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## Graduate School and GSEU Dispute Over Pay

*Each side points to the other for lack of pay*

By NADIA PERSAUD  
Statesman Editor

The issue of funding Teaching Assistant and Graduate Assistant lines has recently resurfaced between the Stony Brook Graduate School and the Graduate Student Employee's Union.

The standard campus value for a full TA/GA line is currently \$9572 for the academic year. The matters at hand, according to Scott West, a staff member of GSEU are, "of people working in more than one area and people making more than \$9572 in a year."

According to West, payment was halted to five unit members for "extra service." Pay was restored to four members. Presently, the fifth case has not been resolved.

The Dean of the Graduate School, Lawrence Martin agrees that there is a problem. He has asked the Human Resources and Payroll with the office of the State Comptroller for an investigation to be done concerning the issues at hand.

Part of the problem relates to the way the Graduate School can pay

people for doing more than one job. Martin stated that the problem of people working in more than one area partly comes about as a result of a grievance that GSEU sued against the state. Martin explained that there is a "practical problem that the Graduate School does not have a mechanism of getting students on the payroll for that second job without exposing the Graduate School to a grievance that they will not be able to win because of the issue of workload in the student's home departments." The Graduate School does not have a problem with departments using their own money to pay graduate students higher stipends. According to Martin, many departments already employ this practice.

There are complications that come into play when trying to resolve these problems. According to Martin, "if you are a full TA, you can't be one and a quarter TA's and one and a half TA's under the current system." The question raised by Martin is how much time can students afford to spend earning a living while still devoting

adequate time to their studying?

The full TA/GA line is set at 15 to 20 hours a week. A complication that arises due to the set hourly standard per week ties in with the recent Immigration Reform Act. The Act calls for the University to report any international student(s) who works more than twenty hours a week to the Immigration service. Martin said he realized that, "in the past people have worked much more time." However, what has changed is that now the university has an "obligation" to report an international student(s) who exceeds the 20 hour limit for one week. The consequences involved for not abiding by the new procedures detailed in the Act allows for the penalization of the institution and its offices and the student(s) has to be excluded from the country for five years.

"It raises the issue of fairness. If we have one system for international students and one system for domestic students that allows them to work more hours, there is the issue of something like that discriminating

against international student's," Martin said.

Another problem deals with inequity in terms of pay in departments. Martin stated that the state payroll is set up in a way that historically, when the state funded the University at the time it was being created, they limited their funding to only faculty lines. The faculty lines were subdivided and cut into quarters to make TA/GA lines. One line was turned into four lines so each of those was a quarter FTE ( Full Time Enrollment ) which in other words is .25 feet. So now, he added, "we have this odd situation that a full TA line is called a .25 feet on the payroll and a half TA line is called a .125." The question raised by the breakdown is that can a student be one and a half TA's or one and a quarter TA's? The answer to that question is that the Graduate School does not have a mechanism for allowing students to do that.

The issue and problems are still in the process of negotiations between GSEU and the Graduate School. □

## Women Unite to Take Back the Night

By LAURA LO  
Statesman Editor

More than 100 men and women gathered outside the Stony Brook Union last night for the annual "Take Back The Night" march.

Organized by The Center For Womyn's Concerns, the march began at 9 p.m. when Anna Vira, the center's vice president, addressed the crowd. "Tonight we will march to make people aware that rape is the fastest growing crime in the United States," Vira said. "It is a growing problem on SUNY campuses, including Stony Brook, where rapes have occurred both in the streets and in the dorms."

According to Anya Mukarji-Connolly who was also involved in last year's march, there were people present who knew first-hand the importance of this annual march. "A lot of people here are survivors of

violence and it's important that people come and show them their support," Mukarji-Connolly said. The march always takes place at night, but the route can differ from year to year.

Approximately two hours long, the march began at the Union where students began their trek over to the Roth pond for a candlelight vigil. At the pond, students were able to speak out about violence against women. "This march takes place at night to signify the danger women especially face at night, but we are also vulnerable in our dorms and homes," Vira told the group. "'Take Back The Night' is a march of symbolism and activism in which we, as a community, declare our refusal to accept violence against



Statesman/Alexandra Cruz

More than 100 people marched in last night's "Take Back the Night."

women."

Senior and psychology major Emily Pizza, who has participated in the march for the last three years, agrees the march is a source of strength. "It's extremely empowering because you have so many people backing you up," she said. "It's one night that women can feel safe." □

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# Marijuana Found In Mount College

Compiled by Marilena Ioannidou

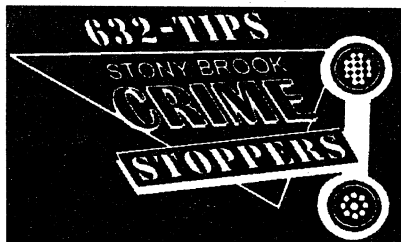
**Wednesday, March 12**

**5:11 p.m.**

In the Psychology A lobby two female suspects were arrested for stealing candy out of a vending machine.

**Time unknown**

In O'Neil College there was a report of the smell of Marijuana in a resident's room.



**Time unknown**

A money bag containing \$9,800 was stolen from the University Hospital cafe cashier offices.

**5:30 p.m.**

A black book bag with various contents inside was stolen at H Quad Cafeteria.

**2:16 p.m.**

A wallet with \$180 was stolen at the library.

**3:07 p.m.**

A woman's coat and a wallet with \$200 and credit cards was stolen at Gray college.

**Time unknown**

A female at Hand College, reported aggravated harassment. She had been receiving prank phone calls for several days.

**Thursday, March 13**

**Time unknown**

A male left the University Bookstore refusing to pay for several items. He was arrested with the merchandise outside the bookstore.

**3:22 p.m.**

A wallet containing \$30 cash and credit cards was stolen at the Student Union.

**7:39 p.m.**

A meal card was stolen in Stimson College.

**Friday, March 14**

**Time unknown**

Craffiti found on doors of S5422 on the Library's fifth floor.

An amplifier and stereo valuing \$500 was stolen from the Fine Arts/Music.

**Time Unknown**

Four fluorescent light lamps, costing \$75 each, were stolen from Keller College and another one was damaged.

Officers assisted SPA security with tension between two fraternities in the Student Union Ballroom.

**8:26 p.m.**

A window was smashed in Whitman Lot.

**10:06 p.m.**

An undergraduate party was broken up at Dreiser College and 11/2 cases of Budweiser were confiscated.

**Friday, March 15**

**Time unknown**

A suspect who caused damage to smoke detector and ceiling tiles of Sports Complex was arrested. An employee was injured during arrest.

**4:44 a.m.**

Marijuana and two bongs found in a resident room in Mount College. Students were sent to Student Affairs.

**Saturday, March 16**

**8:30 p.m.**

A wallet with credit cards and \$30 cash was stolen from a locker in the Sports Complex.

**Sunday, March 17**

**Time unknown**

A burglary was reported in Wagner College. A calculator, a woman's ring, a wallet and \$250 were stolen.

**5:00 p.m.**

A beeper valuing \$100 was reported stolen from a resident's room in Douglass.

**8:34 p.m.**

A resident of Hendrix College received harassing phone calls.

**11:30 p.m.**

A campus ID card and a key card was stolen in the Library Periodicals

**11:35 p.m.**  
Four Hubcaps, valuing \$160, were reported stolen from a vehicle in South P-Lot.

**Monday, March 18**

**Time unknown**

\$40 cash were stolen from a wallet in the Sports Complex.

**12:35 a.m.**

False fire alarm in Cardozo College followed by two false fire alarms in Langmuir.

**Tuesday, March 19**

**1:37 a.m.**

A toilet paper dispenser and toilet bowl were set on fire in Ammann College, damages amounted to \$650. Fire was extinguished upon arrival of the officers.

**2:46 a.m.**

Subject reported 20 persons screaming and possibly tampering at Toscanini P-Lot.

## Corrections

In a story printed on March 13 of the Statesman on page 8, said the Polity Secretary candidate Sayed Ali supported Monique Maylor and Jose Pena. It should have read that Ali supported Maylor and Diane Lopez

Donna McGowan's picture mistakenly appeared with the profile of SASU Rep candidate Vivian Salazar on page 17 of the March 17 issue.

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# Hoping for a Better Cyprus

By MARILENA IOANNIDOU  
Statesman Staff

On Wednesday, in the Union Auditorium, the Artemis Hellenic Association organized a lecture discussing the political situation on the Island of Cyprus. Students had the opportunity to learn more about the problems that the whole Cyprus community has been going through since the Turkish invasion in 1974, when Turkey occupied over one third of the island.

The lecture began with an introductory speech from the President of the Hellenic Association, Diamond, followed by a documentary of the cold-blooded murders of two Greek-Cypriots, Tasos Isaak and Solomon Solomou, last August by Turkish extremists during a peaceful demonstration along the buffer zone. On August 2, 1996 a group of approximately 200 Cypriot and European motorcyclists set off from Berlin's Brandenburg Gate on a long peaceful ride through many countries of Europe in order to draw attention to the Turkish occupation of part of the territory of Cyprus, the artificial division of the island and the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Cyprus, and in particular of the right to move freely throughout their own country. Unfortunately, as

the documentary revealed, this peaceful demonstration ended up to a tragedy and spread terror through out the island.

Then followed an introduction of the speaker, Pantelakis D. Eliades who is the current Consultant General of Cyprus, by the president of Artemis. Eliades has a BA and a Masters degree in Foreign Applied Languages and Administration. He has worked at executive positions in the private sector in marketing research, the shipping and air industry. He entered the diplomatic service of Cyprus in 1989 and served at the Division of Economic Affairs of the Foreign Ministry. He also served as First Secretary at the Embassy of Cyprus in the People's Republic of China. He hoped that through his speech and by answering the various questions of the students he would manage to give a clearer picture of the Cyprus problem.

Mr. Eliades opened his speech by referring to the devastating effects the Turkish occupation had on the Cyprus community; more than 200,000 people were evicted forcefully from their homes and 1,619 people are still missing. "Turkish, since the invasion of 1974, has been violation International law and human rights." He said that the Cyprus government is willing to find a solution and looks

toward Europe with hope of solving its political problem and also for giving to the island a position in Europe. He stressed that the Cyprus government wants a peaceful settlement and it is not interested in polemics.

"It is sad that Cyprus is the only country with a divided capital in the world. All the other countries that were split in two, Germany, Bosnia, the Middle East, Ireland, all of them have found a solution or are close to solving their problems.

Unfortunately, this is not the case in Cyprus." His message to the audience was that people should strike to make it possible for tomorrow what is not possible to do today. And he ended his speech saying that as long as there is a will there is a way. He strongly supported the dream of all Cypriots about a united country once more, where Turkish-Cypriots and Greek-Cypriots can live peacefully together. The dream of a Cyprus that is part of a united Europe for a happy future for all its inhabitants. □

## Sewage Problems Cause Stink at SAC

By DOMINICK A. FORTUGNO  
Statesman Staff

By Tuesday morning, construction teams had three predictions as to what has caused a sewage back-up at the new Student Activities Center. The back-up, caught several days earlier, disrupted the area within and immediately surrounding the SAC, and left an unpleasant smell around the area for some time. The situation was quickly isolated by construction crews.

Tuesday morning, Joel Newton, associate director of the Physical Plant stated he couldn't tell exactly what had occurred to cause the back-up, but he speculated it was either construction debris left in the manholes, the presence of too sharp a turn in the sewage lines, or a disconnection, probably the result of ground shifts knocking the lines out of alignment. Newton said he and his team were preparing to send a camera down into the lines with the help of a campus-affiliated, private contractor Tuesday afternoon, in hopes of "getting a better idea of what we have here."

Newton went on to explain the problem could have been caused by a variety of factors, including the increased occupancy of the new SAC, or shifting below the earth's surface, which sometimes moves or even snaps

the pipes. The possibility of a break in the lines is a "common occurrence," according to Newton, who pointed out there were two breaks in the water lines last year, at Tabler Quad and also at North Loop Road across from Kelly and Roosevelt Quads. He stated these breaks were due to such ground shifting. "It doesn't take a lot of power to break those lines," said Newton.

Later Tuesday, Newton and the construction teams determined the situation when a camera showed a visible block at a 90 degree turn in the pipe system in the vicinity of the psychology buildings. Newton said the contributing factor was probably "a decrease in the water flow from the SAC," as a result of installing more water-conservative facilities.

According to Newton, fixing the problem will require the replacement of the angled turn with a sweep—a more gradual curve, "basically, one-fourth a circle." He said the process will require "probably one day's worth of work," which will be completed "some time in the next two to four weeks. . . the hardest part will be the digging." Finally, Newton said replacing the piece should alleviate the back-up problem, and there is "no indication of another problem" with the system. □

## Stony Brook Symphony Performs at Staller Center

By PAT DAVIS  
Special to the Statesman

The Stony Brook Symphony Orchestra filled the Staller Center with historic music on Saturday night. For their program, the orchestra chose a variety of pieces from classical, romantic and contemporary times. Director Gustav Meier led the presentation, which included works by Mozart, Schumann and Witold Lutoslawski.

The concert provoked an almost academic atmosphere as the performers danced their audience through several contrasting periods of music history. Listeners were taken back to classical Vienna as the festivities opened with an enchanting rendition of Mozart's Overture to *The Magic Flute*. Then the orchestra changed moods with a contemporary peice by Witold Lutoslawski titled *Chain 2* for violin and orchestra.

Solo violinist Jeremy Bell gave a dazzling performance spinning and weaving with the orchestra through four movements of striking and contrasting dynamics and tempos. The applause did not end until Bell promised an encore at the end of the

show.

Afer a short intermission, the orchestra again shifted modes and played Robert Schumann's *Symphony No. 4 in d minor*. The performance was moving and at times languishing, fitting of a romantic symphony, and demonstrated the orchestra's ability to play efffectively in contrasting musical styles. Then, as promised, the orchestra encored by repeating the second and fourth movements of the Lutoslawski piece - it was just as riveting as the first time.

The Music Department should be commended for bringing educational and historical emphasis to the music, including an open pre-concert lecture to explain the works, composers and time periods to be presented in the performance. It was an enjoyable evening of music.

Upcoming events at the Staller Center:

**April 11 & 13** - Stony Brook Opera performs Pietro Mascagni's *L'Amico Fritz*

**April 12** - Stony Brook Chamber Singers - Kimberly Devries, conductor

**April 17** - Stony Brook Jazz Ensemble - Todd Coolman, director

## Announcing the Alumni Association's Award Winners

Class of 1970 Alumni Association Award - Hester Suh  
Sophomore Student Association Award - Sayed K. Ali  
Elizabeth Covey Alumni Association Award - Heather L. Schaub  
Ashley Schiff Alumni Association Award - Tracy Giacommo  
Alumni Association Commuter Student Award - Greg Lubich  
Alumni Association Returning Student Award - Oscar G. Tanko  
Alumni Association Student Employee Award - Hashibul Hannan  
Larry Roher Undergraduate Entrepreneurial Achievement Award - Charles Poliacof  
Babak Movahedi Senior Leadership Award - Keren Zolotov

Congratulations!



## EDITORIALS

# Diversity Only Enrichens the SB Community

Earlier this week, before Polity elections, the Statesman published answers that the various candidates for Policy council offices offered to a questionnaire that we sent them. While not a proper "scientific" survey, the responses of this select group of students provided insights in to what has been done right, and wrong, on this campus.

Among the questions to which the candidates offered answers were two involving what they "liked" and did not "like" about Stony Brook. Most of the respondents commended the University for the diversity of the campus community. However, some were quick to add that, for all of this diversity, the student body, as one put it, is "still very much segregated." Another mentioned that one of the

problems facing the University was the formation of "cliques" among the different ethnic groups on campus.

The multiple facets of religions, races, and ideas on this campus only enhances the academic atmosphere here. Students, in a setting with such diversity, have an opportunity to constantly challenge their presuppositions that they hold about different cultural groups, many which can be found within this community. Confronted by this rich diversity, students cannot dismiss or marginalize other the values and views of others, as so often occurs outside of the University setting. But once students leave the classroom, is this feeling of diversity left behind? Are we indeed leaving a diverse academic

community, only to then socialize with those that look and talk as we do? Is all of this talk of diversity made moot by what we do beyond the classroom?

The answers, of course, are not so simple. Most students here have formed lasting friendships with those who are outside of their own racial or cultural group. Most students can say that they leave this campus with a greater knowledge of the various perspectives that form humankind.

However, the perception is

still real, and somewhat justified, that there has been a formation of inelastic cliques on this campus. A vast array of organizations have formed here that cater to only certain ethnic groups. There are also parties, yearbooks, etc. dedicated to one group or another. While we applaud the pride long fought for, shown by groups in through these activities, we will continue to hope that students can find ways in which to come together, and in time erase the divisions that do exist on this campus.

## Paper, Paper, Everywhere

After the end of Polity elections earlier this week, the university campus has been left with far more than the bad taste leftover from the campaign tactics used leading up to the votes taken on Tuesday and Wednesday. Candidates' supporters were seen near most polling stations passing out leaflets and flyers attempting last-minute sales to potential voters that their candidate is the one that cares the most about this campus and its inhabitants. The leaflets were handed out to anyone, without regard to whether or not they had an interest or if they even could vote.

As such, many of

the flyers ended up thrown into bushes and elsewhere, adding to the litter that already marks this campus. While the ultimate blame for the additional litter falls on each of the individuals that somehow could not find one of the many trash receptacles available near where they recieved the flyers, the candidate s must take some responsibility in cleaning up for the mess that they helped create. Much of the litter was tossed near where the candidates and supporters were located; they were fully aware that their flyers were not being read, but rather abandoned onto the ground. Perhaps if they really care about this campus as much as those flyers professed, we would have a much cleaner campus today.

Op-ed (by r.jay magill, jr.)



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## Money is Wasted on Rock

### To the Editor:

Have the members of Bob Gaffney's County Executive anti-graffiti task force lost their minds? I mean these people sure know how to waste taxpayers' money. In an effort to end graffiti, Gaffney's task force has now declared that a rock is a "historical monument." This "historical" rock sits off the side of Nicolls road near the main entrance of Stony Brook University. It will become a memorial park so college students can no longer paint on it.

We have criminals painting churches, synagogues, businesses and personal property. Instead of protecting this property, we will spend

tens of thousands of taxpayer's dollars to protect a rock. What will Gaffney's task force do, have a Police Swat Team waiting for some college student to come along and paint his girlfriend's name on the rock? How much money will this cost a year in upkeep of the lights, plants, flags, landscaping, bronze plaque and security? Did Gaffney approve this?

No one wants spray paint on public and private property. It is a problem that needs to be attacked in a way that will solve it, but it will not be solved by making lame political points. Let's tackle the problem in areas where it will work best but not on a rock.

Bill Walsh

## Higher Ed: Not An Expense, An Investment

By State Comptroller H. Carl McCall

In Governor Pataki's budget proposal for fiscal year 1997-98, he is recommending a \$300 million cut to higher education. If that cut is enacted, tuition at the State and City University systems will have increased by 40 percent in the two and a half years Governor Pataki has been in office. His penny-wise, pound-foolish approach to higher education is jeopardizing the public university system. Even more troubling is the response of the State University Board, which is supposed to serve as an advocate for the University. There has not been any cry of protest from the Board, most of whose members were appointed by the Governor.

The Governor looks at education as not an investment but as an expense. His tuition hikes send an unfortunate message to our young people: go study somewhere else. The problem is, some kids can't afford to go study somewhere else, and those that can afford to will probably live somewhere else after they graduate.

New York can't afford to lose young minds. Our State needs bright, energetic, educated young people to create new businesses, fill technical jobs and develop new products. The Governor may have missed it, but the world's economy has changed. If New York is going to regain its competitive edge, we have to change also. We need to focus on the most important tool for economic success — education. Today's global economy doesn't have much room for unskilled, uneducated workers.

Regrettably, the Governor has tried to make his lack of commitment to higher education into a partisan issue. It's not a partisan issue. It's an economic issue, and the future of our State depends on our willingness to invest in the future. A study done in Illinois showed that for every dollar

Illinois invests in higher education it gets back four dollars and thirty-one cents in taxes along with an educated, innovative work force. New York needs to make an investment in higher education because it's the best investment for a strong economy.

Thirty years ago, then-Governor Nelson Rockefeller, a Republican, said, "Our goal is to assure that no young man or young woman is this State with the desire and capacity for education shall be denied it for lack of facilities or personal financial means."

Governor Rockefeller had the vision to recognize the importance of making higher education available and affordable. He understood the value, not only to the individual but to the State as a whole, of a higher education system that gives students, poor, rich or middle class, the opportunity to become contributing members of society. Governor Pataki should take a page from Governor Rockefeller's book and recommit himself to New York's economic future.

If our State is going to be competitive in the future, we have to invest in the young people who will shape that future. We shouldn't penalize those young people for going to school in New York. We should be doing everything we can to make sure they have an opportunity to stay here, learn here, and when they graduate, contribute to the economy here.

Students have make their government realize that tomorrow's opportunities are created by today's investments. It's imperative that every student on every campus stand up and be counted. Get involved. Your future, and the future of New York, depend upon a commitment to providing every person with the "desire and capacity" the opportunity for a quality education.



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## TENNIS continued from back page

Kutztown and Nebraska-Kearney.

University of Chicago, though it is a Division III team, it is highly ranked and was last years second place winner in the UAA championship.

Ranked one above us at No.13 in Division II, lies Kutztown University. Last year they ended with a respectable overall record in singles of 34-14.

Nebraska-Kearney, here lies the true challenge. Their roster consists of players with skill levels, uncannily, similar to USB's.

Leng Dar Yiu is their No.2 player. He competed on the Singapore Junior Davis Cup Team for two years and contains a wealth of international experience. His coach believes Yiu has strong baseline game with tremendous physical stamina.

The No.1 player of the team is a sophomore by the name of Adrian Court. He is a serve and volley player, who also has excellent stamina.

Another big hitter in the Nebraska-Kearney starters list is Clarke Tefft. He comes from a powerful high school tennis team, they won eight consecutive state titles. He alternates and sometimes plays number two or three.

The Seawolves are up to par with all these teams in almost every aspect. The only factors that can possibly work against USB are, the drastic change in weather, and the fact that the tennis team has not had a lot of court time.

The team is departing on Saturday, and will hopefully reach there on the same day. Tabibnia plans to use Sunday and Monday as practice days, so that the team can adjust to the weather.

As for court time, there is not much you can do. The team budget cannot support indoor training at a tennis club, and all the local clubs

have decided not to support the USB team. All they can do is hope that the weather conditions to change so that they can practice outdoors. If this does not pan out, Tabibnia has two days to get the team into working order before their first match.

The way our line-up is set up right now we are ready to take on Nebraska-Kearney and the rest. We have the "Norwegian powerhouse," Daniel Antonius, at the top of the heap. If UNK does not stack, he will be facing Adrian Court, last years freshman sensation. Antonius has the advantage since he is a veteran of the game and has opportunities to play with a lot of highly ranked players.

Tae Byon, the tennis teams No.2 player will end up playing his exact counterpart, Clarke Tefft. Both Byon and Tefft went to high schools with outstanding tennis teams in their region. Byon attended Cardozo H.S., while Tefft attended Lincoln East H.S. Tabibnia says that Tae is an all-court player, while UNK coach Marc Walters says that it is "Tefft's solid return of serve and crafty court sense will make him a consistent winner at the collegiate level. At this stage in his career, Clarke is lacking match experience which he needs to help build some mental focus."

Dae Kim, the No.3 player will be paired against the native of Singapore, Leng Kar Yiu. Dae Kim is a strong baseline player, and according to UNK records, so is Leng Kar. The fact that Kim is twenty-four years old and a veteran in the sport, like his colleague (Antonius), might give him that slight edge over his opponent.

Our No.4 player, Joe Seidinger, will test his skills against Ryan Wise. Seidinger's opponent is no match for him if he uses the skills he has attained playing nationally ranked club tennis in Germany.

The No. 5 and 6 spot is alternated between Mike Jo and Chuck Greenhut. As for UNK their No.5 position is filled by Jason Ostrom. Ostrom is the most athletic player on the team and will focus mainly on doubles. Walters said "Jason is very capable of hitting big shots, but he relies on his consistency and quickness to gain a competitive edge. Jason is lacking match experience in singles, but will make a big contribution in doubles. The No. 6 spot might be filled by Martin Kelly, a 6' 4" monstrosity, who

brings with him competitive level experience from playing in the Canadian Nationals and his participation in a junior tournament in Ireland. Walters says "Martin has a great size (6' 4") and a big serve that intimidates his opponents. He is the most improved player from the fall season."

Another player that we have to watch out for is Jeff Penley, a former player for Barton County Community College currently

ranked, fifth in the east, where he was named All-State and All-Region two years ago. Walters said "Jeff is a lefty with a strong serve and a counter punching mentality. Jeff [also] has a great doubles game and sees the court extremely well."

This trip will not effect our current standing in Division II. According to coach Tabibnia "We have nothing to lose, but everything to gain." Tabibnia's main objective is to make this a team a weapon that can crush our arch rivals, Concordia and Quinnipiac college. □

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the pure creativity of the music.

When My Favorite hit the stage at around 11:30, the drunk hangers-on were probably ready for more up-tempo action. They opened up with a decent lively number, though sounded like your run of the mill coffee house band on cocaine - but they would get progressively better all night. The percussions were slamming but the bass needed to get harder if it were to keep the light as pancakes tunes anchored, and not floating away into some fluff zone. Over their next several tunes, there was a culture shock. They showed flashes of influence from any number of Indie pop bands ranging from the Smiths, Yaz and Bettie Seveert in a single Cure-esque melody over loaded tune. The group aptly compare themselves to the group New Order. Though they sound nothing like the Manchester dance specialists, their similar ability to synthesize music from vastly different, unrelated styles was right on target. Lead vocals Audrea Vaughn and the male lead vocal (didn't catch his name, sorry!) did the duet thing, growling lyrics over plaintive notes. At the highest ebbs, bassist Gilbert Abad, guitarist Darren Amadio and percussionist Michael Grace banged out ominous, beautifully clashing tunes and at their lowest they sounded like nothing more than a souped up B-52's with vocals too sharp for music too light for it's own good. Progressing midway into the set however, all the pieces were solid. The night reached it's high point with "Titanic Tide", a dizzying, hypnotic anthem where all their different elements seemed to finally blend together into a singular perfect

union.

Radio Free Wednesdays is the brain child of Dave Klein who has his own show on WUSB, D-Klein's Schizophrenia, which can be heard Friday afternoons 2:30 to 5:30. He came up with the idea of bringing the bands out to the campus last fall. Originally he hoped to get them for live performances for his show, but as it turned that the shows would go on Wednesdays and not during his on air time slot, he's just glad that students can just come out and have a good time. Considering the way the University's Student activity Board books concert acts (nonexistent) Klein and WUSB are doing a great service to the campus by getting these acts. Shows start at 9:30 PM, grads get in free and there's a \$3 cover for everyone else. If your 21, a proper ID is good enough for drinks.

If the future bands are half as bitching as My Favorite and Nano Frog were, Wednesday nights at the spot will be the best ticket in town. □

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## No Go For HMO- Lieutenant Governor Betsy McCaughey Ross Speaks Out



### According to Eve

By Brooke Donatone

As of now our nation does not have an adequate health care plan. HMOs are now in charge of patients' lives instead of patients. If there is a clinical trial or experimental procedure that may be performed in order to treat cancer or AIDS, the insurance companies have the right to sit back and discuss whether or not a patient has the right to live.

This was the case of elementary school teacher Tom Bradley who acquired HIV and needed an experimental bone marrow transplant to save his life. His insurance company, Blue Cross Blue Shield wouldn't cover the procedure, even though he had an identical twin brother which would virtually ensure the success of the operation. They denied him payment and as a result Bradley became the first man to sue Blue Cross Blue Shield and win. Unfortunately, the payment came too late as Bradley came down with an eye infection that made the surgery impossible. He died soon after. It sounds like the same tragic story you hear on the news once in awhile. I would have thought so too if it weren't for the fact that he was my fifth grade teacher.

On March 13, Lieutenant

Governor Betsy McCaughey Ross attended a hearing at Huntington Town Hall to discuss the importance of Senate Bill 2887, otherwise known as the "Patients' Fair Appeals Act". According to McCaughey Ross, "The insurance companies have taken control away from the doctor and patient so often now that the decision about your care is made by an insurance company review agent who's never examined you, who knows nothing about your medical history, and really doesn't know you from Adam." She emphasized that clinical trials won't cause insurance to go up more than half a percent, and mentioned that about two weeks ago New York became the first state to ban drive-thru mastectomies, in which women were sent home only a day after radical surgery.

Many representatives from Huntington Breast Cancer Coalition, Long Island Association of AIDS Care, and Leukemia Society of America came to tell the Lieutenant Governor their personal stories of illnesses and how they are rendered helpless under HMOs.

McCaughey Ross stood closer to me than a "professional distance" would allow. She was immediately personable and actually wanted to



Donatone and Lieutenant Governor Betsy McCaughey Ross

speak with me. Despite the journalist's rule to be non-biased, I immediately liked her.

McCaughey Ross continued to explain that, "Insurance companies are putting profits ahead of patients and it's just not right. Unfortunately,

in today's world of managed care, too many decisions are not made by your doctor, but by your insurance agent and that's wrong." McCaughey Ross would know about health care abuses. She was the one to point out the various flaws in the Clinton health

plan, receiving various awards for her articles.

McCaughey Ross believes that insurance company abuses are the number one health care problem in the United States. With such an important and worthy cause that the Lieutenant Governor is fighting for, why does she receive so much opposition?

For those of you who don't know, Betsy McCaughey Ross is now the highest ranking female official in New York. She received her B.A. from Vassar and her Ph.D. from Columbia. With such honorable credentials, why is the GOP fixated on the fact that she's "cute as a button" or is she receiving remarks such as "make me an offer I can't refuse" from Senator Al D'Amato?

What about the political advancements of women?

"The old boys have been holding on to the key to the club house. . . (women) are changing the political agenda. When you think about it, breast cancer research, health care, child care issues weren't even on the agenda in an earlier age," said an optimistic McCaughey Ross.

It was said that two of the many reasons McCaughey Ross was chosen as Lieutenant Governor was that she was a woman and lived in New York. "I don't, it should've been important. I agreed to serve as Lieutenant Governor because my expertise in health care, in education,

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## No Variety in Room Selection

By SHEEJA FRANCIS  
Special to the Statesman

Roth Quad is the fastest filling dormitory center during room selection at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

"I hear a lot of people say I want to move into Roth because it's a much more mature environment," said Katherine Bryant, the Residence Hall Director for Mount college in Roth Quad, and the former RHD for Ammann College in Mendelsohn Quad. According to Bryant, the differences between Roth Quad and the other five quads — H, Mendelsohn, Kelly, Tabler and Roosevelt — appear both in the physical and social environments.

Mendelsohn and H Quads are called the "slums" by many residents and buildings in Roth

are considered a cut above the rest. "I talked to a lot of students in Amman about the 'slums'," Bryant said. "The physical environment is a part of it, but it's also the noise level and the level of activity, and that's what people equate with."

The number of private parties are a major factor hurting the reputation of buildings in the north campus. "I used to live in Gray and it was like living in the city," said Mary Romanenko, a psychology major who is currently residing at Mount College. "There was so much noise. There were parties almost every night all around my room. I couldn't even sleep peacefully."

"Roth is much calmer," said Romanenko. "I can

actually study and sleep in my own room. I haven't really seen anyone having parties here yet."

Less partying in Roth can be attributed mainly to the fact that the quad has never housed a bar. All the other quads had bars until 15 years ago. Bars were allowed in residence halls because the drinking age was 18 at the time. There was the "Golden Bear Club" in O'Neill, "The Gray Underground" in Gray college and pubs in Kelly.

"I think the history plays a role in how the different environments are perceived," said Bryant. "Some of that just isn't lost."

According to Bryant the special Living-Learning Center programs in Roth are another major reason that there are only a

few spaces available in Roth during the room selection process.

There are five buildings in Roth quad and all of them have specialized programs that allow students to take classes in their residence halls. Mount has the Wellness Program, Whitman has the Women In Science and Engineering, Cardozo houses the honors college students, Hendrix has International Foreign Exchange students and Gershwin has the Environmental Studies program.

"Every building has something that restricts the number of spaces we have to hold in room selection," Bryant said. "When room selection comes around, you get people who want to stay and everybody wants to stay."

Twenty percent of the spaces, about 50 in each building, are held for incoming freshman and

transfers. This leaves out the students living in the other quads who want to move to Roth. "I started to try for Roth since my sophomore year, but I had to get accepted into the Wellness program to get here," said Romanenko, who is now a senior.

The nicer environment in Roth comes with a price tag of \$1,600 per semester while all the other builds cost \$1,500. According to Bryant, the RHD of Mount, the extra \$100 is used toward paying off state loans taken out by the university for renovations. As the first renovated quad on campus, Roth increased its popularity in the last four years.

"Paying extra is because you have to have some kind of equity," Bryant said. "Obviously, the people who live here are getting more."



# RADIO FREE WEDNESDAYS AT THE SPOT

By RYAN HEIKATA  
Statesman Staff

Reports of it's demise have been greatly exaggerated - Indie Rock is alive and well. At least at the Spot every Wednesday that is - when Long Island's best and brightest alternative rockers strut their stuff just for the Stony Brook Campus. As part of Radio Free Wednesdays, an event brought to you collaboratively by WUSB 90.1 FM and the Spot, this week Nano Frog hit the podium followed by My Favorite in what promised to be a tour de force of local creativity. Nano Frog, a young group that hails from Lake Grove, gets steady playing time on college radio. Jellow Biafro from the Dead Kennedys is personally helping this group with distribution. My Favorite, an equally talented and equally youthful looking bunch, comes from Brookhaven Township. They are working on getting a deal with the Euro-label Elefant. Hopefully they

will come out with an album this summer.

Nano Frog played for about a half hour, rolling out their full range of retro guitar strummings and kooky lyrics. Self described as "punk gone into space", a more telling description would be Joy Division meets Primus. Band members Carolyn Ryan (percussion), Mike Brenneis (bass) and Joe Vella (guitar, thermn, vocals) spill out psychedelic chords while interweaving them into a funky haze. The music moves in robotic fashion and all their songs sound like a space ship is about to take off, and after a few beers you almost expect to see a Martian sitting around somewhere enjoying the show. But the hooks are there and most of the songs are catchy.

"You Always Forget" with it's droll monotonous whining and twisted beat would put Ian Curtis to shame, and Ian was never this bouncy. Brenneis, the spacey bassist, considers the thermn (a noise making instrument) as important as any living member of the group. He calls it the

"space box" and gesticulates wildly with his hands as if demonstrating it's mysterious powers. When it starts making those "spacey sounds" the rocket boosters of fun really flare.

The college crowd, which is always more musically intelligent, was appreciative of the atmosphere and

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## McCaughey Ross Speaks Out

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and other public policy issues could actually help New Yorkers," said McCaughey Ross.

Some argue that she's just a politician, and can say what you want to hear. That doesn't explain the fact that she wiped away a tear and mumbled a "thank you" trying not to make it noticeable that her voice was cracking after hearing a story about a man's struggle with muscular dystrophy. Instead of focusing on the fact that the Lieutenant Governor was trying to help AIDS patients at a protest rally, stop drive-thru mastectomies, and better education in the inner city, articles, like those featured in John Kennedy's *George* magazine point out that she's gone from the GOP's "golden girl to whipping girl."

She begins quietly, "Well, there seems to be or there is to much petty political maneuvering, too much partisanship and not enough focus on the issues. I would hope that public leaders of both genders would focus more on the issues that are really

important to people instead of all those petty partisan politics." She pauses for a moment, "It really doesn't accomplish very much, I actually think it's very boring," laughs McCaughey Ross.

An article said that whenever the Lieutenant Governor doesn't get enough visibility in the press, she picks an issue she knows will get her publicity, making her her own worst enemy. McCaughey Ross looked at me curiously and replied, "I wonder who they're talking about."

Oddly enough, McCaughey Ross didn't take any notice when channel 55 and channel 12 news made a noisy exit. Her eyes stayed focused on the speaker, and the issues at hand.

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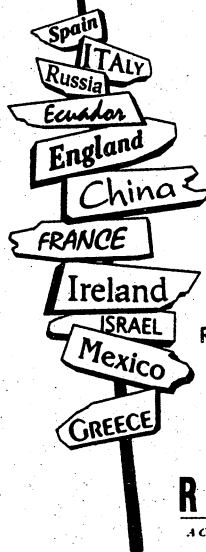
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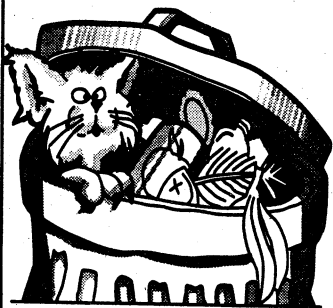
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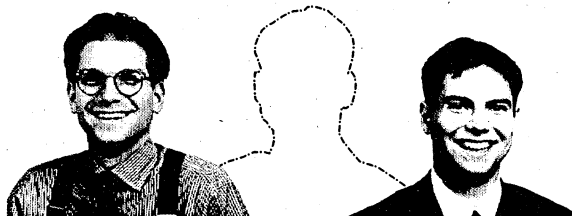
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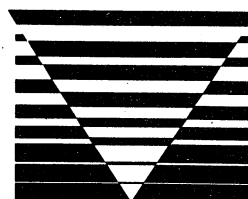
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# STATESMAN SPORTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1997

## THE EAGLE HAS CRASHED SEAWOLVES RALLY BEHIND CHRIS KOLLMER AND COURTNEY WILSON TO TAKE BOSTON COLLEGE

By MIKE CHAMOFF  
Statesman Editor

The Seawolves got a big win yesterday as they traveled to Boston to take on the Boston College Eagles. The Seawolves fell behind early in the game, but battled and stayed strong to top the Eagles 15-14 in the closing minutes. Stony Brook raised its record to 3-1, their best start since 1992. Boston College on the other hand, suffered their third defeat of the season, dropping to 1-3.

The Seawolves got off to a slow start as Boston College jumped all over them to take an early 4-0 lead. It was looking like a bleak game for the "Wolves until they finally got their engines going again and pulled within one goal. The score at the end of the first quarter was Boston 4, Stony Brook 3.

What was about to unfold the rest of the way was a very long battle in which BC would jump ahead, then the 'Wolves would pull within reach, only to have B. C. pull away again. Eventually, things would change for the best, but not without a fight.

After a high scoring second quarter, the Eagles went into the locker room up 10-8, putting pressure on the Seawolves. When both teams came out of the locker room, Boston College continued to press the Seawolves as they extended their lead to 12-8 with two quick goals. But Stony Brook answered with two

### FINAL SCORE

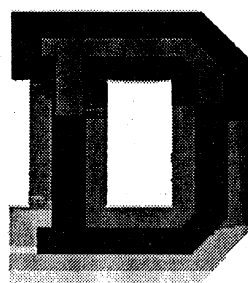


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### NEXT UP :

STONY BROOK VS DARTMOUTH  
SEAWOLVES BIG GREEN



SAT MARCH 29, 1997 1:00 p.m., Memorial Stadium  
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quick goals of their own, courtesy of Chris Kollmer making the score B.C. 12, USB 10.

You'd think that this would be the point when the Seawolves could take over the game, especially with Kollmer hot. But this was not the case as Boston College drew more blood. The Eagles added two more scores to up its lead to four goals again, 14-10.

Unfortunately there would be no more noise coming from B.C. sticks. The Seawolves went on the scoring tear they were waiting for all game long, as they scored five straight times, thanks to Kollmer, Aitchison, Wilson, and Ceballos.

Kollmer's goal with 13:51 remaining pulled Stony Brook within one of the Eagles, at 14-13. Courtney Wilson tied the game (14-14), with 6:13 left on the clock and then put the nail in the coffin with the game winner and just 4:32 left. The Seawolve walked off the field at Alumni Stadium with a nice, sweet 15-14 come-from-behind win in their pockets.

Stony Brook is in a nice position now with a 3-1 record and a trip to sunny Florida all set for spring break. In Florida, USB will play a series of exhibition games against Florida schools. After their trip, they travel to Dartmouth to play the Big Green. The Seawolves will try to continue their roll. □

### the sports catch with Jawad Hasan

## USB Tennis Begins New Era in South Carolina

The Seawolves tennis team has come to a turning point in their season. They are headed to their first ever major intercollegiate competition at Hilton Head, SC. They will get a chance to prove if they deserve their current echelon as fourteenth in the east in Div. II.

According to coach Tabibnia, he tried to balance the team schedule so that you had a gradual movement, "going from good teams to great teams."

The Seawolves will start their week of matches with Barton College, ranked No.5 in the east. Unfortunately the Seawolves are starting off with a harsh team, due to some re-

scheduling. Hopefully they can cross this obstacle that has been put in their path. If not, maybe they can pick up some pointers. After Barton, they could probably breathe a little easier for the next few matches, until they have to face the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

They (UNK) are currently ranked No.10 in the midwest region. The other teams they will duel are Davis-Elkins, University of Chicago and Kutztown University.

The teams with players that will pose the greatest challenge for the Seawolves players, are Barton College, University of Chicago,

please see TENNIS page 9

### BASEBALL

## TAKE THAT !

Dennis Kelly and Tim Loyal Come Up With A Masterful Performance In Season Opener

compiled from Athletic Media Relations

(Lincoln Park, Monday) The Seawolves (1-0) kicked off the 1997 season with an impressive 9-0 shutout over the Molloy College Lions (3-4). The 'Wolves were led by senior Scott McAleer who went 3-5 with two doubles, a triple and four RBI. Junior transfer Jeff Fiermonte made his Stony Brook debut by going 3 for 5 and driving in two runs.

Dennis Kelly and Tim Loyal combined to pitch a four-hitter as they kept Molloy hitters off balance throughout the afternoon. Kelly got his first start of the new season and turned in seven strong innings yielding only two hits and striking out one. Loyal

hurled the final two innings, striking out four.

USB will play Dowling Tuesday and then travel down to North Carolina for a ten game road swing. The 'Wolves will kick it off in Murfreesboro, at the Chowan College Invitational. There they will play Elizabeth City on the 20th, Chowan and Newport News on the 21st, and the consolation or championship game the 22nd. Then they will play Wingate College the 24th, a double header against St. Andrews College the 25th, a double header versus Pfeiffer the 26th and Barton the 27th. The 'Wolves will finally return home on the 29th to play NECC rival UMass-Lowell. □