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Princeton Review of Stony Brook Causing a Stir

By Paul Wright
Statesman Editor

A review of SUNY-Stony Brook, set to appear in a future college selection guide, is causing a stir in Administration, and could prompt a response from Stony Brook's top administrators.

The Princeton Review's *Student Access Guide to the Best 309 Colleges* is an annual guide to the nation's best institutions. It uses student opinion surveys to give overviews of each school. The guide painted a grim picture of Stony Brook this year — and reviews of the school could be worse in 1997.

Not everyone agrees with the review that Princeton Review may publish next year. "I believe they misrepresented the University," said Theresa Larocca-Meyer, Assistant Vice President/Dean Enrollment, Enrollment and Retention Program.

While some students may have bad feelings concerning the University, some University officials have bad feelings about the survey which says so. According to Eric Owens, a head researcher at Princeton Review, several administrators here were angered over the results of the survey taken of Stony Brook students for the 1997 edition of *The Best 309 Colleges*. Specifically, he mentioned Larocca-Meyer as having a concern about what was printed in the guide.

Larocca-Meyer questioned not only the surveying methods used by the Princeton Review, but also their interpretation of the results. "What they submitted to us this year that they're going to print about Stony Brook is much more negative than last year," she said. "Now I'm not saying that some of the things are not true. What I'm contesting is their methodology."

"When the Manpower person came to campus, I happened to meet the Manpower person in the morning, because she didn't know where she was going, nor did she receive any training. She went to pick up the surveys at the Manpower office about five minutes before she came on campus."

"She sat at a table in the Union, and stayed there for an hour, and collected the surveys," Larocca-Meyer said. She also questioned the outcome of Princeton review's report in relation to the information given by students on that survey. "But again, although that was a poor methodology, the way they interpreted the results was another element that was skewed," she said.

"A higher percent stated that they were either happy or satisfied than any numbers that they were dissatisfied," Larocca-Meyer said. "So when we queried the editor as to how they came up with that, his answer was that, 'Well, if a person answers fine, that means that they don't care and therefore means they are unhappy.'"

According to Larocca-Meyer, the disparities between the guide and reality at Stony Brook do not end there. "There were many examples of this, where they totally misrepresented what the students put in the survey."

Concerns about the survey have reached as far as the office of University president Shirley Strum Kenny. "It's something that the president and the Provost [Rollin Richmond] are considering responding to," Larocca-Meyer said.

Student reaction, as far as the 1996 version of the guide is concerned, was in general agreement with the report given. Students in general agreed that living conditions could be greatly improved. "The condition of the rooms really is

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> — *Theresa Larocca-Meyer*
> *Assistant VP/Dean Enrollment, Enrollment and Retention Program*

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USB Visiting Scholar Fatally Hit By Car

Courtesy of Sereno Barr
Xiangding Wu

A visiting scholar from China at SUNY at Stony Brook was fatally struck by a '92 Dodge vehicle while crossing Nicolls Road last Thursday at 11:30 p.m, said Doug Little, assistant director of University Police for Community Affairs.

The accident occured on the northbound lane of Nicolls Road near East Loop Road and the South Campus entrance. The victim ended up on the shoulder of the road due to the impact. He was transported to the University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Xiangding Wu, who lived in Chapin Apartments, was born in 1941. He came to Stony Brook as a visiting scholar from China on January of this year. Wu worked with the Marine Sciences Institute, studying climactic changes. He also studied past global change and the areas of terrestrial and planting atmospheres.

Wu is survived by his wife and two children who are residing in China. ❑

Accident Raises Issues on Pedestrian Safety

By Eneil Ryan de la Pena
Statesman Editor

The issue of the safety measures present on Nicolls Road when pedestrians cross the highway is raised with the tragic death of a visiting scholar. Xiangding Wu was fatally struck by a vehicle while crossing Nicolls Road Thursday.

"It's a tragedy." Doug Little, assistant director of University Police for Community Affairs, said of the fatal accident. "It's a shame."

Residents of Chapin Apartments who go by foot to main campus and vice versa, are challenged by problems of crossing the busy roadway Nicolls Road. The underpass bridging the hospital and main campus, located near the Life Sciences Building, is an option for walkers in avoiding the hazardous traffic at Nicolls Road.

The dangerous traffic by Nicolls Road can be avoided by using the underpass. Little said, "That's one reason 95% go underneath the Health Science Center because it's a quick route to the other side." Little also mentioned that Public Safety advises individuals not to cross Nicolls Road on foot.

To some, crossing Nicolls Road without using the underpass is an easy way to Chapin Apartments, especially when one is working on South Campus, said Sereno A. Barr, a graduate student who resides in Chapin and works in the Marine Sciences Research Center on south campus.

According to Barr, the intersection of Nicolls Road, South Campus Drive, and East Loop Road, where visiting scholar Xiangding Wu was struck, is a path that many individuals take in order to get to South Campus from Chapin. Barr says it is a short way compared to using the underpass when one is coming from South Campus.

"Do they have any idea what they are talking about?" Barr said. "That's like asking somebody to go to main campus and then from main campus walk over to Chapin. I guess they should look at the map. The walkway's in a totally different place. To get to the walkway you have to cross a full lane highway. This is not the last person that's going to die."

Jim Hawthorne, another resident of Chapin, goes to campus via the underpass in Health Science Center, but complains that the same danger poses for him. Crossing the East Loop Road is a hazard, too. Hawthorne said that he talked to Little and Richard Young, director of Public Safety about the issue of safety by East Loop Road, yet nothing has been done about it.

Barr suggests that Public Safety "should make some arrangements for a safe method of traveling to and from Chapin and South Campus: at least a light by Nicolls Road and across Nicolls Road to East Loop Road: another light by the Veteran's Home to cross over from one side of East Loop Road to another side where Chapin is."

Barr has written letters about the crossing roads by the South Campus Drive. "I have written letters from 1993 to Arty Shertzer of the Traffic Office," Barr said. "He has replied and all he said was it's none of his business. He doesn't give you any details as to whom you go tell it to. I also appealed this type of thing to the Traffic Appeals Board and they say that it's none of their business. But then they should at least say who's business is it. Are [the traffic people] only here to just worry about giving people tickets or parking issues or are they also here to look at safety issues and which is more important?"

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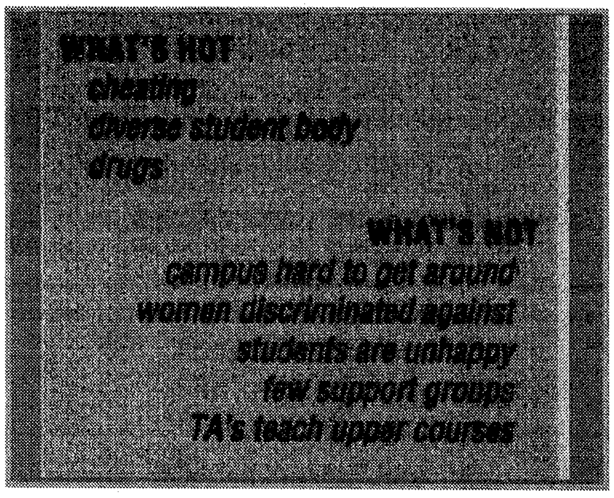

"What's Hot" and "What's Not" about SUNY-Stony Brook, according to the Princeton Review's *Student Access Guide to the 309 Best Colleges, 1996 Edition.*

Review Causes A Stir in Admin

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terrible," said one student. "Especially since we pay like $4500 to be here. And you gotta get a room with roaches twice the size of your hand. Sharing a bed with all kinds of creatures and what not is totally ridiculous, especially since we're paying hard-earned money. Another said that the dorms "suck."

Students felt that Stony Brook does indeed provide a quality education. One student said, "When I came here they said, 'You're not here to receive an education, you're here to get one.'" Others agreed, stating that professors were hard to reach. One student said, "It's all what you make out of it. Most of the students here have a choice — if you want to go to a party or if you don't want to go to a party, or if you going to go to class or if you're not going to go to class. It's like that for every school."

As for Stony Brook's "party school" reputation, students agreed, but stated that students were in control of the choices they make. "If it wasn't a party school, you'd have people jumping out of their windows. . .It's a choice of whether to go to the parties or not. Not everyone goes to every party." One student dissented somewhat, however, relating parties to food. She said, "I think it's mainly freshmen that go to these parties, because after awhile, everybody else knows. It's just like Kelly Cafeteria — the first time you get here, you O. D. on food and then you don't go there anymore." ❑

What the Survey Said

Each year, two million high school seniors go on to attend college. The Princeton Review's *Student Access Guide to the 309 Best Colleges* is published annually, and is meant to assist these graduates in the college selection process. SUNY-Stony Brook is one of the institutions listed.

The book compiles information gathered through surveys and interviews of thousands of students across the country. It gives descriptions of schools, academically and otherwise, and a variety of statistics about each one, ranging from racial makeup to quality of student life. Stony Brook's listing gives less than a sparkling picture of the University.

The things listed as "What's Hot" about Stony Brook in the 1996 edition of the book were "drugs," "cheating," and the "diverse student body." Things that were listed as "What's Not" were "campus hard to get around," "women discriminated against," "students are unhappy," "few support groups," and that "TA's teach upper courses."

Student opinion was "overwhelmingly negative" about campus life at Stony Brook, according to Princeton Review's survey. Students believed living conditions to be very bad. They frequently described their dorm rooms as "uncomfortable," the campus as "ugly," and the food as "awful." Surveyed drug use was higher than that of the national average, although alcohol usage was reported as lower than most other institutions.

Opinions of Stony Brook's student services weren't much better. Princeton reported that students complained of a "large," "impersonal" Administration, that received low marks across the board.

What stands out, in contrast to all of the negative opinion of Stony Brook, is the education that Stony Brook students can receive here. According to the guide, students believe a Stony Brook education to be a good deal. One student was quoted in the book as saying, "Stony Brook is a large public university and functions well within those parameters." The Princeton Review reports that students also believe Stony Brook to provide a good education as well, but say that you must look hard to find it.

Raising Issues on Pedestrian Safety

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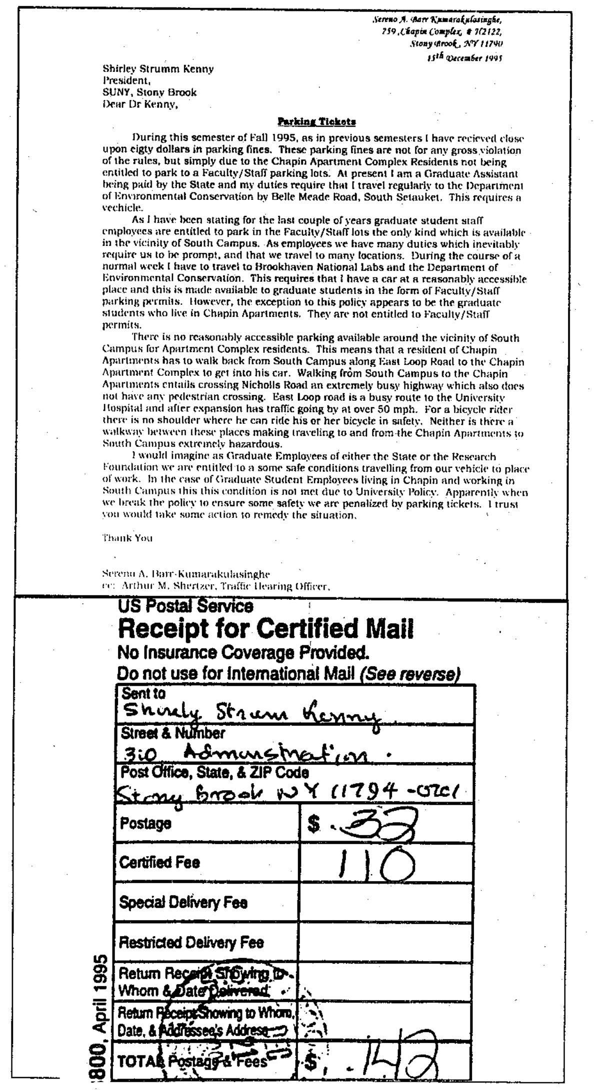
Barr received no reply from University President Shirley Strum Kenny in response to a letter that he wrote over four months ago. Barr sent the letter via certified mail, which ensures that Kenny has received it.

"Why couldn't President Kenny answer my letter?" Barr asked. "It's been four months. She apparently answered a letter when somebody wrote a letter why we shouldn't be going to Division I Football. She wrote back a two page detail letter within about a week saying why [the school should] move to Division 1. Apparently, safety is not one of the things she wants to answer about."

The letter mentioned the extremely hazardous condition when crossing Nicolls Road and East Loop Road because of speeding motorists.

"I don't think this is the last tragedy that's going to occur," Barr said. "There's going to be numerous more tragedies like this." ❑



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15th December 1995

Shirley Strumm Kenny
President,
SUNY, Stony Brook
Dear Dr Kenny,

Parking Tickets

During this semester of Fall 1995, as in previous semesters I have recieved close upon eigty dollars in parking fines. These parking fines are not for any gross violation of the rules, but simply due to the Chapin Apartment Complex Residents not being entitled to park to a Faculty/Staff parking lots. At present I am a Graduate Assistant being paid by the State and my duties require that I travel regularly to the Department of Environmental Conservation by Belle Meade Road, South Setauket. This requires a vechicle.

As I have been stating for the last couple of years graduate student staff employees are entitled to park in the Faculty/Staff lots the only kind which is available in the vicinity of South Campus. As employees we have many duties which inevitably require us to be prompt, and that we travel to many locations. During the course of a normal week I have to travel to Brookhaven National Labs and the Department of Environmental Conservation. This requires that I have a car at a reasonably accessible place and this is made available to graduate students in the form of Faculty/Staff parking permits. However, the exception to this policy appears to be the graduate students who live in Chapin Apartments. They are not entitled to Faculty/Staff permits.

There is no reasonably accessible parking available around the vicinity of South Campus for Apartment Complex residents. This means that a resident of Chapin Apartments has to walk back from South Campus along East Loop Road to the Chapin Apartment Complex to get into his car. Walking from South Campus to the Chapin Apartments entails crossing Nicholls Road an extremely busy highway which also does not have any pedestrian crossing. East Loop road is a busy route to the University Hospital and after expansion has traffic going by at over 50 mph. For a bicycle rider there is no shoulder where he can ride his or her bicycle in safety. Neither is there a walkway between these places making traveling to and from the Chapin Apartments to South Campus extremely hazardous.

I would imagine as Graduate Employees of either the State or the Research Foundation we are entitled to a some safe conditions travelling from our vehicle to place of work. In the case of Graduate Student Employees living in Chapin and working in South Campus this this condition is not met due to University Policy. Apparently when we break the policy to ensure some safety we are penalized by parking tickets. I trust you would take some action to remedy the situation.

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University Unveils Its New Image

By Rafael Almanzar
Statesman Staff

Ed. Note: This story originally ran on April 29.

The familiar "Tree of Knowledge" logo that features a tree surrounded by the letters USB on a maroon background is slowly being fazed out to accommodate the latest design that President Shirley Strum Kenny hopes will better represent and unite the campus community.

The new logo, which will be introduced at commencement next month, plays with the O's in Stony Brook as the main thrust in its design. The O's are now three circles of different colors: green, blue, and red. Inside the circles are stars sprinkled around seven beams of light that converge on a center focal point at the top of the design.

According to Assistant Vice President for Communication Yvette St. Jacques, the logo is part of a new image campaign launched by Kenny to change the feel of the campus under her new administration. "What's important about a logo is that it goes beyond the actual graphic," St. Jacques said. "It's part of the tone and philosophy . . . the way we look at ourselves. Once [the logo] starts to come out on campus, people start feeling better about who they are and what they are representing."

The man responsible for the new logo is Milton Glaser, world famous graphic artist and personal friend of Kenny from her time at Queens College. Glaser is of the "I LOVE NY" logo fame that he designed for the city in 1976. Some of his other accomplishments include designing the observation deck and permanent exhibition for the Twin Towers, co-founding *New York* Magazine, teaching at the School of Visual Arts for the past 30 years, and receiving The Society of Illustrator's Gold Medal.

Glaser, who was commissioned by Kenny, spent time on campus to get a feel and flavor for it. He then began to work on a prototype with the help of feedback from focus groups of faculty, students, and alumni to create an image that conveyed technology and unity. His theme and focus for Stony Book gradually developed into one of "enlightenment and empowerment." This inspired him to make a design with rays of light and the stars in the O's as a new logo for the University.

Some students however, do not think the logo will attract everyone.

"Since USB is trying to attract all kinds of students, having a scientific looking logo is going to limit it," said senior Bill Gartland. "Students already think of USB as a technical place. I love the tree [logo]. That's what I think Stony Brook is all about." said Gartland.

Many students agree. "The tree, it gives Stony Brook a classical look", said Senior Youssif Eid.

Polity Vice-President Nicole Rosner feels the same. "I think somebody got a little to close to the paint fumes," she said. "These three circles with beams of light, I could have made that. I feel everything is changing. I like the tree a lot better."

"This looks like astronaut school" said Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity member Luis Valente. "We don't even have a space program here, " said Jimmy Lyons.

However, administrators like the new logo.

"It's brash, it's a little cheeky. It's a new way to market ourselves to the world", said Vice-President of University Affairs Ceil Cleveland. "I see something fresh and bright and contemporary."

St. Jacques said that Glaser "wanted to include the words Stony Brook in the design to have a sense of who we are. So he felt that using the words was more important than having symbols."

"[The new logo] doesn't look like the old sitting under a tree image that most campuses have, that's not who we are," St. Jacques said. "We are young in terms of universities, only 40. I think that what we are doing is saying we are young and we are proud of it.

Students said they did not feel they were part of the selection process for the logo. Freshman Paul Wright said it would have been better if Glaser had distributed flyers with a few different logo designs around campus so students could have been more involved in the creative process.

There are also student concerns about the cost of the project. "I think the money that is going to be spent on the logo should be put into many other aspects of Stony Brook that need it," said Engineering major Jose Rodriguez.

The design and production of the logo did not cost the university anything because Glaser who has known Kenny for about 10 years did it as a favor. "Literally a labor of love," said St. Jacques. "He feels extremely committed to higher education."

Cleveland adds, "No matter what else this important man has done, he has been in that classroom for thirty years."

The bottom line is that the only costs involved will be in putting the logo into use on any Stony Brook clerical and publicity material said St. Jacques. "It has a lot of potential," she said. "There are a lot of different interpretations that will be happening."

"It reaches into the stars. It's like a pathway to stars," said Cleveland. "It could be a road, it could be students and teachers . . . it could be a dynamic of Stony Brook."

Students disagree.

"It looks like a tractor beam from space zapping Stony Brook or an alien zooming in on us,." said Eid. "I like the tree, it symbolizes Stony Brook. This looks like the thing for I-CON or something." said Valente.

"I guess when you are used to one thing you are biased," said senior Marion Wright who admits he likes the tree more. Recently, he even bought a watch with the tree logo on the face.

"Change is hard," said Cleveland. "No one is saying that what went before is not good or valid. It's just a new direction. That's what this place is about, accepting everybody's interpretation." ❑

Supreme Court Settles Polity, *Statesman* Lawsuit

By John Lowther
Special to *The Statesman*

Ed. Note: This story originally ran on February 12.

After nearly 10 months of information requests, denials, appeals and legal wrangling, The Supreme Court of New York State has ordered the Student Polity Association to release information (under the Freedom of Information Law) to *The Stony Brook Statesman*.

The Polity Council and SUNY Central officials repeatedly denied requests to release documents concerning NIA Entertainment, a media consulting firm hired to advise 3-TV. On January 22, 1996 Justice Vincent G. Bradley handed down a decision granting *The Statesman'* s FOIL request of March 24, 1995. He ordered that Polity release "any and all documents in its possession relating to NIA Entertainment."

The Statesman submitted FOIL requests for "all contracts and paperwork concerning 'NIA Entertainment'" on March 24, 1995. On advice from Leonard Shapiro, legal counsel for Polity, the Council decided to reject *The Statesman*'s request on March 30, according to Stephen Adams, Polity executive director. In a letter to *The Statesman*, Adams wrote that public disclosure laws were not applicable with respect to the student government citing that Polity is a "private organization."

The Statesman appealed the denial to SUNY Central the next day. The appeal was denied on April 7 on the claim that the "Student Polity Association is a non-for-profit corporation, which is separate and distinct from the State University of New York." In addition, SUNY argued that Polity is not a state "agency" which is subject to FOIL.

The Statesman continually offered to let Polity comply with the FOIL requests to no avail. Eventually, *The Statesman* editorial board decided to sue, filing a lawsuit on August 7. Counsel for *The Statesman*, David S. Korzenik, in an April 17 letter to SUNY, argued that Polity was an "agency" that performed state functions. As such, it must release information under the FOIL law. In addition, because Polity disburses activity fee money, this function renders them "agencies" of state action.

The Statesman sought an advisory opinion from the Committee on Open Government concerning the "agency" status of Polity. Robert J. Freeman, executive director of the Committee, wrote on May 17, "Polity is, in my view, clearly involved in performing a governmental function for, on behalf of or in conjunction with the State University. Polity would not exist but for its relationship with SUNY/ Stony Brook. . . I believe Polity and its records are subject to the Freedom of Information Law."

With its building expert support, Bradley agreed with Korzenik and Freeman and sided with *The Statesman*.. In his written decision he said, "Given the fact that Polity is responsible for spending mandatory student activity fees under supervision of SUNY-Stony Brook. . . [Polity's] position is simply not tenable." Also Polity will have to pay at least a percentage of attorneys' fees because of the suit. Bradley will consider the awarding of fees at a later date.

Polity had until February 1 to comply with the judge's decision. However, *Statesman* editors met with Adams on Feb. 9. The two sides agreed that Polity will turn over all related documents by February 23, 10 business days. Although Polity states it was never informed of the court's decision, Korzenick said that he phoned Polity's counsel the day after the judgement was rendered.

The original FOIL request was filed after Polity entered into a contract with NIA Entertainment for one year to advise 3-TV at a cost of $12,000, paid by student activity fee funds. According to the contract, NIA was to develop a technical training and recruitment program and operations protocol. The contract expired October 13, 1995.

Originally, a number of Polity and *Statesman* leaders became suspicious of the contract for several reasons, not the least being that NIA Entertainment's head representative, David Greene, is a former Polity president and a friend of then Polity President Crystal Plati, who was in office when the contract was approved. Further investingation showed NIA Entertainment does not posses a business license in New York nor does it have any formal business offices in New York State.

After investigation by *The Statesman*, it was further determined that the address and phone number listed for NIA was actually the apartment residence of NIA's president, Shirell Roeback.

The investigation is ongoing. ❑

ARAMARK Remains As University Food Contractor

By Ben Varghese
Statesman Editor

Ed. Note: This story originally ran on April 22.

The ARAMARK Corporation will continue to serve as the University's food contractor next year. The Marriott Corporation, which was ARAMARK'S leading competitor, was voted down unanimously by a margin of 14-0 by the food selection committee last Friday.

According to Kevin Kelly, FSA Executive Director and selection committee member, one of the main reasons for the decision was that the University could not accept the higher prices that Marriott was proposing. "My discretion was that Aramark's price structure was the one that we needed to go with at this time because we could not afford to go with the higher priced meal plan," Kelly said.

"A lot of thought process went into it," said Ann Forkin, a member on the committee. "I thought that the catering was a bit more expensive for Marriott." Forkin added that Marriott was less willing to negotiate than ARAMARK .She also said she felt that Marriott was not flexible in their prices and were not willing to lower their costs. ARAMARK, on the other hand, was open to negotiations, which the committee found was an important factor.

Some members of the board said they felt that Marriott's food quality was higher than ARAMARK, but they said that it was not worth it to go with the higher prices because of the budget cuts.

"Any additional increases to students at this time is not a good idea because other things are going up, like tuition," Kelly said.

Kelvin Inocent, a student member on the committee, said that he wasn't pleased with the quality of Marriott when he visited at SUNY Binghampton. However, he said that their meal plan was favorable.

Another factor, according to Forkin, was Marriott's lack of ethnic diversity, which ARAMARK had been providing, namely with "Changing Scenes", offered at "H", Kelly, and Roth cafeterias.

"ARAMARK has done a good job with ethnic diversity over the past five years. They've grown and are sensitive to that," Forkin said.

Although the

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Board of Trustees Proposes to Slash Degree Programs

By Alexandra Cruz
Statesman Editor

Ed. Note: This story originally ran on February 8.

The SUNY Board of Trustees has recommended cutting more than 120 degree programs SUNY-wide, in addition to Governor George Pataki's budget and financial aid cuts. According to the Student Association of the State University of New York, degree programs that include Philosophy, Theater Arts and Humanities, are among the programs facing elimination at Stony Brook.

Campuses all around the SUNY system will be hurt by the proposed budget if it goes through in cuts to certain degree programs. University President Shirley Strum Kenny said that the list, which also includes Russian and Germanic Language and Literature, Atmospheric Sciences and Comparative Studies in Literature did not originate at Stony Brook. "That was a query that was sent down from the SUNY Provost concerning programs. . . we were asked to respond to them and we did."

"There is no question that we will look at our academic programs very hard this year and that we have to make tough decisions about what we support and how we support it," Kenny said. "There is a possibility that some programs might be deleted. That happens with this kind of massive cuts two years in a row.

"I don't think anybody has to worry about those programs as endangered programs," Kenny said. The proposed cuts come after last year's $750 tuition hike, which if coupled with this year's proposed hike would equal $1,000, all in a span of two years.

"I am particularly concerned about the double hit between the recommended increase in tuition of $250 and the recommended decrease of financial aid," said Kenny.

"It is enormously important and essential that students be able to continue to get their education," Kenny said. Although Stony Brook's enrollment went slightly up last year, the president said that system-wide enrollment dropped. If the tuition hike passes the legislation and financial aid is cut again, Kenny said she thinks the system will lose even more students.

SASU President Victor Mallison called Pataki's proposed budget "A blatant attack on public education." Mallison said that Pataki's ideology is of big business. "Pataki is just looking for short-term effects," Mallison said. He said that increasing tuition and cutting financial aid, is hurting the state instead of helping..

Kenny said she plans to save money other ways. "What I'm trying to do is save as much money administratively as possible so that we don't have to cut on the academics and research funds."

The SUNY Board of Trustees released "Rethinking SUNY", in December, a plan outlining ways the SUNY system could save money if campuses were given more flexibility to operate autonomously.

Mallison thinks the plan will only make matters worse. "Rethinking SUNY is vague," he said. Mallison was quick to point out that the "Rethinking SUNY" people were the same who approved of the $250 tuition hike. Mallison said he feels that if campuses have that kind of control, Stony Brook will be able to set its own tuition, which Mallison said "will go through the roof."

Kenny disagrees with Mallison. She said that the plan would allow for differential tuition, but that Stony Brook would not decide what its tuition will be.

"'Rethinking SUNY,' in its management flexibility portion would be very helpful in terms of saving money," she said.

"One of the things it recommends is that many decisions be made at the campus-level, rather that the SUNY Central-level, and that really saves time, energy, person-power and allows us to respond to needs more quickly and effectively and cheaply."

"I am very supportive of 'Rethinking SUNY' in terms of giving campuses more flexibility and also very much in favor of such recommendations as being able to carry over money at the end of one year into the next...," Kenny said. She said that way Stony Brook would be able to make major purchases that would allow administrators to process papers more efficiently, as well as getting electronic systems that would allow students to find out how they stand in terms of what kind of requirements they need to graduate.

The governor has also proposed to make students who exceed 135 credit hours or over, pay the out of state tuition rate, which at Stony Brook is over $8,000 a year, said Kristen Wells of SASU. Other documents use 140 credits as the limit..

"This makes it difficult for students to double major or even double minor for that matter," Wells said. The plan is geared to make students complete their bachelor's degrees in a span of four years, in order to combat the growing trend of taking five years to graduate, said Mallison.

"In today's work force, students need to have double majors," Mallison said. "That means we will have under qualified graduates out in the work force." It does not make sense to make four years a common denominator, Kenny said "That is largely because so many students have to work to support themselves. We need to be very understanding of the fact that those students who have to help support themselves, through their university years have got to have the flexibility to do that."

"In order to fight those budget cuts, we must stand together as a University and a community," said Nicole Rosner, Polity vice-president. "How are we supposed to get ahead in life if the government won't even let us get started?"

"I hope we will be able to do something with what is happening to financial aid," Kenny said. "I think that every student and family member, faculty member and administrator should be working very hard against the increase in tuition and the decrease in financial aid."

"We educate the people who will be leaders in business, government and everything else for this state. So it is an investment in the future," Kenny said. "To make it harder for that to happen is really damaging for the state." ❑

Vandals Cover Campus in Graffiti

By Alexandra Cruz
Statesman Editor

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Graffiti and fliers were found throughout the academic mall Monday, apparently in order to protest the proposed budget cuts.

'Save SUNY,' 'Fight the Budget Cuts,' and 'Pataki is Cutting Our Throats' were just some of the slogans that were sprayed on academic buildings, walls, and on the entrance way to Administration.

"In the 15 years I've been here I've never seen anything like this," said Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs. "This is the first time I really feel shame for the University."

Preston said that the graffiti was a "poor way to get legislators and the public to look and listen to their cause." Ironically, this was done to protest budget cuts, Preston said, an act he said will cost the University valuable resources to clean up.

Along with the graffiti, fliers were posted throughout campus. The fliers by C.E.A.S.E., Concerned Employees Against Shirley's Empire, contained negative remarks about University President Shirley Strum Kenny. The fliers contained allegations about Kenny saying that she was "killing the tree of knowledge."

"What outraged me was the graffiti, not the fliers," Preston said. "By a long shot those were not the most exciting or controversial fliers."

Content aside, the real issue was the graffiti all over the campus," Matthews said. "The fliers weren't a major concern. But the cost is minimal compared to trying to undue graffiti." Matthews estimated the cost to clean up the graffiti and fliers was close to $5,000, money he said could have been used in other ways. "We don't have an exhaustible budget," he said. This year over $150,000 has already been spent for snow removal, he said. He said he would have preferred to use the money on something positive for the campus, like beautification instead of cleaning up graffiti.

Matthews urges anyone to voice their opinions, but said there are proper channels to do it. He said that on Tuesday, he and Kenny, along with other administrators, traveled to Albany to speak with legislators on the cuts and said that more people should have gone. "

"I will defend anyone's freedom of speech but I will not defend anyone's right to deface public property," Matthews said. He said he supports teach-ins and rallies as vehicles to voice opinions, but he said when someone defaces property it only hinders the cause.

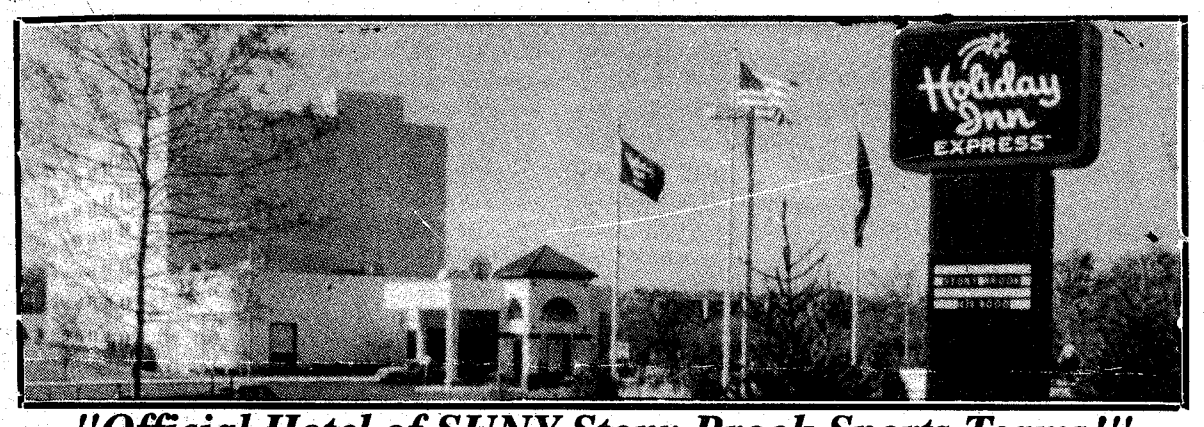
"I hope that all faculty, staff and students who really care express their outrage," Preston said. "Students ought to support the kind of efforts being supported by Polity." If students are really concerned about the cuts, Preston said they should attend the teach-out that is being held today.

The worst damage was done to the Earth, Space and Science building, said Joel Newton, associate director of the West Campus Physical Plant. In order to remove the graffiti they used a high pressure water treatment with a paint stripper mixed in, Newton said. He said the graffiti had been removed throughout campus and that they have to wait till the masonry dries in order to do some retouching.

"I can't believe this was done without anyone seeing it, said Matthews. He encourages anyone who has any information concerning this crime to notify University Police

"This graffiti is a crime," said Doug Little, assistant director of University Police for Community Affairs. "The crime is criminal mischief."

"These persons defaced our campus and committed a criminal act," Little said. We are hoping for an arrest and we will prosecute." ❑



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STONY BROOK SEAWOLVES

Provost Releases Draft Academic Proposal

By Eneil Ryan de la Pena
Statesman Editor

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Provost Rollin Richmond released a draft academic plan that will affect many academic departments in this university.

The plan is part of President Shirley Strum Kenny's Five Year Planning Process, which will hopefully "accelerate the process of transforming Stony Brook into a student-centered research university," as the plan summarizes.

If implemented, over the next five years, it is intended that stony brook will:

- remain first-rate research institution,
- become stronger in the humanities and arts,
- become the first choice for New York students who want the advantages of an education within a research institution
- become more interdisciplinary
- increase the quality and numbers of our undergraduate students
- become more attractive physically, socially and intellectually for students
- become more professionally focused
- become a major economic force for Long Island and New York.

"The fundamental assumption or central motivation of this plan was to try to develop a way that we can maintain or possibly improve the quality of education, the research, service and outreach missions of this university when the budget is going down," said Richmond. "What we tried to do was to find those areas that we believe were of high quality and identify those areas that we believe there might not be a high quality. We are very interested in trying to do our best to make this institution as strong as possible in all areas that are important for a liberal arts education."

Notably, the plan proposes changes in the following academic programs: Earth and Space Sciences, Economics, Engineering, History, Language and Literature Units, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology and Theater Arts.

The Provost's Council and Senate representatives were consulted about the draft according to the plan, and reviewed by the Deans of Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied sciences, the Marine Sciences Research Center, and the School of Professional Development. The following criteria were used to identify units that "have little chance of attaining the excellence required without substantial infusion of resources.":

I. The general quality of the program as judged by evaluations of its teaching, research and service contributions,

II. The centrality of the unit to a liberal arts education as judged by our academic values, student demand for courses, peer data, and the unit's participation in undergraduate endeavors.

III. The cost of providing the program relative to other costs within the university.

IV. The degree to which the program is interdisciplinary in nature and complements other programs.

V. The degree of intellectual focus within the unit.

VI. An assessment of the likelihood that the discipline will be important in the future of Stony Brook.

Christina Bethin, professor and chair of Germanic and Slavic Languages Department, said, "The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures recognizes the need for change in both structure and curriculum at a major university and it has recently made important revisions in the undergraduate German and Russian major and minor requirements. The programs are now much more interdisciplinary and flexible. Student response to these changes has been very enthusiastic.

"The proposed suspension of graduate programs in Germanic and Slavic will result in microscopic savings while significantly lowering the quality of record. If we close these programs now, we stand to lose major research and funding opportunities and we will have to reconstitute these programs in the future in order to meet growing national need, and that is likely to be expensive."

Gary Marker, professor and chair of the History Department, said, "My concern as I've already voiced publicly is that on the Graduate level, this plan does not offer a vibrant, hopeful set of humanistic departments. My two hopes are that the final version characterizes the History Department differently and what the plan seems to suggest is a bleak future for the humanities, and that needs to be rethought." The plan states that "The University will curtail funds for the recruitment of graduate students until the department has identified a clear focus for its mission and demonstrated changes that move the unit in the appropriate direction.

Another department that have are cited for proposed changes is the Theater Department. If approved, the plan will suspend admissions to its graduate programs immediately and faculty and staff size will be reduced by attrition.

"Essentially, we've been told that we are going to have fewer funded graduate students this coming year," Farley Richmond, professor and chair of the Theatre Arts Department, stated. "If it is approved, our graduate program will be suspended. Word would go out nationally and internationally that we no longer accept graduate students in theatre here and there would be a lot of conflict nationally and internationally about that."

Farley Richmond added, "We do not believe that we were evaluated clearly or fairly in terms of our expense to the university system. It's just simply not true. The manner in which we were judged was not clear to us. I can't imagine how we can be more expensive that some other departments. I don't care how expensive we are as long as we're effective. The proof is in the quality of the students that we educate."

The Provost has received some comments from the faculty about the plan and is considering revisions to it. "People are concerned about the loss of graduate programs," he said. "That will substantially impact the undergraduate programs, which is a concern. I think that is one we will need to reconsider. People are concerned about the loss of staff in the university. That's something we need to talk about. A number of different things are under consideration. The issue that concerns most in the plan are changes in graduate programs. Those will be reviewed again. The major criticism of the plan is the reduction or curtailment of some graduate programs.

Farley Richmond added, "Although I am proud of the Provost of having made this effort and the members of the Provostial Council for doing this, I must say that they could have been more forthcoming by working more closely by working with administrators in the departments and faculty to have tried to come up with a solution to this problem that would be in everybody's best interest."

The plan also discusses the role of non-academic areas, establishing a Learning and Teaching Center, a new library system, administrative reorganization and the development of new programs.

"The quality of institutions cannot remain static even if it may have budget reductions , even knowledge is changing rapidly all the time," the Provost said of adding new programs amidst budget cuts. "If we simply hold still, we are going to be in danger of becoming a stagnating university. We have simply got to move forward even though times are hard primarily to meet the needs of students. I would hope that students, faculty and staff would see this plan as an opportunity for us to work together to move the university forward. I recognize it is always too difficult to anticipate changes within academic departments and units."

The Provost emphasizes that this is only a draft. "We're looking forward to receiving a number of comments about it. We'll make changes based on the consequences of the discussions going on. The plan is a draft. It is a way of engaging the entire university in making a plan . . . I hope by the middle of April I will have a nice compilation of comments, suggestions, or ways in which the plan could go modified. Then, I will sit down and go through those modifications, draft some changes and make a final recommendation to the president. I would hope that students would see this plan as an effort to meet some of their needs and hopefully to improve the undergraduate experience." ❑

ARAMARK Remains As University's Food Contractor

ARAMARK, From Page 3

committee members had different perspectives, it was unanimous that Marriott was too expensive for the University to handle at this time.

Naala Royale, Marketing Manager for ARAMARK, said she was pleased that it could continue its contract with Stony Brook. "I feel good, but I really look at it as more of a continuing partnership with the University," Royale said.

Royale said that there will be major changes to take place by popular demand at Stony Brook as early as next fall. Among the major proposals are installations of a "Taco Bell" in Humanities. a "Pizza Hut" for delivery at Roth cafeteria, as well as a "Seawolves Spa," which will feature a variety of health options for all students, namely vegetarians. In addition, Royale said that Indian Students have complained that there are no Indian dishes at the cafeterias. Well, look no further. ARAMARK has proposed to have "Changing Scenes" with Caribbean and Indian Food at all their cafeterias, including the Bleacher Club in the Union. Royale also said that an Indian chef will visit the university and will host an Indian dinner at the End of the Bridge on April 30 from 5-9 pm. Royale added that there will also be authentic Latin and Mexican dinners. The Stony Brook Union will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week within the academic year.

"We know there are a lot of Caribbean, Indian, and Latin American students on campus. Why not educate people of the culture through food?" Royale said.

Along with the continuation of ARAMARK's services for the University, a new meal plan is also set to become effective next year. What is this new meal plan? Well, how does the elimination of all meals sound?

"It was based on a lot of surveys that have been done in terms of what the primary problems of the meal plan are," Kelly said.

A survey was passed out at the Polity Senate meeting asking people what they thought of the existing meal plan. The new plan was 50% favorable, but the current meal plan had no support.

Two of the major concerns, according to Kelly, is that meals get lost at the end of the week and that "a la carte" operations, such as the Union Deli and Papa Joe's are not willing to lower their prices. Consequently, the University has decided to eliminate all meals and institute the full declining balance plan, a plan which the University has adopted from SUNY Binghampton.

"What it does is that it allows you to use the dollars where you want to use them as opposed to losing them on the meals," Kelly said.

The new meal plan works like this. Students will be offered an option of three meal plans: a $900. $1050, and $1200 meal plan. Everyone on the meal plan will pay up front a fixed cost fee of around $690, which comes from running all the facilities such as labor, utilities, and subsidies. This will also include all profits that the contractors make. This fee will be subtracted from each of the above meal plans, and what is left after this payment can be used to purchase food at food cost. This means an option of $210, $360, and $510 respectively.

Although it may not seem like a lot of money, it actually is because all current prices at all food places on campus will plummet drastically because the food contractors are not adding their profits to the cost, because it is all covered in the fixed cost of $690.

"If you take a hamburger, fries, and medium soda, the price now is $4.95, but a member of the new meal plan will pay only 96¢," Kelly said. The "all you can eat" facilities on campus, namely Kelly and "H" dining cafeterias, will also face drastic price reductions. Breakfast, with is currently $3.50, will now only cost $1.62. Lunch and brunch, normally $5.25, will now cost the student only $2.16. Dinner currently at $7.25 is now $2.70.

"It is basically the same buying power, but it allows people to use it more flexibly," Kelly said.

Kelly also said that he feels budgeting will continue to be a problem but he said that students are adults now and have to learn how to budget their money. "If they don't learn to budget, what are they going to do when they graduate?" Kelly said.

Kelly added that if students do run out of money, they can still add money as done previously. Kelly also said that based on surveys done SUNY wide, it was found that SUNY Binghampton, which has this type of meal plan, is the most popular and he feels it will be successful.

"I think students will be more pleased," said Kelly. "But it may be a difficult time for transition ass people get used to it." ❑

BIO 152 Test Canceled

By Anthony Perullo
Special to *The Statesman*

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The Biology Department canceled its BIO 152 exam last night after mistakenly handing out the exams with marked answers.

Nearly 1,000 students were scheduled to take the exam that began at 8:00 p.m., but were cut short five minutes into the test.

While students were still filling in their social security number, and others beginning to answer the 50 question multiple-choice examination, a deafening roar could be heard throughout the entire Javits Lecture Center. Exams for the BIO 152 class were given out with answers clearly marked off. Disbelief, confusion, and pandemonium erupted as teaching assistants announced, "Test canceled."

Many students appeared elated although some were clearly upset and visibly angry. Within what appeared to be under one minute, the enormous lecture halls of Javits were empty.

One T.A., announcing the disturbing news, offered a couple of solutions; the first of which is, a rescheduling. A second would be using this exam as the one test that is to be dropped. Although seemingly unavoidable, either of the two offer little consolidation to the students who have immersed themselves in nothing but biology for the past week in their already pressing schedules.

Mary Stancu, a BIO 152 student who was present at the disaster, said, "It's not fair, people studied and a lot of people in our class have the chem 131 or 132 exam Monday or Tuesday, and it is possible that they may reschedule it for Wednesday [march 20]."

Chris Smalley, also a 152 student said, "After five straight days of studying and being totally prepared for the exam, I am completely upset. Why didn't they check the exams? That's what gets me."

Jim Geyda, 152 student says , "I was prepared for the test and I think it is a shame that it happened, but screw-ups occur. It's unfortunate".

Edyta Laska said, "You could hear everybody cheering in the other rooms. I have never heard of a mistake like this happening in the biology department at Stony Brook. Everybody is relieved that the test is postponed so they have more time to study."

"This was a mistake by us and is one of those things that happen," Dr. Raghupathy Sarma said. "In twenty years nothing like this ever occurred. I take full responsibility for the mishap as course director." According to Sarma, "The exams went out to be printed and when they returned they were not opened."

Announcements will be made on Friday at both the 8:20 and 11:35 lectures regarding what is intended to be done. Sarma emphasizes that "we are going to be fair to everybody", and also expressed his concern for the dwindling attendance on Fridays. "Generally, attendance is only about 50% on Fridays."

To make sure everything runs smoother at this point, all biology 152 students are advised to attend one of Fridays lectures." ❑

University to Open Air Waves With AM Station

By Irene Stalzer
Statesman Staff

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Stony Brook will soon be getting a new AM informational radio station as part of President Shirley Strum Kenny's five year plan. The station will inform listeners of current weather, traffic and parking conditions on campus, and whatever special events that might happening at the college.

"Our goal is to better assist the community," said Douglas Little, assistant director for Community Affairs. "The station will be an information line that can be received over a five mile radius around the campus. It will assist listeners as far as providing them information on road conditions, transportation, and parking garages." The signal can be received by car radios traveling all over campus, and even down part of Nicolls Road.

"I'm really excited about the installment of the station," said Gary Matthews, special assistant to the President. "We are trying to improve the parking and transportation conditions on campus. The station will tremendously help the campus community and reduce stress students may have."

According to Matthews, the college has already made a deal with Information Station Specialists in Michiganto buy the station. Tthe cost is around $15,000.

"If all goes well, our goal is to get it ready by Commencement," said Norman Prusslin, assistant director of Student Media Service. "In the future, there will hopefully be an opportunity for students to get involved."

Students have a better feel for overall campus conditions," he said. "We also would like to provide as many work opportunities for them as possible." The station will probably require about five to ten project assistants.

According to Information Station Specialists, more than 500 of these Travelers Information Stations have been installed in the United States for a variety of purposes. Many of the more well known of these locations are Yellowstone National Park, the San Diego Zoo, and Walt Disney World.

Matthew said that he remembers fondly the information station at Disney World. The success of that station is part of what made him support the station on campus. "I want to take things from organizations that do things well."

Matthews certainly hopes that the station will profit the campus community. "I want people to know," he said, "that we are very open to any positive suggestions that students may have regarding traffic conditions on campus." ❑

Speeders Beware of SMART

By Laura Lo
Statesman Editor

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From up to one hundred yards away, a twelve-inch display demands attention. A radar unit, which clocks and displays the speed of passing motorists, is University Police's plan to increase safety awareness and decrease speeding.

The radar machine is an educational machine, according to Doug Little, assistant director of University Police for Community Affairs. "If we can get a machine like this, it's a softer approach, a softer education than writing tickets," Little said. "We don't want to give tickets for the sake of giving tickets."

According to Little, the Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer or the SMART machine, displays the speed a passing car, then displays what the speed limit is in that area and how much above the speed limit the car is going.

Mounted on a trailer, the speed machine, which will arrive on campus next week, can be transported easily to different locations all around campus. "Driving is a privilege," Little said. "Our goal is to ensure safety and have people follow the rules."

University Police wants drivers to be aware of pedestrians and other drivers, although, according to Little, sometimes tickets are the only solution. However, Little said he believes the radar machine, which will cost $5,000, will do a lot of good. "It's really a good investment," he said.

For students, not only do speeding violations add points on their licenses, they cost money, too. According to Doug Norris, an insurance agent for Allstate, one speeding violation of up to 15 m.p.h. and over adds three points. For assigned risk holders, this translates into about $100 per pint, Norris said.

Although safety on the road is the primary goal, Little said increased awareness of speeding should decrease the number of violations.

According to the Department of Public Safety University Police Annual Report for 1994, the number of tickets for speeding violations declined from 103 for the year in 1991, to 22 by 1993. However, numbers have increased slightly to 39 for the year in 1994. ❑

Robberies Prompt University Police to Issue Advisory

By Alexandra Cruz
Statesman Editor

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In response to three recent robberies, University police has issued a safety advisory to alert the campus to take precaution.

The advisory comes after the most recent attack, which occured last Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., in which police said two males pushed a student to the ground from behind. Police said the two males proceeded to take the victims wallet, remove the money and throw the wallet in the Athletic Field.

Told not to move until they fled, the victim later reported the incident to police, but could not describe the robbers.

"We have two people committing crimes and we will arrest them," said Doug Little, assistant director of University police for community affairs. "I don't want these guys scaring a community."

The string of robberies began two weeks ago when a male student was walking on the Athletic Field near the Infirmary at 2:45 a.m. The victim was approached by two males, who took out a nightstick-type weapon and struck him on the head, police said. The robbers took the victim's wallet and ran towards the Long Island Rail Road station.

Police said the victim, who was treated at University Hospital, described the two robbers as being either white or hispanic, both 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighing approximately 170 pounds. He said both robbers were wearing hooded sweatshirts and camouflaged pants.

Later on that day, at 12:15 p.m., two males struck once again, police said. This time it was a female student who was walking near the sump in North P-lot and was robbed of $43.00 and personal items. She described the robbers as being two white or hispanic males, one of whom was approximately 5 feet, 9 inches tall.

Although the victim in the third incident could not describe the robbers, University police said that based on the information they had gathered, all three crimes seemed to be "similiar in nature."

"In each one of these cases, these criminals took advantage of these people," Little said. He said that "Personal safety and awareness of your surroundings is important because people like these, will take advantage of people."

The investigation is still continuing, said Little, but could not give specifics on what was being done.

In light of the events that have taken place, Crimestoppers has offered up to a $1,000 reward to anyone who has information that leads to the arrest or conviction of the persons involved in these crimes. Little said that all calls will be kept confidential. Crimestoppers on-campus telephone number is 2-TIPS, and the off-campus number is 1-800-220-TIPS. ❑

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A Review Of Spring Semester '96

In the last issue of the semester it is proper to review what has been Spring '96. Much has happened this term and it is good to remember just what. In 3 1/2 months there is a lot, even though it went by so quick.

The cuts were on everybody's mind. Rethinking SUNY and the Pataki Administration incurred the wrath of the student activists. A big part of campus life has been the persistent ambition to stifle the budget cuts in Albany. All the alphabet organizations have done and are doing all they can. It got as bad as vandalism. Vigils were held, bus trips were taken, and protesters demonstrated. Meetings were convened and points were argued. No one is in favor of cuts but no one has been able to stop it.

All kinds of new things started. The Provost Draft Academic Plan was released to outline the future of Stony Brook. The parking and technology fees were introduced to try and keep the campus in relative order. A new logo was introduced. The campus wants to clean up itself. A new Alumni Association director was named. ARAMARK will continue to serve the needs of students because it won the FSA contract. The Commuter Student Affairs office unhinged its doors. An AM campus radio station opened up. Stony brook Union became a smoke free building. And the new SMART trailer monitors speed on the roads.

New student government officials were elected. Keren Zolotov was elected President. Monique Maylor Vice-President. Kelvin Innocent is the new Polity secretary. Abbey Nyamekye is the new senior rep, the junior rep is Lata Jani, and Sayeed Ali is the sophomore rep.

The Administration sought to continue its reputation for dominance in the sciences. It wants to put a new emphasis on how the campus looks. The Administration is looking for the right philosophy to guide it through the tough financial straights that times have put us in. Task forces do the same job and recommend the same things that Albany would. Cut backs or raised fees.

The students are the same. Apathy rules. Sloppiness abounds. Education takes the back seat to all the concerns. Polity does nothing substantial because it is student run and nobody cares. It is ineffective because input is so low.

The students suffered through the usual ineptness and gaffes that plague the campus from term to term. Parking, as usual, is annoying. Crime is the same threat. You could tell from the first day when nobody had even received their class schedules that Administration was in peek form.

Nothing out of the ordinary for USB. A bunch of new things that probably won't improve much. A bunch of old enduring problems, plus some new wrinkles. A changing of the old guard and new appointments. Let's wait and see what next year brings.

A Review Of USB

The word is out on Stony Brook. Princeton Review produced *The Best 309 Colleges* (1996). What it had to say isn't pretty.

Life on campus: "..conditions are pretty bad", "dorms, campus and food 'uncomfortable,' 'ugly,' and 'awful' respectively." Relationships - "totally plastic". "Students were overwhelmingly negative" and "large" and "impersonal" is what describes Administration.

Some positive statements were the recognition of excellence in the hard sciences. Very competitive, academically strong and a good deal for the money.

It is scary how accurate the Princeton Review guide is. In three paragraphs it nails down the essence of this university down. Nobody would say that this University is exceptional. You can get an exceptional education here only if you apply yourself.

The only outrageous claim made was —"And New York City is only an hour away via the Long Island Railroad." You can get to New York in an hour in your car, with no traffic, doing 80, but not with the LIRR. You can't even get to Huntington in an hour by the train.

The problems of USB listed aren't anything that can be blamed on cash. Can money really fix things like "...a reputation of a party school," "excessive cheating during final exams" and "..drug use above the national average." Some things can't be fixed with more resources alone.

The students must take all the responsibility for these criticisms. The reputation of the University suffers under these conditions and Administration can't do anything about it. If you don't act responsible don't expect your surroundings to reflect that you are.

What can be done to improve this University? How can a balance of scientific achievement be brought in conjunction with its surrounding atmosphere? All the great colleges do it.

The people of New York deserve a top flight university. The faculty on this campus deserve to be part of a winning organization. The students deserve to be accredited by an institution that carries weight in the working world. The Princeton Review should not have the last word.

The end of the term is finally upon us and everyone is glad. For all the good times you have with your friends, it really is time to move on. If only you could just hang out at the Bench for four years and get a degree and then a job. Wait. That's what USB students do anyway. Except for finding a job. That is why the summer is good. It can help get rid of cynicism.

By now nobody wants to know about good grades. They want to satisfy minimal requirements and get the hell out. Students are tired of plagiarizing. Tired of memorizing. Tired of worrying about grades. Tired of campus food. Tired of dorm housing. Tired of being tired. A summer home ought to fix that.

If you're lucky you will get to go somewhere. Maybe a trip abroad. Maybe an internship at a prestigious business firm. Maybe fulfilling D.E.C. requirements G and H during Summer Session I. Good luck.

To all the graduating students The *Statesman* extends congratulations for finishing the commitment. Success to all. To all the returning students, get back safe. Take the summer to renew your vigor and set your goals.

"We must always have young memories, and young hopes."

– Arsene Houssaye

Letters and Opinions

A Solution to the Parking Problem?

by Thomas F. Masse

After 5 glorious, glorious years, it's time I was on my way.

As I leave, though, I shall address an issue that has been at the root of many of my problems during such a pleasant stay.

Parking.

This University about to enter its 40th year — it's 35th in Stony Brook. One would expect someone could figure out something in 35 years! And to think that nearly all President Kenny's task forces also addressed this problem as one of the most pressing facing residents, commuters, faculty and staff. It is inconceivable how the powers that be came up with their "solution" to the dilemma.

When I read about the proposed — supposedly, now discarded — plan, I shouted, in the immortal word of Homer Simpson, "D'oh!" (My second thought was also his: "Why you little...!")

I will admit, there are no easy answers. But, you cannot tell me that this is the best our "greatest minds" could come up with. It is the kind of "solution" you would expect to be implemented by an oppressive dictator. It will clearly cause more problems than it will solve.

Well, after a little personal research, I came up with my own plan that addresses much more than just where to park the cars.

Most of the commuter parking problems can be solved by building two or three garages in the area of the "temporary" gravel lot near the Sports Complex and Cogeneration Plant. There is enough space for several with room to spare.

Not only would this satisfy the needs of commuter students, these garages would also alleviate frustration of campus visitors who will attend various events (like commencement, I-CON and the regular computer shows) at the Indoor Sports Complex and the new athletic stadium that will be nearby.

For students, the cost of parking in the garages will be on the order of $50 to $100 per semester. I informally interviewed several dozen students and discovered that many would be comfortable paying $200 per year for safe parking close to the academic mall. Nearly all would pay $100 per year. Students can have their parking fees added to their bills and the garages can be accessed with the University's universal card.

Students pay such amounts for parking at other universities, and many active students here pay as much now. One hundred to two hundred dollars per year is reasonable. (Assume the average student doles out $5 per year for parking stickers, $25 per semester for bus passes, and $45 per semester for three parking tickets at $15 each. That's $145.)

The garages will be safer since they will be much easier for University Police to patrol than South P since they will be much closer to the main campus. The building will also be able to support plenty of safety lighting and several emergency blue-light phones.

Also, the University can pretty much eliminate a good chunk of the bus services. The commuter express will no longer be needed. The campus locals will no longer have to drive that extra five-mile round trip to South P. There will be fewer buses running; thus, less pollution, longer-lasting busses, and shorter and more time-saving lines.

South P Lot, in an effort to return what little will be taken away from nature by the construction of the garages, can be torn up and replanted, converted into a park, a playground, a student camping area, or an undergraduate Biology research project (forest reclamation).

No more parking problem. No more bus problem. More help than harm to the environment. Everyone is happy. Everyone wins.

There are two problems. The first is the biggest: capital. That can partly be addressed by the new relatively high cost of parking — which, again, is close to what many people are paying now anyway. The student rate, plus additional revenues for special events, et al, should be enough to pay off building loans and maintenance.

The second will be a minor traffic problem should the parking garages be built like the main library. Intelligent and thorough planning should be able to find a solution.

There is no doubt in my mind that *someone* or some group of people at Stony Brook can make this happen. The question, as it has been for 40 years, is "will they?" Or will it be the same or worse in another 40 years?

And, so, Stony Brook, the time has come to be gone. The University has made some significant progress in many areas during my 5 years. Solving this one problem will make all the others so much easier to address.

It's time to ramble on.

Contrasting Feminism

To the Editor:

There seems to be some confusion about 'masculism' and what some people call the 'Backlash'.

The 'Backlash' is a term often used by men's organizations when referring to actions and/or movements which contrast feminist movements. It doesn't mean that they are entirely against feminism as a notion, or that feminism doesn't have SOME entirely legitimate concerns and positions. It means that they object and/or take exception to particular feminist campaigns, or particular feminists. Nobody seems to be able to define the word "feminism", as it means different things to different people. Simply because Webster's defines feminism in a light of equality, does not mean that there aren't sexist feminists, or that feminism, as a notion, cannot/does not encompass sexism. Feminists, like everyone else in this world, are free do whatever the hell they want.

In a letter to The Press, Ms. Natalie Fitterman stated that "Feminism, more than any other word in our patriarchal vocabulary, is the most 'socially inclusive.'"

Just WHAT is Ms. Fitterman saying, here? Surely she couldn't possibly substantiate her claim that the word "Feminism" is more inclusive than that words, graduate, baby, gardener philosopher, student, etc. In fact, almost ALL of the words in the English language — deemed by her as 'patriarchal'— are GENDER NEUTRAL. English has evolved among men and women, and although some words in the English language reflect some of the 'patriarchal' views and times through which it has evolved, the language itself is gender neutral. "Feminism," on the other hand, is NOT gender-neutral. While seemingly anyone can be a feminist, feminism is FOR and ABOUT women, and many feminist campaigns EXCLUDE the male gender from participation.

Here is a sexist response by spokeswoman Jill Savitt of the Ms. Foundation for Women, made by her last week after the turnout of "Take Your Daughters to Work Day."

Responding to how 30 percent of employers chose to be 'equal opportunity' by inviting boys to come along, Ms. Savitt said that "it is a disappointment to us." She went on to say how it is "not anti-boy, its just pro-girl." This is like saying that discrimination against women in the workplace is not 'anti-woman', but merely 'pro-man.' Regarding this, an editorial, 'Faulty Feminism', appeared in the New York post on April 27th.

Another example of feminist misinformation is with the gender 'pay-gap'. While feminists will contend that women earn 70 cents on the dollar of men, in an attempt to BLAME the WHITE MALE, the truth of the matter is that SINGLE WOMEN earn 94 cents on the dollar of men. This suggesls that much of the pay-gap has to do with the fact that women make compromises for their family, such as working close to home, that result in lower pay. This is contrasted to the feminist assertion that the pay-gap is because of sexist men who pay women less for the SAME tasks, simply because they are women. Many years ago, such was in fact the case — but now, hardly so.

Ms. Fitterman also states that "feminism never has been and never will be about hating men or burning bras," to which my only response can be: check your facts.

Anyone who argues that the Center for Womyn's Concerns is for 'everyone' should have their head examined. What part of 'FOR WOMYN'S CONCERNS' can't they understand?

A good book on the topic of the troubles feminist ways is, "Who Stole Feminism" by Christina Hoff Sommers.

Kirk Nechamkin

Parking Is The Problem

To the Editor:

I would like to thank John Giuffo for taking the time to read and respond to my recent letter. I would also like to thank John for saying *The Statesman* "exists to inform students of the realities of their environment. ..(and) effectively inform(s) students...". Yes, *The Statesman* needs advertising revenue to exist, especially since the student body seems to feel that it shouldn't have any funds to operate at all.

I would ask John, however, to read my letter more carefully. Of course, I am aware that not all students are in their twenties. I was well over 30 when I earned my degree; I am well aware that there are many "nontraditional" students on campus, and I deeply respect their efforts. At no time did I say that students deserve horrible parking; rather, I do sympathize. Let's face it, John. If you, in your 20's, are in worse shape than I am, in my 40's, then you have a real problem.

Perhaps, John, it is you who "doesn't get it." The sad fact is that Administration has designated certain areas for certain segments of the campus community. I didn't implement this; it was in existence long before I came here. Perhaps I should have made clear that the staff members of campus media should be included in those who should have permits to park in staff lots. Many times they (as I do) work long past the hours when it is safe (is it ever safe?) to go to a commuter lot. Basically, my argument can be summed up as: Parking stinks for commuters. Parking stinks for staff. Why isn't Administration doing something about it?

John, I'd also like to clear something else up for you _ I am *not* a University employee. I am employed by Statesman, Inc., for the purposes of facilitating the publishing of *The Statesman* by generating advertising revenues. I am proud to be a part of helping University students have a means of self expression, and practice in the craft of their choice. I do not have a University contract, or University benefits, or a University I.D., because I do not work for the University. I am *not* your servant, or any one else's, except, in a small way, God's, and that is entirely my business.

John, I wish you a wonderful summer, with all the parking spaces you need.

Cheryl Perry

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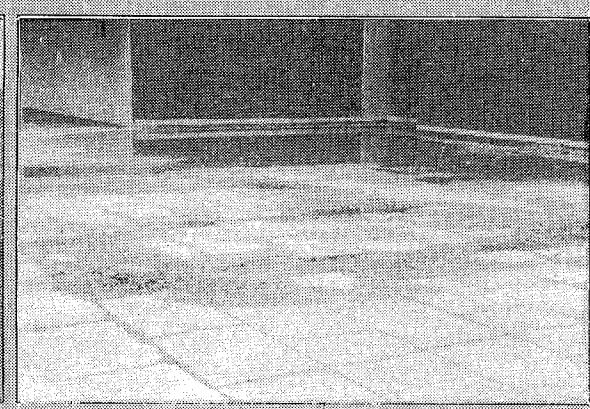
Our Pitiful Campus II

Little Things

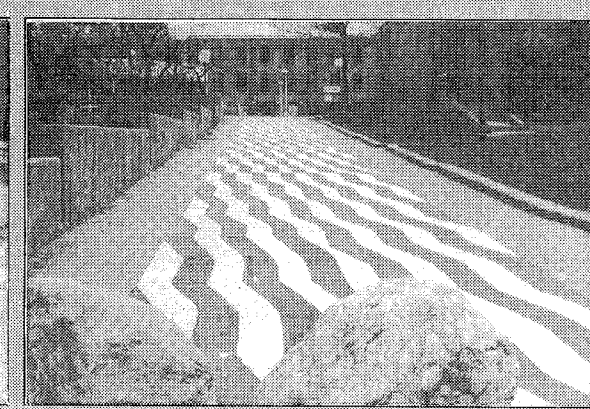
by Paul Wright

As Associate Editor of *The Stony Brook Statesman*, I've had the opportunity to observe many things at Stony Brook. Not only do I write, but I deliver the paper to Roth and Tabler. This allows me the chance to observe closely some of the things that go on here. I recently took a walk around Roth, Tabler, and Kelly, to see what I could see. Here are just a few of the. . .*little* things that I noticed along the way.

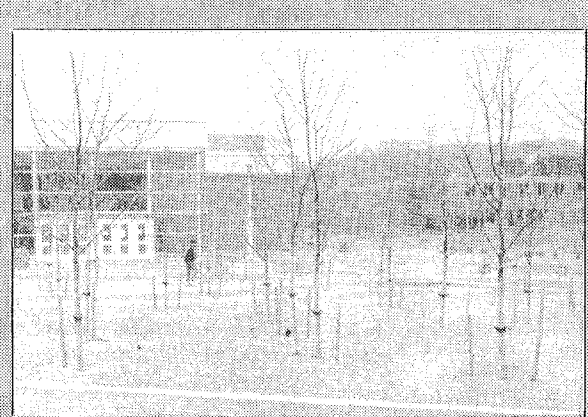
1. Final Exit: As I leave the Union from the *Statesman* office, I happen upon this sign. Too bad no one can see it. Located above the door, but not far from it, you can only see the exit sign as you're walking through the exit.



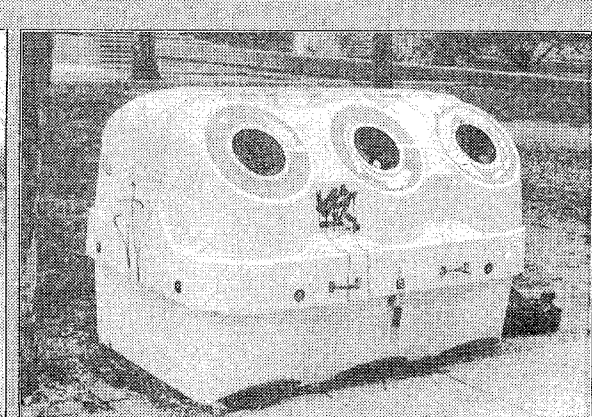
2. This Campus is BUTT UGLY and YOU Know It: Walking toward the library, I pass this beautiful site. The Provost wants to plant flowers. I want him to repave sidewalks.



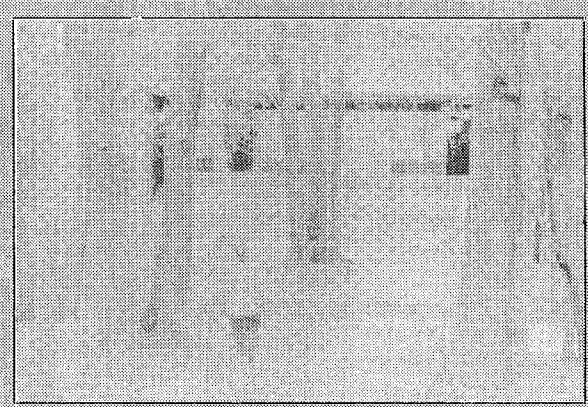
3. What the @#%$!: It's sad that the most recognizable site on campus is *this* thing. Did Administration hold a "Worst Possible Sidewalk Design in the Entire Universe" contest? This thing is repainted every year — the same way! Give ME a bucket of paint. I'll do this sidewalk justice!



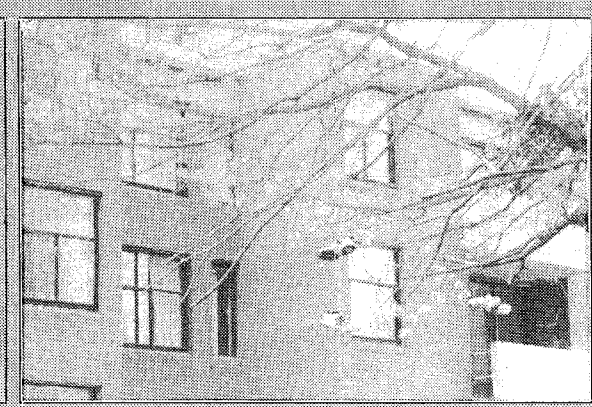
4. These Stones Don't Roll: This is a view of the *oh-so-lovely* gravel gardens of the Student Activity Center. Not a sidewalk in sight. Hope that guy likes sand in his shoes!



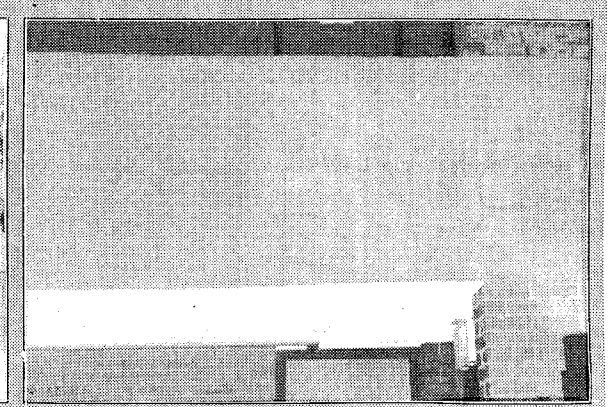
5. & 6. The True Definition of Recycling: This "thought-to-be-useless-because-we-no-longer-have-an-organized recycling-program" recyling igloo just reeks of the spirit of recyling (well, it reeks of something). Just think, now that we don't have a recycling program, these igloos now double as canvases for Stony Brook's local campus grafiti artists! And it's too bad that there's no program — look how easy it was to recycle! This igloo was conveniently located just 100 feet away (read: do the commuter buses go there?) from the doors of Harriman Hall!



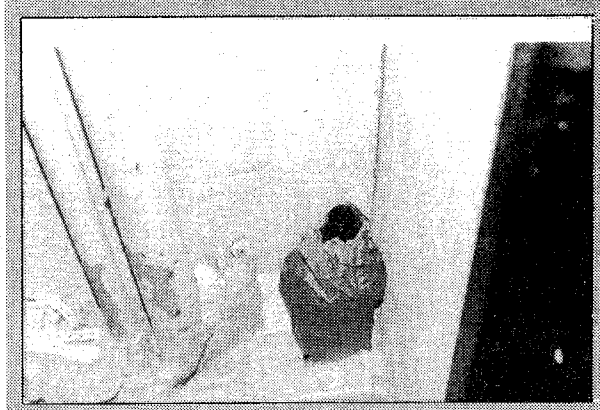
7. Kelly, Lovely Kelly: Isn't this the loveliest piece of real estate you've *ever* seen? While the Provost is beautifying the campus, he might want to look into creating a sidewalk here. What's the aversion to sidewalks on this campus, anyway? Not everyone likes the rustic look. Why plant grass for students to trample?

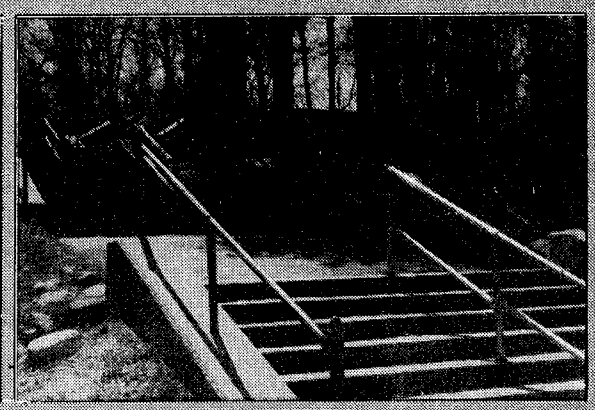


8. Can You Say Crack?: This is the result of not having enough to do on wekends. Those kids in Kelly!



9. STEVE!: This made its mark in Baruch several years ago. Too bad it doesn't slam President Kenny — it would've been taken down by now.

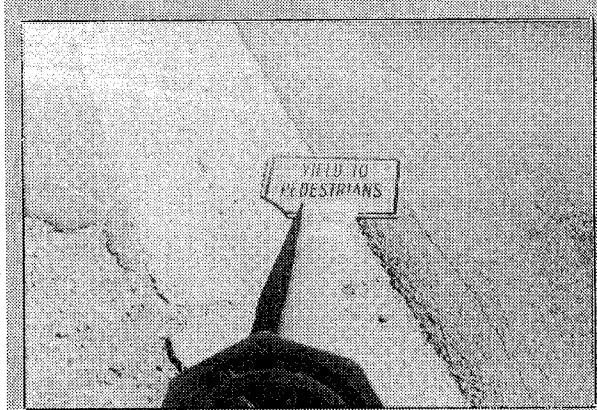


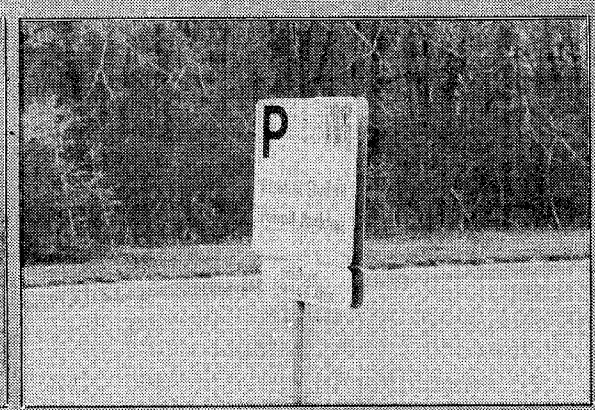


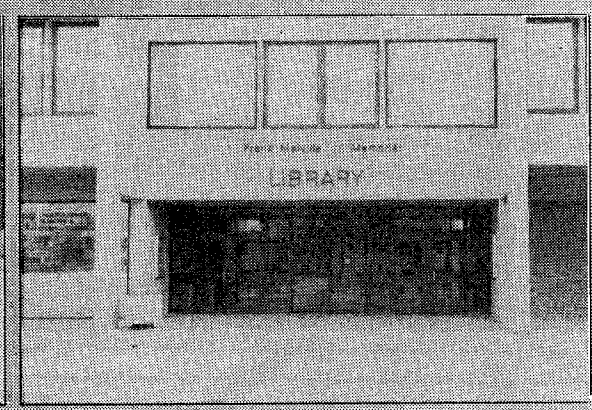
10. Ninety-nine Bottle of Beer on the Floor, Ninety-nine Bottles of Beer. . .: This one was found in plain sight, past a missing fire door (you know, the thing that is there to SAVE YOUR LIFE), and right below an opened fuse box. Those Baruchians sure live the high life, don't they?

11. Over the River and Through the Woods. . .Up a Mountain and Past a Cliff: As I pass Tabler, molested step-child of the residence Hall system, fond memories of hiking up six flights of these stairs to Dreiser linger in my mind. . .

12. And Now, the $1 Million Question: Speaking of Dreiser, what is the difference between a recycling bin and a garbage can? Answer: There is none! *Remeber that trees are our friends!*



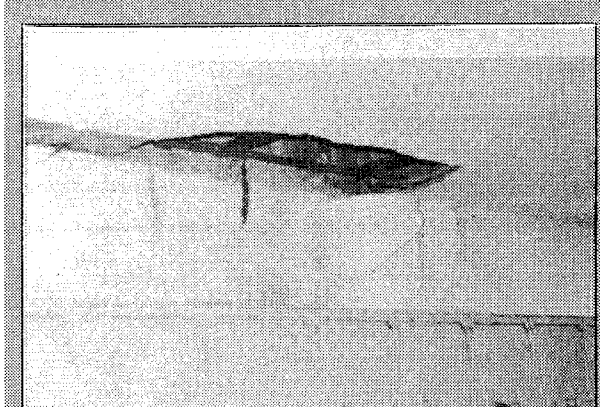


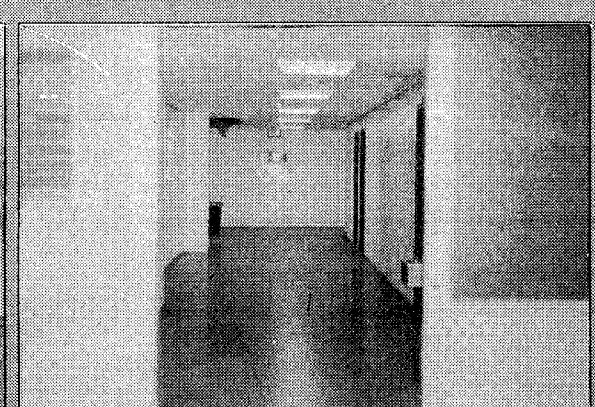


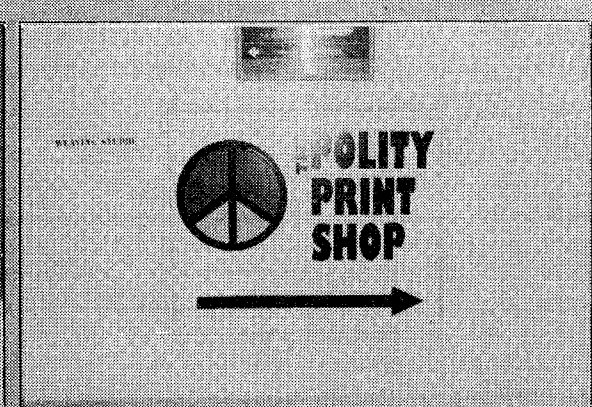
13. But Officer, There Wasn't a Sign There!: WHO is going to see this? These portable signs spend more time in the horizontal position than members of *The Press*! (Trust me, I've got pictures!) Maybe if yet another person becomes roadkill, we'll see some PERMANENT stop signs!

14. Fighting Over the Same Crumb: Walking toward Roth, I pass this sign. Hopefully those rumors about commuters gaining access to all parking spots are untrue. In any case, the sign will eventually be torn down to make room for one with that *stunning* (read: IT SUCKS!) shooting star logo!

15. The Eighth Wonder of the World: This fine architectural marvel was built facing the wrong way! Originally planned to face the bridge between the library and the Union, construction of the library was underway when the mistake was discovered. What a masterpiece!

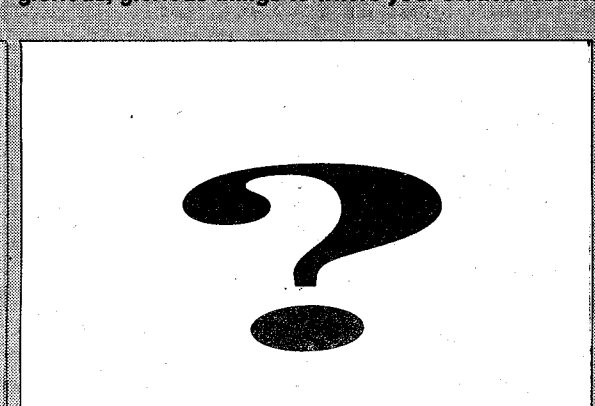






16. T.G.I.C. (Thank GOD It's Closing): The sky is falling! The sky is falling! No, wait — that's just the ceiling in the basement of the Union!

17. & 18. Hellllllooooo Out There!: You'll need both Rand *and* McNally to find this place. In case you are wondering, the Polity Print shop (in that hellhole referred to as the Union basement) is one of those many glorious, glorious things to where your student activity fee goes!



Well, that about wraps up my little walk. I could've done more, but I ran out of film! In any case, I noticed many. . .*little* things that IRRITATE ME TO NO END. Hopefully, many of these things can be remedied — ASAP. Otherwise. . .

19. Have a Seat!: No wonder writers stay away from *The Statesman*! Who in their right mind would actually take the risk of having to use *this* toilet?

20. You Missed a Spot: Yes, I know I didn't get all of the *little* things that people notice. But I'll be back in the fall with even more. Notice something we should know about? Let me know!

Coming this fall. . . Our Dilapidated Campus III!

Statesman Features

Monday, May 6, 1996

Emperor - *Truth Over Rumors*

By Marc Weisbaum
Statesman Staff

Hailed by many as the premier black metal band, Norway's **Emperor** are unquestionably one of the greatest, as well as influential, bands to emerge from that circle. The band's latest release *In The Nightside Eclipse* was praised as the best black metal album of '95. Rabid fans of the band are hungry for more, but unfortunately there have been delays due to the incarcerations of drummer Faust (Ihsahn, founding member/ guitarist/vocalist/keyboardist notes "Faust will always have a symbolic place in Emperor") and Samoth, founding member and guitarist. It is he and Ihsahn that comprise the soul of Emperor, the result of their collaboration. "As we are the only original members, and considering that Emperor today is the result of our co-operation through seven years, I guess you could say that," sort of agrees Ihsahn. "The whole idea of Emperor is to combine musical, lyrical and visual elements in a very complex concept, so that the final result can bring the consumer on a spiritual journey into the nightside landscapes," defines Ihsahn.

"Nothing has been recorded after *Nightside...* The new album will be recorded this autumn," explains Ihsahn. Filling in the band's vacancies are Trym (ex-**Enslaved**) on drums and Alver on bass. "I and Samoth use quite different styles when it comes to composing riffs, and it is the combination of these that makes Emperor. The songs start out with the different guitar riffs put together due to the beat and the harmony of the following themes... Then we work out bass lines, also being aware of the possibilities of the tonal spectre. When this is complete we add the drums and rehearse to find out how these things work out practically. Some changes are usually made in this part of the process. Then the lyrics and vocals are worked out. Deciding vocal themes and style due to the lyrical concept and musical atmosphere of the song. The keyboards are usually worked out during the whole composing process. We use a lot of strings and choirs, both in chords and melodies, to fill out the quite floating atmospheres and to take advantage of the dynamic possibilities you find in classical music," explains Ihsahn.

Black metal is slowly spreading across the globe, with its heart being in Norway. "To be honest, I do not have much knowledge about all these bands around the world. I am too occupied with my own music, so when I listen to music, it is often music of genres I don't play myself," admits Ihsahn. "Though, I really enjoy **Dissection** from Sweden, and **Morbid Angel** and **Deicide** from the States." "I am sure I could make a list of at least ten great Black Metal bands from Norway, but I think it is quite obvious who are the leading bands," believes Ihsahn, "I doubt that Black Metal in general will be a very big genre. But I believe some of the really great Black Metal bands have the potential to reach quite far on an individual basis."

Along with Emperor, the band members have been involved in other side projects. Samoth played bass for **Satyricon**'s *The Shadowthrone*, Ihsahn played on Satyr Wongraven's album, and both play in **Thou Shalt Suffer** and in a project called **Zyklon-B**. With all of this shared membership between bands, it would appear as though a sense of unity is returning in the black metal scene. "It depends on what you mean by returning to the scene. I find little unity in the scene today, compared to how it was three-four years ago. I still meet up with some of those in the scene, yet, I feel no need for a unity with the scene itself," notes Ihsahn.

And in regards to the ridiculous **Spin** article Ihsahn states, "We were informed that this would be an article on the music, with an introdution on the things that happened in the Norwegian scene. The result did not include one word about music. 95% of the quotes were wrong, plus they were written in an obnoxious language we would never have use. The story had hardly anything to do with reality, and we are shocked by Darcey Steinke's extremely dishonest and respectless behaviour."

Officially, Emperor has released *Nightside...* and a split album with Enslaved, but they also have the *Wrath Of The Tyrant* demo and have toured with **Cradle Of Filth**. "It was all quite bad organized. Sh**ty sound and small audiences. We still had quite a good time, though. Three of the concerts were filmed, but nothing official. You might find something in a video-trade list, or something," explains Ihsahn.

"Even though we have experienced quite some difficulties during our career, that have caused delays, I can promise you, there is still much to come from Emperor," concludes Ihsahn. ❑

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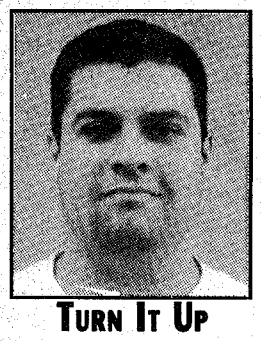
3 Solid Releases Not To Miss

The gas-guzzling, fast-paced and computer-oriented 1990s have brought on a collage of punk-infested, techno-raped, hardcore-drooling and death-metal-thrashing ultra-fools. And, if were not stampeded by the mega-commercial bands like **Bush** and **Green Day**, we're caught between the most fundamental question that faces all college-types: To rage, or not to rage?

Don't get me wrong. I love it all — talking to your fruit punch, naked beer slides, pissing off anyone over forty and Taco Bell at 2 a.m. It doesn't matter what your musical preference is. You should be open to all styles.

But lately, there has been a psychosis created that suggests that if you don't want to shed your blood for music, you suck. I disagree. Some of the more mellow-types are enjoying some truly incredible albums. So if you're one of these people, tell everyone to kiss off. You're on to something.



Turn It Up & Pass It On
Ron Strauss

Cracker's third album, *The Golden Age*, is one of the most musically solid albums that I have heard this year — solemn robust and versatile themes, thrilling solos and mellow magic, and an energetic vein that powers the arm of this giant. If you can't find something within this album to dig, there a possibility of two things: You're one of those people that talks to cats or a communist. Either way you're too crazy to care.

Q104.3 FM has had a fetish for "I Hate My Generation" for a while now and It's my consensus that "I'm A Little Rocket Ship" isn't far behind. Both tunes key in on some incredible energy from John Hickman (the all-purpose man) and David Lowery (rhythm guitars, synthesizer). "Sweet Thistle Pie" provides some kinky slides that mirror that **John Cougar** cat. It's a nice little munchkin to nibble on.

Cracker has busted out with a moody soul-shaker. It lays a potent reminder that old-time rock and traditional themes can burn upon the iron plain of the 90s.

Little John has placed some pretty big bunions on the toes of the hardcore. Their subtle alternative release, *derailer*, comes to the rescue of the alternative movement, performing CPR and proving you don't have to be "those wacky alternative dudes that no-one understands because they're so f—ing trendy." Their music is structured and mantained. There's pile of harmony and they don't sound like they're on crack.

Some particular vitals to check out are "Derailer" and "Scared." They give you that nice feeling that a person gets after a six-pack. I have to give some serious props to "Evel Knievil." I loved that man and love this song. I was ready to jump out the window and tell the world. I still may.

Lock and load. Sit back and grab your crayons, eat some paste and act like a three-year-old. The album hit stores on April 30.

David Gray who? Get an earful. This man without a doubt, is one of the best singer-songwriters that I have ever heard. His stinging gospel blurbs and spinal solos within his third album *Sell, Sell, Sell.* snare thoughts from receptors and induce poetic imagery. And, no — it's not a dreary rainy-day album. There's some serious music going on here.

"Late Night Radio" and "Hold On To Nothing" blend the passion of blues and real-world grit. They grab you by the throat and make you appreciate this rotten planet.

That's it for this semester. Sorry to bust so fast.

I'll be back next year pumping out interviews, show reviews and album information on all the hottest debuts

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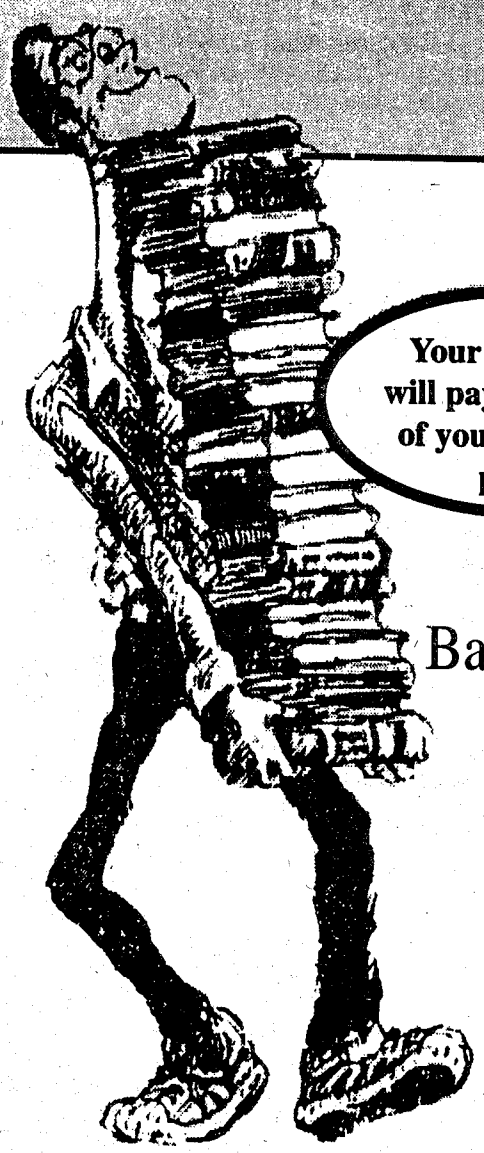

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FRANCIS UNDER FIRE OF PLA

(This story originally ran February19th)

BY THOMAS F. MASSE
STATESMAN STAFF

Rumor and controversy has found its way back to the women's basketball team. Nearing the end of Beckie Francis' second season as the team's head coach, an accumulating mass of criticism is being directed at the former Buffalo assistant. The team, at 6-17 before the weekend, is having its worst season since it went 1-13, coached by current Athletic Director Sandy Weeden, in 1978-79. However, the Seawolves are competing in their first NCAA Division II season in the New England Collegiate Conference - one of the most powerful conferences in D-II. Furthermore, most opposing players receive full scholarships, up to $15,000 per player—a signal in collegiate athletics that indicates higher quality athletes. By comparison, Stony Brook has awarded only a few scholarships all - $1,000 or less. The Seawolves also have nine new players on its squad of 13, most of them underclassmen.

Still, criticism of Francis is coming in hard and fast, and from unlikely sources: the players. "She's not a head coach," said one disgruntled player who asked not to be identified. [Editor's note: While major newspapers generally name player sources who speak against their coaches, teammates and organizations, Stony Brook athletes are not getting paid millions.] "She doesn't know how to work with the players. Most of them don't like her. "The player cited numerous incidents in practice and game situations in which she believed Francis made blatant

STATESMAN SPORTS

'96 SPRING REVIEW

New Stadium Slated For '9

(This story originally ran March 4th)

By Ciny Mastrocinque
Statesman Staff

Despite delays from the original construction schedule, Stony Brook students should expect to see an outdoor sports stadium as a new addition to their campus in 1998, if plans proceed accordingly.

Sometime in the next two weeks, a representative from SUNY Central will be on campus to conduct an environmental study regarding the location of the new stadium, according to Richard Laskowski, Dean of Athletics.

The University has been considering five different sites for the stadium. First, they were contemplating the use of P-plot as a possible location, but there are no water or electric utilities in P-lot and it would cost the University another $1 million to outfit the area - the $3.6 million allocated to the fund is not enough to cover costs beyond the construction of the stadium.

So with this in mind, the powers that be opted for another location and turned to the current Seawolves football/ lacrosse field. However, this is not a good location either, because this would hinder the football and lacrosse teams from playing for two years, while the stadium is under construction. Other locations being considered are the present track and the wooded area adjacent to football field, which can be cleared out and used for a stadium.

The most favorable location at this time, according to Laskowski, is to connect it to the Indoor Sports Complex out the back door. This would unite the outdoor stadium and indoor field house as one building. The construction of this stadium, which was actually decided approximately four years ago, is expected to begin this fall. There has been much discussi regarding the delay of stadium. What took long for the plans finally get on track?

According Laskowski, the del were influenced by t factors. One reason the delay is that wh Governor Pataki ca into office, he place freeze which did not all the University to h workers for construction of stadium. Another fa was the "feeling that had to get SU reorganized and on tra We had to do that bef we moved on w anything, wether it academic construction," s Laskowski.

The decision actually build a new f was made when it deemed that the cur field is not an adequ site for college sport any level. "The pre facility is probably be

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LATE BREAKING STORY!

Baseball Heads to ECAC'

By Thomas F. Masse
Special to *The Statesman*

The baseball team earned it's first post-season play at the Division II level when it was announced this morning that the Seawolves received an invitation to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference D-II Championships scheduled for this weekend.

According to baseball Assistant Coach Kris Doorey, the team will head up to the University Massachusetts in Low where they will comp in a four-team playoff, from the Seawolves o conference.

The fourth-seed

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ER CRITICISM

coaching errors. Specifically, the player said that practices on or before game days are too physically demanding or are not constructive considering the game schedule.

The player also complained that Francis calls for game substitutions at the worst times. "She'll pull people out for no apparent reason. She doesn't explain anything to us."

Another player remarked, "There's too much Buffalo on the bench." She was referring to Francis and assistant Brooke Smith, both of whom came to Stony Brook from Division I SUNY-Buffalo. "Just because something worked up there doesn't mean it will work here. They're trying to coach us like we're a different team and we're not."

Richard Laskowski, dean of physical education and athletics, viewed the situation differently. "Buffalo has a good program. You can't be upset with that," he said. "If we had wrestling here and we brought in Dan Gable and his assistant from Iowa—one of the best programs in the country —would people say we had too much Iowa here?"

"[Francis] isn't used to losing," Laskowski added. "They had a very successful program at Buffalo.... She won't stand for it."

The second player also indicated that team morale was very low and that most have only personal reasons for still playing. "We're out here for each other," she said. "Not for the coaches, not for Stony Brook. Just for each other." In the most convincing and damaging criticism, a number of players claimed that eight of the 13 current players will not return to the court next year if Francis remains as head coach.

Though Laskowski was outwardly disturbed by the news, he asserted that Francis has two years left on her contract and will remain as head coach at least until then.

"She has a four-year contract, and we will evaluate her performance at the end of those four years," Laskowski said. "It wouldn't be fair to evaluate her after just two, especially under the circumstances" of the new Division II schedule and the number of new players on the team.

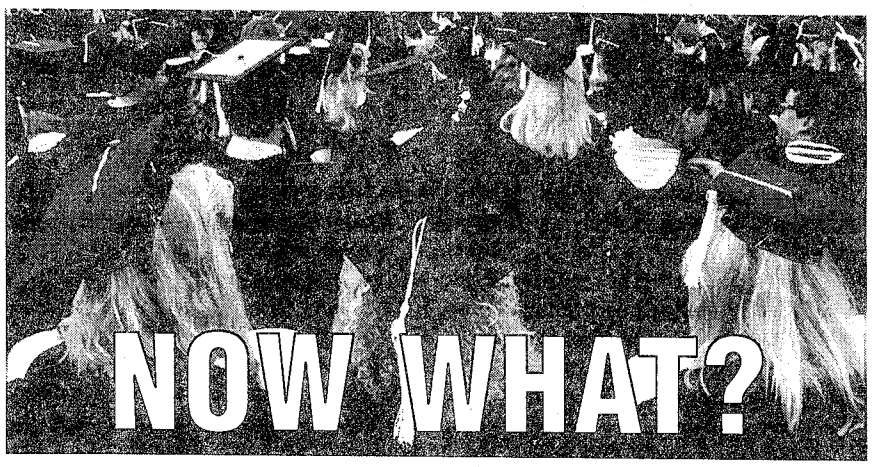
"When you lose, you tend to point the finger outwards," Laskowski said. "I think when the team starts winning in a year or two, you'll see people's attitudes starting to change."

Laskowski expressed concern that none of the players had discussed the problems with Francis or had gone to him. At least two of the players, however, said they would approach the dean after the season.

Laskowski said that Francis and the team is performing, more or less, as expected. "We knew we were going to take some lumps when we made the move," he said. "This is definitely a year for growing." Laskowski said the answers to most of the Seawolves' problems lies in scholarships.

He pointed out that the women's team is performing comparably well to this year's men's team which is suffering the same D-II growing pains but came into the season with many returning players. Last year at the D-III level, both teams finished near .500. It was Francis' first season.

Francis could not be reached for comment. ❑



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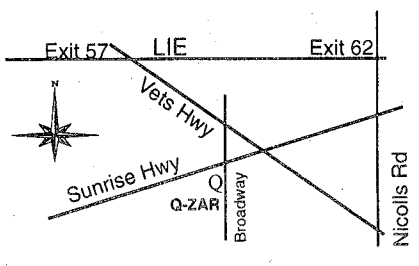

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LACROSSE: FAB FINALE

(This story originally ran May 2nd)

BY MIKE CHAMOFF
Statesman Editor

With the 1996 lacrosse campaign coming to an end, the Seawolves needed an impressive performance to take with them while they begin preparing for their future as a nationally recognized program. They got just that yesterday as they creamed the Providence Friars by a score of 17-4.

With the victory, the Seawolves' final 1996 lacrosse record stands at 3-8, which is clearly indicative of the kind of schedule they played through this season. While facing powers such as Penn State, Air Force, and Villanova, the 'Wolves put on impressive performances that clearly show that, while they suffer from inconsistencies on defense and have some depth problems, they still have a team that can make tough opponents like Penn State work hard for every point.

In yesterday's season finale, the Seawolves dominated the Friars, allowing them just a pair of goals in the first and fourth quarters. By the end of the first half, Stony Brook led 5-2 and was primed for even more domination. By the end, the Seawolves had demolished Providence offensively, scoring 17 times and outscoring them 8-0 in the third quarter.

Behind the offensive rampage was sophomore attackman Ian Spronck, who turned in a fine athletic performance on the afternoon, scoring five goals and recording 1 assist for 6 points. Robb Aitchison turned in a 6 point game as well, scoring one goal and notching 5 assists. Pritesh Patel and Courtney Wilson (who started at attack due to the injured Kollmer) each had three goals to add to the drive, while captain Will Imhof scored twice.

In goal for the Seawolves, Dan Lozza and Greg Taylor combined to make 13 saves (Lozza-5 and Taylor-8) and shut down the Friars' offense completely in the second and third quarters. However the Friars started Rob Chambers who made a season high 29 saves, and in the process, put up with a lot of punishment by the Stony Brook attack.

With a 3-8 record, many would not point to this and say it was an improvement over a 7-7 record last season. However, paper is only so thick, and watching this team in action, you can see that this is a team that will be nationally recognized in the future with an enormous abundance of talent that will be comparable to programs like North Carolina and Hofstra. Right now, the talent is such, that a performance like the one they had against Penn State was made possible.

On the season, Chris Kollmer and Courtney Wilson both shared the team scoring crown with 35 points each, and Wilson leading the team in goals for the second straight season. Robb Aitchison led the Seawolves in assists while he and Derek Reyna respectively finished third and fourth on the team in scoring with 31 and 22 points. Captain Will Imhof, Pritesh Patel, Steve Ceballos, Omar Ceballos, and Ian Spronck each combined for 49 points and strengthened the Stony Brook attack this year - despite the absence of Chris Theofield, who was academically ineligible this season. "Theofield would have made things turn out a lot better than they did because he's a tremendous guy on offense" said Coach Espey. Next year, Theofield is expected to return to the team and boost the attack. Espey commented, "With Theofield back next year, we'll have a tremendous season."

Overall, Stony Brook was outscored by their opposition only 193-182 in total points (which includes both goals and assists). However, Stony Brook led the opposition in goals by a 118-116 margin. For a team that finished the year at 3-8, a scoring record like the one they had this year is nothing short of remarkable.

Defense is where they had their biggest problems. Stony Brook had trouble holding slim leads and maintaining opposing offenses in critical late game situations. They had trouble keeping the pace with some teams, despite obvious deficitd the defense worked their butts off, keeping the team in the game for 60 minutes. The depth problem should be relieved somewhat when Coach Espey brings in some new faces to help out Cruciani, Viggiano, Imhof, and Luce.

In goal, both Greg Taylor and Dan Lozza proved themselves as competitors. Taylor started eight games, notched a career high 136 saves for a .610 save percentage. Lozza started three, making 34 saves for a .540 save percentage. With senior Steve Cox missing the entire season due to injury, Taylor and Lozza stepped forward to fill the void.

Next season, Espey will be bringing in at least ten freshmen who have had tremendous high school careers, and have a lot of talent. Also next year, Espey plans to have his schedule expanded with more games and more competition. Next season's schedule should see North Carolina and Navy once again as well as Ivy league programs such as Harvard and Princeton.

This season was not without memories and growing pains. The thriller over Adelphi in the team's season opener, in which Chris Kollmer had a career scoring day and Greg Taylor performed superbly against his former Lynbrook H.S. lacrosse teammates, made the rest of the season look as if it was going to be filled with moments like these. However, Stony Brook ran into many road blocks, dropping six straight before going 2-2 in their final four. The 1996 season proved to be a continued strength test, in which the Seawolves were looking for their big break in the Division I lacrosse scene. As Coach Espey said earlier this year, "were going to beat someone real bad pretty soon." ❑

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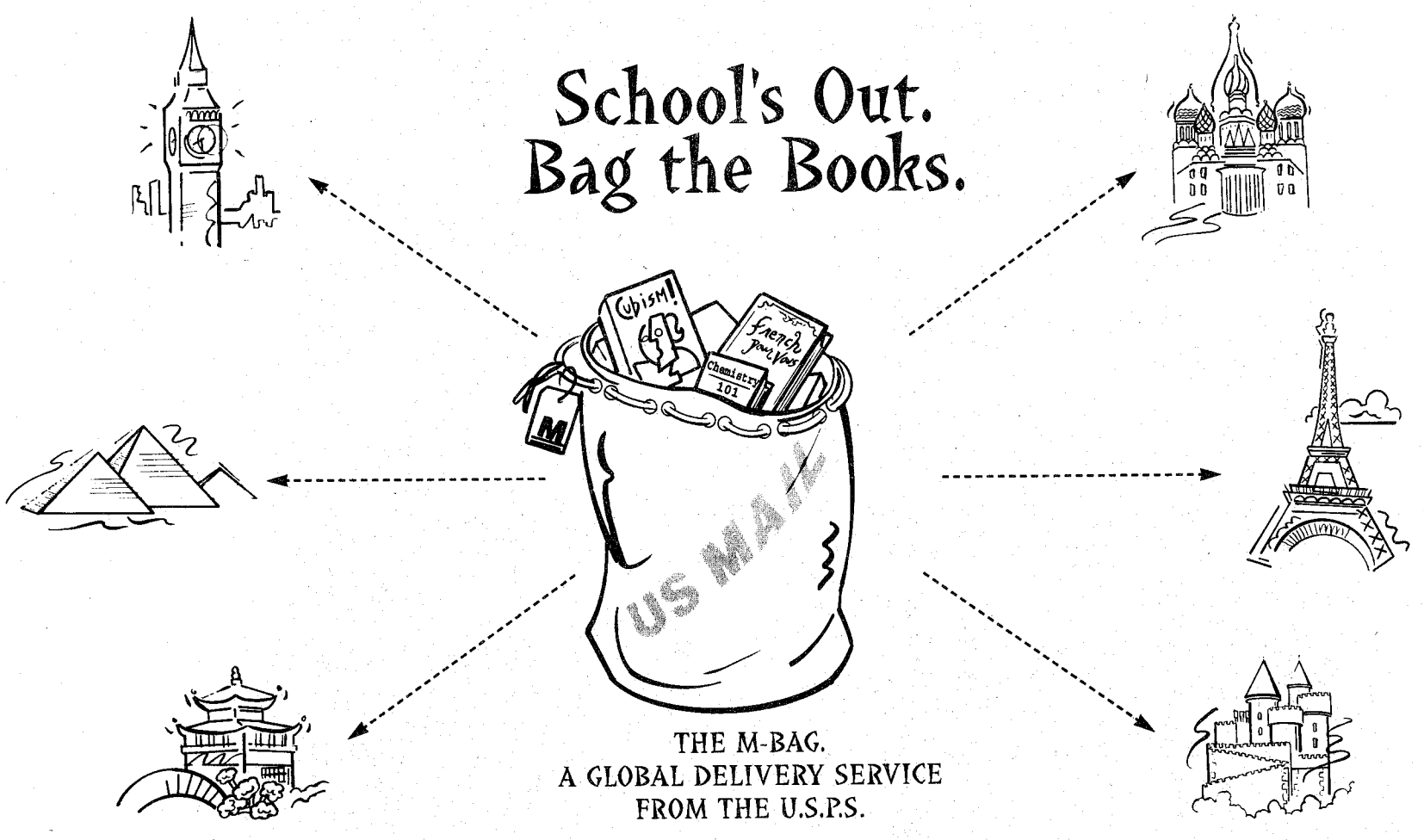

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Coach and Women's Swimming Team Are METRO CHAMPIONS!

(This story originally ran March 18th)

By Cindy Mastrocinque
Satesman Staff

Stony Brook's 17 year veteran swimming coach, Dave Alexander, was named the Women's Division I and II Metropolitan Conference Coach of the Year, after the team captured the Metro Championship on February 10th. Alexander, who has been coaching for 17 years, (16 solely for the women's team) also won the title in 1981 and 1991. He also coached the Stony Brook men's team for the first time this past season. His career record is 137-50-1 in meets.

"It was a great honor," he said of the award. Alexander feels especially honored by the award because it was decided through a secret ballot by the other coaches in the conference.

"For those people that I compete against, and the people that I've known for many many years to say that I had the best year, that I did the best job, that to me is the best thing," Alexander explained. "When the people who are in your business recognize what you've done, that's the best feeling."

Alexander is coming off another winning season with the Women's team, with a 7-3 record and a Division I and II Metropolitan Championship title. Some of the many bright spots at the championship were provided by swimmers Heather Martin (freshman), Corrine Jones (senior captain), Kristin Bernard (senior captain), Nikki Barnes (sophomore), Amy Romano (junior).

Martin, who won the one and three-meter, respectively, earned the Ann B. Stetz award for outstanding diver. Jones placed second in the 400 individual medley (5:13.39) and second place in the 50 freestyle (26.40) and 100 freestyle (56.72), and was also competitive in her other races. Barnes swam at 1:06.62 in the 100 backstroke (2:43.05) and 200 individual medley (2.27.24). The team also produced in the relay events, winning 400 and 800 freestyle relays and placing second in 200 freestyle relay.

The Men's Team took 4th place at the Metropolitan Championships. The team was led by Captains Ed Gross and Mark Sutera.

Alexander believes that both teams adjusted well to the changes in the program this year. In September 1995 it was announced that Alexander would serve as both the Men's and Women's coaches. Noting the maturity of both teams this year, Alexander said of them, "It was a very tough year and they handled it very well," said Alexander. "For the Women's Team, there were five seniors: Corrine Jones, Rebecca Phelan, Joan P. Walsh, Kristin Bernard, and Sarah Anderson who were extremely involved in the rebuilding of the program." Alexander named them all captains.

"I had a lot of good leadership out of both teams, you don't always automatically get the leadership, and we had it this year.

"I think it was very fitting that this group of swimmers should go out as champions. The championship, in a nutshell, was that it was for these women."

The team moved over a division this season, swimming against schools with scholarship swimmers. "In that, they were very, very pleased in what they's accomplished," he said.

His team was very pleased that Alexander was named Coach of the Year. "He is a really great coach," said Jen Elvers, in a phone interview, "he relates to everyone on the team."

Though the team was successful this year, the future will prove to be tough road to follow. With the five seniors graduating this May, they lose many talented people.

"I hope that we can replace the people that are gone," said Alexander, "but I don't think we can."

According to the coach, to produce another winning team for next season, they will need very good recruiting, longer and more intense practices, and more aggressiveness.

"We are going to make practices a little bit harder, to try take it up to the next level," he said. "I hope that we can repeat what we did this year, but we will just have to develop the support and learn as we go." ❑

USB's Lacrosse Program Top 20 Team in the Making: *Better Incentives Mean Better Talent*

(This story originally ran March 28th)

By Mike Chamoff
Statesman Editor

With the new lacrosse season off to a promising start, you wonder what lies ahead for the program's future. After Stony Brook embarrassed the defending Division II national champions a week ago, it became obvious that a solid top 20 nationally ranked team is in the making. Stony Brook's Lacrosse program has been in Division I since 1989. As the latest deBeer Division I Metro NY/NJ poll indicates, the Seawolves are currently ranked fourth in the local area with 15 points, a jump from their preseason of fifth.

USB's lacrosse program has a long term goal. The objective is to play well against big time Division I powers, show off their program, and gain respect on a national level. One way they can do this is of course to attract talent with scholarships. At the present, the entire team is only being allotted five thousand dollars a year to use for scholarship money.

Stony Brook's tuition plus room and board is roughly $7,500 per term. Obviously this is not nearly enough to be able to pay out big lucrative sums and lure best talent away from big time D-I schools such as North Carolina and Hofstra. Head Coach John Espey is convinced that a plan that included greater incentives to play for Stony Brook will, in the long run, be a more effective way to attract talent and insure that the program will get nothing but a hundred percent out of them.

John Espey's plan would offer the largest money packages to players who are upperclassmen and have played a number of seasons, and whom have demonstrated outstanding leadership and statistical achievements on the field, and maintained an acceptable academic status. Working down the line, the newer players would receive money as well, but not as much as the players who have already proven themselves in previous seasons.

However, the newer players would receive larger and larger amounts as they continue to prove themselves and contribute to the team,. This gives them an incentive to work hard and to stay with the team.

"Right now this is the kind of plan that North Carolina is using, and just look at the kind of program they have," said Coach Espey. "For example, a guy like Will Imhoff who has been with us for three seasons, led the team, and contributed to our success would get a larger package. The younger players will see this and realize the incentive to play hard, and give us a 100 percent."

Espey feels that just simply offering big time money to hot prospects out of high school wouldn't really give them any kind of incentive to play up to their potential. This would not benefit Stony Brook in the long run and may cause dissent by the other players who are not being offered this kind of money. In turn, these players might be lured away from Stony Brook by other schools' offer.

Stony Brook's lacrosse program is in a good position in that it is a Division I program in a school whose tuition is very low compared to other universities like North Carolina and Hofstra who have Division I programs as well.

Espey commented, "A kid who is really interested in playing lacrosse can come to a school like Stony Brook for less than half of what it would cost to go to Hofstra, play in Division I, get recognized on a national level, and come away with a great education. What we want to try to get across is that this is probably one of the greatest opportunities you can get. This would not only benefit Stony Brook and it's alumni as well by putting the school on the map as a great university with a formidable athletic program."

This is not only Espey's long term goal but it is also the goal of the Dean of Athletics, Richard Laskowski, who implemented the plan of moving all Stony Brook's athletic teams to Division I by the year 1998.

So far, Coach Espey feels that his team can truly make this a reality. The Seawolves are capable of winning games against teams that are loaded with scholarship players. The fact that the 'Wolves do not have any scholarship players on their team and can still destroy a team like Adelphi who does have scholarship players, is a surge in the right direction. Another plus to situation is that the p layers that Stony Brook has attracted in the past couple of years, are high-mentality, unselfish, and do not point a finger at someone else if they make a mistake. For instance, Coach Espey caught up with one of his players after their heartbreaking loss to Colgate last Saturday. I asked him what he thought happened out there and he replied, 'I played lousy,' the guy had two goals and was still pointing out the fact that he felt he could've played better. That I think shows great determination on his part." Espey continued "I like to try to build my team based on that kind of character."

Espey is one hundred percent correct. Character and pride go a long way in this business. Without a doubt, building a top 20 Division I lacrosse team starts with these guys. ❑

RUGGER'S SPRING CLASSIC BECOMES REALITY

(This story originally ran April 29th)

By Scott Lewis
Special to the *Statesman*

Ever since Marty Rosenthal became the rugby coach at SUNY-Stony Brook in the fall of 1995 he looked in wonderment at the acres of mostly unused, grassy land that encompasses the University's athletic track, football field and softball field. Though Stony Brook had hardly been a rugby hotbed in the past — before Rosenthal arrived, the men were competing in Division III club, the women had never played a regulation game and neither squad had a coach — the potential for, as he says, "something big," was evident soon after his arrival on the Long Island campus. Motivated by the spacious facilities of his new school, the increasing turnout of players and spectators, and fueled by his own ambition, Rosenthal envisioned hosting a major spring tournament, similiar to the annual "Cherry Blossom" tourney in Washington D.C., that would feature a multitude of men's and women's teams from schools around the Eastern Region. So it was on the weekend of April 13-14 that Rosenthal's brain-child, Rugger's Spring Classic, became a reality. Despite the backdrop of a constant brisk wind and a muddy field, approximately 700 athletes from

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24 teams — amongst which included 16 women's teams competing in two divisions, open and premiere — participated in 42 games over the course of the two-day tournament. In the men's final, New Paltz defeated Western Connecticut 10-7 to take home first place honors. Both teams finished 3-0 during the qualifying round, but the superior teamwork of New Paltz was the difference in the end. The wome's premiere championship game was an Ivy League rout as Radcliffe-Harvard shut out Yale 70-0 in another battle of unbeaten teams. In the open division final, the women of Vassar College captured first place by defeating Plymouth State 18-5. For Rosenthal, the successful tournament was a personal triumph in his on going quest to promote the sport on the campus and beyond. "I sent out invitations to as many of the area's women's teams as could and restricted invites for the men's bracket to Division I teams only," says Rosenthal. "If rugby is going to continue to grow we need to have the men and women working together." Rosenthal had attempted a tournament last spring, but only four schools made the trip to Suffolk County. Undeterred, the Springfield College graduate and ex-Manhattanville coach increased his efforts this year and was rewarded with a highly competitive and enthusiastic weekend.

"I contacted countless people to find out the proper seedings," says Rosenthal. "And the scores showed the seedings worked out because most of the games were close." The only visible inaccuracy in Rosenthal 'seedings was in the women's premiere division. Princeton, the defending Women's National Champion, received a number one seed, but they didn't send their 'A' side and were eliminated in the qualifying round. For Stony Brook's rugby program, the tournament results were particularly pleasing. The Stony Brook men were one of the big surprises of the weekend, "sneaking" into the playoff round with a 1-2 record and defeating Fordham 15-7 to finish in third place. Stony Brook's victory is even more stunning considering that during the fall season they received a 60-5 drubbing by Fordham. "We played better than we have all year," says Rich O'Reilly, a junior at Stony Brook. "Everyone on the team has worked hard in practice and the improvement is shown on the field." Stony Brook's women's team, despite a respectable 1-1-1 qualifying record, did not place in the open division. They did, however, gain the respect of their coach, as well as their opponents, for their intensity, cohesion and textbook technique. After battling to a 0-0 stalemate with eventual finalists Plymouth State, the women of Stony Brook outlasted Ithaca 7-5 before being defeated 5-0 by third place-finishers Scranton. Since Rosenthal took over the reins, the women have gone from barely having a team to having a winning percentage over .800. "If I had to write a manual I would like to take a picture of the women," says Rosenthal. "That doesn't mean they're the best, but they are technically beautiful." Rosenthal's men and women ruggers practice together three days a week. They also schedule games together, including recent road trips to New Jersey and Virginia. According to Rosenthal, "they were two units of 30, now they're a single group of 60 fighting for the same common goal. As far as practice is concerned, it's not an ideal situation. I'm not going to have guys hitting girls. But one united practice does help with class restraints and people missing, at least people are in the proper position," he said. "I'm proud of both teams. They're are a great bunch of men and women. I told them afterwards, 'this was achieved as a team and as a tournament.'" Nearly forgotten in the aftermath was that the tournament was almost over before it started. Just 48 hours prior to the announced start of the Ruggers Spring Classic, an official from Stony Brook University's Athletic Department contacted Rosenthal and informed him that the tournmanet was going to be canceled after an unseasonable snowstorm earlier in the week had left the field in poor condition.

"I was told the tournament was 'most definately' going to be canceled," says Rosenthal, whose Stony Brook rugby club teams are Division I club, and thus are not funded by the school.

"I was told that they didn't want the fields to be ripped up and that they wouldn't have the time to repair the damage."

With 300 t-shirts and 500 programs already ordered and delivered, and 700 athletes set to embark on a weekend trip to Stony Brook, Rosenthal was in dire straits. With a weekend-long weather forecast of rain, it appeared that Mother Nature was not on Rosenthal's side. Besides money, he stood to lose if the tournament fell through. But then, on Thursday the sun came out - and stayed out.

"After it got warm on Thursday, I was told we had three fields to use instead of the original five if the weather stayed the same," says Rosenthal, who after inquisition was able to secure use of four fields at 5:00 pm Friday, 16 hours before the slated starting time of 9:00 am.

"But three or four fields were too narrow because of the field change."

Desperate times call for desperate measures and the Stony Brook rugby team responded accordingly. "We had guys lining the field, putting up the signs, tents and ropes, building the field the monster scorebourd , and setting up the goalposts," he said . In fact, according to Rosenthal, "the players were helping set up until 4 am and then slept overnight on the field to protect it from vandilism."

At 7 am on Saturday morning, two fields were still not lined and the goalposts were yet to be erected. But Rosenthal, as well as the men and women of Stony Brook rugby, worked fervently to iron out the remaining wrinkles. Finally, at 11 am, the fourth and final field was ready and the tournament was underway.

"Within the first two hours of the tourney, I'm sure coaches and players were questioning why they made the trip," says Rosenthal. "But once things got going the tournament started running itself. At the conclusion on Sunday I recieved so many comments on how smooth and professionally the tournament was run." Tom Srdanovic and Ron Strauss, seniors at Stony Brook, agreed with Rosenthal's assesment.

"When I was standing out in the rain at 4 am, I had serious doubts about how it would turn out," said Strauss. "But as the weather improved so did the tournament. It was a great weekend for all the 'ruggers' that came out to play"

"It started out rough, but it turned out to be a lovely weekend for rugby," Srdanovic added.

A portion of the tournament's proceeds were donated to long island chapter of Cystic Fibrosis research. "I'm getting something and I wanted to give something back," Rosenthal said. Meanwhile, the 11-year rugby veteran, who says he has played in 20 different countries and has "borrowed" coaching styles, continues the effort of raising Stony Brook's "rugby awareness." Next Spring Break, Rosenthal intends on taking his team to the Bahamas for some fun, sun and "scrum."

"This is my life. All of my friends, for the most part, are through Rugby. I'm a team-oriented person and rugby brought that to me," says Rosenthal, who played football since he was six before switching to rugby as a freshman in college. "There are guys 40-50 years old still playing in men's leagues. If you can't play anymore you could be a referee. This game can always be with you."

As for the Rugger's Spring Classis, Rosenthal is pleased, but not satisfied . "This tournament is one of the biggest things to happen to Stony Brook. The teams gained prestige ," says Rosenthal, "But I'm not surprised this happened, this tournament was on my mind since the day I stepped onto the field."

For most people, a tournament the magnitude of the Rugger's Spring Classic would qualify as the culmination of a dream. In Rosenthal's eyes, it's just the beginning. "I have not yet met half of my expectations here," he said. "I have a much bigger vision for both men's and women's teams." ❑

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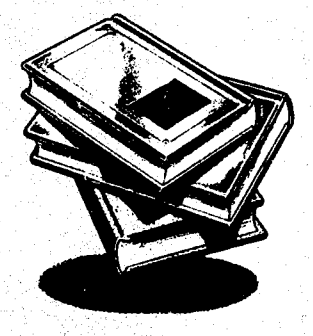

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'Wolves will face number one seed Southern Connecticut, Thursday at 1 p.m. In the 10 a.m. game, host two-seed UMass-Lowell will face three-seed Keene (NH) State.

Should the Brook pass their first round test, they will play in the championship game Friday at noon. However, should the team fall, they will play for third place at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Stony Brook lost both games of a double-header to Southern Connecticut, 5-3 and 5-4, on April 24 at SouthConn. The Seawolves also dropped both ends of a double-header to UMass-Lowell, 20-4 and 7-5, on April 27 at Lowell. The Brook has fared better against Keene, splitting a double-header, losing 13-7 in the opener and shutting out 'State in the nightcap, 8-0, at Keene on April 20.

The Seawolves finished their first regular season at Division II at 26-12 overall and 9-9 in the New England Collegiate Conference. ❑

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the standards of some of high schools on Long Island," said Laskowski. "There was just a feeling that if we were going to have a college sports program, we should have a better facility to compete in." Since the University is expected to move to Division I in 1998, a new stadium is definitely a desirable choice.

The sports to be played in the new stadium would most likely be lacrosse, football, soccer and track. It would also be used for high school championships. Instead of traveling to other high schools and colleges in the area, Stony Brook's facilities could be used. Laskowski believes that this would be great for the community and for Suffolk County, and perhaps more importantly, would also serve as a great recruiting tool for the University. By bringing people on campus for sporting events, the University would actually be familiarizing future students with the campus.

"The best way to recruit students to the University is to have them here and to see what a wonderful place this is," said Laskowski. "There are so many people on Long Island that never visited Stony Brook and know very little about it."

He said he believes that athletic events held here would aquaint future students with the campus and might lead to them considering Stony Brook for their college education. "I am really excited about the possibility of it getting started now," Laskowski said. ❑

Have a nice summer all!
:) See you in September!
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second in the NECC Championships. The combination of Mike Jo and Charles Greenhut at doubles proved once again to be deadly. They annihilated their opponents, hardly giving up more than 2 or 3 games to each team. The tandem of Otto Krcal and Kirby Calvario at second doubles, enjoyed a great tournament start defeating Franklin pierce, 6-1, 6-1 and UMAss Lowell 6-1, 6-2. In the final two games however, they struggled and barely got away with two wins - both times in the third. In the end both teams had a record of 4-0 and took their rightful position as the best first and second doubles team in the region.

Notes: It seems that all those months of training inside have finally paid off for the team and the bond that was created between the players has developed into great team-work on court. Hopefully, this type of performance demonstrated by the Seawolves this weekend will be carried over tofuture matches. As Coach Mansour Tabibnia says about his team "The guys have been getting better every time they play."

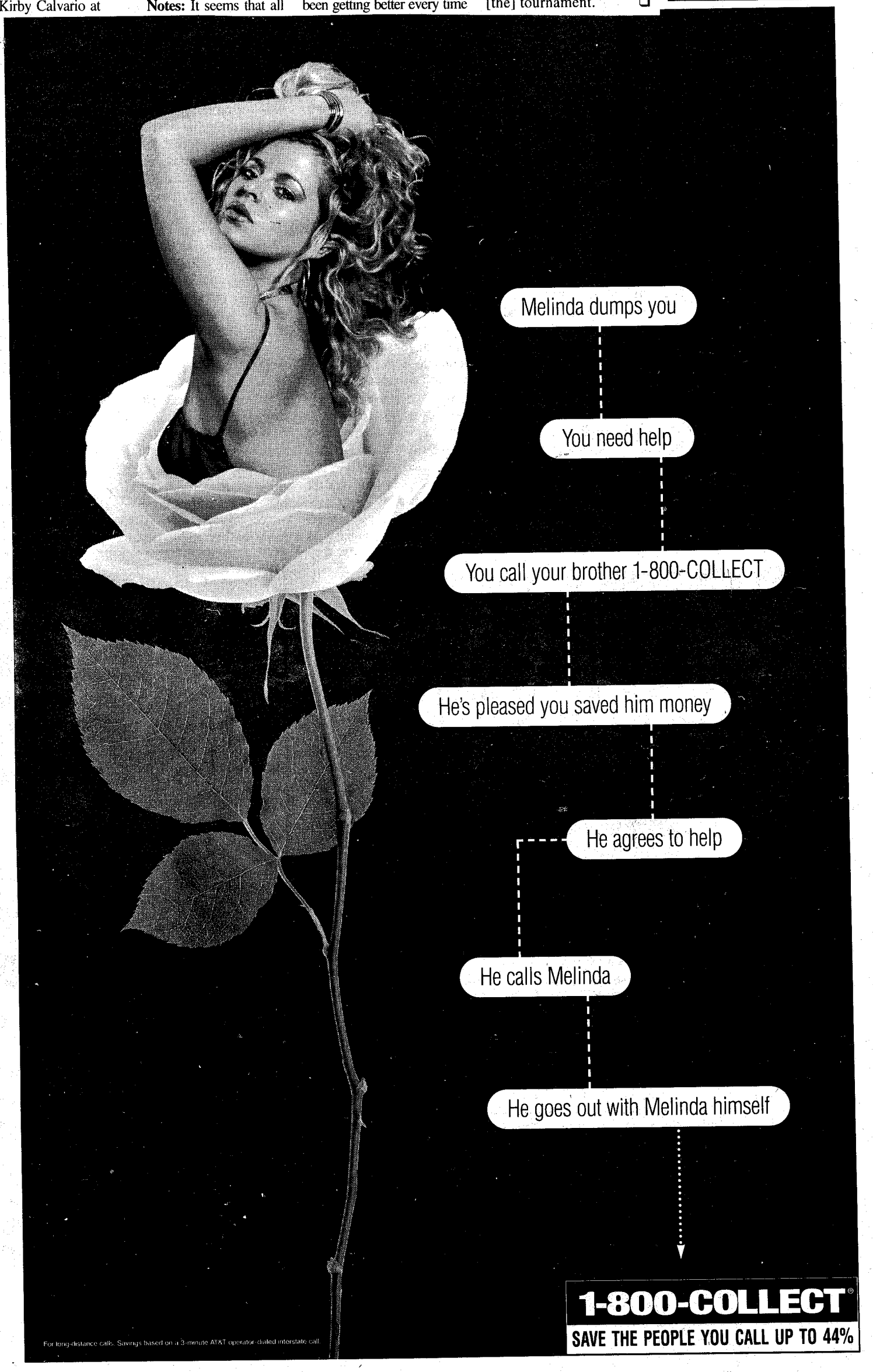
Flocco is ranked third in the NECC behind number two Tim Whitehead of Franklin Pierce and number one Jorge Munoz of UMass Lowell..Tabibnia said of Schelton Assoumou, "Even though he lost 6-3, 6-4 to LeMoyne's number two player, Schelton probably played [his] best tennis in [the] tournament. ❑

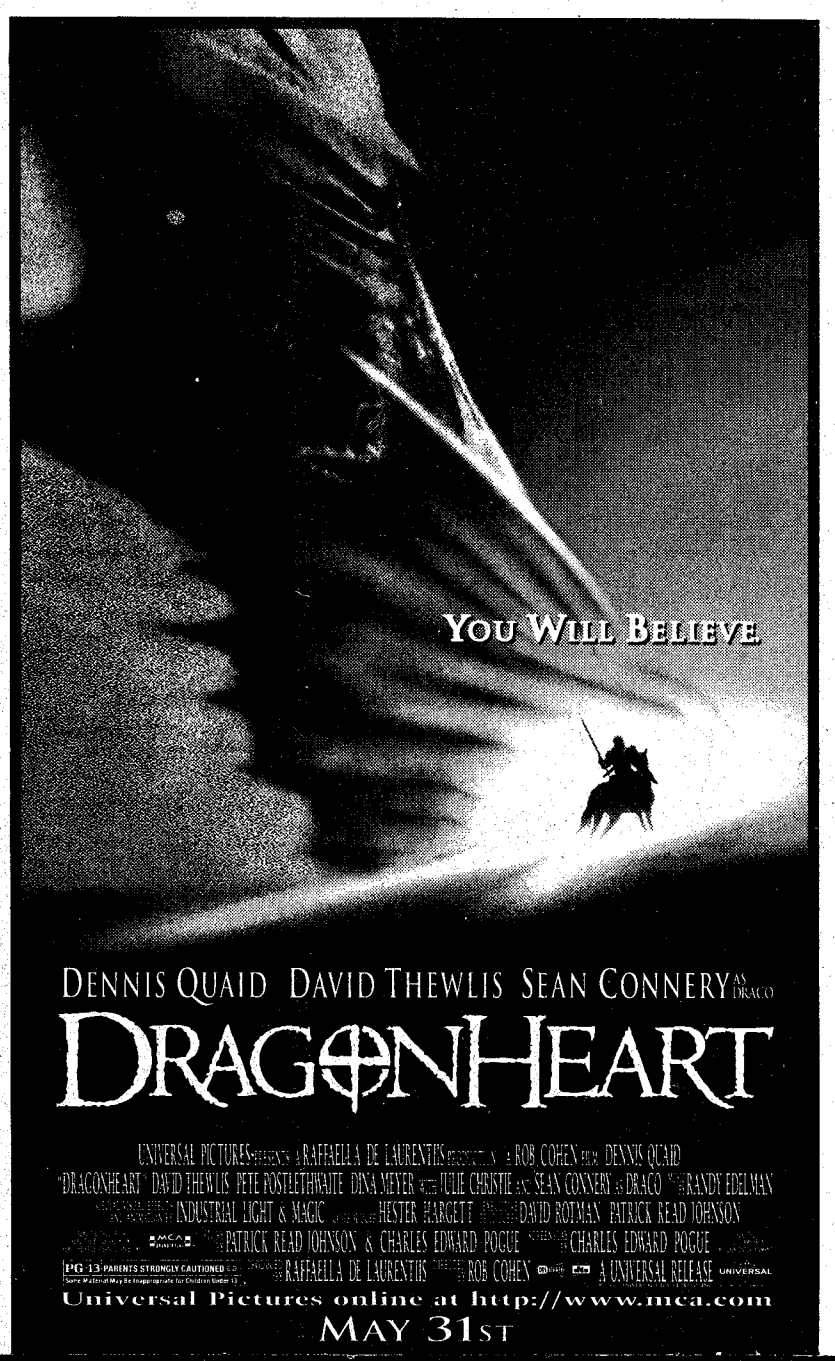
Denise Catapano
Track & Field

We're Sorry!

Last issue we ran the wrong photo for Denise in our senior Seawolves layout. In one breath, we wish our apologies and congratulations to her!

-Statesman Sports Staff





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Tennis Surprises Conference! Finish 2nd in NECC Championships

(This story originally ran April 25th)

BY TABOO HASAN
Statesman staff

For those who did not know, this weekend Stony Brook hosted the New England Collegiate Conference Men's Tennis Championship. The participating teams were USB, UMass Lowell, LeMoyne, Franklin Pierce, and Sacred Heart University. Stony Brook was the underdog in this competition and was expected to place fourth or fifth in the tournament. Shocking disbelief, is the only way to describe the final results. Stony Brook pulled out a surprising second, and fell just one point short of defeating UMass Lowell (ranked 16th in the Eastern Region).

The Seawolves tournament lineup consisted of Tom Flocco and Schelton Assoumou playing first and second singles. Mike Jo and Charles Greenhut played first doubles and Otto Kreal and Kirby Calvario second doubles.

Out of the four teams at the competition, USB had played only Sacred Heart University before in the season. The 'Wolves beat them 6-1 back on March 27. So it was no surprise when the Seawolves completely destroyed them in both singles and in doubles. Tom Flocco found the number one from Sacred Heart an easy picking as he won 6-0, 6-2. Schelton Assoumou on the other hand struggled for a hard win of 5-7, 7-5, 6-4. This was Assoumou's only win and he would finish the tournament with a 1-3 record.

Franklin Pierce did a number on the singles players. Their number one player Tim Whitehead, beat Flocco 6-1, 6-3 and their number two Matt Grenier, beat Assoumou 7-5, 6-4. This trend also held true against UMass Lowell. Number one Seawolves player Flocco fought hard but could do nothing against the onslaught of winners brought on by the more experienced, ranked player Jorge Munoz (currently between 25-35). This, was by far not the end for last week's Seawolves Player of the Week. He proved how easy it is for him to hit a home run when the bases are loaded and with a full count. As he had all season, he pulled out a win when the team needed it.

In the final two sets of games, LeMoyne College and their number one singles player Jason Mehl was the proble to be overcome. Flocco simply stepped up to the plate and dished out his trademark bullet serves and fiery forehands, to win the match and secure Stony Brook's place as the silver medalists.

But all the credit cannot go only to Flocco. If not for the immaculate playing of the doubles teams, they would never have secured the position of

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Nathan

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When he left Stony Brook as a junior to sign with the professional minor league team, he forfeited his NCAA eligibility. He doesn't rule out eventually giving the minors a second try. "I'll do it, but I'd rather be a position players," he said about returning to the Giants. "If I decide to go back and they want me as a pitcher, than that's what I'm going to do."

His former coach, Senk, can't help but pitch his former star as the whole package. "Joe worked very hard to get to where he is," he said. "It was a real pleasure having him. Obviously when you lose a player like that , you hope that another one comes along just like him but those are few and far between. Looking back, I think that this (decision to go pro') was the right thing for him to do. He went fairly high in the draft. But when he signed, many scouts were looking at him as a pitcher. He thinks he has an open invitation by the Giant's organization to go back when he's ready.

"When Joe came here he was highly recommended by my former teammate and roommate at Cortland State. He told me that right now Joe's a little bit thin and not that strong. He was young coming out of high school. He said that three years down the road he is going to be a great player. When he is ready he can be that." ❑

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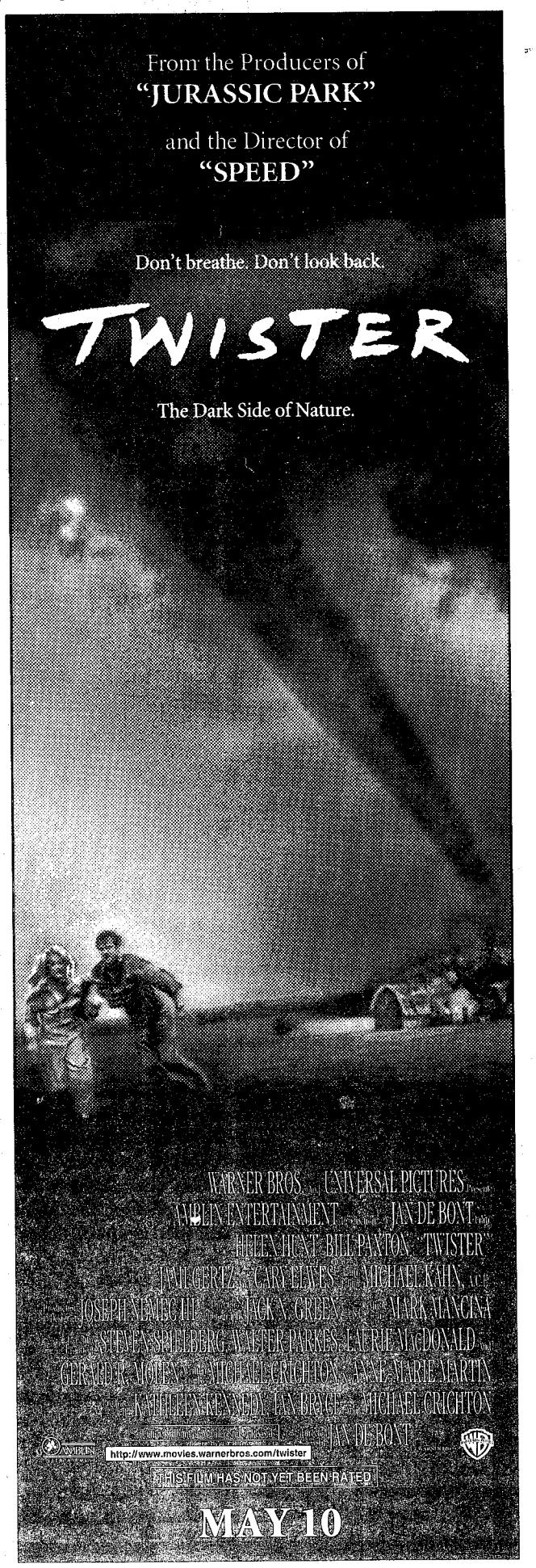


BASEBALL: Tavernese, Paradis Shine as Seawolves Finish Regular Season 27-12

By Kris Doorey
Statesman Senior Staff

With the University at Stony Brook baseball team's season on the line, Seawolves head coach Matt Senk turned to his ace Sal Tavernese, to make the start Sunday's game against Mercy College.

Tavernese did not let Senk down. Picking up where he left off Wednesday against Sacred Heart, he had his fastball popping. He scattered 10 hits over nine innings and tied a career-high with 13 strikeouts in the huge Seawolves 5-2 win.

Danny Paradis continued his torrid hitting with three hits, while Mark Balsamo and Vin Causeman added two hits apiece for the Seawolves.

Tavernese: Mr. Steady

During Sunday's game, Tavernese established a new University record for strikeouts in a season. Tavernese has struck out 84 hitters this year, eclipsing Chris Ryba's previous record of 76 set in 1973.

"Sal's performance today (Sunday) was typical of the type of player he has been since coming to Stony Brook," Senk said. "Tough, hard-nosed and aggressive. The tougher the situation, the tougher Sal is."

Tavernese breezed through the first two innings, before Mercy loaded the bases in the third only to have Tavernese induce an inning-ending groundout. The Flyers scored two unearned runs in the fifth to cut the Stony Brook lead to one and had chances to score in the sixth and seventh innings, only to have Tavernese thwart the opportunities.

Paradis: En Fuego

Paradis continued to highlight the best season ever turned in by a Stony Brook baseball player by going three-for-five. Paradis lined a single in the first inning to set a new University record for hits in a season and when he scored on Balsamo's two-run double in the third, he broke the University record for runs scored in a season. Earlier in the week, Paradis became the eighth member of the University's 100-hit club when he lined a two-run home run against Concordia, Finally he also set a University record for stolen bases in a season when he swiped his 25th against UMass-Lowell last Sunday.

"Danny dotted the 'i's' and crossed the 't's' on one of the greatest single-season performances ever by a baseball player at Stony Brook," Senk said. "Hopefully, he will be able to continue his unbelievable season in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) playoffs."

Out of USB's Hands

Last season the Seawolves finished the regular season 29-6 and easily earned the top-seed in the NCAA Division III NY Regional Playoffs. This season the team is 27-12 and is fighting for a chance to prove itself in the ECAC playoffs and earn an NCAA bid the hard way.

Teams that are selected for ECAC playoffs (a four-team, double-elimination tournament) will be announced Monday afternoon. If selected, the Seawolves will play their opening game Thursday. Should the Seawolves win the ECAC playoffs, the NCAA playoffs are a strong possibility.

"If anyone had told me that at the conclusion of our first season in Division II that our record would be 27-12, I would have jumped at it," Senk said. "I am proud of my players for what they have accomplished this year and the strong foundation they have built for continued success in the future."

Beating Concordia

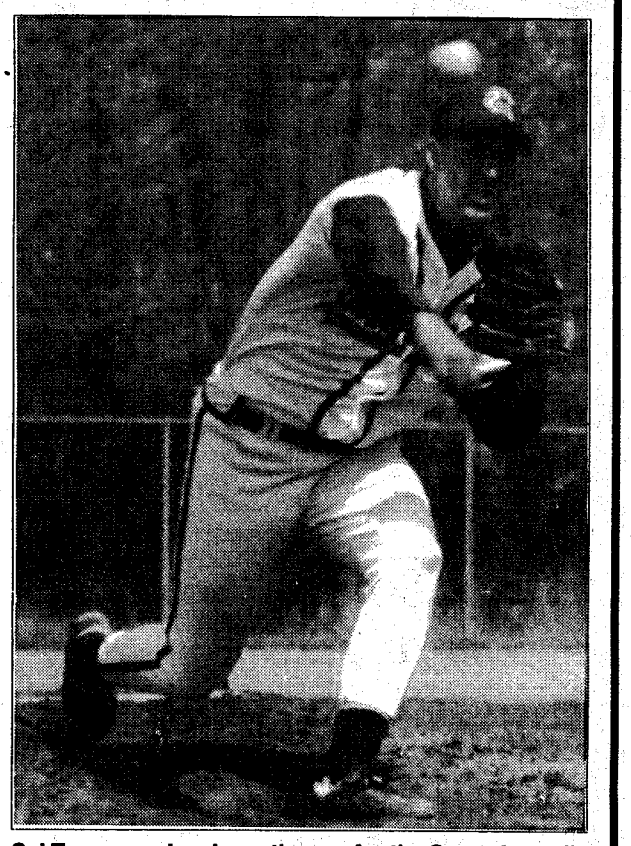
Tim Loyal hurled five scoreless innings as the Seawolves jumped all over Concordia, 13-8, Thursday afternoon at University Field. Paradis went two-for-three, scored two runs and drove in three, including two on a home run during the Seawolves' five-run second inning. Causeman, Frank Colon, Erik Haag and Will Bernanke added two hits for the Seawolves.

Dan Gelling earned his fourth save, a University record, by retiring five of the final six batters.

Split with Sacred Heart

The Seawolves rode the arm of Tavernese in the 5-2 win over Sacred Heart Tuesday afternoon at University Field. It was a in New England Collegiate Conference double-header. Tavernese allowed only five hits and struck out eight. Paradis, Balsamo, Colon and Causeman had two hits.

Stony Brook's bats were silenced in the nightcap as Sacred Heart won 5-0. Chris Livingston had two of the Seawolves' four hits. Dennis Kelly suffered the loss. ❑



Sal Tavernese has been the ace for the Seawolves all season.

SIGNED, SEALED AND READY TO DELIVER!

(This story originally ran May 2nd)

By Ben Varghese
Statesman Editor

Six foot four and talented. What else is there to say about Brentwood High School Senior, Rob Burton, who is set take the court for Stony Brook Men's basketball team next Fall. The 6'4, 178 pound athlete has played Guard for Brentwood High, averaging 27.5 points per game, and has a career-wide total of 1077 points. Marty Riger, Burton's high school coach has high hopes for the young athlete.. Burton made All County last year and this year, as well as placing sixth team all-state this year, and 7th team last year.

Burton has played on the Empire State Scholastic Team, where we he has also performed outstandingly.

Burton was not only Brentwood's top scorer, but was also named captain of his team. "It's not easy to be a player, and at the same time give advice to the other players," said Burton. Burton "It was a good experience for me."

Burton says he wants to continue to play the guard position for the Seawolves and hopes to excel for Stony Brook.

"I want to go out there and play and I want the team to judge me from there," Burton said.

"He's a fine young man and I know he will be a successful player next year," Riger said.

Burton extends his thanks to his family, but above all, Riger, who has been his coach for the past four years. Burton says that his motto is to "practice hard because it's not easy to get to the top."

Burton plans to major in accounting at Stony Brook, with future plans to join the ranks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Burton had aspirations in baseball and football growing up, but said that he was never really good at them. He then decided to join basketball, where it all took off for him from there.

Burton said that his main reason for coming to Stony Brook was head coach Bernard Tomlin, who was eager to recruit the talented athlete.

"He has a great highschool record," said Tomlin. "He has averaged 27 points per game and looking at his track record, I think he'll make a difference."

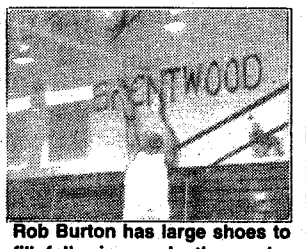
With Division I impending, Tomlin said that now is the time to build the foundations for a stronger team.

"Last season, people were coming to our games and they were seeing these huge guys, who were 6'6 and 250 pounds, whom we were playing against, and they would say to themselves, "Wow, we're really playing big-time basketball now."

"When we were in Division III, they [recruits] knew the program would not receive the same kind of funding that a Division I or II team would get. Now that [we are moving], to Div. I and II, we are getting those better players," Tomlin said.

"Rob is a very good student, and has a reputation of being a good sportsman. Those are the type of qualities we look for in an athlete," Tomlin said.

"We really need a player like Rob to build the kind of program to be reckoned with." ❑



Rob Burton has large shoes to fill, following graduating senior Ron Duckett as Seawolf guard.

Joe Nathan: In a Land of Giants

(This story originally ran May 2nd)

By Mike Chamoff
Statesman Editor

Joe Nathan, star shortstop for the Seawolves and 1995 team MVP, was signed to a professional contract last season and played single A ball for Bellingham of the Northwest League, which is an affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.

Nathan found life at Bellingham to be a big challenge. However he adjusted to the difference between college and professional level play enough, and was even named the Northwest Player of the Week on August 8, 1995.

"The pitching is dominating compared to college. Compared to here, the pitching was slow, but now I know what I have to do." Nathan said in an interview with Statesman last year. Since winning the Player of the Week award, Nathan experienced some difficulties in the field and went through a slump at the plate as well. However he was upbeat about returning in '96 and improving.

In the spring of 1996, Nathan finds himself without a team to call his own and an uncertain future to contemplate. After doing some soul searching Joe has put his baseball career on hiatus. He left the Giant's organization after he and the organization disagreed on what position he should play.

"I stuck through Spring training but then they decided that they were bringing me back down to Bellingham to pitch. They gave me a short season [to try out for a position], and I didn't feel I played any worse than anyone else on the team.

Not that it didn't cross my mind before, but I talked to my agent and he said maybe they wanted to do that [make him a pitcher] all the time. All the other teams that scouted me wanted me as a pitcher. I turned them down."

The idea of Joe hurling fastballs on a line to a catcher instead of a first baseman is not entirely new. When Nathan was a Seawolf, Stony Brook baseball coach Matt Senk saw the potential in him.

"Day one, when he walked in here he had an awesome arm," said Senk. "When he was with us, he played shortstop, so he got a chance to work on his hitting and fielding. We also used him as a closer because he had such a great arm. He was clocked at 90 MPH. They [the scouts] saw his build and his arm and that's why I think the San Francisco Giants were high on him. They felt that he could be a position player. But if it didn't work out, in the back of their minds they were saying that hey, we can put him on the mound. That's one of the reasons that Joe signed with the Giants, because he wanted to go out as a position player and they wanted him as a position player. He wanted to get his fair shot at playing a position."

It was precisely playing shortstop or a position that made it all worthwhile for Nathan. It was first seriously suggested he give pitching a try when he was having problems near the end of the '95 season. However, it was clear his heart wasn't in it. When the Giants insisted he do it this past spring training, Nathan and the organization parted ways.

"I was all right out there. It was just during spring training that things started happening so that I wasn't having too much fun anymore," Nathan says of the Giant's plans.

So was the entire professional venture all for naught? Nathan is back on Long Island now, contemplating his options.

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STONY BROOK SEAWOLVES

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Putting the Pieces Back Together

Unveiling the Facts Surrounding the Women's Basketball Controversy

By Ben Varghese
and Dave Chow
Statesman Editors

What Some Are Saying.....

"My teammates and I support the coach 100 percent," said Amy DeMasi, center/forward for the women's basketball team. Despite all the speculation and controversies surrounding player dissent on the women's basketball team, the players of the Seawolves have all come out in unanimous support of their beleaguered coach. Beckie Francis, who completed only her second term as head coach in March, should be pretty glad to hear that.

On February 19th, two days before the final game of the 1995-96 season, it was reported in *The Statesman* that two players said the team would be breaking up the following season because eight of the 13 current players would not be returning because they didn't like playing under Francis.

"I don't know how anyone could say those things about coach," said Lina Restrepo, Seawolf guard. "Coach Francis has been very supportive of me in everything I have done. She has helped me on and off the court. She's been like a friend to me. I don't know how anyone on the team can say that most of the players don't like her. It's not true." ❑

What The Others Have Said.....

Over two months ago, *The Statesman* printed a story reporting turmoil and player dissent within the Stony Brook women's basketball team. The February 19th article, entitled "Francis Under Fire of Player Criticism", contained quotes from two anonymous players citing various criticisms of second year Head Coach Beckie Francis.

Some of the most damaging comments made from the sources were: "She [(Francis)] doesn't know how to work the players. Most of them don't like her" and another; that a number of players claimed 8 of 13 current players will not return to the team next year.

The team finished 8-19 in 1995-96, it's worst season since it went 1-13 in 1978-79. However, the Seawolves were competing in their first NCAA Division II season. The woes of the season undoubtedly opened the floodgates for the second guessers. Francis' critics say the team suffered, but the team had consistently faced superior talent throughout the season. Against scholarship players (USB does not yet offer scholarships) and with only four returning players from the previous season, the team played as well as expected. There were instances on the court, however, during games when the team completely broke down on fundamentals, leading to questions about Francis' ability to coach.

(Head women's basketball coach Beckie Francis has been at the center of controversy regarding player dissent.)

One game before the season's finish, criticism of Francis began to bubble to the surface. On February 15th a letter sent to the editor of *The Statesman*on entitled "Bring Back McMullen" by Chuck Larling, brought up old controversies surrounding the departure of Francis' predecessor Dec McMullen. When the school initiated it's plan to move to Division I, the position of head coach officially needed to be upgraded to a full time position, thereby necessitating an application process for the job. McMullen, who recorded over 200 wins in his 12 years as the "part time" head coach applied. Francis won the job for 1994-95 and the program's first segue year in Division II 1995-96. Francis had no previous head coaching experience but was an assistant coach for a Division I Buffalo team and was also a star player at Colgate. Many people questioned why McMullen was passed over. The question of gender politics came into play. The question floating around: 'Was McMullen moved in favor of a more politically correct woman coach for the women's team?' At the time Stony Brook, was under fire for the disparity between the number of male to female coaches. Giving Francis the full time position was a step in the right direction for patching up public relations. Letting go of McMullen started another public relations uproar. The talking let up a little during Francis's first year, in which the Seawolves went 13-12 and went to the NYSWCAA post season tournament. From mid-season of '95-96, amidst the losing, the talking resurfaced and the heat on Francis turned up.

The publication of "Francis Under Fire" seemed to be the culmination of all the frustrations from the season. The morale of the team was at a low point. Initially no one from the sports department or the women's basketball team itself came forward in response to the reports of player dissent. The team seemed to be tearing apart from factors on the inside as well as out.

Probably the most disturbing development stemming from the article's publishing, began immediately after it's release. Two anonymous sources within the sports department reported that an individual not affiliated with the team or the athletic administration was questioning or possibly harassing the players of the team about whether they made the comments in the article.

None of these reports have been confirmed by the players themselves, and they steadfastly deny any inappropriate behavior from anyone.

Over a month later, on March 21st, a letter from the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics, Richard Laskowski, was published in the *Statesman's* Letters to the Editor Page. In response to '"Francis Under Fire", he stated his and the department's full support of Francis. Perhaps even more important was a letter received a week earlier by *The Statesman*, signed simply "The Women's Basketball Team." The letter was initially withheld from print because it had no specific names signed to it for verification. The letter stated the entire team's unequivocal support of Francis and the Assistant Coaches Doc Smith and Brooke Smith. Assistant Coach Joan Gandolf was left out as an oversight. The letter also stated that the article's quotes were fabricated by *The Statesman*.

A third source confirms that at least one player was in Francis's office on the day of the article's release, apologizing for making the statements. Francis held a team meeting also that day, where certain things were brought into the open. Apparently that was the starting point for the team to start healing from all the season's frustrations. Since then most of the players have expressed their support of Francis and the assistant coaching staff.

The same source said, "The team is trying to move on from the entire episode. The player who spoke out simply let her frustrations get the best of her. Losing can do that to a player. A week after a losing season, a person will say anything; that they want to quit the team or try to blame the coach. But a few months later, it's a different story. Everyone who can stay for next fall, is still on the team."

Francis could not be reached for comment. ❑

Dear Editor:

"Rumor and controversy has found its way back to the women's basketball team." This statement was taken from an article written by Thomas Masse in the February 19th issue of the Statesman, entitled "Francis Under Fire of Player Criticism." If controversy has found its way back to the women's basketball team it is only because it has been directed that way.

As dedicated student-athletes, we would like to respond to the article. First and most importantly, our season can not be measured solely by looking at our record. Although we did not experience a winning season, we are proud of our accomplishments, most of which have gone unrecognized. Instead of covering our two wins against LeMoyne, an established program in our powerful Division II league, the New England Collegiate Conference, the Statesman chose to fabricate an article in an attempt to draw the attention of readers.

The players of the new women's basketball team unequivocally support the coaching staff of Beckie Francis, Brooke Smith, and Doc Smith. Considering the obstacles they faced of moving into Division II under-funded and with disparate scholarship aid, they did their best and inspired us to give our best. They are dedicated, hardworking coaches who strive for excellence and as players we try to fulfill their expectations.

They are more productive ways to fill space, other than gossiping about hardworking team and coaching staff. The Statesman could promote a game, write a profile on an athlete, or focus on other positive aspects of our program. We realize we have a long road ahead of us, but one must look at how far we have already come.

Sincerely,
The women's basketball team

A letter sent to *The Statseman* Editor.