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## Commuter Student Affairs Office Opens Its Doors

By ENEIL RYAN DE LA PENA  
Statesman Editor

The Commuter Student Affairs office will officially open its doors today in the Student Union, with an aim of providing new services for commuter students.

"We are here for commuter needs," said Ronnie Paschkes, coordinator of Commuter Student Affairs and associate dean of students. "That runs from service, programming, outreach, and advocacy. In other words, [we are here] to try to serve as a place for commuters that have needs in any area. [They can] come to us and hopefully we can see them through those needs."

Paschkes indicated that in a campus attended by thousands of commuters, "there's never been a single place where they can come and get answers to their particular questions and needs."

The new department is a result of the University President's initiative for undergraduates and the Student Affairs division.

One of the problems the Commuter Student Affairs will be tackling is commuter parking. Paschkes said, "We are making headway in a number of directions by addressing parking issues and transportation issues, which is the first and foremost problem for commuters." By addressing these issues, parking on South P-Lot and lighting on campus is expected to improve.

"In giving attention to this constituency that has never had their specific needs attended to, we're hoping to start special programming in terms of presentational information,"

them, what we're working on to get here for them, asking them what they need, and hoping that we can build interest in the institutional processor commuters to better themselves."

In addition to the newsletter, commuter students can give their input by placing letters in a suggestion box that will be located in the office.

Paschkes added that a

advice in terms of what direction of who to speak with about an issue, not more importantly have an actual resource center of information of what is here on campus for them."

The Commuter Student Affairs office in the Union is only a temporary space for the department, until the new Student Activities Center opens, scheduled to open this fall. The new building will have a bi-level specifically designed for commuter students, where their office will transfer, too.

Another development commuter affairs has done is the development of a new bus loop that drops students in front of the Student Activities Center. Paschkes said, "When the new Student Activities Center opens this fall, [students will] be right on the right place. It's an ideal location. When they get off the bus, we're right there. They don't have to go all over the world to find us. There will be lounges, an electronic post office for them, and computers for their operation. It will be attending to their social needs but much more so it will be attending to their practical academic needs."

Workshops, lectures, and social functions that will interest all ages are being planned for commuter students.

"We are acting as their advocates as we speak," Paschkes said. "Our goal is obviously to get commuter students more involved in Stony Brook life and to improve it for them."



Marilyn Goodman, advisor of Commuter Student Affairs and Ronnie Paschkes, coordinator of Commuter Student Affairs.

Paschkes said.

Communication to commuters is difficult on this campus, Paschkes pointed out. This spring, the commuter student affairs office will be sending out a newsletter directly to commuters, mailed to their home. "In that newsletter, we hope to be able to achieve a good sense of communication making commuters aware what is here for

The newsletter will be supervised under the guidance of both Paschkes and Marilyn Goodman, advisor for commuter student affairs.

"We're going to be doing some research and assessment of commuters for commuters so that we can see what really is out there and how we as an institution can best address those concerns," said Paschkes.

resource center will be another service that Commuter Student Affairs will be offering. "We're building a resource center for commuters. A lot of commuters on this campus don't take part in very much activity here and they're not informed to what is here for them. We feel that if we have a place for them where we can have a resource center, and be able to give them not only

## Speeders Beware of SMART

By LAURA LO  
Statesman Editor

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

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

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

Mounted on a trailer, the speed machine, which will arrive on campus next week,

can be transported easily to different locations all around campus. "Driving is a privilege," Little said. "Our goal is to ensure safety and have people follow the rules."

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

For students, not only do speeding violations add points on their licenses, they cost money, too. According to Doug Norris, an insurance

agent for Allstate, one speeding violation of up to 15 m.p.h. and over adds three points. For assigned risk holders, this translates into about \$100 per pint, Norris said.

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

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

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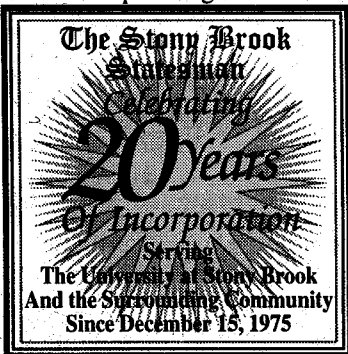
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FSA Flea Market. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-level. Call 632-6517.

Rock and Movie Poster Sale. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union.

Student Art Exhibit: Kay Clarke, Daniel B. Furey, Corey DeRosa, and Ella Turenne. Monday - Friday, Noon - 4:00 p.m. Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. Call 632-6822. Through March 11.

Women's Studies Special Presentation, "Launching the Movement Against Environmental Racism," Dollie Burwell, Warren County Citizens Against Toxic Wastes.

4:30 p.m. Peace Studies Center, Old Chemistry. Call 632-9176.

Graduate Organization for Jewish Life Free Dinner Shmoozes. 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Room 157, Humanities. Call 632-6565.

Floor Loom Weaving (Projects). 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., 6 Mondays. \$65/students; \$80/non-students; includes membership. Material fee \$15. Stony Brook Union Fiber Studio. Call 632-6822.

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Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union.

Grand Rounds in Psychiatry. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Level 3, Lecture Hall 6, HSC. Call 444-2987.

# Campus Calendar

Body Meeting. 8:00 p.m. Room 237, STony Brook Union. 632-7080.

Tuesday, February 27

Rock and Movie Poster Sale. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free Employee Breast Screening Program. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Surgery Mod, Level 5, University Medical Center. No appointment necessary. Call 444-2565.

Black Leadership Forum. 7:00 p.m. UNITI Cultural Center, Roth Commons. Call 632-7470.

Drawing: The Secrets of the Right Side of the Brain. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., 6 Tuesdays. \$60/students; \$80/non-students. Room 4222, Staller Center. Call 632-6822.

Prepared Childbirth Courses. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. University Medical Center. Preregistration required. Call 444-2729.

Bartending. 8:00 - 9:30 p.m., 8 Tuesdays. \$70/students; \$85/non-students. Stony Brook Union Fiber Studio. Call 632-6822.

Stony Brook Fencing Club. 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Main Arena, Sports Complex. Call Leon Moy, 588-3956.

Wednesday, February 28

Rock and Movie Poster Sale. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union.

Section XI Basketball. 2:00 - 11:00 p.m. Sports Complex. Call 632-9271.

Diabetes Support Group. 2:30 p.m. Conference Room 084, 12th Floor, University Medical Center. Call 444-1202.

Sibling Preparation Program. For expectant parents and siblings. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Room 133, 9th Floor, South Tower, University Medical Center. Call 444-2960.

Contemporary Chamber Players - Percussion Plus. 8:00 p.m. Recital Hall, Staller Center. Admission is free. Call 632-7330 or 632-7230.

Thursday, February 29

The Issue Forum on Education. Time TBA. Staller Center for the arts. Call the Office of Conferences and Special Events.

Embracing Diversity: Second Annual Workforce Diversity Conference. 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cosponsored by the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission and USB. For further information, call 853-5480.

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

Cancer Support Group for Patients, Family and Friends. 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Level 5, Physical Therapy Department, University Medical Center. Free parking. Call 444-1727.

Section XI Basketball. 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Sports Complex. Call 632-9271.

Painting and Drawing. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., 8 Thursdays. \$75/students; \$90/non-students. Room 4222, Staller Center. Call 632-6822.

Juggling Club. 7:30 p.m. Fireside Lounge, Stony Brook Union. New members welcome.

Malik Sigma Psi Party. 10:00 p.m. Stony Brook Union Bi-level. Call 632-6828.

Friday, March 1

Astronomy Open Night Lecture, "Gravitational Lenses," Amos Yahil, professor, Earth & Space Sciences. 7:30 p.m. Room 001, Earth & Space Sciences Building, University at Stony Brook. Weather permitting, telescope viewing session follows. Call 632-8200.



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# Statesman Appears Before Polity to Address<sup>3</sup> Charges of Insensitivity

BY BEN VARGHESE  
Statesman Staff

The editorial staff of *The Stony Brook Statesman* complied with Polity's request to be present at Wednesday's Senate meeting to discuss the charges brought against them, on the issue of racial bias.

Editor-in-Chief Alexandra Cruz, Associate Editor Paul Wright, Senior Staff Writer Thomas Masse, and Sports Editor Scott Lewis were present at the meeting.

The charges were brought against *Statesman* when the words "7 black males" appeared in the Feb 8th Police Blotter, which referred to seven black males that were knocking on the doors on the first floor of Schick College. The students charged that *Statesman* was being racially stereotypical in that such an incident would automatically link it to people of color.

The *Statesman* editors addressed the Senate and refuted the allegations.

"It's not a racist organization, it's a hard working organization; a hard working organization that makes mistakes. And if things are done by mistake, hopefully we won't do it again," said Lewis. Lewis mentioned that in the Feb. 19th issue, the editorial clearly stated in bold print, that it was all an editorial error and that they have apologized.

However, the students did not accept the apology and claimed that it was not enough to answer such an error. "You made a mistake," said Sophomore Representative Monique Maylor. "But saying I'm sorry and that's it, is not covering your mistakes. Your mistake has offended a lot of people. Whenever race is an issue in anything, you know it blows up. Before it blows up into anything bigger, you should come up with solutions."

"The Press writes articles. . . One was on Alexis Hunter, that issue was unbiased," said Andre English, the

student who originally brought the charge against *Statesman* to the Senate. "If the *Statesman* wrote the same article, it would have said, she was incompetent because of her color."

Wright responded to the charge. "For anybody to say, that we're going to print something about someone who's black and attacking them because they're black is wrong. Because then you're saying that I will do that. And I take offense to that because I'm not a racist."

The meeting grew increasingly tense with the anger that many of the students as well as the *Statesman* editors were evoking. Jim Cronin, Facilities Manager at the Sports Complex, was present at the meeting and said that the *Statesman* "is treading on dangerous ground."

Cronin felt that the article which appeared in the Feb. 19th issue about Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis was done in a manner that was not professional. He said the article was "yellow journalism." He proposed that students who feel strongly on the matter should vote for *Statesman's* defunding the next it's referendum gets voted on and should be censored as a student newspaper.

"Well, if students feel that it should be defunded, then they should vote yes," said *Statesman* Senior Staff Writer, Thomas Masse, "but I think it's a mistake because where else are they going to get news? They can't go to Administration because you can't believe anything they say; and you can't go to *The Press* either because they don't do news."

Students at the meeting referred back to approximately two years ago when Richard Cole, became Editor-in-Chief of *The Statesman* and wrote a column, called "Against the Tide" which many students felt was racist. Even after his departure, many students retained those negative ideas toward *The Statesman* and continued to hold it

against the current editorial staff.

Many of the students at the meeting referred back to Cole when justifying their charge of *Statesman's* past history of racial bias. *The Statesman*, however feels that the "Richard Cole Era" is over and that the current editorial staff is being largely misrepresented by the students for charging them with racist tendencies.

"For everybody here who says that, OK, this happens all the time, but then refer back to Richard Cole; I would like to reiterate that Richard Cole is no longer a student here and he is never coming back," Wright said. "If he [Cole] were here now, I would put a stop to it."

"I as a person, would not stand for an organization that was racist," Cruz said. "For me to be head of this organization, there is no way I would allow this to happen. . . we apologize for what we did and will try our hardest to make sure nothing like this ever happens again."

Other students however, feel that even with Cole's departure, the *Statesman* still has racist tendencies. "Richard Cole is a racist. And the *Statesman*, since his departure has not stopped. It's been feeding into it with little things," said Stacy Harris.

The staff agreed that Cole's writings were very harsh and could be considered racist. But Lewis challenged anyone to come down to the *Statesman* office and review articles following the resignation of Cole.

The Senate debated with *Statesman* for almost two hours and were forced to cut the rest of the agenda due to a lack of time.

Heather Olivos, a Senate member was angered at the whole outcome of the meeting. "It's been going back and forth saying over and over again. You [students] say it's not enough; they're [Statesman] going to say, well, we apologize, then you're going to come back and say, well, it's still not enough. . . what are we getting done here? We're not getting anything

done. I say we do something about it or shut up and get on with it and see what happens in the future." Olivos later left the meeting.

"I think tonight has been futile," said Martha Chemas, a Senate member. It seems obvious to me that the majority of the individuals who came here tonight, did not come here to listen to *Statesman* make an apology. They came down here to attack *Statesman* and not accept anything they said. And that's not how you're ever going to get an answer to the racist problems."

"What we're having here is a witch hunt. . . and these student writers are being crucified for doing their best," said Masse.

"You want to know what can we do to stop this from happening again? Come down and write for the *Statesman*; anyone; you'll see first of all, we're not racist; second of all, your views will be expressed," Lewis said.

Polity Vice President Nicole Rosner said, "I don't think it's just the *Statesman* anymore. I think it's Stony Brook. I think it's New York. I think it's everyone in general. . . I think we all need to look at ourselves and address the situation at hand."

John Giuffo, photo editor of the *Stony Brook Press*, was also present at the meeting. "It's a mistake and has to be recognized. . . *Statesman* has a long hard road to win back the support from the campus because they did have Richard Cole as their Editor-in-Chief. . . and the editorial staff has to recognize that," Giuffo said. "I think they have to know that they're going to have to work actively to heal wounds" said Giuffo.

Rosner concluded the meeting by recommending that students who are interested in voicing their opinions should reach her at the Polity office. "I hope I really get a lot of phone calls . . . if I see that, I'll know you care and this wasn't just a 'fighting, yelling, I want to vent discussion.' This is what will make it change at Stony Brook."

## Experts to Offer New Views of College Life

(UNS) - Three of the nation's top educators will talk about the changing face of campus life and how professionals can deal with it when they gather for a special symposium at the University at Stony Brook on Tuesday, February 27.

Columbia University Teachers College president Arthur Levine, Catholic University School of Social Service dean Frederick L. Aheam and California State University at Stanislaus president Marvalene Hughes will serve as panelists for the free, afternoon *Leadership Symposia on Students Community Wellness* that will run from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Health Sciences Center Lecture Hall 1.

A 1982 Guggenheim Fellowship winner, Dr. Levine is the author of dozens of articles and reviews. His most recent book is *Beating the Odds: How the Poor Get to College*, published in 1995. Executive editor of *Change* magazine, he has served as consultant to more than 250 colleges and universities.

Dr. Aheam has an international reputation in the area of traumatic events. A member of a mental health

mission to Nicaragua after the 1972 earthquake, he has since served as consultant to states and localities dealing with the after-effects of disaster. He serves on numerous national boards related to his interests in child abuse and neglect, homelessness and international social work.

Prior to becoming president of CSU at Stanislaus, Dr. Hughes served as vice-president for student affairs, vice-provost and professor of educational psychology at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus as well as system wide vice-president for all University of Minnesota campuses. She has been a consultant and speaker on an international level and is presently writing a book on creating community on the college/university campus.

The *Leadership Symposia on Student Community Wellness* - sponsored by the University at Stony Brook's School of Social Welfare as an outgrowth of its new master's level Student-Community Development specialization - is expected to draw several hundred college and high school administrators, guidance

counselors from across the region in addition to Stony Brook faculty, students and staff. Angel P. Campos, associate dean, academic affairs, School of Social Welfare, will moderate the panel. Fred Preston, vice-president for Student Affairs at Stony Brook and an instructor in the new program, will introduce the speakers.

For Dr. Preston, who helped design the Student-Community Development specialization, the symposium is the first step in launching a nationwide dialogue that envisions a new type of educator trained to deal with the problems of contemporary campus life.

"College campuses are no longer insulated from the world around them," Dr. Preston points out. "The same social problems that besiege the greater community, like substance abuse, mental health issues, and racial and religious intolerance, can be found on campuses across the nation. Administrators and staff on the front-lines are increasingly ill-equipped to engage these problems in ways which enhance social trust and responsibility within the student populations."

Higher education needs a different

approach, he says, reflecting new professional alliances personified in a new kind of higher education professional trained to build the type of learning community envisioned by the late American leader in higher education, Ernest Boyer. "Boyer called for the creation of a community which is educationally purposeful, open, just, disciplined, caring, and celebrative. To reach this goal, higher education professionals need to learn such skills as systems analysis, community organization environmental assessment, cross-cultural literacy, substance abuse prevention and crisis prevention strategies," says Dr. Preston.

Stony Brook is the first and only University in the nation offering a Master of Social Work degree with a specialization in Student-Community Development, Preston points out. The 66-credit program, which started this fall with seven students, links social work and higher education together in a program that teaches higher education professional how to develop a strong campus community attuned to sensitive social issues and diversity. The program is directed by School Social Welfare professor Mel L. Goldstein.

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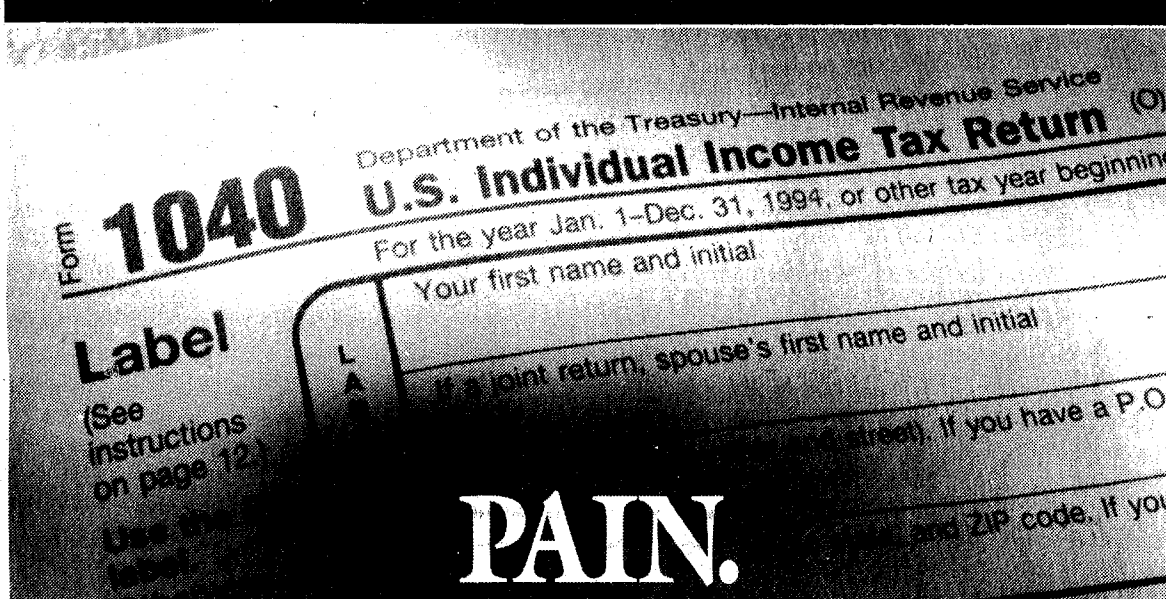
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(UNS)-A state-of-the-art Language Learning Center will make its debut at the University at Stony Brook on March 2, in a five-room high tech complex occupying part of the fifth floor of the University's Melville Memorial Library.

The resource center - one of the first in the region and believed to be the only one of its kind on Long Island - is designed for use by students, faculty and staff who need to enrich their knowledge and improve their skills in more than two dozen languages, from Hindi to Hebrew. The facility includes two labs with 30 computer work stations, two 50 seat classrooms and an office/faculty work room.

"Even our official opening will be high tech," says Language Learning Center director Mickle Ledgerwood. "We plan to 'broadcast' an opening day panel discussion - 'Technology and Languages' - directly over the Internet, making the event truly an interactive experience." Provost Rollin Richmond will deliver the welcoming remarks at 2 p.m.

Dr. Ledgerwood has spent three years bringing the Language Learning Center to fruition. The facility, he says, not only will be valuable to students, but also to others trying to improve their language skills and for those

doing research on how people learn languages. Its resources will include a library of CDs and other audio-visual material on language and culture for those studying French, Italian, Spanish, German, Russian, Arabic, Hebrew, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Portuguese and English as a Second Language.

The "Technology and Languages" panel, which begins at 2:15 p.m., will bring together a group of nationally known experts who will discuss the impact of technology on the teaching and learning of languages. "With the growth of multimedia and the Internet, many organizations are discussing the impact technology is and will have on teaching. The panel will address this at length. It should be of special interest to language teachers," he says.

In addition to Dr. Ledgerwood, who will chair and participate in the discussion, panelists will be Nina Garnett of Wesleyan University, head of the Three College Consortium, a shared resource between Wesleyan, Trinity College and Connecticut College; Joel Goldfield, Visiting Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literature and Director of the Charles E. Culpeper Language Resource Center at Fairfield University, Connecticut; and

Mary Ann Lyman-Hager, coordinator of Instructional Technology for the College of Liberal Arts at Penn State.

Afterwards, Stony Brook president Shirley Strum Kenny will officially open the Center. A tour of the facility - which is housed in the library's north wing - will follow as will demonstrations of interactive learning materials. Language teachers and college officials from across the region have been invited to join the members of the University community for the event.

## Results Are In for The New Hampshire Primaries

Results of Tuesday's New Hampshire Presidential Primary, placed Pat Buchanan in first place, defeating Senator Bob Dole.

As of 10:17 p.m., the day of elections with 81% of the vote reporting, Mr. Buchanan received 41,702 votes (27%); Dole 39,945 (26%); Alexander 34,984 (23%); Forbes 18,731 (12%); Lugar 8,404 (6%); Keyes 4,038 (3%); Taylor, 2,217 (1%); Gramm 550 (0%); Dornan 360 (0%); other/ "Uncommitted" 1,368 (1%).

It is a significant sweep for Buchanan, who is trying to bring his economic message to the forefront in the Republican party.

Some analysts think that with this win for Buchanan, will start to cause a major rift in the GOP's tent. Now that the presidential game has begun, the nation now turns to Arizona and the Dakotas on the 27th, and await the big month in March. In that month alone, there will be 27 primaries and/or caucuses with 1257 delegates (63%) of the 1984 convention delegates up for grabs.

Now with Buchanan scoring in first place, the question then becomes whether he can do well enough to be nominated. According to most political analysts, a candidate needs more than issues that would appeal to the primary electorate, but needs organization. Dole may have been wounded with a second-place finishing, but he still has a good chance of scoring well with very heavy organizations and endorsements of party leaders.

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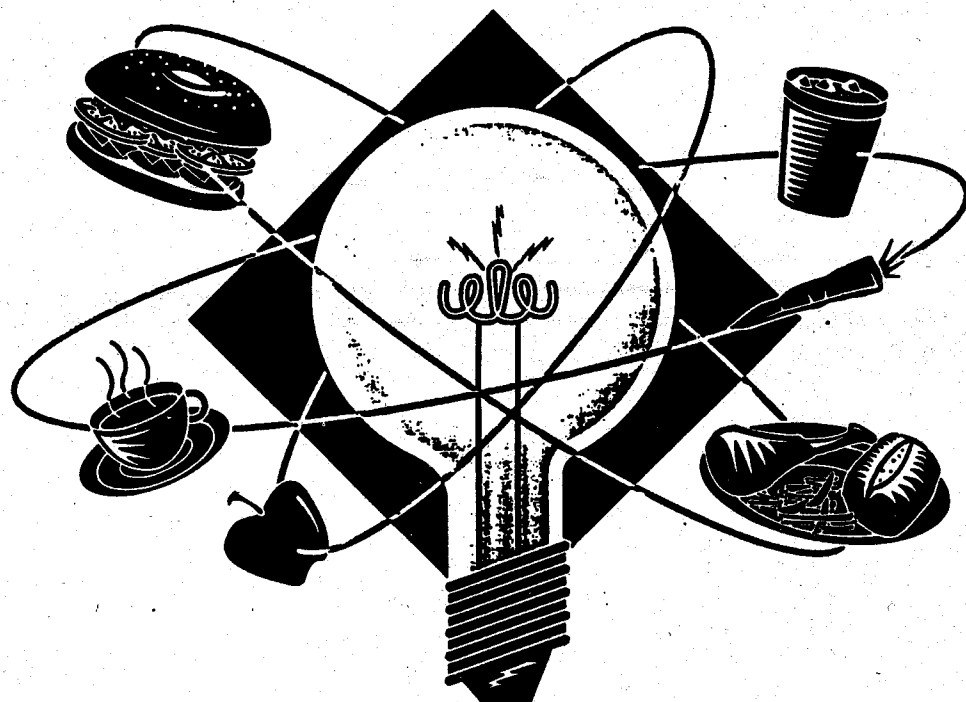
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# It's About Time the New Directory Arrived

The 1995 - 1996 Phone Directories are finally out and not a moment too soon. If Administration had waited any longer to publish this phone book it could have just skipped the 1995 - 1996 year altogether. The 1994 - 1995 directories are so outdated that people who depended on them for information were regularly stifled in their attempts to reach persons listed. If you were looking for a student they probably had graduated. If you were looking for a member of Administration they could have quit, changed positions or numbers. If you were looking for persons listed in the book in the capacity they were listed in, you were often times told of changes. In short the book got old very fast and a new edition sooner would have done the campus a good service.

Unfortunately, the new edition did not come out on schedule. We all had to work with the old one. This new edition should have been in service for the last semester. Publication is due around October, but it only reaches our desks now. This is the sixth week of the semester, the book is technically only good for another nine more weeks. And the majority of students will have to wait even longer before the books are distributed all about. Granted most of the numbers in there that count stay the same but if the Administration wishes to publish a phone directory, it should try to do so in a timely fashion. Clearly, books arriving a third of the way through the last semester in which it is viable does virtually no good.

This late in the game the brand new directory is already full of errors. It has listed as the Editor-In-Chief of *The Stony Brook Statesman* Thomas Masse. He gave up the post two Editor-In-Chief's ago. The directory was closely scrutinized and it was confirmed that indeed Shirley Strum Kenny was listed

properly as President.

What could have possibly taken this long? The format of the Directory is exactly the same as the preceding one. First, General Information, then Office Listings, then Faculty/Staff, then Student Listings, then the Yellow Pages. No long drawn out thinking process there. The only palpable difference is the new cover, a white background with a campus map on it and colorful arrows pointing in all directions. These must represent the organizing principles directing the publication of the book. Every which way but done.

It does, however, contain some very useful (and we hope accurate) general information. The Yellow Pages are always a convenient resource. The Faculty/Staff section is especially important to the editors of student newspapers who are always begging professors for last minute extensions to deadlines. Infatuated students could always satisfy their psychosis and hunt down their classmates by using the student listings. And Office numbers are good to use for logging complaints.

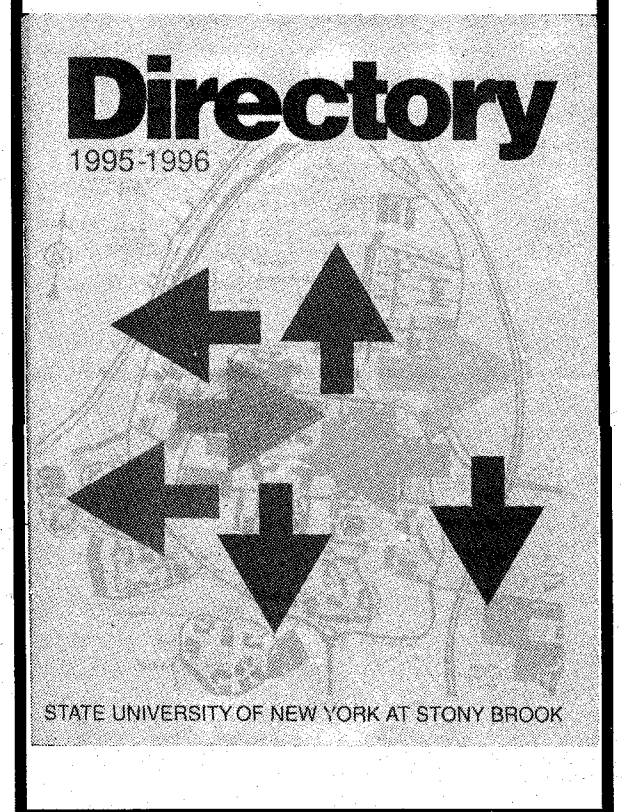
Maybe all these sections should not be published at once. Maybe a bunch of smaller ones would facilitate the updating capabilities and speed up the publishing time. It doesn't make sense to publish the Faculty/Staff section if no changes have occurred and perhaps supplements could be published instead of whole editions. Smaller student sections, if easier to print, could be printed by semester instead of yearly as it now is. This causes many problems if people graduate during the breaks. Office Information and General Information should remain stable enough not to require constant updating.

Some type of updating mechanism should be inserted in order to prevent the late publication of these manuals in the future.

When can the 1996 - 1997 phone directories be expected? Around 1998 is the cynical answer but it is not the one offered on this page.

Better late than never doesn't apply in this case. If it is going to be of any use it should be ready on time. Outdated information doesn't do anyone any good.

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## All is well with Philosophy

### To the Editor:

While we welcome the message of a recent *Statesman* editorial, "Student Involvement Needed to Combat Cuts" (2/5/96) — that students need to be concerned about possible program cancellations — the remarks attributed to the Provost about the Philosophy Department need to be clarified. Provost Richmond cannot plausibly have said that Philosophy Department "unfortunately specialized in an unpopular style of Philosophy called Continental Philosophy." In the first place, whatever one thinks about Continental Philosophy, it is certainly not unpopular. Indeed, its popularity helps to explain why, as the Provost recognizes and the editorial acknowledges, the Department continues to attract exceptionally highly qualified graduate students. Second, nothing in the quoted remark applies even remotely to the undergraduate program, which embraces an extremely broad range of philosophies. That is surely one of the reasons why most of our courses are oversubscribed.

As far as threats to the undergraduate program is concerned, what the editorial writers must have thought the Provost had in mind stems from a misleading article in *Newsday*, published in November, where it was reported that an Albany committee had singled out Stony Brook's undergraduate philosophy program as not cost-effective, based on its number of majors, as distinct from numbers of students taught. As Dean Kramer and others have pointed out, this is certainly not a reasonable way to assess the value of an academic program. (One might ask whether the Mathematics Department would be expected to justify its existence by the number of Math majors.)

Students can be assured that Philosophy is alive and well at Stony Brook both on the undergraduate and the graduate level.

**Michael A. Simon**  
Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Philosophy Department

## Definition is the key to resolution

### To the Editor:

The abortion debate continues to rage, and I think it will probably never be resolved until both sides start to discuss exactly the same issues. The side opposing abortion rarely expresses concern about what happens to unwanted babies after birth, and never really seems to consider that most of these rejected children will probably not have satisfying or productive lives. The issue for that side seems to be an abstract ethical one and not at all a practical one. Once they have saved the embryo or fetus from destruction, they are content to leave the scene.

On the other hand, the side supporting abortion rights avoids discussion of what exactly the abortion destroys. Abortion certainly means the end of something, but the question is: "The end of what?" If the embryo or fetus is not human, then abortion

## Lacking a Sense of Humor

### To the Editor:

I read with interest the comments in the Feb. 19th issue of *The Statesman* regarding the inclusion of Annette Hicks in the Feb. 12 Newt Gingrich "Top Ten List." I found the list to be harmless, just a bit of fun at the expense of a pompous jerk politician (Mr. Gingrich, not you). While the incident may be embarrassing for Ms. Hicks, it seems to me she is over reacting. I wonder, has she seen an issue of *The Press* lately?

Well, guess what, Ms. Hicks? *The Press* is still taking pot shots at personnel connected with *The Statesman*. Your voice is silent about that, about their vandalism, about their continued taunts, and about their overtly sexist comments. (Since when are female singers judged by their breasts?) Ms. Hicks does nothing, not even when a non-editorial staff member of *The Statesman* is repeatedly belittled, insulted, and harassed in the pages of *The Press*. Some advice for you, Ms. Hicks — grow up. Learn to laugh at a joke. After all, no one urinated on your door, or made thinly veiled threats to your person, all of which has been done by your friends at *The Press*. What was that saying, "take first the log from your own eye. . .?"

**Susan D. Niehm**

### To the Editor:

When I read about your reference of me on your Feb. 12th Edition, I did not take any offense whatsoever. In fact, I laughed and enjoyed your satirical comment of me. I used to be offended when *The Press* made such satirical attributes. However I have matured since. Ms. Zolotov, I think you should appreciate good humor, or take things in stride. Do not come to the Senate floor and say such comments as offensive. Finally if you have read the bottom of the list, the editors made a disclaimer stating that, "The above list is supposed to be satire." Thus, the comments on the 12th should be taken lightly and not as TRUTH!!!

**David Samuel Shashoua**  
CSA Senator

P.S. I loved your editorial of the 19th, when you called me a "crack columnist . . . who still reigns as supreme . . . as our most favorite subject of satire." Keep up the good work.

## Don't be inconsiderate

### To the Editor:

I am writing to you today on behalf of all disabled students, faculty, and staff.

As a disabled student, I know the hardship of being able to "get around" on campus. The hardship can be lessened with your help.

I ask that you please take the following into consideration:

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Many of us who are handicapped have difficulty finding spots. It's not that the spots aren't there, but that the people who park in them don't belong there. There have been many times when it's been raining and my arthritis is really bad and I have to park far away and walk to class in pain because someone is in a spot who doesn't belong there.

Or many times, there are spots, and people are sitting in their cars in the spots, waiting to pick someone up. When I approach them to ask them if they can pull out for me to park there, they become angry at me. If they are not leaving the car, why can't they give that spot to someone who really needs it?

What about those people who are just running in really quickly to do something in a building, and they block the ramp. Did it ever occur to them that now a student in a wheel chair can't get into that building?

I am not writing this letter to point fingers at anyone or say that people should feel sorry for the disabled (physically challenged) people of the community. But rather to ask you to please take all of this into consideration before parking in a spot.

**Diana J. Pedagno**

## No Room for Filth

### To the Editor:

It is with great regret that I noticed the posters of COCA declaring the showing of *Showgirls*. If there is one movie we do not need here on campus, it is *Showgirls*. Unfortunately, there are people who enter movie theaters without being requested to show their ID's and who can watch an NC-17 movie without being stopped because they are underage.

While most students on campus are probably above 18, it would be wrong to show a movie that explains exactly what is wrong with Hollywood today. If Joe Ezsterhas, Paul Verhoeven and their ilk can make movies like these, college campuses should be the last to let them get away with it. There are many other movies that were out last semester that were decent and pleasing to the eye, besides being intellectually stimulating.

Why are, for instance, *Carrington* and *The American President* being left out? *Sabrina*, that was released at the same time as *Jumanji* is not being shown. There are many other healthier and more respectable alternatives to filth like *Showgirls*. If people want to be 'physically stimulated,' then they can do anything they want in their bedrooms. Leave it out of cinema theaters, please.

**Mitali Chaudhuri**

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## A Last Response in the Abortion Debate

### To The Editor:

I would like to finalize by stating that this will be my last letter regarding abortion, as Ms. Olivos is using the very ancient tactic of confusing and misrepresenting others' viewpoints in order to strengthen her own.

What Ms. Olivos deems 'ignorance upon ignorance,' is actually an awareness of, and concern for, the value of human life. Perhaps it is Ms. Olivos who is ignorant.

An abortion is NOT JUST ABOUT the mother's body. Everybody who is on this Earth today would not be here today his/her parents aborted him/her (i.e. destroyed him/her). Are we all in agreement that each and every person is an individual, separate from his/her mother? Which is better, to get into fatal car accident, or to be aborted? Is the end-product any different? Really?

Most fathers (almost all) do not abandon their children, contrary to Ms. Olivos' belief. Even in divorce, when mothers are awarded custody, over 85 percent of fathers pay the child support due.

Finally, having the right to destroy a separate human life simply because it's in your body is like having the right to destroy a separate human life simply because it's in your house. Only the latter is illegal, though — but in BOTH cases, a human life is being destroyed. In the case of the latter, the human's life is no more dead than the former. Both are enforceable — and although you cannot always stop a murderer, you can certainly punish a murderer.

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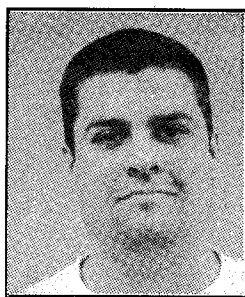
Jars of Clay and Fun Lovin' Criminals Release Eye-Openers

Spring is approaching and the music community couldn't get any more interesting. There are so many different styles and projects existing at this time of the year, that it's hard to figure out exactly what shows and albums that you want — but, most of all NEED — to pay attention to.

So this week, take a peek at my chop-licking sampler. I'm going to give you the meat, straight off the bone.

**God Lives Underwater** jolted Irving Plaza Saturday (Feb. 24) with a soul-sucking venue of cyber-based-techno-magic and goliath guitar action. Before the set, I infiltrated their circle to find them content with sipping their drinks over a casual game of pool. They were laid-back and ready to roll, while **Gren** (the show opener) was whipping up the stew. Their comment: "It's a live set. Anything can happen." And it did.

GLU performed with a huge concentration on the material from their American Records debut, *Empty*, which has been nibbling up air-time and receiving major press attention since September of last year. In between my whirlwinds and stomp-fits during "Don't Know How To Be," I remembered I had a show to cover and became more concentrated on the neon-purple dreds of Jeff Turzo (the keyboard pirate



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extraordinaire) and David Reilly (guitar/vocals) for their pilgrimage through "No More Love." They teamed up for some tandem keyboard interfacing while Andrew Mcgee (guitars) and Adam Kary (drums) filled in the gaps to gush out their slinky rubber-band outrage to a completely salivating crowd. "All Wrong" — which has graced the likes of Q104.3 FM and 92.7/WFRE FM — has a sound that complies with that of **KMFDM** and the **Orb**, created a carnivorous atmosphere that lasted for the whole show.

GLU has played previous engagements with **Spacehog**, **Lords of Acid** and **Everclear**. Catch them soon (if you can).

Nashville has a strange effect on people. It has seen and produced many of the musical greats that have come to signify what is America — blood, sweat and great music.

**Jars of Clay** are no exception. They're not supermen, but they're close

to it. Dan Haseltine, Charlie Lowell, Steve Mason and Matt Odmark (along with a train of others) have collaborated to tap into a style that combines everything from cellos and fiddles, to mandolins and violins, to produce a truly authentic rock sound. I have never heard anything so different and interesting — and I have heard a lot of music.

"Liquid" offers a style that **Enigma** or **Seal** would jock if they got an earful. But it's more than that. Their use of violin and mandolin creates an eerie new-aged motivator that blows away anything those goody-goodies tried to accomplish. The lyrics in "Sinking" fortify their un-plugged/acoustic talent in the chorus where Haseltine melodiously acquiesces, "You see through my forever lies... And you are forever healing." This song is a clinic for all song-writers. "Like a Child" is more folk-oriented, offering

some fancy fiddle work and more trance hooks. The real bread-winner is "Art In Me." The title is cool and it's real. This song is for anyone who has been trying to wash off the filthy tiles and show the shine that exists underneath.



The self-titled stereo-buster was See Fun, Page 10

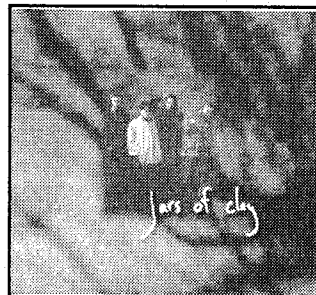


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**Fun Lovin' Criminals**

produced by JOC and Adrian Belew, who has worked with **David Bowie** and **King Crimson**. If you are concerned with the musical components that distinguish quality from crap, check out this one.

There seems to be a common consensus that rap is dying and only the West Coast stuff is worth listening to — like **Coolio** and **Snoop**. It's time to take that consensus and flush it down the proverbial toilet. NYC has more than enough to offer and **Fun Lovin' Criminals** are taking it one step higher.

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That's it for this week. Special thanks to Hilary at EMI, JD and Jen Garber (the American Records Super-Babes) and Mike over at Silverstone. And a fat shout out to Steve and Jeff from **Mr. Mirainga**, who shot the s— with me on my walk over to Irving Plaza. I feel kind of bad that everyone didn't get into your set as much as we expected. You're cool dudes anyway.

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7. What was Gertrude Ederle the first woman to do?
8. Who was the first black golfer to tee off in the Masters?

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# Sports Trivia Quiz Answers

1. The Kentucky Derby; 2. Princeton and Rutgers; 3. Paul Hornung and Alex Karras; 4. Israel did not attend; 5. Football; 6. Knockout, Technical knockout, Decision; 7. Swim the English Channel; 8. Lee Elder

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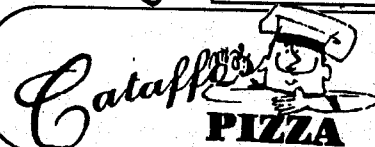
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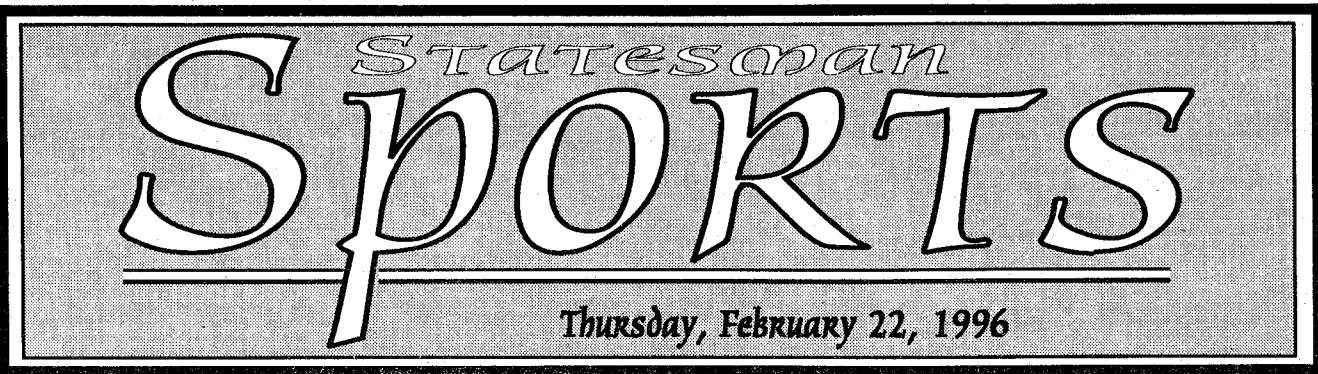
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## Women's Swimming Captures Metro Championship

### Engulfs Steep Competition As All Team Members Make Finals

The Women's Swim Team, led by the Metropolitan Coach of the Year Dave B. Alexander, won the Division I and II Women's Metropolitan Championship, held at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, during the weekend of February 8-10.

Facing steep competition from the likes of St. Rose, St. Pennsylvania and William Patterson (1994-95 metropolitan champs), all 12 members of the team made it to at least the finals in their respective competitions as the Seawolves never trailed during the weekend. Among the first place finishers were Amy Romano in the 200 yd. breaststroke (2:43.05) and Heather Martin, who was named at the conclusion of the championships the recipient of the

MET Rookie of the Meet, in the one meter diving competition on Friday and again in the three meter diving competition on Sunday.

Collectively, the Seawolves won the 400 freestyle relay and the 800 freestyle relay. Swimming competitors Corrinne Jones, Kristen Bernard, Joann "Sunshine" Collins, Jen Elvers, Sarah Anderson, Nikki Barnes, Rebecca Phelan, Lauren Marcello, Joannie Walsh and Becky Titus all placed in the top six slots for their competitions, enabling Stony Brook to hold off second place St. Rose College 532-381.

The championship for the 'Wolves was a successful byproduct of 23 weeks in training, including a trip to Albuquerque Olympic in Salinas, Puerto

Rico to train over intercession. Barnes took second in the 100 Backstroke (1:07.62) and with two years left, she and Marcello have a lot to offer. Marcello's been successful in the most strenuous of all events, taking fifth overall in the 200yd butterfly (2:47.75).

Graduating seniors Bernard, second in the 100 Freestyle (56.72), Jones, second in the 400 Individual Medley (5:13.39) and the 200 Butterfly (2:25.47), Walsh, sixth in the 1650 Freestyle, Phelan, fifth in the 200 Breaststroke (2:57.71) and the 100 Breaststroke (1:22.08), and Anderson, third in the 200 Backstroke (2:30.07), left their final meet with tears of joy, as well as pain after putting 4 years of their lives whole-

heartedly into being part of the Seawolves.

Next year looks bright, though the 5 graduating seniors will be gone, because National Diver and holder of the Stony Brook diving record, Pauline O'Connor, will be back and diving strongly now that the shoulder operations she has undergone are over. Coach Anderson, in his 17th year at Stony Brook, received the 1996 Coach of the Year at Kings Point for all his efforts and successes. As he looks back he doesn't feel bad for requiring the team to wear "fuglies," ugly heavy brown weight suits for drag. And although they'll never admit it, neither do the women. Some people will do, anything for a championship. □

## It's Hard Being a Die-Hard

### (But It's Better Than Jumping On The Bandwagon)

**F**or the New York Jets, players and fans alike, losing is a way of life.

We, the Jets fans that is, hold our die-hard labels close to our hearts and sheepishly concede to the prouder, happier Cowboys and 49ers followers that, yes, we are Jets fans. Yes, we do go to Giants Stadium to watch our Jets. And, no, we haven't been to a Super Bowl since "Broadway" Joe Namath accurately guaranteed victory in 1969, or an AFC Championship game since 1983 when Miami Dolphins' Defensive End A.J. Duhe picked off a Richard Todd screen pass, ran into the end zone untouched and put us Jets fans out of our misery, for another year at least.

Don't get me wrong though, we, still talking about us die-hards, have had our good times since then. Who can forget the New York Sack Exchange of the early and mid-1980's, led by Mark Gastineau and his infamous sack dance? Oh, the beauty of watching Gastineau beat his man around the corner, crush the helpless quarterback and then go into one of his seizure-like gyrations is a sight that you Emmitt Smith lovers will never experience. Never.

Take your touchdowns and three Super Bowl victories you bandwagon-jumpers. I have the memories of that beautiful sack dance to keep me going.

But, oh, there has been much, much more over the years that has kept me faithfully glued to the TV set every Sunday during the Fall and Winter seasons. I just can't recollect

at the present moment anything in particular.

But hey, at least we aren't Tampa Bay Buccaneers or New Orleans Saints' fans. Those two teams have never even been to a Championship game, let alone been in the position to guarantee anything. So despite the shady history of the New York Jets, we, us, still hold on to our dreams, our hopes and our convictions in the team without an identity.

And now after signing two of the top 15 offensive tackles in the game over the past two weeks, Dave Williams and ex-Giant Jumbo Elliott, optimism of Jets fans is not exactly brewing, but simmering. You see, we've been fooled before. First Bruce Coslet, then Pete Carroll were supposed to lead us into the next millenium, but they couldn't even get out of the year, let alone the decade.

There were the signings of such notables as Ronnie Lott, Art Monk and Leonard Marshall a couple of years ago, which would have given the New York Jets a championship team if only they were playing in the Suffolk County 35-and over Semi-Pro League instead of the NFL. But this time our simmering optimism might be warranted, and eventually, rewarded.

Offensive lines and defense win games. The Hogs were the dominating offensive line of the Washington Redskins during their run in the 1980's. Dallas and San Francisco consistently send linemen to the Pro Bowl year in and year out and their defenses were stacked with names like

Charles Haley, Deion Sanders and Ken Norton Jr..

The only thing the Jets have done consistently is lose. But with Pro-Bowl caliber tackles in Williams and Elliott to protect the quarterback and a defense that features possibly the best linebacking corps in the league, as well as the NFL Rookie of the Year Hugh Douglas, the Jets appear to have a game plan that might actually win games.

They also appear to have the inside track on signing Pittsburgh Steelers free-agent quarterback Neil O'Donnell. Although they will have to overpay for his services, O'Donnell is one of the top ten quarterbacks in the NFL and he did take a very ordinary Steelers offense to the Super Bowl. If he comes to New York (please, please come to New York) he has the unenviable task of taking over an offense that was among the worst in the NFL last year.

But all that Bad News Bears offense of the Jets *appears* to be changing for the better. With a revamped offensive line, the resigning of the erratic, but talented tight end Johnny Mitchell, last year's first-round pick Kyle Brady returning along with the surprise story of last year, Hofstra graduate Wayne Chrebet, the offense might actually be offensive to someone other than us fans.

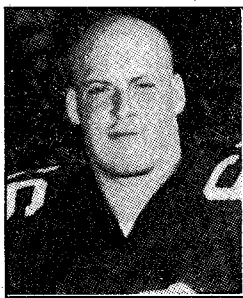
And with the Jets holding the number one pick in the upcoming NFL draft, their eyes have to be bulging at the prospect of picking USC Wide Receiver Keyshawn Johnson. Bob Costas, who I consider to be the best announcer in sports, made a bold prediction concerning Johnson,

saying "this is the type of a statement where it's sink or swim, but I think Johnson is going to be a Micheal Irvin or Jerry Rice-type of player." Wow! For Costas to go out on a limb like that tells me either he's been smoking too many bones or he really feels that Johnson is a future superstar.

So here we are in the Jets fans most wonderful time of the year — the off-season. And things are going well, really well. O'Donnell, Jumbo, Mitchell, Mo Lewis, Marvin Jones, Aaron Glenn, Keyshawn, I just can't handle this anticipation.

But alas, I'm a Jets fan. Somehow, someday they will screw up everything. Jumbo's back will give out on him in the first practice, the Jets will trade away the first pick and the future Jerry Rice for two picks that will forever be enshrined as future trivia questions, Rich Kotite, the Head Coach who has a 3-20 record over his last 23 games will be signed to a ten-year contract, and worse, Boomer Esiason will return.

Whoa, this negative optimism stuff sure is scary, but it's worth a shot. J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets! I've said it before and I'll say it again — nothing like being a die-hard. □



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