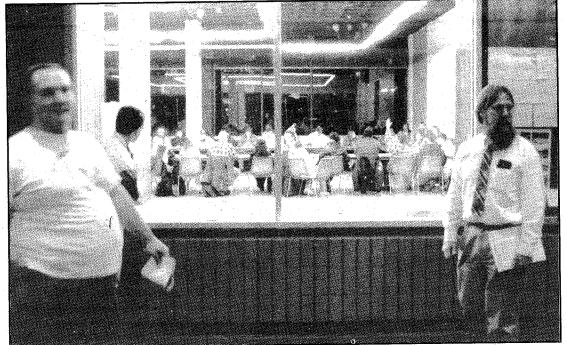


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Polity Supports Wagner, Denounces Judiciary



The Senate entered Executive Session last night to discuss personal and private matters regarding Judiciary

Tips on Finding a Job in Changing Job Market

BY ALEXANDRA CRUZ Statesman Staff Writer

Think the job market is too bleak and you won't be able to find a job when you graduate? Well think again.

Joseph Cetino, an engineer for GE Power Systems says that the job market may be slimmer but that finding a job these days takes a lot of initiative on your part.

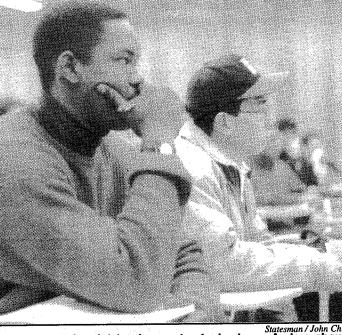
"Businesses are looking for people who can lead change," he says.

Businesses he added aren't recruiting college graduates as much as they used to. They are now looking for people who will have the guts to go to a company and ask questions. This is vital since companies are changing their philosophy of business.

Companies are now trying to go in a new direction in which they want to hire people who are open to change, in order to meet the demands of the ever-changing business world.

Global competition is a major part of why businesses must change their old ways of thinking. Because of competition from other nations companies are looking for "the best of the best of the best" Cetino states.

Not only that but companies are looking for people who are



Planing to apply for a job in a few weeks, Junior James Andres, above left, attended yesterday's job seminar sponsored by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

creative and are able to set high goals and accomplish them. Cetino put great emphasis on not just sending a resume when you want to work for a certain corporation.

"Call them up," he said. "Tell them you are interested in that kind of field of work and that you would like to see exactly what they do at their jobs." That kind of inquiry will give you an edge over others who don't make themselves known to the company, and when you do send them your resume they will be able to put a face with the document and it no longer remains as just a piece of paper. Also, every time you do

contact someone at the company See JOBS, Page 3 Senate Addresses Poor Living Conditions at Wagner College, Relief Resolution to be Voted on Next Week

By ALEXANDRA CRUZ Statesman Staff Writer

Polity's weekly senate meeting found them tackling some old issues as well as some new.

Wagner College brought to the attention of the Senate the deplorable living conditions under which they are forced to live. Their complaints included such things as poor janitorial services in lounges and in bathrooms that at times go days on end without being cleaned. They as well demanded compensation for not having either hot water or heat for three days last semester.

A motion to accept a resolution was tabled in order for the residents of Wagner to be able to first pass a similar resolution. The senate's resolution will be voted on next week.

As a prelude to her president's

report, Crystal Plati introduced to the senate the new Polity Executive Director, Stephen Adams. In his introduction, he explained his duties as an executive director, which includes working with officers and monitoring how Polity spends it's money, as well as making sure that all regulations are being followed.

Plati then discussed that two new people were appointed as USSA delegates, Andre Vasquez and acting alternate Rosa Ng, and announced that one more SASU delegate was needed in order to fill a vacancy,

"There is a lot of work that needs to be done," she said.

Anyone interested can speak to her about it.

Senate elections will be held on April 26 and 27. Plati announced that an assembly hearing will be held today in the Long Island Veteran's Home on campus and encouraged students to go and speak their

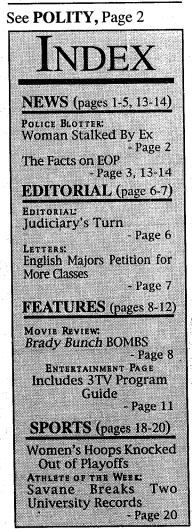
Accident Update

Names have been released in conjunction with the accident that occurred at the main entrance of the undergraduate campus on Friday, February 17th, at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The driver of the first vehicle, a Buick Century has been identified as John Rajapakse, a senior majoring in biochemistry. Rajapakse reportedly inched his way onto Nicolls Road, preparing to make a left-hand turn into the University when the vehicles made contact.

Rajapakse was listed in critical but stable condition in the surgical ICU at the University Medical Center. Saneese Stephen, also a senior biochemistry major, was a passenger in the Buick. Stephen was listed in good condition. Both people were ejected from the vehicle upon impact. Neither was wearing a seatbelt.

Thomas Nolan, the driver of the Mazda 323 that was involved, is listed in good condition. Nolan, a registered nurse at the University Medical Center, was placed in the orthopedics unit.



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² Female Student Stalked by Ex-Boyfriend

February 3, 10:30 p.m.

At Mount College, a male student held a switchblade knife against another student's throat. He threatned to cut him if he did not give back his fifty dollars that he had left on the table. The victim claimed that he did not take any money. Both students are referred to student affairs.

February 13, 4:55 p.m.

BY LENAMALEKAN -

MARYAM RAHIMZADEH

At Whitman college, two students were on the elevator. The suspect stood face to

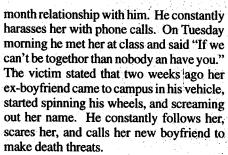
face with the victim and said "I don't like the way that you look". The suspect then proceeded to

punch the victim because he didn't like the way that he looked. The victim stated afterwards that the suspect was under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.

Febraury 14 8:30 am

A female student is being stalked by her ex-boyfriend (who is also a student at Stony Brook). She recently has ended a three

Statesman / John Chu Polity's new Executive Director Stephen Adams will monitor the finances and regulations of the Student Polity Association



2:00 pm

At Baruch college a Nintendo and two ct stood face to game tapes (Donkey Kong and Mega Man) were taken from a student's room. The total

value is \$270.

February 16 1:00pm

In the Roth Cafeteria a male student was descending from the stairs when his roommate grabbed him by the left shoulder and said "Why don't you say hi to me?" The victim did not reply, so his roommate suddenly slapped him on the left side of his head. The two roommates have had a history of physical incidents. It has been decided that it is best if the two students are separated as soon as possible.

10:15pm

At Oneill College a student wwas visiting his friend when he heard commotion outside. The student looked outside the window and saw a group of people standing outside. Moments later, there was a knock on his door. The suspect came into the room and said "what did you say?". The student in the room replied that he did not say anything, but that did not stop the suspect from punching him in the face. The suspect left right after he punched the victim.

4:10pm

It was reported in The Humanities cafe that a student was standing on line, waiting to pay for his coffee, and eating candy from the bin. When the lady at the register asked him to pay for the candy, he cursed at her and said that students pay too much as it is. He then just payed for his coffee and left.

10:31p.m.

It was discovered throughout the course of the night that patrol vehicles had been damaged. There were multiple puncture marks found on patrol cars. Four patrol vehicles on campus got flats. Police suspect that it occurred during a crisis intervention, while they were parked outside of Dewey. February 17

4:00pm

Two roommates residing in Whitman College had an arguement based on the fact that their belongings had been rearranged. The arguement escalated into a fist fight. Both roomates punched each other. Neither one was visibly injured, however one was transported to the University Hospital because his ribs hurt. Both students were referred to the Student Judiciary.

February 18 11:21pm:

There were five white males with shaved heads causing a coomotion in the Greeley parking lot. The individuals were fighting with chains and drinking beer. They left the scene before the police arrived.

February 20 12:40pm:

At Oneill College an unidentified person tossed a beer can into a student's room from the hall. Then the student threw the beer can back outside without looking at who he threw the beer can at. Then somebody opened the student's door, furiously asking him why he threw the beer can out and gave him an openhand slap in the face. The students are being referred to Student Affairs.

Polity Denounces Judiciary at End of Executive Session

POLITY, From Front Page

minds on how they feel about the proposed budget from Gov. George Pataki.

The PSC (Programming Services Committee) also needed to install officers into some positions which are vacant. Plati left it up to the senate to decide whether or not it wanted to appoint anyone and asked that if anyone was interested in the position to let it be known.

Plati announced that she wanted an executive session to be held.

"A body can go into executive session to protect people's privacy," stated Plati.

According to Plati, this was being done in order to protect those persons who may

not be in attendance to defend themselves. Those who did not belong to the body and were

not invited to remain were instructed to leave the room.

After the executive session, which lasted more than a half-hour, those who had been excluded from the session were allowed to reenter the room.

Commuter Senator Robyn Sauer motioned for the suspension of the Polity judiciary. The motion was met with hostile opposition by some senators.

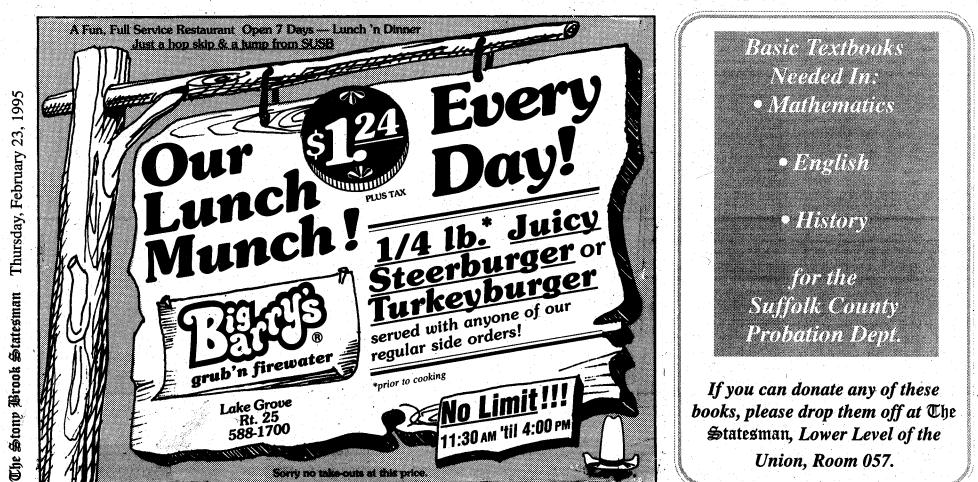
Associate Justice Vinny Bruzzese, took special offense. He said that it was not a good idea to suspend one branch of the student government, and that doing so would violate by-laws.

Debate lasted for some time until a motion was made that, instead of suspending the committee, judiciary would have one week to organize and conduct a meeting. Regardless of the outcome, the judiciary committee will be forced to attend the next senate meeting, next week, and be answerable to the Senate.

Senior Rick Resnick was then given the floor to voice a complaint that his First Amendment rights were violated in the previous senate meeting. He also reiterated statements he made last week concerning the EOP (Educational Opportunity Program) in which he stated that the program should be cut.

In response, Ken Daube drafted a resoultion in defense of EOP. A motion to accept the resolution was tabled so that senators can bring the statement back to their LEG's to find out how student's felt on the issue.

When new business was called, a quorum count was requested by Vice President Annette Hicks. Since quorum no longer existed, the meeting was adjourned.



Getting the Facts About EOP

BY TOM FLANAGAN AND THOMAS F. MASSE Statesman Editors

Gov. George Pataki's proposed state budget calls for sweeping cuts in education, including the elimination of the \$16.8 million state-wide Equal Opportunity Program.

For SUNY-Stony Brook, this could mean the loss of \$1.2 million in EOP funds and, possibly, more than 600 EOP students.

EOP, a state-funded program, is often referred to by its campus acronym, AIM (Advancement on Individual Merit).

"New York State has the most successful EOP program in the country," Dr. Howard J. Miller, assistant vice provost/EOP director, said at a press conference yesterday attended by *Statesman* and *En Acción*. "It has some very talented individuals. . . and pays for itself"

Dr. Miller said that New York is one of 37 states that currently supports an EOP program.

According to a facts sheet prepared by Dr. Miller, the EOP program was established in 1968 with a mission to provide access to higher education for economically disadvantaged students who possessed the potential to succeed in college, but whose academic performance in high school did not fully prepare them for it.

Dr. Miller defined academically disadvantaged as "a person who possesses the potential and abilities to excel, yet [is] limited by their prior education, as demonstrated by performance in standardized tests and high school grade

point average."

ADMISSION

Admission to the EOP program is open to incoming freshman and to transfer students who were enrolled in a similar program at another college or university. "Our primary concern [in accepting EOP students] is accepting different students with the potential to be successful here at Stony Brook," said Judith Berhannan, senior associate director of undergraduate admissions. "There are several rules in terms of who can qualify as an EOP student in the state of New York."

The rules are two-fold. A student must

meet both an academic and a financial requirement, Berhannan said.

To be eligible for the EOP program, a student must have had a high school academic average of between 80 and 84.9, and an SAT score of between 750 and 950, Dr. Miller said.

The Undergraduate Bulletin states See EOP, Page 13

Job Hunting in Changing Market

JOBS, From Front Page

make sure you take the time to thank them for their time. Then, you will be able to keep in contact with them. When they recieve your resume, they will most likely remember you, increasing your chances for receiving an interview.

When you first make the initiative, not only do you benefit, so do the companies. That's the type of employee they are looking for; and, that will stick in their minds - that you had the courage to do something many do not.

If you are able to get an informative interview, take the opportunity to find out all you can about the company. Take the chance to find out what the company is specifically looking for in a job candidate, to see what the competition is like. Being able to set yourself apart from the rest of the pack will ultimately be a key in determining whether or not you will be able to get an interview, let alone a job.

Cetino says that one of the three biggest mistakes people make when they are looking for a job is not knowing what they want to do. Cetino points out that it would be "hard to be a goal-oriented person, if you don't

have any goals."

Another of the big three is that they don't have the basic skills needed for the job. And the third is that they don't know how to show companies that they are able to meet the company's demands.

Don't be afraid to take risks when it comes to getting that job. You have nothing to lose. The worst they can tell you is that they don't have the time to see you. Either way, be persistent and someone will eventually take the time to see you.

Cetino simplified it into a five-step plan. First, when you know what companies you're interested in, find out all you can about the company, so when you try to contact them you have some idea what's

going on in the company. Next, try to call, write letters and try to reach the people who are successful at what they are doing. Ask them for their time and tell them you are willing to visit them. If buying them lunch is what it takes to get some of their time, do it. The benefits you reap can be worth your while.

Third, contact Human Resources in the since I'll be a seemed real already spoken to "big shots." Ask for was saying."

another informative interview as well as a tour of the company. Be prepared when you go to the interview. Be ready to ask questions, show them that you are ready and eager to learn about their company. This is your chance to show them that you can be a leader. When your done with looking for information be sure to thank them and always be polite.

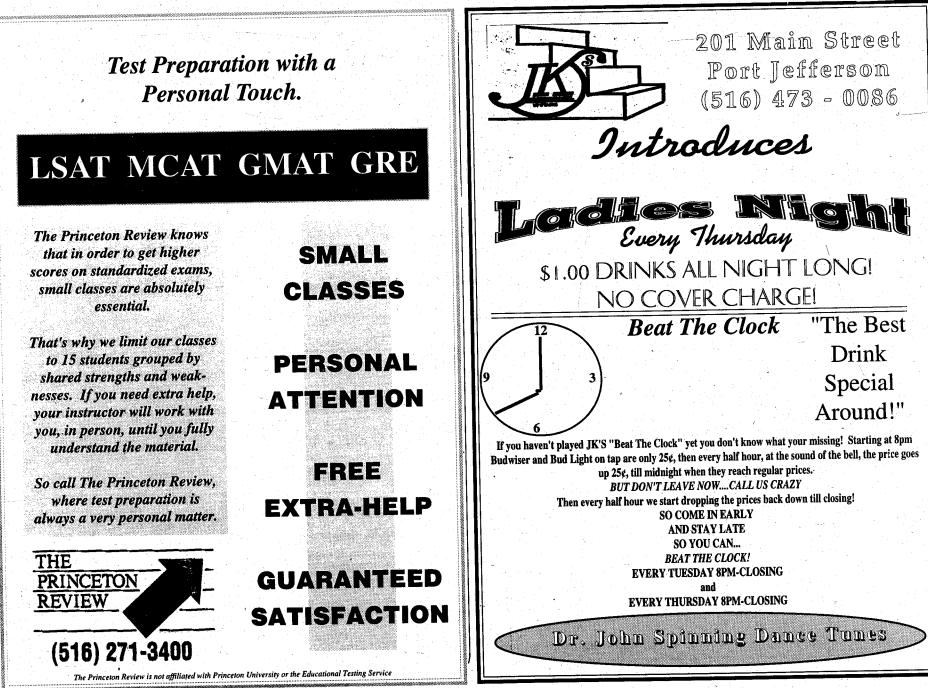
Keep in touch with them and when it all has had time to sink in. Call them back and ask for a formal interview. If, at first, this doesn't succeed the important thing is to not give up. Taking risks will eventually get you a job you want and like which might be yours for the rest of your life.

When you begin looking for possible companies make sure you start early, don't wait till your senior year and then start sending resumes in. You should start when you're a junior: The earlier the better.

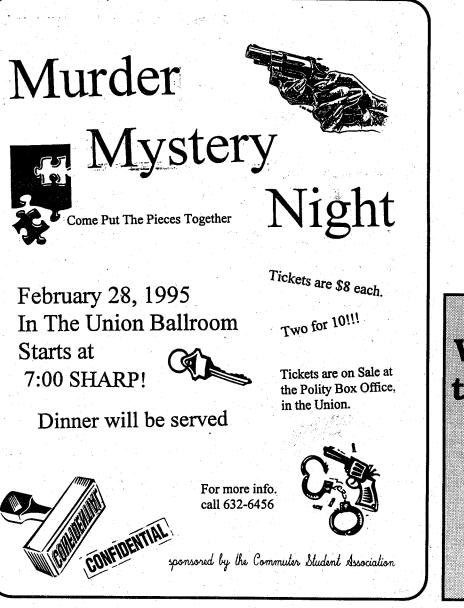
Many students found this information helpful. James Andre, a junior and an electrical science engineer major said, "I got a lot of information which will be useful, since I'll be applying in a few weeks. People seemed really interested in what [Cetino] was saying."

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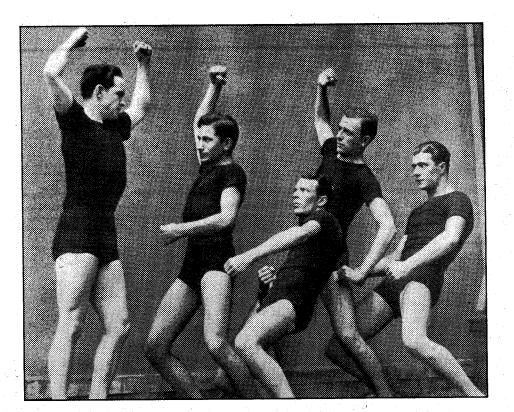
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Editorial

Judiciary Hasn't Met All Semester

and tired of writing about Polity. There are so many other topics on campus that scream for attention. However, every week, the senate or some other branch of our student government gives us yet another reason to write yet another editorial.

This week it is a combination of branches: The judiciary and the senate.

As we mentioned in last Monday's editorial, the judiciary has only met for 15 hours in the last two months of classes - that's three months overall. In fact, they have not met at all this. semester. In addition, they still have not ruled on one of the only two cases they received last semester.

The judiciary did, however, rule the December 7 senate meeting out of order. Of course, the decree resulting from the ruling was never officially published and was only brought to the senate the night of this semester's first meeting, scrawled on a loose sheet of paper.

Sources say that Judiciary Chair John Falk has intended to resign since the beginning of the semester. For some reason, he hasn't done so officially and the rest of the judiciary does not seem to have applied pressure on him to do so.

So, certain members of the judiciary present the same old

Honestly, we're getting sick excuses, such as, they can't find nothing. a common meeting time, and the same old convoluted reasons why they do nothing. It is a shame that the few reputable members of the judiciary let their colleagues get away with it. And so, the senate steps in.

A quick digression has us admitting, as pointed out by Commuter Senator Robyn Sauer, that if it was the senate or the council not meeting for four weeks, we would be having a field day.

The senate, realizing that someone has to do something, called an executive session during last night's meeting. During the session, according to sources, a number of representatives "bashed" Falk meeting was the introduction of who was not in attendance to defend himself.

One could see through the windows of the Stony Brook Union Bi-Level that there was a lot of finger-pointing and shouting. Of course, the student media (among others) was banished from the room during the executive session because, once again, your student government doesn't want the students to know what's happening.

Upon exiting executive session, we heard a lot of what we heard the last time the judiciary was suspended - a lot of infighting, a lot of namecalling, a lot of rehashing

In the end, the senate decided to give judiciary one last chance. The judiciary *must* meet before next Wednesday's senate meeting, and all judiciary members must attend the senate meeting.

Wonderful.

No one seems to be sure if the senate is doing the right thing. No one agrees on anything, except that whatever needed to be discussed, the students don't need to know about it.

When it gets down to it, the senate tabled motions on two resolutions and put off the judiciary another week. And it all took only three hours!

The most exciting event at the the new Polity Executive Director Stephen Adams. And that took all of five minutes. Best of luck to Mr. Adams.

The editors of The Stony Brook Statesman have begun debate about whether or not to even cover the senate anymore. It's really not worth it to send a reporter, an editor (or two) and a photographer to the bi-level to listen to 40 to 50 senators, council members and judiciary members whine and fight for three hours while accomplishing nothing. More constructive discussion occurs in our office when the meeting lets out.

Besides, there are really more important issues to write about.

"They don't know who they're dealing with!"

"It may be those who do most, dream most." - Stephen Leacock

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English Majors Issue Petition

We, the English Majors and minors of the State University at Stony Brook are formally requesting an evaluation and upgrading of the Undergraduate Department of English. As participants in this department, we are aware that over the last few years the faculty has been reduced by approximately one third. We have continued to experience the problems of meeting requirements and planning appropriate schedules, while trying to obtain a complete English education in a four-year period. In light of our continuing obstacles we offer the following as among the improvements needed:

1. Classes required for graduation must be offered every semester, possibly with multiple sections due to demand (i.e., EGL 380).

An increased selection of courses.
 More sections added to the "popular" courses.

4. Expand the course listing to fulfill more Diversified Education Curricula Requirements.

* We seek these improvements while maintaining established office hours assistance time.

Arguing Only Makes It Worse

To the Editor:

The Statesman has been responding to letters that have been complaining about the quality of the newspaper and the editorials that have recently been printed. In my opinion, this is wrong.

Making a statement and standing by it is respectable. You have the right to your opinion. However, when you repeatedly defend yourself afterward, you are only proving that your confidence is lacking and that you are embarrassed because people are noticing a flaw. Your opinion loses its dignity.

As a former editor of *Statesman*, I understand the hard work and dedication that each of the editors puts into the newspaper. And I understand that they do the best that they can with such a limited staff. But to try and prove yourself right and stand dignified with what you say, it is best to just move on and make other statements that either challenge the status quo or applaud those who are making a positive mark on our society.

> Carl Corry President Stony Brook Chapter Society of Professional Journalists

Sincerely,

S.O.S (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group provides information and hope to those who are suffering a loss of someone to suicide (family member, friend, co-worker, etc.). Meetings are held at St. John Nepomucene R.C. Church, 1150 Locust Avenue, Bohemia at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. For more information/directions, call Don Pratt at 698-8019.

Lack of Coverage For Lobby Day

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the lack of coverage Pataki's proposed budget has received in the campus press as a whole. To date, most of the articles I have seen have been in the form of opinionated editorials, letters to the editor where students struggle to defend themselves, and articles in which the authors blame anyone they can think of for what is going on. I am sickened that I have yet to see a single informative item on exactly what these proposed cuts will do to SUNY if they are passed, and what we, the students of SUNY, can do to stop these cuts. While at Lobby Day on February 13th, I noticed that several of the other universities had sent along representatives of their student press, including television crews, writers and photographers. Sadly enough, Stony Brook, one of the largest attendees of this event, will only be able to find an informative essay on Lobby Day in En Accion. Where was the rest of Stony Brook's press? Where was 3TV?

Of course I'm not surprised that Statesman didn't cover this major story. First off, it would have required more thought than any member of Statesman's editorial staff is capable of, and secondly, the recent editorial they printed entitled, "Drastic Times Call For Drastic Measures," we, the students of USB, were told basically that we do not deserve whatever financial aid we are fortunate enough to receive.

Along with this letter, I have enclosed an article on what impact the cuts to the SUNY budget will have on the student body and what we can do to fight this. Also in this article, I will discuss what some of the cuts Newt Gingrich has proposed in his "Contract for America" and how they will affect us.

I urge you to print both this letter and the article that goes along with it. The students of Stony Brook have questions and it's about time they get the answers they deserve!

Sincerely,

Colleen M. Skadl Ed. Note: The aforementioned submission is printed below.

George's and Newt's Plan to Disassemble Public Education

By Colleen M. Skadl

Governor of New York, George Pataki and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich have both proposed budgets created to reduce the state and national deficits, respectively. One of the major ways they plan on doing this is by cutting spending for higher education.

Governor Pataki has proposed a cut to the SUNY system which is close to \$300 million dollars. As if this weren't bad enough, he has also proposed to raise tuition between 1,000 - 1,800. If this is approved, tuition here at USB will cost three times as much as it did for students only five years ago. Get angry, because it doesn't end there. Pataki would also like to cut the maximum amount of TAP undergraduates can receive to either \$2,450 or 90 percent of tuition, whichever is less. What this will mean is that if tuition is raised by \$1,000, thereby increasing it to \$3,450, independent students who receive full TAP will lose \$1,200. Cuts to full TAP will affect 22 percent of the undergraduate body. Pataki would also like to cut graduate TAP. This will have a negative affect on close to one half of USB's grad students. Also on the list of things to be cut is Aid to Part-Time Students (APTS). Many part-time students are single mothers who would not be able to afford to go to school and try to make a better life for themselves and their children. Finally, the Governor would like to end funding the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP). Six hundred thirty students receive direct aid from this program here at Stony Brook and many others receive help in the form of guidance counseling and special entry programs.

The cuts Gingrich has proposed will be just as devastating for students. In his "Recision Bill," he has proposed to cut the Federal Work Study Program, eliminate Perkins Loans, the Supplemental Equal Opportunity Program (SEOG), and in-school interest subsidies on federal student loans, i.e. Stafford Loans. Without Work Study, this campus would come to a grinding

halt. As it is, it's very difficult to find a job on campus if you don't qualify for the Work Study Program, as many departments have had their budgets so severely cut that this program is the only way they can afford to hire student assistants. A loss in the subsidy of federal students would mean an increase in the principal of the loan by anywhere from thirty to forty percent. What is truly scary about this is that there is no government precedent for this type of cut which would help us learn if the subsidy cuts will be retroactive or not. If they are, many students who have been taking out subsidized loans may find that their loans are no longer subsidized and that they are responsible for the interest the loans would have collected to date.

These cuts are going to make it impossible for many students to finish their educations. The vision of the SUNY system which was once to provide an accessible and affordable quality education may soon become where only the rich need apply. These cuts are both classist and racist. They will have the greatest impact on those inner city, lower-class and minority students. Pataki's vision is to reduce the deficit at the expense of the lower class. Fear not though, he has increased funding to build more prisons, so that way those of us who will be unable to graduate will at least have some place to live

Do not throw in the towel yet! There is still time to change these things before they become engraved in stone. First, we must concentrate on the present rather than dwelling in the past. Now is not the time for us to point fingers and blame people for the way they voted or for not voting at all. Rather we must band together and become a unified front to fight this attack on the poor, the minority and the future. Write letters to your State Assemblypersons and Senators, especially Engelbright, Lack and LaValle, who represent the Stony Brook area. Have your parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors write letters also. The University

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provides free computer accounts, so get one and send e-mail up to Albany. Let them know that we know the facts. Let them know that we aren't going to stand for their fascist cuts. Let them know that an investment in our futures and those of the students who will come after us, an investment in SUNY, means a working New York.

Finally, go to the upcoming Lobby Day on Monday, February 27th. The people up in the capitol need to see that we are serious; they need to see us come out in numbers to support our cause. Go to the rally in Albany on Monday March 27th. In order to have any impact on the decisions of the senators and assemblypersons, it is imperative that we keep the pressure on them. We're just eginning to make an impact, it can't end now. If you're not sure how to get m involved, talk to your Polity Senator, there is at least one for every LEG on campus, or go to the Polity Suite. Ask questions. Keep the pressure on. Remember, an investment in SUNY means a working New York!



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Shirley Verrett: Spirit and Soul

BY JOSEPH P. GRASSI Statesman Staff Writer

World renown opera star Shirley Verrett helped the University celebrate black history month by giving a powerful lecture in the Staller Center last night. It was the third lecture of the 1994/95 University Distinguished Lecture Series.

Verrett began her lecture by describing her parents as the foundation for her success. Growing up in New Orleans, Verrett said she was surrounded by music all her life. She was especially surrounded by spirituals because her family would sing them as the sun went down on Friday nights.

Verrett effectively accented this part of her lecture by having a spiritual she recorded on a 70's protest album played over the loud speakers in the recital hall.

She went on to talk about the significance of spirituals in America. "Spirituals are America's music," she said. "It tells an awful lot about what happened here in the United States to a certain group of people and it's beautiful music and people

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Here's a Story.







The Brady Family consist of parents Carol (top center) and Mike (bottom center), livein maid Alice (center), and (from counter clockwise) childrenMarcia, Jan, Cindy, Bobby, Peter, and Greg.

A Tale of Two Vets

By CARL CORRY Special to Statesman

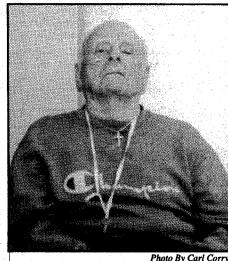
They have fought for this country and have sacificed thier lives for others to live free and just. When the wars have ended and the men and women of the United States Armed Forces have grown old, they are not forgotten at the University at Stony Brook.

Jerry Gluckin and Charlie Smith are \Re two of the residents at the Long Island Stae February Veteran's Home. Their experiences in the Second World War are assets to American history.

Jerry, now 76, was a sergeant in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was Army Corps of Engineers. He we assigned to the 603rd amphibious engine and was active in both the invasion Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. assigned to the 603rd amphibious engineers and was active in both the invasion at

Charlie Smith, 82, said that the Army figured he was "good bait" when he was drafted. He left his home in Ozone Park, Queens and served two years of active duty on the front line in field artillery.

tatešman Jerry, who is now confined to a A wheelchair, described some of his rook experiences in the war in a paper he wrote for a writing class at the home. "I didn't **R** know I could write," he said while $\hat{\mathbf{E}}$ delicately handing over his story in his **\Xi** room on the third floor of the nursing home. Ā "We trained only at night and slept during the day. He said that his monthlong training in England was secret even



Charlie Smithserved two years on the front s of Normany in World War II

to his brother-in-law, who was assigned to General Eisenhower's staff.

At Normandy, one of Charlie's missions was to trick enemy pilots into thinking there were more troops present than there actually were.

"Picture two men walking down the road holding a tank in the air," he said. "We had to simulate a tank outfit in the area. Men in uniform with shoulder patches with tank division insignia traveled through the town with a real tank to make it appear that there was a tank battalion in the woods," he said. The only intimidating thing on,

the ground was one tank, while the others were made out of rubber.

It seems like volunteering for the Army in March of 1941 was the perfect thing for Jerry. He became an important member of a group who needed him, unlike the way his father did not want him.

When his mother died two weeks after his birth, Jerry was not accepted by his father and his new stepmother, and was given to two women who were also caring for another foster child at the time.

After many years he was reunited with his sister, but never developed a relationship with his father.

At the Veteran's home, Jerry has found another place that accepts and cares for him.

The home was opened in October of1991 and cares for 350 men and women. It is now about to start a adult day care program, designed to meet the medical, emotional and social needs of older veterans.

Jerry has been at the home for a few years and has established seniority. He is one of the privileged few who has a room all his own. A hospital bed, two chairs and a couple of pictures on the wall compose his room, but Jerry is most proud of what has been residing out on his balcony. Six pigeons have found their home with Jerry.

"They were born here," he says with a broad smile. "They put a bag out there to

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By Richard Vergara Statesman Staff Writer

I used to watch The Brady Bunch on television, but not because I thought it was a great show. Like almost everyone else in America, I watched it because that's just

what you were brought-up to do. The show was so ridiculous that it's still entertaining after all these years. Too bad the movie couldn't do the same.

"The Brady Bunch Movie" isn't the worst movie ever made (that honor goes to any movie starring Chevy Chase after 1986), but it's not that good either. The basic plot of the movie is that Mr. and Mrs. Brady (Gary Cole and Shelley Long) are confronted with an overdue property tax bill and they have only a week to pay \$20,000 that they don't have. If they can't come up with the money, their house will be sold at an auction. How will they ever be able to raise that kind of money?

While this looms over the parents' heads, the kids have their own personal problems. Greg (Christopher Barnes) is desperately trying to be a rock singer, even though his music is 25 years out of style. Marcia (Christine Taylor) is caught in the position of having two dates for the same school dance. Peter (Paul Sutera) is struggling through puberty. Jan (Jennifer Cox) feels she lacks a real identity because Marcia is always overshadowing her. Bobby (Jesse Lee) is worried about being a "fink" to his classmates and Cindy (Olivia Hack) can't seem to stop "snitching" on people. All of this while they are trapped in the 70's and are oblivious to their 90's surroundings. Knowing what we know about the Brady's, it sounds like it could be a funny movie. Wrong!!!

The popularity of the television series today is due to its out-of-date outlook on life.

It was never a top-ten show when it was being run weekly in the early 70's. It only became a huge hit when people laughed at the show and its characters, not with them.

Director Betty Thomas knows this and that's the problem. The movie tries to replicate the humor, but now the jokes are intended to be funny and they're not. The funniest parts of the television series are when the characters are trying to be serious. Here, when they are serious they know they are trying to be funny. It doesn't work.

Shelley Long does her best Carol Brady and Gary Cole does a good Mike Brady - but so what? If I want to see those characters, I'll turn on Nick at Nite or TBS. The Brady kids are fun to watch for the first five or ten minutes, but an hour and thirty minutes later, I'm running for the doors. I must have looked at my watch ten times (no joke) while the movie was playing.

I also had a huge problem with Olivia Hack as Cindy. The original Cindy was cute and adorable, this one is ugly and annoying. Deborah Aquila and Jane Shannon, who cast the movie, did an over-all nice job, but the

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should hear it.

"I wanted to study spirituals because I felt that they are and were just as important as any classical composer, Mozart or whoever," she added.

Much to the audience's surprise, Verrett revealed her secret to finding her first voice teacher. She found that teacher by looking in the "yellow pages."

After a few years of training and learning the classical idiom, she received her first national exposure by appearing on the *Arthur Godfrey Show* in 1955. After that, she studied at the Juliard School in New York on a scholarship and graduated in four and a half years. Verrett's advice to the audience was, "Don't listen to anyone, use your own mind!"

When she began working in the performing arts she faced racism at an opera house in Houston that refused to have an African American perform.

In the early 1960's, she signed and recorded with Columbia Records. She has worked with such conductors as Leonard Bernstein and Zubin Metha of "The Three Tenors" fame.

She hinted about her age by sharing the

fact that she performed on *The Ed Sullivan Show* five times. Verrett's other credentials include many singing awards and many international performances.

This past year, performed on Broadway in Nicholas Hyter's Tony-Award-winning "Carousel."

Verrett described herself to a smiling audience as, "Very competitive but nice..."

At the end of her motivating talk, Verrett responded to questions from the audience. A man asked her "What can we do about the assault on the Arts when the people in Washington voted themselves a 40% increase in salary?"

She answered by saying, "No matter what, vote! When you don't vote it gets worse."

She also added in an infuriated tone, "Taking Public Television off the air is ridiculous. The Arts are the salve for the pain and suffering of life. What would we do without the Arts. We need it for our souls. What do we look at if not Public Television?"

When asked if American music generally or Black music in this country is in trouble, Verret responded by saying, "When you ask an African American student who Marian Anderson is, and they don't know, that's sad." Students made up only a small portion of the audience.

It's the Brady Bunch

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Cindy casting was a huge mistake. We are supposed to think she's sweet, not a lisping idiot.

Michael Mckean plays Mr. Dittmeyer, the bad-guy developer who is trying to buy the Brady house. McKean can be very funny (*Dream On*, Spinal Tap) but comes across here as the typical villain. How many times does Hollywood feel that they have to use a power hungry, slick-haired, business developer to play the bad guy? It's been done and it's still not funny. McKean has the ability to come up with some great characters, but Dittmeyer is not one of them.

The only constant bright spot in the movie are the cameos. I won't give them away and ruin it for anyone, but they are funny. They should have been hysterical, but I guess the whole film is a "could have been good" movie.

Still, America doesn't seem to mind how horrible this movie is because "The Brady Bunch Movie," opened at the box office number one, with a whopping \$14.6 million last week. Not bad, for this time of the movie season. But let's just hope that the first week was a fluke so that there will be no sequel in the near future. Final Grade: D.

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By Brooke Donatone The Step Stool vs. the Corporate Ladder

"Don't you write for the paper? Yeah, I read your men or about emasculation of any sort. column; it pisses me off. You bash men."

These are just some of the ignorant comments I receive.

First of all, I don't bash men; I merely expose my opinion against those people who make stupid remarks to me. If you are not one of these people, then don't take offense. Actually, I wish I didn't have to have a column that deals with the ignorance surrounding women's issues because I wish there wasn't a need for it. Just because I'm a woman doesn't mean I'm inferior to men. I wish I didn't have to be noted as a male basher, lesbian femi-nazi or a dumb blonde (even though I don't have blond hair), Mr. Donatone, Ms. Bobbitt or be accused of having a column that's too womanly, anti-

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I wish I didn't have to hear "Oh god, here she goes

again on her women's crap". Most of what I hear from friends are just jokes, which I can take, but I am increasingly hearing it from strangers who apparently read a paragraph of my column without reading the explanations for anything I had written.

I wish I didn't have to write about the injustices and harassment I face every day because I wish I didn't have to deal with it. But wishes don't come true, so I guess I'll keep writing. If I have to face it, I might as well have a vessel to voice myself.

Few of us, men and women alike, voice what they feel. I may have equal power as men on this campus, but at what cost do I achieve it? If I wasn't such a strong person, I would have quit my column a long time ago and probably wouldn't even have started it at all. I never hear guys mocked because of their views, but I constantly am.

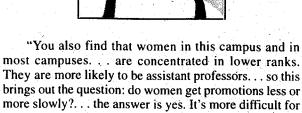
I know I quote Tori Amos a lot but, unfortunately, she verbalizes how I feel before I do. She sang "Doesn't take much to rip us into pieces." That's very true.

But this long-winded introduction does serve a purpose other than to vent my frustrations; this whole example demonstrates sex segregation, especially in the workplace.

Despite several gains women have achieved, including somewhat being accepted in the workforce. they are not treated equally economically or in terms of being promoted, or even hired for certain "male" jobs.

"Fewer women have been hired at this university. In this department there are only 5 of us [women] out of 21. But I have seen in recent years a real concern that women haven't been represented and a real willingness to go out of their [the University's] way to hire women, but it's very recent," said Nilufer Isvan, assistant professor of Sociology.

As of now, more women are moving up from the forever thought of female-dominated job of elementary school teacher to the "man's domain" of college professor. About forty percent of professors are women, but not that as many teach in the Ivy League schools; that number dwells at about 25 percent.



women to be promoted," Isvan added. On this campus, female professors with the same qualifications as their male counterparts do not get paid the same. When the question was brought up about the pay inequity, female professors received a slap-in-the-face raise of \$500 a year; the budget is skewed so male professors get paid more.

Again, on this campus, deans get pain anywhere from \$65,000 through \$120,000 annually; there aren't any females in this category.

There are two female department chairs who make \$55-60,000 a year. All the rest are male and, with the exception of one, they all make more money. Also, hardly any women are full professors; most are associate or assistant. So we don't have to look any further for discrimination then our own backyard.

This idea of women staying on the bottom rung of the corporate ladder while men use grappling hooks to swing to the top is caused by a few factors. The main one is discrimination because some people still think that women are incapable of doing a "man's job". Another factor is because women have double the responsibility that men have, pertaining to housework, children, and profession. Oftentimes, a women will have to put her research on hold, which gives men an advantage.

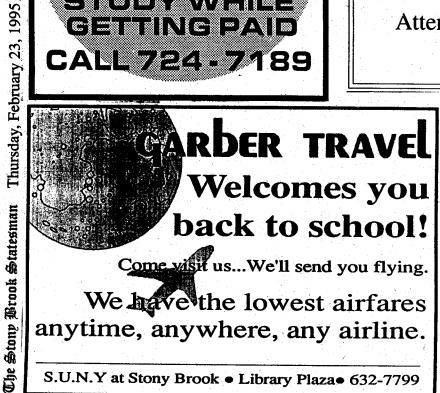
Even though half of the medical school is female, they are blatantly discriminated against. I heard of one medical student who is sexually harassed. Allegedly, her professors purposley rub up against her and make comments, among other things. I also know of an undergraduate who went for an interview for medical school and she was asked about her husband's status and if he minded her going to school. Not only are these questions inappropriate, but they're illegal.

"It's no longer that a women's place is in the home, but what are you doing in a medical school? You should be a nurse or a secretary," said Isvan.

I know so many men who wonder why I'm "into this feminism stuff" because they really don't see the inequalities. I wish I didn't have to either.

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scare them away," but the pigeons persist in staying with him.

Jerry's says that his three sons come to visit him often. One of his sons even brought his collection of antique Rolls Royces to the home for a day.

With a special karaoke singalong program about to be held in the lobby, Jerry said the weekends are usually pretty quiet at the home, but that "there are a lot of people here who are nice guys."

Sitting in his wheelchair with his deep blue eyes wide open, Charlie talked of his life now and after the war, with the key to his personal locker strung around his neck.

"They give me memory tests now," he said. After recalling the date he was born, August 5, 1908, he confirmed with a nod that his memory is holding up well. In World War II, Charlie was part of a night team that fired 125 Howitzer cannons at the enemy under the cover of darkness.

"We passed the ammunition to the 'piece' and then they set their range location. They gave us the location and we set the gun and then we were ready. We pulled... the 'lion' [chord]," he said.

"I never actually saw whether we hit the target or not. We were told if it was a good shot or a bad

shot."

Charlie said that because all of his fighting occurred during the night, he would sleep during the day.

"I had worked for Con Edison in New York City for quite a few years," Charlie said. "When I went back [from World War II], they kept my job open."

But a few years later, Charlie was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at Long Island Jewish Hospital.

"I retired from the company when I was 54-years-old," he said. "I was commuting on the LIE every day and didn't want to kill myself or kill other people. My late wife went to driving school and got her license and she drove."

As one of the volunteer waited to bring Charlie downstair to the karaoke program with Jerr and a room full of the nursin; home's residents, Charlie said I = keeps pretty busy at the home.

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that students need a minimum score of 750 with a minimum 350 on the verbal section or a 550 on the Test Of English as a Foreign Language.

For general admission of other students, the University requires a minimum high school academic grade average of 85 and a minimum score of 1000 on the SAT, according to Undergraduate Admissions (1050 SAT score according to the Bulletin).

Also according to the Undergraduate Bulletin, transfer students entering EOP must have a minimum GPA of 2.3 and at least 18 completed credits. General admissions transfers must carry a 2.5 GPA.

"The primary privilege of the program. . . is to provide an opportunity for students who did not meet all standard admission criteria, but [who] showed strong potential to succeed," Berhannan said. "It is our job [in admissions] and our goal as professionals to determine the ability of a student to be successful here."

Berhannan also said that EOP students must have the 3-year sequence of math and the 3-year sequence of science in high school that is required of all candidates for admission. However, she said that the admissions office grants "flexibility" to EOP students regarding the foreign language requirement, since a number of EOP students are bi-lingual or have English as a second language.

In addition to the lower academic requirements, EOP students must also fall within a specified economic bracket based upon the number of individuals in the family. According to Dr. Miller, a student from a family of four making less than \$25,000 a year would qualify for EOP, as would an individual making less than \$9.500

Eighty to eight-five percent of all EOP students' families make less than \$15,000 a year, Dr. Miller said. Also, he said, many come from families having more than five children.

EOP students must meet both the academic and the financial requirement, Berhannan said. "They [the Office of Financial Aid] are very rigid about the income guidelines, and that is tragic because there are some people that are just

a few hundred dollars over," she said.

However, Dr. Miller said that both requirements do not always have to be met. According to Miller, state law dictates that two-thirds of EOP acceptances must meet both requirements; one-third can meet either.

FINANCIAL AID/BENEFITS

"EOP has to do with academic support, rather than financial support," Berhannan said.

But EOP students receive financial support in the form of annual stipends.

First-year EOP students receive \$1,500; after the first year, the stipend drops to \$1,100 per annum, Dr. Miller said.

The EOP budget, Berhannan said, is ... not dedicated to individual stipends... . but rather to counselors, tutors, instructional aids [and] pre-freshman summer programs to make the transition to college from high school."

Dr. Miller disagreed. He said that the bulk of Stony Brook's EOP budget goes to the students in the form of direct financial aid. He described the prefreshman summer program that some of the other funds go to as "academic boot camp."

The numbers don't lie. Stony Brook's operating EOP budget is \$1.2 million. With approximately 615 EOP students receiving stipends, the total dollar amount in stipends is more than \$725,000, leaving less than \$500,000 for counselors, tutors and other aspects of the program.

In addition to receiving an annual stipend, EOP students receive other benefits as well.

A computer lab was recently built in the EOP office on the third floor of the Melville Library, using both EOP and University funds. According to Dr. Miller, the lab, located in Room 3520, is open to all students.

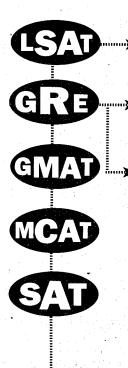
Six special counselors, available only to EOP students, offer guidance in areas such as academic advising and individual, personal counseling. This averages out to about 100 students per counselor, Dr. Miller said.

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Getting the Facts on EOP also on the third floor of the library, is open to all students. The Center employs three fulltime and one part-time counselor, averaging about 2400 students per counselor.

EOP students are offered tutoring at no charge; the \$7-10 hourly tutoring fee, depending on the subject, is picked up by the EOP program, Dr. Miller said.

Non-EOP students can hire their own tutor for about the same price.

GRADUATION

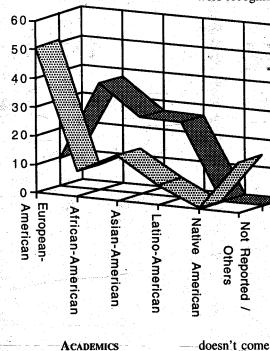
Despite these incentives, the graduation rate of EOP students at Stony Brook ranges from 42 to 47 percent, which is below the University's graduation rate of 50 to 52 percent.

State-wide, EOP graduation rates currently average about 32 percent.

While Dr. Miller conceded that the percentage rate of graduation for Stony Brook EOP students was low, considering the University's investment in those students, he said that New York's EOP was still the best in the country. He also said that the quality of graduating EOP students is "outstanding."

EOP graduates "give something back to the community," Dr. Miller said. "They promote the state's growth." Approximately 80 percent of EOP graduates stay, work and pay taxes in New York State. Dr. Miller said the number of EOP alumni from Stony Brook is 13,000, more than 17 percent of

the University's total alumni. The Office of Alumni Affairs estimates this number to be closer to 1,300 (1.7 percent).



EOP students are expected to follow the guidelines of the University in maintaining the required minimum academic standards.

"If they can't cut the mustard, we'll be the first to kick them out," Dr. Miller said.

He added that more than 85 percent of Stony Brook's EOP students consistently earn GPA's ranging from 2.3 to 4.0. Last semester, 46 EOP students made the Dean's List; last year, nine were recognized as Outstanding

> Seniors; others have b e e n recognized by student organizations or academic departments with internships а n scholarships.

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PROGRAM NOT RACE-BASED "The question

doesn't come up as 'How come EOP students get \$1,000 and I can't if I am equally needy?" said Ana Maria Torres, director of financial aid and student employment. "The question is

'How come minority students get all this money and I don't?' So you have all kinds of other conflicts."

Dr. Miller put these "other conflicts" to rest. "EOP is not a race-based program," he said. "It addresses the educational needs of all students."

Dr. Miller pointed out that the first graduate from EOP in New York state was a white female from Buffalo.

"I would have some real concerns if this program would be eliminated for any reason," he added. "If we eliminate this program,... what will replace it?"

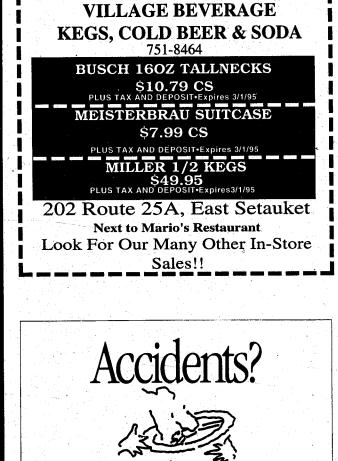
On March 8, the EOP staff will be sponsoring "Opportunity Program Day." The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the current status of the statewide effort to restore funding to EOP and to allow students and

other members of the University community to voice their opinions about the elimination of funding to EOP. All EOP students are

expected to attend the rally to be held in the Student Union Auditorium during Campus Lifetime.

(See inset for statistics on race/ ethnicity breakdowns of Stony Brook's entire student population and Stony Brook's EOP program.)





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Icemen Keep Winning, Have Shot at Post-season

Stony Brook's hockey team defeated Wagner College 4-2 last night.

Captain center Scott Kendrick scored all four goals. Kendrick was assisted on two of his goals by senior Brian Johnson.

According to Johnson, Wagner was 15-1. USB is now 6-6-3.

"This is a really big win for us," said Johnson. "The team has really come together. We have a good shot at taking it all."

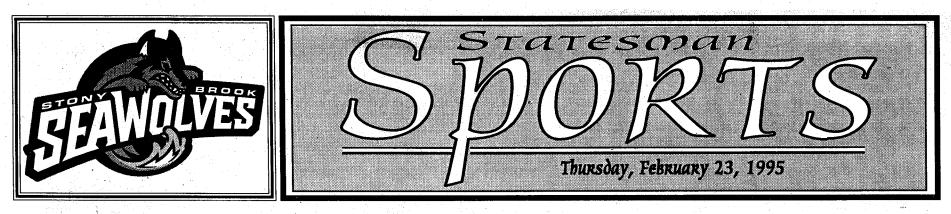
Up next for the skating Seawolves, CCM, Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Their final home game will be against NJIT, Friday, 3/3 in Dix Hills (on WUSB) at 6:00 p.m.



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Seawolves Knocked Out in First Round

By DAVE CHOW Statesman Staff Writer

Seven minutes is all it took for the Hartwick Hawks (19-6) to knock off Stony Brook (12-12) in the first round of the NYSWCAA in Oneonta, Tuesday.

With number six seed Stony Brook leading 26-20, third seed Hawks rattled off a 21-10 run in the last seven minutes in the first half. They took the lead for good and the Seawolves fell, 83-61. The defeat meant sudden-death from elimination the tournament, a deflating end to a season filled with highs and lows.

Going into last night, the 'Wolves were definitely riding one of those highs. They defeated a quality Clark team over the weekend and barely captured a play-off spot by going over .500, a goal that seemed improbable just a month ago when the team had half as many wins as losses.

During the past weeks the 'Wolves simply out-classed most of their opponents who could not match up with the of Erica Bascom (1031 career pts.) and Donna Fennessy, the all time SB season record holder for three pointers. But last night, for the first time in a long time they faced a team that could match them in every department, and fight their fire with fire.

"I think we might have underestimated them a little bit; they were much better than we thought," Bascom said. "We didn't play our best defense."

If the 'Wolves were ripe for a let-down, in the play-off setting they were easy pickings. After opening up a 26 to 20 lead with by 11points from Fennessy, the Hawks then delivered the knock out punch with a little deep-threat action of their own.

Coach Dickinson was quoted by The Daily Star of Oneonta as saying, "They had people hitting three-pointers who normally don't take threes. They got hot and we couldn't stop them. It didn't matter what defense we played."

Deborah Liddle and Mandy Bennet both hit two threepointers to help the Hawks

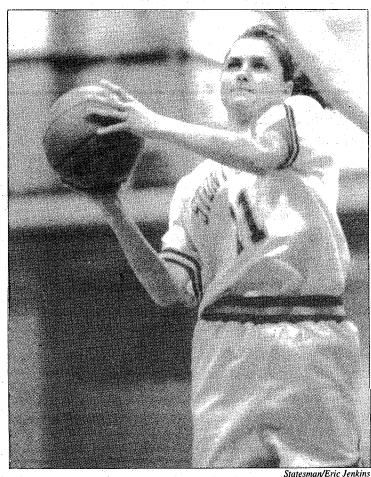
developed inside-outside attack charge back and take a 49-36 half-time lead. The 'Wolves opened the second half with a 10-2 run to cut the lead to 51-46, but the Hawks slowly pulled away on strong rebounding, out-boardeding the 'Wolves 44-31

The 'Wolves got five players in foul trouble, four each, and couldn't make up the difference. The Hawks were lead by Katie Stanton who had 23 points and 13 rebounds, Erica Bascom lead the 'Wolves with 23 and 11 rebounds. Donna Fennessy had 19 points including four treys and Kim Canada had 10.

The 'Wolves have a final game against Mt. St. Marv on Sunday. They can win that game, go over .500 again and end the season with one more, albeit small, high. They came so far from so far away, but it wasn't quite enough.

On the season's end, Shawna Sims said, "It's sad everything doesn't last forever, but it's finished - it's over."

Fennessy continues to stretch the season trey record, now 48.



Four treys and 19 points by freshman Donna Fennessy couldn't stop the the firepower of the Hawks.

Savane Breaks versity Marks

By JASON SEEDORF Statesman Staff Writer

Senior Michel Savane (Dakar, Senegal) of the men's basketball team broke two University records and was named The Statesman/Stony Brook Athlete of the Week.

Savane led the Seawolves to a 74-61 win over Rhode Island College on Saturday at the Sports Complex. He scored 16 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and blocked four shots. Those four blocks gave Savane 50 for the season, a new University record. Last Wednesday, the Seawolves lost a tough game in overtime, 69-66, to the York Cardinals. Savane, however, finished the game with a season-high 19 points, 11 boards and eight blocked shots, also a new record for blocks in one game.

'I'm happy for him because he has been a dedicated team player," said head coach Bernard Tomlin. "Michel wanted to go out in style, and in these two games he played like the Michel we all know."

"I did not think I played any differently than I usually play," said Savane. "Each game I go out and play hard."

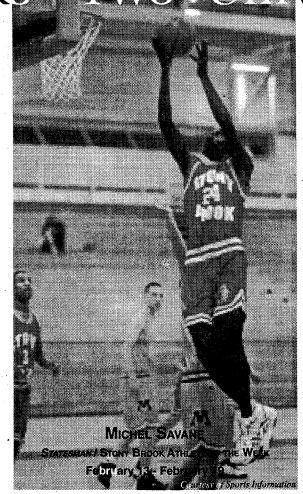
Savane, who is a graduate student, comes to Stony Brook from Dakar, Senegal.

"I found out about Stony Brook through my cousin," said Savane. "The academics at Stony Brook really impressed me. I tried out for the basketball team and made the team as a walkon."

After making the team in his first year, Savane has progressed greatly each season. Once again, this season, he was rewarded for his effort and leadership.

"Michel is one of our co-captains," said Tomlin. "He has demonstrated that he is a true leader on and off the court."

"I have learned a lot in the two seasons that I have been cocaptain," said Savane. "Being the oldest member of the team, I try to be a role model for the younger players."



Savane, the team leader in blocked shots (50), broke the University record for most blocks in a season on Saturday. The old record (48) was held by Tom Blumbergs in the 1987-88 campaign.

Entering Saturday's game versus Albany, Savane needs only six blocks to become the men's all-time career shot blocker. Ricky Wardally, who played at Stony Brook from 1989-1993, currently holds the all-time career record with 134.

"Blocking shots is one of the things I do well," said Savane. "I welcome the record, but I don't set out to break records."

Savane also ranks among the team leaders in other statistical categories. He is second on the team in rebounding (6.2 rpg), third in steals (57) and fourth in scoring (8.7 ppg).

Savane, who has suffered knee injuries the past two seasons, was not about to let that hinder his play in his final season.

"The coaching staff told me to make this year my year," said Savane. "Coach Tomlin kept on me to work hard in practice, keep my head up and play to my potential."

Since Stony Brook is an independent in men's basketball this season, the Seawolves only played nine of their 25 games at the Sports Complex.

"Considering the strength of our schedule, we could have done better; but, realistically, it was a successful season," said Tomlin. "Our young players were counted on to perform this year, and all of them were able to contribute. The goal of every team is to make it to the post-season, and we have an excellent chance at qualifying."

'Our team is playing much better now than we were earlier in the season," said Savane. "I'm looking forward to the playoffs, and doing very well in the post-season. Going out as a winner would be a great way to end my career at Stony Brook."

"Michel has fulfilled our expectations for him as both a player and a person," said Tomlin. "He's a true student-athlete."