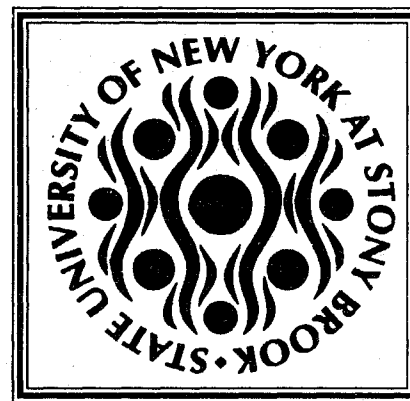
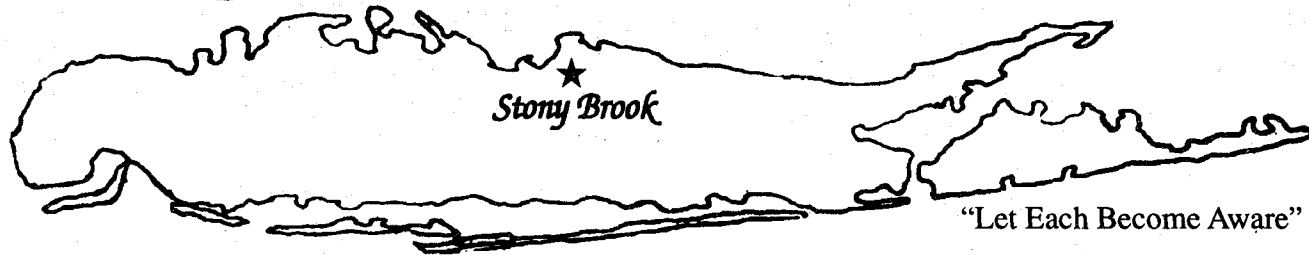


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Seawolves Banner Stolen Before Graduation

By Thomas Masse
Statesman Editor in Chief

A large banner worth upwards of \$1000 with the Seawolves logo imprinted on it was stolen from the arena of the Indoor Sports Complex the afternoon or night before graduation, according to Scheduling and Events Manager Jim Cronin.

Cronin discovered that the hand-painted vinyl banner was taken from the arena when he arrived at work graduation morning. It was later estimated that the banner was stolen sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14.

The banner was hanging over the far side railing of the upstairs jogging track of the arena, closest to the building's parking lot. Cronin said that someone was supposed to be in the Complex overnight to make sure nothing happened to the graduation set up. "When I came in at five o'clock Sunday morning it was gone," he said.

Assistant Athletic Director for Development, Greg Economou, said that the large banner was part of a \$2000 package that also included a number of similar smaller banners. Cronin said that the package was purchased by the Division of Physical Education and

Athletics for the press conference revealing the Seawolves logo in February.

"If they bring it right back themselves, we'll take it no questions asked," said Cronin. He then directed his statement to the person or persons who took the banner. "If they don't, then what we'll probably do is put out a money reward for it big enough so that your own friend will turn you in. And, when they turn you in, we will prosecute you for a felony."

Cronin added, "Before it was stolen, we had plans of getting additional banners. But rather than have it professionally done, we were going to do something in conjunction with the art school." These plans included sponsoring a banner drawing contest and a Seawolves murals contest on the walls of Pritchard Gym. The division will continue planning the contests but still would like the banner returned.

A University Police spokesperson confirmed that they are currently investigating the incident. Anyone with any information about the theft should contact Jim Cronin at 632-9271 or University Police at 632-3333.

"It's just a shame that we have to spend all this time trying to track this thing down and file reports and that everyone got ripped-off at graduation," said Cronin. "Somebody's idea of a joke: Not funny."

Arson in Office of Computer Science Professor

By Carl Corry
Statesman News Editor

An office on the first floor of the Computer Science building was intentionally set on fire earlier this month during the last week of finals, according to the Suffolk County arson squad.

The fire started at around 4 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, after a person or persons "... entered the room, stuffed papers in all different places and set it on fire," according to a May 19 article in *The Village Times* that quoted professor Michael Kifer. He lost

"... most of [his] books, archives and research papers, along with a few personal items ..." the article stated.

There were no signs of forced entry into the office, according to Lieutenant Douglas Little, spokesperson to the Stony Brook University Police. The office was opened with a key, he said, adding that an active investigation is being conducted by the Suffolk County Police and University Police detectives.

The damage to the office is "into the thousands of dollars," Lt. Little said. According to the *Times* article, "there was also some smoke damage to the other offices in the suite." Lt. Little said that though the building remained open, the offices involved were closed until the next day, after being checked by

Environmental Health and Safety for contaminants and asbestos, as well as being checked by the arson squad for accelerants and other chemicals.

To provide for better security of the area, the locks are going to be changed, and the University Police are going to continue its patrols.

This incident is one of three unsolved major felony cases this semester where no suspects have turned up in an investigation. The other incidents include the \$15,000 worth of computer equipment taken from the Staller Center on February 1, and more recently, the \$31,000 worth of computer equipment taken from the Life Sciences Library on April 14.

The Computer Science Department is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the fire. Anyone with information is asked to call Kathy Germana at 632-8471. She is located in Room 1440 of the Computer Science Building.

Thomas Masse and Angela Mori contributed to this story.

In the next issue of Statesman, there will be a follow-up story on the investigations of the incidents mentioned in the above article.



Statesman/ John Chu

A graduate celebrates at the Stony Brook 34th Commencement ceremony held on Sunday, May 15 in the Indoor Sports Complex. There were 4,300 graduates, including 2,600 Bachelor degree recipients and 1,700 graduate degree recipients. This graduation was the last conducted by University President John H. Marburger III, who is retiring at the end of August.

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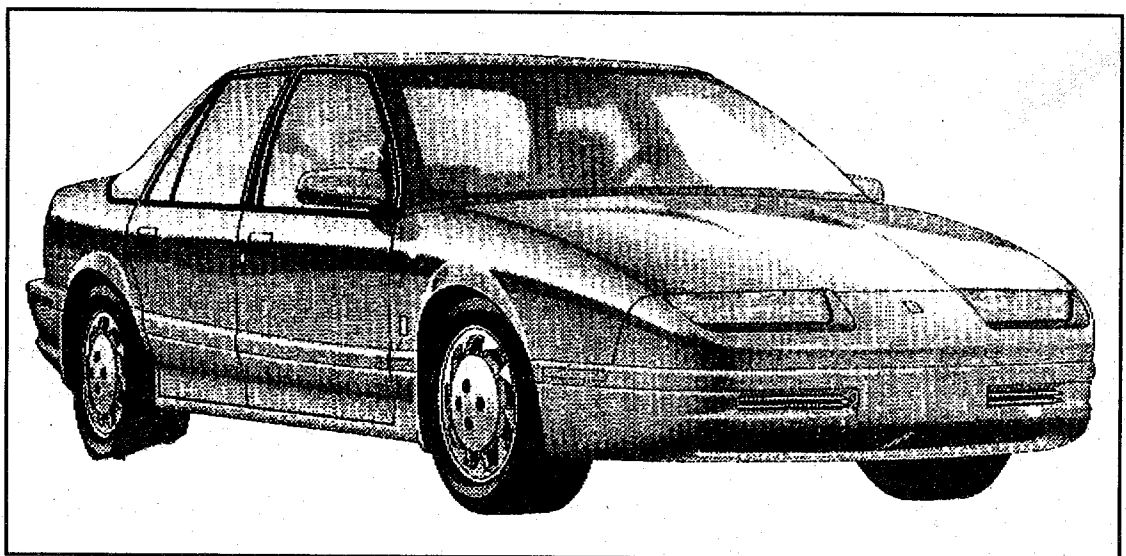
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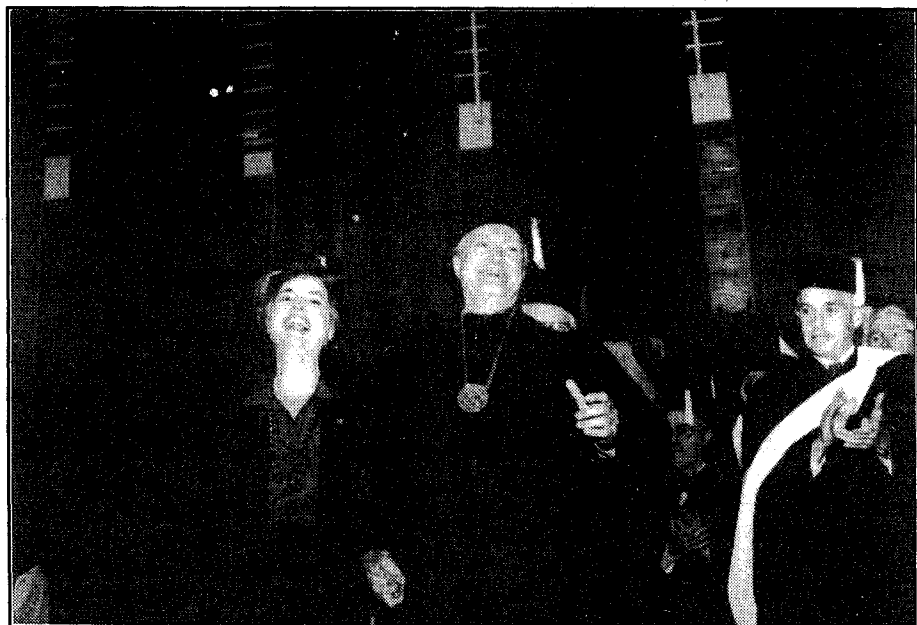


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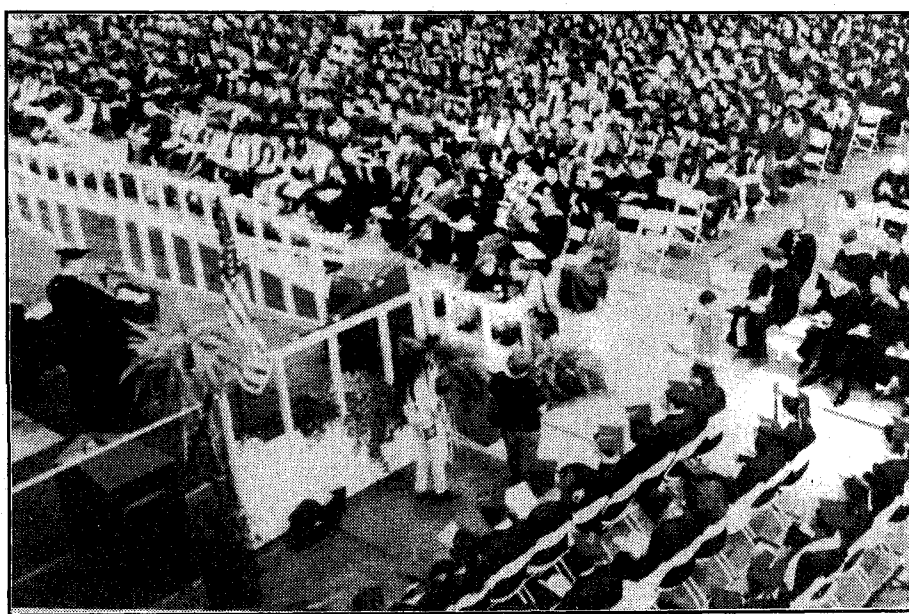
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Graduates and Marburger go With Honors

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Left: University President John H. Marburger and his wife Carol, (who received an award) celebrate at the Commencement ceremony. Lower Left: Phi Sigma Sigma sorority graduates take notice of the ones they love. Below: With President Marburger at the podium, 4,300 graduates sat and waited to be recognized.



Statesman is looking for writers, photographers and layout artist for the summer and next fall. If interested, please call the Statesman office at 632-6479.

Conference on The Cold War

Four years after the Iron Curtain came down, the Cold War will be revisited with the talks by nationally known experts; Robert Meeropol, son of convicted spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg; Martin Walker, U. S. bureau chief, *The Guardian*; Jack Matlock, former ambassador to the Soviet Union; and Mary McAuliffe, CIA history department.

This event will take place on Thursday at the Smithtown High School's fifth Annual Conference on important national events. University faculty and *Newsday* editors will take part in the day's program, held in the auditorium of Smithtown High School, 100 Central Road. Keynote speech begins at 8:45 a.m.

Reception For Italian Ambassador

Dr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, ambassador to the United Nations from Italy, will be honored at a public reception in the Frank Melville, Jr. Memorial Library on Friday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony, in the Javits Conference Room on the second floor of the library, is sponsored by the Center for Italian Studies.

Dr. Fulci will talk on "The Transformation of the Security Council and the role of Italy," and State Senator Kenneth LaValle will present him with a citation from the New York State Legislature.

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Editorial

First Steps for the Summer and Beyond

The Editorial Board of *Statesman* is looking forward to a full summer schedule. We intend to provide this campus and the surrounding community with seven eight- to twelve-page issues, going to press approximately bi-weekly. In this, the first of those issues, we are presenting a few modified features.

As you have probably noticed by now, our appearance has changed slightly. The "flags" on our front and back pages have been altered. The height of the flags has been shrunken to provide more space for text and graphics.

Though we still employ a "tabloid" paper size, we have adopted a "broadsheet" style of layout. This provides coverage of more stories on our front and back pages. We have also included a more extensive index on the front page so that you can find the sections and the items that you are most interested in more easily.

The last prominent change is the adoption of a modified Associated Press style of text format. This is intended to provide us and you with a more consistent style and use of punctuation and grammar.

The Editorial Board intends to provide more encompassing and more in-depth coverage of issues and events on campus and in the surrounding community. The above modifications were made with that purpose in mind.

This paper, this University and this community are all at proverbial crossroads. With the introduction of a new University president, the Division of Athletics proceeding on the road to NCAA Division I, the paper with a different look, and the community with a new attitude, we all have the unique opportunity of taking a great number of first steps together.

With a lot of hard work and your support, we hope to be able to report to you every one of those first steps and that we may travel down this road together.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our new appearance or anything else in *Statesman*, please call, write, or fax us anytime.

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"Leaky Boat" Condom Rumors Don't Float

By Jim Senyszen

Religious right political hacks like columnist Cal Thomas try to portray use of condoms and safer sex as a liberal-left political plot.

Yet Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello, appointed by Republican President George Bush, issued a statement published in the June 9, 1993 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* strongly supporting condom use for prevention of HIV transmission. Similar statements were issued by her predecessor, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, who was appointed by Republican President Ronald Reagan.

Novello claims that 20 percent, 40 percent, or 80 percent of all new HIV seroconversions in the United States will be avoided if 25 percent, 50 percent, or 100 percent, respectively, of persons use condoms consistently and correctly.

As to the question of pores in condoms, which has replaced the medieval question about how many angels can stand on the head of a pin in the minds of modern day religious zealots, she cites a National Institutes of Health study which found no holes even at 2,000 times magnification.

Acknowledging that holes can occur, she refers to quality control testing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration which has found an average condom water-leak of 0.3 percent. If the failure rate of a batch of condoms exceeds four per 1,000, the condoms are recalled and barred from sale. This is a far cry from the 33 percent failure rate hysteria mongers like Thomas proclaim.

She says that there are further obstacles to passage of HIV even through a

microscopic holes detected by routine testing. And a FDA study simulating free HIV in fluid at all and that, "even the worst-performing condom reduced estimated viral exposure 10,000 fold."

The statement cites condom effectiveness during actual use evidenced by contraceptive failure rates ranging from less than one per 100 to 16 per 100 users per year. She illustrates the importance of proper condom use by results from a British study of married, more experienced users with condom-user failure rates for pregnancy as low as six per 1,000 users per year.

C.M. Roland's concerns about the barrier performance of latex rubber carried in the June

1993 issue of *Rubber World* were rebutted by an article by M.D. Morris and T.D. Pendle in the very same issue.

Morris and Pendle attribute condom failures mainly to misuse rather than any inherent defect in the product. Leaching in water, which is part of the normal production process, effectively makes the porous structure in the latex disappear, they claim. They also refer to the two rubber layers of a condom saying that, "the possibility of a hole being made through both layers, or of a hole in each layer being perfectly aligned seems extremely remote."

They say that their contention is further borne out by the tensile strength of condoms

under high elongation and direct experimentation with the HIV virus.

A March 1989 *Consumer Reports* article "Can You Rely on Condoms?" also reports that examination of stretched latex condoms by an electron microscope showed "no pores" and "an effective intact barrier which won't even let water - one of the tiniest molecules - filter through." It also describes various laboratory experiments showing that various sexually transmitted germs cannot pass through latex condoms.

The leaky boat rumors about condoms spread by the religious right do no hold water. But condoms do hold water and hold back the HIV virus too.

Letter

To The Editor:

Vincent Bruzzese seems to be a man who cares about the masses. He deplores the danger to human life by any bomb or missile. He deplores rape or murder for the sake of the victim. He deplores religion, because it brainwashes little children, discourages intellectualism and causes wars. Again Vincent appears to even care about the victims of religion.

I'd like to counter a few of his mistaken ideas, which were expressed in the April 4th opinions column. Though I very much wanted my two children to believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, neither my husband, nor I, nor the Church, nor the Sunday School "brainwashed" them. My son and daughter asked many questions about Jesus and His message until they finally accepted Him as their Savior. My daughter was a teenager before this happened

and my son was a senior at the University of Montana, far from home. We all continue to ask many questions and the Lord has answered them through the history of mankind and the lives of people we know. Please read *A Study of History*, by Arnold J. Teynbee Volume I, for a clear picture of what humanity is capable of with and without God.

Hitler hated Judaism and denied that Jesus was and is the Messiah. He was a cultist and plainly Satanic. Don't think that he was a "religious fanatic." Please read *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, by W. Shirer, for a clear picture of his fanaticism.

I believe with all my heart that the Lord "intervenes" in our lives. I know that He loves me and wants me to glorify Him in my life. As I am frequently tempted to sin, I confess the temptation, repent, and am forgiven by our Lord. Our Lord helps me hold onto Him and other believers as we boldly pursue His Path to

Heaven - our final and best home. If you want to meet a number of people who feed the poor, or visit the sick and those in prison, or stand up for God's righteousness in the public schools and the public arena, or love the unlovable; please let me introduce you to some of my friends, who are Christians, and religious Jews. In fact we're the only human beings that you hate would not cause us to hate you in return, though we might be tempted to hate you in response. To do what would shame God, who wants and deserves to be glorified in our lives. Frankly, the capacity to hate, which is a sin, can only be conquered in God by man and woman. May I suggest that by your reasoning alone, you would pity us as "brainwashed" victims, but something far stronger than reason has led you to truly hate us. You really are boasting about a sin.

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Finesse On The Women's Lacrosse Field

By Joe Fraioli

Statesman Managing Editor

When Pamela Martin, a junior majoring in sociology, went to find out the funding status for the Women's Club Lacrosse earlier last semester, she was told by the Polity office that they had misplaced all the records belonging to the club, meaning the club would be unable to receive funding for the semester. This was one of the many obstacles the club has had to face throughout the year.

"I was annoyed," said Martin, vice-president of the club. "It was another headache."

The Women's Club Lacrosse was formed in the Fall of 1992 by Shelby Collier, the club's president, and her friends. Collier, a senior, began thinking of the idea to start up a lacrosse club two years ago with her friends. "Last year, eight of us worked together to get the club starting," she said. "Most of us are ex-athletes one way or another."

Collier and her friends posted signs for their first meeting that Fall, with the intent of gaining interested members. "We held a general interest meeting, to see if anyone was interested," said Susan Scheer, a junior and goalkeeper for the club.

Students were interested. That night the Women's Club Lacrosse was formed, gaining about 30 members. "It wasn't hard getting members, but keeping them was a problem," said Martin. "We do a lot of running."

Martin and Collier attribute this running, along with the other physical aspects of the game like agility and endurance, to the difficulty of keeping some members. "The interest was there, but not the commitment," said Collier. "Between the first and last practice [of Spring 1993], we had about 20 members."

Lisa Caropelo, treasurer of the club, helped Collier prepare for their first meeting by posting flyers. She found out about the club while walking by the athletic fields and watching them play. "I was on my way to the train station and I saw them playing and I knew I wanted to play next year," she said. "I was injured and couldn't play until Spring."

Collier said that women join to be part of a team and to have fun in the process. She also said that many members of the club join to become involved in some type of sport. "Lacrosse is becoming an up and coming sport," said Collier. "I wouldn't have met half the people I know now if it wasn't for lacrosse, especially undergraduates, freshmen and sophomores."

"A lot of people join because it's fun," Martin added. "To make friends."

A year later, in the Fall of '93, the Women's Club Lacrosse drafted its own constitution to become a recognized club by Polity and eligible to receive funding for expenses like equipment and transportation. Collier said that the Programming Services Committee, the Polity committee that reviews and decides

on the funding for clubs based on their applications, was difficult to meet with. "Last semester, the PSC did not form until two months into the semester," she said. "When we scheduled meetings, they were constantly being canceled and postponed."

Once the club was finally able to meet with the committee, the folder containing their constitution and applications was lost. "When I went to see the budget... they said they didn't have any recollection of it," said Martin. "We have to start all over again."

The club, now recognized by Polity, but without funding, decided to charge monthly dues to members and provide their own transportation. They also had to pay for their own equipment and uniforms as well. "It's just a lot of red tape to go through," said Collier of the funding process. "We've worked around it by collecting dues. We'll see what happens."

After completing their second season, the club has played only three official games, with many conference games between other schools used as practice. The women have played against schools such as Hofstra, Nassau and Suffolk Community Colleges, and the Long Island Women's Lacrosse League. "It was a real learning experience," said Caropelo of the conference game versus the LIWLL. "They were kind of coaching us since we don't have a coach. They were really nice."

Collier says it is difficult in scheduling the games with other schools and even more difficult in getting the other schools to keep their appointments. All of the women's club's games scheduled for this semester were canceled. "It's a lot of back and forth calling," said Collier of the scheduling. "Pam plays a lot of phone tag."

Although women's lacrosse isn't as aggressive as the men's version, Collier says it's a completely different game because it's played more like the way the Native Americans used to play the sport, less aggressive and fast-paced. The women use no protective equipment except for a mouthguard and gloves. They also have no substitutions. "It's a very physical game because it's a lot of running," she said. "It's a lot of finesse. Stick-checking is the only thing we do."

On the brighter side, both Intramural Director Sue Dimonda and men's lacrosse coach John Espey have been very supportive of the club, Dimonda acting as the club's advisor and helping with the scheduling of games and Espey helping with the equipment. "They got us set," set Collier.

Collier also said that some students are also very supportive of the club, especially female friends and colleagues. "I think there's a lot of surprise," said Collier about women's reaction to first hearing about the club. "There has also been a great deal of support."

Although the Women's Club Lacrosse has yet to win a game or conference, Collier can see much improvement after their first two seasons. After playing their first and last games of their first season with Nassau Community College, Collier said NCC's coach could not believe how far the Stony Brook club had progressed. "We were tied at the half," she said of the second game. "The record doesn't really reflect how much we've gained."

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Janis Joplin. Jimi Hendrix. Bruce Lee. John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Jim Morrison. John Lennon. In our society, a premature death can instantly uplift a person to fame. Regardless of their accomplishments, dying young can sometimes eradicate the bad and magnify the good events in one's life. This is not to say that the individuals above had not accomplished a lot, but I believe their unusual or premature deaths have elevated them to higher levels. As John Lennon said in an interview only a week before his murder, "[after I'm dead], they're going to make a martyr out of me." He said he believed that, not because he was the famous John Lennon, but because he believed that is what happens to famous people who die. Brandon Lee's death has brought him also to that level. We have always been intrigued by those who have died young in our society, and this soundtrack seems to go right along with that trend.

Some of the biggest names in alternative music have gathered to contribute their talents to this disc. To most people who like mainstream music, names like Helmet, The Jesus and Mary Chain, Violent Femmes and Nine Inch Nails don't seem too familiar. In the genre of alternative music, these names are among the finest. In addition, there are some bands who are slightly more mainstream, like the Stone Temple Pilots and The Cure.

This fourteen track CD is not the most impressive album I've listened to, but there are a number of tracks which stand out. The song "Big Empty" by the Stone Temple Pilots is outstanding and easily has the potential for a top 40 hit. Its bluesy riff is quite unlike S.T.P., but can easily be considered one of their best. Nine Inch Nails also has the song "Dead Souls," which stands out on this compilation. The last track on the CD is Jane Siberry's "It Can't Rain All The Time," which is the slowest and most out-of-place song on the album. Similar in style to Basia, it is good, albeit it doesn't seem to fit in too well with the soundtrack. Like a horrid episode of Sesame Street, it was quite obvious which of these did not belong.

The other tracks were all within the same style of music, and all of them seemed to talk about the same subjects of death, darkness, and other disheartening issues. The song by the Cure, "Burn," and the Rollins Band's "Ghost Rider" are the epitome of this theme with a saddening, bluesy message obviously influenced just as much by Brandon Lee's death, as influenced by the movie itself. The music on most of the tracks seemed to be regarding more of the actor's death than the point of the movie itself.

The album isn't my personal favorite, however, for people who like hard-core alternative music, this will list as one of their favorites. I think the initial motivating factor would be the media hype over the movie, but a fan of this style will not be disappointed. Whereas for most movies, the soundtrack is used to help the movie, this soundtrack seems to be more focused as a tribute album for the late Brandon Lee. I don't believe this was intentional, but I do think that the publicity created over his passing was so great, it was hard for any of the musicians not to keep it as a focus. In this case, the best groups within this genre joined together to create this last homage to an actor who will be well missed. ■

Ramsey: Number One Patriot

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was also named chairperson of the department of physical education. He served in both of these positions until Dr. Laskowski was brought in from St. John's University and Ramsey relinquished his acting duties.

Ramsey spoke highly of the three men that he has worked under over the past 32 years. "Hank von Mechow was great to work for. John Reeves was great to work for. And, so is Dick [Laskowski]," said Ramsey. "I've learned different things from all of them, and that really made it fun. All three were really good guys who care about the entire program, and care about their faculty and staff."

When Dr. Laskowski assumed the athletic reins last spring, Ramsey began to seriously contemplate retirement. "I was eligible [for retirement] at 55," he said. "As it worked out, I felt that it would be better if I was around one more year until he [Dr. Laskowski] became fully oriented with the University." Ramsey said that he hopes that he has helped the new Dean adjust and become acclimated to Stony Brook.

"Now that that's done, I'm really looking forward to retirement," Ramsey said. He expressed satisfaction that he would have more time to pursue outside interests such as the study of American history and a new "curiosity" in astronomy. Ramsey also claimed to enjoy reading and

that he and his wife, Carol Ann, enjoy traveling. The retiring chairman also plans to spend many hours on the links, as he is an avid golfer.

Ramsey will remain at Stony Brook on a part-time basis, instructing activity classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He said that he plans to attend as many athletic events as possible and to stay identified with the Seawolves which he views as very exciting and a lot of fun. Ramsey said that he is most interested in returning to teaching because, "for me, it's therapeutic. It's that much fun to me." Ramsey added that he believes Stony Brook has a lot of exciting years ahead and that he is looking forward to being a part of it, even if it is in a diminished role.

Stony Brook was indeed blessed when John Ramsey joined its staff in 1962. For 32 years he has faithfully served in every way he has been asked, many times reaching far above and beyond the call of duty. Most simply expressed by one of his former soccer players at Ramsey's retirement dinner on Thursday, May 19, the former coach and acting director and outgoing chairperson is "Stony Brook's number one Patriot."

More on John Ramsey's retirement dinner, his history, and the three lessons and the marble story in upcoming Statesman summer issues.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS

SUNY NEWS CONFERENCE ON NEW STONY BROOK PRESIDENT

The State University of New York Board of Trustees is expected to appoint Queens College President Shirley Strum Kenny as the next president of University at Stony Brook during the Trustees regular meeting in Albany tomorrow at approximately 11:00 a.m. Once the appointment is made, a news conference with Dr. Kenny and SUNY interim Chancellor Joseph Burke is expected to be held promptly at 12:30 p.m.

The press conference will be held via satellite hookup between Albany and Stony Brook. The Stony Brook press conference will be held in Javits Lecture Center. The conference is scheduled to run from 12:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Statesman will have complete coverage of the event in its Monday, June 6 issue.

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Ramsey Retires After 32 Years of Service

Mark Peterson
Statesman Staff Writer

John Ramsey, the Chairman of the Department of Physical Education at the University at Stony Brook, has announced his retirement effective at the conclusion of the 1993-94 academic year, after 32 years of service. Ramsey's career at Stony Brook began in 1962 as a part-time physical education instructor and the University's first men's soccer coach. In 1965, Ramsey was named assistant professor of physical education and was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1970.

Ramsey is a 1958 graduate of the State University of New York College at Cortland, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and Hygiene. While at Cortland, he was a four-year member of the soccer team. Following a three year stint in the United States Marine Corps as a platoon leader, he went on to receive his Master's of Science from Hofstra University in 1964. He also received a New York State Directors Certificate in health, physical education and recreation from New York University.

As men's soccer coach, Ramsey was twice named Metropolitan Conference Coach of the Year and remains the winningest soccer coach in University history, with an overall record of 82-68-21. While director of men's athletics from

1977-83, the football and lacrosse teams became NCAA Division III programs.

In 1985, Ramsey was named as the chairman of the department of physical education. He has also served as the acting director of the Division of Physical Education and Athletics from 1985-87 and 1991-93. Throughout the years, Ramsey has won numerous awards: VIP Service Award, for outstanding contributions to Stony Brook athletics (1982); Teaching Commendation (1985); Exceptional Service to Undergraduate Education Award (1986); Stony Brook Athletic Trainers Club Service Award (1991).

Ramsey and his wife Carol Ann, a registered nurse, currently reside in Islip, NY and are the parents of two daughters, Diane and Dawn. Diane, a graduate of Cortland and currently a supervisor at Dial America in Woodbury, NY, is married to United States Naval Academy graduate James Darcy from Brightwaters, NY. Dawn earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Cortland and will receive her Master's of Science from Cortland in Early Childhood Education on May 15th.

The Division of Physical Education and Athletics formally honored Ramsey on May 19, with a retirement dinner at the Port Jefferson Country Club at Harbor Hills in Port Jefferson. Following the current academic year, Ramsey will remain at Stony Brook as a part-time associate professor of physical education.

Ramsey: Stony Brook's Number One Partiot

By Thomas Masse
Statesman Editor in Chief

After 32 years as a member of the Departments of Athletics and Physical Education, Stony Brook's number one Partiot is stepping down. Ramsey actually announced his plans to retire last summer, but had decided to stay on until the University found a replacement and to help the then-new Dean of Physical Education and Athletics, Dr. Richard Laskowski, adjust to his position.

"Never in my wildest dreams" said Ramsey looking back at his hiring and the prospect of being at the Brook for 32 years. "I've never regretted it. It's been wonderful."

Ramsey came to the University in 1962. He was introduced by Dan Farrell, then Stony Brook's men's basketball coach, who had heard from then Athletic Director, Hank von Mechow, that the University was interested in beginning a full-time soccer program.

According to Ramsey, he helped form the team in the fall of 1962. That year, the team was more concerned with practicing, sharpening skills and continuing the search for those who would be interested in playing for the team. The next year began Stony Brook's membership in NCAA soccer competition with a schedule that included Suffolk Community College, Southampton College, Adelphi's JV, Queens College JV, and King's College. The team, who against SCC had five starters playing in their first-ever soccer match, lost its first three games and won the last three to finish at .500.

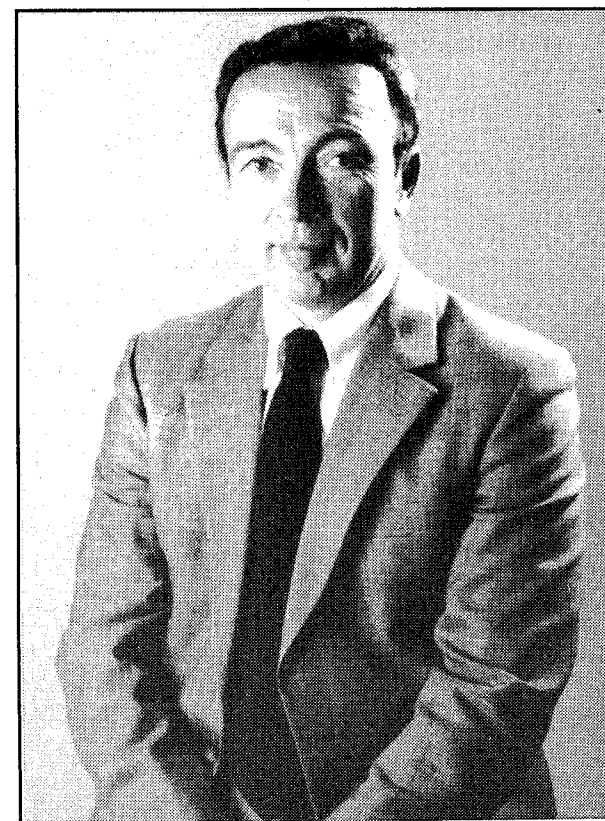
Ramsey's job became more permanent when it switched to full-time status in 1965. Two years later, the team completed a 8-1-2 season, which Ramsey asserted to have attracted more good players. In 1969, the team finished 8-3-1, placing second in the

Metropolitan Intercollegiate Soccer Conference (MISC).

The next season the team captured the MISC championship, finishing 9-1-2 overall and boasting an undefeated record in the conference. "Overall, I think that that was one of the strongest Stony Brook soccer teams that I've ever seen," said a reminiscent Ramsey. On that team were Brook soccer greats Peter Goldschmidt (who later

own, but the years of big winning were over."

Ramsey literally handed the ball over to coach Chris Tyson after the 1977 season. With the Brook's athletics program's expansion, Ramsey was asked to serve as the director of men's athletics. He stayed at that job for six years, until in 1983, he returned to primarily teaching and "recovering." Over the next few years, with the department's



John Ramsey

starred for the New York Cosmos and Ramsey credited as being the best soccer player Stony Brook has ever had), Greg Speer, Danny Kay, Solomon Menza and Aaron George. "We were hard to beat," said Ramsey. "And only Adelphi beat us: 2-1 over there."

As a result of that win, Stony Brook moved up to the first division of the MISC, which then was a division largely made up of scholarship-granting schools. "We were barely holding our own at .500," said Ramsey. "When you're competing with scholarship teams - it's like some of our teams today - it's difficult. We held our

seemingly constant changing of personnel, Ramsey served as acting division director (Fall '85 to Summer '87) and chairman of the department of physical education from 1985-88. "Those two years doing both jobs was really grueling," said Ramsey.

When John Reeves was hired as the division director, Ramsey again requested to step down into a pure teaching position. His request was granted, but it was less than three years when he again assumed the role of acting division director when Reeves left for Columbia University. At that time, he

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Dickinson Named Women's Basketball Head Coach

By Ken Alber
Special to Statesman

Dr. Richard Laskowski, Dean of the Division of Physical Education and Athletics, and Sandy Weedon, Director of Women's Athletics, have announced Beckie Dickinson as the new head women's basketball coach at the University at Stony Brook.

Dickinson had served as the assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Buffalo for the past four years. The Royals compiled a 72-39 record in four seasons and won two East Coast Conference championships. Buffalo compiled a 23-6 record and won their first ECC championship in 1991-92, the university's first season at the NCAA Division I level. In addition, nine of the thirteen women's basketball team members were scholar-athletes with a combined GPA of 3.22.

In addition to her coaching experience at Buffalo, Dickinson served as a graduate assistant coach at Niagara University for one season. She has also coached at the Niagara and Buffalo Girls Basketball Camps and at the Empire State Games.

Dickinson is a 1987 graduate of Colgate University (with honors) where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She was a four-year starter and a three-year captain for the Red Raider women's basketball team, scoring more than 1,000 points in her career. In addition, she was a two-time gold medalist at the Empire State Games. Dickinson also earned her Masters degree in Education and Counseling with a concentration in career counseling for athletes from Niagara University in 1993.

The Stony Brook women's basketball team will open their season on Tuesday, November 22 when they host West Chester (PA) at 7:30 p.m. in the Indoor Sports Complex. In addition to her coaching duties, Dickinson will also serve as a lecturer in the Department of Physical Education.