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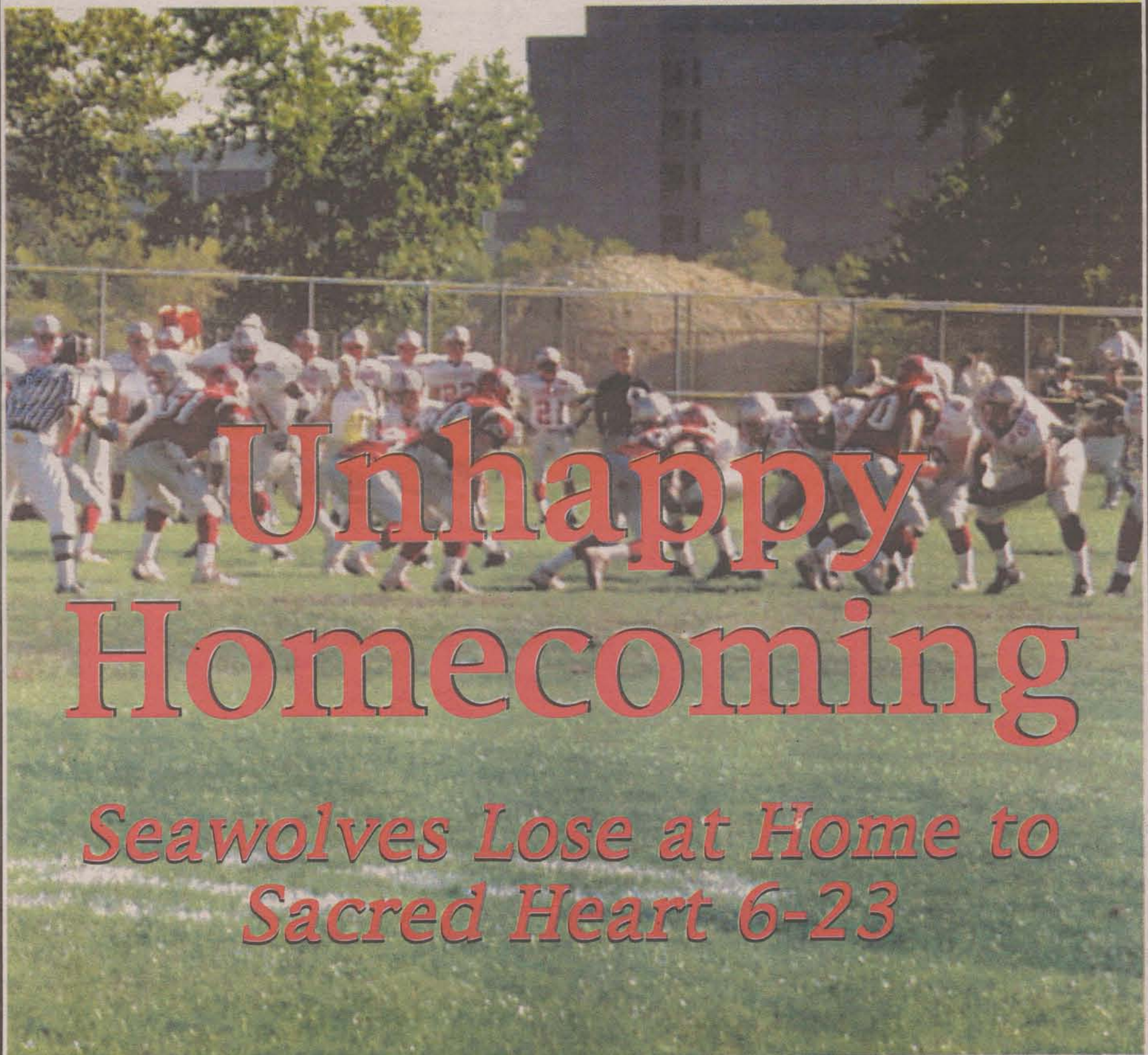
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Debating in the SAC

In an Effort to Foster Political Awareness, Campus Groups Broadcast Presidential Debates

By JONATHAN GELLING
Statesman Staff

The second presidential debate between Democratic candidate Al Gore and Republican nominee George W. Bush took place Wednesday night in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In an effort to foster political awareness on campus, several campus groups including NYPIRG, the Commuter Student Association, and the Political Science Club sponsored a showing of the debate at 9:00 P.M. in the SAC Auditorium. About thirty people showed up to watch the two men in their sit-down interview with moderator Jim Lehrer. Those that did show up were treated to a selection of snacks and beverages to go with the very mild discussion between the two leading contenders for the presidency.

The first half of the debate was devoted to a discussion of foreign policy issues. These matters have gained a higher profile in the race for the White House in large part due to the recent outbreaks of violence in the Middle East and the democratic overthrow of Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic. The most striking characteristic of this entire line of questioning was the degree to which Bush and Gore agreed with each other. There was very little rancor between the two men throughout this part of the debate, though something resembling disagreement arose over the definition of "state-building" missions and their

proper role with respect to American foreign policy. Vice President Gore argued that the United States could play an important role in building up nations that have been ravaged by war and in giving them a chance to develop democratic institutions. Bush however retorted that we "cannot be all things to all people."

After the very long discussion on foreign policy, the candidates moved on to domestic issues. First up on the agenda was a discussion of race-related issues, with the vice president declaring his support for affirmative action, a hate crimes law, and a federal law banning racial profiling. Governor Bush voiced support for an end to racial profiling, but declared that he did not want to "federalize the local police forces." Instead, he proposed to urge local authorities to end the practice or else they would face possible federal consequences, which may include a law banning racial profiling. The issue of gay marriages also produced an interesting exchange, with the vice president urging support for gay civil unions that would allow for similar legal rights as marriage, without actually bearing the name of marriage. "I think that we should find a way to allow some kind of civic unions. And I basically agree with [Republican vice presidential nominee] Dick Cheney and [Democratic

vice presidential nominee] Joe Lieberman. And I think the three of us have one view and the governor has another one," Gore said. Bush declared again his opposition to gay marriages. "I've been a tolerant person all my life. I just happen to believe strongly that marriage is between a man and a woman."

The two men discussed their differences on gun control, with Gore saying that he was in favor of establishing a photo-ID licensing system through the states, that would license all new handgun sales in order to prevent criminals from obtaining access to handguns. "I think states should do that for new handguns because too many criminals are getting guns," the vice president said. Bush declared his opposition to any such licensing program, and linked the real problems of school violence to matters of culture. "It's as a culture that somewhere along the line we have begun to disrespect life, where a child can walk in and have their heart turn dark as a result of being on the Internet and walk in and decide to take somebody else's life," he said.

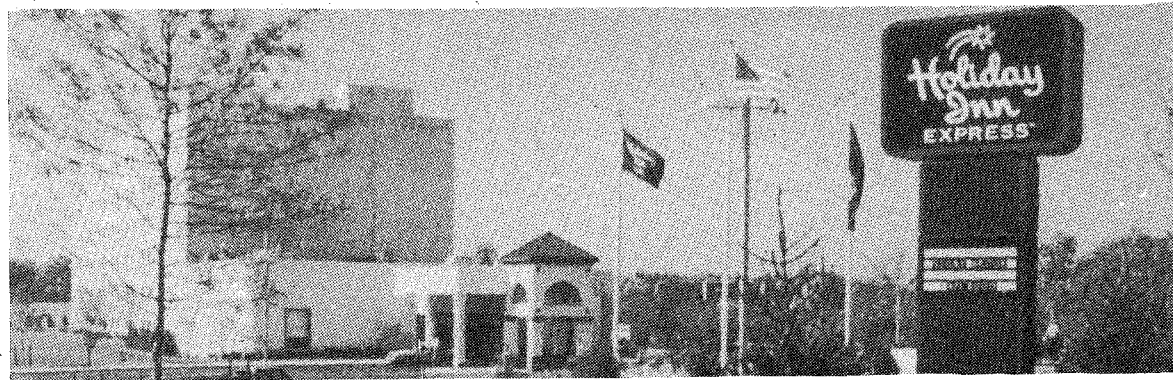
The debate ended with an discussion of the nastiness between the two campaigns in their advertisements and in the messages sent by their surrogates. Lehrer pointed out that the Bush campaign was referring to Gore as a "serial exaggerator" and that the Gore

campaign was labeling Bush a "bungler." Both candidates denied ever directly using those words and defended the actions of their campaigns in terms of their respective policy differences. Gore justified his campaign's use of the word "bungler" in the context of Bush being unable to explain parts of his tax cut plan in well-publicized gaffes, and Bush justified his people's use of the label "serial exaggerator" for Gore in terms of the importance of the character question in selecting a president.

For the most part, the discussion between the two was a civil affair. And despite the odd emphasis placed on foreign policy questions, many of the most important domestic policy questions did receive a good deal of attention.

The showing of the debate in the SAC was equally pleasant. Representatives from the Stony Brook Greens, whose presidential candidate, Ralph Nader, was excluded from the debates, were on hand to present their perspective in Bush and Gore masks. Representatives from the Commuter Student Association, NYPIRG's Voter Registration Project, and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance were also there to draw attention to their activities. The screening of the presidential debate is part of a major campus-wide effort to increase voter turnout on election day, and thus to ensure fair representation for college students in the political system.

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A Sad Loss

Seawolves Lose Homecoming Game to Pioneers

JEFFREY JAVIDFAR
Statesman Staff

Stony Brook's offense went stagnant when it mattered and could only muster 6 points from 350 total yards of offense, as they lost on Homecoming, 23-6 to the Pioneers of Sacred Heart.

The Seawolves wasted a spectacular performance by Senior, runningback Ralph Menendez (#20) and lost their third straight conference game, dropping their overall record for the season to a dismal 2-4.

Menendez, who was 303 yards short of becoming the University's all-time leading rusher heading into Saturday's game, scampered, juiced and at times flat ran-over Sacred Heart defenders on his way to season-high 198 total yards of offense with 183 coming by way of the rush. The bruising back was also responsible for Stony Brook's lone points of the day, when he converted his third rushing touchdown of the year in the third quarter.

In front of a packed house at Seawolves' Field, Stony Brook began the game hopeful of handing Sacred Heart their first loss of the year. After receiving the opening kickoff of Homecoming 2000, QB Brian Stanley (#13) led the Seawolves' offense deep into Sacred Heart territory, by throwing the ball well on first down.

Up to that point, things were looking pretty good for Stony Brook. However, after being awarded a first and ten inside the Pioneer's 30-yard line, the Seawolves hurt themselves on three straight plays.

But a fumbled snap and a holding penalty placed the USB offense in a precarious situation. Stanley trying to make something happen rolled to his right and threw into tight coverage. His receiver slipped and the Pioneers had their first interception.

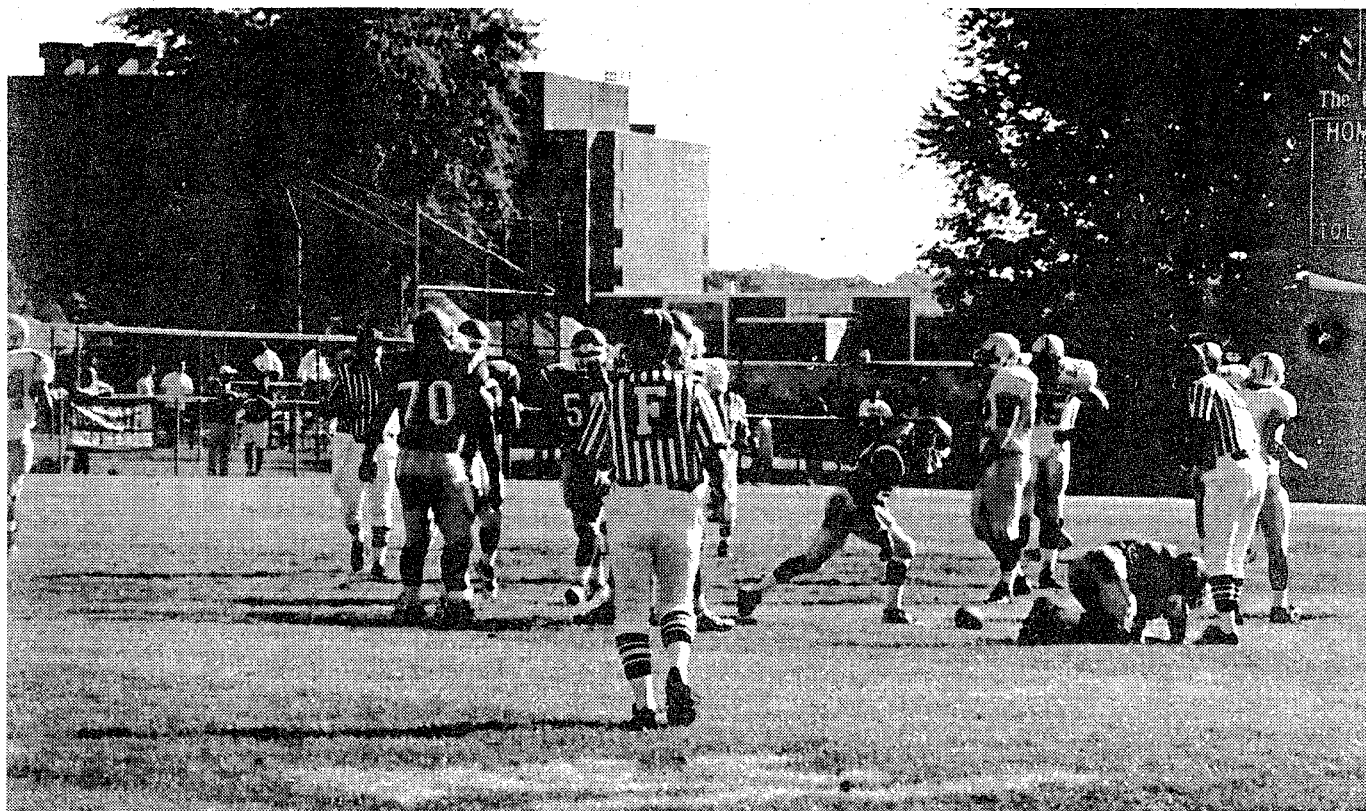
Although it was a very unlucky play, it did set the tone for the game—Stony Brook trying to make something out of nothing and paying the price for gambling.

On the second USB possession, the Seawolves were forced to punt after going three and out. The much-beleaguered punting unit, who at the last home game allowed three blocked punts in the first half, treated the fans to the most unexpected play of the game. Not only did they get the punt away, but rather Julius Jackson (#34) recovered the fumbled return at midfield giving Stony Brook some of its best field position of the game.

On the ensuing USB possession, the Seawolves' offense went flat and lost 7 yards over three downs. After failing to convert on third down—Stony Brook was 2 out of 15 for third-down conversions in the game—Coach Kornhauser elected to go for it on fourth and 17.

Unfortunately, everyone in stadium, including Sacred Heart knew Stanley had to pass to get to the first-down marker. The USB offensive line couldn't withstand the rush and Stanley was sacked for a 12-yard loss. Jackson's special teams' play was wasted.

Luckily, the defense stepped up, bailed the offense out and regained momentum by



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Stony Brook's offense came into the game against Sacred Heart with injuries at several key positions.

intercepting Sacred Heart QB Justin Holtfreter (#8). Stony Brook's Alexis Ayala (#51), continued his marvelous form and snatched his third interception of the year.

On the following Seawolves' possession, Kornhauser choose to once again go for it on fourth and very long, with the ball on the 32-yard line of Sacred Heart. After a pick of only 12 yards, Stony Brook was forced to turn the ball over on downs. Even though the Seawolves were well short of the first down, at the time it didn't seem like to was that bad of a decision by the coach because the Pioneers were forced to take over the ball deep in their own territory.

Nevertheless, this simply wasn't Stony Brook's day. On the very next play, Holtfreter connected with DeVeren Johnson (#81) on a 80 yard bomb and just like that the Pioneers' took a 7-0 lead.

When asked about his team going 1 for 7 on fourth-down conversions and with two failed conversions leading to 14 Sacred Heart points, Kornhauser replied, "We were trying to make something happen. We just didn't have any luck."

Indeed one really cannot place the blame squarely on the shoulders of the USB head coach for gambling on fourth-down. His offense simply couldn't advance the ball 10-yards in three chances and therefore he elected to place his trust in his defense, and give his offense an extra chance. However, he perhaps did go to the well one time to many, by hoping the defense could hold and make up for the nonexistent punting game.

Following a safety in the second quarter, Sacred Heart took a 9-0 lead into halftime.

Sacred Heart opened the second half with the lone sustained drive of the game. Holtfreter connected with a wide-open Douglas Geoffrey (#3), one of two 100-plus yard receivers for Sacred Heart, from eight yards out. Holtfreter was nearly perfect in

the Pioneer's 11 play, 67-yard drive that took up 5:37 and put Sacred Heart up 16-0.

USB's Menendez reduced the deficit to 10 points when he ran for an 80-yard touchdown late in the third quarter. The Seawolves elected to go for two and failed.

Sacred Heart sealed their victory after stopping a fake punt by Stony Brook deep in USB territory. The Pioneers took over on downs. Four plays and 15 yards later they led 23-6 after a four-yard Marvin Royal (#24) TD run.

Thanks to the efforts of Menendez, Freshman runningback Clinton Graham (#22), who had 134 all-purpose-yards, and the Seawolves's defense, Stony Brook was able to keep the game close to the very end. Coach Sam Kornhauser reflected after the game, "the kids played awfully hard, unfortunately we didn't win."

Indeed, the final score was not representative of how closely fought a contest this was. USB trailed by no more than 10 points until the 2:33 mark of the fourth quarter. A few bounces of the ball heading their way or a couple of favorable calls by the officials and the outcome of this game could have been a very different story.

The Pioneers themselves didn't play a wonderful game. The Stony Brook defense held them to only 22 yards rushing on 19 attempts. In fact, for most of the contest it seemed that neither offense really wanted to win and both defense's were unwilling to allow sustained drives.

But in the end it came down to personnel and mental mistakes as one offensive unit was able to get first downs and sustain a drive, while the other was struggling with inexperience, fumbled snaps and injuries.

Stony Brook's offense came into Saturday's game with injuries at several key positions leaving the coaching staff with more questions than they'd like.

QB Brian Stanley was not fully recovered from the severely bruised ribs he sustained in the second quarter of last week's game against Wagner. Although he started, demonstrating the resiliency he has shown all year, his playing was clearly effected. Stanley toughed it out for almost three quarters, completing 13 of 24 for 108 yards. He was sacked 4 times and threw 4 interceptions, though they were not all his fault.

To make matters worse Senior wide receiver and playmaker Lucas Niskanen (#18) was still nursing a clavicle injury that he sustained in the loss to Albany three weeks ago quarterback. None of the other wide receivers take over his production.

The condition of the USB offense was in stark contrast to that of the Pioneer's who came into the game with their offense well tuned and riding a five game winning streak. Justin Holtfreter, Sacred Heart's Junior quarterback completed 28 of 44 pass for 303 yards and two touchdowns.

Nonetheless, the Seawolves were able to leave the game with a few positives, especially when looking towards next year. In particular, Freshman QB David Rodriguez (#2) who passed for 48 yards in little over a quarter against Sacred Heart. Coach Kornhauser talked about Rodriguez after the game. "We were trying to make him feel comfortable. He runs and throws very well...he has an outstanding arm. We are very hopeful."

Another pleasant surprise is Freshman, cornerback Chad Kind (#10) who has 3 interceptions this year, including one at Homecoming.

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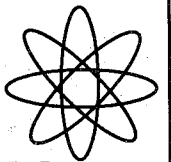
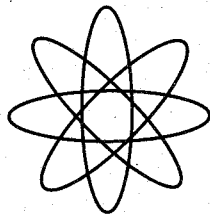
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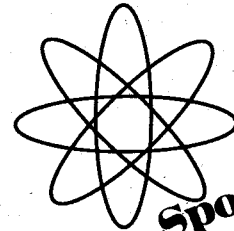
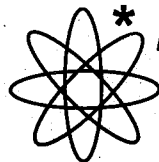
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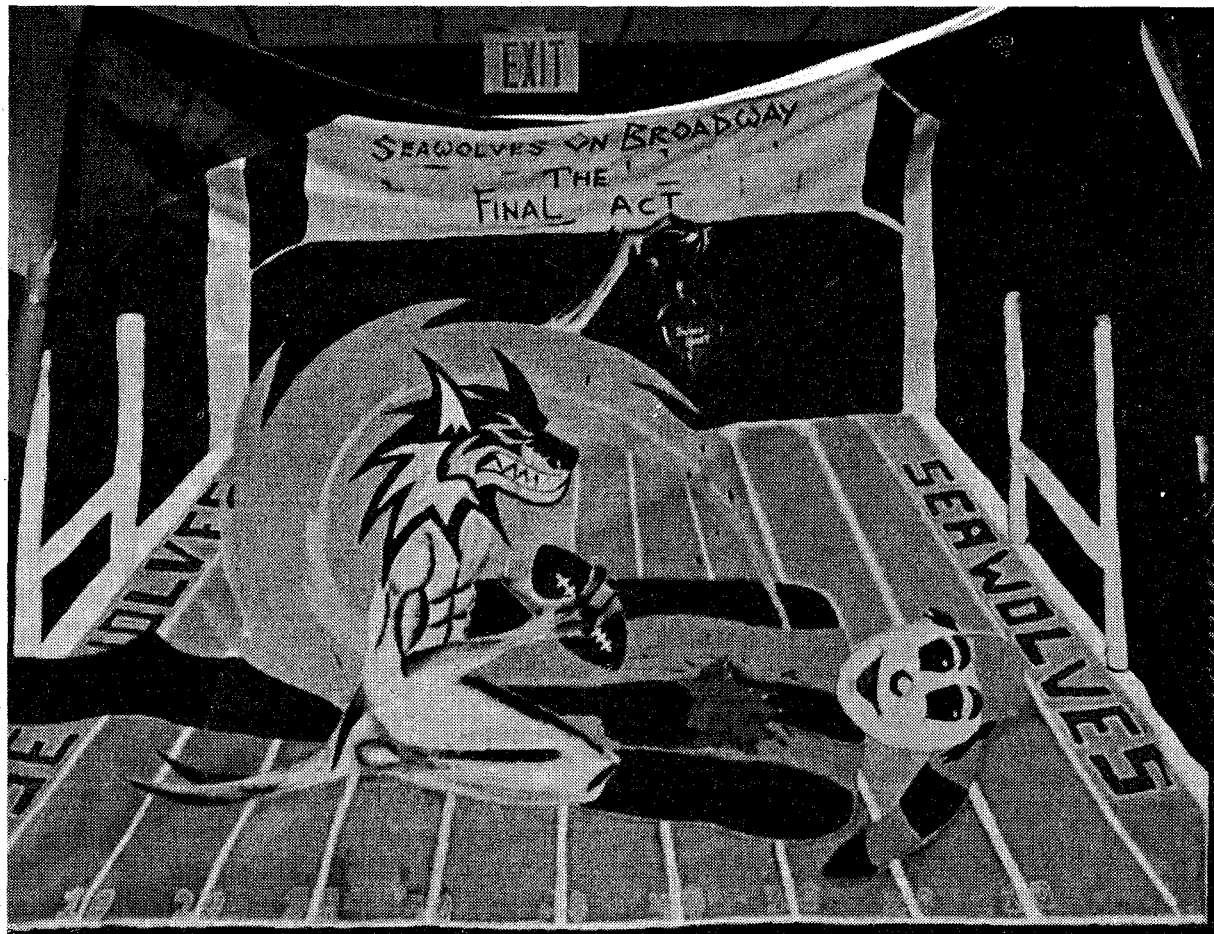
By NARISSA MOORE
Statesman Contributor

All Stony Brook students, residents as well as commuters danced and chanted in the Administration overflow parking lot Friday night, as they awaited the start of the homecoming parade.

The beating of drums, bagpipers playing and students cheering all created for a tremendous celebration as fraternities, sororities and other participants marched down Center Drive with their colorful banners and creative floats. The Grand Marshall led the parade while passing the Student Union and coming to a halt in front of the Sports Complex. The homecoming King, Andrew Murray, followed alone without knowing who the Homecoming Queen of 2000 would be. There were two candidates for the position and one of these two finalist was chosen at Midnight Madness later that night. "This is my senior year and even though the work I have is time-consuming," said Murray, "being Homecoming King is a whole lot of fun."

It was Friday the 13th and one of the year's unluckiest days, but it did not stop anyone from showing their support for their building. Students gathered all over, occupying any space they could find in order to create their colorful masterpieces. "Normally we don't disclose where we do our banners or floats because of the competition," said Karen Spence, a sophomore.

"About fifty people, residents and RA'S worked all night to create our banner," said Paul DeFelice, a senior and an RA from Benedict College. Benedict College, whose colorful banner portrays a strong sporty Seawolf beating up and actually killing an opponent on the football field won first place in the banner contest. The Commuter Students Organization won first place in the float competition. "The building was very motivated," said DeFelice, who felt there was a stronger sense of community this year. "You saw people together that you would normally never see together, there was a sense of pride among them," DeFelice said. Benedict's pride was heard during Midnight Madness



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Benedict College won the banner contest with a picture of a Seawolf killing an opponent.

where the winners were announced. "We were ecstatic," said DeFelice, "and everyone who participated went to Midnight Madness and was proud that they were the largest group there."

However, confusion struck among some students who thought that the parade was going to take place on the loop of the academic mall by the Student Activity Center, as it was held there the last two years. "It seems much better to have the homecoming parade on the center drive," said senior Jason Hunter. "There is less cluttering opposed to last year's parade by the loop."

Agreeing with Hunter was senior Erica Cicconi who

said, "I think the Union is more active so the parade is better there just like my freshman year." Others felt that the Union's proximity to the Sports Complex and Midnight Madness added to the dynamics to the parade. "I liked the Union better," said Jessica Bell, a junior, "the energy throughout the Union was nice from Midnight Madness."

The Homecoming Parade gave students the opportunity to be creative and show their talent and support for their buildings, organizations and the university overall as well as getting acquainted with one another and having fun.

Going Mad

Midnight Madness Ushers in the Basketball Season

By CHRIS HUNT
Statesman Contributor

Under a full moon and dark sky on Friday the 13, screams echoed throughout the Indoor Sports Complex, but they weren't the screams of an early Halloween celebration. Instead, a party was going on in the stands as Stony Brook students cheered for Midnight Madness, the official start of the 200-2001 basketball season. The annual festival drew more than 4500 students to the Sports Complex who watched the festivities, participated in the activities and tried to win prizes all while showing their support for the Seawolves. The basketball court was filled with USB Pack members giving away 1000 T-shirts throughout the night and trying to maintain the energy.

The Stony Brook Kickline kicked off the evening with a performance that immediately gained the crowd's approval. But disapproval followed closely after as comedian Ben Bailey took center court. After a series of dry jokes and an attempt at winning over the crowd by giving out t-shirts, he

was relentlessly booed by the less than amused audience. He was escorted off the stage while the crowd chanted, "get out, get out, get out of here." The biggest cheer Bailey heard was when he turned the microphone off and left.

After Bailey, the crowd was treated to a little sumo wrestling courtesy of two students, Stanley and Mitch, who dressed up in padded suits and hats complete with the trademark black sumo wrestler pony tail. Each wrestler represented a section of the crowd, providing the humor Bailey did not while prompting the crowd to make more noise. The first raffle prize giveaway followed and the noise died down just enough to hear the result. After no one claimed the first ticket drawn, a student heard his name at the second drawing, and he walked away with a new TV-VCR.

The crowd was hyped once again as a video played showing past Midnight Madness celebrations, including dunks and other highlights from the men's and women's games. The countdown to midnight soon followed and as the clock struck midnight the crowd erupted again along with

the explosives at center court. The fireworks ignited the entire complex and announced the introductions of the 2000-2001 men's and women's basketball teams. All the athletes received a warm welcome but the largest ovation was reserved for last year's Coach of the Year, women's basketball head coach Trish Roberts. The introductions ended with the sparks of fireworks and t-shirts flying into the hands of enthusiastic fans.

The cheerleaders set the stage for the women's team to take the court for their warm-up. The women then displayed the skills that led them to an 18 win season last year when they played a scrimmage game for the roaring fans. In came the Stony Brook step squad who put on a performance that set the crowd up to be slam dunked home by the men's team. The dunking contest left fans marveling at the leaping ability of some of the participants, including Jaius McCollum, crowd favorite Nelson Pena and defending champion Chris Balliro. Pena nearly won the competition on the first dunk when he

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Editorials

Alum Today, None Tomorrow

This past weekend was a busy one for the Stony Brook campus. It was a time for students to show off their school spirit by cheering on the basketball team at Midnight Madness, voting for the best float at the Homecoming parade and watching the Seawolves take the football field against Sacred Heart for the big Homecoming game. But all the fun and activities was not reserved just for students. Stony Brook alumni was "welcomed home" to join in the fun, support their alma mater and relive the memories of their days when they too were students here.

Alumni weekend activities proved that the Office of Alumni Affairs thought there was no better way to entertain former Stony Brook students other than by feeding them three meals. At Saturday's game, an alumni reunion tent was set up behind the football field where alumni watched the game while enjoying a lunch with their families and friends. Before the game they got a pancake breakfast and later on there was an alumni dinner. They probably ate better in one weekend than

most students eat all semester, but their presence raised an interesting question: what will be of the Stony Brook alumni of the future? Will there be any?

Students at Stony Brook may be diverse but they do have one thing in common. A large majority of them claim to be unhappy here. Last year, the campus was ranked as having some of the most unhappy students at colleges across the nation. A separate poll ranked USB high on the list in the too much red tape category as well as dorms like dungeons category.

But forget the polls. Ask the average student how things are going for them and they can tell you about being tripled up in tiny rooms only to be reimbursed a mere fraction of what they are owed. They might ask you why they are forced to pay prices for food that can be bought for half the price at any supermarket. How about school books? How does the bookstore get away with charging \$80 for a text book one semester, giving maybe \$20 back when it is sold back at the end of the semester only to hit the shelf again the

following semester for \$70? How about having to beat the national average and finish their college years in four years so they do not have to worry about losing their on campus housing?

How about misspent funds? Students want to know why \$14 million is being spent on a football stadium while the English department went more than semester without a chairperson. And why can they only purchase Coca Cola beverages? Why are there meter parking spots? Why do they run the risk of getting parking tickets in virtually every parking lot on campus? The list can go on and on.

If we look at this closely it becomes frighteningly clear that Stony Brook better start thinking about planning and investing in its future. Is anyone happy enough to be a student here that they would actually come back to relive their USB experience? Moreover, would they bring their family and friends to join them? If the above gripes and complaints are any indication, Stony Brook students can't wait to get campus for good. They want to go for good and never have to look back.

Letter to the Editor:

One Solution to Campus Housing Crises

Dear Editor,

If your campus suffers from a housing crisis, there's a simple solution. Increase student parking. When students are able to commute and can find lower cost apartments away from the campus area, it will relieve the high demand for apartments within walking distance to campus. As demand lowers, rents around campus will decrease but even if they don't, large numbers of students will be able to have cars and find cheaper housing.

Suppose for example there are 10,000 off-campus students paying an average of \$50 apiece each month over normal market rates right now. That's a half a million dollars a month going down the tubes, or \$4.5 million annually—surely enough to justify building more parking around campus. However, if you lowered rental rates around the main campus, the university's dorms might also suffer vacancies and the university budget could suffer losses as high as several million dollars a year. University dorms are often

more expensive and less appealing than off-campus housing.

Which would you rather see—students losing millions of dollars a year in overpriced off-campus housing and the university operating in the black, or students living in low cost housing and having cars, but the university's budget in red because of dorm vacancies? Most universities choose the former.

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Rally For Tolerance

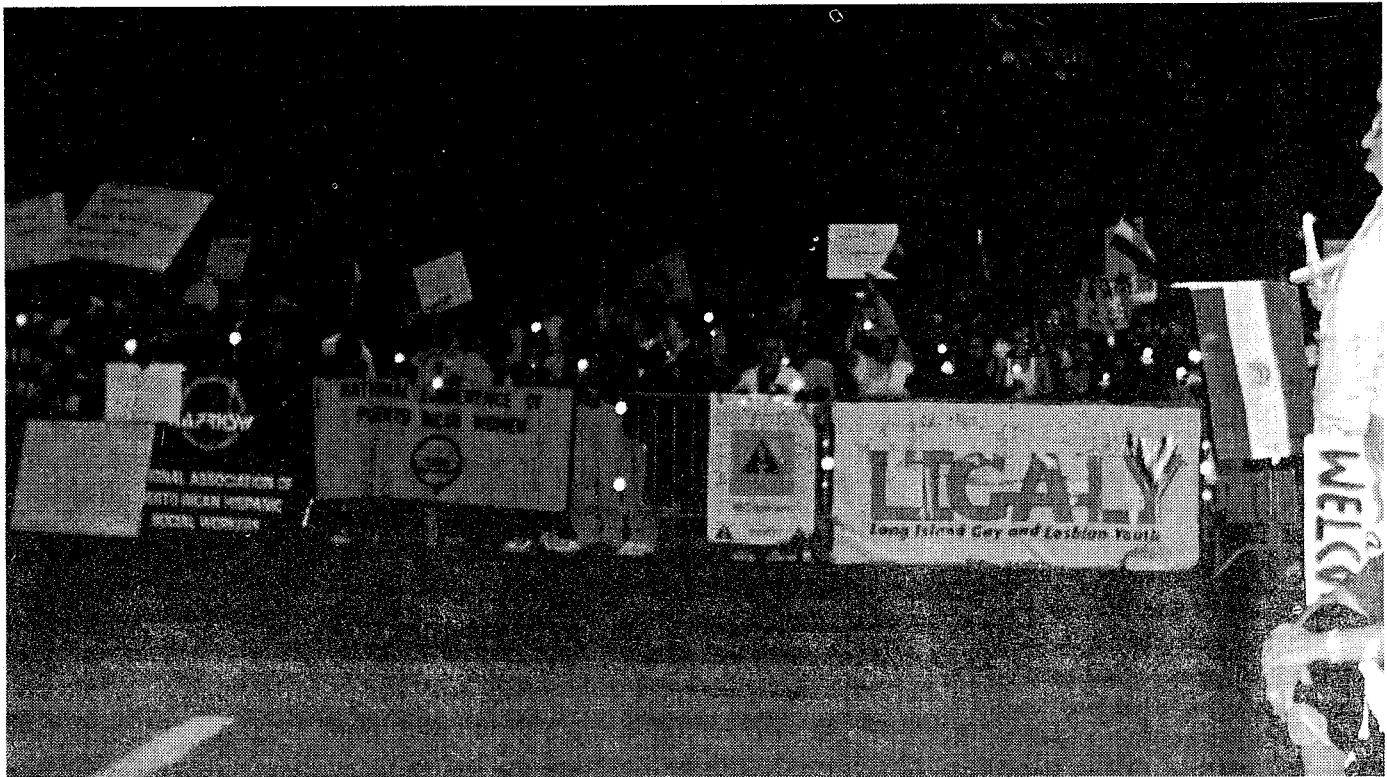
1800 Gather To Support Beaten Mexican Workers

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Waving flags from various Latin American countries and signs calling for an end to racism, close to 1800 people gathered yesterday evening at the H. Lee Dennison building in Hauppauge to protest against the violent assault on two Mexican day laborers in Farmingville last month.

The unity rally was organized by presiding officer Paul J. Tonna of West Hills and the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission. Participants were asked to light a candle in a showing of solidarity against the violence and racism that led to the attack.

Rabbi Steven Moss of Oakdale presided over the rally as master of ceremonies, opening the program by saying that intolerance and hate of any kind had no place on Long Island. "We are sending a loud and clear statement to the communities of Long Island that no one need stand alone against bigotry and hatred," said Moss from the podium. He mentioned other biased crimes that have taken place around Long Island including the anti-Jewish graffiti that was written on walls at Commack High School and the attack on Shane Daniels, the black man who was beaten outside of a Westhampton nightclub for talking to a white woman. "We want our elected officials to hear us, which is why we chose this place," Moss said. "We are hear tonight to share the pain of all those victims of biased crimes and to stand up with and for them." The H. Lee Dennison building is part of a complex of state buildings including the Department of



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One rally goer had a poster that read "We Were The First Americans, Aztes, Mayans and Incans. Read History, El Salvador."

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Feelings of solidarity is what brought members from cleaning union Local 32 B from Manhattan to the rally. The workers rented a bus service to attend, bringing six busses filled with 50 people each. Galo Garcia, originally from Ecuador now from Manhattan, said that the only reason for the attack was discrimination against minorities. "We came because we feel it could be any one of us," Garcia said. "We want to support them, it is our obligation to support any action they want to take."

But it was more than just people

of Hispanic origin that sought to show their support. Michael and Robin Stoltz came representing Temple Beth Shalom of Smithtown along with their children eight year old Leah and twelve year old Paul. "They need to be educated about right and wrong," said dad Michael, "ignorance breeds contempt." Paul said that events like the rally are important in correcting the ignorance that spawned the beating. "The fact that two Hispanics were beaten by people with different opinions that shouldn't really be made is wrong," he said. His sister agreed. Leah said that when her father told her about what happened, she felt it was wrong. "It wasn't nice of them to tell their feelings in a hurtful way," she said. Robin also pointed out that Jews are often the victims biased attitudes.

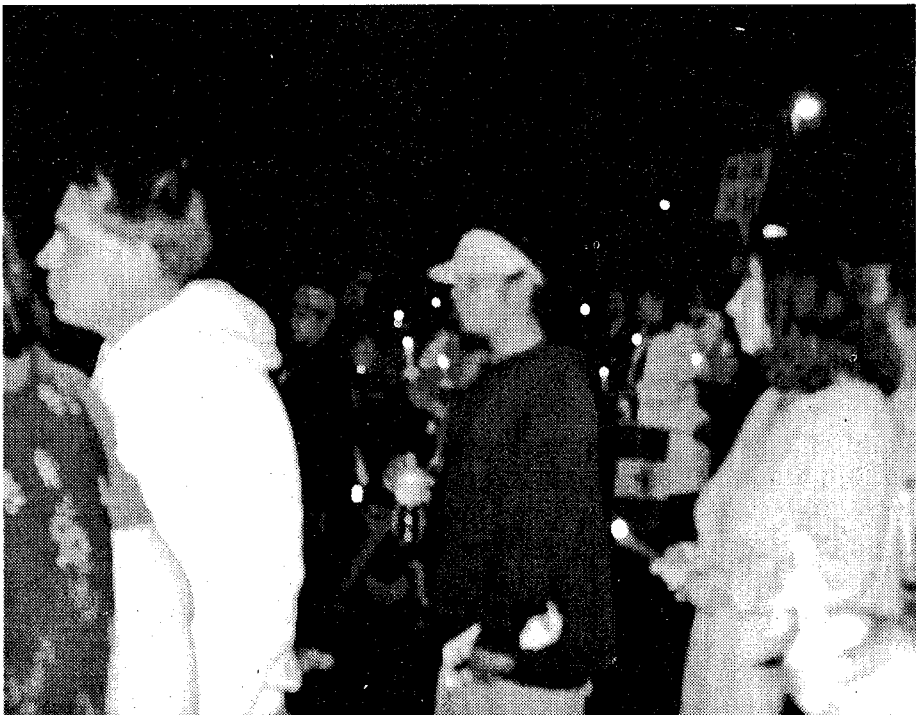
Members of the Islamic community came out from Westbury to show their support. Habeeb Ahmed from the Islamic Center of Long Island said that he feels very bad about what happened to the Mexican workers. "No one deserves that treatment, legal or illegal," Ahmed said. "It was just because they have a different language and because they look different." Sajid Shah, whose son attends Stony Brook, said that everybody should be given a fair chance. "People forget that their parents and grandparents were also immigrants," Shah said.

But not everyone was pleased with the rally. Standing off to the side talking to himself, Selden resident Donald Taylor said that although he does not hate anybody, he is against people who come

to the United States to work only to send the money back home to their mother countries. "I'm against people who come here, they don't have a green card and don't pay taxes," Taylor said, adding that he has Hispanic friends. "I follow the rules and so should everyone else." Taylor said that he has no idea of the process to get a green card but he said that when his family came here from Italy, they had green cards. "I'm an American, I pay these people's salaries."

The process of getting a green card is a difficult one. First an immigrant must prove either that they need political asylum, they have someone to sponsor them economically or they can apply for themselves. After the application goes through, it could take years for a green card to be issued. One immigration law says that in order to get the card, you first must leave the country, after which you get a deportation letter. The application then goes back to the country the applicant came from, a factor that makes many not want to apply at all.

Jorge Ramirez spoke to the crowd as a victim of a biased crime in July. He was attacked by 15 white teenagers when he refused to buy them beer and cigarettes, an act that prompted him and others in his community to form the Human Solidarity Organization. Speaking through a translator, Ramirez said that he asks government officials to continue an open dialogue in an open and honest way. "We reject violence, we are a people with morals," Ramirez said. "An attack on any immigrant is an attack on all immigrants."



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Supporters from the NAACP, unions and religious groups rallied against racial discrimination at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge.

Thanks for the Memories

USB Alumni Return to Campus for Homecoming Weekend

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

Sitting behind the football field in a tent of blue and white stripes decorated with balloons, Stony Brook alumni watched the Seawolves take on Sacred Heart for the homecoming game. Although the home team lost 23-6, over 200 former students showed up to cheer them on as part of Alumni Homecoming Weekend.

The festivities began Saturday at 9 am with a pancake breakfast in the Bleacher Club where alumni met with faculty, staff and athletes. Game kickoff was at 12:30 pm, followed by the Alumni Reunion Dinner and the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner.

According to Barbara Rogus, director of the Alumni Association, the idea for the alumni reunion tent was new this year. "We used to want the alumni in the stands cheering the team on," said Rogus, "but they are doing it from the tent too." Rogus said that in addition to a buffet barbecue lunch complete with beer and wine, a band played for the alumni. She noted that a committee had been working since March to prepare for the weekend. "The tent was one way for alumni to enjoy the game," she said.

One alumnus, Matt Miller from North Westchester, was happy to be back on campus. Gone since 1970, it took Miller a few minutes to figure out why everything looked different. "I realized that it's all those trees that were little back then have grown," Miller said, adding that he was disappointed to find that the dorms were locked. "I wanted to go check out my old room in



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Alumni enjoyed watching the homecoming game from the special tent set up for them.

Irving," he said. Miller also joked that he had to look at a map to get around the campus. "There was nothing but big holes where a lot of these buildings are now," Miller said, noting that there was no Health Sciences Center and no engineering buildings when he attended Stony Brook. "The bridge connecting the Union to the library wasn't even finished back then," he said. "We used to call it the bridge to nowhere."

Even thirty years ago, residents were being tripled up in dorms and one of Miller's roommates met up with him for the alumni festivities. Bill Stellwagen, of Wantagh, also

finished Stony Brook in 1970 but he said that he hung around until 1972 to avoid being drafted for the Vietnam War. The former roommates said that they have kept in touch off and on throughout the years. "Being tripled up made for some tight bonding," said Miller. Stellwagen, who was a sociology major now working for social security, did not think much had changed since his days at USB. "The girls are still beautiful, there is still a long walk from everywhere and they are still doing construction," Stellwagen said, pointing out that even in the 1970's muddy holes dotted the campus as construction went on.

The two recalled that some of the most significant memories of their lives happened on campus. Miller remembered going up the stairs to Roth Quad when he heard that

Jimi Hendrix had died. And the two recalled the time in 1966 when they were freshmen and the hippies, called "hoots," lowered the flag in honor of Otis Redding who died in a plane crash. "They put it at half mast and that made security really freaked," Stellwagen said. "That is one of the salient features of my years here." Stellwagen also mentioned that he would like to see his kids go to a state school, Stony Brook in particular if that's where they wanted to go.

With all the memories and activities alumni weekend brought back, both of the former students were enjoying the day. "It has been great, especially with this nice weather," Miller said. "It's just been lovely."

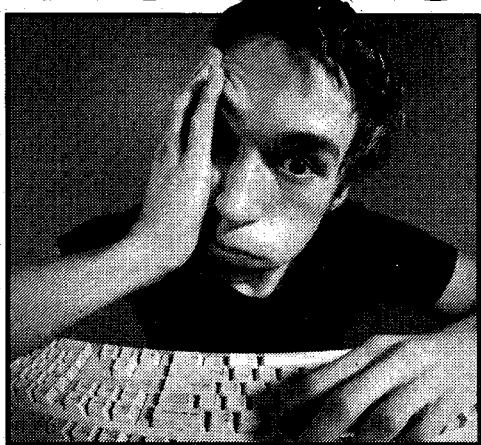
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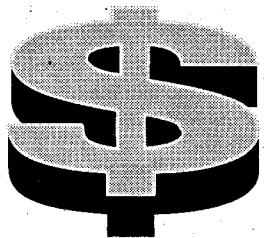
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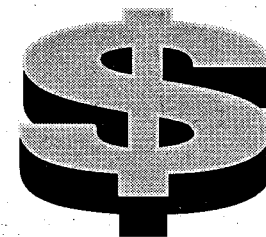
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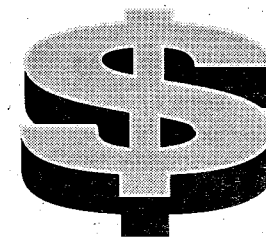
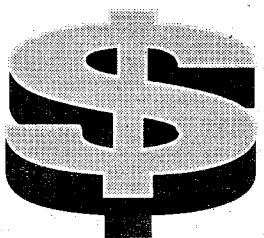
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The Arab-Israeli Conflict A Thought From Rabbi Adam

The events that we have all been witnessing these past two weeks paint a different picture from the impressions that were made throughout the Israeli-Arab peace process. Instead of handshakes and land for peace deals, there are bullets and bloody atrocities. What we see happening between the Israelis and the Palestinians is an expression of pure hate. Some attempt to firebomb this synagogue, others ransack this mosque. This one says they fired first, and that one says it was in self-defense. Too many years of murdering, terrorism and distrust have made the Arab-Israeli vendetta personal instead of political. Making peace by simply giving back contested land is unsuccessful for it is merely a Band-Aid over an already infected wound. The Band-Aid may be sterile, but the untreated infection will get worse. Instead, what is needed is nationwide sensitivity and anti-hate training. The Palestinian and Israeli education system must be revamped to promote tolerance and co-existence. Mass media must emit messages of unity instead of nationalistic pride. Once the hate has been removed talk of peace can be fruitful. But alas! such a process could take at least a generation. For example, it's been 40 years since the beginning of the U.S. civil rights movement and only now are the ideas of diversity and unity in vogue. And alas! the Middle East doesn't have the patience to wait for a new generation. It's either immediate peace or, G-d forbid, eventual full scale war. Seemingly, it's an impossible situation: immediate superficial land for peace deals that leave hate intact and war inevitable, or a legitimate prolonged peace process that will not be able to withstand nationalistic impatience also making war inevitable. Therefore, humanly effected peace is virtually impossible. Instead, peace must come from a superhuman source- from Heaven. The interfaith hope for a messenger from G-d whose mission is to lead us all in the way of love, peace and spirituality is now a more realistic solution for peace rather than another UN mediation project. For according to the works of Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition, a person exists who is destined to be the world's redeemer, yet that person himself has no clue, for that spark of supernatural righteousness that is within has yet to be revealed. Currently, it is as if he were asleep, but on the day of his revelation his righteousness will increase dramatically and he will be privileged to be the redeemer. Then the world will be filled with a most beautiful sensation of G-dliness and unity, for "G-d's glory will be revealed" (Isiah 40:5). "The wolf will dwell (peacefully) with the lamb, and the lion shall eat straw as the ox." (ibid. 11:6-7). The spirit of impurity, hate and evil will be removed from the earth (Zecharyah 13:2) and then all the nations of the world will call in the name of G-d together as one unit (Zephaniah 3:9). The only catch is: it all depends on us. For the Lubavitcher Rebbe has announced "the time of your redemption has arrived. Moshiach (the Messiah) is ready to come now. It is only up to us to add in goodness and kindness for him to come immediately." If we want it, pray for it, and act for it, real peace will happen. If you want it, and are ready to pray for it, contact me at RabbiAdam@hotmail.com and we'll make it happen, speedily in our days, Amen.

Midnight Madness

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made an alley-oop while jumping over teammate Rob Hartman. But McCollum was kept in the competition when Pena missed the second dunk while attempting a 360. But McCollum did not need much help. He brought the house down with a powerful windmill dunk on his first attempt and he followed with an alley-oop off the backboard while jumping over point guard Terrill Ware. Balliro handed over his title when he missed on his second attempt.

The crowd's indecision led to a dunk off contest between Pena and McCollum. Pena went first showing his athletic ability with a flying 360 but he missed on his second attempt. McCollum first went for a backwards dunk and then tried to dunk two balls at once. He missed on both but the freshman still earned the crowd's respect. The contest ended with a tie and both Pena and McCollum received co-champion awards.

More awards were given out with the announcement of the banner contest winners. Benedict College came in first, Whitman in second and Gray in third. Homecoming float winners were the Commuter Student Association. Royalty was also crowned when Andrew Murray, president of the Commuter Student Association was crowned homecoming kind and Maya Chahine was crowned queen.

After the awards, a student named Nezar Dahdal had the opportunity to win a brand

new Corvette, courtesy of Ram Chevrolet in Port Jefferson. Dahdal missed the shot but he did receive a consolation prize of dinner for two at Boulder Creek. The night ended with a bang when two loud explosions went off and the popular song "Who Let the Dogs Out" by the Baha Men was played. But the night was not over until the last prize was given away. Free tuition was given to a raffle ticket holder.

Students who attended Midnight Madness were impressed. Transfer student Babafemi Otuyelu said that it was better than he expected. "The fireworks and dancers made the experience a lot better for me," he said. Sophomore Joey Weiss said that he had a great time. "The slam dunk contest was the best but the fireworks scared everyone out of their seats," Weiss said.

As for the athletes, they were proud that so many people came out to support them. Senior point Terrill Ware said it was an exciting night. "It made me look forward to a good season where we hope to win a lot more games," he said. Team captain Josh Little was also happy with the turnout. "I'm just glad so many people came out to support us." The Metz twins Heather and Jennifer from women's basketball were also pleased with the support. "It's good so many people came out," said Heather. Jennifer agreed. "It was exciting to be in front of that kind of crowd."

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"The Origins of Chinese Civilization"

By KAREN RICE
Statesman Contributor

On Thursday, October 14 in the Student Activities Center auditorium, senior chemist emeritus at Brookhaven National Lab and adjunct professor from the department of geosciences at Stony Brook Garman Harbottle gave a lecture on the origins of Chinese civilization. The lecture covered the advances in Chinese pottery and ceramics while giving insight into one of the oldest civilizations on Earth.

Harbottle stressed that by following the developments in Chinese art, one could also follow the development of Chinese civilization as a whole. He said that it has become imperative that Americans develop a better understanding of Chinese culture due to recent events that Harbottle said he did not wish to dwell on. "I think that it is important Americans should understand where the Chinese are coming from," Harbottle said. He also pointed out that it is important for Stony Brook students to become aware of other cultures due to the great diversity of the student population, one that has a large number of students of Chinese descent.

Harbottle's extensive lecture covered many pieces of Chinese art from various eras and time periods including the Neolithic, Xia, Zhou, Qin, Han, and Tang Dynasties. Large and detailed pictures of the pieces were displayed one by one on an overhead projector while Harbottle gave information on each piece. Harbottle's lecture allowed the audience the equivalent of their own private tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Some of the pieces Harbottle used in the lecture was a peach and blue blossom vase, a perfectly white vase with the images of a Chinese princess and poem on it, and a horse-shaped tomb statue splashed with garish color.

In addition, one particular series of pieces clearly showed the progression of Chinese art. These were a collection of bronze vessels with the image of a mask on each. When the vessels were shown in comparison to their time period, the progress in refinement and detail of each mask was clear. One notable fact Harbottle shared was an ancient process for telling the future. Called divination, this future telling involved carving a question on the underbelly of an empty tortoise shell and then tossing it into the fire. The shell would then expand in the fire causing a series of cracks to form around the edges. The cracks were then read by a shaman, someone Harbottle referred to as an ancient magician. The Chinese believed that their ancestors could see the future and would communicate this knowledge by the pattern of cracks that appeared on the shell. One archaeological theory holds that this type of crack reading was the beginning of Chinese writing.

Harbottle was sure of what he wanted his audience to take from the lecture, saying that he wanted them to go away with a sense of the continuity of Chinese culture. "They are a people living and thriving with literature and pottery," Harbottle said. "I would also like to see a greater respect for Chinese culture and an understanding for its success and refinement."

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So far, LaMont has enlisted the financial support of his family and some of his fraternity brothers from Delta Sigma Phi. He also received a sponsorship from a car repair shop close to where he lives in Staten Island. Paritskaya is so far sponsored by family and friends as well as by the Holiday Inn in mid town Manhattan where she used to work. But they need more. LaMont said that he still needs to raise close to another \$4000 to satisfy the \$5000 cost of the trip and Paritskaya is also behind. "I have a lot more to go," she said. There

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Both students are looking forward to their upcoming trips. Paritskaya said that she is very excited. LaMont said he was excited too. "This can take me anywhere," he said, saying that he is a spontaneous adventurer. "This can help me pursue my dreams."

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By Adam Zimmerman
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What if today is the day?

What if today is the day when an arsonist decides to strike? What if today is the day when a homicide occurs on campus? What if today is the day when a student given a parking ticket decides to take his anger out on the men and women in blue?

It must be pretty scary, not knowing if today will be "that day." Nevertheless, you put on the uniforms every single day, wear the badges, strap the guns to your holsters, rev up the squad cars, and patrol the beats, knowing full well that

today might very well be "that day."

Why do you do it?

Think about it for a minute. 31,000 people are on this 1,100 acre, 109-building campus. There are 52 sworn police officers in your department. If we do the math, we find that there are more than 596 people, 21 acres, and two buildings per police officer. That's some ratio.

Obviously, this is a lot of ground and people to cover. It sure seems daunting on paper; I can only imagine how it is in reality. And to think that at a recent Polity Senate meeting, one of my fellow Senators took you to task for carrying guns. Obviously, a "farewell to arms" wouldn't be in your best interests.

Of course, let's be honest. This is a

nice, pleasant, pretty suburban community here. Taking a look at our crime statistics (or lack thereof), one would think that your job is one of the easier ones here. After all, it must be pretty simple to fight crime when there isn't a heck of a lot to fight, right? Wrong.

Luckily, these statistics don't fool you. You understand that past crime reports don't mean anything because, as much as we would like them to, they cannot prevent anything bad from happening in the future. Unfortunately, some of us don't heed this warning. We still persist in propping our doors and setting off our fire alarms, just for fun. The can't-happen-to-us mentality is still very much alive and kicking.

Anytime that mentality rears its ugly head, so, too, does the message of Columbine High School. Littleton, Colorado is a nice, pleasant, and pretty suburban community with little crime too, but that didn't prevent Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris from committing their crime. We owe to the victims of the Columbine massacre to find the silver lining within that very dark cloud.

So why do you do it? Because you understand that it CAN happen to us, and it WILL, unless we all work together. There is something selfless in your hearts that allows you to put your lives on the lines for us, just so we won't have to do it ourselves. That is why you don't just go through the basics of academy training and firearms certification, but also continuously receive training in bias-related crime, ethical awareness, and multicultural diversity. You realize that we must first fight the hate before we can hope to fight those who hate.

It's easy to take you for granted, but even if we may not show it all the time, I know we do appreciate the work you do. So, to Chief Young, Deputy Chief Little, Officers Sue Fantell and Phil Morales, and the rest of the department, I thank you for all of the work you do. Let us continue to strive toward the goal of "that day" never coming. We can do it.

I salute you.

Sincerely,
Adam Zimmerman

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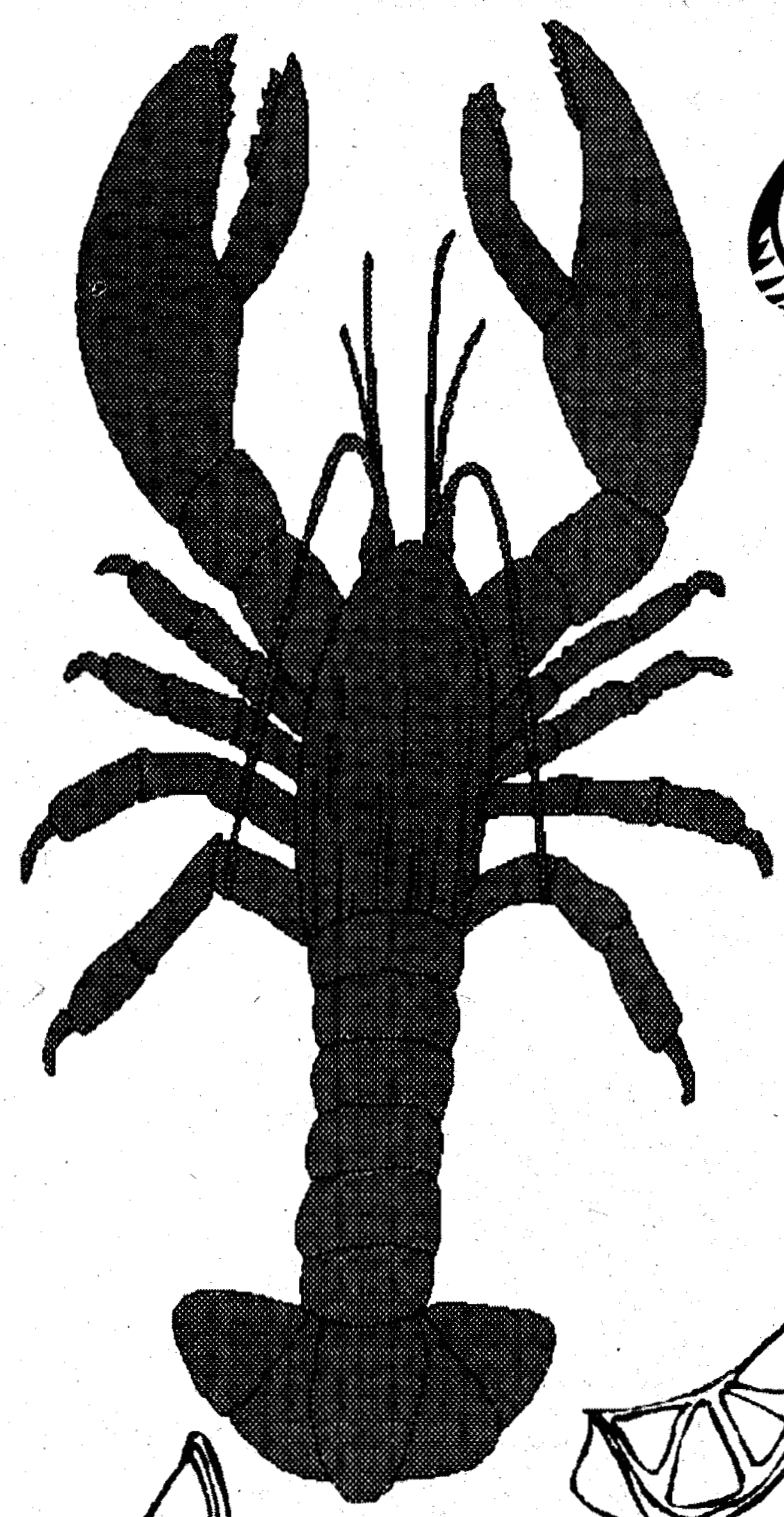
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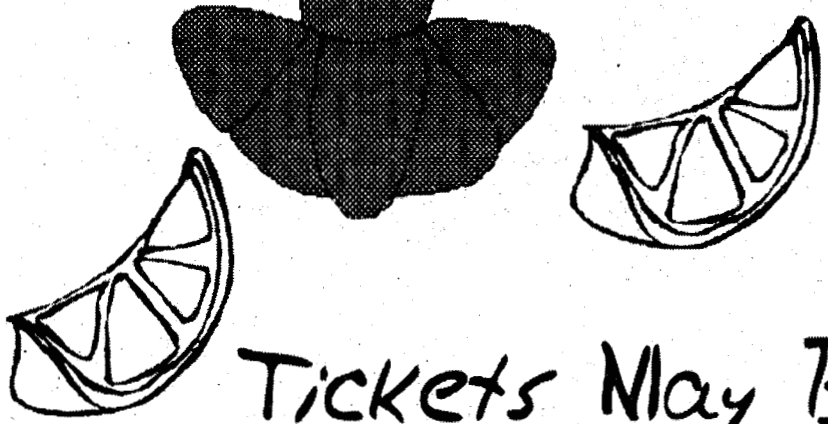
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Going to Hollywood Two USB Students Try to Make it Big in Entertainment

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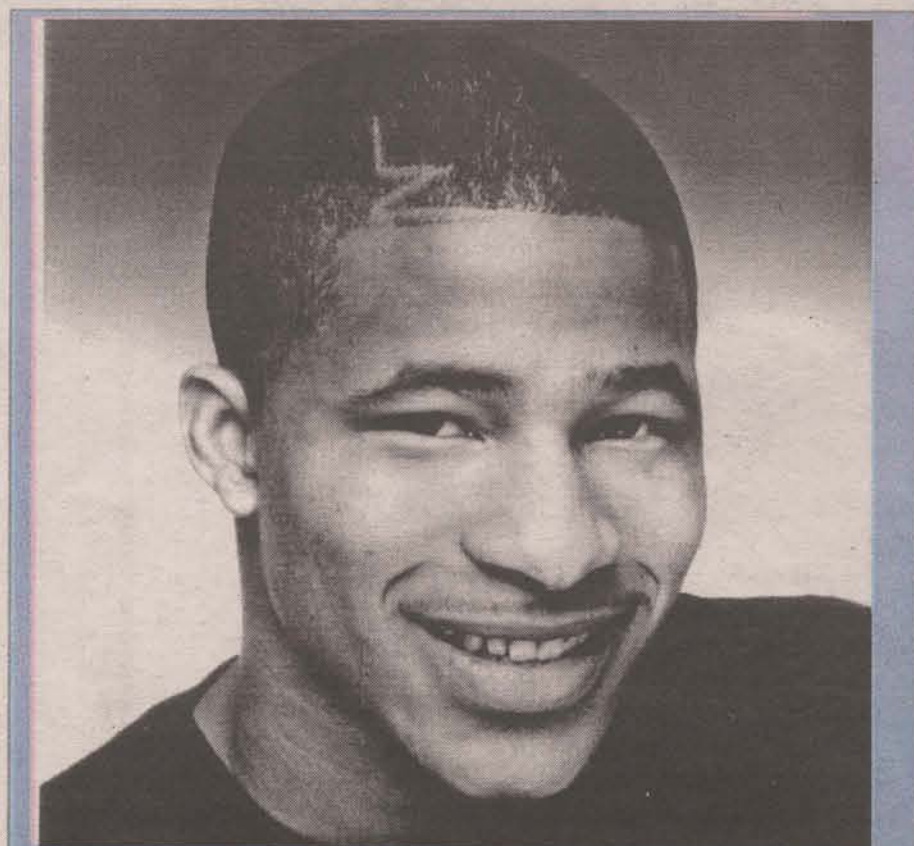
3TV's general manager Jermaine LaMont is about to move from behind the camera to in front of it. Last summer, the multidisciplinary major was listening to New York radio station Hot 97 when he heard an announcement for modeling and acting auditions for talent agency Tomorrow Talent. LaMont went to the auditions with another 900 hopefuls in what he described as a "competition to get into the competition." In the end, only 75 were chosen to go on to the next phase of the audition, the Hollywood Convention of the International Modeling and Talent Association (IMTA), and LaMont was one of them. But he was not the only Stony Brook student.

Julie Paritskaya, originally from Belarus, was also among the chosen 75.

The psychology pre med student said she never thought about modeling. "My friends told me that I am tall and skinny and that I should try to do modeling," Paritskaya said. She took their advice and made an appointment with an agency who took her pictures and put them on file. "The first number the agency gave me was for Tomorrow Talent," she said. She called and ended up winning the same competition as LaMont. But it wasn't until a few weeks later that the two realized they went to the same school.

"I was walking on campus one day and I saw Jermaine," Paritskaya said. "I thought he looked familiar and he looked at me and we both realized that we were both in the competition."

But that is where the similarities end for the two. Paritskaya said that a career



LaMont ultimately wants to produce music videos in the future.

in the modeling world is something that never crossed her mind. "I never thought about it," she said, "and I never expected to win." Even if her looks does earn her a place in the modeling world, Paritskaya has other plans. "I want to be a pediatrician," she said.

LaMont, on the other hand, is planning on pursuing a job in the entertainment world. "I have been doing acting for about five or six years, since I was 17," LaMont said, adding that he has danced in music videos and acted in community television. He has also done live acting on campus in *Swallow This*, the educational skits put on by the

Choice Center, as well as *Whiskey Ville*, a play he performed in on campus that went off Broadway. "I'll be in entertainment," LaMont said, noting that ultimately he would like to work in the production of music videos.

But for now, the Stony Brook students are thinking about how to raise money from sponsors to fund their week-long trips to Hollywood where they will get to showcase their talent before hundreds of agents, casting directors, managers, fashion designers, photographers and other entertainment industry people. The

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