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Roth Pond is a sheet of ice, as was much of the campus after the snowfall on Saturday.

First Major Snow Storm Strikes

Snow and Rain Blanket Campus Saturday

By JOHN LOWTHER
Statesman Editor

The icy claws of winter took their first swipe at Stony Brook in the first major snowfall of 1995. Starting at 1:00 a.m. Saturday, the campus was blanketed in approximately seven inches of snow. A subsequent rise in temperature turned the snowfall into rain, which washed away a majority of the accumulation.

With wind chills dropping the outside air as low as -30 degrees Fahrenheit, the slush was frozen into treacherous sheets of

ice. Although the snow removal maintenance team at USB performed an admirable job of removing snow from the roadways and clearing paths to academic buildings and dorms, huge icy patches remain.

The stairwells around campus are by far the most dangerous. Laden with ice, they must be navigated with care.

Ironically, on February 6, 1978, a huge snowstorm rocked the northeastern United States for three days, stifling all human activity. The winter up until that time had been quite mild, similar to the winter weather the northeast has been experiencing this year. Hopefully, history will not continue to repeat itself.

Monday night's forecast is not a pleasant one. Temperatures are expected to drop to a low of 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Wind chills will make it feel as if it is

minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Caution is always advised when venturing outside in these extreme conditions. Tuesday should bring a high of near 30 degrees Fahrenheit, and the arrival of Wednesday may bring more snow showers.

Perhaps the "Terrible Winter of 1995" has finally arrived. □



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Icy footprints leave permanent tracks in front of Cardozo College.

Students Speak Out On Tuition Increase

By TOM FLANAGAN
Statesman Editor

p: Tuition is raised.
q: Increase in quality of education.

p → q?
According to students, not very likely.

"Students shouldn't be fooled into thinking that just because they're paying more, they're going to get more," said senior Vinny Bruzzese, "because they're not."

The proposed budget of Gov. George Pataki is likely to result in a raise in tuition of \$1,800, officials said last week. Tuition presently is \$2,650 per year, not including any additional fees. The \$1,800 represents a 68% increase.

In addition, the governor's proposal calls for slashes in TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) and in direct tax assistance to SUNY. The 31.5% proposed cut in tax assistance would most likely cause major changes, said University President Shirley Strum Kenny.

Students don't expect these changes to be for the better.

"It will eventually destroy the SUNY institution," Bruzzese said.

The increase in tuition and decrease in TAP will have an adverse effect on the studentry, he added. "Many students will not be coming back."

Senior Joe Campagnuolo agrees, citing money as a prime concern for students. "They are doubling the tuition and cutting the TAP. How is a student supposed to survive?"

Melissa Stone, a junior, charges Pataki with being out of sync with student needs and painting a bleak picture for students' futures. "Pataki is taking it out on the leaders of tomorrow who go to school in New York," she said. "Especially those who can't afford to go anywhere else. And for what reason? He's shutting his eyes to the real problem of a bloated budget and dysfunctioning bureaucracies."

While most students are upset about the possibility of a tuition increase, not all put the burden on Pataki.

"I'm not at all happy to be on the receiving end of a tuition hike," said James Rugolo, a junior. "But I don't blame Pataki for making cuts. I'm just sorry I have to pay for it." □

Polity Selects New Executive Director

By RICHARD VERGARA
Statesman Staff Writer

Stephen Adams has been selected by Polity as its choice for Executive Director, sources in Polity said.

An Executive Committee consisting of Chairwoman Carol Grubel, Nicole Rosner, Tameka Reed, Norm Goodman, Judi Segal and Norm Prusslin has come to a decision, after weeding through numerous resumes from across the country.

The deliberation process, which lasted more than a semester, began with the Executive Committee receiving and rejecting a large number of applicants. Only 15 people from among those applicants made it through the first cut. The 15 selected were interviewed in person by the committee and narrowed down to three candidates. From those three, the committee selected Adams.

In the deliberation process, the Executive Committee redefined the position of Executive Director. Duties of the new director are to include: fund development, financial decisions, operations, clubs, councils, administration departments and Polity.

Adams, who is now in negotiations for a contract, has worked for California Poly Tech State University for the past 20 years. The last position he held was associate director.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University and a Master of Science in Education degree from Kansas State University.

Adams presently resides in Arroyo Grande, Calif., with his wife and family and is active with his local church, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees. Adams could not be reached for comment. □

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Campus Calendar of Events

Monday, February 6

A poster sale featuring rock groups and movies will be held in the Student Union, Fireside Lounge, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FSA flea market will be held in the Student Union Bi-level from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 632-6514 for more information.

A book sale will be held in Room C-1640 of the Melville Library from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 632-7100.

The Department of Microbiology Seminar, "HIV-1 Infection of Macrophages: Mechanisms & Outcome," Dr. Michael Bukrinsky is featured. 12 p.m., Life Sciences Building, Room 038. Call 632-8800 for more information.

"Haiti: Dangerous Crossroads," an exhibition of photography by Kathryn Orenstein, will be on display from February 6-28 in the Africana Studies Library of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 632-7470 for more information.

"Keller International College Colloquium." "The Italian-American Experience," with Professor Richard Gambino. 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m., Keller College, Roosevelt Quad, 4th Floor Lounge. For more information, call Jim Hawthorne at 632-6798.

Tuesday, February 7

Dr. Kenny's Inauguration Planning Committee Meeting. Room 226, SB Union from 12:45 p.m. - 2 p.m. All are welcome.

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A book sale will be held in Room C-1640 of the Melville Library from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 632-7100.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. "Post-Lyme Syndrome." Featured is Dr. Patricia K. Coyle, professor of neurology. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Level 2, Lecture Hall 4 of the Health Sciences Center. Call 444-2990 for more information.

The Music Department Colloquium will feature "Johann Nikolaus Forkel and the Aesthetics of Criticism," with Lisa Fishman. 4:30 p.m. in Room 3317, Staller Center for the Arts. Call 632-7330 for more information.

Seawolves Women's Basketball vs. York. 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

A rally against the proposed tuition hikes and budget cuts sponsored by the Student Polity Association. Fine Arts Plaza, Campus Lifetime.

Today is the last day for undergraduate students to add a course, or to drop a course without a "W" (withdrawal) being recorded.

Suffolk County Human Rights Conference. 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Alliance Room, Melville Library. Call 632-6320 for more information.

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1640 of the Melville Library from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 632-7100.

Art History and Criticism Lecture. The topic will be performative and irony in Manet's Poetics of the Signature. 12:30 p.m., University Art Gallery, Staller Center for the Arts. Call 632-7250 for more information.

Diabetes Support Group. Conference Room 084, 12th floor of the University Medical Center, 2:30 p.m. Call 444-1202 for more information.

C.O.C.A. film, *I Like It Like That*. 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. \$3, 2\$ with student I.D. Javits Lecture Center, Room 100. Call 632-6472 for more information.

Thursday, February 9

"Thursday at Noon." Malcolm Read, professor of Hispanic languages and literature will be featured. Poetry Center, Room 239, Humanities Building. Free admission. Call 632-7332 for more information.

FSA flea market will be held in the Student Union Bi-level from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 632-6514 for more information.

Friday, February 10

Today is the last day to file for May graduation.

"Evita." This will be the full Broadway production. 8 p.m. Main Stage of the Staller Center for the Arts. A singles get-together will immediately follow in the University Art Gallery Lobby. Refreshments will be included. Tickets for the entire evening are \$26, \$23. Call the Box Office at 632-7230.

Seawolves Women's basketball vs. Russell Sage. 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 11

Non-instructional Life Drawings, short poses. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Room 4218, Staller Center for the Arts. No pre-registration is required. \$2 for students, \$6 all others. Call 632-7270, or Arthur Kleinfelder at 474 1887 for more information.

Crime historian E. J. Wagner will present "Deadly Desires - Tales from the Annals of Amorous Misadventure and Forensic Science," an evening of tales of twisted passion from fact, fiction and folklore. Earth & Space Sciences Building, 8 p.m. Tickets \$6 with student I.D., all others \$12. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 632-8230 for reservations.

"Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center." The guest soloist will be Harolyn Blackwell, soprano. Tickets are \$20. Recital Hall, Staller Center for the Arts. Call the Box Office at 632-7230 for more information.

C.O.C.A. film, *Jason's Lyric*. 9:30 p.m. and midnight. \$3, 2\$ with student I.D. Javits Lecture Center, Room 100. Call 632-6472 for more information.

Sunday, February 12

Non-Instructional Life Paintings, Long poses. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Room 4218, Staller Center for the Arts. No pre-registration is required. \$2 for students, \$6 all others. Call 632-7270, or Arthur Kleinfelder at 474 1887 for more information.

Employee Activities Council. "Sunset Boulevard Theatre" trip. Bus departs from Admissions at 11 a.m. Price is \$85, includes orchestra seats and transportation. Call Pat Peiliker at 632-8080 for more information.

"Baroque Sundays at Three" will feature a 'Harpsichord Gala Concert.' All Bach concert features works for two, three and four harpsichords. Will be held in the Staller Center for the Arts. Call 632-7330 for more information.

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Pioneering Surgery at Health Sciences Center ³

By BROOKE DONATONE
Statesman Staff Writer

Dr. Zelik Frischer stood next to his patient in the operating room, hardly showing signs of weariness from standing during the four hours of surgery. He showed no uncertainty as he carefully manipulated the scope light secured to his head and applied the mesh to secure his patient's bladder.

As the procedure ended, the nurses, resident, and anesthesiologist applauded; the only thing that was missing was a bow from the man who master-minded this idea.

This procedure is just routine for Dr. Frischer at the present, but not for any other doctor. The University Hospital is the only medical center to have instituted this procedure. Dr. Frischer and his colleagues are about to publish a series of articles on the surgery.

The Urology department at the University Medical Center at Stony Brook has been pioneering this surgical procedure for the past three and a half years.

Dr. Frischer has conceptualized the idea of "endoscopic vesicle neck suspension" (which is the reparation of dropped bladders in women) using mesh, which is made from plastic tissue and has previously been used to repair hernias, for vascular surgery for ligaments or of diseased blood vessels.

This is mainly a procedure done for

women since men's pelvis develop differently pertaining to the muscularity and ligamental supportive tissue. The standard recommendation for a prolapsed bladder, which is used in other hospitals, is to use cardinal ligaments, which support the base of the bladder or the uterus. This type of ligament may be absent in a patient after giving many births or after certain diseases or surgeries.

Another surgical method used is to operate through the abdomen, making a large incision in the interior abdomen wall

and developing supportive measures for the bladder and rectum.

"The idea is to make a better support for tissue like the bladder and other organs in the abdomen to prevent them from falling out through the pelvic floor and through the vagina," explained Frischer.

Although other hospitals have yet to adopt this procedure and the idea isn't so widespread, no severe problems have arisen from this "experimental" procedure.

"At the present time, we have very

good success rates," Frischer said.

The prolapse itself hasn't recurred with this type of procedure and there hasn't been a case where the mesh had to be removed because of infection or any other complications, Frischer said. He added that possibly, in time, as the success rates continue, other institutions will realize the benefits of this productive advancement in medicine.

He added, "This will be the experience for the development of techniques yet to come." □

Student Chapter of SPJ Gears Up For New Semester

By MICHAEL GIDEON
Special to Statesman

The student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists elected Carl Corry, former editor of the *Statesman*, its president at the group's first meeting of the semester last Tuesday.

Other elected officers were Tom Masse, *Statesman's* editor in chief, as vice-president and Tom Flanagan, *Statesman's* news editor, as secretary.

"I know SPJ's been around for a few years and has had a hard time

getting the ball rolling," Masse said. "I look forward to doing my part in helping to get this organization off the ground."

According to Corry, the main problem facing SPJ this semester, as in past semesters, is lack of exposure and consequent low student involvement. One of Corry's goals this semester is to increase student involvement by sponsoring media events with a widespread appeal. Corry's plans for SPJ include bringing speakers to campus, hosting a radio show on campus radio station WUSB and sponsoring a Jobs for

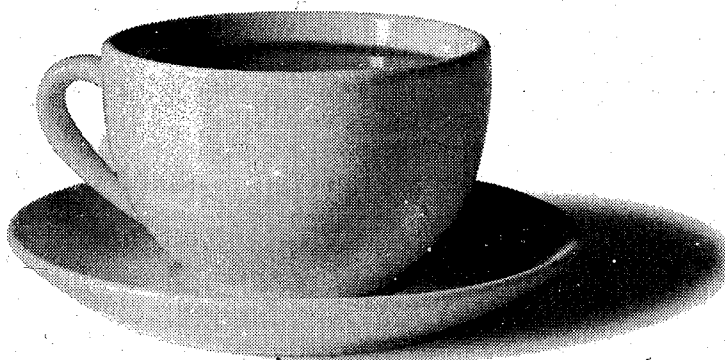
Journalists workshop with leading print and video journalists in attendance.

Corry invites representatives from all campus media to participate in SPJ and all related events.

The student chapter of SPJ is a division of the Long Island Press Club.

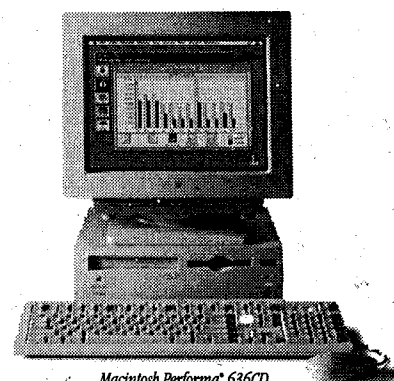
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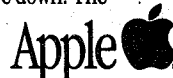
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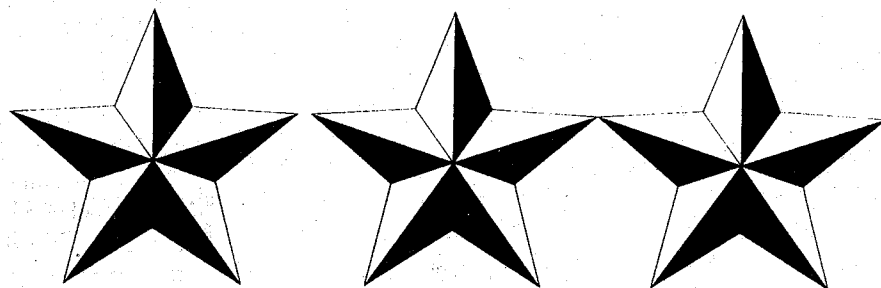


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(CPS) - This fall, the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rendered an unprecedented decision, shocking university administrators nationwide- minority scholarships are unconstitutional.

Although the judgments in *Podberesky v. Kirwan* only affects the states under the jurisdiction of the Fourth Circuit- Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North and South Carolina- it raises questions about minority scholarships across the country.

The three-judge panel for the case held that the University of Maryland at College Park failed to present sufficient evidence that a race-based scholarship program is necessary and legal on its campus.

In 1990, Daniel Podberesky, a Hispanic student with a 4.0 High School GPA and a 1340 SAT score, requested to be considered for a four-year, full-tuition, non-need based scholarship under the school's Benjamin Banneker Scholarship Program.

Although the school admitted Podberesky was qualified for the scholarship, University of Maryland said that the scholarship was open only to black students, not Hispanic students.

Podberesky then filed suit in 1990 in U.S. District Court in Maryland. A minority, or race-based scholarship, is one which considers only those students of minority ethnicity's, such as African Americans, Mexican American, Native American, Puerto Rican and Pacific Islander, said Angela Todd, who works on the Committee on Institutional Corporation, a joint effort of the Big Ten Universities to increase opportunities for minority graduate students.

In recent years, the number of programs designed specially for those groups has vastly increase, bringing with it increased controversy.

College administrators' motives for implementing these programs are as varied as the ethnic groups they target.

Many schools hope race-based scholarships will help diversify their student bodies. Others sat these scholarships compensate minorities for past discrimination.

And some offer scholarships to try and train

minorities to work in fields where ethnic professionals are underrepresented.

"I think that [minority scholarships] are a vital aspect of a lot of students' attaining an education," said University of Pennsylvania senior Liz Melendez, a United Minority Council Chairperson. "It is a tool or mechanism that has been implemented to help minority students come up to par or reach the same playing field as majority students."

But some groups have said the problems surrounding these scholarships outweigh their benefits.

On court already said these scholarships are unconstitutional.

Others ask how a college or scholarship committee

Money: What's a Fair Share?

RACE-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

can determine and applicant's race if he or she has a mixed background.

And some minorities students said they consider race-based scholarships an insult because these scholarships assume minority students need extra help.

"In theory it's slightly insulting to create a black scholarship with lower standards," said University of Pennsylvania junior and Undergraduate Assembly member Eric Tienou. "Once other students see that I'm an African American, they would think that I got here on lower standards when I have worked as hard as they have."

Colleges and Universities continue to offer these scholarships despite the controversy surrounding them.

For example, the University of Pennsylvania is not immune from this trend toward minority scholarships, despite its policy not to give merit or sports scholarships.

Every year the Universities' Undergraduate Office of Financial Aid revives endowments from private corporations which express a preference for minority

recipients, said Bill Schilling, director of Undergraduate Aid.

He said because of U Penn policy, he simply distributes this money to the best-qualified, needy recipient.

"Our policy is to meet the needs of any needy students, regardless of race," he explained.

UP's Wharton Graduate Office of Financial Aid also reports distributing corporate minority scholarships, said Michelle Palmer, associate director of admissions at Wharton Graduate Division.

When establishing such scholarships, corporations such as General Electric request that the financial aid office pick the minority recipient or select several students to be considered by the corporation, Palmer said.

"The Graduate office of Financial Aid, however, established its own Fontaine fellowship in 1968 in honor of the University's first fully affiliated black faculty member, Professor William Fontaine, said Janice Madden, the vice-provost for Graduate Education.

Madden said the full-tuition and full-support fellowship was founded for minorities because establishing such as a scholarship was the best way to honor the late Professor Fontaine.

College officials across the country say minority scholarships are the most effective means to attract minority students to attend their schools.

Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., established its scholarship program to attract minority students to the school.

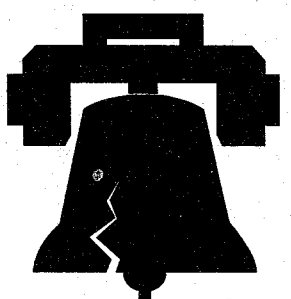
The scholarship the school offers, the Geno Baroni scholarship, is a \$5,000-per-year minority grant based on financial need.

"It was created for recruitment reasons; we wanted to increase minority enrollment," said Paul Patelunas, the director of financial aid for Catholic University.

Similarly, the Clarence B. Allen Scholarship, a \$12,000 non-need based grant began the College of Wooster's minority enrollment drive.

"We want to continue the Afro-American presence on campus and encourage enrollment," explained Robin Gabriel, Wooster assistant director of admissions and

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Editorial

Drastic Times Call for Drastic Measures!

Though no one can accurately predict who will be the winners and the losers in the New York State Budget Lottery, one can say with reasonable certainty that there will be few winners and there will be many losers.

Judging from the proposal, SUNY and its students are slated to be among the biggest losers. With more than 30 percent of its tax assistance being taken away, SUNY appears to be in dire straits. A likely \$1800 tuition increase seems to be the SUNY Board of Trustees' only way of surviving the crunch. For students, the tuition increase, coupled with a \$500 reduction in the maximum TAP award, spells certain disaster. Many students now attending the University at Stony Brook will likely be unable to return.

At *The Stony Brook Statesman* we believe that the future is in education. There is no dispute that those with a college education fare better in the workforce, while those without fall by the wayside.

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The purpose of state universities across the nation is to make quality education available to the less financially secure. When the financial

backing is swiped from the state universities, students will be forced to leave.

Where will they go?

As members of this University's community, we all (students, faculty, staff, administrators and near-campus residents) must fight to keep the cash where it counts.

For the non-students, the cuts mean fewer jobs on campus and less business off campus. Let's face it, a cut in public education will result in a loss for everyone.

The Stony Brook Statesman does, however, support cutting the EOP, SEEK and related programs. We find no reason to give financial aid to people who are academically lacking, who otherwise could not get into a quality university, at the expense of good students who need the aid equally or more.

How can we stop the budget ax from decapitating the SUNY system? The first step is to attend the rally planned for the Fine Arts Plaza during Campus Lifetime, Wednesday. That is the first step.

After that, possibly only minutes later, we need to do whatever it takes to prevent the cuts. Rest assured that *The Stony Brook Statesman* will be there, reporting the news, publishing your letters, leading the charge - whatever is asked of us, whatever it takes.

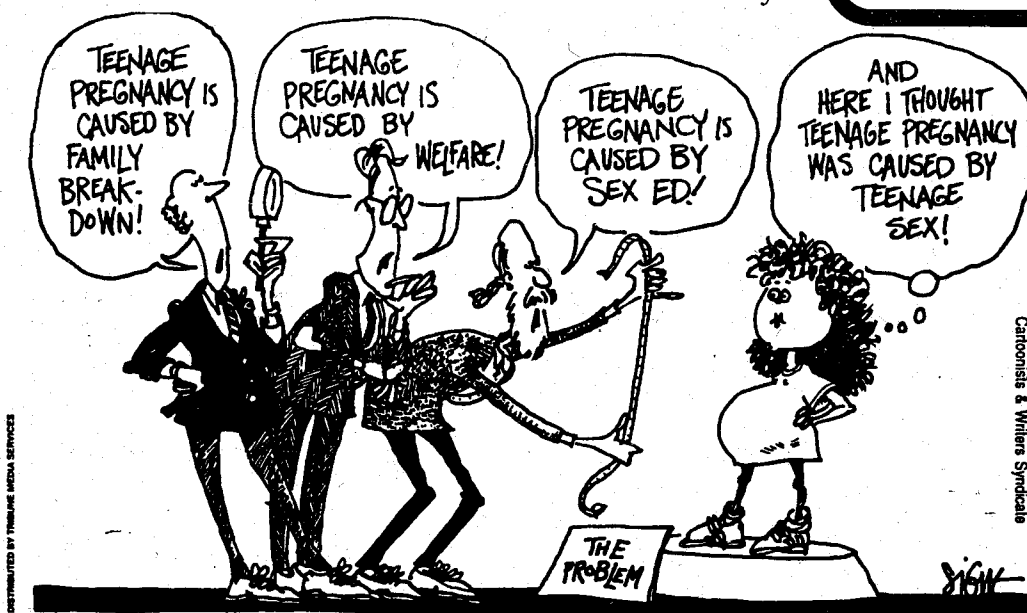
Drastic times call for drastic measures. Is Stony Brook up to it? We'll know more Wednesday.

Top Ten Plans Administration is Examining to Ease SUNY Budget Cuts

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Alternatives to the Tuition Hike

To the Editor:

As many people know by now, Governor George Pataki has proposed a \$1,000-a-year tuition increase. I just want to say that I am graduating in May of 1995 and obviously won't pay the increase in tuition, but that does not mean that I don't care about the plight of the students who do have to pay it. I am a Republican who adamantly supported George Pataki during the campaign, but I have to say I am upset and disappointed by this proposed massive tuition increase. The reason why tuition is being increased so much is because the state has a \$5 billion deficit. Undoubtedly, many people will have to drop out of school because they won't be able to afford an increase of that magnitude. If you're poor, the government will pay your bill, if you're rich, you can pay it on your own, but if you belong to the middle class, you're in trouble.

In my opinion, New York State does need to cut taxes. The taxes are way too high and making New York uncompetitive. But asking the middle income college students to shoulder an unfair burden of paying for those tax cuts is not fair. It does not make sense that you're going to get a \$100 a year tax cut, but in return have to pay \$1000 for that tax cut. Because of the large deficit, all SUNY students, along with the rest of New York State, are going to have to share the pain. But a \$1000 increase in tuition in one year is ridiculous. I feel that a \$350 increase is appropriate. I feel it's very possible that the State Legislature will reduce that increase to a more reasonable amount if you lobby them hard and early. However, if they agree to scale back the tuition increase, they have to replace the money in the budget from somewhere. I also urge our leaders in both parties to exercise some fairness and not give the tuition increase to the general budget fund. If tuition is going to be increased, that increase should go to the SUNY budget, not the general fund. If the tuition increase goes to the general budget fund, it is nothing but a *tax increase*.

I will be writing letters to the state senators and assemblymen asking them not to take away from SUNY more than their fair share. New York State currently ranks 50th in the country when it comes to the percentage of the state budget on higher education. New York State ranks 45th in the country when it comes to per capita spending on higher education. To say that SUNY is bloated and spends too much money is obviously nonsense, and you have to let the state legislator know that. If you go and lobby a state legislator to put the cut to SUNY back into the budget, you're going to have to tell them where they're going to get the money from to replace the SUNY cuts. I suggest more Medicaid and welfare cuts. I also suggest cutting local school aid by \$100 million, taking away prisoners perks saving \$200 million and telling the State Legislature, which spends \$177 million on themselves, to take a \$10,000 pay cut. After they did that, they would still be the highest paid state legislators in the country. After that, the people should demand immediate term limits for all legislators, regardless of party or ideology.

Governor Pataki has proposed eliminating TAP for all graduate students. Before you graduate students go berserk,

just remember Mario Cuomo also proposed the same exact thing. I support reinstating TAP for graduate students, but let's not make it a partisan issue, because I don't want anybody to say that Republicans don't care, because believe it or not, we actually do.

Sincerely,
Rick Resnick

Statesman's Standards Are Much Too Low

To the Editor:

I'm flattered to be the focus of so much editorial attention. Thanks for letting me insult your intelligence. My Stony Brook career is now complete. A less hypocritical editor would simply have "lost" my letter to the editor. However, I don't owe you \$50. My bet obviously hinged on the response of people to the disappearance of *Statesman*. I can see that hasn't happened yet.

I'm sorry, but I have *never* heard a good thing said about *Statesman* by a student, faculty or staff here. I at least have responded to it; many laugh or snort. Your statement of intentions, however noble, cannot gainsay years of poor writing, poor editing and poor reporting - not only poor, but cowardly reporting. Of the many issues here deserving critical attack - food services, the bookstore, dorm conditions, campus life, curricular offerings - few ever get serious, continuing coverage. You have almost no photographic coverage of life and conditions here. Your attitude toward running public service ads and notices is appallingly ungenerous. Your notion of what is newsworthy is convenient and self-serving, if not sophomoric (under my letter was an opinion piece on the "best dressed" SUSB people - all women, for some reason. Obviously, no one has seen *me* lately). You continue to turn students, alumni and prospective students off with your coverage of Polity "non-news," childish squabbles and redundancies and struggles over the powers of the powerless. Film reviews are awful; there are no restaurant reviews, almost never any faculty showcased (or unconventional students, for that matter), no writing on new technologies, parenting, health. . .

Don't try to impress me with *Statesman's* awards. Most of us know what industry awards are worth and can only be thankful we've been spared seeing the competition. I stand by my original letter. The campus newspapers are pathetic, though it may not be anyone's "fault." We live in an age of self-inflating media hysteresis, congregate on a lifeless campus rejected by the local community, and are used to the comforts of right-wing ideology. We're too near the beach to make any noticeable waves. I wish it weren't so, and I guess you do too.

Sincerely,
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More Writers Are Needed to Gain Staff

To the Editor:

Why can't we entice more students to join the staff?

It is a catch-22 situation. Put bluntly, the poor quality of the paper turns away those interested and the lack of interest furthers the decrease in quality.

I came here two years ago as a transfer student. At my previous school, I had worked for the paper and had a really great time doing so. When I came here, I wanted to join this school's paper. The tabloid nature and poor articulation and syntax of the "articles" (real articles were rare, opinion filled the paper) killed all my desires to become a part of *Statesman*.

Now that *Statesman* is apparently no longer synonymous with the Stony Brook Young Republicans, the literacy of the paper seems to have improved substantially. There are, however, few articles written by USB students. Instead, the paper is largely banal articles from the College Press Service wire. This is apparently because you have not the staff to fill your own pages.

Perhaps you should consider the possibility that a surplus of papers on this campus is relative to the number of students interested in journalism. The obvious solution here is to reduce the number of papers. Or you can once again decorate the pages of *Statesman* with the keyboard drool of frothing-at-the-mouth-lunatics who will gladly fill any available space.

Benjamin Elijah Griffin

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Statesman Features

Monday, February 6, 1995

Comptuer Expo Successful Once Again

By RICHARD DAVIDSON
Statesman Staff Writer

Once again, computer mavericks from New York flocked to Stony Brook's Indoor Sports Complex for the annual computer bazaar. The computer show returns several times per year to offer shoppers a chance to meet vendors and examine thousands of products showcased on the gym floor.

The Market Pro Computer Show began shortly after 9:30 a.m. and ended at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Approximately 2000 people examined the wares of the technological vendors. Many consumers had to wait with tickets in hand while vendors hurried to arrange their products up until the last minute. "It's so crowded. . . it's a fire hazard," said one consumer. The show included approximately 200 vendors, according to Lisa Martin of Market Pro, Inc. She stated the company holds about six computer shows and sales a year.

Most of the vendors represent businesses that advertise in the Computer Shopper magazine. All equipment associated with computers, hardware, software and accessories were displayed and sold at discount prices.

In the computer hardware department, consumers could purchase a 20 to 30 megabyte (Mb) MFM hard disk for less than \$35. A one-gigabyte (Gb) SCSI hard disk sold for about \$390. MFM disks are for 8086 XT's, very ancient but usable computers. Hard disks bearing the initials IDE, EIDE or SCSI are essential nowadays.

The central processing units (CPU's) varied in their processing

power, ranging from a 12 megahertz (Mhz) 80386's to 90 Mhz Pentiums. Prices: a few hundred to a few thousand, respectively. Monitors ranged from 9 to 17 inches for desktop computers. Many vendors sold parts of a computer. This enables purchasers to construct a computer from the separate pieces. Some essentials are: chips,



Shoppers browse over a myriad of products at the Expo.

Statesman / John Chu

motherboards, memory, interface cards, CD-ROM drives are especially popular, and are available at double or quad speeds, depending on your needs. "Motherboards, CPUs, VGA cards, fax/modem and CD-ROM drives are going fast," said one vendor.

When it comes to software, you can purchase extremely cheap programs,

starting as low as \$1. For professional desktop publishing (DTP), illustration, word processing, spreadsheet, database, photo editing, presentation, prices usually began at \$100 for lower-end programs. Microsoft Corporation leads the way with many of the professional programs, including the popular Office series, Standard or Professional. Each

should be displayed here," said one consumer. "They are all over the place. . . they're also in every magazine you pick up. You know, I disagree with it, but it's my personal opinion."

Microsoft Encarta '95 was a success because it sold for under \$30, without documentation. For about \$45 more you can get the complete set. One vendor said, "Adventure games and Microsoft Encarta do really well." Other software available included dictionaries on Bouvier's Law, Brody's Medical Terms, Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia, and investment programs.

Accessories for shoppers were numerous. Back scratchers, ergonomic keyboards, mouse balls, and others started at a dollar a piece. Various types of computer cables were available.

One printer in particular, the Epson Color Stylus, sold very well. It has a very high resolution (720 by 720) on coated paper only, not regular paper that regular consumers would use for a report. Canon Bubble Jet BJ-600 was also popular. Books about the Internet, especially the Internet Yellow Pages, and help manuals on Microsoft Word 6.0 were very popular.

One thing consumers cannot do without are computer magazines. These guides help consumers shop competitively and sensibly. Many people also started to haggle prices simply by comparing prices between vendors. A good grasp of computer terminology was also helpful to those who are in the market for a new computer system. □

Xanax-25

By DOMINICK A. MISERANDINO
Special to the Statesman

Xanax-25, the name for a medication to treat depression or tinnitus. Judging from the band's musical style, it is obvious that you would need the drug Xanax much more for tinnitus, a ringing or similar sensation of sound in the ears, than for depression. Loud, hard-hitting and straight to the point, this New York City band has more drive and edge than larger, "major-label" groups people are used to.

As lead guitarist Matt Stein puts it, "We've got a modern sound. . . intense at times and laid back at other times. . ." The band has gone through a number of transformations, but the current lineup is very close nit and get along extremely well.

As Stein puts it, "When we get

together, it allows us to far surpass any of the individual players [within the band]."

The group's principle songwriter is Jaik Miller, whose songs are ". . . very inspired. . . and very passionate," according to Stein. Musically, their chord progressions and notes are far from amateurish and; at times, impressively advanced. Their songs are much more than simple three chord melodies about love.

Xanax-25 will soon be performing in Colorado. This will be a show with Allman Brothers' guitarist Warren Haynes. All the members of the group are looking forward to giving the people of Colorado an extremely intense show. Miller himself is also hoping to take in some clean, fresh air for a change from his New York City experience! □

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Nine-Inch - Prick?

By **MARC WEISBAUM**
Statesman Staff Writer

Imagine a world built only on the sounds of Nine Inch Nails, Marilyn Manson, Sister Machine Gun, Skinny Puppy and, believe it or not, Rush. Imagine Geddy Lee dethroning Trent Reznor and fronting Nine Inch Nails and you've stumbled into the realm of Prick.

Prick is one of those one-man industrial prodigy groups very much like NIN. Brutal, but gentle at the same time. Kevin McMahon writes as well as, if not better than, Reznor.

I can't help but wonder what this would sound like if it weren't on Nothing Records, Reznor's label. The guitars and drums

sound so much like NIN, sometimes it's hard to tell that you're listening to Prick and not Nails. Some of the screams, such as in "Animal," sound so much like Reznor that I checked the liner notes to see if he did background vocals.

McMahon's vocal style dances with Geddy Lee with a touch of Puppy's ogre on a good day. He also has an incredible imagination and the song styles are very diverse. Individual titles needn't be mentioned because this record is so great that you can just listen to it straight through.

But for all the people that need examples, just listen to the album opener, "Communique" or, what I

feel to be the best cut on the album, "No Fair Fights." The rest of this opus' tunes are all equally brilliant. The final feature of note is the lyrics, which are just as disturbing as Reznor's.

In conclusion, I must say that anybody who likes NIN (not just the people who like "Closer") has to go out and buy this disc. I hate how many times I've compared Prick to NIN, but it was pretty much inevitable. Let's put it this way, I've had this disc for two days and I know the thing by heart. And finally, I can safely say that I think that this is just as good if not better than NIN. A bold statement, but accurate. Get the disc, push play, sit back, and enjoy the ride. □

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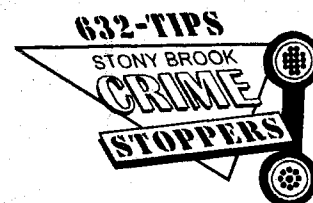
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Optimistic Despite Doom and Gloom

Editor's Note: This column was written on January 25, before the proposed budget cuts were disclosed.

Having finished my first semester at Stony Brook, I am feeling both proud of the quality of the institution and optimistic about the future. Despite the current gloomy budget prospects (aren't academic budget prospects always gloomy? I can hardly remember otherwise), I feel a sense of momentum, of things happening, of a future that will be good.

Transition is always intensely busy and very exciting - new faces, new issues, new expectations or perhaps anxieties in both directions. There are always some surprises, and for me those have been on the whole pleasurable. One disappointment is that there is no effective established channel for me to communicate with the campus community. And so I am writing this letter to catch you up on what has been happening in my office. I may write again occasionally until we have created a regular format for communication from my office to yours.

I knew before I came to Stony Brook that this is a remarkable institution, but I am even more impressed now. The fact that a university of such breadth and depth could be created in such a short time speaks volumes for the faculty and staff and for the past leadership of the campus. I certainly knew about the research excellence here; even so, I have learned with increasing pride of specific projects at Stony Brook. I did not know about some of the extraordinary teaching that marks a

Stony Brook education, and I have growing admiration on that score too. The faculty and staff of this University care deeply about what happens here; one does not find such personal commitment to an institution everywhere.

My early analysis of what needs to be done in the next phase of Stony Brook development was on target. I've reread my Convocation speech from last September

Presidents' Corner

Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny

and the Middle States Report several times; considering the fact that the Convocation came three months before the Middle States Report, the two documents are remarkably close in their analysis of what we need to undertake now. Since both were grounded in what you feel about Stony Brook, I suppose that is no surprise. I hope you now feel, as I do, a growing momentum as we tackle the agenda set out in September.

The first question in everybody's mind, of course, is what is going to happen to the budget. I can't answer that question until the Governor's budget is presented, although all of us know his intention to diminish the costs of State government. I have no doubt that there will be a strong impact on the University although I cannot yet say what that impact will be. I am convinced that, whatever it is, we must undertake it with the conviction that, despite all, the University must end up

stronger than ever. We will have to do things more economically, and we will probably, over the long haul, not do some of the things we are now doing. But as pruning can improve the growth of a plant, we must prune to develop a stronger University.

The Governor's freeze on hiring has resulted in a freeze at Stony Brook. Until the freeze is lifted, no appointments will be made except in cases of health and safety or of classroom emergencies. The freeze is on hires, not searches, which can proceed contingent on funding. On the administrative side, for example, searches continue for Provost and Dean of the Medical School.

We have already started our process to operate more efficiently, effectively, and economically. A team from Arthur Andersen started work in December to determine how we can save money and operate more effectively in the administrative areas. They plan to have a report ready in February. Already we have learned how we can do some things better at no extra cost and how we can cut costs in some areas without cutting effectiveness. The more efficient our administrative units are, the better we can focus our limited funds on other areas.

In our straitened circumstances, we will have to know clearly where we are going. In times of budgetary exigency, we must keep on course, keep goals and aspirations in mind, and make decisions accordingly. We cannot afford side paths. We must have the ability to envision our future, embrace the most important new initiatives for that future, and say no to other interesting possibilities that we might

have undertaken in more prosperous times. We have to know where we are going and keep focused on our goals. We have to plan.

For that reason the Five Year Plan is, in fact, even more important now than when I announced it last fall. The process has begun. The nine Task Forces for the Five Year Plan are beginning their work. They comprise faculty, students, staff, alumni, and community leaders. They will complete their reports this spring, and by next fall the Co-ordinating Committee will prepare a draft to be widely distributed and discussed on campus. Everyone on campus will have an opportunity to be heard on the issues under consideration, either by serving on a Task Force or by participating in the open forums on the draft report. When the report is completed, we will have our blueprint for the next five years.

The National Commission on Educating Undergraduates in Research Universities will be announced shortly. My vision of reshaping undergraduate education so that it becomes integrated with our research and graduate missions, rather than trying to imitate small liberal arts colleges, has been resoundingly welcomed by all those whom I have invited to participate. The feeling has been, "Why hasn't anybody ever done this?" Since two foundations have volunteered financial support for the project, there will be no cost to the University. By finding the new model, creating symbiotic relationships between the various missions of research universities, and forging a new language to describe a new kind of undergraduate experience, we will, I believe, promote the

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reputation of Stony Brook as both a graduate and undergraduate institution. I am more excited than ever about the potential of this project to enhance the national reputation of Stony Brook.

Ceil Cleveland, the new vice president for University Affairs, has begun work. There is a sense of excitement in the fundraising and public information offices as we develop new strategies. We will work both to strengthen our ties to the local community and to create greater national awareness of the Stony Brook story.

Our needs for facilities improvement remain high on my list. We have now renovated five residence halls, are currently renovating two, and we are planning to start designing the next two residence halls soon. The problem is funding since the residence halls are a self-support operation; however, we are hopeful that we will find a way to accelerate the schedule. The Long

Island High Technology Incubator has an addition under construction. The Student Activities Center is underway, and we hope

project in the planning stage is the Engineering Building. Deterioration of the infrastructure and repair of 30-year-old buildings are very difficult problems to solve, but they are high on my list of priorities. Spaces affect learning, and the spaces at Stony Brook should speak to the importance of the educational enterprise here. We have a long way to go to make that happen.

All in all, we have a lot to do and not much money to do it with. Still I feel optimistic. A conversation with our new Chancellor, Tom Bartlett, indicated to me that he does too.

We are going to succeed. We simply cannot afford to let budgetary setbacks deter us from reaching our goals. We have a chance to change education in our

country and make it better - at a time when it must change. Our challenge is not a matter of resigning ourselves to less money to do what we have always done - we must transform an outmoded educational process into one that will serve the future.

We tend to think that educational experimentation is possible only if someone gives us extra dollars to do it. We won't have those dollars, but we still have to do it. It will be harder, no question, than if we had bigger budgets. It may take longer, although I hope not. It will require sharp insights about our new agendas and tough-mindedness about what we have been doing that we may not need to do any more. But our choice is whether to mourn the past or take up the challenge of the future.

I'll go for the latter. □

Next week: Tom Galgano of the Stony Brook Alumni Association.

"In our straitened circumstances, we will have to know clearly where we are going. In times of budgetary exigency, we must keep on course, keep goals and aspirations in mind, and make decisions accordingly."

to have funding for Phase II in the next budget. The Life Sciences Annex project, currently in design phase, is scheduled to go to bid in the Summer of 1995. Another

Stony Brook Magazine, our literary supplement, has been postponed until Thursday, February, 16 (from Monday, the 13th). We apologize for the inconvenience. However, that means that there is still PLENTY of time to get your submissions in. Please bring down your submission(s) to Room 057, Student Union. Please type your submissions. If possible, submit them on a 3.5" Macintosh or IBM diskette.



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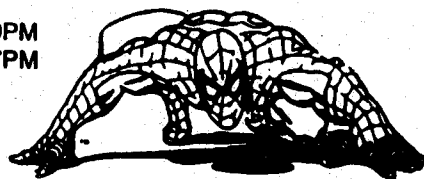
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Gabriel said minority students feel their only chances to receive scholarships are through sports. Therefore, she said she feels a need to create scholarships for 30 students a semester to keep up Wooster's present rate of minority enrollment.

"We have to show that we are dedicated to enrolling [minority students]," she continued. "There are other incentives for them to come besides sports."

And, colleges with historically single race enrollments hope that offering money to minority students will make up for past biases.

University systems such as those of Maryland and Florida started race-based scholarship programs to compensate for years of discrimination against minority groups, especially African Americans.

"The whole state had discriminated against minority students, and we wanted to address that with affirmative action," said Frank Valines, associate director of client services at UM.

In 1978, The Florida Board of Regents determined that the public educational system had to start programs which would redress the systemic discrimination that had been in practice for the majority of Florida's history, according to Regina Sofer, associate vice-chancellor and director of Equal Opportunity Programs of the Florida Board of Regents.

Accordingly, the University of Florida-Gainesville, along with the rest of the Florida schools, started its Graduate Minority Fellowship and its McKnight Doctoral Fellowships, said Jane Burman-Holton, the director of programs and information for graduate and minority programs at the University of Florida.

Without such remedies, federal funding for the state's public universities would have been in jeopardy.

"The federal government almost revoked funding," Sofer said. "[The Federal Government], 'said if you chose to be federal government contractors start these programs with state money.'"

The University of Maryland at College Park created its Benjamin Banneker Scholarship Program, the program named n last month's court decision, to "recruit a talented pool to the state," said Maryland Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions Pat Walton.

"These students are [sought] after

across the country," she said. "We want the leaders, and minority scholarships are the best way to recruit the best and the brightest."

"There is a need for more money for American minority students," said John Skillings, director of undergraduate financial aid at Thunderbird. "In order to maintain the caliber of our students, we had to establish these fellowships."

Minority scholarships remain a debated issue. Universities and colleges continue to have them and offer minority students money no incentives to attend their school. At the same time, these scholarships will always have critics.

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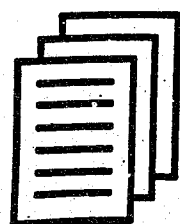
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Statesman's Stony Brook Seawolves Sports Trivia

Congratulations to Suresh Patel. Suresh, a senior Biology major, knew the answer to Thursday's Statesman's Stony Brook Seawolves Sports Trivia Question. The 'question' was "Name the New York Yankee pitcher who threw a nine-inning no-hitter in a 1947 playoff game - only to lose!"

We received quite a few calls and a number of different answers, including Don Larson who threw the only perfect game in the World Series. However, that was a perfect game, not just a no-hitter, and Larson won the game besides.

The correct answer to Thursday's question was . . . Bill Bevens! Bevens threw a wild pitch and gave up two hits to lose the no-hitter and the game.

For Suresh, it was his second answer. He had called in earlier with Larson. Not only was it his second answer, he was the last one to qualify in the top five. Just goes to show that it's never too late to call in your answer to Statesman Trivia.

Suresh will receive one pretzel and one soda every day for a week from Sports Complex Concessions and the Stony Brook Pretzel Service. On top of that, he will also be the new proud owner of a Sega Genesis World Series game cartridge, courtesy of an anonymous donation.

Join us next week when another week of pretzels and soda is up for grabs. Our question will deal with Stony Brook athletics.

Thanks for the record number of calls. Keep 'em coming.

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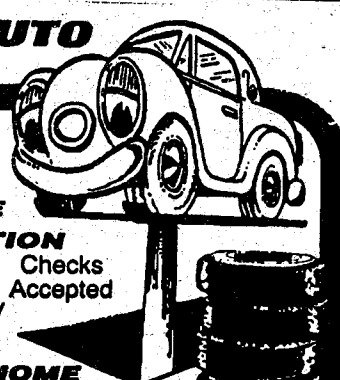
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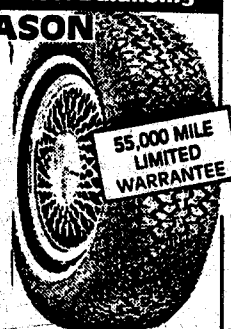
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STATESMAN SPORTS

Monday, February 6, 1995

Seawolves Top Division II Queens in Blowout

By DAVE CHOW
Statesman Staff Writer

The Seawolves (8-10) blew out the Lady Knights of Queens last Thursday at Stony Brook, 73-49. The final score was deceptive; it wasn't even that close.

Both teams played similar offenses for the low post and preferred match-up type defenses. The only difference between the two was that everything Queens did, Stony Brook did better.

Queens (3-13) played lethargically from start to finish, sloppy on offense and lazy on defense. The tone of the game was set in the first three minutes when the Lady Knights gave up their first three possessions on intercepted passes.

Somehow, they managed to hold a 4-2 lead, but after four minutes of play, Stony Brook took the lead for good when Kim Canada burned two

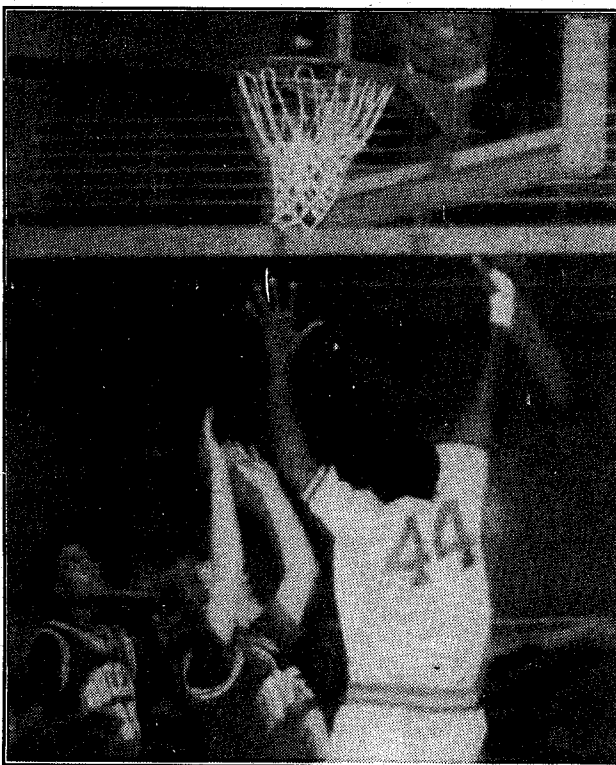
defenders in the lane with a creative hesitation step and scored a lay-up for the 6-4 lead.

Stony Brook soon discovered they could just blow past listless Lady Knight defenders, who hardly applied any pressure, and cut straight to the basket.

On defense, the 'Wolves were also helped along by Queens, as the 'Knights played a confused offense where no one stepped into passes. The 'Wolves were able to steal nine stray passes as they made a 14-6 run to lead by double digits at 20-10.

Queens was able to cut the lead to five in the final nine minutes of the first half, led by Carol Burke, to trail 29-24 at the half. Burke, who scored 14 in the half, was their only consistent threat in the low post.

In the second half, Canada and Donna Fennessy led the attack. Stony Brook, realizing at this point that they could well



Statesman / Melanie Selwyn
Dawne Thomas (44) aggressively attacked the boards in the 'Wolves blow out of the Queens Lady Knights

put this game away, relaxed a bit and unleashed their transition game while playing a less energy taxing zone defense.

Canada raced untouched from the point guard position into the paint for lay-up attempts, as did Fennessy, who also added a couple of three pointers. With 10:30 to go, Stony Brook led 49-33 and had the game in hand. Queens never got closer than 15 points.

Fennessy and Canada scored 15 points apiece while Erica Bascom added 14 points and 7 rebounds. Dawn Robertson also scored a career-high 12 points.

Notes: All of a sudden, the 'Wolves are playing exciting basketball. After winning three straight, including a 61-54 road win against Kean College, they are just two games under .500. If they win all their remaining games, they could finish 14-8, a long way from their 5-10 mark of two weeks ago.

The 'Wolves rejuvenated enthusiasm showed during Thursday's game just before the close of the first half when freshman Fennessy drew a charge and dramatically allowed herself to fall and slide a few feet across the floor. Upon getting up, senior team member Bascom, with a wide smile, playfully shoved her, almost throwing her off-balance again.

Last Saturday's game against John Jay College was canceled due to the storm. That game has been rescheduled for next Saturday in New York.

The 'Wolves will go for their fourth straight win Tuesday at the Sports Complex at 6 p.m. □

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Sims's Career Day For Women 'Wolves Hoops

By JASON SEEDORF
Statesman Staff Writer

Senior Richshawna Sims (Jamaica, NY) of the women's basketball team recorded two career-highs, scoring 23 points and registering seven steals to go along with 12 rebounds and three blocked shots in the Seawolves' thrilling 64-63 win over the Lady Danes of Albany at the Sports Complex on Saturday, January 28.

Earlier that week, Stony Brook lost to nationally ranked NYU, 78-63. Sims finished the game with 12 points and four rebounds. For her outstanding play, Sims was named the Statesman/Stony Brook Athlete of the Week.

"Richshawna is the team leader out on the court," said head coach Beckie Dickinson. "She has picked the team up and has them playing at a higher level."

"I was pleased with how I played this past week," said Sims. "It was nice to play a game at home and have a crowd behind us for a change."

According to coach Dickinson, Sims is not only playing great defense, she is also becoming a scoring threat as well. "Throughout the entire season, Richshawna has been a smart, strong defender who is starting to pick it up at the offensive end of the court," said Dickinson. "Each game, I have Richshawna play defense against our opponents top insider scorer."

"I always go out and play to the best of my ability," said Sims. "I really challenge myself when I'm playing defense. I usually end up playing



RICHSHAWANA SIMS

STATESMAN / STONY BROOK ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
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against the other team's top inside scorer. I focus on holding my opponent to as few points as possible."

This season, Sims is currently second on the team in scoring at 11.0 points per game, rebounds (6.1 per game), steals (2.8) and first on the team in blocked shots with 19. Not only is Sims at the top of most of the team's statistical categories, she's also one of the team's captains.

"Since Richshawna was named as a team captain, she has risen to the occasion," said Dickinson. "She has accepted the role and the extra responsibility that comes with the title."

"As captain I try to look out for my younger teammates," said Sims. "I consider myself a team player. Whatever I can do to help our team, makes me happy."

"Our team had a rough weekend in Elmira and Cortland," said Dickinson. "We knew that we would have to pull together as a team, and we did versus nationally ranked NYU. We are now back to where we were when we beat nationally ranked Susquehanna University earlier this season."

"The team has to get over the hump of playing flat," said Sims. "If we challenge ourselves, we can win the rest of our games and make the playoffs."

With only a few weeks remaining in the season, Sims's career at Stony Brook is coming to a close.

"I'm going to miss basketball when it's all over," said Sims. "I appreciate having had the opportunity to play." □

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