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Commuter Student Association President Erika Abel (left) giving her presentation of the proposed by-laws for the polity Executive Council, which is chaired by Polity President Crystal Plati (right).

Student Volunteers Break Away From Traditional Spring Getaways

(CPS) - The biggest challenge many students face during spring break is finding a way to get themselves out of bed and to the beach.

But for a growing number of students, the week off from classes is more than a chance to work on their tans. Students volunteering for alternative spring breaks say they're looking for an opportunity to do something different - and maybe make a difference at the same time.

"You always read about the kids going to Florida and South Padre, but you wouldn't hear anything about the students who went home to work at the local shelter for the week," says Michael Magevney, co-director of Break Away, a national organizer of alternative spring break programs for more than 350 schools across the country.

"But when the word starting getting out, more people wanted to get involved. Now it's becoming a legitimate option for a lot of students."

This year alone, students will be building houses, tutoring children, digging irrigation ditches, reuniting families, repairing indoor plumbing and working on a wide variety of other projects.

Kim Kortokrax, a senior majoring in business at Indiana University, is headed to Atlanta this spring break to work at a

daycare center for homeless children.

"I've already done the Florida thing during spring break, and I just feel like I'm at a point in my life where everything isn't about partying," says Kortokrax. "I would rather do something for someone else than spend money that I don't have on me."

Kortokrax will travel with several other members of IU's Business Students Involved in Community Service, an organization that organizes volunteering opportunities for

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Constitutional Amendment Passed, Students to Approve

New By-laws governing Polity's Executive Council to appear on a special campus-wide election ballot March 29

By ROBYN SAUER
Special to Statesman

Commuter Student Association President Erika Abel presented the Steering Committee's finished copy of the proposed by-laws for the Polity Executive Council, at last night's senate meeting. These by-laws were passed by the senate unanimously to appear on a special campus-wide election ballot on March 29 to become the newest amendment to the Polity Constitution.

The new by-laws reconstruct the council from the present system of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the four Class Representatives. If the amendment is passed by the students, there will be a President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Finance, Vice President for Community Relations, Vice President for Student Services, Vice President for Programming, Vice President for Student Advocacy, and Vice President for Academic Affairs. According to Abel, this reconstruction will create the efficiency and accountability of the council.

As it stands, the executive committee's duties are explicitly written in the Constitution and by-laws, but the class representatives are held accountable only for representing their constituents.

"As it is now, class reps... some do a lot of work... some don't," said Abel.

President Crystal Plati encouraged senators to vote to put this on referendum so that the elections held in late April could be held on the new positions and avoid complications if the new constitution passes at that time.

Senators Sean Harris and Brendan Hettle expressed concerns that a line was taken out of the originally proposed by-laws this week concerning council members voting in the senate. Abel and Plati informed the senate that this was omitted because there was much debate regarding the subject. They proposed that the issue be discussed during the constitutional convention held later this month, so the by-laws could pass last night.

Harris said that he felt this was a "stifling" of the vote that

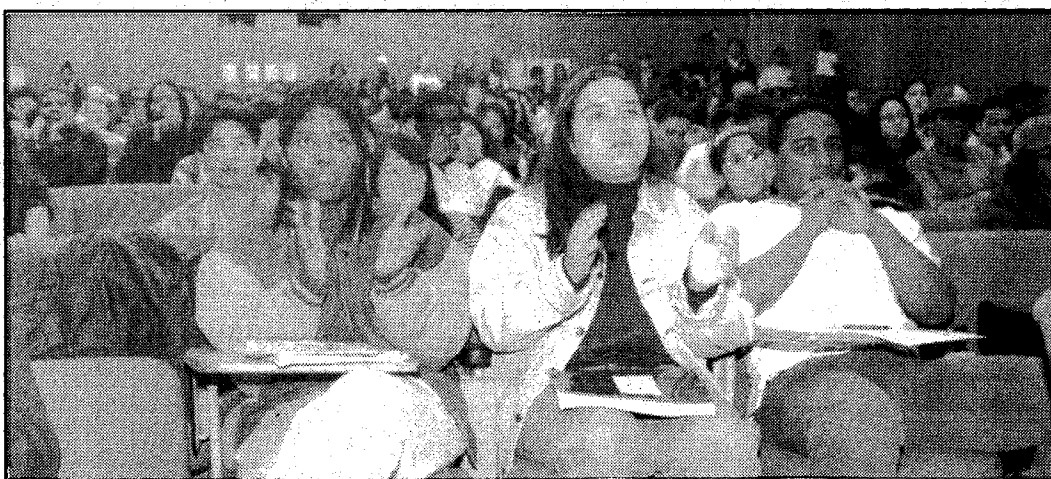
was taken earlier this semester, which made council members ex-officio, non-voting, members of the senate.

There were only a few changes from last week including an amending process for the by-laws, adding the responsibility of being a FSA liaison to the VP of Student Services, and making the VP of Programming responsible for senior week activities, the freshman committee, and other class segregated concerns. The motion was passed with a call of acclamation.

Voter Registration and Awareness Addressed

Jonathan Brumer, a former senator and former Judiciary member, brought two resolutions to the floor for the

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SOLIDARITY: Students gathered for an EOP Rally at the Union Auditorium yesterday afternoon to hear EOP Staff and local representatives speak about the budget cuts and lobbying in Albany. Other rallies scheduled for this month include Parent Lobby Day in Albany on March 22, a march down Wall Street in New York City on March 24, and a rally by SUNY and CUNY students in Albany on March 27. Buses will be provided by Polity for free to students and parents going to the rallies in Albany.

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Sexual Harrasment in Student Union

POLICE BLOTTER

BY LENA MALEKAN
MARYAM RAHIMZADEH

March 1

5:15 p.m.

In the lobby of Langmuir College a male student got up to make a phone call, while leaving his wallet on the desk. He returned to find out his wallet stolen. His wallet contained cash and several credit cards.

March 3

6:59 p.m.

A car was stopped by University Police for going through a stop sign on North Loop Drive. The male student driving the car told the officer he was aware of his actions, but was being followed by his obsessive ex-girlfriend. The officer spoke to her and told her to stop following him. All was in order.

March 3

9:20 a.m.

In the Student Union, a female staff member was sexually harassed by an unknown male. A male entered the office in which she was working and proceeded to read a sexually explicit narrative about feet. She let him finish his story because she was afraid to stop him while he was reading. He then asked if he could touch her legs and feet. She then asked him to leave and he complied. He told her he would return. She has been receiving several prank calls as well.

March 3

7:30 p.m.

In Union Lobby a wallet was stolen from a female student who was talking on the telephone. She had placed the wallet on the counter of the telephone

during her conversation. The wallet contained \$70 and several credit cards.

March 4

12:40 a.m.

At the Main gate, Entrance Drive, a witness was behind a white Chrysler LeBaron, containing four females, when a blue Toyota, containing four males, pulled up along side. One of the males leaned out of the rear side and displayed a handgun to the females. Both, then parked in the Mendelsohn and H quad lot. Nothing else is known about the matter.

March 4

2:00 a.m.

A student left his 1995 Dodge Neon in the Kelly Quad rear parking lot. When he returned, he found both driver side tires deflated.

March 7

4:30 p.m.

A student reported that she had left her 1993 Chevy Cavalier overnight in the South p-lot and later returned to find the driver side window smashed. There was \$250 damage.

March 8

3:00 a.m.

A University Medical Center staff member reported a series of obscene phone calls she has been receiving at work from an unknown male.

4:00 a.m.

At Hand College a female resident received harassing phone calls from her previous roommate who threatened her with physical violence. The ex-roommate was referred to student affairs.



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New By-Laws Passed For Student Approval

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senate to adopt. The resolutions are intended to help increase voter awareness and registration on the campus.

The first resolution called for administration to "include... in each semester's class schedule book the following: 1) A voter registration application form. 2) an absentee ballot application and 3) a short letter from Polity, the faculty and the administration summarizing the reasons why it's important for students to register, vote and generally be aware of and act on their interests."

In addition, Brumer asked, in the resolution, for a sealed box to be left at the Registrar's office for the easy collection of the forms and list all relevant deadlines and other dates in the academic calendar. "I think it is pretty self explanatory why I am asking for this resolution," said Brumer. "We don't have any influence in politics... unless we register to vote."

The second resolution asked administration to secure the campus as a polling place for local, statewide, and national elections, "to provide easy access for students who wish to participate in the political process."

Plati said that there have been efforts to do that; but, according to her, this would be a great stance for the students to take.

"I think having the student voice say this would be confirming the need for this," said Plati.

Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Artists and Parents Needed

Laura Pace, Freshman Representative, spoke about the Parent Lobby Day to be held on March 22. There will be buses for parents from Stony Brook to Albany on that day at no cost to those attending.

Also concerning fighting the proposed budget cuts there will be a lobby day held on March 27 and buses will be free then, also. Pace expressed the need for students

to remain involved, including stuffing envelopes, writing letters and getting others involved.

Senior Representative Cory Goodman announced the success of the senior party held last week. Goodman also asked once again for a student artist, whom he would like to design the senior shirts, because he hopes to have a great design.

If anyone is interested in Parent Lobby Day, the fight against the budget, or helping with the shirts please call 2-6460.

PSC Under Attack

The Programming Services Council (PSC) was brought under fire by Abel and the Chamber Singers' Kevin Badanes. According to Abel PSC did not abide by the proper limits when disbursing funds, did not make their records and minutes available to the public, and made their decisions with personal preferences.

Hettle, a member of the PSC board, denied all charges. It was decided that this was a Judiciary matter and may be petitioned to them. □

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students throughout the year.

"You don't really know who you're traveling with at first because there are so many of us in the major. By the end of the trip, though, you feel like you've made some friends for life," Kortokrax says. "You end up working on something that's really important with these people, and you can tell that means a lot in terms of your relationship."

Students pay less than \$100 for the week, so lodging is usually pretty basic. "We sleep on gym floors or in church basements," she says. "We know before we leave that we won't exactly be in the lap of luxury."

Barbara Holcomb has been organizing alternative spring breaks for students through the Virginia Tech YMCA since 1986. She says that interest in the trips has grown each year.

"We can't even accommodate all the students who wish to go somewhere," Holcomb says. "Students are looking for new ways to spend their vacations and do something productive at the same time. These trips are the perfect outlets."

This year, Holcomb will be sending Virginia Tech students to four locations, including Ivanhoe, Virginia, where 15 students will help provide indoor plumbing in residential houses; and Washington, where 10 Tech students will work with the Center for Creative Non-Violence in a homeless shelter.

In Tijuana, Mexico, five Tech students will work with children who crossed the United States border and were sent back. The students will work with the Home for

Migrant Workers to reunite these children with their families. Meanwhile, in Sasakwa, Okla., 35 Tech students will build log cabins and shelters for Native American communities.

This March, David Parker will head to Abiquiu, New Mexico, to help provide services and tutoring for a community of Native Americans. Parker, a sophomore at Wichita State University, will be one of five WSU students headed to a Navajo reservation for spring break.

"Certain people enjoy certain things. I enjoy working with people, so for me, this is a way to relax. It's a way to get away from everything else," says Parker. "It's satisfying, but it's relaxing, too."

Parker says he's not sure what his duties will be yet, but figures they'll range from digging irrigation ditches to raking leaves. "We'll do some tutoring on the reservation, too," he says. "There's a lot to do, but they are things that need to be done."

Rev. Richard Lewis, WSU's campus minister, organized the trip. While he admits that participating students gain a sense of service and accomplishment from their work, he says that's only half the story.

"It's a great way to learn about other cultures. There's so much tradition and history that really can't be learned from any textbook," Lewis says. "These students are walking by history, and they may not even know it."

Lori Garrett, coordinator of community services at Hood College in Frederick, Md., agrees. "Students get

to see issues that affect other cultures firsthand, and that makes a lot of difference," says Garret, who organizes community service trips for Hood students during academic breaks. "Even if students see something in their own town, it's much more real than reading about it in a newspaper. Social situations become much more urgent because all of a sudden they have a human face."

This March, Garrett will accompany 11 Hood students to Baldwin, Mich., where they will participate in a Habitat for Humanity project. Hood students will be building panels that will be used to construct houses during the summer.

Garrett says that alternative spring breaks may be growing in popularity because of the national attention that service programs like AmeriCorps are receiving.

"A lot of students want to do some sort of community service but they just can't squeeze it into their schedule," she says. "Taking the time to do something different during their time off is really remarkable. It's a sacrifice for the students, but it seems like no one really seems to mind."

For those students who want to transfer the source of their knowledge from textbook to terrain, Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., offers an 11-day trip to Texas and New Mexico to study various geological sites.

"We try to get a good look at as much as we can," says Prof. Richard Anderson, organizer of the trip. "We are talking about places where the continent is pulling apart, so there are a lot of

exciting things to see."

Anderson, who has spent his spring break with students every year since 1973, says the trip is available to geology and non-geology majors alike. "We'll be camping in state parks and seeing things that are incredibly different from anything we see around here, so it's a rewarding trip for almost anyone," he says. "It's not exactly a day at the beach, but we think it's a lot of fun."

Other alternative spring breaks include:

- Students from Northland College in Ashland, Wis., will be traveling to Breckenridge, Colo., to teach skiing to disabled people from around the world.

- Many college campuses are involved with Habitat for Humanity. This spring, Sweet Briar College students will be working on a home near campus in a joint-effort with the organization; 30 Babson College students will travel to Greenville, S.C., where they will build two houses in one week; students from DePauw and St. Joseph's universities will help build houses in Appalachia; and students from Maryville University will head to Mobile, Ala., to help build homes for elderly residents.

- Students from the University of Evansville in Indiana will travel to McCray County, Ky., to join other Workforce '95 volunteers in repairing houses in a rural community.

- More than 60 students from St. Louis University will be spending their spring break working at homeless shelters across seven states. □

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March 22: PARENT LOBBY DAY

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March 27: RALLY TO SAVE SUNY AND CUNY

Are you angry? Get ready to scream! We have worked within the system, and now it is time to advocate against the system. Come to Albany and be heard! Get ready to RALLY! Stony Brook wants to bring hundreds of students to get our message heard. Buses will be FREE. Call Laura at 632-9197 for more information or to sign up. This is our big opportunity to go to Albany and be loud. Tell them how you feel! Tell them we are angry! Tell them we are not going away! Let them know that they can't do this to us! Remind them that we are the future of New York!

To get involved call Laura in Polity at 632-9197. It is so important that we keep the pressure on in Albany. They are hearing us, we must continue. Don't give up! We are not defeated, nor will be!

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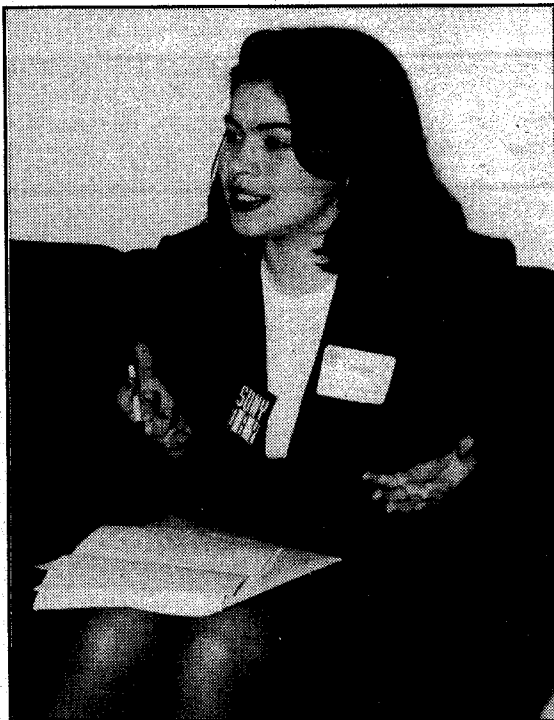
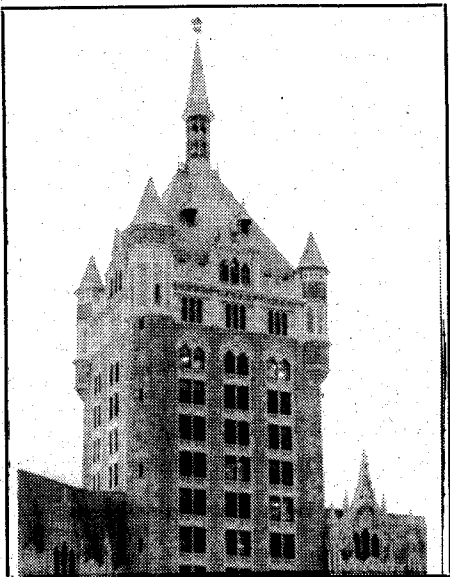
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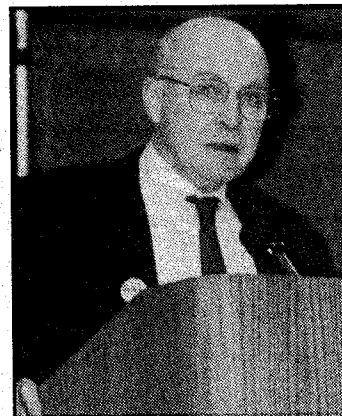
SUNY DAY March 7th

At The State Legislative Office
Albany, NY

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Assembly man Robert Sweeney extends his welcome to Polity President Crystal Plati in his office (above). Plati (left) joined the Stony Brook delegation to Albany lobbying against Governor Pataki's proposed cuts in the SUNY budget. SUNY Chancellor Thomas Bartlett (below) spoke to the members of the delegation.



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6 Dr. Kenny's Address to the Assembly

Thank you for holding this very important hearing on our campus. We already know from the past how committed you are to higher education. By being here to inquire and listen, you are sending a very strong message.

As *The New York Times* proved yesterday, public higher education is hurting all across the nation. In North Carolina tuition will increase this year by three percent, and the University will still lose \$15 million. In California, Governor Wilson asked for an increase in the higher ed budget of only two percent, and in New Jersey Governor Whitman, known for cost cutting, proposed an increase of only one percent. Tough times.

But in New York, as you know, the Governor's proposed budget calls for a 31.5 per cent decrease in tax support - \$290 million on a \$919 million base, and tuition increase of 35.9 percent or \$215 million - assuming increases in enrollment. Cuts of this magnitude are incomprehensible, in a state that depends on brain power and a well-educated workforce for its future well-being.

If tuition was increased that much, and if enrollments did not decline, the net \$74.5 million cut would still mean a loss of 1,840 employees and 8,700 students. But, of course, enrollments would be lower and projected revenue would spiral down.

How will we be impacted by this proposed budget? Ask our 17,000 students, who are receiving a high-quality education at an affordable rate. Ask the students who would lose support - the 600 students in our

Economic Opportunity Program, the 800 graduate students receiving tuition assistance, the 100 part-time students. Ask the 5,000 undergraduates who rely on TAP. Will they have to defer the American dream? Many will - a loss as profoundly damaging as any we could impose on our state.

How will our research programs be affected? Currently Stony Brook researchers bring in more than \$90 million a year in external funding support, more than any other public university in the northeast except Penn State. It is inconceivable that we will be able to maintain, let alone increase, this critical funding when our faculty and student body shrink. The external dollars that we bring into the state will not wait - they will go elsewhere for important research - outside New

Stony Brook, for SUNY, for New York State. Will such research continue? It must. Will it happen here? That depends on the budget.

How will health care fare here? SUNY medical programs face a decrease in their budgets, and Medicaid cuts will lower income yet farther. We train nearly 500 interns, residents, and fellows, who practice in 43 disciplines. Many of our medical students will commit to primary care - New York needs them desperately. The future nurses, social workers health care technologist who will be treating you and me are receiving their education here too. We need them. Right here, in this building, proposed Medicaid cuts will affect our ability to treat the war veterans to whom we owe so much.

And what about our ability to be a driving economic force on Long Island? The Island lost more than

powerhouse. It is happening right here. But we can not do it without proper support.

Look at the Long Island High Technology Incubator to see how state funds can be leveraged to grow new businesses. Begun as part of the University's Center for Advanced Technology in Biotechnology, and expanding through a corporate/campus collaborative effort, it is eloquent testimony to the importance of research at Stony Brook. There are 33 tenant companies, and we already need more space. The five companies that have graduated employ 500 workers and gross \$40 million.

The Small Business Development Center on campus has been helping more than 3,000 small businesses obtain more than \$17 million in financing. The Strategic Partnership for Industrial Resurgence (SPIR) at the College of Engineering utilizes our resources to provide guidance, expertise, and education for the state's manufacturers and high technology service providers. We've got to protect these programs and continue to develop collaborative ventures with New York start-up businesses.

How will we be impacted by this budget? Judge for yourself. I can tell you what we do. I can tell you how we do it. I cannot tell you how we will be able to survive with the proposed cuts. If other states are reducing university budgets by one or two percent or holding the line by increasing their budgets by one or two percent, does New York really want to decimate its university systems by cutting a third of the tax support? Can we as a State afford the distinction of being the greatest destroyer of higher education budgets in the country? We need your help. □



Presidents' Corner Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny

York.

One quick example. Early this month an announcement was made about the marketing of a new

drug called Reo-Pro, an anti-thrombotic agent and a breakthrough for some angioplasty patients. Reo-Pro was developed at the University Medical Center. It is the first therapeutic product to be approved by the FDA developed within the SUNY system - truly a milestone for not only

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Editorial

Party Hard, Party Long, Party Smart

In case you've been too busy studying for midterms to look at the calendar, next week is Spring Break. And whether you're headed to the North Country to *search* for the swish of snow beneath your skis, or to the southern sun to brazenly bronze your bare skin, have a great time, but Party Smart.

During the course of the last two semesters, *The Stony Brook Statesman* has continually brought alcohol awareness to your attention. We have placed a deep focus on drunk driving prevention, starting with an editorial we wrote last fall about the death of Debbie Whittemore. Debbie was USB grad who had just begun her career as a nurse, just two days before being killed by a drunk driver.

We have published a number of public service announcements about drunk driving and alcohol awareness. Recently, we were introduced to another non-profit organization that sponsors another nationwide alcohol awareness program. The organization is Beer Drinkers of America, and their program is Party Smart.

Much like the winter holiday season, spring break is another period of time when many college students are *expected* to "binge" drink. We and Party Smart just want you to keep a few things in mind while you're out "doing the college thing":

— Drink in moderation.

— If you're drinking in a group, select *and use* a designated driver.

— **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

We are not asking you or telling you to not drink alcohol. For the most part, we are adults capable of making intelligent decisions. We only are asking you to control your drinking behaviors. We are asking you to not bow to peer pressure.

Here are some options and tips you should consider when you're partying over break:

— If you're a designated driver and feel the urge to drink, drink non-alcoholic beers or mixed drinks.

— If you are consuming alcohol, try to eat as well.

— If you are taking medication, *do not drink* without prior approval of your physician. You probably should refrain from drinking, anyway.

— If you know you will be drinking, set a limit on what and how much you will drink, and stick to that limit.

— This is especially for women: Don't get drunk with people you don't know.

— Don't drink any mixed drink if you don't know what is in it.

— Don't try to prove to anyone, including yourself, how much you can drink.

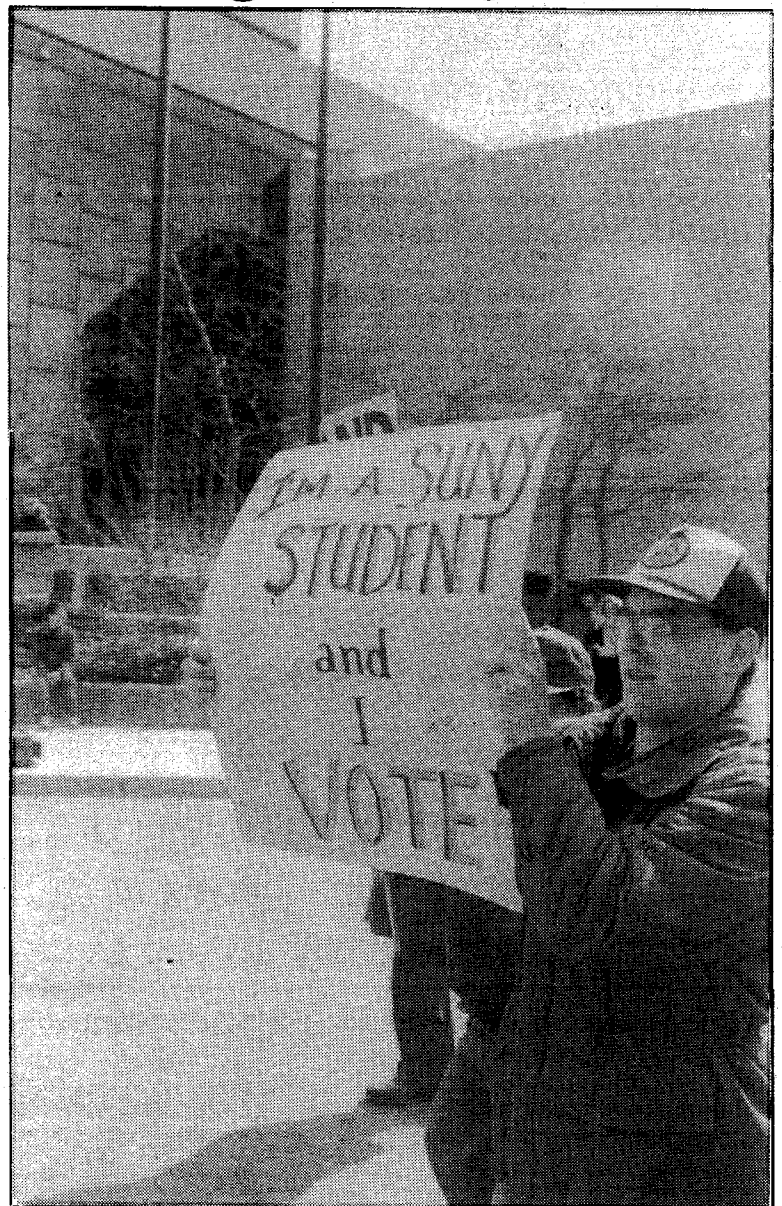
— Don't carry a lot of cash when you're drinking. It likely will be either lost, spent (on drinks) or stolen.

We hope you agree that most of this is common sense. More importantly, if you agree that it is, follow it, practice it, live it.

One other thing: Even if you aren't drinking, be wary of those who are or may have been, particularly if you're walking or driving at night.

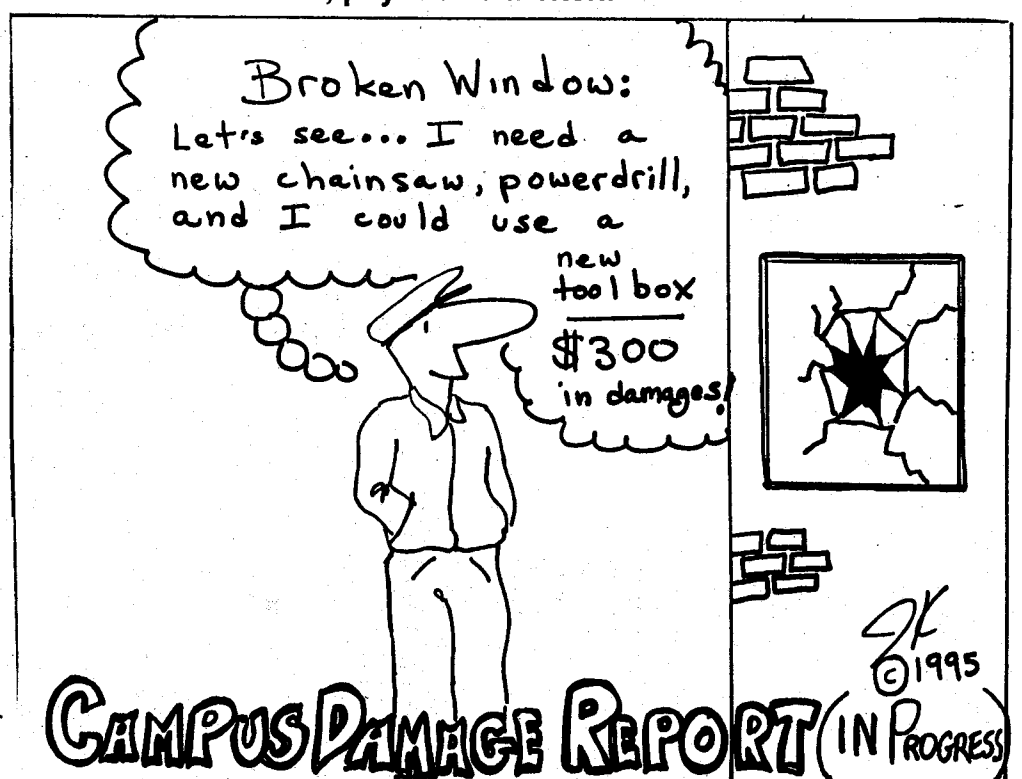
The Stony Brook Statesman hopes that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Spring Break. Just remember, if you're going to go out and party, have a great time. Use your head. Party Safe. Party Smart.

If your group would like more information about the Party Smart Education Project, call *The Stony Brook Statesman* or call Beer Drinkers of America and Party Smart at (916) 933-2337.



Statesman / Cindy Stockinger

Governor Georger Pataki should take note: If you take us down, we'll go down fighting. And remember, payback's a bitch.



CAMPUS DAMAGE REPORT (IN PROGRESS)

"Every individual has a place to fill in the world and is important in some respect whether he chooses to be so or not."

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

Smith Editorial Was on the Mark

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate your staff for the insightful editorial regarding Bradley Smith's recent video "documentary" that he has been sending around to campus newspapers. Now that he has been exposed as the charlatan that he is with his full-page "advertisements" claiming that extermination of Jews by the Nazis was a fabrication, he has resorted to this. You correctly point out that he has targeted college students because he believes that critical thinking equals some kind of academic relativism on our campuses.

That is, because students are taught to do research and analysis that they will naturally come to question all facts. You should know that Smith himself never went to college, and although this is no testimony to his intelligence, it certainly betrays his naiveté about academia.

Besides ignoring these crackpots, one of the best responses is what *The Statesman* is doing; exposing them for what they are.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Joseph S. Topek
Jewish Chaplain
Hillel Foundation

SU/A Overlooks Reason for Display

To the Editor:

Last semester, a very dear friend of mine and a distinguished member of my fraternity was killed. At the time, I had confronted former Student Activities Advisor Ken Bailey and the people at the Student Union with the idea that maybe my organization could erect a memorial of pictures and memorabilia in his honor in one of the useless trophy cases in the Stony Brook Union. As you can all see, there still is nothing there. The reason for this is that the people in charge decided that my idea was so good that every organization should be able to be represented on a rotating basis in these cabinets. WAKE UP YOU JERKS! We are not looking for publicity. We are doing what we think is right. I can't wait to tell the deceased's parents that we cannot erect a simple memorial for their dead son because Alpha Phi Delta has to announce their softball tournament. Can this school turn into any more s---?

Pissed as hell,
Tom Collins
Tau Kappa Epsilon

P.S.- Minga, we won't ever forget you!
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CAD Is a C-R-I-M-E

To the Editor:

To your March 6 article on Common Area Damage, I'd like to add the tidbit that last semester in Wagner College, at least on my floor, each student's share of the damage bill was 71 cents. However, because there's a one-dollar minimum for bursar's bills, each of us was billed a dollar, making for a surplus excise of 29 cents per resident. In years past, because the damage done in Wagner has

sometimes been negligible, the gap between the share calculated and the dollar minimum has been even wider.

Okay, so it's a nuisance, but most of us can part with a dollar here and there. The \$25 damage bill that each student at Amman College received for the vandalized carpet is another story. While of course something has to be done to deter vandalism and to give peers incentive to keep each other's behaviors in check, this does not negate the injustice that the innocent students suffer. Residents of Amman who had neither knowledge of the culprit nor a

vote on how the damage was to be rectified were billed \$25. Moreover, it is a certainty that many of them were in financial brackets that would make \$25 a sizable sum of money to lose.

If you view the relationship of students and administration in collective terms - that is, students are collectively responsible for damage that students collectively do - then the \$25 CAD bill seems unavoidable. If, on the other hand, you consider the University's mission to each student individually, then it becomes harder to see the justice in the administration giving an individual student a bill for damage he was not involved in, and a method of repair that he had no say in.

Sincerely,
Ben Alexander

Letter Addressed to Wrong Person

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to the letter entitled "EOP Cuts Are Not Prejudiced," by Rick Resnick (*Statesman*, Number 41, Monday, March 6). I would like to clear up an attack against Coleen O'Mara, NYPIRG director for SUNY Stony Brook. Mr. Resnick did not have his story straight when he wrongfully accused Coleen O'Mara of writing a letter which Colleen

Skadl wrote. Colleen Skadl has been trying to address some very important issues through the resources of *Statesman*. She should not be reprimanded, but

commended for her efforts. Not only was Mr. Resnick's information incorrect, but it was also sexist and offensive. He stated, "Why the double standard Colleen darling?" and "Well Colleen, cry me a F--- river." These statements are neither necessary, nor are they true. I hope this clears up any misunderstandings. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions, but a word of advice - fight the real issues. In addition, I would like to commend Coleen O'Mara for all her hard work and dedication in the fight for an affordable and accessible education. Keep up the good work Coleen.

In Student Unity,
Nicole Rosner
Sophomore Class Representative

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Stronger Sexual Assault Legislation

From the Weekly Column of New York State Senator Ken LaValle (R-Port Jeff)

Tuesday, February 28, victim's rights advocates were in Albany lobbying for stronger sexual assault legislation, prompting me to devote this week's column to the issue of sex crimes.

In traveling around the First Senatorial District, I have listened to many people express their fears concerning violent crime within our communities. Sexual assaults are among the most devastating and dehumanizing of crimes, leaving victims with lifelong emotional and physical scars. These vicious crimes of power and domination often find victims feeling doubly victimized when seeking justice from our legal system.

Two bills addressing victim's rights have repeatedly passed in the Senate by overwhelming margins. They are the Rape Victims Services Act and the Sex Offender Reform Act. Unfortunately, neither has been considered by the Assembly. The bills approach the issue in two different ways.

The Rape Victims Services Act focuses on aiding victims of sex crimes by providing valuable services and information. The bill establishes a statewide toll-free rape information and referral hotline, requires notification to victims if their assailant has HIV, provides victims with information regarding the

progress of the case including parole hearings and allows the use of State Police-approved Mace type self-protection devices.

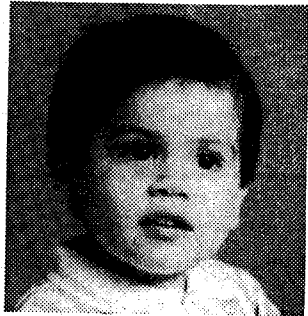
One recommendation included in this initiative was separately and successfully acted upon last year when legislation was passed making the victim's manner of dress inadmissible as evidence in sex offense cases.

The Sex Offender Reform Act deals with the perpetrator by imposing increased penalties, requiring mandatory participation in treatment programs and establishing a statewide DNA registry through which law enforcement officials can track sex offenders after their release from prison.

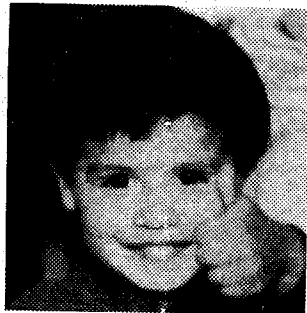
In a perfect world, we would have a crime-free society and need never worry about our safety. Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world and cannot bury our heads in the sand. We must work together in support of initiatives designed to aid and protect society if we are to effectively attack the problem of crime. I will continue to push for enactment of bills to safeguard our communities and protect the rights of victims. I believe, with your support, proposed legislation such as the Rape Victims Services Act and the Sex Offender Reform Act can be reality.

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Statesman Features

Thursday March 9, 1995

Professor's Interest Stemmed From a Book, Travel

JOSEPH P. GRASSI
Statesman Staff Writer

"It began with my reading a book," said Professor David Sheehan when asked how he went about creating English 368, Contemporary Native American Literature. At the end of a semester five years ago Prof. Sheehan found himself doing something he loves; standing in front of shelves which hold new books at, in this case, the Edward Clark Library.

"I just looked at the books that had just come in and picked things that I otherwise wouldn't have come across," he said.

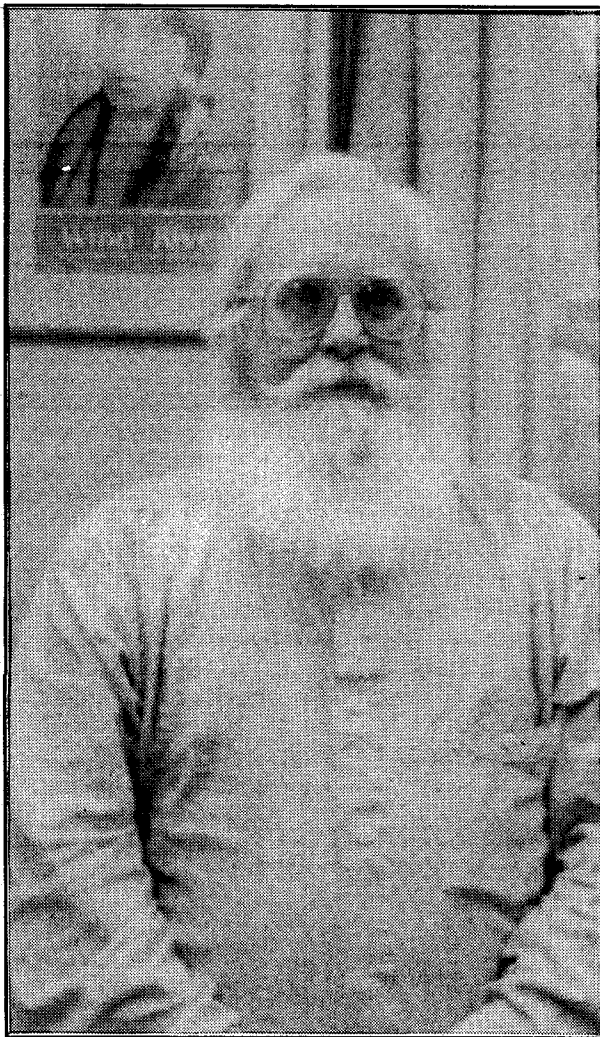
One of those books was the catalyst for one of the most profound and intriguing courses offered at Stony Brook. The book was *The Sacred Hoop (recovering the feminine in Native American Studies)*, by Paula Gunn Allen. The Professor started to thumb through the book and after going through it, he found that "it was all news" to him.

The book focused on contemporary Native American writers of poetry and fiction and the traditions they were writing out of. That book inspired Sheehan to read the works of writers such as Scott Momaday and Louise Erdrich. Then Sheehan did something he called "an old phenomenon." He started to combine his reading with traveling.

"Essentially it was a personal project," said Sheehan, "After a while I began to realize that there are a set of a number of writers that are talking about late 20th century America in ways that I think other people would be interested, so I started thinking about a course."

Prof. Sheehan mentioned that this type of course is unusual at Stony Brook; however, they are not unusual in the southwest and west. For example, the universities in Oklahoma and Arizona have very strong Native American Studies programs. When asked what kind of red tape did Sheehan encounter in order to implement this new course in the University he respond with a surprising answer.

He said, "One fortunate thing about teaching in the English Department at Stony Brook is that people are encouraged to develop their interests in their research and



Professor David Sheehan

teaching."

Then when Sheehan began thinking about making the course he made a proposal to the undergraduate program committee and the program was accepted and implemented.

When asked which places people should particularly visit when interested in Native American Culture, Professor Sheehan spoke of the Navajo Reservation of Canyon deChelly.

The Professor described deChelly as an "extensive deep canyon that has been a place of refuge, farming and a sacred place to Navajo people, and many of the Navajo stories of origin center in Canyon deChelly."

Also he talked about his experience in visiting the Pueblo Villages in New Mexico. There he saw how the "traditional life endures in ways it doesn't on the East Coast."

It is important to Professor Sheehan to visit these places because he said "The land is very central to the novels." He has traveled extensively in the Southwest, Wyoming and South Dakota to different reservations and places of historical importance such as Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge and Wind River.

When asked about what he thought of what seemed to be the first major motion picture from the Native American perspective, *Dances With Wolves*, Professor Sheehan responded ironically by saying, "What struck me most about that film was how much it is in the tradition of seeing native cultures through the white perspective; that the central character in the movie is a white soldier who wants to go out to the plains because he wants to see the Indians before they vanish - which is a stereotype that says that native peoples are always just about to disappear."

"The great thing about that movie," Sheehan said, "was that it opened up a lot of wallets. Fund-raising really increased for really important needs among Native Americans on various reservations."

Professor Sheehan plans to travel to Montana this summer to see the towns along the Canadian border where the Blackfoot writer James Welch sets his novels. He is currently on the English Undergraduate Program Committee which is looking at what changes could be made in the curriculum of the English Dept. He is also a member of President Kenny's task force on celebrating diversity and commonality which is trying to plan for the future of diversified education at Stony Brook. □

Just Cause is Just Predictable

By RICHARD VERGARA
Statesman Staff Writer

"Just Cause," directed by Arne Glimcher and starring Sean Connery is not a bad movie. I wouldn't call it a "roller-coaster ride", but it did have some moments of suspense. Still, somehow, I left the theater unimpressed and for the most part disappointed.

The main plot of the movie is about Harvard Law Professor, Paul Armstrong (Connery), who takes the case of Bobby Earl (Blair Underwood), a black man convicted of raping and murdering an eight year old white girl in a small town in the backwoods of Florida, eight years ago. Armstrong soon becomes convinced of Earl's innocence and begins to investigate the case and rescue Earl from Death Row. Among many of the obstacles are the local town and police department who do not want to open old wounds and start digging up the past. Armstrong is harassed and threatened by the two arresting officers, one of which is Tanny Brown, (Laurence Fishbourne), the policeman who eight years prior, coerced

Earl into confessing to the crime.

The movie starts off as intriguing, but ends up flat and predictable. I watched the movie with Deer Field Beach, Florida's very own movie buff - Chris Albert, who is the founder of the literary magazine, *The Critic*. He knew every direction the twists in Glimcher's movie were going. I was more fooled than he, but not enough to call this movie a thriller. Either way, this particular movie doesn't live up to the potential it has, especially when you look at the strong cast.

Sean Connery (who is also Executive Producer) can usually bring credibility to any role, but seems to struggle with the second half of "Just Cause." His portrayal of Armstrong, just becomes less and less believable as the movie goes on. At first, you think he's the smartest person in the world, which is fine. But, by the end you wonder how he stumbles into the obvious pitfalls that he does. His role just jumps

right out of reality and into fantasy land.

Laurence Fishbourne, on the other hand, gives another strong performance as bad-ass detective Tanny Brown. Once again, Fishbourne continues to prove that not only is he a great "black actor," but a great actor, period. To Fishbourne's credit, you are never quite sure where his character stands in the movie. Are his motives justified or are they biased?

Blair Underwood plays "Bobby Earl" with enough flavor to keep his character interesting for the first half of the movie. But once again, by the end, his character becomes just another Hollywood farce; stereotypical and boring.

Ed Harris gives a plausible performance as a psycho-inmate who may or may not know the truth behind the rape and murder. The role is very juicy, so to give too much credit to Mr. Harris would be a mistake and undeserving. His role is one that just about

any average Hollywood actor could have performed, but if nothing else, he added some twisted humor to the story.

The elegant Ruby Dee also had a small role in the movie, playing Bobby Earl's grandmother. Her role is short, but convincing. It's her character that from the beginning chooses the path for the audience to follow.

Director Arne Glimcher does nothing for this movie. His tired and old stunts are as predictable as Monday following Sunday. In one of the more pathetic scenes, one of the characters is searching through a dark and gloomy house and in the end finds exactly what the entire audience knew he was going to find, even before he entered the house. Now I admit to being consumed by more than a couple scenes, but that doesn't make a great movie.

In all, "Just Cause," is just an average movie. It shouldn't have much of a life at the box office. I hoped for more with such a stellar cast, but once again, Hollywood has chosen to re-use old tricks and stay clear from anything too provocative or original!

Final Grade: C+

MOVIE REVIEW: JUST CAUSE



According to Eve

The Woman of Steele:

By Brooke Donatone

When I commuted to school the only things that got me through the boring ride down the unscenic Nicholls road and prevented me from harming drivers who refuse to signal and think that going 45 mph in the left lane is fast, is the Z-Morning Zoo on Z-100; especially Patty Steele with her quick-witted remarks against chauvinism.

A graduate of Principia college in Illinois, she was ironically a journalism major. Her creativeness soon lead her to radio and after various media jobs, she became the "newsmommie" of New York, where she does the E on the Z gossip and entertainment report. I thought that perhaps because she was a woman that was why she was chosen to do the gossip segment because women are usually deemed as gossips. "We have to be careful as women not to get so caught up in thinking that 'are they asking me to do that because I'm a woman?'. That we say to ourselves 'I can't do anything because that even faintly smacks of something people might regard as too stereotypically female oriented,'" said Steele.

She is virtually the only woman on radio that is human, meaning not just a giggle girl to sit in the backround. Like television, radio has been a male dominated profession. "Women were not included and then maybe the last ten years they started putting women on to read the news and to laugh at how amazingly funny the guys were and I would hope that what I've done is taken that a step further," explained Steele. Many male morning show hosts want a woman that they can mock and exploit. Maybe they should buy a blow-up doll.

As far as movies, way back in the Bette Davis era women had strong roles in film, "because they could only hint at sex in those kinds of movies women would've had no presence. . . then when we became so much more free with our sexuality in movies women's. . . roles in film were reduced to that of much more one-dimensional roles in terms of just being the ones that flashed their breasts and seduced the guys," said Steele. I think this became prominent in the Beach bunny movies of Gidget and Brooke Shield's movie Blue Lagoon. Men always have the role of savior and hero. There is an increasing number of movies where women are the heroine. Jodie Foster was an FBI agent in *Silence of the Lambs*

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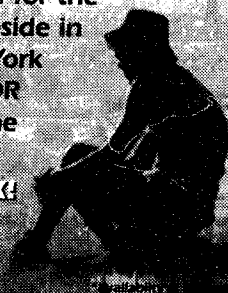
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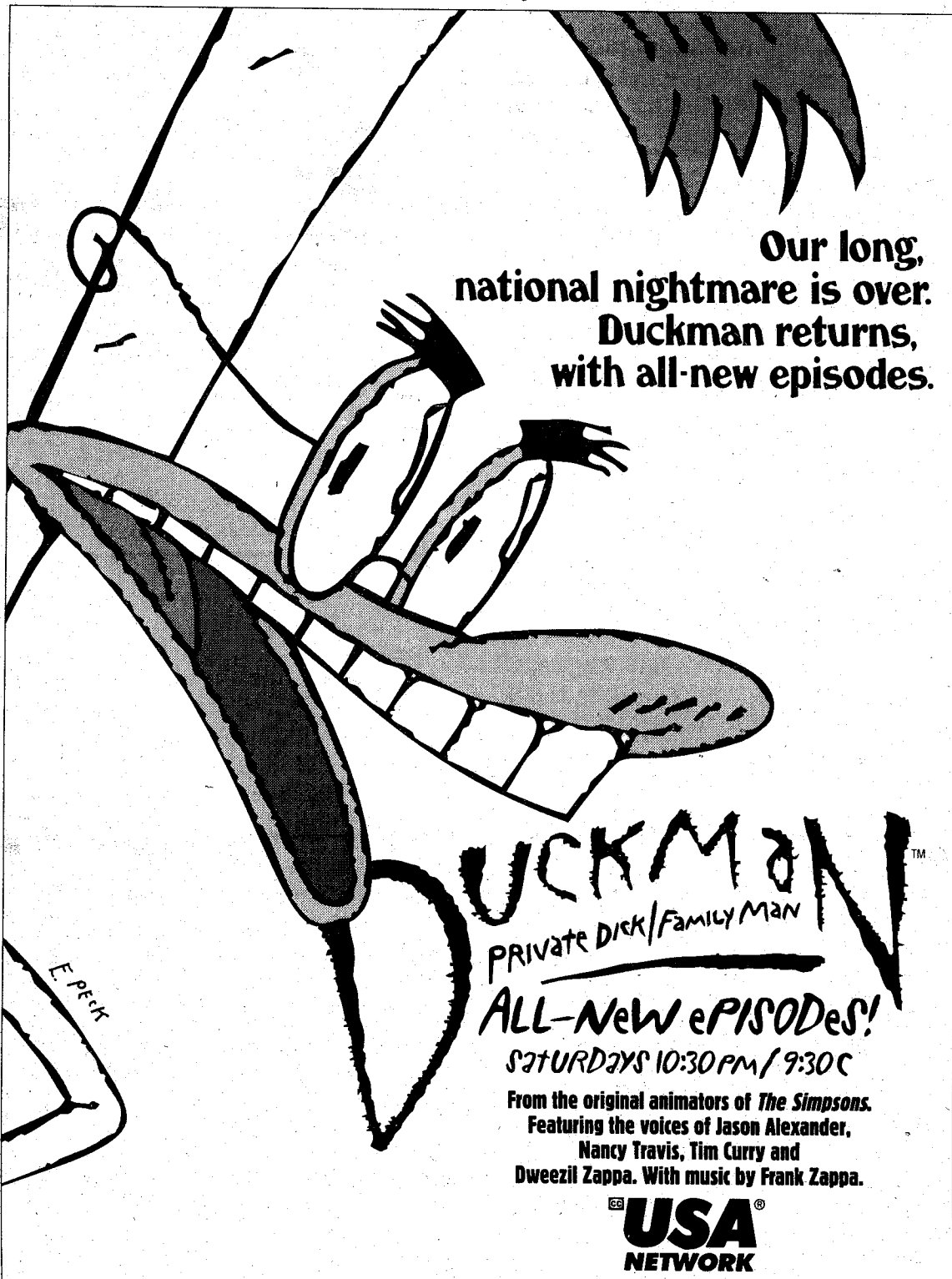
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According to Eve: Woman of Steele

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but Hollywood had to add a sexual connotation to it by having Hannibal Lecter flirt with her. In *The Quick and the Dead*, where Sharon Stone plays a western gunslinger and wants to have a showdown, the next scene in the commercial shows her in bed with someone. Everytime there is a strong role for women it is usually diluted with sex.

Entering into the realm of television, we now have superpower

female talk show hosts like Oprah and reporters like Barbara Walters. But many times, whether it's up to Winfrey and Walters or the management I don't know, but many times instead of covering important topics like crime or health issues, they resort to interviews with America's heart throbs. What do I care what Fabio thinks on Nuclear waste, he still can't believe it's not butter (I hope he doesn't pursue an acting career). Networks tend to let men handle the 'real' issues. Primarily, women are

supposed to be beautiful or cute to be in the media and men must be charismatic but appearance is irrelevant. I mentioned in a former column that anchor woman Christine Craft was fired for not being differential to men. I'm sorry but I don't see Al Roker running out to buy a bottle of Rogaine. I think society needs to stop putting pressure on women to live up to beauty queen expectations. If less than gorgeous men are capable of doing their jobs then so are not so good-looking women.

But first, women must see identify their accomplishments and not bow down into submission.

"As women we need to stop limiting ourselves. . . and I think it's easy to do but it's something we all need to work on, is to not think first 'gee, I'm a woman, I wonder how that's gonna limit me.' Think of the way it unlimits you," explained Steele. She is one to know about not being limited as she is about eight and a half months pregnant and she continues to ride the radio waves.

As a strong, independent woman, Steele began to get caught up in stereotypical thoughts of men thinking her to be incapable because of her condition. "Up until a couple of months ago in my pregnancy I had this real fear because I've been in this business for a long time and I've always worked really really hard; and I had this fear that people were going to say 'oh, here she is pregnant she is not going to work as hard.' So I was

killing myself during the first five months of my pregnancy," said the radio personality.

But, as she realized that her health was more important than other people's opinions and she began to ease up in her work, she realized that others really didn't fall prey to that notion. It's the idea that people are capable of achievements in spite of setbacks, disabilities, and yes, even pregnancy.

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-Tito

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- Ernest Hawingway

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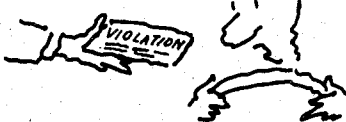
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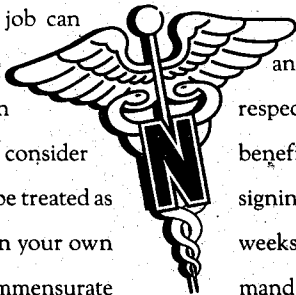
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Graham Breaks University Record at ECAC's

By JASON SEEDORF
Statesman Staff Writer

Ken Graham (Babylon, NY) of the men's track team, captured second place in the 800 meter run at the ECAC's, finishing with a time of 1:54.89. Graham's time not only was a personal best, it also set a new University record, shattering the old mark by more than two full seconds. For his outstanding performance, Graham was named the *Statesman*/Stony Brook Athlete of the Week.



"Ken had a great race," said head track and field coach Jim Meegan. "The entire field crossed the 400 split about a second and a half slower than normal. At this point, Ken started to take charge of the field. He pushed the pace and made it a two-person race."

"Going into the race, I wanted to go with the leaders," said Graham. "I was pretty upset with the 400 split time, so I pushed the final 400 and was able to muscle out a second-place finish."

Graham's time was good enough to make him a provisional qualifier for the NCAA's. However, because several runners this season had elapsed the time the NCAA sets for nationals, they could only take a specific number of the runners. Graham missed the cut by less than three tenths of a second when the NCAA lowered

the qualifying time.

"The ECAC's was like nationals," said Meegan. "Right now, the northeastern part of the country is the hottest place for track."

"The season had a bitter sweet ending," said Graham. "I was happy that I had broken the school record and set a new personal best, but I was disappointed that I didn't make the cut for nationals."

The remarkable part about Graham's performance at ECAC's is that he had been sidelined the last two weeks due to an injured knee. "Ken has bursitis of the knee," said Meegan. "Because of the pain and inflammation, Ken has lost nine days of running, and has been limited to 30 minute workouts, focusing on his upper body."

Graham, who stays involved with the sport throughout

the whole year, has had the opportunity to meet one of the world's most famous female marathon runners. "During the summer, I work for the Chemical Bank Corporation, organizing races," said Graham. "One of the representatives for Chemical Bank's races is Grete Waitz. I had the chance to go running with her on a few occasions." Waitz is a nine-time winner of the New York City Marathon.

As the outdoor season approaches, Graham is focused and ready for the challenges that lie ahead. "I always set high goals for myself going into each season," said Graham. "For the outdoor season, I want to run a 1:51 in the 800, qualify for nationals, and become an All-American. I also would like to qualify for nationals in the mile." □

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"the best things in life are free"
probably had a trust fund.

Assoumou is Tennis Team's New Game in Town

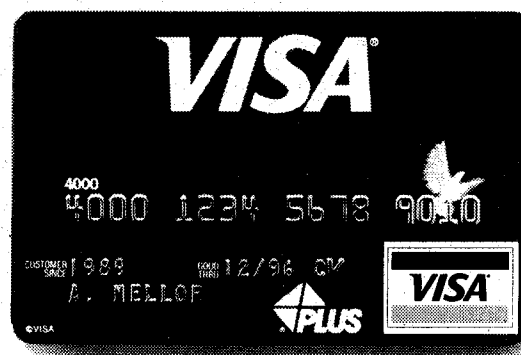
ASSOUMOU, From Back Page

to that. He admits, though, that school spirit could be much better.

"There should be more of a sense of community. Hopefully, Division I sports can give us some more energy."

Assoumou hopes to return to the Ivory Coast one day, and give something back to his childhood community.

One of his friends described him, "Assoumou is the kind of person who won't accept flattery, but won't expect anything less than perfection from himself." □



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Lacrosse Starts Season During Spring Break

By PHIL DIANNI
Statesman Staff Writer

Lacrosse is here!
Sunday, March 12 marks the opening of the 1995 Stony Brook lacrosse season.

This year's schedule is quite similar to last year's, with one exception: This season starts with a two-game road trip to Arizona. The Seawolves will scrimmage the Phoenix Lacrosse Club and play the University of Arizona, during a two-day span.

Head coach John Espey stresses that the trip is not a vacation. He plans to "work them real hard as a team," in order to prepare for the home opener against Adelphi on Saturday, March 18. The Seawolves have never beaten Adelphi, and would really love to have a good showing against them.

These games are the first of another very challenging schedule. Coach John Espey describes it as "a top-level Division One schedule," and appears to be anxious to get started.

The 'Wolves seem to be more than ready for the challenge, and proved it after this

year's Yale Tournament during which Espey says the team had it's "best showing ever."

On October 23, the Seawolves traveled to Yale to play in a five-game tournament against the likes of Springfield, Hartford, Vermont, 22nd-ranked Harvard and 19th-ranked Yale. All of the teams mentioned are Division One competitors, except Springfield, which is the number one ranked D-II team in the nation.

When it was all over, the 'Wolves emerged as huge winners, defeating four of five opponents. The only loss was to Harvard by one goal.

Another indication that the 'Wolves are ready for the challenge that awaits them was last week's scrimmage against the Tobay Lacrosse Club. Although they lost 7-6, the team had a very good showing against a team made up of mostly former All-America players and college graduates.

Although this season's schedule features five teams ranked among the Top 25, it does have it's positive points. The schedule features what coach

Espey describes as an "unbelievable amount of home games."

Nine of 15 games will be played at home, including the last six straight, featuring the final game of the season against fifth-ranked North Carolina.

One note Espey makes about his team is that, although they are an unusually small group, "the quality is much higher than it has ever been."

This year's team is a fairly young squad consisting of only three seniors. Last season, there were six freshmen who played major roles for the 'Wolves. This year, five of the six are returning with one very important asset - a full season's worth of experience.

With the talent they previously possessed, the extra season's experience, and youth on their side, the Seawolves appear to be ready to strike.

"The future looks really good here," coach Espey said.

There are some very talented players on this year's roster. Featured at midfield are co-captain Will Imhoff, scoring leader Courtney Wilson and face-

off specialists Pete Gillen and Derek Reyna.

Imhoff, now in his junior year, will provide strong leadership while Wilson, in his sophomore year, looks to re-assume his position atop the scoring list. As a freshman, Wilson finished the season with 23 goals and seven assists. On attack are last year's third leading scorer, Chris Kollmer and Herkimer-transfer Chris Theofield. Kollmer, who finished the season with 18 goals and seven assists, will be joined by Theofield and part time attack/midfielder Omar Ceballos, will round out a solid offense.

On defense, senior co-captain Brian McDonald will provide valuable experience as well as leadership. He will be complimented by defensive partners Loren Herod and Mark Jakubowski. In addition to playing a major defensive role, Jakubowski will also spend some time as a long-stick middle.

As of right now, the only position still in the open is goalie.

"The goal is up for grabs," Espey said "There is a nice three-way battle."

Competing for the job are last year's starter Steve Cox, and newcomers Dan Lozza and Greg Taylor.

If you are curious as to a game plan for this season, look no further. "Team defense," said Espey. "If we can play great defense, and not let up some easy goals, we will be successful."

Espey is entering his 16th season as a head coach and is looking for his 100th career victory. With this year's squad being as talented as it is, he may very well achieve this milestone before the season's end.

Notes: Last season, the team finished with what appeared to be a disappointing 3-10 record. However, of the ten losses, three of them were by one goal, including two heartbreakers in overtime. Their won-loss record last year was three goals away from being 6-7. Fourteenth-ranked Hofstra finished with that identical record while 10th-ranked Maryland and 11th-ranked Navy finished one win better at 7-6.

This season's home opener is March 18 against Adelphi at 2:00 p.m. □

On Tennis Team, Barbera Not Only Game in Town

By DAVE CHOW
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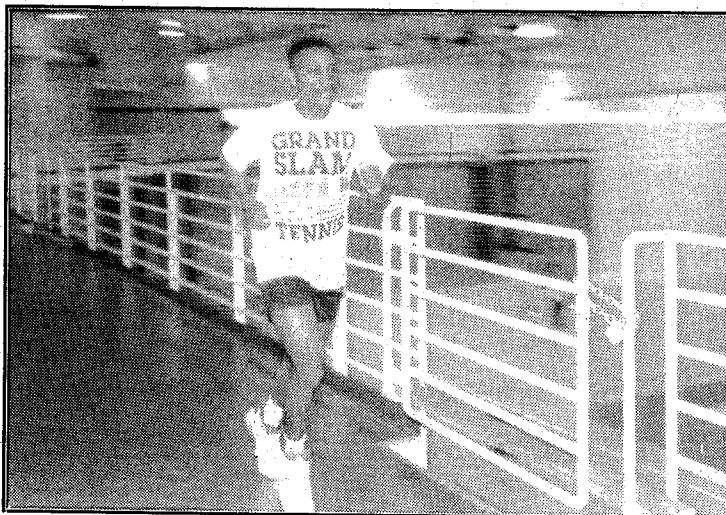
When first meeting Schelton Assoumou of the men's Division III tennis team one could easily be fooled by his almost shy, self-effacing and guarded demeanor.

Assoumou, probably the second best player on the team behind senior Bruno Barbera, has a genuine modesty that hides a worldly experience and a steady drive for success. Formerly of the Ivory Coast's junior national team, he has played in international competitions including a bronze medal capturing performance in Morocco.

He came to Stony Brook last fall from London, England, to study international business. Only a first year student, Assoumou brings exciting potential for the future of the tennis program.

Assoumou is a multi-talented and dedicated student. Proficient in French, Spanish and English, he plans to utilize his international background to help promote better communications among different cultures.

Assoumou, an American by birth, split his childhood and adolescence living in the west



Statesman / John Chu

While he has been off the courts for a long time, Schelton Assoumou has the desire and the raw talent to make it big in Stony Brook tennis.

African country of the Ivory Coast and then England. He was born in San Francisco to his Ivory Coast-native father who was studying in the States at the time. His mother was from Trinidad.

After his family moved back, he spent the first 13 years of his life in the Ivory Coast. His father was a well-respected community member, whom Assoumou strove to emulate. By playing for his country's junior national tennis team and ranking third at the tender age of thirteen, Assoumou became somewhat of a hero in his community.

When his father's job was relocated to England, Assoumou spent the next four years, including his entire high school years in London.

"When I first moved it was hard to get used to, the culture was so different from the Ivory Coast," said Assoumou. "In my old community, cooperation and togetherness was important. In London there was more individual freedom, which is also good."

"I am very happy that I was able to experience all kinds of different lifestyles. I think it has

made me more tolerant and accepting of different kinds of people." Thus, he brings an international and enlightened aspect to the team.

Men's tennis is usually thought of as an homogeneously white sport - although the likes of Author Ash and Michael Chang have intermittently penetrated the ranks of the sport's elite. They are still considered the exceptions rather than part of the norm. Though this is an obvious problem in America, Assoumou hopes to not let it get in his way.

"I don't want to be known as a black tennis player, I want to be known just as a tennis player," he said. "I don't want to be special, I just want to be normal like everyone else."

Assoumou says there is clearly no problem among his teammates and admits that he has never really faced any serious racism in his life.

Although Assoumou currently ranks with the best on the team, tennis wasn't part of his original plans in coming to Stony Brook. He hadn't played for three years.

"I knew Stony Brook had a team, but I hadn't planned to join. [After a while] I guess I just wanted to play a sport."

Assoumou was taken as a

walk-on to the team in September.

"I've had to work hard to get back in shape. I'm almost at my old level," Assoumou said.

"Assoumou has great talent for not playing those years and playing like he does," said teammate Barbera. "Everyone on the team likes him. He's a great guy."

Assoumou's game depends on his quickness and he describes himself as a base-line player who forces action near the net. His fast reactions are his greatest assets. Also, being left-handed gives him the unique advantage of players used to seeing right-handed opponents needing to adjust.

"My backhands [strokes] are like righties' forehands, so that surprises people," he said.

He would like to work on his serves though, which he considers is a weakness. Coach Mansour Tabibnia said "Assoumou is probably the fastest player I've ever seen. He has a big impact on this team, he'll be one of the guys I'll be depending on to win us games. He always gives his full effort, that sets him apart from a lot of people."

Assoumou is adjusting well to America and more immediately to the Stony Brook campus - his being on the Dean's List attests See ASSOUMOU, Page 14