

## Chancellor Defends Rethinking SUNY

By ALEXANDRA CRUZ  
Statesman Editor

SUNY Chancellor Thomas A. Barlett appeared before several legislators during a public hearing, Friday to discuss the Rethinking SUNY plan. Barlett defended the plan and said the quality of the SUNY system will not be diminished if implemented.

At the hearing in Albany, Barlett said the Board of Trustees had done what the legislature had asked them to do: to rethink SUNY.

According to Barlett the Board of Trustees had "identified the effective limits of cost cutting. Beyond those limits, we must either cut back in size or increase tuition charges beyond the \$250 number. We will not compromise the quality of our academic programs.

"We have done the two-fold job we were asked to do: reduce our dependence on tax dollars by cutting costs but do not reduce access and

quality," Barlett said.

If Rethinking SUNY is not implemented the budget gap will be over \$100 million with a gap of \$98 million for state-operated and statutory colleges, said SUNY's Office of University Relations.

Even if the tuition is increased by \$250, that will still not close the budget gap, Bartlett said. SUNY will still have to deal with a \$40 million gap.

Rethinking SUNY, which was released last December, was the SUNY Board of Trustees' answer to cost-cutting measures. The plan includes cutting duplicate services, establishing a differential tuition program for each campus, giving campuses more autonomy and flexibility, and carrying over of excess funds from one year to the next.

If the legislature accepts the Board of Trustees plan, 139 degree programs state-wide will likely be cut. At Stony Brook, the list includes

Atmospheric Sciences, Comparative Studies in Literature, Germanic Language and Literature, Humanities, Russian Language and Literature, Philosophy and Theatre Arts.

"The objective of the review is to eliminate programs of questionable quality as well as unnecessarily duplicative programs, especially those with low enrollment and high costs," Bartlett said.

The executive committee of five trustees approved the \$250 tuition hike, last month, according to the January 11 issue of *Newsday*. According to the newspaper, if the State Legislature approves the hike, tuition will be \$3,650. This hike will follow last year's increase of \$750.

"We have only three options," Bartlett said. "Cut costs through efficiencies, raise revenues or simply become smaller." Bartlett told the legislators that the future of higher education was

in their hands. "We can only go so far in cutting," he said. "We need your determined and active support to sustain an unbroken tradition of quality and access to public higher education for New Yorkers."

Everyone, however does not see *Rethinking SUNY* as a solution. Cutting programs, for many, is not the answer.

"This is another blatant attack on the quality and accessibility of the State University of New York by the Governor and his political cronies in the SUNY Central Administration and on the SUNY Board of Trustees," said Victor Mallison, president of the Student Association of the State University of New York.

Mallison said that since member on the Board of Trustees are picked by Gov. Pataki, their thinking is the same. Therefore, they will not have students' best interests in mind. According to Mallison, if differential

tuition is allowed for each campus, he said it will go "through the roof."

"I think it's being misinterpreted," said University President Shirley Strum Kenny. Kenny said that she feels positive about Rethinking SUNY and thinks it will save the system money. The only thing she said she was concerned with was with the possibility of differential tuition. She said if students want to attend a school, tuition should not stand in their way from attending. Instead students should be provided with a financial package that would make it easier for them to attend, she said.

"Our ability to become more efficient in this time of change depends on our ability to achieve the statutory changes necessary for greater management authority for SUNY and its campuses and for its three University Hospitals," said Bartlett. "Without these changes, the budget gap we face will only increase." □

## IFSC Holds Fair to Attract New Members

By BEN VARGHESE  
Special to the Statesman

The Spring '96 "Rush Lingo" was on yesterday as fraternities and sororities in conjunction with the Inter Fraternity Sorority Council (IFSC) hosted the Fraternity/Sorority Fair.

According to Joe Gentry, IFSC President, "to join a fraternity you go through what is called rush, the formal membership recruitment period for fraternities/sororities. It is called Rush because you meet so many new people in such a short period of time."

Each Chapter represented on campus used brochures to advertise its name to the students. However, others

like Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity, had a video presentation. Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity offered popcorn and a person dressed in a chicken suit as their incentive to join. Phi Chi Epsilon Fraternity offered cotton candy.

The underlying motive, according to Gentry, who is also Zeta Beta Tau President was two-fold. "First, it's an opportunity to meet with the whole community and get an idea of what we're all about; and second, it is a recruitment-an opportunity to become familiarized with your fraternity or sorority."

Tim Cassidy, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity said "It is to inform some people who might not know about fraternities and sororities, about the activities they do and help them assimilate into this school a bit better."

"Fraternities and sororities are known historically in the whole concept of brotherhood and sisterhood," said Lennon Anthony Grant of Malik

Sigma Psi Fraternity. "And it has been like this ever since. The idea is to give students interested in an organization, give out literature to let people know what their organization is about, what they stand for, and their meaning."

While the sign-up sheets at each respective table were filling to capacity, some students had opposing views. "Well, I think it's both negative and positive," said Richard Gayle. "Personally, I wouldn't join one. I don't see the point. I can get the same thing from my friends. But on the other hand, it's good in the way of community service and networking."

"It depends on what they do for the campus and for the community," said April Perry. "For the most part, I don't have a problem with it, but if they do something wrong, then maybe I'll forget it." Perry, at the present time has

no intention of joining, due to what membership requires.

"For me, it's more

negative, because of what you have to go through to be in it," said Dana Greene. "And of course, it's always in the name of brotherhood and sisterhood. And to me, the things they make you do, as far as initiation, is not what I call brotherhood or sisterhood."

Gentry believes the students' ambivalence results from perceptions regarding hazing. "I realize [hazing] has been a real problem. I've heard bad stories, but in most of the states, hazing is against the law. But for the most part, Stony Brook is heavily watched by the Student Union and Activities. . . and has very caring members. Hazing is illegal and it is not tolerated."

Well, I know our sorority has a no hazing policy," said Miriam Rinzler, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority. "We are aware that obviously there are plenty of things that people see done on campus. I think when it's set, it should be for fun, but nothing that should go over the line or put anyone in danger."

No one's looking to holler

you down, 'join, join, join'," said Gentry. "It's not what's it's about. It's an educational thing. We want to show the campus that we're not drinkers. We're not bad students. We go out as a whole to try and put on a good

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**12:07 a.m.** — More than one resident Mount College's second floor reported a number of possessions stolen: a bodyshirt, a grey tee-shirt and a suede wallet — total value of \$70 — a shirt and a skirt — total value of \$110 — and \$40 cash.

**2:09 p.m.** — A fourth-floor Langmuir College resident received threatening and harassing phone calls and electronic mail messages containing racist remarks.

**8:36 p.m.** — Various possessions were allegedly stolen from a locker in the men's locker room in the Indoor Sports Complex, including an Eddie Bauer jacket valued at \$250, a blue Eddie Bauer tee-shirt valued at \$40, and a pair of Eddie Bauer green jeans valued at \$60.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**12:07 a.m.** — The sideview mirrors of a 1992 two-door Plymouth Sundance

parked in the Irving O'Neill parking lot were broken. Damage was estimated at \$120.

## POLICE BLOTTER

BY BELVIN GONG

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**4:00 p.m.** — Indoor Sports Complex front desk personnel reported a man with three USB identification cards that did not belong to him. It was determined that the cards were taken from the desk drawer of ISC Night Supervisor Abe Turpin. The man was referred to another authority.

**5:10 p.m.** — A student with lacerations on his left hand experienced a seizure at Kelly Quad. He was taken to the University Medical Center by SBVAC.

**11:52 p.m.** — A vehicle on North

Loop Road hit a downed light pole lying across the roadway. The driver was not injured, and the only damage reported was to the right front of the vehicle. Another vehicle hit the same light pole two minutes later. There was no visible damage to the second vehicle, though there is suspected undercarriage damage.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**12:00 a.m.** — A Cardozo College resident complaining of stomach pains was found vomiting and having trouble breathing and was transported to the University Medical Center. The pains persisted for about five hours before the complaint was made. Ulcers were suspected.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**8:30 a.m.** — The windshield of a 1987 Ford pick-up truck was reported damaged.

**8:50 a.m.** — A CBORD, a machine used to read student meal cards valued at \$500, was stolen from the H Quad cafeteria.

**11:42 a.m.** — A gold necklace valued at \$550 was stolen from a room on the first floor of Gray College.

**2:31 p.m.** — A brown leather purse, valued at \$25, containing various credit and calling cards was stolen from a cappuccino table in the lobby of the University Bookstore of the Frank Melville Memorial Library.

**3:15 p.m.** — A company car of an outside contractor parked in the University

Medical Center garage had its rear tires slashed. The damage was estimated at \$300.

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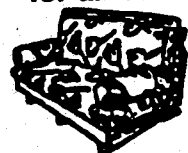
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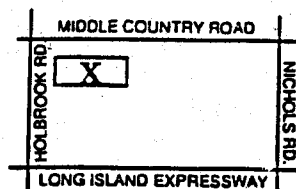


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# Campus Tries to Dig Itself Out of Snow<sup>3</sup>

By ENEIL RYAN DE LA PENA  
Statesman Editor

Commuters and residents alike were inconvenienced by adverse weather conditions yesterday. The continual amount of snow, along with the accumulation from the night before, worsened driving conditions on campus. The campus experienced snowfall until noon yesterday.

According to Gary Matthews, special assistant to the president, is responsible for Campus Services. That includes snow removal in areas except residence halls and parking garages. "There were things done before 8 o'clock in the morning. There were people here on duty from midnight making sure the roadways were passable," Matthews said.

However, some commuters were

affected by the adverse conditions, including those imposed by campus obstructions. Many commuters missed their early classes. Some had difficulty with campus parking and driving through roadways.

"I don't believe that they did a good job at all," said commuter, Meghan Hudson. "I saw a small accident even though they were going so slowly, but the roads were just completely unplowed."

Another commuter, Evan Anglides, added, "It takes twice the time to come in."

Anglides, along with Hudson, arrived on campus to experience parking problems. "South P - Lot was not plowed at all this morning," Anglides said. "Parking was very bad. But besides from that, it's not me out

there with a shovel, so I can't complain," Hudson said.

Most areas on campus, especially the academic areas and the Union, were shoveled well enough so students were not extremely inconvenienced by the snow.

"The snow hasn't really inconvenienced me a lot," said a Kelly Quad resident, Denise Clarke, said. "The only thing that they don't really shovel is this boardwalk from the library to the Union. They're doing a pretty good job."

The only problem with the snow is when it freezes, said Matthews. The resulting icy conditions on roads when the snow freezes further endangers motorists.

In areas around the residence halls, especially Tabler Quad, residents had difficulty walking to their classes. "I

live in Toscanini," said Shelly McDowell, "they don't plow it well enough and coming towards the Union, it gets better when it's a more commercial area."

Campus Services has already started to make plans on improving snow removal on campus. "We've had several meetings," said Matthews. "We are thinking of increasing our manpower and general staff for shoveling, we've gone back to areas that [have problems] and gone back to address those problems . . . and we're looking to some other techniques."

Matthews added that people have to understand that this winter season has had a large amount of snowfall and that Campus Services is working on a tight budget to accommodate snow removal to the campus. □

## Voter Registration Campaign Geared Toward Women

(NSNS) - Participants at the recent Feminist Expo in Washington D.C. rallied support for "Freedom Summer '96," a voter registration drive designed to fight the current

attack on affirmative action in California.

In response to the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), the Feminist Majority Foundation, along with other

groups such as Coalition L.A. and the YWCA, are organizing to register voters in under-registered communities. The effort will focus on women between the ages of 18 and 24.

The CCRI, which proposes dismantling governmental affirmative action programs, including minority work contracts, will be on the November ballot in California. While proponents of the initiative have framed the debate in racial terms, many feminists believe the attack goes beyond the issue of race.

"(Affirmative action) is even more of a gender issue because of the gains women have made," said duVergne Gaines, California campus and internship coordinator for the Feminist Majority. "White women have benefitted the most from affirmative action."

In order to educate targeted voters, the Feminist Majority is planning a speaking tour throughout California beginning Feb. 21 at Occidental College. The tour will feature Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, Delores Huerta, vice president of United Farm Workers, Prema Mathai-Davis, executive director of the YWCA, and Genethea Hayes, executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"We believe that the GOP is using

this (initiative) as a tool to rally their vote and suppress the more liberal vote. We want to bolster people's opinions of the voting process," said Gaines. "Once we get the word out, I think you will see an opinion shift."

The coalition organizing "Freedom Summer '96" hopes to replicate the spirit of "Freedom Summer '64" during the civil rights movement.

"(At the Expo) there was a real fervor. Students were really responding and the name lends to the air of excitement," said Lisanne Edwards, a sophomore at Brown University, referring to the summer of 1964 when thousands of students gathered in Mississippi to register African-American voters and support the community during outbreaks of violence.

Like the "Freedom Summer of '64," this summer's voter-registration drive will depend heavily on student volunteers. While organizers are currently recruiting students from across the nation, Gaines especially encourages California students to get involved.

"After the summer, these students will be energized when they return to school in the fall. We also want to encourage student delegations," said Gaines, who believes that youth delegations will play a pivotal role in the fall elections. □

## Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Coalition to Hold Exhibit

A diversity project on "Gay Awareness" will be held today, from 9 AM to 2 PM, on Stony Brook's east campus, sponsored by the Health Science Center's Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual (LGB) Coalition.

LGB Coalition volunteers will be on hand at the exhibit in the space between the cafeterias (fifth floor) to answer any questions and present literature, as well as display a color map highlighting gay rights, table posters, a video, relevant statistics, sale items, and photographs.

Dispelling myths and combatting bias are two goals of this event, according to the LGB Coalition announcement. "We are social workers, doctors, nurses, caregivers in other fields, and we need to be more visible. We want our community to be portrayed more accurately," explained a representative.

This is the sixth year the coalition has met bi-weekly around the noon hour near the School of Social Welfare on the second floor of the Health Science Center. Persons interested in attending can watch for announcements of upcoming meetings which are posted on HSC bulletin boards.

According to the coalition's statement of purpose, it is committed to act as a resource for information and advocacy in response to acts of bias related to violence and discrimination. Last semester two bias incidents were reported and processed, one in student housing and one in the HSC.

Today's event is co-sponsored by the west campus's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Alliance.

-Adele Dusenbury

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image. . .

Gentry said that joining a fraternity or sorority is a positive thing. "If you're looking for an organization that's doing things you want to do, and you want to get involved in community service, there's a fraternity or sorority out there for you. . . . If you're looking for an edge in your life when you get out in the world, to make some networking or connections, a fraternity or sorority is for you."

The IFSC encourages interested students to evaluate each organization

carefully and to take their time. The group says that you should be certain that the organization that gives you a bid is the one that you will be happy with. Lastly, make sure all your questions are sufficiently answered and look out for organizations who belittle or make derogatory remarks about other fraternities or sororities.

The IFSC also encourages students who are determined to join, to attend the fraternity and sorority rush events, which allow you to meet with the members each entire organizations. Students should inquire about their calendar of events, to see which one is most convenient for them. □

## Ex-Lover Left "Classless"

BLOTTER, From Page 2

3:17 p.m. — A denim jacket, valued at \$70, with the owner's car keys in one pocket was stolen from the locker room of the Long Island Veterans' Home.

11:12 p.m. — An Eisenhower Quad resident bumped her right eye into the corner of her desk while reaching for the telephone. She refused medical treatment.

11:57 p.m. — Third floor Hendrix College students reported receiving harassing and profane phone calls.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

12:04 p.m. — Six faculty members in the Psychology B building received copies of the same threatening letter containing hints of anti-Semitism.

12:10 p.m. — Fifteen blank Maxell tapes, valued at \$120, were stolen from Earth and Space Science building, room 255.

12:39 p.m. — Four hubcaps worth \$200 were stolen from a 1990 Toyota Corolla parked in the Whitman College parking lot.

4:37 p.m. — A woman was shoved out the passenger-side door of her former boyfriend's car in the Greeley College parking lot after breaking off their relationship.

5:44 p.m. — A woman student accused her ex-boyfriend of using her PIN number and her USB identification number to drop all her classes from her schedule. The schedule was reinstated. □

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# The New Hampshire Primary: A Political Profile <sup>5</sup>

The nation's first presidential primary, one would think it would be a major state, e.g., New York, California, or even Texas; however, it is not.

Since 1920, when primaries were first held, the first (appropriately enough) has been run in New England in the State of New Hampshire, which always prides itself as the "low tax" state. It is the only state of the Union that has neither an income tax nor a sales tax.

It is generally a conservative state, with the Republican party winning the state in 10 of the last 13 presidential elections since 1944. According to recent registration figures, 38 percent of New Hampshire's electorate identifies with the GOP, 32 percent identified with the Democrats, and 30 percent identifies with "other" parties. In fact its main newspaper, the *Manchester Union Leader* — published by William and Nackey Loed — is, as Michael Barone wrote:

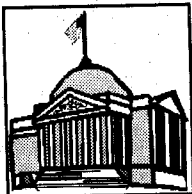
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Looking at the demographics alone in the state does not describe how conservative it is. In the 1994 midterm elections the state's electorate had re-elected its incumbent, Governor Stephen Merrill. He is a very strong — and a key — conservative Republican of the state. When he first ran for Governor, he ran against state representative Deborah "Arnie" Arnesen. She was campaigning for a 6 percent income tax that the state legislature should adopt, which nailed the *Union Leader's* pledge of no income or sales tax.

However, her message was not well portrayed and the state's electorate voted for Merrill by a 56 percent to 40 percent margin in 1992. Furthermore, when he ran for reelection in 1994, Governor Merrill won an overwhelming 70 percent of the vote. In addition, the GOP had increased its majority

in the state legislature, as well as recaptured the 2nd Congressional District, which it had lost back in 1990.

Moreover, the state has two



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freshman U.S. Senators, both Republicans. Sen. Robert Smith is the more vehement socially conservative of the two. His performance on the Senate floor on showing how gruesome "partial-birth" abortions, was made famous in 1995.

The junior senator, Judd Gregg — once its Governor 1989-92 — was elected by a very close margin of 48 percent to 45 percent in 1992. Sen. Smith was elected in 1990 with 67 percent of the vote, with his term expiring in 1996.

Both senators are more conservative than most U.S. Senators. Thus, one can see that most of the elected officials of New Hampshire are Republicans, making the endorsement of the New Hampshire Republican apparatus important for the primary's electorate.

In fact, Governor Merrill, Senator Jeffords, and Rep. Bill Zeff (R-1st) all endorsed Bob Dole for President. The only prominent Republican leader who is not endorsing Dole is Sen. Robert Smith, who is endorsing Phil Gramm.

Nevertheless, Dole has been campaigning heavily in New Hampshire since early last year. The major reason is that other states started to challenge New Hampshire as the first presidential primary — with Iowa having the first presidential caucus. Thus, many states had front-loaded their primaries and caucuses.

The major reason for this is so that other states would receive more media publicity (and dollars). However, the front-loaded system caused the enhancement of the importance of Iowa and New Hampshire.

One state, Delaware, had the nerve of having its primary less than one week after New Hampshire's, violating New Hampshire's statute. It forbids that no other state can have its primary less than seven days before New Hampshire's.

Nevertheless, Dole made sure that his rivals boycott states that are trying to challenge Iowa and New Hampshire as "First."

The important fact of New Hampshire's primary is that, since 1952, every winner of the White House has won that state's primary with the exception of President Clinton's victory in the general election, scoring 25 percent of the vote in the primary. Paul Tsongas won the primary with 33 percent of the vote.

Furthermore, the party that has nominated the candidate who has won New Hampshire, except 1992, has won the general election. It shows how important the state is, despite its general conservative character.

George Bush had to learn the "The New Hampshire Rule" the hard way back in 1992. Not only did President Bush lose the state — 39 percent Clinton, 38 percent Bush, 23 percent Perot — but Pat Buchanan scored well — 37 percent — in the Republican primary. As I wrote on this page about Pat's experience from 1992 to 1996:

"What has changed from Pat's last campaign is not his platform, but the political limelight. Four years ago, the nation was suffering its most severe recession during the post-Cold War era. Thus, there was a lot of resentment, especially within the Republican ranks, to then-President George Bush's economic policies. Now that he is [third] in a [nine]-man race, how can he really compete with his nationalistic platform."

Especially with Steve Forbes now running about first place. According to a Boston Globe/ARG/Pew Research poll of Feb. 1st, 1996, by percentage: Forbes, 31; Dole, 22; Buchanan, 11; Alexanderk 9; Gramm, 7; Lugar, 3; Keyes, 1; Taylor, 1; Doman 0; Undecided/Other, 14.

Thus, Bob Dole cannot be assured that he will win the New Hampshire Primary. So far, Pat Buchanan is scoring well in Louisiana, receiving 13 out of 21 delegates by precinct caucuses. Buchanan may score well enough to gain influence at the Republican Convention in San Diego, or maybe emerge as the Republican nominee for President.

However, we do not know about Steve Forbes' performance. If one has to recall from history, New Hampshire can bring a big surprise to anybody. Thus, Bob Dole cannot be assured he will win the state, learning the lessons of George Bush, Paul Tsongas, Bill Clinton, and Lyndon Johnson. □

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# 6 Letters and Opinions

## Black History Month An Opportune Time For All To Come Together

*Ed. note: Due to the unexpectedly large volume of letters received recently, no editorial will appear in today's edition of The Stony Brook Statesman.*

### To The Editor:

The answer to this question is clear to me now — racism is still a prominent aspect of American culture. How can I be so confident in making this observation? As a white man, how would I know? I used to content myself with the notion that the racism of the Jim-Crow South was largely — gone. People were changing, albeit slowly, to view human diversity as a valuable asset for society. Then I befriended an African-American professor at my University. After we had known each other long enough to get over our reluctance to talk about race, I asked one day if racism was something she worried about. Her mouth dropped open, and she just stared at me before she began to speak as if she were exhausted. "How can you be so naive as to ask that question?," she shot at me. I sat and listened for a long time. Then I did what most professors do well — I started to read. If you want to know why we have a Black History Month and why this reminder of the past and present is as important for members of the majority ethnic groups in this country as it is for African-Americans, read the two books I describe below. I promise you that they will change your perspective, even if you belong to a minority. If you are white like me, your life may be changed.

What I learned shocked me into the realization that racism is a constant feature of almost all African-American

lives in America. I abhor racism because it seems fundamentally unfair to me, a mockery of my Christian traditions. My reading taught me that racism costs me and American society a lot of money. You and I pay the bill for racism in this country. I'd rather we spent that money on something that helped us all, say the SUNY budget, education in general and child health.

Derrick Bell is an open-faced man who has been a law professor at Harvard. His book is entitled, *Faces at the Bottom of the Well — The Permanence of Racism* (Basic Books, NY, 1992). He writes that, "Black people are the magical faces at the bottom of society's well. Even the poorest whites, those who must live their lives only a few levels above, gain their self esteem by gazing down at us. Surely, they must know that their deliverance depends on letting down their ropes. Only by working together is escape possible."

Bell's book is not a dry treatise on the sociology of race in this country. This is a book of short and highly imaginative stories that left my spine tingling and my mind reeling. There are ideas in Bell's book that won't let go of your mind. If you want to learn about the economic costs of racism, read chapter 3, "The Racial Preference Licensing Act." My friend and I argued heatedly for days about this idea.

The second book that changed me was Wendell Berry's *The Hidden Wound* (North Point Press, San Francisco, 1989). Wendell Berry is a farmer, poet, novelist, essayist and reluctant sometime academic who lives in Kentucky on a farm that he loves. Berry is a white man. He cares deeply about his community, but he recognizes a hidden wound of slavery and racism that festers in all of us. His book is a

sometimes tortured effort to heal the wound. There is a sentence in this book that I love, that tells us all how we can begin to banish racism in our society. "No matter what laws or governments say, men can only know and come to care for one another by meeting face to face, arduously, and with willing loss of comfort." In my experience, such conversations are arduous, and there is a real loss of comfort. But only by such meeting can we come to see each other as individuals, molded sometimes by different forces, but all striving for dignity. When the experience involves "willing loss of comfort," we rise to the best that we can be.

Black history is intimately intertwined with white history in America, and we need occasions to remind us of our links and the wounds we carry. Berry writes, "I want to be cured; I want to be free of the wound myself, and I do not want to pass it on to my children." Black History Month can be a time for each of us to begin or continue the healing of the wound that saps our strength. We are all indebted to Ms. Monique Maylor, one of our students, and her colleagues for organizing Stony Brook's celebration of Black History. Stony Brook is an exciting place as a consequence of the real human diversity among our students and faculty. Let's use this marvelous diversity as an opportunity to come to "know and care for one another" within our community in a way that can make Stony Brook a beacon for other universities in human relations. You can start by participating in the events of Black History Month and reading these two books.

Rollin C. Richmond  
Provost

## Olivos' Arguments and Contentions On Abortion Are Ridiculous

### To the Editor:

It is rather interesting how the issue of abortion seems to divide people. On one hand we have Ms. Olivos, who contends that men are in a different situation than women with respect to child rearing, and on this basis, women are in need of the right to 'choice,' where men are not. Her assertions are based on the false belief that after siring children, men can just walk away without further obligation. Sure, it happens — and some men manage to slip between the cracks of the system, and likewise, there are mothers who toss their babies into dumpsters or leave them on doorsteps. People can still survive without this right to choice (as men do) and live their lives responsibly. It seems absolutely ridiculous to make a 'women's issue' out of abortion, when the material concerns are of parenting, and in such respects the child is as much the father's as the mother's.

Another contention of Ms. Olivos was that abortion — even if illegal — would still be widely practiced and is inherently unenforceable, as women would do the deed in back alleys. Let me assure you, that if such a law were enacted

by Supreme Court, it could certainly be enforced. There are always people who refuse to obey laws, just like their are people who mug, rape and murder in back alleys and in the privacy of their own homes. Would abortion be any different from murder if fetuses were deemed "alive"? If you feel that 'nobody else' is being affected by abortion, think again — a human life is being destroyed, one that could otherwise lead a complete life. It seems so absurd, this 'my body, my choice' bit, as in abortion, it isn't the mother's life that is being trashed, but the baby's. Also, to argue that 'nobody can force their beliefs on anyone' is similarly absurd, as our society does so all the time — we have a legal structure to enforce laws, regardless of any individual's belief structure. For this reason, I cannot just go out and murder someone even I observe some obscure religion whereby he/she is nonexistent. What about drugs and suicide, both of which are illegal; can we (society) not enforce such laws upon you?

Another ridiculous notion was that some women have no other choice. How can 'inconvenience' possibly justify the destruction of human life? Where do you draw the line? Is it okay for a mother to kill her one-day-old baby

subsequent to its birth, simply because the child's mere existence is an inconvenience? What about a father? Is killing a one-week-old child any different from terminating (aborting, killing) an 8-month pregnancy? What about elderly people in nursing homes, being as dependent on as they are; can someone just decide some day that their existence is too burdensome and throw the 'switch'?

Finally, to clarify one point which seemed to go right over the head of Ms. Olivos, I will restate one of my previous assertions. Simply because something is legal, does not mean that it is 'right.' As an example, I posed pedophilia, which until not too long ago was LEGAL in [the] U.K. Why it was legal is irrelevant to my point, that it is currently considered immoral, unsavory and illegal. If rape were legal, if our culture adopted and supported it, would the act be any different? If one parent decides that he/she is going to utilize sheer torture as a method of punishment in order to keep his/her children in line, cannot our society take actions to protect the children from harm, regardless of the parent's beliefs?

Kirk Nechamkin

*"Error moves with quick feet. . . and truth must never be lagging far behind."*

- Alexander Crummell

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# Letters and Opinions

## Olivos and Maggiore Misrepresented Me

### To the Editor:

In response to Heather Olivos' last letter, I find it necessary to say that Ms. Olivos misquoted me. I did not say "from a human's perspective"; I said from a *human* perspective. Let me enlighten Ms. Olivos upon the definition(s) of human: "adj. 1. Of, relating to, or characteristic of human beings. 2. Made up of people: formed a human bridge — n. A person." — American Heritage Dictionary. In that context, I used the word human as an adjective and only as an adjective. Now, would Ms. Olivos read my letter from a human perspective, instead of a woman's perspective (They seem to be getting more and more different)?

Second of all, let me remind you that equal rights for women are not the same thing as special rights for women. Ms. Olivos, do you think that men have any special rights that women do not — to abandon a woman he impregnated, etc.? I dare say that we do. The fact is, that a child in a woman's uterus is human. Just because women carry that responsibility — no matter how easy it is for me to say it — does not give women the absolute right over that child's life.

If Ms. Olivos read my last letter she would see that at the bottom of that letter, I said we should teach our children to be careful and responsible about the decisions that they make as children (and for the rest of their lives). To support abortion in the name of eliminating teen pregnancy is only "fighting the fire while feeding the flame." If we allow teens to know that abortion is a solution, they will have no problems having sex (even if they regret the whole thing — after the abortion). Just because a teenager is pregnant (through her own consent to sex, and therefore, pregnancy), does not eliminate either the fact that what is inside of her is human or the possibility for giving the child up for adoption (don't even try to say that adoption is more cruel than abortion). As for Mr. Maggiore, I never questioned that a woman will do what she feels is best. I was questioning whether she should be using her feelings for a decision of this importance. About the remark Mr. Maggiore

made that it is self righteous of people to say that abortion is wrong — Mr. Maggiore should (re)read my first letter. Mr. Maggiore also said "Who are you to decide what other people do with their lives? Well, who is a woman to decide what an unborn child does (or does not do) with his/her life? Next, Ms. Olivos made the argument that "You men want to use your code of morality — ." Is Ms. Olivos trying to say that only men are pro-life? If she is, she should know that approximately the same percentage of women are pro-life as are men. Mr. Maggiore made a similar argument; that argument sounds a lot like this one: "Slavery is said to be an evil; that it impoverishes the people, and destroys their morale. *If it be an evil, it is one to us alone, and we are contented with it — why should others interfere?*" J. H. Hammond, 1836. I hope those two are happy now. They have resurrected a relic which almost tore this country apart, and the same (misguided) argument is doing it again (my property vs. my body-sound similar?). I am very cynical about tolerating their last argument because the parameters of this issue are so involved with human life. Ms. Olivos and Mr. Maggiore continually dodge this fact. Indeed, as Angelina Grimke, a prominent feminist and abolitionist of her time (the 1800's), said: "How wonderfully constituted is the human mind! How it resists as long as it can, all efforts made to reclaim from error! I feel that all this disturbance is but evidence that our efforts are the best that could have been adopted, or else the friends of slavery would not care what we say and do." — Angelina Grimke Weld, Speech at Pennsylvania Hall, May 16, 1838. Ms. Olivos and Mr. Maggiore provide excellent examples of this statement. Anyone who is going to argue this issue has to ask themselves those poignant questions that Alfred Lemmo made connecting Dr. Kings' words and abortion: "Are these criteria (for abortion) any less arbitrary or subjective than race? By what logic shall we choose criteria for the exclusion of others from the protection of the human community?"

Michael Williams

## Athletics Has Lack of Respect For Rugby

### To the Editor:

In November you printed a letter that I wrote to you pointing out the lack of respect that I feel both the Men's and Women's Rugby teams get. I noted how Homecoming came and went without mention of either squads matches being advertised while everything under the sun that seemed to go on that weekend had some sort of school publicity behind it. I started that letter by stating that it was not meant to tear or rip at the school in any way — that I was just trying to be a voice of the seventy or so students of both teams.

Well, approximately three months have passed and I again ask that I may use this section of your paper as a forum to display my disappointment. There are three main points to this letter.

First I'd like to thank those who contacted myself after the article and apologized for their oversights. I also noticed several offices being quite attentive and polite to myself and the struggles of teaching, coaching a talented Women's team as well as a Division I Men's team simultaneously. I appreciate your support.

Secondly, in the beginning of December, both squads held a joint semiformal awards banquet. Approximately twenty professionally printed invitations went out to various VIP's of the school ranging from President Shirley Strum Kenney to student leaders. I personally hand delivered these invitations. The invitations, of course, had a RSVP date and a number to contact for the invitees intentions. I would say that more than half of these administrators did not reply in time — and of those that did, I had to contact half of them to find out if they were attending. It might seem petty, but the affair was a sit down catered affair that the students paid a majority of from their own pockets.

The day of the banquet arrived and five

of the VIP's that stated they were coming did not show up. No phone calls, nothing. Five seats that were paid for, money non-returnable. At the least I hope that this part of my letter serves as an etiquette lesson for all those reading.

It is proper and respectful if you receive an invitation to respond within the posted RSVP date. If the answer is no it is no big deal — just let the people know. There are expenses and matters to prepare for. If you respond yes and then do not show, it is proper to either call or send a letter of apology for it might not be too long when you do not get invited to events at all.

The last point of this letter and the straw that broke the camel's back took place on Thursday, February 1. According to the Random House Dictionary of the English Language, a "Woman" — is a female human being (regardless of race, creed or sport she decides to play). "Sport" — an athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and often of a competitive nature (regardless if your governing body is the USARFU instead of the NCAA, if your funding comes from the athletic department or through Student Polity, if your sport is called tennis, soccer, track, athletic training, or RUGBY).

You may ask, "Coach, what does this all mean?" It means that on Thursday, February 1, a certain department ran an event entitled "Women in Sport" and that all coaches of female sports on campus were told to invite their teams. Oddly enough, this coaches' invitation must have gotten lost in our mail department. I am sure I'll receive it next week or so.

Take this coach's word — Fani Alexandrakis, Ann Bisland, Kristine Brenner, Patricia Cramer, Raquel Forsythe, Libby Gagnon, Christina Hanel, Stefanie Kitchel, Kelli Knabe, Maria Kolitosopoiros, Lisa Kozlowski, Marisa Mabli, Jeni Mattina, Nicole Natasia, Jaye Niedermair, Vivian Pacheco, Crystal Prussick, Abbie Rivard, Robbyn Sanchez, Brandy Timo, Amy Toskas and Beth Carero — are all women and for those who are not sure, I invite you out to the pitch (means

field) participate in a practice and you can tell me if you think Rugby is a sport or not.

I seek advice from all of you. What do I say when one of my players comes up to me and asks why wasn't she invited, doesn't she count? I'd like to end by reiterating that there are those who have gone out of their way to help accommodate me and the teams' needs during my coaching days here and we are most appreciative. I am once again trying to be a voice for my players whose voices are not being heard and I'm helping to "Let Each Become Aware." Thanks for your time.

Marty Rosenthal

Coach USBRFC & USBWRC

## Bring Back McMullen!

### To the Editor:

As the 1995-1996 women's basketball season is coming to a dismal close for the dedicated athletes on the team, it is time for the University Administration and the Athletic Department to reevaluate the coaching credentials and future tenure of the present head coach. During the reign of the previous head coach, Dec McMullen, the women's basketball teams had won over 200 interscholastic games. This record was amassed not only by the fine efforts of the many young women on the teams, but also because of the coaching ability of the coach; teaching techniques, motivating members to greater effort, building teamwork, and instilling a sense of comraderie into the players.

The present head coach had never before had any head coaching experience before being hired at SUSB; the coach's only qualifications were that she was a female, and friend of the Athletic Director. The women of the basketball team deserve a better coach than one who, at last look, had led them to a 5 and 17 won/lost record!

Chuck Larling

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# Statesman Features

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## Beckett Space Brings Technology & Art to Staller

BY KURT NECHAMKIN  
Special to *The Statesman*

Stony Brook Theatre glimpses the 21st century beginning tonight at the Staller Center with a production of Samuel Beckett's plays being performed simultaneously in an advanced integration of technology and live performance.

According to David Saltz, professor of Theater and Multimedia Technology, and director of the upcoming production, "Beckett Space: A Modernist Carnival," the production consists of nine plays of the Nobel Prize-winning author Samuel Beckett, who is well known for the famed "Waiting For Godot."

"Beckett Space" stands apart from other productions on campus. It is spatially organized into a variety of separate walk-through environments, whereby all plays take place simultaneously and continuously, much like a carnival. This set-up allows the audience members to go from one play to another at their own pace.

"This gives people the opportunity to

read, re-read and re-reread the performances the way they ordinarily would books," says Saltz. "The way I see it, art in a major research university should be exploring new frontiers, not just regurgitating what people have already done."

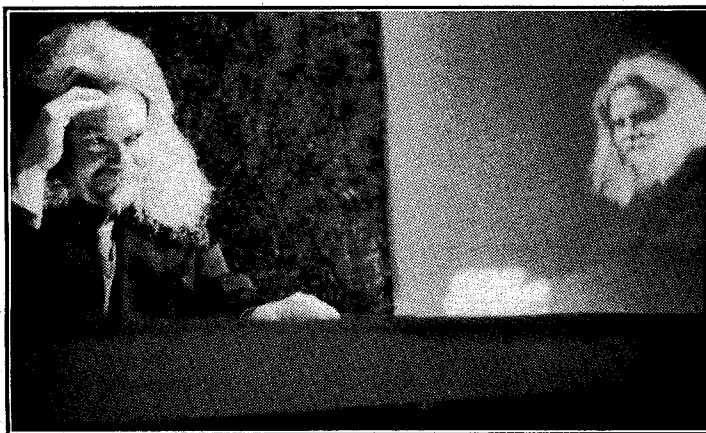


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Peter Winkler, associate professor of Music, performs with a video projection of himself in "Beckett Space."

In one of the plays, "Come and Go," puppets were devised with special carts so as to limit their movements to those specifically outlined in the play. For the duration of the three-minute act, the puppets' movements and sounds are tracked with three-channel sound

separation. "As the puppets move around, the sound follows them with light bulbs going on whenever that puppet is speaking," Saltz says.

Among the cast of twelve live actors will be an array of state-of-the-art computers, video cameras and projectors, laser disc players, a motion tracking device, and a variety of synchronized LED light-patterns. Much of the technology used in this production was developed as a collaboration between Stony Brook's Laboratory for Technology in the Arts and the Stony Brook Physics Electronics Center.

Beckett's plays, often known for being arresting and provocative, lend themselves to multiple interpretations. The incorporation of technology is something inherent to the plays themselves; it does not seem forced for the sake of experiment. "In our production of ["Ohio Impromptu,"] the character will really be a machine. A live actor will interact with a video projection of himself, with a computer synchronizing the live and recorded in

real time," explains dramaturg Jason Quinlan.

"The use of technology is to represent certain things that you couldn't represent otherwise," says Saltz. "Beckett is very fond of separating a person's voice from their body."

"Beckett Space" includes the plays "Ohio Impromptu," "Eh Joe," "Play," "Not I," "Rockaby," "Come and Go," "Breath" and "Quad." It also includes "Godot Space," an interactive, audience-participation environment, where twice each evening Amy Sullivan, choreographer and professor of dance, will present movement pieces developed specifically for performance within "Godot Space."

Showings of "Beckett Space" are on Thursday through Saturday, February 15th through 17th, and 22nd through 24th, between 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., as well as on Sundays, February 18th and 25th, between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Theatre One of the Staller Center. Admission to the space will be staggered, allowing audience members to enter at 8 or 8:45 p.m. for the evening performances, and 2 or 2:45 p.m. for the afternoon performances. General admission is \$8 and seniors are \$6. For more information, call 632-7300. □

## Multi-Sided Ruby Produces a Gem of a Debut

*Salt Peter's* Lyrics Evoke Stark Images And Dance Around Themes of Sex and Eroticism

BY MARC WEISBAUM  
Statesman Staff

If you can imagine a cross between **Nine Inch Nails** and **The Breeders**, you have a rough idea as to the sounds of **Ruby**.

Ruby is the result of the collaboration between acclaimed producer Mark Walk and Lesley Rankine (ex-Silverfish). "Ruby is basically the side of me that wasn't getting out when I was in Silverfish," says Rankine. The end result: the debut album, *Salt Peter*.

"I chose to give the band a name because I didn't want my name to make it look like a solo project, because it's not," notes Rankine. "Mark is part of Ruby, but he's more of a studio guy and isn't into touring," says Rankine of Walk's involvement.

Rankine's touring band consists of Sharon Dougherty (guitar/keyboards), Chris Taplin (bass/guitar/programming) and Gavin Fawcett (drums). The band is currently in Europe, but is coming over to the United States for a string of dates as well. Ruby will be playing at

the Mercury Lounge in Manhattan on February 22nd.

Recorded at Soundhouse Studios in Seattle, *Salt Peter* features special guests on some of the tracks, including William Rieflin (ex-Ministry) on drums for the track "Pine." "William lives in Seattle so he just stopped in and played," explains Rankine. Aside from another appearance by Eric Anderson, the remainder of the instruments were played by Rankine and Walk. "I don't play too much. I just kind of hit the guitar," laughs Rankine. "And Mark can drum, but he's not a drummer like William."

Despite all of the comparisons to everybody from **Tori Amos** to **Ella Fitzgerald**, Ruby defies categorization. The lyrics are even twisted and at many times seem to not make sense. They're even printed strangely on the lyric sheet. "I look at the lyrics as art just like the rest of the CD booklet, so it seemed like a good idea to set them up as cheery as the remainder of the sleeve,"

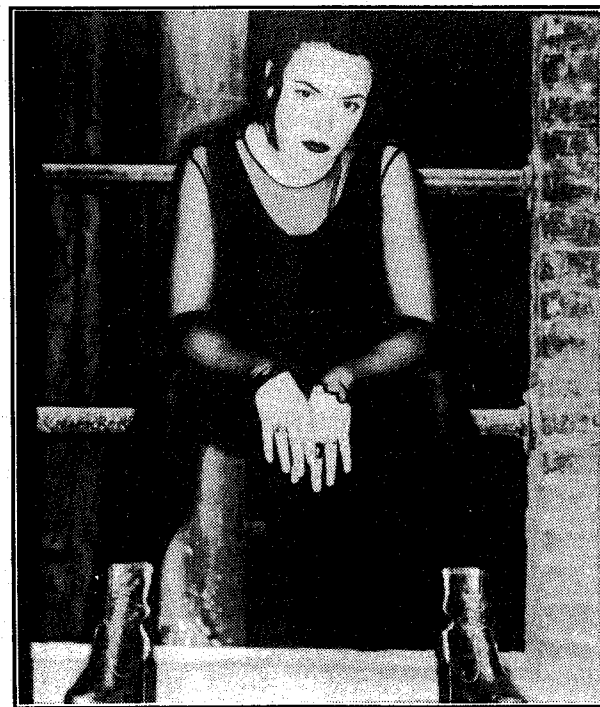
Rankine says.

What influences does Rankine bring into Ruby? "I like *Pod* by the Breeders and **Nine Inch Nails**," she says. "I don't like to read. But I recently saw *Schindler's List*."

She doesn't like to read, but she can sure as hell write. Many of her lyrics dance around sex themes, but don't flat out talk about such pleasures. They certainly paint a pretty picture in your mind, but have this alternate meaning that is difficult to understand. For a taste just check out "Tiny Meat," the current video. The lyrics describe "This paper muscle in my chest." What's it mean? Who cares? It's great.

Or listen to the swirly sounds of "Hoops." Or the album opener "Flippin' Tha Bird," which has the same awkward sound as **Tori Amos'** "God." Or... who cares, just get the album. If you like any of the aforementioned, you won't be disappointed.

A CD single has also been released for "Paraffin," which



Ruby

Photo / Sony Music

also includes some remixes. Also try to get to the Mercury Lounge show. If you miss it, Ruby is supposed to play again sometime in April. If you miss

these shows, don't complain in the future when their shows at Madison Square Garden are sold out. Revenge has never been served this cold before. □





# According to Eve

By Brooke Donatone

*Using a Rearview Mirror, So You Don't Have to Look Over Your Shoulder*

I think it's worth more than a blurb on the front page of a newspaper.

On February 4, a woman was raped at the University Medical Center at Stony Brook. A 41-year-old mental patient followed a nurse into an isolated bathroom and forced her to remove her clothing. Details are sketchy about actual events, whether or not she was smoking, how the patient got there, etc. Why should it matter? Regardless of her having a smoke, or if security screwed up and he escaped, she didn't deserve to be attacked.

Alton Hill was arrested on two counts of rape and two counts of sodomy. In 1985 he was arrested on similar charges. Well, it's nice to know how effective our justice system is.

A hospital wide e-mail went out alerting all staff members about the rape. Unfortunately, as soon as the mail is deleted from the screen, it is deleted from our brains as well.

We all learn to be careful when walking alone at night and to walk in groups. I never thought we had to look over our shoulder at our places of work.

According to Doug Little, assistant director of University Police for Community Relations, walking with another person reduces the risk of being

a victim of a crime by 70 percent.

I asked several men and women, "What is the first thing you think of when you leave class at night alone?" The men gave various answers. Women think of whether or not they will be attacked. The minute I leave a building and it's dark, I make a fist and brandish my longest key between my fingers.

The incident in question occurred Sunday evening. After 5 p.m. on a weekday, the hospital is deserted. But on a Sunday night, you could aerobically naked up and down the halls and no one would be the wiser.

"It's very difficult for security to be in every tower at one time," explained Pat Powers, an operating room nurse for the hospital. He said he felt that the attack would bring about more awareness for the hospital. He said he hoped it would solidify the rationale of not walking by yourself for the obvious dangers. It's much more common to hear about a rape on campus, but it was virtually unheard of at the medical center.

"I think women may be more vulnerable [to a rape attack]... but if someone is going to do something, it doesn't matter," Powers said. "Men and

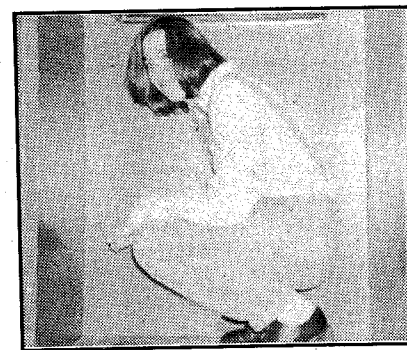
women are susceptible to similar types of violence and some women can protect themselves better than some men."

Another e-mail recently went out about self-defense classes that are being offered. The classes have been offered for the past five years, but it seems to stick in people's brains a bit more now. This may be one way to provide safety. But what about for the hospital itself? There are many entrances to the hospital that are unguarded and allow people to roam around freely in any tower they desire.

The main lobby harbors University police, who seldomly ask for I.D. and may bat an eyelash if Charlie Manson pressed the up button on a newly renovated elevator.

Little explained, "Most crimes that happen are crimes of opportunity. If you take away opportunity, then that crime will not occur."

On nurse practitioner agreed, "There should be better security between the bridges that connect the HSC and University Hospital. Too many people can bypass the main desk and get to the hospital floors. A possible solution, or deterrent, would be to set up video cameras in areas where security does not check frequently, like hospital bridges."



She also pointed out the problem with the fear of walking alone in the towers. "Women are more vulnerable than men, but we shouldn't have to fear going to the bathroom where we work."

So what is the solution? O.k., quiz. A) never walk alone B) never go to the bathroom C) take a self-defense class or D) steal a scalpel from the operating room. I'd opt for D, but I doubt that will be the consensus.

We can all only hope that security will be increased, possibly with more staff or the installation of cameras. They could even go so far as to designate certain areas of the hospital as off limits because those areas are isolated and pose a risk.

"One of any kind of crime is one too many," Little said.

Or perhaps we can say this was an isolated incident and it will never happen again. But that excuse has been used before.

*I have never dedicated a column to anyone before. She will probably never see this, but I'd like to dedicate this column to the woman who was attacked. I hope there will be a day when no one will have to look over their shoulder.* □

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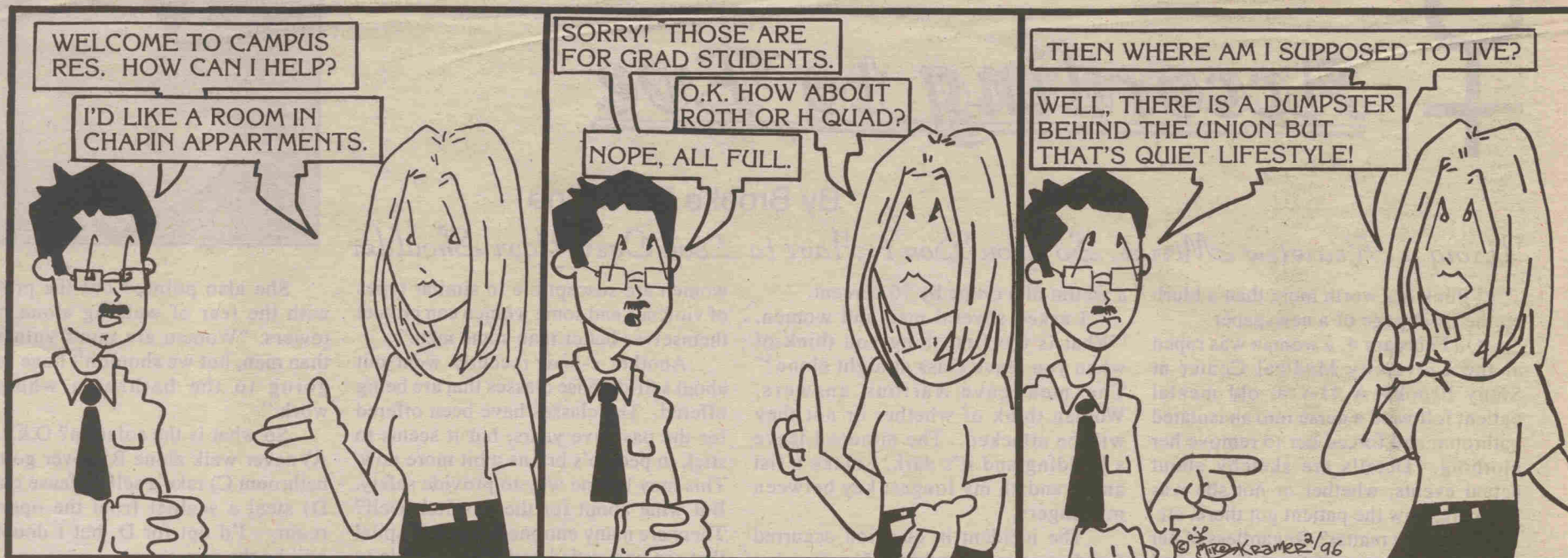
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# After Valentine's Personals

Wonderboy, SWALLOW THIS! S-Man	Nell, The coconuts are smiling. Liam	B.E., Grumpy, lumpy & loud. D'	Sam, We've got to talk, you are so cool. 1040	Joe Jock, SORRY. I'm an idiot, what can I say? Now leave me alone and enjoy your life, wilya? p.s. - that means without ruining mine. Thank you. Love, Me
Ferret, Shirley reads it, I now have the pick of God. I know where Amelia is-call Unsolved Mysteries. We are the World. Are you looking for light? There's a total eclipse of the sun. KKKKKKKKK Bonnie	Raptor, Hope you didn't lose the keys for the cuffs? Fusion	Foster, I will be with you when the sun rises. Don't tell Les. Hannibal	Herc, Onward to Glory! Samson	Abstain, On this Valentine's, I hope Cupid stings you with the Arrow of Conviction. Cause, goddammit, boy, you need it. The Real Me
Rob, May you and Dave make beautiful music together. Paul	The Skirt, Fine, if you don't like the way I salt my popcorn, then for God's sake don't inhale it. Closed out any fast food places recently? Dustbuster	S-Man, Stop being so damned insensitive. Best, Darkman	Sweetness, You are the best and sweetest Valentine. Thank God that you are mine. Me	Tom & Scott, Hey, it'll take \$55 to make a decision. S-Man
Bratty, How are stinky, sweaty, and fatty? Catty	Shockwave, It's happening. . . It's really happening! Fusion	Ms. History of Photography, So, I hear you don't know what to do. Why don't you ask poodle? She might be able to set you in the right direction. Then again, I sincerely doubt it. exPol320'er	Rex Dart, Happy V-Day. Nice Pecs. Lord Z.	S-Man, As always, my dreams will be full of visions of your firm ebony body dripping with raspberry jelly as you groove your salamander-like body to the croonings of Julio Inglesias. Remember me, you black stallion. Remember me. Timber Wolf
B52, I wish I could be you. Will we visit the stairs soon? I miss our midnight chats. Eve	Liam, Someone swallowed my X chromosome. Maybe Al has seen it. have you ever seen Pinocchio? He was swallowed. I think they stole the idea. Nell	Big Dog & Boss Dog, Sic 'em. Never Surrender. Dog Lover	Joe F. Valentine's Day just isn't the same without you around to caress me. I miss your slow, warm hands and the sweet promises of your hot, passionate breath. Till we are together again, I remain, Trembling, Tom	
Dustbuster, Can I borrow \$78 to buy shampoo with peach rinds in it? Skirt	Wonderboy, I'll be there for you. . . S-Man	Barber, Tick, tick, tick. . . ... last chance. . . Da Dog	Victoria, Keep saving. Trust me on this one, you won't be sorry. And now I must close my eyes, the sparkle is too bright. Too bright, I say! Popcorn	
Giggles, Shut up already! Annoyed	D' Thanks for the notes. Stop being so grumpy. B.E.			

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## Immolation Seethes With Rage

SECOND ALBUM, *HERE IN AFTER*, SHOWCASES BAND'S FURY

By MARC WEISBAUM  
 Statesman Staff

Back in '90 and '91, floods of new death metal bands were flooding the market. Many appeared on super small labels, so trying to buy something new was a chore in itself, a delicate art that nobody ever really perfected.

First, check out the label. Second, look at the song titles. Third, and only if applicable, peek at the band photo (optional). Finally, and most importantly, the cover art. What do you like better, a semi-decayed head, or demons emerging from portals hitherto unknown? Get the picture?

This flood of death metal was a result of the success of bands such as *Obituary* that spawned countless hordes of copycats. The problem with this — and every — trend was that it was impossible to tell the worthy from the pathetic, the true from those riding the bandwagon. One of the bands floating in this storm was *Immolation*.

Releasing their debut, *Dawn Of Possession* (which, by the way, passed the selective art test) through Roadrunner Records, the band found themselves in a difficult predicament. Not long after the album's release, the trendies began to turn their backs on death metal,

and in turn, so did the labels. Bands who weren't dropped had to struggle to get any promotion. *Immolation* had to persevere through this genocide if they were ever to release a followup.

"The Wait Is Over" boast the ads. A bold statement that is tough to backup. Was it worth the wait? Definitely. *Immolation* has released a crushing answer to their debut.

In stores as of Tuesday, *Here In After* seethes with pure rage. The eight tracks give a venomous taste of this band's fury. To try and satiate their rabid fans until the new LP was released, the band released a collection of older demo and live tracks entitled *Stepping On Angels Before Dawn*, which even included some material from when the band went by the name *Rigor Mortis*.

The only thing that keeps this album from getting a 12 on a scale of one to 10 is the rather one dimensional vocal

delivery of bassist Ross Dolan. While his vocals don't detract from the album, they don't do anything for it either. This isn't even so much a fault of the band, as it is a flaw in a majority of death metal (with *Internal Bleeding* being one of the only exceptions).

All right, now for the good stuff. Every other element of the band is solid. They don't rely on typical thrash riffs and beats to trot their way

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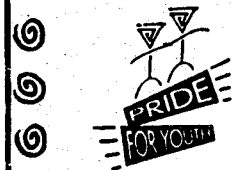
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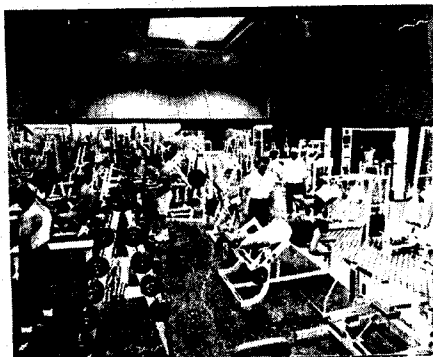
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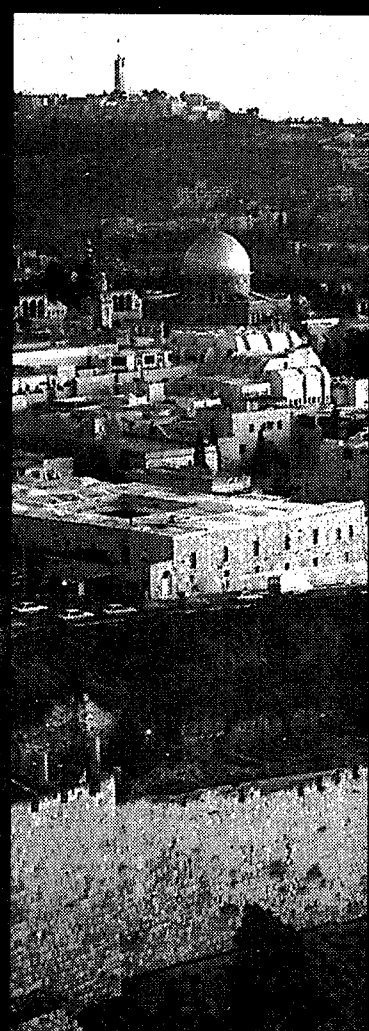
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## Immolation Seethes

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through the album. They have many unconventional structures that you usually hear looped on **Ministry** or other industrial related albums. But the industrial comparisons stop there.

Immolation is, without a doubt, death metal. While many death metal bands seem to be surfing the black metal wave, Immolation is clearly staying death, a genre that was once overflowing and is now only occupied by a few bands such as **At The Gates**, **Deicide**, and **Death**.

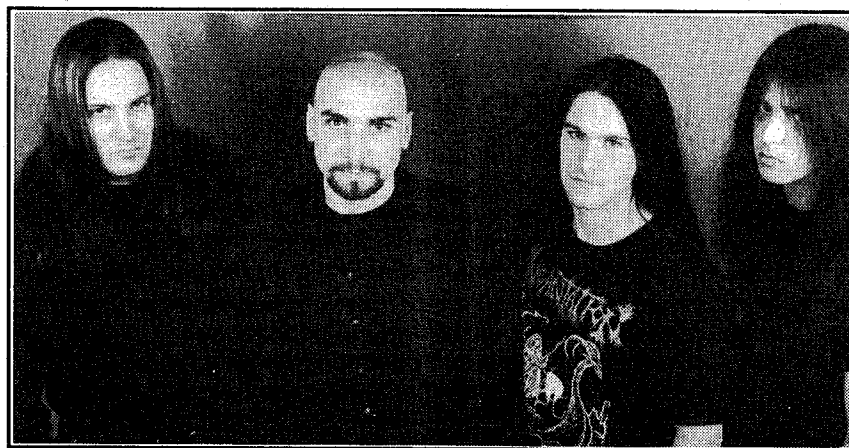
Dolan and drummer Craig Smilowski make an excellent rhythm section. Along with guitarists Robert Vigna's and Thomas Wilkinson's buzzsaw riffing, Immolation is more a doomsday machine than a band. A quick scan of the song titles reinforces this theory of the band's

looking on at the apocalypse: "Away From God," "Christ's Cage" and "Burn With Jesus" obviously display the band's non-religious message.

The band doesn't waste any time. There is no filler. No keyboard intros. Just pure aggression (album highlight being "I Feel Nothing"). The production is particularly a change of pace from your typical death metal recordings. The sound is so raw that you're going to think that the band is playing a couple of rooms down.

Immolation will be touring in support of labelmates **Six Feet Under** and Pavement Record's **Internal Bleeding** in what promises to be a perfect death metal bill. Check them out!

*Immolation, Internal Bleeding and Six Feet Under will be playing at the Roxy in Huntington on March 16th.* □



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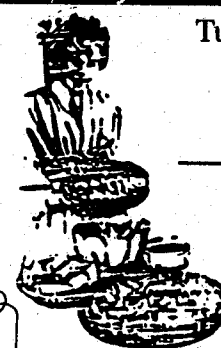
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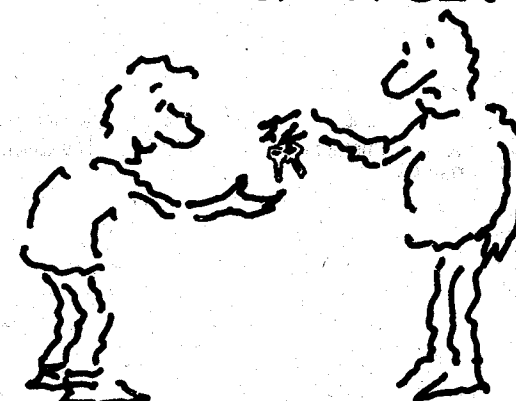
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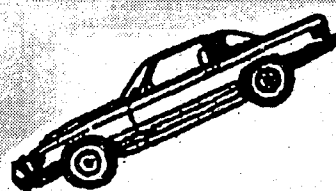


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# Duckett Out with Flu; Men Crushed by SConn <sup>17</sup>

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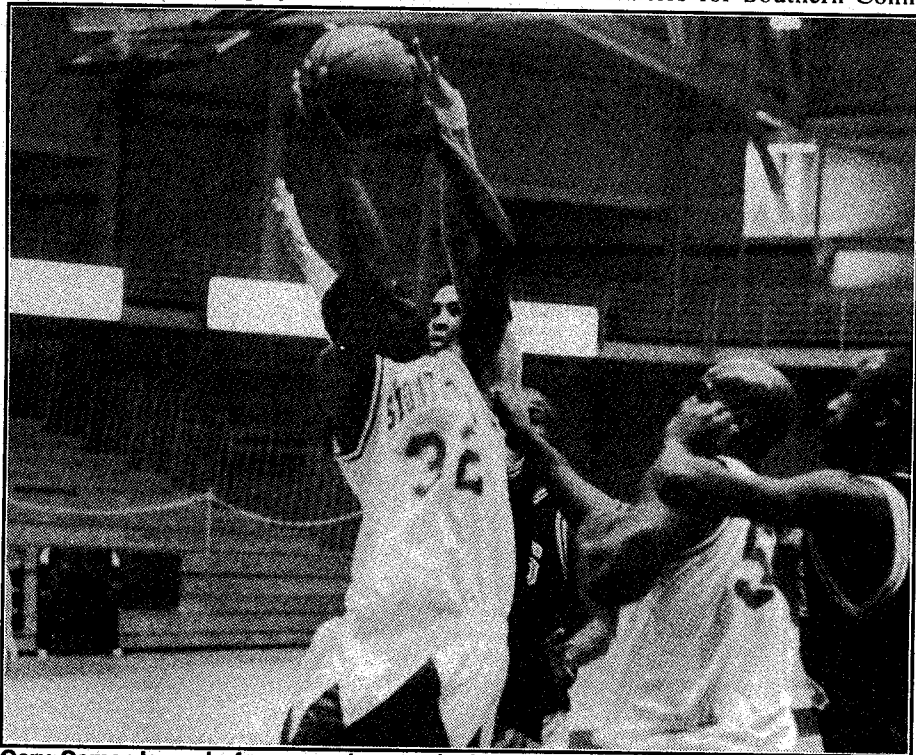
And thus, after losing 61-47 to the Owls, Head Coach Bernard Tomlin had little to say. "What can you say? When you lose a guy like Ron, it's going to hurt you," he said. "We've played without him

before this year, but then we knew he wasn't going to be in there. This time we didn't know until before the game."

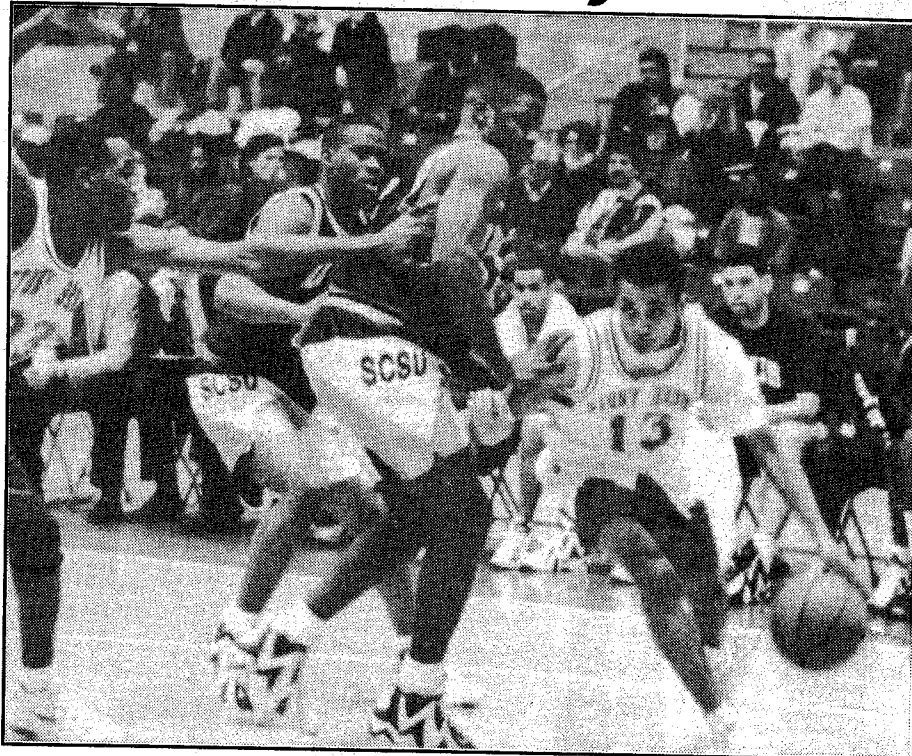
Senior Gary Comer, coming off a career-high 16 points on Sunday against UMass-Lowell, filled in for Duckett. And after the Owls took an early 8-2 lead, Comer's long jumper from just inside the three-point line cut the margin to 8-7.

But from there, Southern Conn. held the 'Wolves scoreless for more than 10 minutes and went on a 16-0 burst. At halftime the score was a lopsided 31-11 for the Owls.

Three starters for Southern Conn.



Gary Comer leans in for a couple extra inches, but he had better success from the outside last night.



Statesman Photos by Lynn Klein

Larry Gibson tries to find a lane on the baseline is last night's Seawolves loss to SConn.

stood at 6'6", and one reserve, Jon Blandin, stood 6'9". "They were big strong bodies," Tomlin said. "They were just more physical than us."

Stony Brook came out to play for the second half and went on a 11-5 run to open up the half. Comer hit a three to cut the Owls' lead to 33-16, and then he hit another trey to bring them within 14, 36-22.

The Brook would come as close as 12 after a Lionel Saunders three-pointer, and then a three-point play by Larry Gibson that made the score 46-34 Southern Connecticut, but the Seawolves would

never threaten.

"The guys battled," Tomlin said. "You got to give these guys credit, this was the type of game that teams could lose like 40. They hung in there, but we were outmanned."

Losing a player like Duckett, the fourth leading scorer in USB history, will do that to a team.

**Pieces of the Brook:** highlight of the game may have been public address announcer Jason Yellin's long, spirited three-point calls. . . No stats because the writer messed up. □

  
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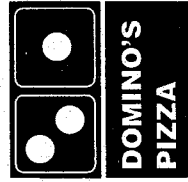
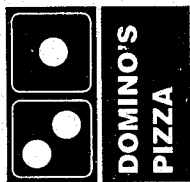
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# Statesman SPORTS

Thursday, February 15, 1996

## 'Wolves Hoot and Howl About Win Over Owls

For the women's basketball team, it has been, to put it mildly, a tough season. With nine of the team's 13 players underclassmen (seven freshmen), growing pains were expected.

Entering Wednesday evening's matchup with the Southern Connecticut Owls, the Seawolves had dropped five straight games and were 5-17 overall. Meanwhile, the Owls had won three of their last four games, held a respectable 11-13 record and featured the backcourt tandem of freshman Kristen Breen and junior Sherry Faircloth, fifth and sixth in scoring in the New England Collegiate Conference, respectively.

It appeared that a long season was going to become even longer. Except that someone forgot to tell that to freshmen Lauren Ruane, Ysa Bogle, Beth Grys and sophomore Donna Fennessy, as they led the 'Wolves to a down-to-the-wire 55-53 victory over Southern Conn. at the USB Indoor Sports Complex.

With under a minute remaining and the score 54-53 in favor of The Brook, Southern Conn's Nila Cascio, amid the home crowd chants of "de-fense," took a shot that was simultaneously rebounded by Bogle, Grys and the Owls' Tammy Kiernan. A held ball was called and the possession arrow awarded Southern Conn. the ball.

Ruane, however, stole the inbound pass, one of her eight steals on the day, and was immediately fouled. But nothing has come easy for Stony Brook during the 1995-96 season and this day would be no different as Ruane missed her free throw with just 16 seconds left on the clock.

The Owls rebounded Ruane's miss and pushed the ball upcourt where Southern Conn's Faircloth drove to the lane, but Grys defended enough to distract the shot attempt and Bogle grabbed the rebound. Bogle was fouled, and with four seconds left in the game she went to the line to take two free throw shots.

Bogle made the first shot, but missed

the second and the Owls rebounded. But time ran out before Southern Conn. could get the shot off and Stony Brook slipped away with the victory.

"We're up by one and I'm looking at the time on the clock," Bogle said about her approach to those final free throws. "It was anybody's game and I had to put them in. I missed one, but hey, I made one, so the glass is half-full." Upon contemplating the team's win, Bogle recanted her statement "Okay, completely full."

Fennessy had a team-high 16 points and Grys scored 13 to go along with her six rebounds. Ruane, along with her eight steals, had six points, six rebounds, five assists and only two turnovers, while Bogle barely missed a double-double with nine points and nine rebounds.

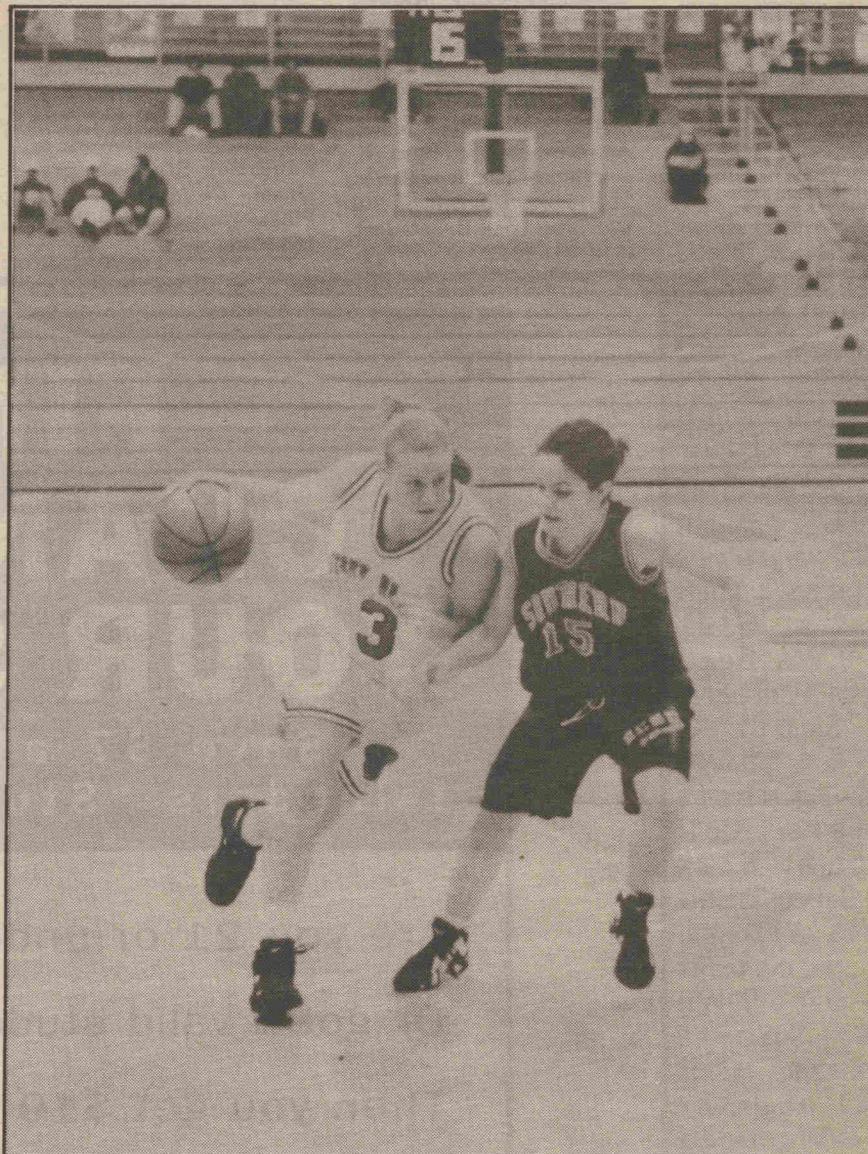
Stony Brook held a 40-39 lead midway through the second half when Donna Fennessy broke open behind the three-point line. Ruane delivered the ball and Fennessy delivered the bomb. On the 'Wolves next possession, Ruane bombed one in from downtown herself to give The Brook a 46-41 lead. The Owls rallied to tie it 49-49 with three minutes left, but when Bogle hit a 17-foot jumper to once again put the Seawolves ahead, it was a lead that was not to be relinquished.

"Southern Conn's been Division-II for awhile, they're established, and we beat them twice this year," said Head Coach Beckie Francis after the game. "We lost to New Hampshire here by 30 the first time we played them, we played them up there recently and we only lost by three. So even though the record isn't that good, we keep improving and improving."

Most of the times we have four freshmen on the floor and sometimes five. It's been a tough year, but as they get experience this team is going to get better."

Ruane outplayed her fellow freshman and rookie-of-the-year candidate Breen, who managed only five points and six rebounds in 33 frustrating minutes.

"It felt good to get the better of her,"



Statesman / Lynn Klein

Lauren Ruane (3), drives inside against Owls' Chris Bouffard in the 'Wolves' late-season win over visiting Southern Connecticut, 55-53.

said Ruane. "All of us are young and we're starting to click with each other. I can't wait to see how good we're going to be after three years together."

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**Pieces of the Brook:** The last home game for the women is next Wed. against Sacred Heart at 5:30pm. . . A questionable technical foul was called on Coach Francis

with 3:30 left in the game, apparently for leaving the coaches box, but it did not affect the outcome. . . Coach Francis credited Fennessy with being the leader of the team "She's only a sophomore, but it seems like she's a senior. She's like a mother to the younger girls and she's our go-to player."

**Next:** The 'Wolves wrap up their home season Wednesday in the ISC at 5:30 p.m. □

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