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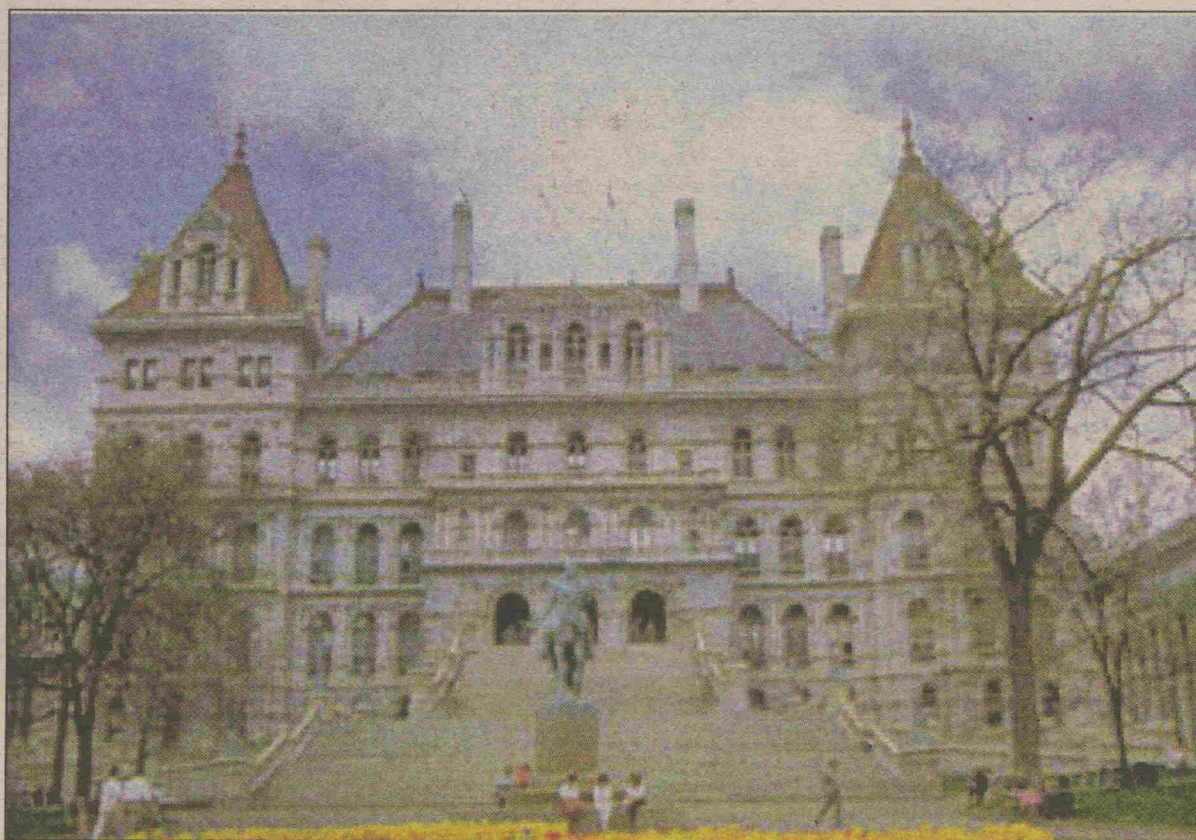


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# The Future of Health Care

## Surgeon General Begins Presidential Lecture Series

By KAT FULGIERI  
Statesman Staff

United States Surgeon General David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D. delivered a lecture to Stony Brook students on Wednesday, speaking on "Eliminating Racial Disparities in Health: It's Not a Zero Sum Game," as the third installment of the Presidential Lecture Series in the Student Activities Center auditorium.

Satcher was introduced by University President Shirley Strum Kenny, who was especially delighted that Satcher chose to address the Stony Brook community in spite of the some two hundred invitations he receives to speak every week. Kenny went on to list the various accomplishments of Dr. Satcher including winning the 1996 American Medical Association award, and serving as Assistant Secretary of Health.

A standing ovation greeted Satcher as he approached the podium. After the full crowd quieted down, Satcher gave a brief history of the Surgeon General position, explaining that its origin lies in a 1798 Congress bill that provided for



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President Kenny introduces the Surgeon General yesterday at the SAC.

Marine hospitals along the coastline. Satcher also spoke on other various issues, one of the more notable being health care. The statistics he cited about health care for children were stressed in particular. It was explained by Satcher that African American babies are two times as likely to die within a year of birth than Caucasians, while Native American infants are one and a half times as likely to die. Satcher revealed that the United States spends one trillion dollars a year on health care, and reinstated his belief that it is necessary and important for

Americans to implement efficient community health care programs. Satcher promised that twenty four billion dollars will be spent within the next five years in an attempt to provide better health care for the youth of America.

The HIV/AIDS crisis also was covered in Satcher's speech, and he tackled the discrimination and bias surrounding the disease in a straightforward and educated manner. Satcher offered advice to students on the way to live a healthy life, and at the same time cautioned all present that everyone is susceptible to AIDS. Using more

statistics, Satcher detailed the grave crisis that America is in the midst of dealing with.

Finally, Satcher allowed audience members to ask questions on policy and health. At the close of the event, Satcher received another standing ovation and was escorted out by the Stony Brook University Police. Many remained in the Student Activities Center after Satcher's departure, reflecting upon many of his statements, especially his parting words, which explained that "the great tragedy in life is not failing to reach a goal, but not having a goal at all."

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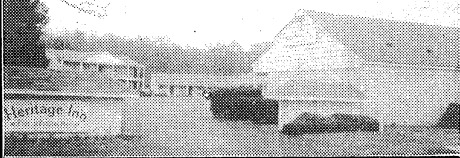
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# Fighting Back

## Legislative Give and Take Begins over SUNY and TAP Cuts

By PETER GRATTON  
Statesman Editor

Legislative leaders and education groups from across the state have promised to battle Gov. George Pataki's proposal to slash aid for needy college students, saying the cuts would hurt those trying to juggle jobs and classes.

The governor's budget plan this year would require public college students receiving Tuition Assistance Program money to shoulder 25 percent of their costs, up from the current 10 percent. And it would mandate that students take a heavier course load - 15 credit hours instead of the current 12 - to receive a maximum TAP award.

The proposed changes didn't sit well with leaders of the state Senate or Assembly.

"If we in any way are penalizing students who have to work to go to college ... we're not going to do that, I can tell you plain and simple," Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, a Rensselaer County Republican, said to enthusiastic applause from community college officials gathered in Albany on last week.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, a Manhattan Democrat, called Pataki's plan to cut TAP aid by \$133 million "inexcusable" in the face of an expected hefty budget surplus that legislative leaders have said may approach \$3 billion.

"There is nobody on a gravy train as a result of TAP and I don't understand why the governor continues to pick on the poorest students in order to appease the radical right of the Republican party," Silver said.

About 100 students and representatives from the New York Public Interest Research Group took to highway overpasses in eight locations throughout the



Governor George Pataki

state last week toting banners protesting Pataki's proposed overhaul of TAP.

Peter Sikora, a spokesman for NYPIRG, said that events such as those were important for letting legislators know the effect the proposed budget will have on students. "Without that, they don't remember what it's like to be a college student," he said, "It is absolutely crucial [since] what Albany swings on is citizen participation, and that includes students."

Kirsten Swanson, the president of the Student Association of the State University (SASU) agreed. "The best way for students to get involved is to keep the pressure up on local legislators," she said.

Faculty groups too have not been silent on the matter, already beginning what a United University Professions spokesman, Frank Marizio, called a "sophisticated lobbying program" to turn a legislative tide against the governor's proposals. Marizio said that the UUP's faculty members were concerned about the effect the governor's proposed cuts to SUNY's operating budget could have on individual campuses, pointing to the growing number of part-time professors

teaching courses on state university campuses.

"We have 45% of classes taught by part-timers, and have lost over 1700 faculty lines since 1994," Marizio said, "[SUNY] needs more money to restore full-time faculty."

Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny, in a speech before the University Senate last week, sought to quell fears among faculty members present about possible "doom and gloom" scenarios to occur within the university system. She warned, though, that students and faculty members needed to make their case for higher budgets for SUNY and TAP in unprecedented way. "We want the best for our campus and our students," she said, "We've got to make the case better and louder than we ever have before." Pataki had first sought to cut TAP in his 1997 state budget proposal, in which he also called for a \$400 tuition hike at the state's public colleges.

The Republican governor scrapped both proposals in the wake of an outcry from students and resistance in the state Legislature.

Under Pataki's TAP plan this year, the requirement that students at public colleges contribute more toward tuition costs translates into a \$510 increase for State University of New York students, raising their tuition share to \$850.

Administration officials say the difference could be picked up in available federal aid, including Pell Grants and HOPE scholarships.

The governor's plan would also lower the TAP eligibility threshold. Currently, a family of four earning \$65,000 can receive TAP aid. That benchmark would be lowered to \$50,500 under Pataki's plan, state Higher Education Services Committee spokesman Marc Carey said.

Additionally, Pataki's plan would attempt to speed up the time it takes TAP recipients to graduate by requiring five, three-credit classes instead of the current four each semester. Students enrolled for 15 credits, but who earn fewer, would receive just 80 percent of the full TAP award.

Students receiving full TAP awards and who successfully complete their degrees in four years would receive a bonus payment at the end that would make up for their share of tuition payments.

"We think our plan will help students graduate on time and will reward those that do. But we're always willing to listen to other ideas," Pataki spokesman Charles Deister said Monday.

Currently, less than two in five of the state's 300,000 TAP recipients completes their degree in four years, state officials said.

But Bruno, who worked his own way through Skidmore College, said the governor's placement of such a strict time limit on TAP awards would hurt students who were trying to hold down jobs while attending school.

Bruno said part of what he estimated would be a roughly \$3 billion state budget surplus should be used to restore cuts to TAP.

Pataki has called for placing the entire surplus, which he estimates at \$1.8 billion, in a reserve fund to cover tax cuts to be phased in over the next few years.

A number of students groups argue that the governor intentions of cutting TAP and SUNY budgets in spite of the estimated surplus show just how far affordable secondary education has fallen on the governor's list of budgetary priorities. The budget this year is important because it could mark the future of the state's university system, SASU representatives said, whether it will fall into decline, or will remain at least at the status quo. "It's really a cusp year," said SASU's Swanson, "it could be a real turning point."

## Y2K Talk Held at University

By SUZETTE LAM  
Statesman Contributor

The School of Professional Development's (SPD) series, Coffee and Conversation, held its February program last Friday. Guest speaker David Bouchier questioned the prophetic myths and problems that accompanied the approaching millennium.

"There is a tidal wave of millennial junk," said Bouchier.

Bouchier, a writer for the New York Times Sunday Long Island section and a music host at WSHU radio station, was interested in the myths attached to the approaching millennium, ranging from natural disasters and Armageddon to the anti-Christ.

Bouchier also addressed the imminent Y2K

problem, a problem many government agencies are still trying to correct before the millennium. Most computers were programmed only to read the last two digits of the year, which creates a problem for the approaching New Year. Computers will not read January 1, 2000 but will revert back to January 1, 1900 leading to shut downs of banks, air traffic control systems, telephones and most government agencies. However, Bouchier does not blame technology for the Y2K problem.

"We have become profoundly dependent on our computers," said Bouchier, "We have confused Utopia and progress and the speed of development has led to problems."

"It will be the biggest anticlimax of all time," said Bouchier.

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**12:18 a.m.**

A planner containing a credit card, social security card was left in the Harriman Hall Lobby by the phone. Unauthorized charges totaling \$3000 were made on the credit card.

**11:16 a.m.**

A pacific blue mountain bike valued at \$140 was stolen from a bike rack at Gershwin College.

**11:00 p.m.**

A microwave was stolen from the Benedict D-2 Lounge.

**11:49 p.m.**

A small fire broke out in a garbage bag but was extinguished.

**February 2, 1999**

**Time unknown**

Officers responded to an aggravated harassment call and discovered a threatening note that was left behind. The situation was possibly a prank between roommates.

**9:30 a.m.**

An unknown person broke the windshield of a parked vehicle in the auto garage.

**12:01 p.m.**

A victim used her ATM card in the Student Union and left without taking her card or ending her transaction. Someone else used her card and made three subsequent transactions, within a three minute time period, totaling \$620.

**12:21 p.m.**

A female from O'Neill with respiratory problems was admitted to the University Hospital via SBVAC.

**2:57 p.m.**

A suspect stole the textbook Grammaive Francaise, the second edition for French 221, by Jaquoline Oiliver from Wallace's Bookstore. The textbook is worth \$45.50.

**4:02 p.m.**

A disturbance erupted when two students had a misunderstanding during class in the Humanities Building.

**February 3, 1999**

**10:39 a.m.**

A SBU ID card and \$10 was stolen from the weight room in the Inner Sports Complex.

**4:13 p.m.**

A vehicle parked in the Langmuir Parking Lot had both license plates stolen.

**8:32 p.m.**

There was a confrontation between two residents from Langmuir College. The suspect slapped the victim across the face and said, "Now we're even!" The suspect was then physically removed from the victim. The matter was referred to Residence Life. No charges have been made at this time.

**February 4, 1999**

**12:01 a.m.**

A Langmuir female with a fever and the shivers was transported to the University Hospital Emergency Room via SBVAC.

**8:30 a.m.**

An inspection sticker was stolen from a vehicle parked in the garage.

**9:44 a.m.**

A set of campus keys were lost.

**7:04 p.m.**

A sports injury occurred in the Inner Sports Complex. SBVAC transported the victim to the University Hospital Emergency Room for evaluation.

**8:41 p.m.**

There was a physical dispute over stolen property in the G and H inner quad. Suspects were gone upon arrival.

**February 5, 1999**

**12:34 a.m.**

There was reportedly several males fighting outside of Wagner College. Suspects were gone upon arrival.

**1:49 a.m.**

The Residential Safety Program reported hearing three to four gunshots in the James College Outside Quad area. Officers responded and all was in order.



Statesman/Michael Kwan

A victim left her ATM card in the ATM machine located outside of the Student Union, and forgot to complete her transaction, allowing someone to steal money from her account.

**2:29 a.m.**

A Benedict College female, with reported stomach pains, was transported to the University Hospital Emergency Room by SBVAC.

**Time Unknown**

A shirt and shoe were set on fire on the second floor of Hamilton College. The RA staff extinguished the fire, which caused the smoke detector to go off. No damage was done.

**6:50 a.m.**

A sign was damaged on North Loop Road, near the North Parking Lot.

**10:18 p.m.**

A female student caused a disturbance in the Library over grades that she received. She left willingly.

**3:25 p.m.**

A key to an office in Rockland Hall was lost in the Rockland P-lot.

**February 6, 1999**

**4:43 a.m.**

An RA in Hand College reported an ex-boyfriend and girlfriend having a verbal dispute. Officers responded and found the situation to be under control. No charges are being pressed.

**2:23 p.m.**

A beeper was stolen from the gym pool area.

**February 7, 1999**

**2:03 a.m.**

Drug paraphernalia was confiscated from a room in Benedict College.

**10:38 a.m.**

A male fainted twice while taking a test in SBS and then fell, injuring his head. He was transported to the University Hospital by SBVAC.

# Blotter of the Week

**2:04 a.m.**

While a resident of Dreiser College was asleep, an unknown male came into her room. The suspect identified himself as an RA and claimed he was conducting room checks, then left. The resident, who did not know him, went to the RA office where she was told that no room checks were done and that the male could not have been an RA on their staff.

*Tip of the Week:* It is important to lock your dorm room door at all times, and as seen from above, while you are asleep. If someone comes knocks on your door, ask who it is or look through the peephole to see who it is.

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# Editorials

## Valentine's Day, Gotta Love It?

### A Look at the Good and Bad About Our Favorite Day

Situated in the dreariest months of the year, Valentine's Day comes around to brighten up those gray, rainy and chilly February days with the warmth and light that comes with being in love. For those of us lucky enough to be participants in this luxury, there is nothing special about this day. Every day is beautiful with our significant other in it and we know that any time is the right time to say the magical words "I Love You." The only difference is that our amours can be showered with heart-shaped boxes of candy and colorful bouquets of flowers. To love someone, and to be loved in return, is by far the most sublime feeling on the earth. There is nothing quite like getting butterflies in your stomach right before you meet up with your love. And although it feels like torture at the time, feeling those frantic pangs of anxiety when too much time passes without seeing them are beautiful reminders of what you have. Simple tasks like studying, eating and watching television suddenly take on new meaning when you do it with the one you love.

Many of you may be expecting certain gifts this February 14. Will it be roses, perfume, or some lingerie?

Perhaps you'll keep it simple with something from Hershey's or a stuffed animal. If you are really loved, you just might get a book of romantic poems by Neruda or better yet, an original poem

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confessing undying love. Whatever it is, your heart will undoubtedly swell with love when you think of who it comes from.

Now that everyone has gotten a toothache from this extreme sweetness, it is time to recognize those of you that hate this holiday and would do anything to have it banned from all calendars. Within all the red, pink, lace and chocolate that bombard us this month every year, there are always those people that mope around and whine about

how they don't have a girlfriend or boyfriend. It's bad enough that Friday nights pass dateless, but having a day designated for something you don't have is like rubbing salt in the wound. But is love between a couple the only love that exists? Of course not and Valentine's Day is more than just a celebration of that brand of love. How about something for Mom or Dad? You know your mom would be thrilled you thought of her. Do you have a pet that always cheers you up when you are down? Buy them a bone or a new food dish. How about your best friend, your Grandma or your biology lab partner? Giving is often enough to ease that desire for getting. Forget about candlelight dinners and red roses and concentrate on what you do have. Love yourself. Treat yourself to something special if no one else will. This may do the trick in turning around a sour mood. Interestingly enough, this change of attitude could be precisely the key in attracting the mate you so desire. After all, no one likes a mope. Whatever you do, remember that Valentine's Day is just a day like all others, even to those of us in love. And if we need to be told that now is the day to express it, we are no better off than all you singles out there.

## Teaching the Governor a Lesson

By FRANK MAURIZIO  
Special to the Statesman

United University Professions, UUP, the union representing SUNY academic and professional faculty, is calling on lawmakers to restore funding to the 1999-2000 state budget for full-time faculty lines.

Union President William E. Scheuerman testified at a hearing conducted jointly by the Assembly Ways and Means and the Senate Finance committees today. He told lawmakers that the Executive Budget proposal for SUNY is inadequate; that it fails to provide \$32.2 million in contractual obligations and \$11.8 million needed to cover inflation.

"When combined with a revenue shortfall of \$7.9 million in the governor's budget and his call for cash savings at SUNY of \$31 million, campuses may be forced to raise student fees or cut

programs and faculty," Scheuerman said.

UUP is urging the legislature to provide budgetary support to begin restoring some of the 1700 full-time faculty lines that have been lost since 1993-94. "Our position is that any university dedicated to educational excellence must be built upon a foundation of committed, accountable, permanent academic and professional faculty members," Scheuerman told lawmakers.

Forty-five percent of courses in SUNY - slightly more than the national average - are now taught by part-timers, "who are in no position to carry on the scholarship, research and participation in governance that mark a first-rate institution."

UUP is also seeking a five-year operating budget that spells out the direction and goals of the SUNY system. The UUP proposal

is modeled after the university's five-year capital plan, which lists a campus-by-campus plan for building and construction projects.

"It is our belief that sound educational policy should be debated in democratic fashion, with funding decisions based on clearly defined policy goals which should be formulated after input from all stakeholders in the SUNY community," Scheuerman said.

The UUP president is also scheduled to discuss the budget at a hearing conducted by the Assembly Committee on Higher Education on Thursday.

UUP represents more than 22,000 academic and professional faculty on 29 state-operated SUNY campuses. It is affiliated with New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

-Maurizio is a member of  
the UUP

# Exact Change Please

## Students Question Possible Transportation Fee Increases

By SEIDEL BETHUNE  
Statesman Staff

The head of the Department of Transportation and Parking Services, at the University at Stony Brook, Michael Klein last week botched the idea of a 25% increase in transportation fees, an increase that could see students shelling out \$50 instead of the current \$40 a semester in transportation fees. In a meeting with students held to discuss the recent introduction of an express bus service on campus, Klein said, he had spoken to "many students" who felt that if significant improvements in transportation services would result then they would not oppose such an increase.

"While we've had dramatic improvements we want to make our service even better," Klein said. But then he asked: "how do we do this?" Proceeding to answering his own question, Klein said, "if we can have a ten-dollar increase, we would be able to make resident students very happy since that would help us to expand our service and better accommodate our riders," through a new west campus bus route.

Klein said that his department was self-supported and therefore the cost of improvements had to be borne by the users. "SUNY does not provide funding for us," Klein said. His pitch was however immediately

rejected by the several student representatives present at the meeting including polity president Aneka Gibbs who said she believed improvements can come without an increase in the current fees. Gibbs also questioned Klein's assertion that many students would approve such an increase



Statesman/Ruth Chung

One of the express buses, part of Klein's new plan

based on a promise of better services. "Are these students graduating seniors?" Gibbs asked.

The Department of Transportation and Parking Services currently rakes in an

estimated \$1.2 million dollars alone from transportation fees that all students must pay and operates eight buses during weekdays from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. And in several interviews with the Statesman students overwhelmingly rejected the proposed increase put forward by Klein. "I don't know which students he has been talking to," said Brisette Gantt, a 20-year-old junior. "But they surely aren't the ones I know and with all due respect I believe I know more students than Mr. Klein."

Gantt, a resident student described herself as a "frequent" user of the buses but said this is only because she persists in waiting for a very long time. "I don't envision any meaningful correlation between an increase in fees and an improvement in service," Gantt said. Suzianna Bromfield, who is studying political science at the university and lives in Roth Quad, echoed a similar sentiment. "Transportation fees are already high and the service is poor," Bromfield said. "I seriously doubt the solution lies in an increase."

Despite the reservations expressed by students over increases, Klein maintained that his Department provided students with a fair deal. "Stony Brook offers very competitive rates compared to other schools," Klein said.

# Destroying the SUNY System

By TODD STEBBINS  
Special to the Statesman

On January 27th Governor George Pataki released his proposed Executive Budget. This proposal seems to be another attempt to destroy the exact reason the SUNY/CUNY systems were created: to make college affordable to all residents of New York State. The Governor's proposal would harm college students least able to afford college costs by cutting the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), New York's main financial aid program.

This includes:

1. Changing the TAP cap for tuition payments from 90% to 75%. This "college tax" will more than double tuition costs for students with the lowest income.

2. Requiring a minimum credit enrollment of 15 credits for TAP eligibility. This is up

from 12 credits which is the federal standard. Under this budget next year, the student with the lowest income will have to handle a heavier course load while attempting to afford more than twice the tuition they paid this year.

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) estimates that the Governor's proposed changes to TAP will cut the program by at least \$133,000,000. What is more disturbing is that cuts to financial aid have been targeted to penalize exactly those students that can least afford an increase in costs to their education. There is no justification for increasing the amount poor students have to

pay to attend public colleges. Tuition at Stony Brook has more than doubled over the last 10 years. Private college tuition has continued to rise rapidly. You, the student are caught in the middle. The Governor's proposal does nothing to address this pressing problem, and instead squeezes students and their families for hard-earned dollars. Funding for higher education in New York State has been cut enough in recent years. Reducing funding further, or not proposing an increase to at the least match the inflation rate places the burden on colleges and Universities to cut costs.

NYPIRG urges students to participate in our Higher

Education Lobby Day Monday, March 1st. This is a one day lobbying effort where students from across the state join to lobby every legislator in Albany who represents them and make sure the Governor's proposed budget concerning higher education does not go through. New York's public college tuition and fees has risen 160% since 1989-90, faster than any other state's in the country. Reductions in financial aid, coupled with the skyrocketing costs of attending a public college, have left New York's neediest students with fewer and fewer options for furthering their education. For 50 years, the State University of New York has been the only way for New Yorkers to do this. It's time for students to demand that New York reinvest in SUNY and New York's future by stopping the cuts and reducing tuition.

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# Valentine's D

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*-Robert Heinlein*

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And may you and that special someone have a very *Happy Valentine's Day*.

To my "Lil G",

I now know what true love feels like, because of you. G & G forever.

I Love You,  
"Big G"

Hey,

Thanks for bein my "Forever Friend," but when are you going to hug me back?

Cindy

To Jamal,

I would like to send this very heartfelt Valentine message to Jamal Tyrae Douglas. Even though we are separated and you're not on campus, I would like the world to know that I, Latoya Ferguson, love, miss, and admire Jamal Tyrae Douglas.

I love you Baby,  
Toy

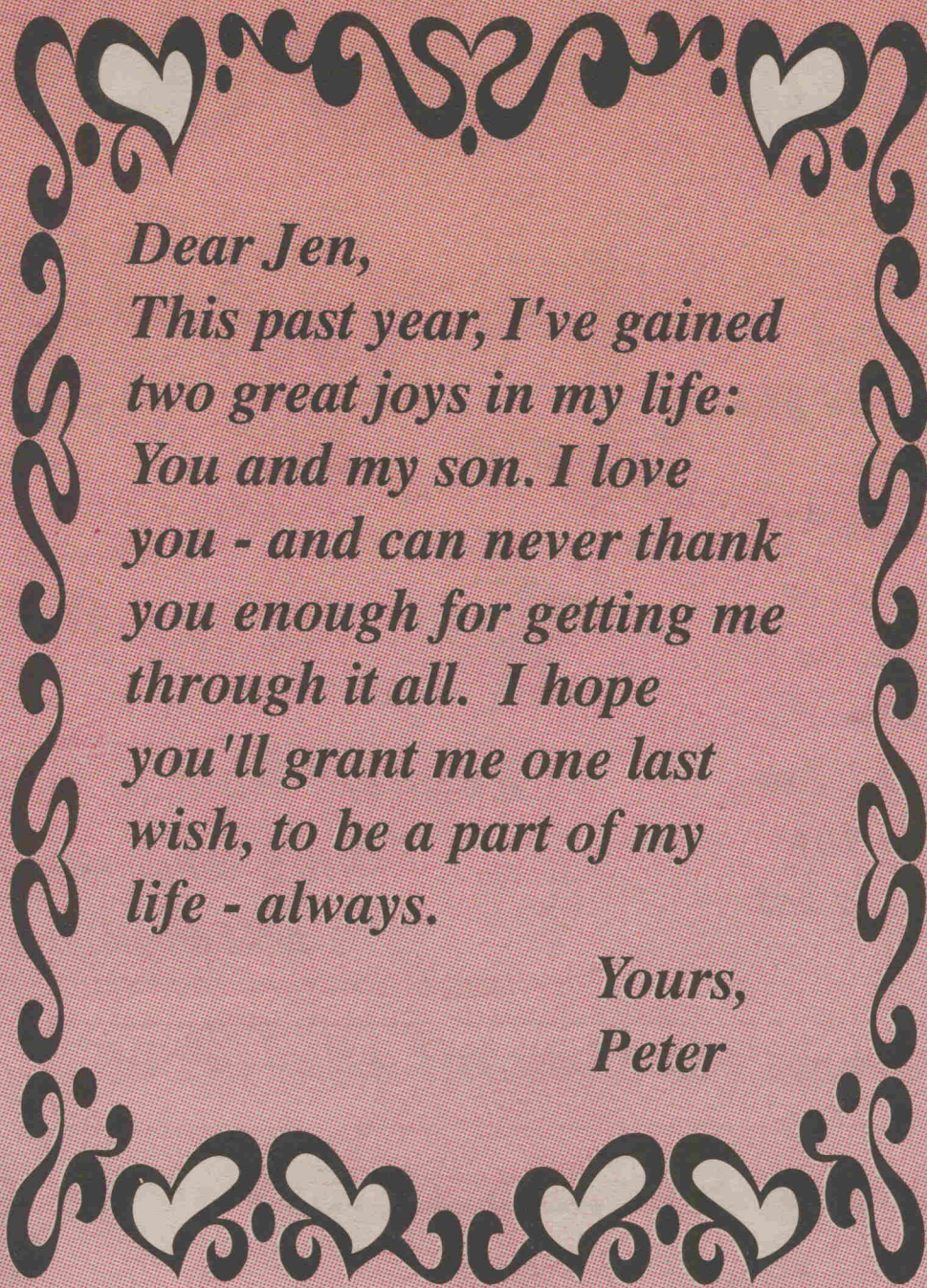
HAPPY VALENTINES  
DAY GREG KALADJAIN!!!!!!  
I LOVE YOU VERY VERY  
MUCH!!!!!!  
LOVE,  
VERONICA

Dear Gerard Brancato:

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
You were made for me,  
And I was made for you.  
Happy Valentine's Day 1999!!  
All my love to you forever,  
Anne Edmonson

Hen:

I love you not only because you're cute...



Dear Jen,

This past year, I've gained two great joys in my life:

You and my son. I love you - and can never thank you enough for getting me through it all. I hope you'll grant me one last wish, to be a part of my life - always.

Yours,  
Peter

I love you, because I am cute too (meow!) that makes us the perfect couple :)

Yours,  
Min

M.K.E.,  
Your beautiful babe!  
-secret admirer

Happy Valentine's Day &  
Happy Birthday in Heaven

To our beloved father.

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Always loved, never forgotten  
All our love to you forever,  
Carol, Anne Gerard, Brett,  
Stuart, Dale, Roberto &  
Jaggarini Ponzini Edmonson,  
Solimem en Brancato Fuentes

Shalini,  
I don't know what to say. I could

tell you that you're an absolutely wonderful human being. I could tell you that you're the best. I could tell you that no one else compares to you or comes close to your goodness. No matter what I say, it all wouldn't matter because no matter how many good things I say about you, it wouldn't be enough. Shalini, I'm really glad that I met someone like you. You've been so good to me in ways I could never have imagined. The that I ask of you is that you stay the way you are and don't change. I know you said that you wanted to wait a little while before you'd go out with me, and I want to let you know that I'll be right here

waiting for you. If you ever need anything at all, anything, I'll always be there for you.  
Happy Valentine's Day,  
Shalini.

Love,  
Michael

Happy Valentine's Day to those we treasure as friends (you know who you are).

\*Special shoutout to our "sweet" mates. You guys are faaa-bulous!!  
Sammi & Amy

To my dear, loving husband,

I love you more than anything in the world!!!  
Love Always,  
PETE!!!!

Hon Hon,

Thanks for being Ultraman!  
-Your Piyo Piyo  
P.S. "Muy tien <3nay tho yut say"  
P.P.S. "Te Amo Para Siempre

To my beloved James:  
OUR LOVE SONG

How can I hinder or restrain my soul  
So that it does not yearn for yours? And how  
Can it be lured to life apart from you?  
Gladly would I (had I complete control)  
Transport it, a dark secret thing,  
to new

# Valentine's Day Personals



And untried depths of silence. But I know  
How everything that stirs me, stirs you too;  
How you and I are like a bow that's bound,  
Though with two strings, to give a single sound.  
Upon what instrument have we been spanned?  
And what strange player plays us, heart and hand?  
O long, sweet song!  
by Rainer Maria Rilke  
From your "Baby" Mayra

Dawn approaches again, and I wake from a damn o f my baby.  
A million hearts seem to explode in your eyes,  
lighting a flame burning in my soul.  
When we kiss, I hear Cupid singing an aria.  
A backrub full of tenderness makes me think of you.  
And I remember when we touched. It felt like the most sweet of sunsets.  
When the sun rises on February 14th,  
rays of bright light will touch us both.

**Take away love, and our Earth is a tomb.**  
-Robert Browning

**Love is all we know of heaven, and all we need of hell.**  
-Emily Dickinson



Will you be my sweet Valentine?  
love w /a thousand Jewelz  
Dear Boo-Boo,  
Happy Valentine's Day to the cutest little fuzzy duck on campus!  
Hugs & kisisses,  
"Auntie C."

**TO Doof:**  
It's been a lovely year with a

lovely you. I love you.  
Happy Valentines day <3 <3  
love always  
lil Dumpling  
To My Lover,  
I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH <3 <3  
<3 —{—<@  
Love you very much Boo Boo

**To Sandra M.**  
I know the last 4 months have been really bad 4 us, because of my bad decisions. I really love you and I'll spend the rest of my life making up for those 4 monts if I have to. PLEASE 4give me.

I Love You  
SWII #50  
Dear Jason,  
LET'S PLAY HOUSE. YOU BE THE SCREEN DOOR AND I'LL SLAM YOU ALL NIGHT LONG...  
Always, B.N.C.

Nathan M. (Polo King) is full of \$h!+ & STD's. He messes around, then bounces. If you don't want to put yourself at risk, stay away from this player.

**To My Hunny,**  
Why did the turtle cross the road??? Give up?? Because the chicken was too tired.  
Love Ya BOO

**To David Gonzalez,**  
Why are you always creeping past me room? You should come on in! You can even bring your friend, Gary Steevens!  
- PMD

**To USB Kickline,**  
You ladies have done a wonderful job and I am very proud of all ofyou. We have some great times, so keep it up!  
- Tricia

**Dear Peanut,**  
I hope that the rest of our days together will be at least half as

beautiful as the four we spent in heaven. I have finally found my heart, passion and future in you. Thank you for blessing my life.  
Love, Pino xoxox

s.g...  
I love you so much...you are the best thing that ever happened to me...I will love you forever and ever...Happy First Valentine's Day...Love  
Always and Forever..  
j.l.<3

**To Bossman,**  
I will always love you, and I'm glad we are working on things. Remember the \$.35 and your promise! Love always and forever,  
Angel Eyes

**To the Bomb Squad,**  
See you in Cancun! And NO, you can not bring the Playstation!  
- PMD



Dear Charlotte,  
I hope you enjoyed the blue

**"There is one happiness in life, to love and be loved."**  
-George Sand

elephant before Valentine's and the Bee during Valentine's.  
David

**To Ding Ping:**  
You are a doof. But I still love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Together and Forever.  
Love,  
Duck

**Dear Jian,**  
Happy 2nd Valentine's Day ! I love you very much...and I hope we spend many more Valentine Days together...  
Love always,  
Eva

**Dear Jon,**  
I will never forget the day I met you, as I will never forget each moment we have spent together. I

love seeing you smile or just hereing your voice because with you I just know everything is going to be all right. No matter what you have had to face you have endured it with that smile that just melts my heart. You took a piece of my heart and it is now yours forever. On this Valentine's Day I hope you know I am thinking of you even if we cannot be together.  
Love,  
Your Angel Liz

**Kat,**  
There's been something I've been meaning to tell you for a while now; you probably know what that is already. We've become good friends, and I just want to let you know that I'd like to get to know you better.  
Mike

**Dear Y.Q.,**  
I you're my inspiration.  
Love,  
Peter

**To: D.K.**  
You're so sweet that you make my teeth hurt...  
Luv, A.B.

**brian-**  
this is just a reminder of how much i love you. my happiest times are with you and i hope they always are. ill always be here for you.  
love  
your db

**To A. from J.**  
I love walking with somebody who loves the creation of ideas. All my love to A. from J. and the love that always inspires me to move on.

**Bobby:**  
I love you with all my heart .  
Happy Valentine's baby.  
Forever Yours,  
Amy

**To My Better Than Nothing Half,**  
I am so lucky to have found you. I hope we have many more Valentines together.  
Mucho te amo!

# Campus Voices

## What do you consider romantic?



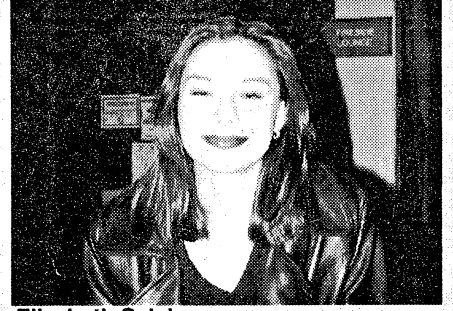
**Chris McGovern**  
Freshman, History major  
"A walk on the beach, watch the sunset."



**Farid Visram**  
Senior, Biochemistry major  
"Candlelight dinner and a walk on the beach with my girlfriend, Luz Hernandez."



**Shirley Bernard**  
Sophomore, Political Science major  
"The guy making you feel like you're the only one, making you feel special."



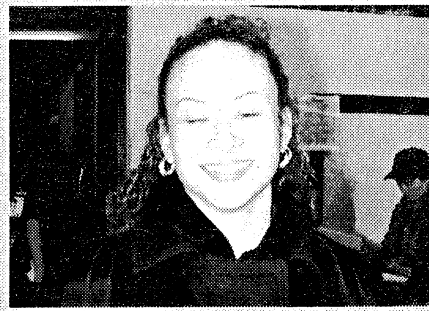
**Elizabeth Salvin**  
Sophomore, Biochemistry major  
"When someone you've liked all along does something unexpected for you."



**James Murray**  
Sophomore, Computer Science major  
"Being buried underground and rotting."



**Arisa Patel**  
Freshman, Undeclared major  
"Going out to dinner."

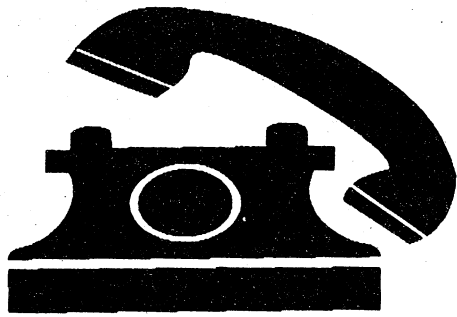


**Michelle Seda**  
Junior, Computer Science major  
"Dinner, flowers... something original. Something they have to sit and think about."



**Raluca Ioan**  
Sophomore, Chemistry major  
"Coming home to find your room full of your favorite flowers."

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Bela Fleck and the Flecktones will be playing at the Staller Center this weekend.

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# Women's Basketball Loses on the Road

By CLIFFORD MARK  
Statesman Editor

The men's basketball team lost a nail-bitter on the road Wednesday to SUNY Binghamton by a score of 72-70 but turned things around on Saturday by beating NECC division rivals Franklin Pierce by the final score of 79-67. However, the women's team was unable to pick up a win in their two attempts. They lost Wednesday to Binghamton by a score of 68-55 and Saturday, 53-47, to NECC's first place team, Franklin Pierce.

Utilizing their three point threat, the men's

team amassed a first half lead of 33-28. Within three minutes of the start of the second half the Seawolves put in several shots stretching their lead six points, to 43-32. After that, Binghamton took control of the floor.

The opposing team managed to shut out the Seawolves as they went on a huge 17-0 route, to take the lead 49-43. Stony Brook closed the gap and evened the score on Chris Balliro's (#33) visit downtown with only 18 seconds left on the clock. The Seawolves fouled the Colonials with only 15 seconds left and gave Binghamton a

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## Special Announcements

In honor of President's Day, there will be no issue of the Statesman this Monday, February 15.

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chance to win the game. The Colonials sank one of the two, leaving the door ajar for the Seawolves. Stony Brook drove down into the lane for a lay-up but the ball decided it would rather

## Men's Basketball

SBU	70
Binghamton	72

roll around the rim than to go through it.

Forward Stephan Salden (#34) lead the Seawolves with fourteen points. Teammate Achilles Klepkos came in second with a thirteen points and eleven rebounds. They were joined in the double digits by teammate Balliro (#33) with ten points.

In an effort to make up for their loss, the men's team came together on Saturday against

## Men's Basketball

Franklin Pierce	67
SBU	79

Franklin Pierce, the second place team in the NECC. Despite their title, Stony Brook showed who the better team was.

The Seawolves' 79-67 victory was lead by guard Bobby Mahoney (#11), who's performance was notable enough to make him the Athlete of

The Week. He accumulated twenty-four points in the game, which was his career high and team high for the season. Steve Pratta (#10) also had a impressive game with seventeen points and Rob Hartman (#24) scored ten points.

In their game against Franklin Pierce College, the Men's Seawolves headed into the locker room at the half with a 33-30 lead and never looked back. The Ravens were ineffective against the Seawolves and found themselves being attacked from the free-throw line. Stony Brook hit 25 out

## Women's Basketball

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Binghamton	55

of 33 attempts. The men's team is now 7-6 in the NECC and 8-14 overall.

The Lady Seawolves were not as lucky. The team fell to the second place Binghamton Colonials last Wednesday by the final score of 68-55. From the get-go, the Seawolves found them self in a big hole. Binghamton was on fire, hitting 52% of their field goals. At the half the Seawolves were down 37-21. Stony Brook was only able to get within seven during the second half. Binghamton was outstanding on the free-throw line, hitting 75% and taking the edge away from the Seawolves. The Colonials, who have had nineteen wins this season have been unstoppable.

Notable performances for the women's team included center Courtney Ray (#33) who had

twelve points and six rebounds. Forward Jackie Daigneault (#24) and guard Christina Pagan (#21) scored ten points each.

The women's most recent game against the visiting Franklin Pierce Ravens had its bright moments even though the Seawolves lost 53-47.

The Seawolves were down by ten in the first half but came back in the second. The Ravens' offense was brought to a screeching halt by Stony Brook's defense. The Seawolves kept it close but with three minutes left the Ravens sank two from downtown. That was enough to keep the Seawolves from making a comeback.

Guard Mary Schelp (#25) had an amazing performance, tying Stony Brook's single game record of nine steals, which was set in 1995. She made her presence felt with fifteen second-half turnovers, four points, five assists and four rebounds. Forward Beth Grys (#20) moved into fourteenth place in career scoring for the

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Seawolves with 788 points. The previous holder, Anne LoCascio, had 779 points between 1985-89. Grys only needs twelve more points to move into thirteenth place.

The women's team is now 5-17 overall and 4-10 in the NECC. Both the men's and women's teams have their last home games on Saturday against division rivals, the Albany Great Danes.



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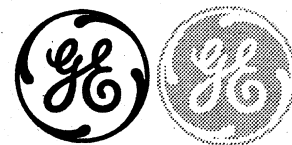
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# Romancing the Stage

## Trio of Sisters to Play at Staller This Sunday

By PETER GRATTON  
Statesman Editor

Mixing styles both contemporary and classical, the Ahn Trio, set to perform this Sunday at the Staller Center, have become internationally known for their musical mastery and for refusing to stay within the limits of the classical music mainstream.

It also hasn't hurt that they are one of the few groups around that is made up of three sisters, two twins and a younger sibling.

"We've been playing together for twenty years," said Lucia Ahn, the pianist of the group who is an identical twin to her sister Maria, a cellist, "It makes it a lot easier to travel together."

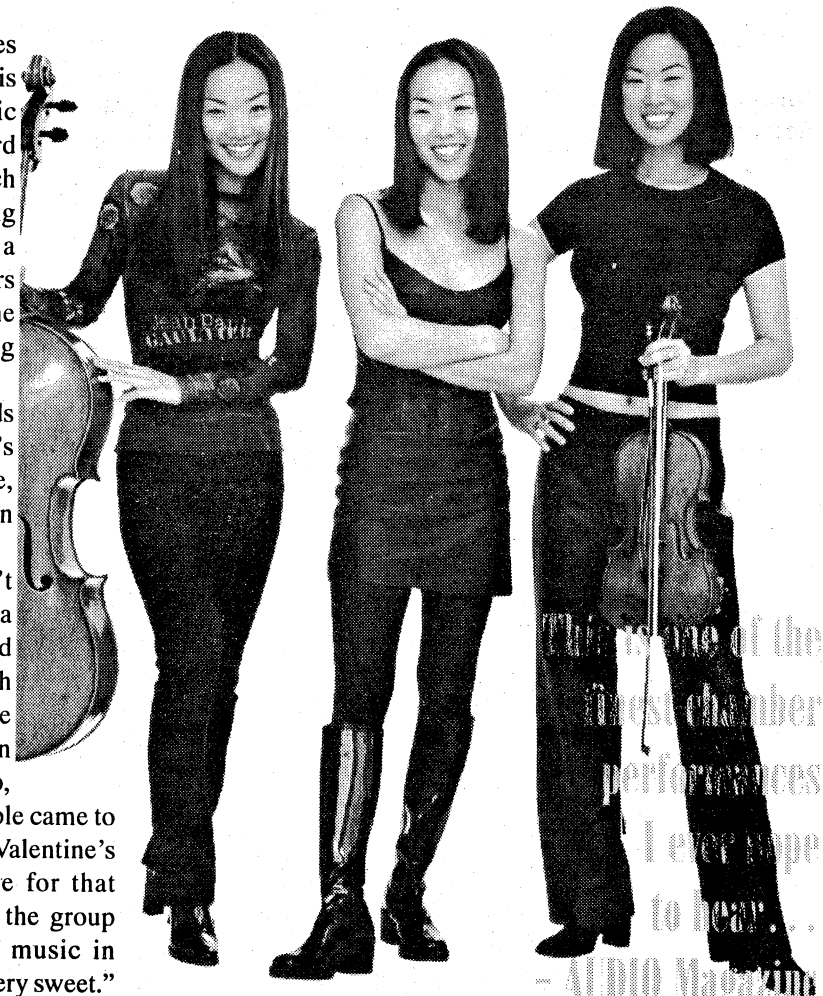
Lucia Ahn said that being sisters has made it easier in practice sessions, where they don't have to worry as much about stepping on each other's toes. "We don't have to be so polite about each other's playing, we're not competitive," she said.

Ahn said that one thing that the trio agreed on was mixing different musical formats, and not just sticking to the repertoire of classical musicians, such as Beethoven and Bach, that get plenty of play on classical radio stations. "We're trying to change that," said Lucia about the habit of concert fans to expect performances of pieces from only a few number of classical artists, "We want to make them more aware about newer

One of the contemporary pieces that the Ahns will play this Sunday is *A Diamond World*, written by Eric Awazen, a professor at the Juilliard school in New York city, which each of the Ahn sisters attended. Returning to New York, then, is a bit of a homecoming for the Trio. The sisters began performing at Juilliard at the ages of 9 and 11, just after immigrating from Korea.

Lucia said that she expects friends and family to attend this Sunday's show. "Our mom is going to come, it'll be nice playing for her on Valentine's Day," she said.

Lucia said that the Trio wasn't disappointed about playing before a crowd on the romantic holiday - and not spending the day relaxing with their own significant others - since they are usually asked to perform on Valentine's Day each year. The group, Lucia said, would be flattered if people came to their performance as part of their Valentine's Day celebrations. "If people come for that reason," she said after hinting that the group might perform a special piece of music in celebration of the day, "it would be very sweet."



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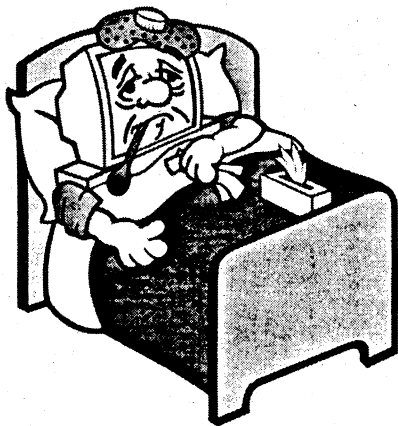
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# Features

## A War Drama

### New Play Reveals the Loving Side of Napoleon

By ERIN ROSENKING  
Statesman Editor

Overshadowed by the accomplishments of the biology and physics departments, the performing arts here at Stony Brook has been long overlooked. But the buzz that is circulating around this weekend's performance of the play "Longwood" suggests that the talented players' performance will take the theater department to the top of the charts, making it just one more asset to the Stony Brook community.

The theater department is undoubtedly taking pride in their student Tana Lee Alves who is both author and star of the play. The enthusiastic Alves, who hails from Southampton, came up with the story for "Longwood" after coming across the intensely passionate love letters that Napoleon wrote to Josephine. She was taken by the "passionate, tempestuous, almost humiliating candor" with which the letters were written and set out to find the man behind this spectacular and romantic emotion.

After becoming intrigued by this



Statesman/Ruth Chung

Tana Lee Alves, an SBU student, wrote and starred as Napoleon in the play "Longwood."

aspect of his personality rarely depicted in history books, Alves set out to write her story which she refers to as a "simple, compelling drama."

She is taking pride in the fact that she has done something few people have ever tried; instead of focusing on the well-known aspects of history, or its "greatest hits" as Alves puts it, she has focused on something never before covered. Alves is using Napoleon's exile and death as the vehicles to tell the story, rather than the usual battle scenes and politics.

Another interesting and rare point of the production is that Alves herself plays the part of Napoleon. As a man that was both sensitive and prone to crying, Alves views Napoleon as a man that transcended

gender, so much so that his part being played by a woman is not so far fetched. This is a far cry from the brutal and unrelenting Napoleon that you met in your social studies class, exactly as Alves would hope.

As a student of the arts, Alves commented on the "great set" that will accompany the performance. She was interested in focusing on art through the paintings that will adorn the set. These will be sure to enhance the drama on the stage.

With a unique story, a talented cast and the enthusiasm to make it all work, it is to be expected that "Longwood" is going to be a great success. Showing in Theater III of the Staller Center at 8 p.m. this weekend, be sure to check out "Longwood."



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"Longwood" will open this weekend at the Staller Center.

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