

## Polity Hosts Open Forum Discussion With Kenny

### Kenny Addresses "Rethinking SUNY," Security on Campus and New Student Activities Center

By BEN VARGHESE  
Statesman Staff

The Polity Senators and students made their voices known last week when University President Shirley Strum Kenny attended Wednesday's senate meeting for an open forum discussion. Kenny welcomed many of the students' questions and concerns, but first addressed the Senate on the many issues that are currently affecting the University at large.

"The cuts that have been recommended in the proposed budget are more than we can handle. . . I will tell you that the \$250 tuition increase after the \$750 increase last year, coupled with cuts rather than increases in TAP are more than anyone should be asked to handle," said Kenny.

Kenny indicated more cuts and increases in differential tuition are expected next year. She said she hopes to increase the availability of financial aid and stressed the importance of active student involvement. "We really have to fight," Kenny said. "We really have to make people understand that public education is a public benefit. . . this state prospers and profits by your education."

Kenny informed the students that one of the most important proposals in the "Rethinking SUNY" plan is an increase in administrative and management flexibility. If implemented, "it would allow us to save money on the administrative side that can be put into the academic program," she said. Kenny pointed out that the University's business dealings, which initially must be taken to SUNY Central, is something that consumes time and money. Kenny said she feels such dealings are "duplicating efforts" that can be accomplished just as easily by the University's administrators.

Kenny then addressed The Task-Force Five-Year Plan, which will tackle many of the University's domestic problems. According to Kenny, the plan makes recommendations for the next five years on seven to nine general areas affecting the

campus. Among them are transportation, parking, and computer accessibility. An administrator will be appointed, to ensure the proposals take place.

Kenny said that hearings will be held to discuss the proposed plan and encouraged students to attend them and be heard. Although the plan spans over five years, Kenny introduced other changes that are set to happen as early as Spring. Some of the major changes include improving lighting on campus, transportation and computer accessibility to students.

Lawrence Greene, Polity Senate Sergeant at Arms, addressed Kenny on the issue of parking for commuter students. Greene said that the special events parking lot, located near the faculty lot, could fit nearly 300 cars. He asked Kenny why it is kept vacant when it could be utilized by commuters. Kenny did not give Greene a direct answer, but said that the transportation plan being proposed will deal with many aspects, including parking

problems on campus. Kenny told the students the plan will come very soon and said she feels that everyone will be pleased.

Kenny also offered students a brighter side to the parking conditions in residence hall lots. "I have moved the 12-year schedule of residence hall rehabilitation up to a 5-year schedule," Kenny said. Kenny was pleased to announce the approval to go ahead with the second phase for new Student Activities Center and stadium. Kenny said that funding for the stadium is approximately \$4 million and will accommodate 4,000 people. The location of the stadium has yet to be determined.

In addition, Kenny discussed changes in the accessibility of courses and when they are given. Kenny said she is committed in making sure possible for any student who wishes to graduate in four years to be able to do so. Those students will not be hindered because of the unavailability of courses.

Another concern was the athletic program at Stony Brook, namely Division I Athletics.

"Given the budget, we will not be putting state funds into the Division I profits," Kenny said. "We will be raising the money externally. . ." Kenny pointed out that fundraising will be "a big job".

Kenny then opened the floor

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University President Shirley Strum Kenny at Wednesday's Polity Senate meeting.

Kenny also said a score card will be published annually consisting of proposals that were to take place, whether or not they were implemented and who was responsible. "It is a good way to make sure things will get done," Kenny said.

to hear about how Blacks and Jews have worked together or suffered. He feels that many would love to see Blacks and Jews divided.

According to Jeffrey Ross, director within the Department of Campus Affairs for the ADL, "On most college campuses many Blacks and Jews live in different worlds and do not interact much. This meeting is meant to bring a positive dialogue to the campus and indicate that Blacks and Jews can and should relate to each other in a positive way," said Ross. He believes tensions tend to arise when such extremist speakers such as Minister Louis Farrakhan damage integral relationships on campus and make it difficult for them to recover.

A group of judges around New York State, including Douglass and Hornblass, are

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racism and bigotry among the Black and Jewish communities.

The forum began with a dialogue between two judges of the New York State Supreme Court, Justice Lewis Douglass and Justice Jerome Hornblass.

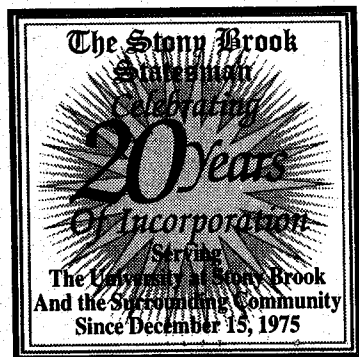
Douglass, active in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's and a Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Prison System, has been a New York State Supreme Court Justice since 1978. He believes there are no serious racial tensions between Blacks and Jews. Douglass began his speech with a trip into our nation's history thirty years ago, remembering only one Black congressman existing within our government system and the segregation of Blacks and whites in the south. "Beginning in 1950, that world came under attack and what later became known as the Civil Rights Movement. The major players of that movement were Blacks

and Jews." Douglass continued with the idea that Blacks and Jews have been close allies with each other and this partnership has helped produce a social revolution. He believes Blacks and Jews need to stand together because they share a common history, the Holocaust for Jews, slavery for Blacks.

Hornblass, a judge of eighteen years and co-founder of "Blacks and Jews in Conversation," also shares Douglass' views about the partnership of Blacks and Jews. He gives credit to the Civil Rights Movement as well as to Martin Luther King, Jr. as a person who has influenced Jews to have a voice and to stand up to those troubling events in our history. "Martin Luther King, Jr. helped the Jewish community to establish their own leadership and to stand up for themselves." Hornblass believes many people in the Black community do not want

By LYNN RUDINSKY  
Special to the Statesman

An open forum entitled "Blacks and Jews in Conversation," was held last Tuesday in the Student Union Bi-level. The forum, sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and the Urban League, in cooperation with Hillel Student Club, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, the Africana Studies Program, and the UNITI Cultural Center, discussed ideas and ways to promote the understanding of issues of



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Monday, March 4

FSA Flea Market. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-level. Call 632-6517.

Student Exhibition: Kay Clarke, Daniel B. Furey, Corey DeRosa and Ella Turenne. Monday - Friday, Noon - 4:00 p.m. SB Union Art Gallery. Call 632-6822. Through March 7.

Opening Celebration for Women's History Month - sponsored by Center for Womyn's Concerns. Slide Show: "Burning Bras & Other Bedside Tales/Redefining Feminist Art of the '90s"

(Smithtown Arts Council). 12:30 - 2:20 p.m. Fireside Lounge, SB Union. Call 632-2000 or 632-6750.

International Studies Program Colloquium, "Changing Status of Women in China," Shiming Hu, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Interdisciplinary Social Science. 8:00 p.m. Stimson College, 4th Floor. Call 632-7080.

Speaker on Current Reproductive Rights Issues. Langmuir Main Lounge at 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Center for Womyn's Concerns/Planned Parenthood.

Tuesday, March 5

Latin American Art Exhibit - "Crosscultural Journeys, North and South." Tuesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; or by appointment. LACC Conference Room, Room N-320, Social & Behavioral Sciences. Call 632-7517. (Through April 30.)

Women's History Month Speaker, Lois Underhill, author of *The Woman Who Ran For President: The Many Lives of Victoria Woodhull*. 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Room 110, Javits Lecture Center.

Auditorium. \$2. Call 632-6136.

"Swallow This . . . Prevention Through the Arts" Theatre Program.

9:00 p.m. Theatre II, Staller Center. Powerful dramatic skits depict the consequences of substance abuse. Free. Call 632-6682.

Wednesday, March 6

Inorganic Chemistry Seminar. Stephen Isied, Rutgers University. 4:00 p.m. Room 412, Chemistry. Call 632-7880.

Section X I Basketball. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sports Complex. Call 632-9271.

The Alternative Cinema Film, "Latcho Drom." 7:00 & 9:30 p.m. Stony Brook Union

Campus NOW Annual Meeting with President Shirley Strum Kenny. Noon. Room 143D, Old Chemistry. Call 632-7498.

MSRC Seminar, "Pathways of Nitrogen Cycling in Mesocosms and Aquaculture Ponds," Patricia Gilbert, Horne Pt., University of Maryland. Noon. Room 120, Endeavour Hall, South Campus. Call Bruce Brownawell, 632-9695 or 632-9411.

"Long Island Crafts 1970/1990: Women Artisans Working with Local Craft Guilds and Groups." Monday - Friday, Noon - 4:00 p.m. SB Union Art Gallery. Call 632-6822. (Through March 22.)

N.Y.P.I.R.G. Environmental Issues Meetings every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., Room 079, basement of the Student Union. Call 2-6457 for

more information. Everyone interested is welcome!

Italian Studies Lecture, "Caravaggio in Rome,"

Sciences, "Opening New Career Paths." SB Union Ballroom. \$7.50. Call Dorothy Kutzin, 632-6040.

Humanities Institute/ Women's Studies Lecture, "The Hill-Thomas Hearings in the Construction of White Masculinity," Jane Flax, Howard

University. 4:30 p.m. Room E4340, Melville Library. Call 632-7765 or 632-9176.

Women in Physical Sciences & Engineering Lecture, "Women in Mathematics: biographical Sketches," Dusa McDuff. Refreshments: 6:30 p.m.; Talk: 7:00 p.m. Room S240, Mathematics. Call 632-8250.

Italian Studies Lecture, "Pontormo and Mannerism," Sergio Rossi, University of Rome "la Sapienza." 7:00 p.m. Room N4006, Melville Library. Call 632-7444.

Friday, March 8

Department of Physiology and Biophysics Seminar, "Regulation of Cardiac Gap Junctions," Dr. Robert Weingart, Physiology Institute, University of Berne, Switzerland. Noon. Room 140, T-5, Basic Health Science Tower. Call 444-3036.

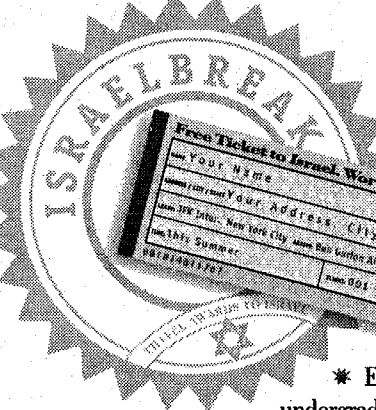
Department of Linguistics Colloquium, "Matching Effects in Hindi Correlatives," Rajesh Bhatt, University of Pennsylvania. 3:30 p.m. Room S-207, Social & Behavioral Sciences. Call 632-7777.

C.O.C.A. Film, "Goldeneye: 007." 9:30 p.m. & midnight. Stony Brook Union Auditorium. \$1/ID; \$2/ general. Call 632-6472.

Health Science Center's Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Coalition meeting in Room 85 near the School of Social Welfare. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch. Informal discussion.

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# Dole Recovers in South Carolina's Primary<sup>3</sup>

By DAVID SAMUEL SHASHOUA  
Statesman Staff

Voters in South Carolina went to the polls, Saturday, in the nation's first Southern presidential primary. Bob Dole took home all of South Carolina's 37 delegates, by scoring in first place throughout the state's six Congressional Districts.

It was a major win for Dole, who will now go onto "Junior Tuesday's" primary contest, with New York's presidential primary on Thursday. According to the returns, Dole received 45 percent of the votes, Buchanan 29 percent, Forbes 13 percent, Alexander 10

percent, Keyes 2 percent and Lugar 0 percent.

With Alexander scoring in third place behind Dole and Buchanan, many political analysts suspect that he will drop out of the race. Since Alexander expected to score big in his South, he would then be ready to challenge Dole, Buchanan and Forbes in the "Junior Tuesday" primaries. However, emerging third place in South Carolina would make Alexander, the only Republican Southerner, to leave the pack before the Republican Convention in San Diego.

Buchanan thought he

could do well in South Carolina as well. Since most of South Carolina's textile industry has been declining during the past few decades, Buchanan thought he would score enough votes and delegates on the question of trade. However Buchanan's campaign did not score high enough, forgetting how much the state produces by with the BMW plant in the state. Furthermore, Buchanan did score well with the few religious conservatives that showed up at the polls. However, Dole with his victories in the two Dakotas, drew a line in the sand and struck at Buchanan's

message of intolerance. For Buchanan, he said he is

going onto the "Junior Tuesday" and New York Presidential primaries.

A major plus for Dole, was good organization. He received the endorsement of South Carolina's popular and former Governor Carroll A. Campell, the state's current governor, David Beasley, the state's senior US Senator Strom Thurmond and the rest of the state's Republican apparatus. Furthermore, Buchanan, Alexander and Forbes were not as organized as Dole. If Dole can continue with his current strong organization, he will probably become the Republican Presidential nominee.

Now the nomination contest shifts to "Junior Tuesday" with ten states and 259 of the 1990 delegates,

with New York's 93 delegates. It will probably bring an end to the nomination race. However if no strong "front-runner" emerges out of "Junior Tuesday" then the race could go all the way to California, on March 26, with 165 delegates up for grabs. In California, it is winner-take-all on a statewide basis, not by Congressional Districts. So far, the race may not be over yet, but we will know who is in the lead by the end of the week. The delegate allocation after the South Carolina Presidential primary stand with Dole with 72, Forbes 60, Buchanan 39, Alexander 11 and Keyes 4. □

Keep an eye out for David S. Shashoua's up-to-the-minute coverage of the Republican primaries.

## New University Logo to Be Unveiled

By ROBERT ANDERSON  
Special to The Statesman

As the University seeks to refine its image, Milton Glaser, world renowned graphic artist and recipient of The Society of Illustrators' Gold Medal, has been at work with University President Shirley Strum Kenny and her staff to create a new university logo.

As Glaser toured the campus, speaking to students, faculty and alumni from the University's various departments, he conveyed his conceptual theme: enlightenment and empowerment. Working with Kenny's vision to unify the campus and its diverse constituency, a prototype was created which incorporates the three O's in "Stony Brook," forming a triangular effect, featuring beams of light reaching an apex around the stars.

The logo, while still in the prototype

stage, will hopefully create a powerful image conveying the technology and unity in which Stony Brook is noted for. Vice President of University Affairs Cecil Cleveland said, "It is a fresh new visual face that will help us reposition ourselves in a very competitive world. I believe it will appeal to young people, alumni and others and represent the campus community as a whole. I'm very excited about it!" Assistant Vice President for Communication - Yvette St. Jacques agreed, saying, "I am very excited about it's launching... it allows for interpretation and presents a strong feeling to the outside world, but gives us [Stony Brook] a solid identity."

The new logo is scheduled to be unveiled in late spring for the spring commencement and alumni magazine publication. □

## Judges Speak Out On Race Relations

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asking themselves the question of how they can contribute to the idea of eliminating confrontations among Blacks and Jews as well as other ethnic groups. They want to promote conversation instead and convey this idea by traveling from campus to campus, speaking to faculty, students and the public on how they too can contribute to making the situation better.

Douglass said he thinks an "understanding between groups of people begins with conversation and dialogue. We bring together various representatives of ethnic groups and we talk about what we agree and disagree

about and what are our common goals. Common conversation between the people makes people understand and know each other better."

"I would like the young people to realize that this world is a very large world but it also is very small," said Hornblass. "There is a narrow bridge and for a young person to make it in this world they can't have hatred against other people. To go to the school cafeteria and eat with just Black people or just Jewish people or just Irish people and not know about the other person, you're eliminating possibilities for you to attain certain power as well as eliminating possibilities of learning at college and that is what universities are for." □

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to questions and concerns of the students. Senator Joshua Previor opened by requesting a campus-wide strike day, where classes could be canceled for one day. Previor said he felt that this would get a "body of 10,000 students." Kenny, however, declined. "We cannot cancel classes. That would simply backfire... for us to say that there will be no classes for a political reason will be very damaging to the advocacy efforts." Kenny said that although classes cannot be canceled, students should try and obtain permission from their professors to be exempted from their work for one day.

One issue that seemed to be on the minds of many students was the plight of commuters.

"The majority of the commuters go to class, go to work, or hang out in the library commuter lounge," said George Hsu, vice president of the Commuter Student Association. "Not a whole majority know about the commuter lounge in the basement of [the] Union, where they could be more active."

"Commuters on this campus for a long time have felt neglected and cared for," said Fred Preston, vice president of Student Affairs. "What we are trying to look at not only the commuter lounge but also how to include a wide range of services in areas like the Activities Center, where it's quite

obvious [that]... the community is in the whole process of creating a whole new feeling," Preston said. "So it's going to take a number of things; parking, logistics of the campus... we are trying to tingle with all of them."

Kenny said she proposes to find ways to get commuters more involved with the clubs on campus. She said that there will be a commuter lounge in the new Student Activities Center.

Kenny said there is no relationship between the east and west campuses. However, a new Life Sciences building that has been approved will be built close to the underpath. Students from both sides of the campus will be able to have courses there. Kenny hopes that this will establish some sort of "bridge" between the two campuses. Hsu also mentioned that before he became a commuter, he was a resident in a suite in Kelly Quad and still feels so far out from central campus.

"Geography is a real problem on this campus," Kenny said. "It's one I've thought about a lot and arrived at no solutions. I think that will change with the Student Activities Center." Kenny said she agrees. That there is no sense of a center to the campus. Carmen Vazquez, dean of students, said that there will be changes made in the way the End of the Bridge restaurant, located on the second floor of the Union, will operate. On March 7, the restaurant will provide students aged 21

and under to participate in activities in the same facility, which she hopes will help "bridge the age gap between students."

Security on campus was also brought up to Kenny. Senator Martha Chemas said that gang rape has occurred at Stony Brook and feels that because the reported allegations are anonymous, the University has not attended to this matter as they should have. Kenny addressed the Senate and reiterated her lighting project proposal, which she said will hopefully prevent further crimes.

Scott Law, director of Safety and Security for Campus Residences, advised students to make full use of the walk service offered in conjunction with the Residential Security Program (RSP). He said 17-23 walks are issued every night until 3:30 a.m. Previor made another suggestion to Kenny in reference to reducing costs of facilities.

Previor said that at some universities in California, in order to reduce the "exorbitant administrative costs of certain facilities, they leased land underneath the buildings to organizations like FSA, which are private run and therefore, cheaper." Previor asked to Kenny if it was possible to do this in regard to parking complexes, so that commuters could park closer to the campus, and to the dormitories. Kenny pointed out that the residence halls and the parking lots do not belong to the university, but to the dormitory authorities. She also

said that as of present time, if the university was to sell off land, the money would have to go to the state. However, Kenny mentioned that one of three legislative propositions in "Rethinking SUNY" is "to make it possible for institutions to do entrepreneurial activity."

"If we were in fact able to find ways to raise money on our own, to support scholarships, to support parking lots... at least we would have an opportunity to make up for the kind of differences that we've been suffering from," Kenny said.

Kenny offered to stay, following the meeting, in order to answer any additional questions that students had. Kenny added that "Focus Briefs" will be published to further get students' perspectives about what can be done better.

"Things don't happen overnight," said Vazquez. "However I can tell you that you will see a great deal of change in the next two semesters... I think that you can feel good that the campus is moving in a positive direction."

"I really need to hear from you about what are the most important things that we are lacking now," Kenny said.

"My firm commitment and mandate is to make a difference in undergraduate education," Kenny said. "Even with the budget cuts, my commitment is very strong." □



# ARAMARK Milks Stony Brook Students Dry

ARAMARK has missed the mark once again, trying to confuse and delude students. In a marketing scheme (scam is actually more appropriate), Stony Brook's food service company is trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the University community.

Using marketing tactics that would make Ted Turner proud, ARAMARK is giving you less for more. This semester, students were greeted with curtailed "Value Meals," higher overall prices, and a sense of dissatisfaction at the way they were being taken advantage of.

Examples of this abound. In Roth cafeteria, the Sub Shop only offers a foot-long sandwich in a Value Meal format during

dinner. Only one of the three dishes in Dung (pardon our editing — we of course mean Deng) Lee's is currently advertised as the "Value Meal" of the day. With their meal prices, you'd better have "all you can eat" whenever you dine at Kelly or Benedict. There, meal plans are a requirement — not an option (only Kate Moss could survive on declining balance for a whole semester). And in possibly the biggest scam in ARAMARK history, cereal prices are soaring through the roof. Students are being milked dry of their declining balance money — one box at a time.

As many of you have found out, the Union Deli no longer sells loose cereal in its bins.

It instead sells small boxes of cereal which subtly cover a scheme to make more money off students' backs. These boxes cost 65 cents each. However, the amount you get varies greatly — from 5/8 oz. for Quaker's Corn Flakes to 1 5/8 oz. for Kellogg's Healthy Choice Multi Grain Squares.

These massive differences in net weight may not seem significant, but translate into equally massive differences in net pricing. Below is a listing of 17 different cereals available in the Union Deli and in the Bleacher Club. They are compared to the price levels of the loose cereal previously available.

Brand	Name	Size (ounces)	Price per ounce (\$)	Boxes per pound	Price per pound (\$)
	Loose Cereal	—	0.28	—	4.40
General Mills	Cheerios	5/8	1.04	25.60	16.64
	Country Corn Flakes	11/16	0.95	23.28	15.13
	Golden Grahams	7/8	0.74	18.29	11.89
	Lucky Charms	13/16	0.80	19.69	12.80
Quaker	Cap'n Crunch	15/16	0.69	17.07	11.09
	Corn Flakes	5/8	1.04	25.60	16.64
	Crispy Rice	3/4	0.87	21.33	13.86
	Life	1 1/8	0.58	14.22	9.13
Kellogg's	Apple Jacks	15/16	0.69	17.07	11.09
	Complete Bran Flakes	1 1/8	0.58	14.22	9.13
	Corn Pops	1	0.65	16.00	10.40
	Froot Loops	15/16	0.69	17.07	11.09
	Frosted Flakes	1 1/8	0.58	14.22	9.13
	Healthy Choice Multi-Grain	1 5/8	0.40	9.85	6.40
	Healthy Choice with Raisins	1 1/8	0.58	14.22	9.13
	Low Fat Granola	1 1/2	0.43	10.67	6.93
	Shredded Wheat Miniatures	1	0.65	16.00	10.40

Price per ounce and Price per pound are rounded to the nearest cent. Boxes per pound is rounded to the nearest hundredth.

There you are, folks. Cheerios, a cereal that is usually inexpensive compared to some, ranks as the most outrageously priced cereal of them all, at **\$1.04 an ounce** — a far cry from the only modestly overpriced \$4.40-a-pound you were being overcharged before. Considering that you pay that much for the largest sized boxes of the cereal, ARAMARK seems to be making

a fortune. The best deal goes out to Kellogg's Healthy Choice Multi-Grain Squares — **only \$6.40 a pound** there.

If you are indeed angered by the above display, and by all of the other things going wrong with ARAMARK, do something about it. Food service company bids are going to be voted upon by *you*, the students of Stony Brook. Go out and vote for the

company that you think will serve you the best.

ARAMARK and the other food service companies are scheduled to be making presentations at the Polity Senate meeting next week in the Union Bi-Level, which *anyone* (read: you) can attend. This is your chance to not only make a choice, but to be educated in making one.

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# Letters and Opinions

## A Message to the Community For St. Patrick's Day

### To the Editor:

Saint Patrick's Day commemorates the driving the "snakes" out of Ireland. "Snake" can refer to a slithering reptile, or a lying, sneaky human. Before Saint Patrick brought in the Catholic religion, the Druid religion reigned supreme. If someone did not know any better, they may have told people the Druid religion was full of snakes.

The Catholic religion offered Heaven in one life of worship. The Druid religion taught Heaven could be achieved after reincarnating back to Earth, numerous times, until a degree of true knowledge was

attained in your eternal mind which helps you to be happier. Between incarnations, we stay in the Astral planes, which is at a higher unseen frequency and of less dense matter. Heaven is beyond the Astral planes. Nicer people get to live in the better Astral planes.

The Catholic religion told people you could be forgiven for bad deeds by praying. The Druid religion held you can make up for past wrongs, by doing good deeds and by helping those you have hurt, either now or in a future life, or you may suffer sicknesses in future life incarnations for hurting others during your one eternal life.

The Druid religion used a tree to explain God to people. We are the acorns and young trees, and God is the oldest, largest, wisest tree of us all, from which we all sprouted. They also taught that nature is a part of our being, our minds extends to nature, and nature becomes a part of our mind, and you can tune in to and mentally feel the beauty of nature.

With the help of the Roman army, the Roman Catholic religion became more popular; and the truth and knowledge of the Druid religion, and the wise men who were called snakes, left Ireland.

Sue Saintmarie

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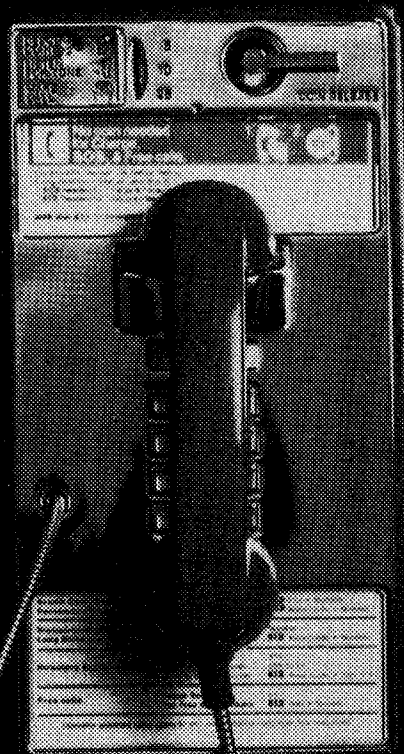
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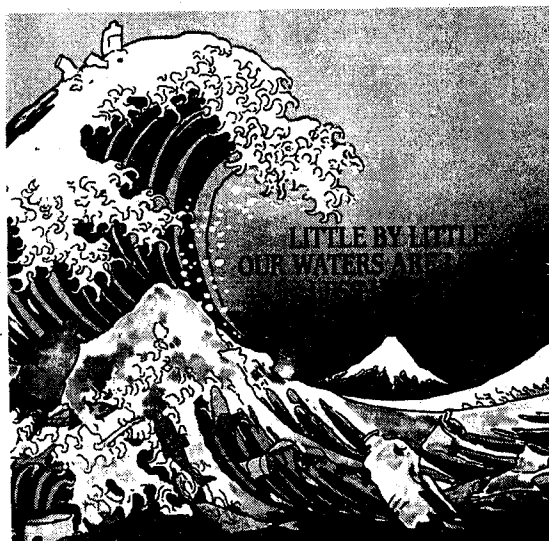


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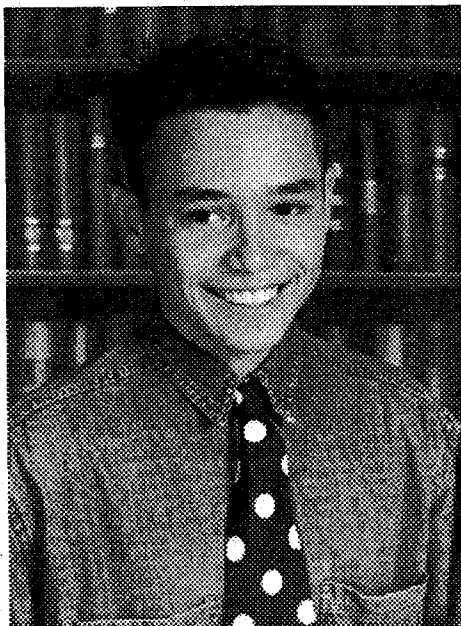
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## The Universal Law Must Be Recognized

### To the Editor:

The Universal Law is to love one's neighbor as one's self. But America is suffering for its failures to heed this Law. Legal abortion has ruptured the ties that bind us, delivering the message that human lives have value only when wanted by those more powerful. This has deepened the alienation, anger, rebellion and hopelessness that feel crime and other social ills. "Every child a wanted child" has made every child a conditional child to immature parents, contributing greatly to postnatal child abuse (contrary to popular myth, abused children were wanted — for the wrong reasons — more often than those not abused). Abortion's easy availability has exposed women and young girls to increased sexual exploitation and subsequent coercion to use this deadly cover-up. It has been disastrous to the physical, emotional and spiritual health of women, the breast cancer connection alone now killing far more women than illegal abortion ever did. A more powerful vehicle for the abuse, subjugation and suffering of women could hardly be imagined.

Human history is littered with failed attempts to mistreat others without consequences. How much must it cost us before we concede that the Universal Law is as real and immutable as the law of physics?

Alfred Lemmo

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# Statesman Features

Monday, March 4, 1996

## Magicians Cast Spell at Staller

Audience Captivated By Illusionists From The International Festival of Magic

By ALISON PETTO  
Special to *The Statesman*

Anyone who thinks that magic shows are for kids, just a bunch of hocus pocus and pulling rabbits out of hats, has never been to the International Festival of Magic, which came to the Staller Center on Sunday, February 25. Seven acts from around the world performed to conjure up a night of illusion and comedy.

The show was a blending of traditional magic tricks along with the glitz and fast-paced movement of the newer Las Vegas-like illusionists. Diversity made for a smoothly run show that kept the audience "oo"-ing and "ah"-ing, laughing and clapping right to the very end.

Aldo Colombini from Italy, Billy McComb from Ireland and Peter Pit from Holland all joked with the crowd while masterfully executing card tricks and other acts involving sleight of hand. They used the ease and skill that comes with years of experience. Some of the jokes were corny, some were stale and some were funny, but overall these three magicians used humor and wit to make their performances come

alive.

Countering these subtle magicians were Goldfinger and Dove, a duo that used more sequins and gold lamé than Liberace. Their flashy costumes and props combined with upbeat music made them seem like an over-the-top Las Vegas casino act. Moving rhythmically to every beat, they got the audience clapping as they performed a levitation and shoved a sword right through Dove's neck.

Goldfinger and Dove were outdone only by Nicholas Night from Los Angeles and his Hungarian gymnast assistant, Kinga. This team went further than the sequins with their over-dramatic, yet entertaining, David Copperfield-antics. Blasting "L.A. Woman" by The Doors, Night spray-painted a crude figure of a busty blond, who just *happened* to appear, enter Kinga. He then did a Cinderella number on her by transforming her outfit into a silver evening gown. He repeated the illusion by transforming his own attire and they were off for a night on the town.

Balancing out somewhere



between the classical magicians and wild illusionists was Christopher Hart from Canada, better known for his role as "Thing" in the

"Addams Family" movies. His charming demeanor and suave style endeared him to the crowd as he took old tricks, like tearing up a sheet

of paper and making it whole again, seem new.

In the hands of Hart, the breathy Marilyn Monroe song, "I Want to be Loved By You," became a way to entrance and captivate the audience. As he ripped up the sheet of music and contorted its shape, the music slowed and distorted. Finally, his nimble hands restored the sheet of music and the song played on.

Perhaps the most interesting act was Jade from China, who combined the exotic sounds of the Orient with her simple elegance. She gracefully flowed on to the stage twirling umbrellas and swishing fans to make paper butterflies appear out of nowhere and dance in the air. Jade delicately performed beautiful illusions that were enhanced by her grace and femininity.

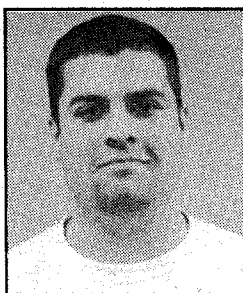
The best trick of the evening, however, did not come from the magicians; it happened when the lights dimmed and transformed all the adults into kids, if only for a little while. After the show came to a close, the performers signed autographs for the children in the lobby, but none would reveal their secrets. □

## The Blues Will Melt The Snow Away

Three Hot Potatoes From Three Pioneers

Oh, sweet blues; they motivated and inspired great authors like Langston Hughes and William Faulkner, the relentless passion and dignity of Muddy Waters and the unquestionable dominance of B.B. King. Before the age of sold-out stadium tours, mega-media promos and MTV, there were the blues.

It has been the blues that have contained much of what this country has become (and where we have been) — oppression, strife, toil and dignity. And its roots have inspired the likes of The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, the late, great, Stevie Ray Vaughan and much of the music that sculpted the scene of good-o'l fashioned, American,



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Rock 'n' Roll.

Three new projects have recently been completed by three of the more illustrious personalities in blues. John Hammond, Duke Robillard and Loudon Wainwright III have been responsible, among others, for bringing us some of the greatest contributions to the world of blues over the last half of this century, while rubbing elbows with (and recording albums with) some of the greatest musical personalities that this country has ever seen.

John Hammond jumps back into the driver's seat, positioning himself for an almost irrefutable ticket to the winners' circle with *Found True Love*, which was collaborative effort between himself and Duke Robillard. These two dragons

have been shuffling and carousing their way throughout the numerous coffeehouses, lounges and blues fairs since we put men on the moon — and that's where this album will take you, if you love acoustic-delta blues and traditional bluegrass.

Hammond has had stints with famed artists like Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Willie Dixon, and the Fabulous Thunderbirds, and his newest studio-album proves him worthy of their company.

"Found Love" starts it all off with such a powerful presence that never fades. Hammond on the Blues Harp (harmonica) is a total pro. He ferociously squeezes out cherubic spinal-taps. It sends you shivering and is filled with emotion. Robillard (guitar) combines his persona with Hammond's harp on a number of occasions, such as "The First Time I Met The Blues" and "Howlin' For My Darling." Marty

Ballou on acoustic-bass and Jeffery McAllister (drums) round-out the standard foursome, but in tradition of a "true studio-album," there are plenty of guests at this table — such as Charlie Musselwhite and Soozie Tyrell. Aside from the boogie-woogie feel, the album contains plenty of "down-on-your-luck" blue-collar material in "Evolution Blues" and "Someday Baby Blues." Hammond has been quoted as saying, "... this was never ever going to be hit record time. It was career for the long term as opposed to the pop-fad thing." The new album is a collection of music that are his favorites. That's why they do it. Enough said.

In addition to his collaborative effort with Hammond, Duke Robillard has completed his own project, *Dukes Blues*, which is sure to make all his fans, who have been waiting for an album of

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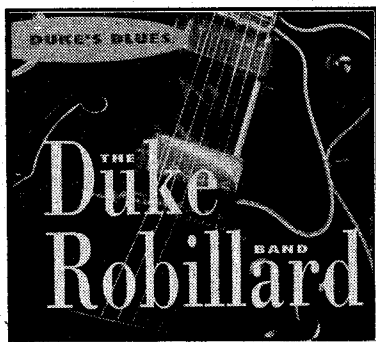
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# Blues Will Melt The Snow Away

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this caliber, stain their Hanes. Robillard is fresh off his stint on Eric Clapton's *Home Run Hitter*.

The Duke's well known mastery of soul and swing shines through in "Glamour Girl" and "Texas Hop." He, along with the core members from the Hammond project, dice up hopping swing and boogie rhythms that will shake grannies from their rockers. There are plenty of sit-ins by Gordon Breadle (Sax), Al Basile (cornet) and Matt McCabe (piano). The folk concentration in "Tell Me Why" will whirl you into a coma, paralyzed by awe. "Love Slipped In" makes me feel like I'm back in New Orleans partying with a Martini in hand and a fat stogie in the other — surrounded by women, of course. I love this album. It's only suitable — Count



Basie, Joe Turner, and Bonnie Raitt are some of his biggest fans. And Robert

Johnson said, "People always ask me, 'Can a white man really play the blues?' Answer's easy. Listen to this man."

Don't let this one dwindle away. It's on shelves now.

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"1994" and "Father Daughter Dialog" are more family-oriented. It has that killer "Beverly Hillbillies" feel. Richard Crooks puts in a fine effort on drums throughout the album and Chaim Tannenbaum rocks the harmonica. A whole train of others put in their two

cents in other areas to give the album overwhelming depth.

The influence of Jimmy Rodgers is prominent as well as a sharp southern sentiment — pertaining to the family, life and the world.

That's it for this week. Special thanks to Pete over at Virgin Records for all the dope s— you sent to me.



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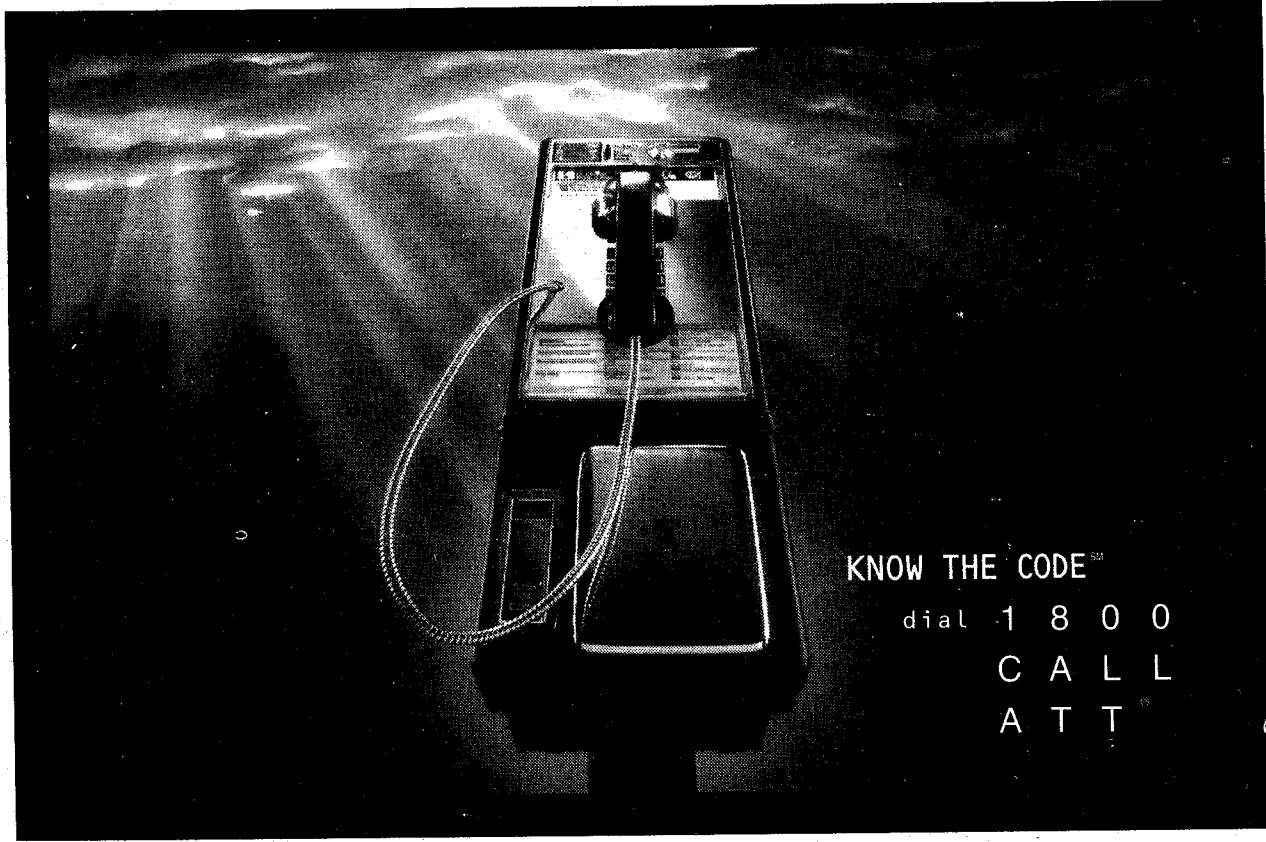
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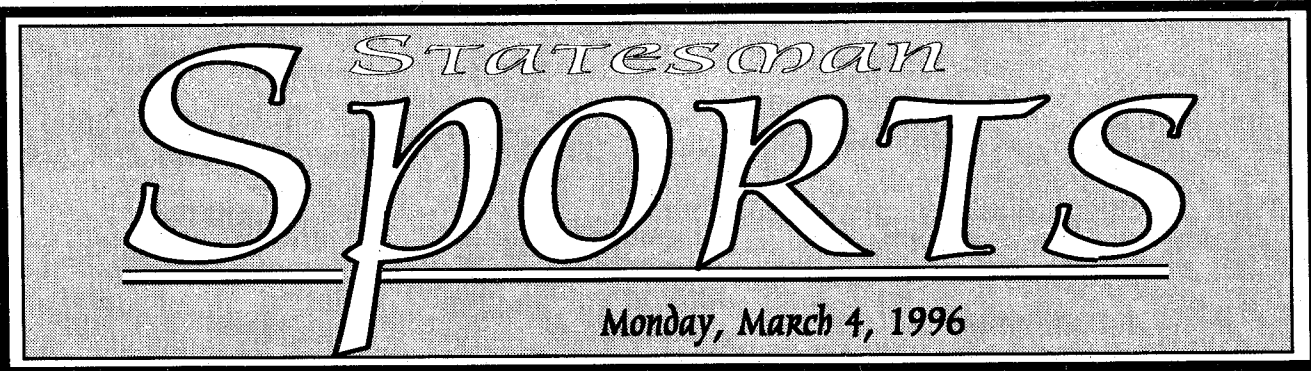
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# New Seawolves Stadium Slated For 1998

By CINDY MASTROCINQUE  
Special To The Statesman

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-lot as a possible location, but there were problems with this site. 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 extra 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 the 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 fieldhouse 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 discussion regarding the delay of the stadium. What took so long for the plans to finally get on track?

According to Laskowski, the delays

were influenced by two factors. One reason for the delay is that when Gov. George Pataki came into office, he placed a freeze which did not allow the University to hire workers for the construction of the stadium. Another factor was the "feeling that we had to get SUNY reorganized and on track. We had to do that before we moved on with anything, whether it be academic or construction," said Laskowski.

The decision to actually build a new field was made when it was deemed that the current field is not an adequate site for college sports at any level. "The present facility is probably below the standards of some of our 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 acquaint 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. □

# Double Standards and Musical Chairs

Double standards are a part of our society in every walk of life. One common example is if a man takes home a different woman every night he is perceived as a stud by the majority of his peers. However, if a woman takes home a different man every night she is likely to be considered a slut. There is no way around these labels or perceptions—it's an ugly double standard that has been drilled into our naive and gullible minds since before puberty.

Another example of double standards is the salaries that are paid to athletes. Glenn Robinson comes out of Purdue University the highest-rated college basketball player in the nation last year and is rewarded with an obscene \$100 million dollar contract to be paid over a 12-year span. The signing is ridiculed and blasted. "They're all overpaid," everyone cries, "They're making too much money," everyone says.

Yet, one year later, NBA Commissioner David Stern's contract is extended to the tune of a whopping \$3 million a year. Stern can't shoot from three-point range, and as far as my sports-infested memory serves me he has never won a game with a last-second basket, but nobody cried about his contract. Why? Double standard, that's why. Those who leave their sweat and tears on the floor every night are spoiled, but those in the suit and tie are receiving their just-desserts for all their hard work.

Last week, Villanova Wildcats guard and player-of-the-year candidate Kerry

Kittles was suspended for three games after he was caught using someone else's phone card. He would miss the remainder of Villanova's regular season games, but would be eligible for the post-season tournaments. It was indeed a strict reprimand but hardly an unfair one.

However, the March 4 issue of *The Sporting News* contained an editorial that contended that Kittles' punishment was too harsh. Here was this athlete generating tons of money for his school, the editorial implied, but he receives nothing except for a scholarship that pays for his room, board and school. The editorial was, in effect, a "Poor Kerry" letter that called for athletes to receive stipends so they wouldn't have to cheat or steal while they were playing athletics for their respective schools.

Good thinking, but alas, poor timing. I am in favor of athletes receiving stipends considering the money-making potential and expectations that are placed on the young man or woman by the Universities and Colleges of this country. But the fact is that Kittles *illegally* used a phone card that did not belong to him. It isn't quite homicide or drug-selling, but it is a crime nonetheless. However, Kittles will never face criminal charges. The likely reason being that he is Kerry Kittles. I bet you if his name was Scott Lewis he would be sitting in court while the District Attorney tried to make an example out of him.

It is just another double standard in this double standard world we live in. Kerry Kittles should be thankful for

receiving a slap on the wrist. The media should make their points and analysis without justifying criminal activity.

ESPN commentator Dick Vitale said that Kittles' situation was "tough luck." No Dick, tough luck is when you find out your new girlfriend knows your ex-girlfriend and inquires as to every detail of your relationship, or when you have an important meeting to make and your car breaks down. That's tough luck. Knowingly using a phone card that doesn't belong to you is a bad decision, plain and simple.

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The NFL's version of musical chairs—free agency—reared its beautiful head this month in New York as the lowly Jets stepped out of character and acquired three Pro Bowl-caliber players that are still in their prime: quarterback Neil O'Donnell, and offensive tackles Jumbo Elliott and Dave Williams.

Elliott and Williams, ex-Giant and ex-Oiler, respectively, are a huge upgrade over Matt Willig, James Brown, Everett McIver and the other assorted cast of characters that unsuccessfully attempted to protect Boomer Esiason last year. Likewise for O'Donnell, who is leaps and bounds above Esiason at this point in their careers.

O'Donnell, who was no doubt swayed by the hiring of ex-Steelers offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt (\$5 million a year might have had something to do with it as well), is 29 years old and led an average Pittsburgh offense to within one drive of winning the Super Bowl. There has been a lot of talk about how the Jets overpaid for O'D, but he is one of the ten best quarterbacks in the NFL and has gotten better every year. In fact, his interception

to reception ratio is the lowest any active NFL quarterback.

With the number one pick in the upcoming NFL draft in their hands, USC wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson would be the perfect complement to O'D. Now if the Jets select a quality defensive back with the first pick in the second round, we might be talking contenders. Yes, they were 3-13 last year, but this is my column so shut up.

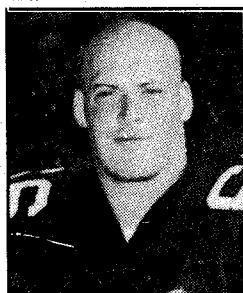
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I just want to say I'm glad the New York Rangers didn't trade Luc Robataille, Mattias Norstrom, a first-round pick and two million in cash for Wayne Gretzky and his seven million dollar a year contract. Taking nothing away from the living legend, The Great Gretzky is no longer the dominant player that he was for so many years. He's still the best hockey player to ever play the game, but Bobby Orr is the second greatest — should the Rangers sign him?

The Rangers losing Pat Verbeek is going to hurt their chances at making a run for the Stanley Cup. With Mike Richter already out with a severe groin injury and Mark Messier battling minor injuries, the hourglass may already be out looking towards 1997.

The Iona Gaels lost by one point to Canisius in the second round of the MAAC men's basketball tournament last night. Having attended Iona for two-and-a-half years it was good seeing some of my old friends playing for a chance to be in the NCAA tournament. Maybe one day I'll

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