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NYPIRG to Host Hearings On Budget Cuts

By ENEIL RYAN DE LA PENA
Statesman Editor

The Chairman of the Higher Education Committee of the State Assembly, Ed Sullivan and along with other assemblymembers such as Steve Englebright will hold a public hearing on campus today, in which witnesses will speak against the budget cuts.

Among the scheduled witnesses to voice out their opinions are University President Shirley Strum Kenny, Stephanie Schuell, coordinator of Graduate Student Employees Union, Polity President Annette Hicks, and NYPIRG Higher Education Project Leader Jackie Hewlett.

The hearings will take place throughout the day, beginning at 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Union Ballroom.

This is a part of a series of events the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) is sponsoring to fight against the SUNY budget cuts outlined in "Rethinking SUNY".

In addition to today's on-campus hearing, there are the Student Solidarity Conference

and Lobby Day to further enforce student support against these cuts.

"Students have to tell the lawmakers to reject the governor's proposals because there is going to be another round of devastating cuts that are going to lead to additional decreases to the quality of education," said Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, project coordinator of NYPIRG at Stony Brook. "You're not just talking about accessibility for students coming to SUNY, you're also talking about the effect it's going to have in the local economies. Politicians have to take that into account."

Throughout the weekend, students will have a chance to improve their lobbying skills by talking to lawmakers in Albany through the Student Solidarity Conference. "The key to this weekend is this is the time where students can voice their opinion on what the heck is happening to this university," said Fiore-Rosenfeld. "This is the time where they can tell the lawmakers and learn how to best express those opinions at

this conference."

The conference will start on Friday and culminate on Monday, which is Lobby Day. For a small fee, students will be provided with a bus to Albany and hotel accommodations for three nights. To show support, Polity has contributed money in order to offer interested students a reduced fee for participation in the conference.

"The purpose is to train interested students in how to formulate their ideas, their issues, their concerns, and to direct them in an effective manner when they sit down with the lawmaker for five minutes. These people... that will come are going to be trained on how to effectively disseminate the information and present it to the lawmaker in the most effective manner that's going to make that lawmaker change their mind to be in support of not cutting the budget."

The conference is being sponsored by NYPIRG, the Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU), the Student Association of the State University of New York (SASU), and the University

Student Senate (USS). Other SUNY schools throughout the state will participate in the event.

For those students interested in voicing out their opinions against the budget cuts and are not able to attend today's hearing or the conference, have another chance to speak to lawmakers in Albany on Monday, which has been designated as Lobby Day. A bus will be provided to those students, which will depart from the campus early in the morning. Fiore-Rosenfeld advises such students "to speak directly to the lawmakers and tell them what these cuts to the SUNY budget mean to them individually and what the heck it's doing to this university."

Since he graduated in 1990 at Stony Brook, Fiore-Rosenfeld noted that the tuition has doubled. "I know that the courses that are offered changed. They've been limited in the size and the lines when people go to register for classes have increased, while the course selection have decreased. It has made it difficult for people to graduate on time. It

has decreased the quality of their education because there are less faculty, less teaching assistants and graduate assistants on staff to help [students] with the courses.

"There are less books being bought for the university libraries; less journals on the different subject matters being purchased by the university library. These issues affect the quality of student's education on this campus and now is the time for students to voice their opinions on this year's round of cuts in the proposed budget by Governor George Pataki."

With the expected number of 45 to 65 Stony Brook students departing for Albany, Fiore-Rosenfeld said "we are going to be changing a lot of lawmakers' minds after Monday night."

Fiore-Rosenfeld's message to students is "Just do it. What I'm saying is that if you are concerned about any of these issues about the university, about tuition going up another \$250 next semester and that you are not going to be able to afford that, this is the time to come and voice your opinions. Students should do it now. Don't wait until tomorrow, don't wait till fall when you find out what your bill is going to be. It's too late. Now is the time."

For more information on the Student Solidarity Conference, which will be held on February 23-26, and Lobby Day on February 26, contact NYPIRG at 632-6457, or Polity at 632-6460. □

AIDS Memorial Quilt to Be On Display

(UNS)-A three-day display of The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS, will open at the University at Stony Brook's Sports Complex on Thursday, March 21.

This is the third time a section of the Quilt has been shown at the University. In 1992, more than 6,000 people visited the display that filled the walls and floor of the Sports Complex arena. This year's display will feature over 1,600 three foot by six foot panels, each commemorating the life of

someone who has died of AIDS. The full, 36-ton AIDS Memorial Quilt contains over 27,000 panels, enough to fill 18 football fields or a 20 acre site. Each quilt was made by friends, family members or lovers and is composed of a wide variety of materials from a favorite t-shirt to photographs to teddy bears.

The opening ceremony, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, will feature teams of volunteers who will unfold the Quilt while others read aloud the names of some of those lost to AIDS. The display will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 and from 10 a.m. until the closing ceremony at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 23.

The display is co-sponsored by the University and The AIDS Collective, a Long Island organization that provides education and community outreach to those living with HIV/AIDS and to

their families. Donations collected at the display will be distributed among the following local AIDS service providers: the AIDS Center and Pediatric AIDS units at Stony Brook's University Medical Center; Catholic Charities; Suffolk House; and Thursday's Child.

The San Francisco-based NAMES Project Foundation displays portions of the Quilt worldwide, to encourage visitors to better understand and respond to the AIDS epidemic, to provide a positive means of expression for those grieving the death of a loved one and to raise funds for people living with AIDS.

The Quilt, begun in 1987, now includes panels from all 50 states and 39 other countries including those made to remember tennis player Arthur Ashe; famed dancer Rudolf Nureyev; actor Anthony Perkins; clothing designer Tina Chow; comedian Wayland Flowers;

Washington Redskin Jerry Smith; AIDS activist Ryan White; and Kimberly Bergalis, an advocate for HIV testing of health care workers. The Quilt represents 11 percent of all U.S. AIDS deaths.

Stony Brook display organizers are encouraging young people to see the Quilt. "Since the epidemic impacts upon an increasing number of people in the 18-to-25 year-old age group, we are making a concerted effort to attract students to this display," says Dallas Bauman, assistant vice-president for campus residences. Dr. Bauman is co-chair of the display planning committee.

For more information about the display, to volunteer, or to make a donation, call Gina Vanacore, Division of Campus Residences, 516-632-6339 or 516-632-6780. Vanacore can also be reached via e-mail at GVANACORE@ccmail.sunysb.edu or by fax at 516-632-9211. □

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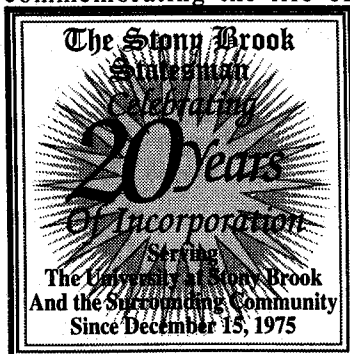
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Thursday, February 15

2:40 p.m.

Eighty validation stickers, worth \$280 altogether, were stolen from a desk in the University Hospital admitting office.

3:00 p.m.

An Amman College resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

3:25 p.m.

A brown leather wallet containing credit cards, a green card, a Social Security card and no cash, valued at \$120, was stolen from the Harriman Hall lecture room.

3:50 p.m.

A jacket with a leather wallet worth \$150, was stolen from the basement lounge of Greeley College. The wallet contained a

meal plan card and a credit card.

5:14 p.m.

A male, repeat-trespasser was arrested for trespassing onto USB grounds. He resisted arrest by kicking and punching a police officer and threatening to kill his dog if police arrested him.

8:54 p.m.

A 1992 white four-door Mercury automobile had its left rear tire slashed while it was parked in the South P-lot. The cost of the damage was unavailable at the time of the report.

10:19 p.m.

A homeless man found in the USB Student Union reported pain on the left side of his body and was transported to the University Hospital.

11:20 p.m.

The driver's side window of a 1991 red Nissan Sentra was broken while parked in the G and H Quad parking lot. The value of the damage was \$120.

11:26 p.m.

A Dewey College resident reported phone calls pertaining to a personal

relationship and threatening bodily harm. Similar incidents have occurred in the past.

Friday, February 16

1:36 a.m.

An Irving College resident had difficulty breathing and was transported to the University Hospital by the Stony Brook Volunteer

POLICE BLOTTER

By BELVIN GONG

Ambulance Corps (SBVAC).

6:23 a.m.

Two computer modems were reported stolen from offices on the first floor of the Humanities building. The door frame to the office was damaged; forced entry is suspected. The total damage done amounted to \$475 (\$150 and \$250 for the modems, \$75 for the door frame).

8:00 a.m.

A corridor window in the Staller Center basement near Room 0051 was broken. No damage assessment was available.

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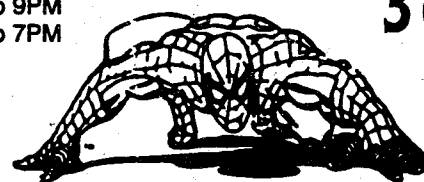
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New Student Newspaper³ Will Focus on Science

(UNS) - If University at Stony Brook senior biochemistry major Matthew Seidner gets his way, the University will get a new campus newspaper this spring, one devoted exclusively to science.

And if it's as successful an enterprise as Seidner thinks it will be, look for versions of the paper on campuses across the nation.

"I'm already talking with other institutions," says Seidner, whose idea for the science monthly evolved over a two year period and was formalized last semester with the establishment of the Pearl-Diamond Publishing Company in Lake Grove. The firm is handling the advertising, promotion and management of the prototype publication that will be staffed and written by Stony Brook undergraduates and graduate students.

The name of the publication is straightforward: *Campus Science Newspaper*, much like its 22-year-old founder, who says that he wants the scientific research being conducted at Stony Brook "to be as easily accessible and understandable as the sports scores."

The *Campus Science Newspaper* will include references and summaries of scientific research by faculty, staff and students that has been recently published in peer review journals; summaries of unpublished research by undergraduates and graduates; general science news; a calendar of science-related events; scholarship and internship information; and news about people in science. The publication will be distributed free to science students, faculty and staff and will be available in science buildings.

Advertising will pay for the production, printing and circulation, says Seidner. "We've already invested \$60,000 in this," explains Seidner who despite his youth, already has a successful track-record in the publishing business.

For three years, Seidner served as advertising director and managing editor of *The Emergency Medical Services ALERT*, a bi-monthly emergency medical services newspaper that he says evolved into the largest of its kind in the northeast. "I wanted to combine my ideas with my practical business experience. I felt that I could, with the

school's support, create a science newspaper at Stony Brook that could do this and more."

Seidner has a silent partner/and investor in the venture. Two other friends, Tanya Tohill and Peter Bernstein are playing key roles in the operation, Tohill as managing director and Bernstein as technological consultant. Both are graduates of Stony Brook, Bernstein in 1992, Tohill in 1995.

"Without the three of them, the paper wouldn't exist," he says. Capitalization allowed the firm to set up corporate offices in Lake Grove, do market research, produce and distribute promotional material and sell advertising for the new publication. "Our research shows that there is a need at colleges and universities for the type of publication we are proposing. We wanted to make certain that we would be offering a valuable academic tool for all involved."

Seidner expects the *Campus Science Newspaper* will be selfsupporting and profit-making in rapid fashion and that within five years, he will be chief executive officer of a successful company packaging monthly campus science publications in print, and on CD Rom, and internet versions. His firm has already joined the "Incubator Without Walls" program at the Long Island High Technology Incubator at Stony Brook and will be devoting space in his new publication to the cutting-edge research underway at that facility.

A native of Merrick, Long Island and now a resident of Baiting Hollow, Long Island, Seidner attended SUNY Old Westbury and Yale before transferring to Stony Brook in 1993 where he immersed himself in campus and academic life. Seidner served on the "Five Year Plan" Task Force on Campus Life, has been a biology teaching assistant, volunteer tutor and peer academic advisor and is a member of the Sigma Beta Honor Society. Listed in the 1995-96 Silver Anniversary Edition of *Who's Who in the East*, he is the recipient of a scholarship from the Workmen's Benefit Fund of the U.S.A. for outstanding volunteer and community service. A certified Emergency Medical Technician, he has worked in hospital and research labs in Nassau and Suffolk and penned three scientific papers. □

Marijuana Roach Found During Inspection

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11:40 a.m.

A Central Receiving employee injured her eye when her glasses were shattered by a bungee cord. A small piece of glass was stuck in her left eye, and she was transported to the University Hospital by SBVAC.

1:20 p.m.

Two Cardozo College residents reported a number of items stolen from their room after the door was left open. \$85 cash, a \$40 watch, a passport and a wallet were taken from the room. Total value of stolen items amounted to \$225.

1:30 p.m.

14 pages of threatening electronic mail were received by an Amman College resident.

5:09 p.m.

A bookbag with \$100 worth of books and \$20 worth of keys were stolen off of a desk in the Roth Quad office.

5:15 p.m.

An \$80 book was stolen when it was

left on a seat in Room 130 in the Graduate Physics building.

6:00 p.m.

During a health and safety check at Eisenhower College, a small marijuana roach was found. A person was referred to Student Affairs.

Saturday, February 17

3:28 a.m.

A Dreiser College resident was slapped and grabbed. The harasser was escorted off the premises, and charges were not pressed.

Sunday, February 18

2:55 a.m.

A James College resident reported receiving sexually harassing phone calls.

10:05 a.m.

A Grey College resident reported a bias-

related incident: cards depicting women in bathing suits were taped to spell "Hi Fag" on the resident's door. The resident reported similar prior incidents.

Monday, February 19

7:48 a.m.

Damage was found to a Dreiser College basement luggage storage room door. The lock and knob were found to have been tampered with. Those involved did not gain entrance. The room stored new refrigerators. The total cost of the damage was \$300.

2:00 p.m.

A 1989 Ford automobile had two of its tires slashed while parked in the G and H Quad parking lot. Total damage amounted to \$160.

3:00 p.m.

Annoying phone calls were reported by a Langmuir College resident.

4:20 p.m.

A Gershwin College resident reported harassing phone calls by someone who hangs up after the phone is answered.

6:10 p.m.

A number of items were stolen from the new men's locker room in the Indoor Sports Complex. Two pairs of glasses worth \$700, a \$200 book, clothing worth \$170, a \$60 calculator and a \$75 compact disc were taken.

Tuesday, February 20

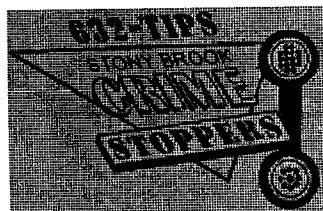
6:55 p.m.

A wallet containing a green card and credit cards was stolen from a jacket in the Humanities Cafe.

Wednesday, February 21

5:28 a.m.

A Rolm telephone worth \$40 was stolen from the O'Neill College office. The window was found open upon arrival of the police.



Student Mobilization Needed For Lobby Day

This is the big week for the mobilization of all students who are feeling they need to speak out against cuts in higher education. The New York Public Interest Research Group, the Student Association of the State University of New York, the University Student Senate, and the Graduate Student Employees Union are sponsoring a weekend that is sure to inform the governing legislature of the true needs of the students and their commitment to making sure that those needs are accounted for. In the intricate workings of state politics it is imperative that the students organize in order to blunt the effect of cuts on SUNY.

The Student Solidarity Conference "Advocating and Organizing for Higher Education" is being held this weekend, from February 23 to February 26. Conferences will be held in Albany all weekend to discuss issues and teach techniques that will be put to use on Monday the 26th, Lobby Day.

Conference topics include:

- Building Campus Based Coalitions
- Voter Registration and the '96 Elections
- Maintaining Financial Access to Higher Education
- The Future of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
- Student, Labor and Community Organizing
- Combating Racism, Sexism and Homophobia
- Access and Quality: What These Words Mean to Students
- History of Student Activism
- Plus...more workshops, a breakdown of the Higher Education budget and advocacy tips

Buses will be leaving for the Conference on Friday from the Union around 5 p.m. Buses will be leaving for

the lobbying effort on Monday at 6 a.m. and returning around 8 p.m.

To maximize the lobbying effort, everyone is encouraged to attend the preparatory conferences throughout the weekend. At a minimum, people need to be there for a show of force on Monday. Attendees will be guided directly to the elected official of their district. There you can let your views be heard.

For a nominal fee accommodations are provided at a local hotel. Anyone who is interested in more information is encouraged to contact NYPIRG Project Coordinator Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld.

One weekend is a little price to pay to combat the punishing cuts being bandied about by the politicians in Albany. Your representatives need to know how you feel. They should know whether it makes a difference or not. Is the budget cutting fever, so predominant today in all sectors of government, going to go uncontested when it comes to the needs and mission of the University system? Are students going to sit idly by and watch what would be the priority of any well adjusted society go to hell?

The weekend gets off to a running start, with a round of speeches on Thursday February 22 in the Stony Brook Union Ballroom at 10 a.m. Speakers will be setting the tone by bringing to the fore their views and opinions about Rethinking SUNY.

The list includes some very well known names on the campus as well as some new ones and Assembly members. Anyone needing information as to what prompted the need for the Student Solidarity Conference or Lobby Day is sure to get some clear ideas at this gathering.

The machinery seems well oiled and

running. The four pronged approach of educating and organizing the student body, writing to and lobbying legislators is in full swing. Now is the time to keep your commitment to the goal and aim of the public university system — The goals of access and quality.

If we fail the prospects are ominous. Another tuition increase of \$250. Operating budget cuts of 71.8 million dollars, which could translate into Graduate Assistants and Teaching Assistants jobs being cut, less full time faculty, longer lines at registration, less journals and books purchased for campus libraries, shorter library hours etc.

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is also on the chopping block. A \$100 million and eligibility requirement adjustments. This means less people will be able to take advantage of this resource than before.

Slowly but surely this system is being gutted of all the qualities that make a public university what it is. That is varied degree programs that answer the needs of the citizens of the state.

The time is now. The structure is in place for all concerned to take **action**. There are no excuses. Make yourself heard now. Be involved, take the initiative and let yourself be a part of the coalition that stands opposed to the thinking that threatens the future of this state by the senseless abandonment of an ideal that is, really, the only salvation for the healthy development of students seeking to compete in an increasingly competitive world economic market.

"To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing."

- Elbert Hubbard



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Abortion Is and Always Will Be a Woman's Choice

To the Editor:

I'd like to inform Mr. Williams that I did read the bottom of his letter and I know exactly what he said. My response is, that is very nice, but this is a very real problem that has existed for centuries no matter how much you tell your children to be careful and how to behave. If it weren't a problem, then fathers would not have been laying out poison for their daughters centuries ago.

The Grimke sisters were moderate feminists, even in their time. They strongly believed in separate sphere ideology, they didn't want equal rights for women — they only wanted fair treatment. They believed women should stay in the home and care for children and that is where they belonged, so Mr. Williams needs to get his facts straight before he argues them.

Mr. Williams has also compared slavery to abortion, that is comparing apples and oranges and doesn't even deserve to be acknowledged. It's actually the stupidest comparison I have ever seen.

The comparison made by Mr. Nechamkin of first pedophilia, and now

rape is pathetic. He is also comparing two totally different situations involving different ethics and feelings altogether. He also obviously could not understand what was being said by John Stuart Mills' quotes in the last letter. When he seems to have some understanding, I would be glad to have a conversation with him — till then, forget it.

But I would like to add, the abortion restrictions were not enforceable in the past, they will never be enforceable in the future; you obviously do not know of the history of the topic of which we speak — please try to do some research next time.

These men have blinders on, all they can see is what they feel and what they want. They don't understand that it's really none of their business what happens in other women's lives.

And yes, I know there are many women that are pro-life, I also know many pro-lifers who are hypocrites. The ones that protest it then when they are in trouble have one themselves, the men that protest it then demand that their girlfriends get one. The ones that attack women on their way

into clinics, but the best would have to be the ones that shoot and kill the doctors in the name of their cause.

And as for a man's choice? Well, there was a case in New York where a teenage girl wanted to keep her baby. Her boyfriend paid his friend to shoot her in the stomach to kill the baby. Luckily, both survived the shooting. So, there you have a man's choice.

And Mr. Williams is not reading me correctly — I never said that I fought for abortion in the name of eliminating teenage pregnancy, it goes much deeper than that, teenage pregnancy was merely an example that I used. Both of these men have shown nothing but ignorance building on more ignorance. They are both narrow minded and not willing to see that whether they like it or not, women have the right to make this choice, and there are reasons the choice was not given to men, simply because they don't carry the child and many don't stay around to bear responsibility. So until biology changes, its going to remain a woman's choice, so get over it.

Heather Olivos

Don't Judge Men On Gender Alone

To The Editor:

First and foremost, I'd like to say that Heather Olivos' opinion of Williams' opinions on abortion are shared by me. The fight for the right to have an abortion is a currently volatile subject, and deserves the attention given to it by such obviously informed persons as Ms. Olivos. However, despite the fact that I applaud her efforts, I would like to address one issue which sometimes "falls between the cracks" of the debate.

Ms. Olivos' letter was right on target up to the point where she claims that the reason behind Mr. Williams' ignorance is his sex. I for one, am insulted by her assertion that Williams knows "nothing about what a woman goes through" simply because he happens to be a man. Heather, tearing down the arguments put forward by pro-life proponents is a respectable task, but to judge his level of knowledge of such issues on the basis of whether or not he happens to be a member of your sex is downright "ignorant" in its own right. You say that "men cannot get pregnant" and therefore abortion is not a man's choice, and I certainly agree that men cannot get pregnant. However, if I were to follow your rationale, I would have to say that parental custody of a child should always be awarded to the mother in a divorce case, simply because men cannot be mothers, and therefore lack something intrinsically vital to the bringing up of a child. I don't agree with this, and I would hope that you don't agree with it either. Please don't judge all men on the basis of their sex. There are plenty of men out there who know worlds of information more about the abortion debate than you do. They are certainly not the "ignorant" ones.

The last time I checked, the point of feminism was to achieve an equality

between the two sexes. This is a worthwhile goal to strive for. But if pseudo-feminists strive to "usurp" the power from men, instead of strive to achieve that equality and balance, we would be in no better a situation. Perhaps, if that day were to arrive, there would be born a need for "masculinism." And that would be a sorry day, indeed.

Haniel Shen

Together We Can Make a Difference

To the Editor:

Faculty, Staff, Students and concerned citizens associated with the State University at Stony Brook have formed a Coalition for Public Higher Education in response to the most serious attack on public higher education that this state has ever faced. We unite at a time when the Governor's Division of the Budget, for the second year in a row, is attempting to drastically reduce the state's commitment to public higher education.

The Coalition believes that there are devastating consequences that will effect all people of this state with this intentional downsizing of SUNY. Budget cuts to SUNY and Stony Brook will have a negative impact on the local economy, families and students. Tax changes enacted last year were self-defeating in that there was a corresponding increase to local property taxes, a significant tuition increase at all SUNY schools and little or no change to the state's structural deficit.

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Statesman Features

Thursday, February 22, 1996

Revelations in Amber

History Captured in Amber in "Window to the Past" Exhibit at Museum of Natural History

By KRISTINE SEITZ
Statesman Staff

Amber is a golden-yellow substance commonly seen in jewelry. The American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan has opened a new exhibit that shows that amber isn't just pretty, it's also an important scientific resource.

"Amber: Window to the Past," arranged by David Grimaldi, Chairman and Associate Curator, Department of Entomology, is laden with fascinating facts and trivia that may surprise even amber enthusiasts.

The exhibit is divided into two parts. The first is a showcase of the scientific significance of amber. Actually, amber is not a gem. It is formed from the resin of ancient trees that have petrified. While the resin was solidifying, small organisms sometimes became entrapped in it.

One of the major portions of the exhibit is a re-creation of the Dominican jungles where many of the amber fossils displayed come from. Dominican amber is renown for the diversity of life forms found in it. The exhibit is full of amazing ancient life forms trapped in amber, such as insects — remember those mosquitoes

from "Jurassic Park?" — tree frogs, geckos, lizards and scorpions.

Aside from the Dominican amber, there are also samples from areas closer to home. One fossil is a piece from New Jersey that contains tiny flowers from 90 million years ago. The fossilized flowers are the oldest intact flowers ever recovered, making them scientifically valuable as examples of the type of flowering plants living at that time. This portion of the exhibit also shows how scientists are extracting DNA from the preserved specimens to study how DNA has changed in the 23-30 million years since the amber entombed the organisms.

The second portion of the exhibit is the decorative arts part. People have been using amber as a decorative accessory for about 11,000 years, according to the exhibit. Many breathtaking examples of amber art are on display. The most astonishing piece is the portion of a reproduction of the famous amber room of Russian Czar, Peter the Great. The room was

constructed by Prussian artisans for King Frederick William I and was given to Peter in the 1700's. The room consisted of panels

— opaque or translucent, light or dark — of each piece of the 100,000 parts of the room. A corner of the reconstruction is on

exhibition is a carved Stone Age (Mesolithic) amulet, an Etruscan figurine and a backgammon set that belonged to the former Russian royal family.

Also, don't miss the little section on how to tell if your jewelry or fossils are authentic amber, synthetic resin or another natural resin called copal. Another enjoyable section explains how scientists are extracting DNA from organisms trapped in amber. (Sorry, no cloned dinosaurs — so far, that's still just fiction.)

Overall, the exhibit is well worth the trip. The museum is located at 79th St. and Central Park West. It's easy to get to by Long Island Railroad and subway — use the B or C line going uptown to 81st St. — or bus — M7, M10, or M11 to 79th St.; M79 to 81st St.

Remember to bring your student ID. Admission to this special exhibit is \$4 with your ID, plus the small donation to get into the museum. If you want to come home with your own fossil, you'll have to bring a little more cash. The cheapest fossil is \$20 and prices run into the hundreds of dollars. There's also books, jewelry and lots of other souvenirs to choose from. The exhibit runs through September 2nd.

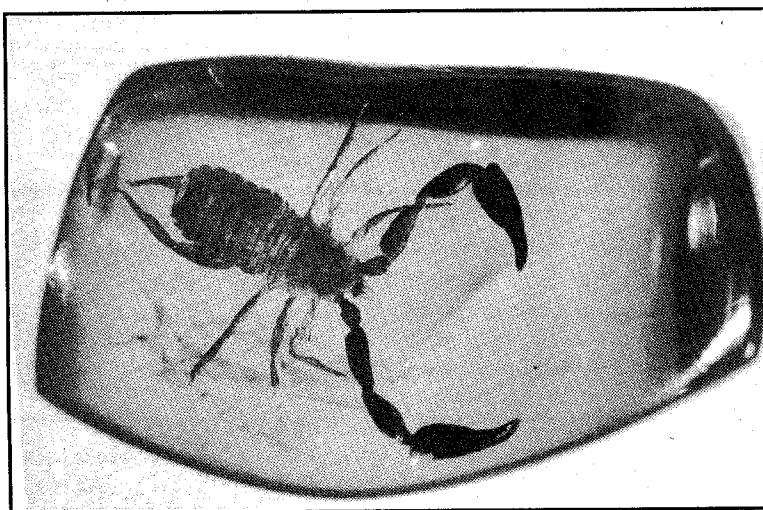


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A Pseudoscorpion entombed in Dominican amber, dated at 23 - 30 million years old.

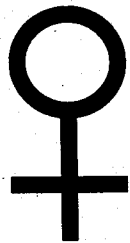
covered with interlocking pieces of hand carved amber. The room was dismantled by invading Nazis in 1942 and has never been recovered.

In 1974, artisans began to reconstruct the room using the differing shades of gray in black and white photos as a guide to size, shape and relative color type

display, a magnificent piece of artwork, worth the trip in itself.

In addition, for the first month of the exhibit, the artisans are also part of the show. They carve and etch pieces of amber in person, showing the intricate craftsmanship and care that goes into working with this material.

Included as part of the



According to Eve

By Brooke Donatone

Half-built Log Cabins, Where Are The Guidelines?

The American Medical Association recently developed guidelines so physicians can recognize signs of sexual assault and family violence in patients. The two guidelines pertain to: Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault and Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines for Mental Effect of Family Violence.

Physical evidence is rare. Some signs that are indicative are when women demonstrate intimidation by the exam and can't relax, or express severe pain during the exam.

I saw the article relating the above information in a recent issue of *Obgyn News*. I found it scary that I knew

about this, but some Obgyn doctors were unaware. Not all physicians belong to the AMA, but it seems as if there should be communication in departments to discuss up-to-date guidelines to increase the adequacy of patient care.

I went on a tour of the E.R. to learn about how a rape victim was cared for after an incident. After that, I know that the closest I'd want to get to an E.R. is on NBC on Thursday nights. The E.R. has a social worker on call, but it could take at least 45 minutes for him to arrive, leaving the poor victim's only solace in staring at the snow blinding walls.

In medical school people are

taught the parts of the body, but they aren't taught how to treat a patient when something traumatic happens, when a patient is in need of medical care and is also emotionally crippled.

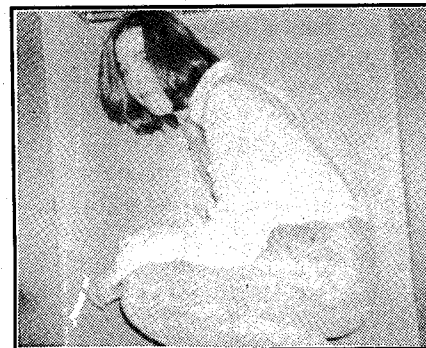
People become aware of an issue, but after awhile they become lazy and anaesthetized to it, said Dr. Kristi VanNostrand, assistant professor of the Division of Gynecology at the University Medical Center at Stony Brook.

Doctors still have a hard time asking about sexual issues. In VanNostrand's practice, many patients mention that their doctors don't ask those sort of questions. Ironically, they have been male

doctors; but to dispel a generalization, traditionally doctors have been male so it could just be an old world mentality. I hope men and women in med school today will be more sensitive to issues such as sexual assault, but it seems as if logic is taught more than empathy.

VanNostrand chuckled, "I don't want to blame it on men, because I don't want to sound like the profession is beating against men, but I do know that my patients appreciate that they can talk about those things to me," and they don't feel comfortable talking about those things with their other

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by mickeal kramer

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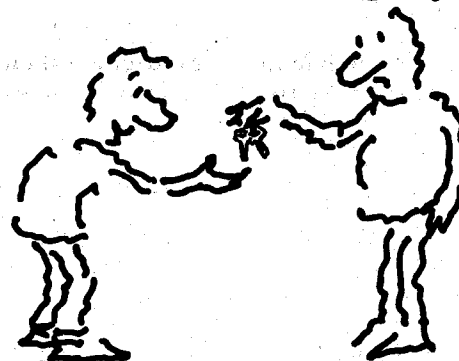
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Eve: Silence in the Forest

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doctors, who happen to be male. But it could be the way a physician comes across, because there is such limited time they can spend with each patient because of the brilliant concept of HMOs where patients are supposed to get optimal care in 15 minutes.

There are a number of patients, especially younger ones, that go to their physician and signs of abuse are prevalent but are denied. Doctors can't deal with sensitivity issues if they don't know how. It's especially difficult if the questions aren't asked in the first place.

If it's difficult for abuse to be

discovered in the female population by their annual Gyn exams, it's virtually impossible to discover abuse in young males since they don't usually visit an annual doctor.

VanNostrand pointed out that, "guidelines should be established in all specialties because we're not the only ones seeing women. And men get abused also, and even verbal abuse is something that goes both ways. I think that, overall, in medical schools I think it's something that needs to be part of the curriculum, that isn't in there right now."

She expressed the importance of integrating these types of questions into all medical histories and

physicals because they are oftentimes overlooked. Also, since young boys go to pediatricians, it would be easy to obtain that information, because they get abused as children too.

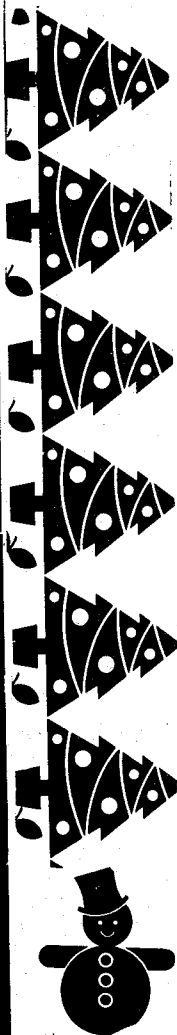
Medicine would be perfect if it integrated mind and body, but unfortunately there isn't enough time

to care or information dispersed. It's like the old anecdote — If a tree fell in an empty forest would it make a sound? So, if a guideline is passed and few people are informed of it, how would anyone know?

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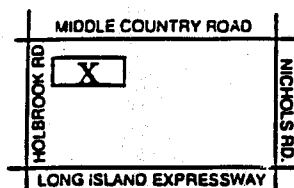
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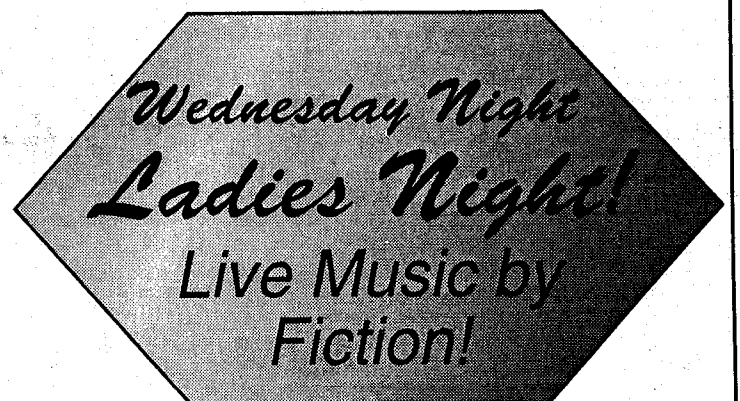
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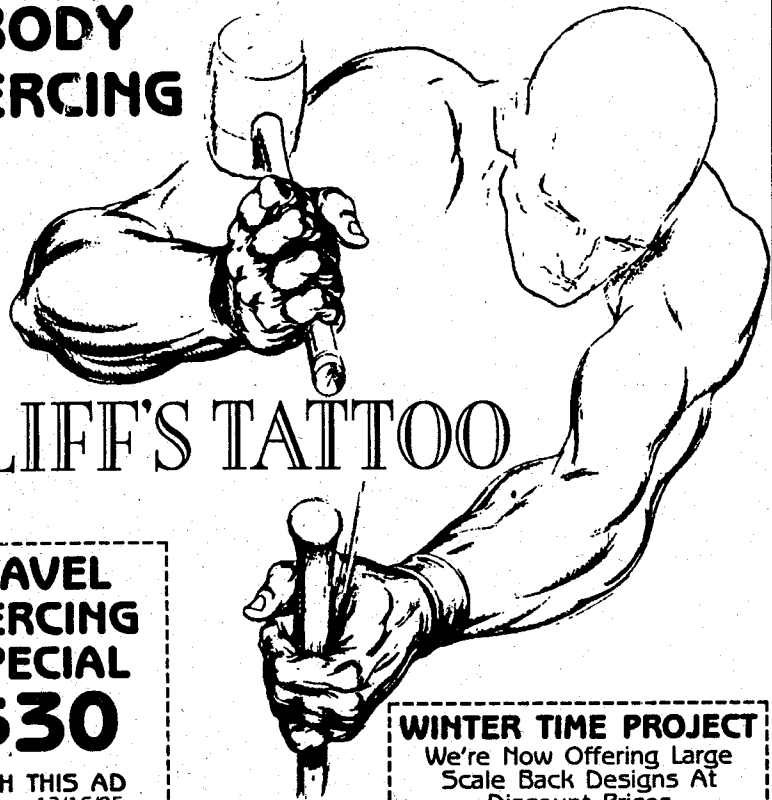
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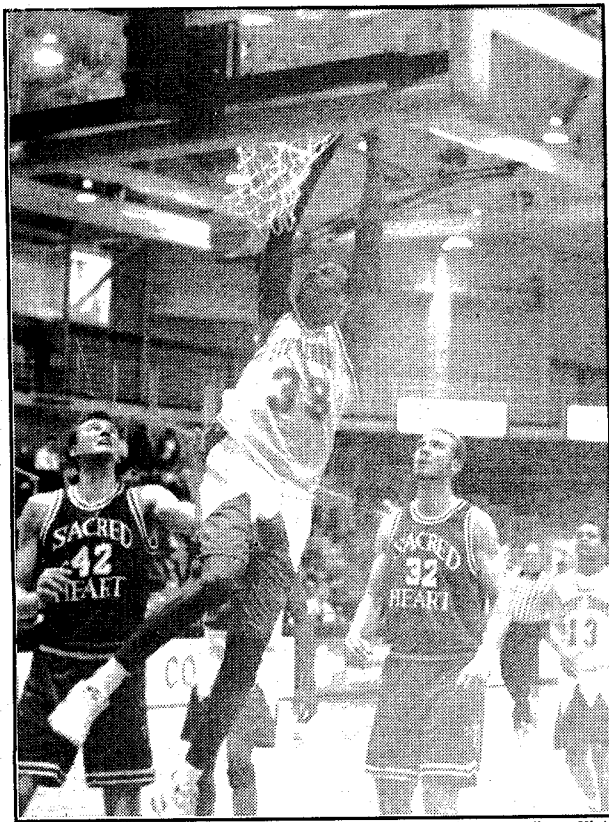
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'95-'96 B-Ball Seasons Conclude



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Center Orlando Reid (33) dunks during Wednesday's 58-55 upset win over New England Collegiate Conference rival Sacred Heart.

The 1995-96 basketball season came to an end as the Men pulled off a 58-55 upset over Sacred Heart on Wednesday at the Indoor Sports Complex. In the opening game of the doubleheader, the women dropped their finale 79-53 to Sacred Heart.

With 2:57 remaining in the second half, Lionel Saunder's layup put The Brook up 56-55 en route to the victory. The Seawolves finish the season 9-17 overall, 6-14 in the New England Collegiate Conference. Saunders finished with 10 points and four assists and Gary Comer led the way with 13 points in his final game for USB. Larry Gibson chipped in with 11 points.

The Women, down 41-25 at halftime, were victimized by a half-opening 16-4 Sacred Heart run in the 79-53 defeat. Amy Demasi led the 'Wolves with 10 points, five rebounds and three assists. Donna Fennessy poured in 10 points of her own to go along with three rebounds. Dawne Thomas added eight points in her final game at Stony Brook. Full game stories in Monday's edition

The Stony Brook Statesman Sports Trivia Question of the Week

Congratulations to **Farbod Azad** who knew the answer to last week's trivia question, which was "Name the Chicago Blackhawk who set the NHL record for fastest consecutive goals when he scored three goals in 23 seconds."

The answer was (of course) **Bill Mosenko**.

For his accurate response and quick dialing, Farbod will receive one pretzel and one soda every day for the next week courtesy of Sports Complex Concessions, Inc. and The Stony Brook Pretzel Service.

This week's question: **Name the two New York Yankee players that traded wives in 1973.** (Hint: Mr. October is not one of them.)

Till next week: *You haven't experienced Stony Brook unless you've experienced a Stony Brook Pretzel.*

SPORTS BRIEFS

MEN'S SWIMMING

The men's swim team finished in fourth place at the nine-team Men's Metropolitan Conference Swimming Championships. The Seawolves earned 332 points in the three day event held at Trenton State College.

Ryan Gillespie (Warwick, NY) paced the Seawolves as he finished fourth in the 200 breaststroke (2:22.19), fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.19) and teamed with **Greg Bird** (Smithtown, NY), **Alex Mills** (Brentwood, NY) and **William Dawkins** (Brooklyn, NY) to finish third in the 400 medley relay with a time of 3:44.21.

Mills placed fifth in the 200 butterfly (2:02.56), sixth in the 100 butterfly (55.04) and eighth in the 200 freestyle (2:01.29). **Bird** posted a pair of seventh place finishes (100 butterfly - 55.30, 200 butterfly - 2:05.49) and finished ninth in the 200 individual medley (2:02.71). Also swimming well for the Seawolves were **Lennon Turner** (Hempstead, NY) who placed seventh in the 400 individual medley (5:40.88) and **Mark Sutura** (Staten Island, NY) whose time of 18:59.08 earned him a ninth place finish in the 1650 freestyle. **Dan Halbert** (Queens, NY) finished eighth in the one-meter dive competition with 166.15 points.

Stony Brook's relay teams also swam well at the Metropolitan Championships. In addition to a third place finish in the 400 medley relay, the Seawolves finished fourth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:31.36), fourth in the 200 medley relay (1:43.70), fourth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:23.67) and fifth in the 800 freestyle relay (8:13.77).

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

The Stony Brook men's indoor track team earned a sixth place finish at the CTC Championships with 32 points. Leading the Seawolves was sophomore **Gavin O'Donoghue** (Greenlawn, NY) who ran personal bests in the 5,000 meters (16:01) and 3,000 meters (9:18.78) to place third and fifth respectively. **Pete Clusener** (Port Washington, NY) placed third in the 3,000 meters, with a personal best time of 9:10.89, and fourth in the 5,000 meters (16:07).

Also performing well at the CTC Championships were senior **Ken Graham** (North Babylon, NY) who placed second in the mile (4:26.28) and **Mike Helbig** (Port Jefferson, NY) who finished in fourth place in the shot put competition (44' 4") and earned a fifth place finish in the 35 lb. weight throw with a toss of 40' 3 1/2".

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

The Seawolves captured 13 points to place eighth at the CTC Championships held in New Haven, Connecticut. **Natalia Brown** (New Rochelle, NY) garnered a second place finish in the shot put with a throw of 36' 2 1/4". Senior **Shirley Shum** (Long Island City, NY) turned in personal best performance in the mile and 3,000 meters. She placed fifth in the mile with a time of 5:44.67 and eleventh in the 3,000 meters (11:40.07).

Jaqui Portocarrero (Coram, NY) finished fifth in the 55 hurdles (8.97) and tenth in the 200 meters (28.22) while **Shana Henry** (Valley Cottage, NY) turned in an eighth place performance in the 200 meters (28.13). Also placing in the top ten was **Mary Bishop** (Ithaca, NY) who finished ninth in the shot put (26' 9").

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK BY TIM DEPELTEAU

Gillespie Leads Seawolves at Metropolitan Championships

Sophomore **Ryan Gillespie** (Warwick, NY) of the men's swim team led Stony Brook to a fourth place finish at the Men's Metropolitan Conference Championships as he excelled in both the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke and was part of the 400 medley relay team that finished third.

"I haven't performed that well since high school," Gillespie said after he set personal best times in both the 100 (1:04.19) and 200 (2:22.19) meter breaststroke where he placed fifth and fourth, respectively. His previous best times this year were 1:05.93 in the 100 and 2:26.31 in the 200. For his outstanding performance at the championships, Gillespie was named *The Stony Brook Statesman Athlete of the Week*.

Gillespie is quick to point out the help that first year men's head coach Dave Alexander has provided. "Coach Alexander's approach has helped me greatly. Instead of constant drilling and conditioning, coach Alexander focuses more on stroke-work and how to swim a particular race," said the sophomore.

Gillespie, who at times is overshadowed by fellow University at Stony Brook breaststrokers **William Dawkins** and **Ed Gros**, found a way to rise to the occasion at the Met's. "We have some good breaststrokers on this team," Alexander said. "For Ryan to perform the way he did says something about his determination and character."

"Ryan's performance surprised me only to a certain extent because over the season he has matured greatly as a swimmer," Alexander said. "He has made great strides and continues to emerge as a leader on this team."



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