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High tides flood local streets.

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Storm Rips Through Three Villages

Port Jefferson hit hard; state of emergency declared

By Krista A. DeMaria
 Statesman News Editor

The storm that ripped through Long Island over the weekend with winds exceeding 80 miles an hour caused massive flooding in the Three Village area and extensive damage to businesses and homes.

A state of emergency was declared in Suffolk County due to the nor'easter, which surged through the Island starting on Friday and ending yesterday. Port Jefferson Village, a harbor town about seven miles north of the university, saw damaging high tides that flooded the village all weekend.

Suffolk County Executive Robert Gaffney said that the weekend storm was classified by United States Weather Service as potentially deadly. "This is the worst coastal storm ever to hit Suffolk County," Gaffney said in an interview Sunday. "There were maximum high tides and high winds over a sustained period of time."

Barbara Ransome, the president of Port Jefferson's Chamber of Commerce, said that she was in the town during the storm. "The high tides came up from the harbor and Main St. was flooded," said Ransome. "The merchants closer to the harbor had some damage."

Phil Mishuck, who owns a record store close to the harbor, said that his store was flooded from underneath and he spent all night Friday pumping it out. "This has got to be the worst the village has ever seen," said Mishuck. "It was almost like tidal waves, like a bad movie."

The two days of continuous rain and forceful winds brought shock and inconvenience to the residents of Port Jefferson. "It was kind of rough trying to avoid the

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Car stolen from administration lot

• A 1989 tan Plymouth Sundance was stolen from the administration overflow lot. The vehicle, valued at \$6000, was last seen at 3:30 p.m. last Friday and discovered missing at 2:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

• Suicide was attempted by a male Baruch resident last Thursday night. The student had taken 20 Benadryl pills, but was conscious when taken to University Hospital. He was later released.

• A black leather knapsack and a black suede knapsack were taken from the Basix Union store last Monday when two black males walked out with the items unpaid for.

• A Motorola portable radio was stolen from the Irving A-3 End Hall Lounge on Dec. 3. The radio was valued at \$700.

• The coin box of the photocopier in the Javits Lobby was forced open last Tuesday. The coin box held a maximum of \$15 but the damage is estimated at \$500.

• A brick was thrown through the glass window of the front door of the Computing Center last Saturday morning. The damage is estimated to be about \$200 and no one entered the building.

• A 1991 Honda was found in G and H Lot with a small dent on the driver's side front quarter panel last

Monday. The owner alleges that the dent occurred when the car was booted by the Traffic Department. There is no evidence of this yet.

• The rear windshield of a 1981 red Chevy Camaro was smashed last Tuesday in South P Lot. The estimated damage is \$800.

• The gate at the Main Entrance was broken off when a white vehicle, possibly a Monte Carlo or a Cutlass drove through it last Wednesday at 2:30 a.m. The damage is estimated to be \$50. The vehicle immediately turned around and headed off campus.

• The rear windshield was broken in a 1985 Honda Civic on Dec. 2 in the Earth and Space Science building parking lot. The damage is estimated at \$250. Nothing was stolen.

• A Mitsubishi vehicle was allegedly pushed from its parking space down an incline in the Shomberg Parking Lot on Dec. 4. There was no damage.

• A bicyclist hit a 1993 Nissan last Thursday afternoon on East Loop Road when the car was pulled over to the right side of the road. The rear window of the vehicle was shattered and the bicyclist sustained a cut on his finger.

• A coin box was ripped out from an arcade game in the Union arcade last Monday night. A custodian found several males in a nearby restroom trying to open the box. The suspects fled, leaving the box and some tokens on the floor. The damage is estimated at \$300.

• \$84 was stolen from a dresser drawer in a Wagner room last Wednesday. The room was found in disarray. The Simplex lock was locked but the door lock was not.

• An Optimus receiver, CD player and cassette player were found missing from an O'Neil room at 1:20 a.m. last Sunday. There was no forced entry found and the items were valued at \$1350.

• Two balance scales were stolen from the Oral Biology and Pathology Lab in Dutchess Hall on 12/4. The items were valued at \$2000 apiece.

• A student was arrested last Wednesday night after entering Hamilton College. The student was previously PNGd from the building. He was later released.

• A commuter student was arrested while trespassing in Gray College last Wednesday night. The student was previously PNGd from the building. He was later released.

• A Mastercard, \$40, a driver's license and blue jeans were stolen from a gym locker in the men's locker room last Thursday afternoon. The items were valued at \$75.

• A Delco 12 volt battery was taken from a Public Safety vehicle in the West Campus parking garage last Tuesday morning. The value of the battery is \$75.

• A rear taillight lens was stolen off of a 1988 Ford Mustang on level one of the Hospital garage last Wednesday morning. The lens value is \$50.

• A red Klein mountain bike was stolen from the Javits bike rack last Wednesday. The bike was locked and valued at \$1080. The lock was valued at \$30.

• A nightly bank of the hospital cafeteria level five totaling \$2494 was discovered missing last Wednesday night. The money was picked up by an armored truck and brought to the bank. The bank reported the money missing.

• A pair of Carrera Porche sunglasses were stolen from a library office desk last Tuesday. There was no sign of forced entry. The glasses were valued at \$167.

• A stuffed raccoon along with a library book and soil testers were stolen from level one of Earth and Space Sciences Building last Wednesday. The items were valued at \$400. There are no suspects.

This report was compiled from the daily bulletin of Stony Brook's Department of Public Safety. Anyone with information regarding campus crimes should call Public Safety headquarters at 632-6350 or 632-3333.

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Students battle heavy rain on Friday.

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Surveying the damage

- Friday morning traffic lights at the North and South Entrances went out. Public Safety officers directed traffic. "The wind practically blew me away," said Public Safety Officer Robert Torres after standing in the storm directing traffic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. "I've been in hurricanes and this was pretty bad."
- A window in the administration garage rear stairwell blew out..
- Windows in the Math Tower, levels three and four blew out..
- At least two small car accidents resulted in one minor injury.
- Several trees south of the South Entrance caught on fire for over an hour because of power lines hitting them. Because of the slim chances of the fire spreading due to wet conditions. The Setauket Fire Department refused to attend to the situation.

Compiled from Public Safety reports
— Jana Katz

Storm hits county, Port Jeff hard

STORM from front page

floods," said resident Erin Campbell. "I've never seen anything like this."

Residents like Patricia Kofahl found it easier to just stay at home and avoid the storm. "I did not want to leave the my house," said Kofahl. "I live on the beach and it almost looked like Port Jefferson was going to float away."

According to Brookhaven National

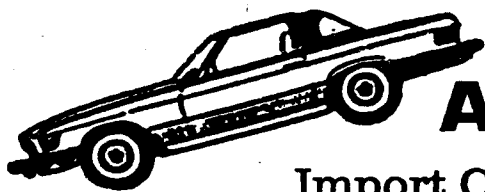
Laboratories, more than one mile of Port Jeff beach was swept away and six feet of water came into the village from the harbor.

Gaffney said that the town is in the process of ascertaining the cost of damages. "There is a meeting on Wednesday to decide if we met the requirements of a federal disaster," said Gaffney. "We have to assess the damages."

Damages to the highways are also still unknown, said Brookhaven Highway De-

partment Zone Forman William Rinaldi. "The problem with this storm is the length of time," said Rinaldi. "The damaged trees will be falling down for the next few weeks, so it will be a few more weeks before it's cleaned up."

The extent of the damage has not been determined. "We won't know anything for at least a month, when all of the bills are in," said Annette Rinaldi, a highway department administrator.



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Electrical fire damages HSC

By Adriane Moser
and Andy J. Avril
Statesman Editors

A fire broke out in an electrical closet on the third floor of the Health Sciences Center Friday night as a result of the coastal storm the hit Long Island.

Water from the heavy rains leaked into substation 005 and into a boss duct carrying 480 volts of electricity from one electrical closet to another, according to Walter Wilson, assistant facilities program coordinator in the physical plant. Fire damage was limited to the boss duct, causing damage which Wilson estimates at \$10,000.

The substation transforms voltage coming into the HSC and feeds the buildings with the correct voltage, said Wilson. Boss ducts, consisting of three insulated strips of copper, are used to carry voltage through the system instead of cables. Water seeped between the plates and the voltage arced across them, resulting in high temperatures and fire.

"This kind of thing can happen a lot in a place like this," said Wilson, adding that storms drive rain into the building and water seeps into places it ordinarily doesn't. "We anticipated a problem instead of having to call the guys up and wait 30-40 minutes for

"This kind of thing can happen a lot in a place like this."

— Walter Wilson,
assistant coordinator,
physical plant

them to get here." Engineers Larry Gerard and John Griffith who were on standby on the first floor, heard the fire alarm and, upon reaching the third floor, saw smoke.

Public Safety reports that the Stony Brook Fire Marshall and Setauket Department. "It was in the electrical system and created heavy smoke conditions," said Lt. James Lantier.

The fire did not affect patients at University Hospital. "They are two totally separate buildings," said Wilson.

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Polity committee eyes election reforms

By Michele Barry
Statesman Staff Writer

The student government has assigned a senate committee to research reforms to Polity's election process, which for the past two years have been plagued by charges of inaccuracy and cheating.

"We are working on a new election process . . . so we can orchestrate a more valid election," said Polity Secretary Rachel Richards, who also is a member of the Election Reforms Committee.

A similar senate committee presented election reform recommendations last spring, but the Polity Senate could not agree on the changes before the April and October elections. Among the committee's recommendations was extending the elections from one day to two days and replacing paper ballots with voting booths donated by the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

Among the charges made by several defeated student candidates were accusations that Polity officials added paper ballots in their favor to win elections, Richards said.

"Actions like that simply mock the validity of our elections," Richards said. "It's good to receive a lot of votes, but it's more important that they are all of an individual opinion. I'm very serious about the importance of voter turn-out, not only in our campus elections, but in the national ones, too."

The committee is also researching

ways to encourage commuter votes, whose turnout has consistently been low. "It's not as convenient for the commuters to vote as it is for the residents," she said. "Since not

all of the commuters are on [campus] every day, we want to see a two-day election process in operation. Regardless of where they sleep at night they are still an active

voice of this campus."

Commuters represent more nearly half the undergraduate enrollment at Stony Brook.

Contract clears way for power plant

By Vincent Grasso
Statesman Assistant News Editor

The state negotiated the largest contract ever with a private developer last month to build a 40 megawatt cogeneration plant on campus.

Cogeneration captures the waste heat that results when electricity is produced by gas fired turbines. It uses the heat to generate steam and high-temperature hot water for the heating and cooling of campus buildings, according to university spokesman Dan Forbush.

"The construction of the plant is expected to create over 125 construction jobs," said Forbush. The first phase of the construction, beginning in February, will be the installation of six miles of a natural gas pipe from a natural gas terminal in Centereach. This phase should be completed in August, and the final construction by 1994, he said.

Forbush said the university now purchases its electricity from LILCO, spending approximately \$2.5 million on electricity each month. Over the twenty year period of the contract, the new plant is esti-

mated to save approximately \$120 million, he said.

Carl Hanes, deputy to the university president for special projects, said that the plant will provide more than the necessary electricity and some steam for heating and cooling. "There are already two power plants on campus that provide heat and cooling for the university, but not electricity," said Hanes. "The additional electricity will be sold to LILCO."

The plant will be owned by the contractors, Nissequogue Cogeneration Partners, for twenty years after which the state will have the option of renewing the contract with them; either by buying the plant outright or offering the contract to different investors, said Hanes. "The cost to build the facility will be almost \$100 million," said Hanes.

The new plant will be located east of the existing West Campus power plant.

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— Carl Hanes,
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Editorial

Looking Back Can Help Us Look Forward

Every so often, it is vital that an organization, or even a single person for that matter, takes a look at itself through the eyes of its representatives. Businesses make quarterly reports to stockholders. The president of the United States gives his annual State of the Union address. These assessments help the entity recap its past, for better or worse, and aid in resetting direction to better prosper in the future.

Stony Brook should be no exception. A good place to assess the past and prepare for the future is at the end of the semester, which is a convenient closing point administratively, academically, and to an extent, socially. But there doesn't seem to be much in the way of opportunity for such assessment whereby faculty, students, and support staff can meet and share their feelings about the university. True there is the annual Student/Faculty/Staff Retreat, held in late October to fit this bill, but it is for such a limited number of participants, especially student

participants, that it seems more like a private party than a public discussion.

There is a great deal to be said about this semester. It is the first one in several which hasn't been marred by as much disruption or protest as in the past, especially in the Polity Senate. The entire population of the community seems to be better informed about the issues of the day, sparking lively and educational debates rather than shouting matches. Sports attendance is on the rise in many areas, including football. All this does wonders for our image, and sets the stage for a sharp rise in school spirit, if it is maintained.

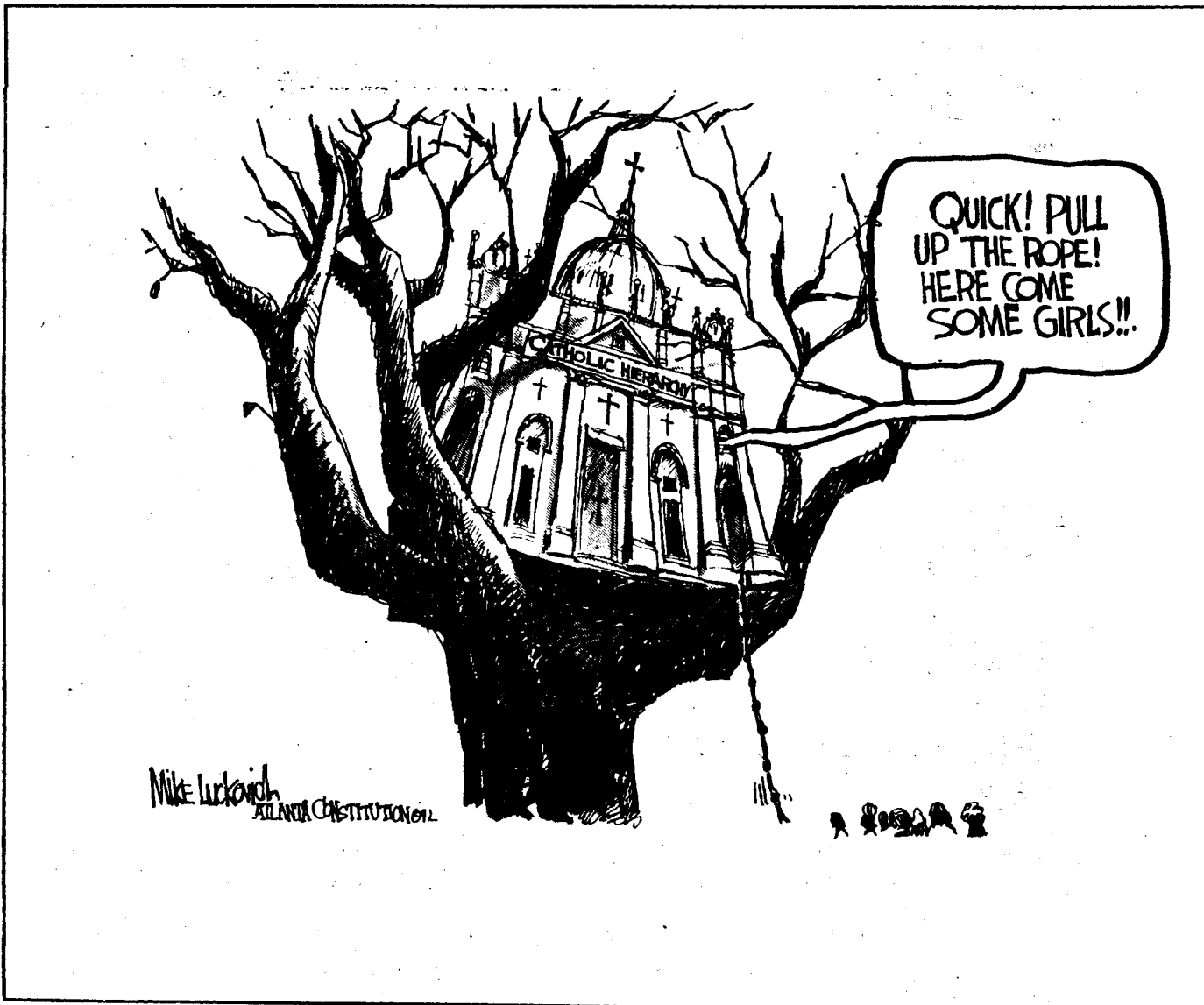
For once, it seems that we are all coming together, realizing that keeping that emotional fire as hot as we have in years' past just serves to burn us out that much quicker.

It serves no purpose to keep this information hidden, intentionally or not. It is a shame that an entity of such importance, not only to ourselves personally, but to the well-being of the region,

does not have a "rap session" where wrongs can be righted and decisions on future action can be discussed.

Let's not be so hasty as to claim perfection because of one seemingly good semester. There is much inertia to be overcome and many more problems to be solved. But we should not waste the momentum gained in this semester on a return to our old ways. To maintain what we have, and continue to make gains slowly and surely, the university brass should allocate a day each semester for members of the community to reflect on the university; where it was, where it is going, and what comprises it, through the use of essays, electronic mail, verbal opinions, and public gatherings.

On a different note, this is our last issue of the semester and the year. We would like to be the first to wish you good luck on your finals, a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year. Be safe, be happy, and be prosperous. See you in the spring.



Publication Notice

This is Statesman's final edition of the fall semester. We will resume publishing Feb. 1.

SB Magazine

Campus Life, People and Events

Monday, December 14, 1992

All the world's an ashtray

Cigarette butts invade SB campus

By Andrew J. Avril
Statesman Features Editor

They're small, white, soft and they dot the ground everywhere on the Stony Brook campus but they're far from snowflakes. They're cigarette butts. And they're invading.

"I think it looks like hell," says David Grillo from the grounds department. "The people stand out there and they just drop the cigarettes down."

Cigarette butts seem to be cropping up everywhere on campus. They're lining the sidewalks, decorating the building doorways and "fertilizing" the bushes. The Union has them in front, as does Javits Lecture Center, and even the University president steps over them on his way into the administration building. But who's to blame?

The smokers point their fingers at the building managers, custodial staff and grounds crew, who are responsible for ordering and placing ashtrays in and around the campus buildings. "There is really no where to put them," says senior smoker Desiree Perez-Sulsona. "If there were someplace other than the ground, it might make a difference."

One place that lacks ashtrays is the doorway and lobby of the Humanities building. As one junior English major entered the building, she flicked her butt on the ground directly in front of a garbage pail. On the ground, the butt joined dozens of its mates.

"There are just no ashtrays outside the buildings," she said, asking that her name not be used. "I smoke on my way to class but I have no place to put my cigarette when I get there."

What about grinding it out on the garbage pail and then tossing it in?

"I suppose I could but... I'm usually in a hurry," she says.

But Jerry Edwards, the manager of building services, says the lack of ashtrays is not his fault. Somebody is taking them. "No matter where I put them, even where smoking is permitted, they still seem to walk off with the tops," says Edwards. He is referring to the metal ashtrays that rest on cylindrical stands about two feet high. "The bottom isn't any good without the top," he says.

Edwards has no idea why they're such a hot item. "I've heard most people, if they're smokers, take them to the office or to their rooms."

Grillo says the students do more than just take the ashtrays at the campus bus stops. "They usually destroy them," he says. "The kids get out there and they knock them over... they throw everything around."

Edwards thinks he has a solution to both problems. "I want to have them mounted to the wall," he says. He

points out the ashtrays in the lobby of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building which are bolted to the wall a few feet off the ground. "Those are the type of ashtrays I'd like to have," he says. Edwards would place them on either side of the building doorways.

The junior English major thinks that might do it. "I'd probably toss it in if it were there," she says. Perez-Sulsona, however,

Eileen Marotta leans against the wall inside the lobby of Humanities, smoking during a break in one of her classes. According to the SUNY Stony Brook Smoking Regulations guide, she's allowed to smoke there. When she finishes her cigarette, she looks around for someplace to put it but in spite of the regulation, there are no ashtrays. Finally she crushes it into the side of a garbage pail and then tosses it in.

"I try to extinguish it and then find a garbage can," she says, "but it's a real hassle."

In the Galleria of the Library, instead of the garbage pails, the foliage seems to attract the discarded cigarettes. "If you ever been inside there you'll see loads and loads of cigarette butts in the plant holders," says Edwards.

Another problem is people smoking and littering in non-designated areas. One male student who declined to talk, stood smoking inside the doorway of the Javits Lecture Center, a smoke-free building. When he finished, the cigarette butt slipped lightly from his hand and was crushed under his foot.

Cigarette butts are also a problem in non-smoking areas of the University Hospital. Aside from a few select areas, the building is also smoke-free. This includes the doorways in front of the hospital but according to Michael Gold, director for public relations at the hospital, the smokers and butts still accumulate there. What's more, she says, the offenders are not the faculty.

"The people who are smoking are visitors," she says, "and we're not in the business of hassling people visiting ill relatives."

Gold also finds it difficult to deter them when the "no smoking" signs posted in the doorways disappear.

"We had signs out there explaining that smoking was not permitted in that area but those signs were quickly taken down," she said.

Sally Flaherty, assistant to the university president, found the same problem in the buildings on her side of campus. "The smoking areas are supposed to be identified in the hallways," she said, "but people take them down."

Neither Flaherty nor Gold know who the culprits are. "I don't know why the signs were removed but I can

tell you this much — they were not removed by us,"

Gold says. And just like on the west side of campus, on the Hospital side the ashtrays are disappearing. According to East Campus Maintenance Supervisor Joe Kelly, people at the hospital are stealing the metal inserts out of the bases of the ashtrays.

But Kelly and Gold find themselves with a bigger problem. If the doorways are supposed to be smoke-free in the first place, would putting ashtrays there encourage the smokers to stay?

"People basically use whatever doorway is open to flick their cigarette out of," says Kelly. "We don't want to encourage them to smoke where they're not supposed to, but without ashtrays there, the cigarettes just end up on the ground."

"Basically, it's a dilemma," says Gold.

Solutions for both sides of the campus are not as plentiful as the problems. But people do have a few suggestions. Says Gold, "Maybe if the signs would stay up, people would more readily use the designated smoking areas."

In addition to mounting ashtrays on the walls, Edwards suggests cutting through the red tape when it comes to ordering ashtrays. "It's more or less a chain. One person has to say this and then another person says

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Statesman/Chris Vacirca

Cigarette butts litter the ground outside Humanities.



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Maricella Nunez, mortician's assistant

SB freshman cuts 'em up

By Annette L. Deinzer

Special to Statesman

I cried once, it was the second time. They brought in a two year old baby boy that died of AIDS. My problem was I kept looking at the face. You don't look at anyone's face because then you see them as a person, not as a body, and they're not the same," said Stony Brook freshman, Maricella Nunez.

When school is not in session,

Maricella Nunez, 18, works as a mortician's assistant at Bronx Municipal Hospital. She also works in Pathology making specimens for slides. "You see, when a person dies and you don't know what they've died of, you try to figure out the cause of death by performing different types of tests," she said.

Nunez was born in the Dominican Republic and moved to the United States with her family when she was 3 years old. She has a twin sister named Melissa and a 3 year old sister named Krystal.

"No one in my family is in medicine, she said. My mother can't stand the sight of blood. My sister faints."

There are times when Nunez feels the need to talk about the work she does at the morgue. "When I had to do the autopsy on that little boy that died of AIDS, I really had to talk about it because I felt it really got into me. I couldn't talk to my mother because she didn't really agree with me going into this line of

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Smokers cast aside butts

BUTTS from previous page

this and then another person says that and then something may get done," he says. "It's a whole gray area."

But Edwards says the problem is mostly consideration. "I don't mind

people smoking but they should make a little effort," he says. "I have to be honest with you, I've been standing around and I've seen people smoke, an ashtray right next to 'em, and the cigarette will go on the ground," he says. "I guess it's habit."

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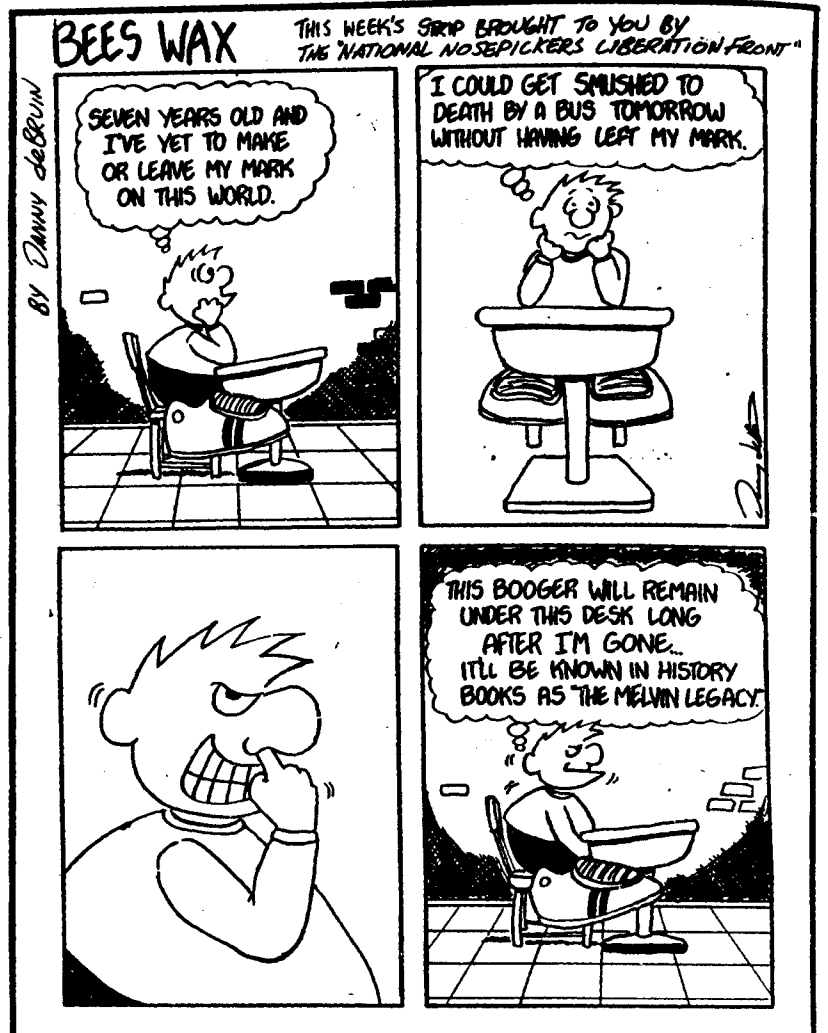
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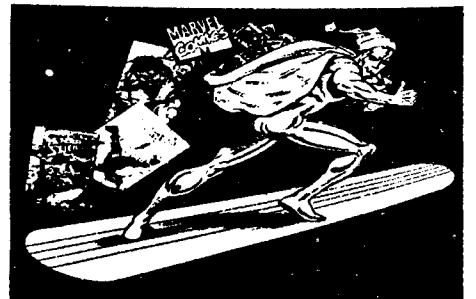
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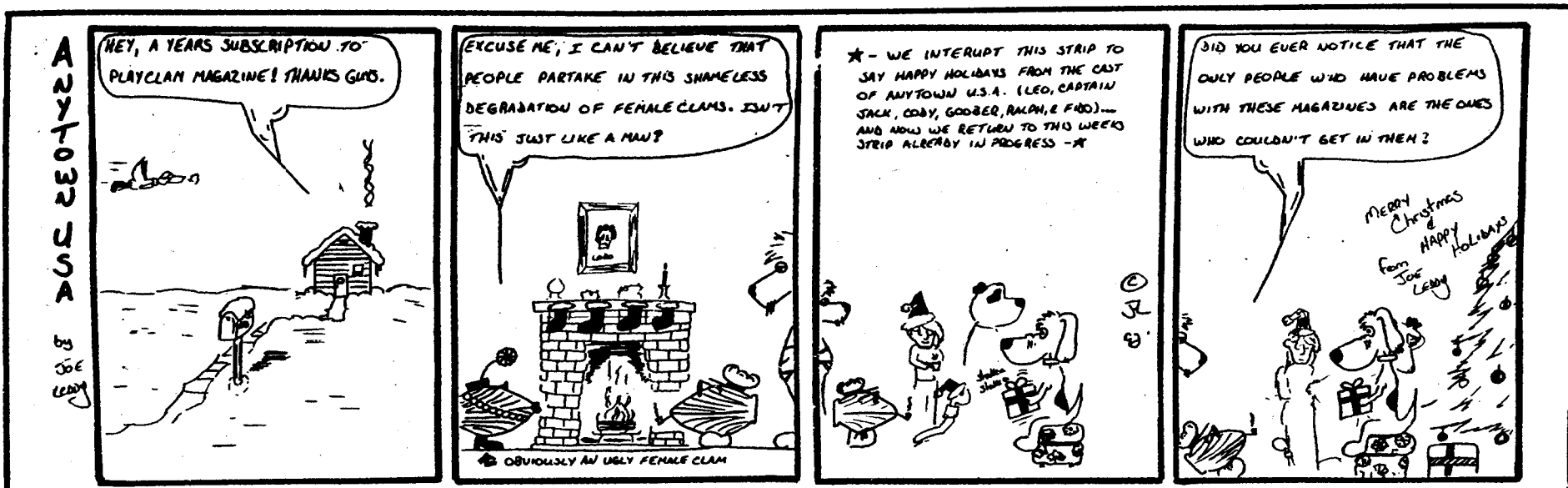
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By Chris Vacirca

Question of the Week:

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"Our address is long enough already."

Laurie Licerio, 20
Class: Junior
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"It's an honor he deserved and it's a lot better than the generic name we have."

Sharad Patel, 19
Sophomore
Biochemistry



"I hear he did enough for the campus. the least we could do is change the name in remembrance."

Dan Ceradini, 19
Sophomore
Chemistry



"We have no traditions anyway, so why are they keeping us in a constant state of flux?"

Chris Hartwell, 19
Junior
Political Science



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Student learns on the job with a scalpel

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work. My mother would rather see me go into Family Medicine," she said. "But my mother always taught me that you can become anything you want to be. That's the way I was brought up.

I had a teacher in high school who really helped me, who understood what I was experiencing and would comfort me."

Nunez attended Aquinas High School in the Bronx. In her sophomore year, Aquinas High School offered a program called the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Enrichment Program. This program was designed to recruit students who were thinking about becoming doctors. Nunez applied and was accepted. Three times a week throughout each semester, they were placed in different hospitals which included Albert Einstein Hospital, Montefiore Hospital and Bronx Municipal. This exposed the students to different branches of medicine. It also helped these students to determine which area of medicine they might be interested in. It provided them with the opportunity to see how a hospital functions while offering hands on experience.

During her first semester, Nunez worked at the Montefiore Hospital in Family Medicine. In her second semester, she was assigned to work in the Bronx Psychiatric Center. She said that she really loved working here because she wants to become a forensic psychologist. During her third semester, she had a choice of working in either surgery or the morgue. She chose the morgue.

"I've always been interested in what we're made up of," she said.

For her entire third semester she worked in the Bronx Municipal Hospital Morgue. As a result of participating in this program Nunez was offered a part time position as an assistant in the Bronx Municipal Morgue during the so called busy seasons. "During the summer months and the holiday season, more accidents occur because more people are on the road drinking, so there are more accidents," she said.

In order for Nunez to work as a mortician's assistant in New York State, she had to attend a 4 month training course provided by the Bronx Municipal Hospital. "This course was all practical experience, hands on experience, no theory," she said. "I like my job it's a good job because I'm earning while I'm learning." She receives a stipend of \$200.00 while working as a mortician's assistant.

Nunez said that the first time she did an autopsy it was scary because she was alone without her fellow school mates. "I was alone and my hands were trembling. I told the mortician I better not do any cutting and he said, 'You can't kill them because they're already dead.' He just said that to make me feel relaxed.

When Nunez performs an autopsy she wears layers of surgical clothing. She also wears a surgical mask that contains a powdery substance that numbs her nasal cavity. This is to prevent her from smelling a dead body's excretions and secretions. "You get used to the way the morgue smells. So when you leave, regular air bothers you," she said with a smile while sniffing the air.

Some body parts are easier to remove than others, "Kidneys are easy to drop because they're small and slimy. "I don't do eyes, remove them that is. Thank God I've never had the experience. Because no one has donated their corneas, there is no need to remove them. I'm terrified of eyeballs, so scared of them that I don't even touch my own eyes. Not with eyeliner or

"I make \$50 per body, \$75 for more than three gunshot wounds. That's if they are really messed up."

— Maricella Nunez

anything," she said.

According to Nunez, the most intricate organ to remove is the heart because there are so many things around it. "That's the worst part," she said.

The easiest part to remove would be the male genitalia. "Actually, for every male that comes in we remove the testicles. This is because of the need of sperm in sperm banks. The sperm is still good and it is frozen. Then it is transported to sperm banks. We take the genitals because so many women out there have problems with fertility.

Nunez also assists in performing pathological tests by taking a little sliced sample of each body part. This tissue sample is then placed on a microscopic slide and put through a series of tests. "We test to see what type of blood the person had because blood is reusable. If the blood is healthy and compatible with another person's blood it is reused. We now do extensive testing of blood, at least five or six different tests because of the AIDS epidemic," she said.

"When we're done with a body, we just sew it up. Sometimes we staple it closed," she said.

"I make \$50.00 per body, \$75.00 for more than 3 gunshot wounds. That's if they are really messed up because it's more work, more trouble."

Nunez emphasized the importance of having to find the bullets and removing them first. "Before you can remove any organs you've got to remove those bullets first, because if you don't and then in the process you rip an organ, that's not good."

Sometimes Nunez will analyze bullet slugs inside the morgue's laboratory. At other times, the bullets are immediately surrendered to the police who wait outside.

"I've seen all kinds of deaths. Some because of stabbing, gunshot wounds, AIDS, natural causes, cancer. One person I did committed suicide by slitting her wrists. I mean, I've opened up people from my own block due to overdoses, machine gun wounds, basically because of street crimes. I feel bad for them but what could I do?" she said.

"The mortician I work with taught me that, in a way, I had to turn into a person with no heart, a coldhearted person," she said. "But if I see someone that is sick I have to take care of them the whole time they are sick. But I do in a way become that coldhearted person. As soon as that morgue door closes behind me, I just get to work."

Letter

Sick of Gay Propaganda

To the Editor:

My name is Bernad and I am a 25 year old junior here at Stony Brook. I felt compelled to write to you because I am fed up with the constant sympathy expressed for homosexuals in *Statesman*. (particularly the article about this homophobia business). Isn't about time that someone speaks out against the obnoxious rude and unnatural behavior of these gays all over campus.

We need to start using *Statesman* as a positive tool for the function of the school, not a propaganda tool for which such left-wing groups can pour out their minds on.

Don't get me wrong, as far as I'm concerned those gays out there can live their life the way they want to but I would appreciate it if they would keep their sexual preference in the closet where it belongs.

If you want to talk about rights tell me where is everyone's right not to have to read homosexual trash everywhere they go

on their way to class. In the Union, or in *Statesman*? I really don't think it's fair when an article in *Statesman* is so sympathetic toward homosexuals that it leaves the "normal" reader thinking that maybe there just is something wrong with us and it's the gays that are right. That is the kind of stuff that will in the future bring this school down.

We should all be promoting things that are for the good of everyone to the extent that it is possible, not promoting the behavior of a group of people who are chiefly responsible for the aids tragedy.

I write this letter with everyone in mind not just one isolated group. We must learn from our past or we are sure to repeat it. Finally I feel that the more papers like *Statesman* and writers like you are busy writing articles such as this article the real problems in this school are only just beginning.

Bernard Suarez
Junior

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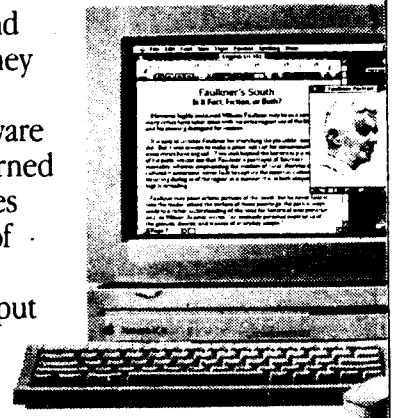


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Jenn C, Sheila, Christina and Nicole:
 I had fun living with you guys. I wish you all the best of luck and happiness!
 Love,
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PERSONALS

Dejan and Chris:
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 Love,
 Toni

Jean Binda:
 You are my oldest and dearest friend at Stony Brook. Thank you for being there through the best and the worst times. I will miss you most of all.
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Jerry Canada earned the Schwab's 2nd Wind athlete of the week four times. The team placed 7th in the 37 team CTC Conference Championships in Albany.*

Men's Indoor Track

Anderson Vilien was a university record holder in the long jump, 4x400 relay and 55 meter dash. The Pats placed 2nd in the ECAC Championships.*

Women's Track

Earning All-ECAC honors on the heels of her performances at the Penn Relays and Stony Brook Invitational, Dara Stewart was a bright spot for the Pats. The Pats placed in almost every event at the SB Invitational tourney.*

Women's Indoor Track

Delia Hopkins, won the Schwab's 2nd Wind athlete of the week three times, and won All-PAC and All-CTC honors. The team had a successful season winning the PAC (Public Athletic Conference) Championships.*

Softball

Softball- The highlight of the season was a 18-2 win over rival opponent Hunter. Joan Gandolf led the team in both pitching and offensive statistics.*

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A Look at the Semester's Sports

Pats see highs and lows in fall seasons

Football

The Patriot football team experienced highs and lows during the season. They won their first four games, a school record, lost their next five and won their last for 5-5 record. Highlights were the emergence of sophomore quarterback Timm Schroeder and freshman runningback Chris Delmadge.

Hockey

Behind the scoring of Brian Johnson and Craig DeMaio, and the outstanding defensive play of Mike Stillwagon, the Pats were skating to prominence in 1992.*

Squash

The season has followed form so far, beating the teams that they expected to beat. They also lost badly to the teams that they expected to lose to.

Women's X-Country

Behind the running of all-region performer Nicole Hafemeister, the team made a strong showing in the NCAA Division III Regionals.

Men's Hoops

The Pats have begun the season with a 5-1 record. Their defense, led by Curtis Bunche and Vincent Farmer, is the backbone of the team. Emeka Smith and Ricky Wardally have provided senior leadership and scoring.

Women's Swimming

Although they lost the Stony Brook Defender's Cup tourney (coming in fourth), the women's swimming team are optimistic about the upcoming season.

Volleyball

Making history as the first northeast school to make the NCAA Final Four, the Pats went to St. Louis and brought home the third place bronze medal. Senior Stasia Nikas was named the 1992 AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) co-player of the year.

Men's Soccer

The Pats failed to make the ECAC playoffs by one game. They received a pleasant surprise in freshman Ron Pallilo, who received numerous honors.

Women's Hoops

Led by senior captain Joan Gandolf and sophomore Kim Douglas, the Lady Pats have accumulated a 6-1 record.

Men's Swimming

Behind the swimming of seniors Mark Palereiano and Marc Dunn, the Pats are looking to make a big splash this year.

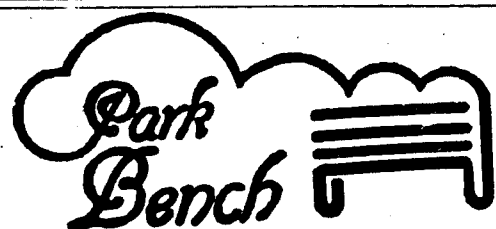
Men's X-Country

The men's team just missed qualifying for the NCAA Championships by one place. Sophomore John Pikramenos paced the team.

Women's Soccer

A disappointing season throughout, the team's record didn't display their hardwork and determination. The showed team spirit and should improve next season.

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Sports

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Runners place packs atop PAC race

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Football	7:30 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Baseball	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Ice Hockey	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Women's Basketball	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Men's Basketball	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence

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Final Four Baby!

Volleyball advances to national semis following upset of #2 Juniata

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PATRIOT ACTION THIS WEEK

Event	Time	Location
Volleyball	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Women's Tennis	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Men's Tennis	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Baseball	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Ice Hockey	7:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence

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