to your room between classes and tap furiously away at that Xbox controller, hoping that maybe you can finally beat your high score in "Dead or Alive Beach Volleyball?" Or maybe you watch rerun after rerun of "Family Matters" on TBS, seeing those thick glasses and tight suspenders over, and over and over again. Maybe you sit on your bed and listen to music, while reading the latest Stephen King novel. Are you the type that lounges in your suite room for hours pretending to study, take a two hour break for lunch, have 34 conversations between problems, and then get very proud of the 8 hours you studied that day?

Whatever you are, I know that sometime during your day, you will end up saying "I am bored." It's almost inevitable. Everyone does it. It's just that some people blame it on Stony Brook. "There's nothing to do," they hark. "Stony Brook is so boring."

My words of wisdom: **your school is what you make it.** Do with it what you will. But if you hate it, then you're at fault. There's so much to do on campus that they have a whole fair just for that reason.

Get your booty out there and do something. All of these campus organizations are not made for a select few, yet it's just those select few who really take advantage of them. Join a club, work for

a research lab, volunteer somewhere, take part in a committee, or even join the newspaper (hint hint). Whatever it is, do *something*.

When you graduate and get into your *real* lives, you won't remember the TV shows you watched. You won't remember the videogames you played. You won't remember the spy novels you read or the time you spent sitting on the couch doing nothing.

You'll remember the differences you made, the impact you had, and the lives you changed. You'll remember that day some kid you tutored (and you probably won't even remember his name) reached out to you and told you a secret, because you made a difference in his life. What you'll remember the most is the people you met, and the relationships that formed because you went above and beyond.

Go out there and see what you can do. Maybe you can be president of a club and run programs your way. Maybe you'll meet the love of your life while volunteering. Maybe you'll learn that journalism is what you want to do, despite all of your preconceived notions. Maybe you'll change your life. Whatever it is you end up doing, you can be sure that it won't happen while you're watching "Family Matters."

No one ever forces you to participate in any extracurricular activities. But then, no one ever forces you to be more than average.

So go out and join something. I promise you won't ever again have to say, "I'm bored."

Letter to the Editor

The Not-So-Welcome Wagon

Dear Editor,

On Sept. 10, 2003, the Commuter Student Association (CSA) held a Welcome Wagon event in South P Parking Lot. Sweets and beverage were served along with literature from various groups including Hillel, Campus Catholic Ministries, etc. At about 12:30 pm University Police told the people handing out the Vegan literature that they had to cease or be subject to arrest. They stopped to allow the CSA President to discuss with police headquarters why the department challenged the First Amendment rights of one particular group and to file a civil complaint against the officers. Chief Young refused to meet with the CSA President, and the desk officer refused to take a complaint about the officers' behavior. If the University refuses to take complaints about officers, we may need a civilian review board.

Upon the CSA President's return to South P the officers were not only telling the vegans that they had to leave, but also telling the students at the CSA table that the vegan literature was going to be "confiscated" because it was "political." Given that the Supreme Court holds political speech as the most protected form of speech, the fact that the officer regards political speech as the easiest speech to censor when it is the hardest to

monitor may reflect an extraordinary gap in the training of University Police. When asked to explain the "political" nature of the vegan literature, the following conversation occurred:

Officer: "There is a picture of a dead pig in it."

CSA President: "To what political party is a picture of dead pig offensive?"

Officer: "This is offensive literature. They have no right to be here."

CSA President: pointing to a primary election campaign poster of a prominent Brookhaven politician in the South P bus stop left over from Tuesday's primary "Is this political?"

Officer: "Yes, and if I saw them putting it up, I would arrest them."

Since the law allows the posting of campaign signs on public land weeks before an election, again an extraordinary gap in police training may have been apparent. Since the area is under video surveillance, will the department now review the tape to arrest the winners of Tuesday's primary elections? Additionally, the winners of Tuesday's primary election will likely be unamused that their campaign workers may be falsely arrested during the November election.

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CORRECTION

In the Sept. 15 issue of the *Statesman*, an article titled "Meningitis Outbreak Affects SBU Students" should have been titled "National Meningitis Outbreak May Affect SBU Students." There is no Meningitis outbreak at SBU.

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King's Club Shooting

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flyers. "As a campus, we don't condone after parties," Sutton said.

"Everyone of these fraternity brothers were very nice young men, and they followed all the rules on campus," said Doug Little, University Chief of Patrol

University policy prohibits the distribution of flyers by sororities and fraternities advertising after-parties, such as the one where the shooting took place

and Operations. A meeting between the leaders of Lambda Upsilon Lambda, a latino fraternity, the Dean of Students and Fraternity and Sorority leaders, was held earlier this week. "These were all very straight edge, nice people, and it's unfortunate they had to get dragged into this," said Sutton.

"The fact of the matter is that Stony Brook students weren't involved in this matter," said Little.

Stony Brook Involvement Fair

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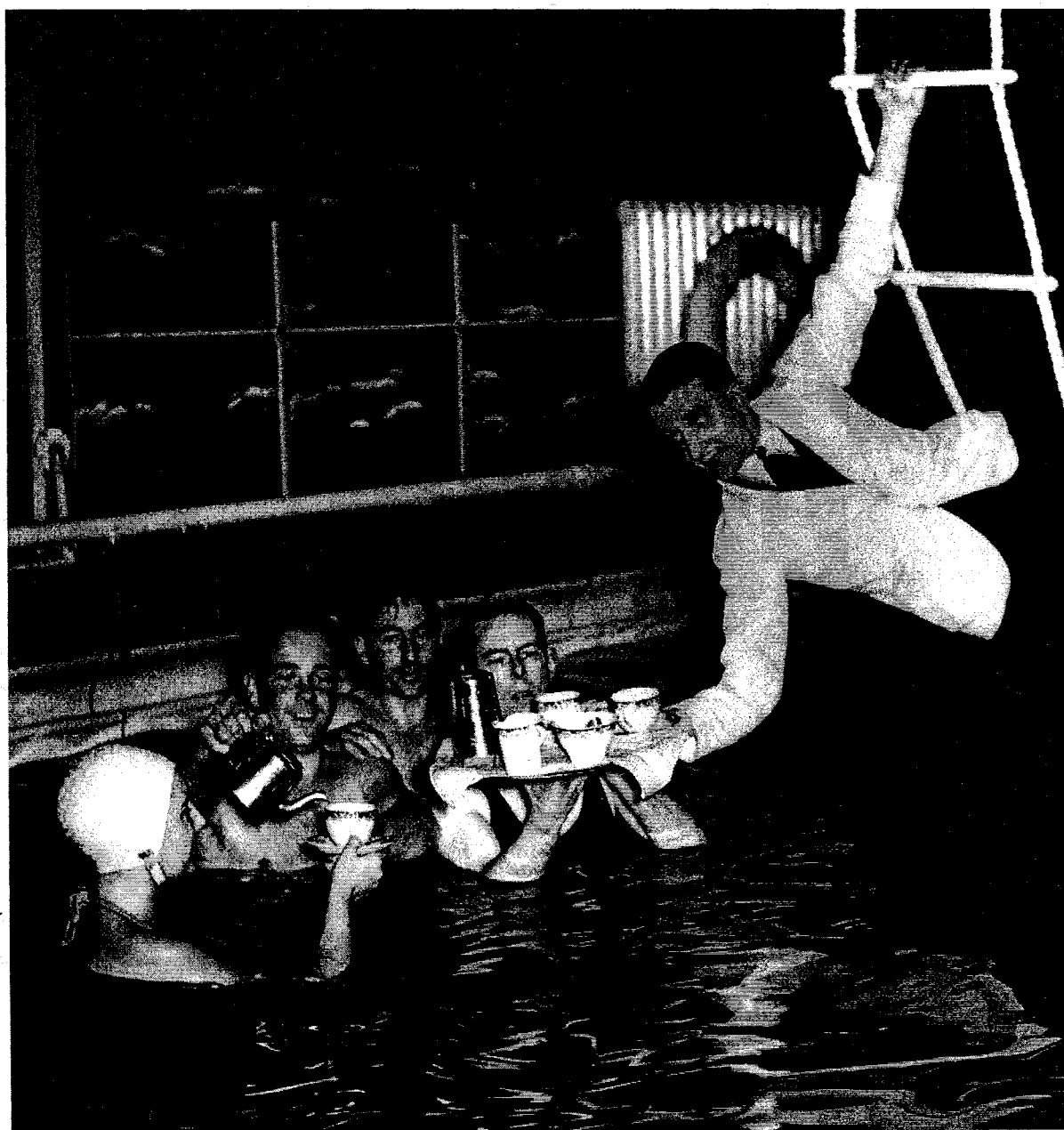
"This year was definitely one of the more successful ones," Mitra said. "Students really got a good idea of what the University has to offer."

Club leaders were impressed with the turnout and said that this year's fair was distinctly successful. "We had about 137 people sign up for Club SASA (South Asian Students Association)," said Teena Francis, club president. "Before this, people didn't even know about us, but with today's fair, I'm sure we'll have a lot of new faces at our meetings."

"I thought it was bigger and better than ever," said Amanda Sosulski, Commuter Assistant Coordinator. "The performances really enhanced the day, and a lot more students were interested because of them."

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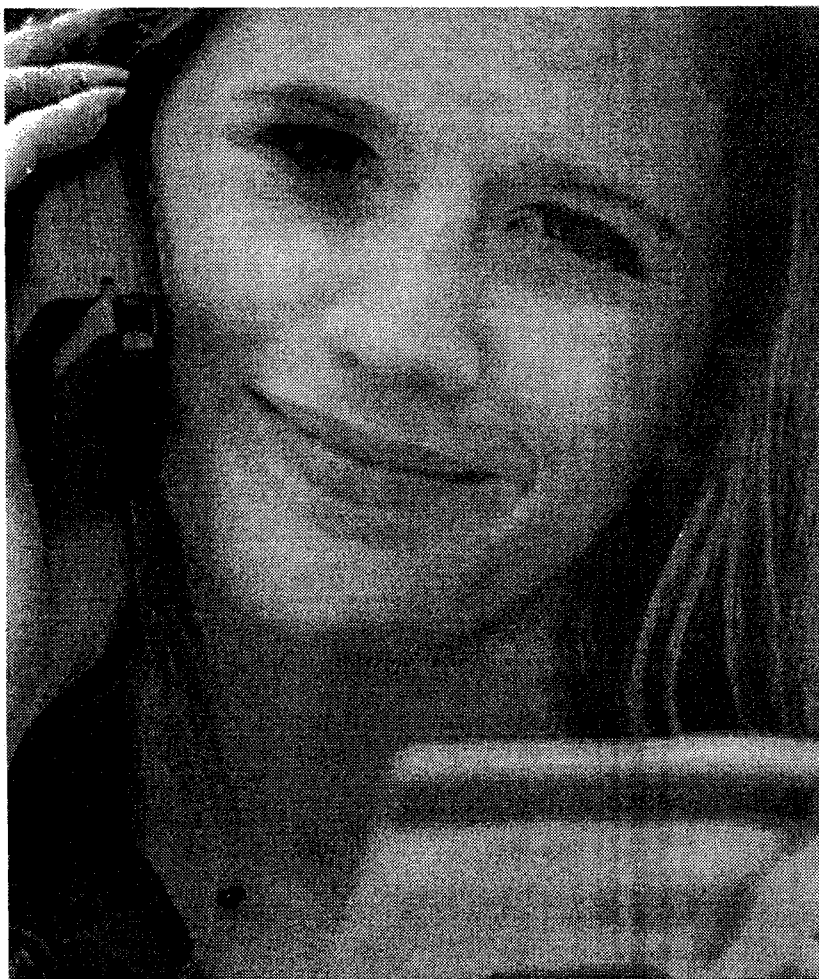
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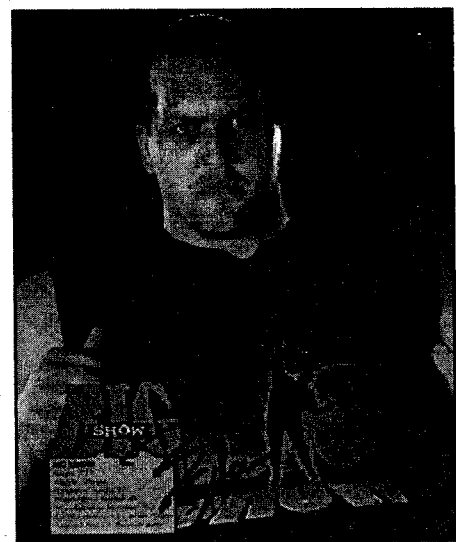
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Board up your windows! Hurricane Isabel is coming! Yeah ok, we're getting a Hurricane in New York. And then George Bush will stop choking on pretzels.

Anyways, it's my second week on the job and to say the least I am looking forward to the 60 minute iron man match between Kurt Angle and Brock Lesnar scheduled for Smackdown! With a four-way feud going on now, it's possible that the Undertaker, or even the Big Show, could get involved. The only downside to this is the possibility that the Big Show, being the lard that he is, will be completely winded after 5 minutes. For those of us who haven't already had the honor, we'll get to see what fat camp really looks like. God I hope that doesn't happen.

To those who thought they'd heard the last of Hulk Hogan, it seems that the bald behemoth is still alive and kicking. Those who have seen him wrestle would probably disagree, but Hogan is reportedly negotiating a *six figure* contract with New Japan. Here's the kick: It will be for a mere *two* matches. Why New Japan would want a geriatric fool like Hogan is anyone's guess.

In a related note, when an AARP representative was asked about Hogan's emergence out of retirement, he was heard cursing under his breath. Not all is negative, though. One organization that hopes to gain from Hogan's appearance is Rogaine. Hoping fans will notice the sad state of affairs in Hogan's



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If Big Show joins the ring in Smackdown, we'll get a first-hand view of fat camp.

scalp region, the company is looking forward to increased sales. Another tidbit floating around is that Christopher Nowinski, the Harvard graduate who is now a professional wrestler, has suffered a concussion for unknown reasons. Also for unknown reasons: why anyone would care.

Moving on, The Rock has made another large-scale movie we can look forward to, "Walking Tall," a remake of the 1973 classic. He is scheduled to return to the ring for a brief period at Wrestlemania. No doubt he would help with the ratings of the WWE, but his movie roles are good publicity for the company.

Hot on his trail is Triple H, who never helps out with ratings or publicity. Sadly, he'll be working with Wesley Snipes in "Blade: Trinity." I am crossing my fingers that he won't have anywhere near a major role in the film. While I love the Blade comic books and the subsequent movies to death, I couldn't imagine enjoying "Trinity" if I had to listen to any significant amount of Triple H's lower-primatesque grunting.

And now for a quote from Seinfeld:

Jerry: "I still can't believe you're going out on a blind date."

Elaine: "I'm not worried. It sounds like he's really good looking."

Jerry: "You're going by sound? What are we, whales?"

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Inside sources have maintained there is a culture of, at best, dislike, and at worst, hate, toward vegetarians in the University Police Department. The possibility that the police or any segment thereof would need to vilify any segment of the campus population is bad enough, but that this may cause the violation of the first amendment rights, refusal to take complaints, and the arrest of campaign workers suggests a department that may be out of control. Even if this is not the case, it certainly reflects questionable crisis management skills that

the CSA President's efforts to resolve the situation amicably behind the scenes were refused at the highest levels. Instead of dialog, the University offers commuters tickets, fines, tire boots, towing and the Paddy-Welcome-Wagon. The saddest part of the story is that the author of this article wanted to write a story about University Police's successful program installing child safety seats for this issue, but instead had to bear witness to the violation of some of the most fundamental freedoms that define American democracy on the eve of the two-year anniversary of the worst attack on American democracy ever.

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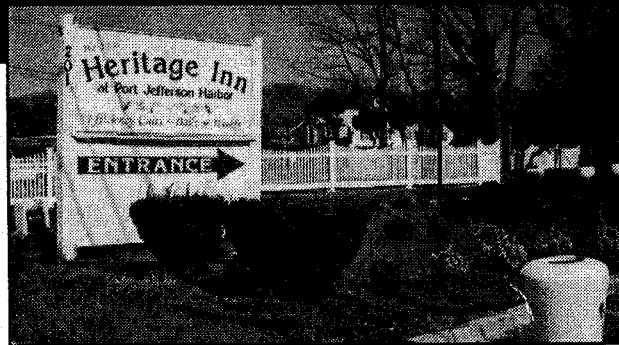
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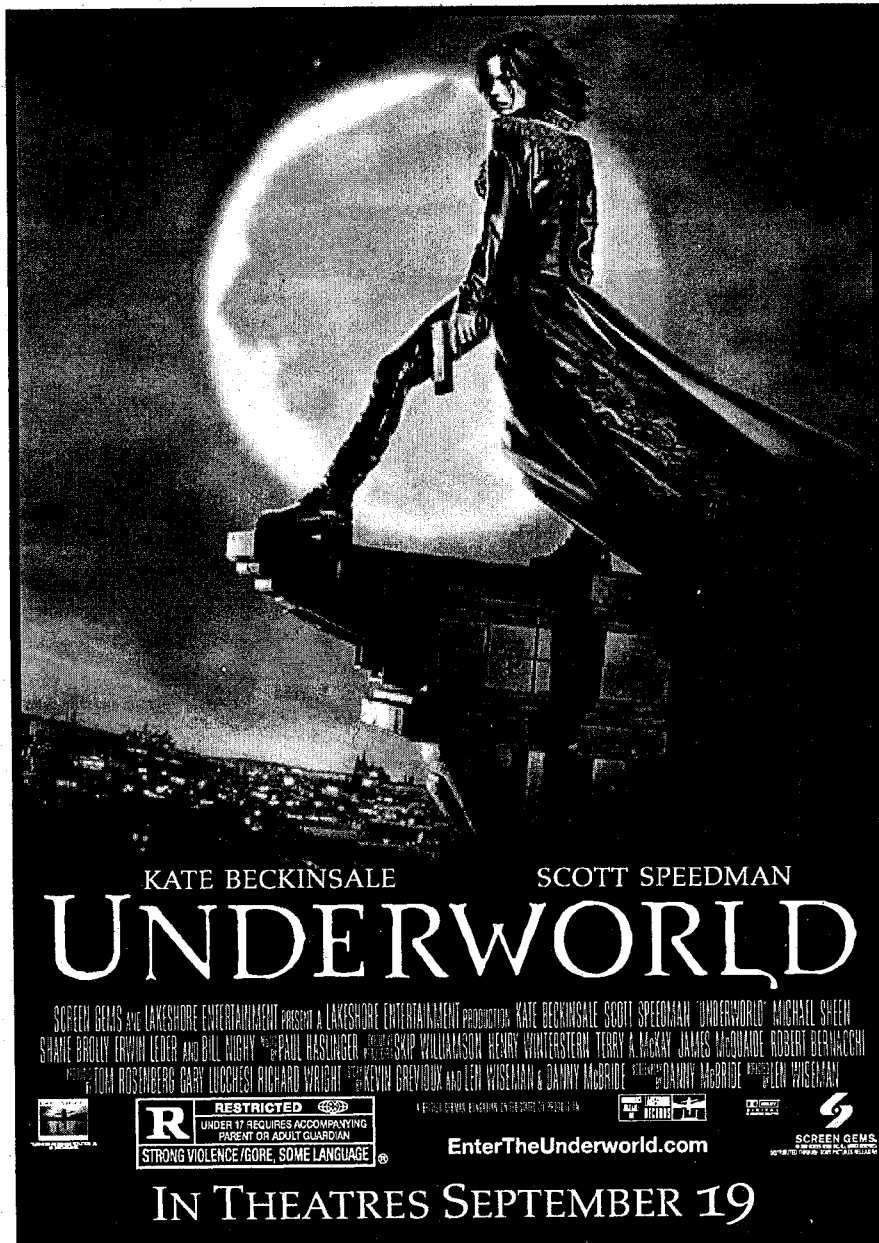
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