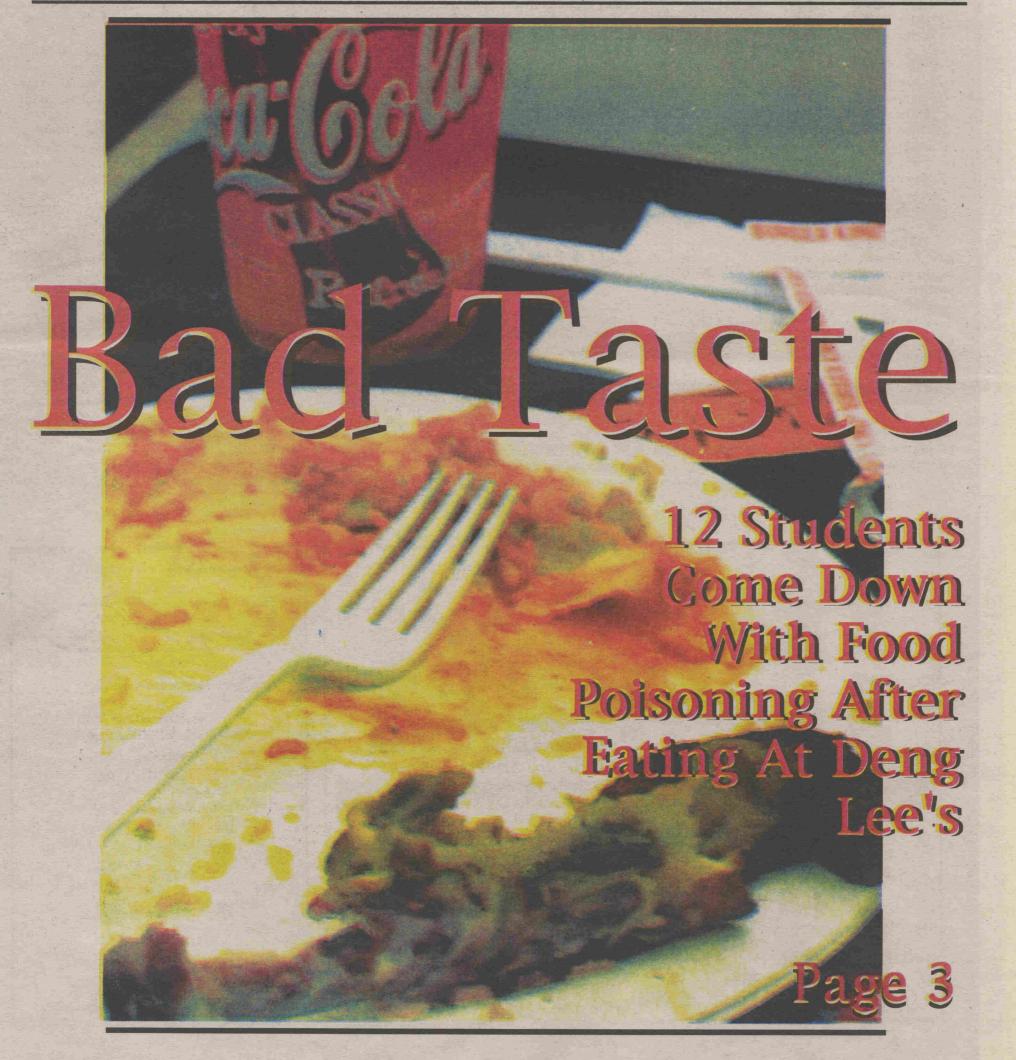


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Making Room for a Growing Minority

A Higher Number of Muslims on Campus Face Limited Resources

BY AHMED KHAN
Special to the Statesman

Among the usual busloads of local freshmen, state-wide transfer and Asian international students, the followers of the Islamic Faith are increasing, , say the members of the Stony Brook Muslim Students Association.

"The number of kids who come by is always multiplying. Our weekly 'Jumah' (Friday Congregation) is now packed with new brothers. There were probably over twenty-five new people here today alone, and that's not including all the new sisters," said Khalil Noorzab, an active association member.

Estimates put the number of on campus Muslims to be over three hundred, a small minority amidst the thousands of undergraduates, but still a large number.

The new faces are part of a general trend, an upsurge in student enrollment that leads all of ethnically diverse students to attend Stony Brook each year.

Yet among the Muslim seniors and even the new freshmen, there are worries, about the facilities, the food, and sometimes the social perception of Muslims by the non-Muslim community.

"We always welcome new members, but I guess I am worried about the prayer room space," said Tarique Jawed who is also a long time-association member.

The prayer room, located in a small corner of the campus inter-faith section, in the Humanities building, has become the main meeting place for the Muslim crowd. However, the small size of the prayer room has drawn many complaints from almost every Muslim student, many of whom must wait, while the room is fully occupied by others. "Its too small, Its good that we have it, at all, I mean thank God for that, but new students are always coming in each semester. We should at least be able to accommodate everyone who wants to pray?" said Tamer Al-Menayer, while watching his friends perform an afternoon prayer in the confines of the small room

For many years, MSA members have been asking the administration for more space. Despite promises and rumors of available rooms when Humanities closes as part of the campus renovation plan, no changes have been made. Yet even the new rooms may be too small, say senior members of the student's group.

Another problem which surfaces among the Islamic community at Stony Brook is food availability. As Muslims are commanded by their faith to eat only properly slaughtered meats and no pork, they must be content with eating the Halaal meat on campus during the limited time that it is available, which is on weekday

afternoons.

"I wish there was more variety, especially during Ramadaan, " said Tambeer Bhyiyan, referring to the sacred Islamic month of fasting and spiritual examination.

Roger Gill, the new manager of Humanities Express, started working this fall, when the old management company ARAMARK, was changed to Chartwells. He was sympathetic towards the Muslim students' dietary needs, and offered some suggestions for their problems.

"We can always prepare more food, as more people come in, but I think the main problem is getting the word out to Muslim students about the availability of Halaal meat in this cafeteria," Gill said.

It would be difficult to provide evening meals, said Gill, due to the limited hours during which the cafeteria is open. The only suggestion he had was to offer food in other dining locations, perhaps the SAC or in Roth Quad.

Pulitzer Winner Says SAT's Not Important

(AP) Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel offered some advice to Brown University's new class of freshmen: don't get so caught up in things like your SAT scores.

Speaking Tuesday at the Ivy League school's 235th convocation, Vogel recalled her own freshman convocation at Bryn Mawr College in 1969

During that ceremony, Vogel said, a speaker announced proudly that only 12 reshmen had combined SAT scores of less than 1300. And Vogel knew she was not among them.

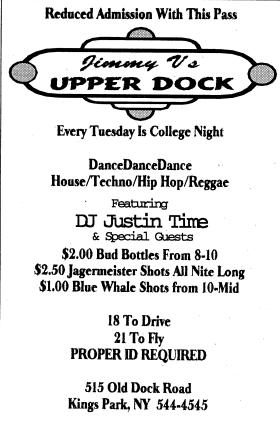
"Well," Vogel remembered thinking glumly, "at least I know where I stand."

She offered the memory to any member of Brown University's class of 2002 who may have been wondering whether he or she really belongs in an Ivy League institution.

"For those of you whose SAT scores are above mine, congratulations," said Vogel, who is a professor, of English at Brown.

"And for those of you whose scores are below your classmates, I smile and point to my Pulitzer Prize and say, 'well, so much for SAT scores."





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Deng Lee's: An Aftertaste With A Kick

One Poisoning Victim Says that Food Tasted Good, But Not Worth Trip to the Hospital

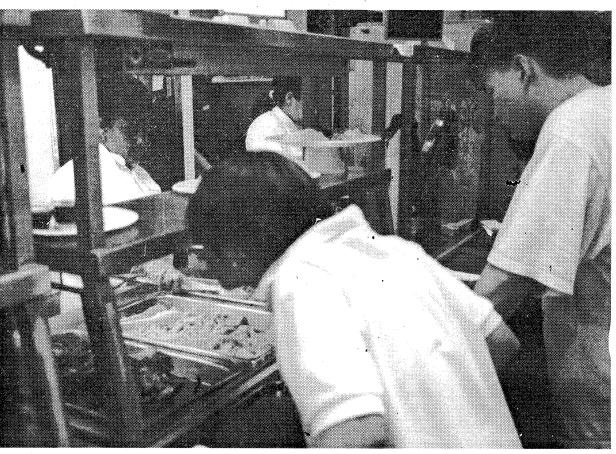
By Jennifer Tokash Statesman Staff

White rice and pot green beans proved a recipe for food poisoning last week after 12 people became sick after eating at the campus' Chinese food restaurant.

Ayodele Joy Callisto was one of 4 students known to be hospitalized. Just before midnight, last Wednesday, a friend of Callisto had gone to Deng Lee's and ordered the white rice and Pot green beans as take out, and then brought it back to her room. While eating it, she said "it was good". However, about an hour later, her stomach began to have cramps and severe pain. She later began throwing up.

At this point, SBVAC, the Student Volunteer Corps, was called and sent to her room located in Roosevelt Quad. Ayodele was taken out by stretcher due to a variety of symptoms, including feelings of faintness and an inability to walk on her own. Callisto said she was unable to recognize any of her dorm mates while being taken out on the stretcher..

At the hospital, Callisto was diagnosed with



Students continue to return to Deng Lee's despite recent spait of food poisonings.

severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, and dehydration due to the excessive amount of vomiting she had done. She was released later that night at 6 am. "We pay all this money for food and get sick. It took a couple of days to become 'normal' again," Callisto said, "Even to this day, I can't eat anything without feeling a bit queezy."

Callisto said that her friend spoke to Deng Lee's employees about her illness. "They had a trivial face on and couldn't believe that it had happened," she said "It was as though they couldn't believe him that something like that had happened.'

Tammy Gunther ordered food from Deng Lee's on Friday night around 8:30 PM, eating rice, vegetable egg roll and a dish that she said was similar to if not the same as Pot green beans, and also became sick. Her symptoms, which began early in the morning on Saturday, included throwing up, the chills, sweats and a fever. She didn't go to the hospital because she couldn't afford the doctor's bills.

Gunther, did however, report directly to the manager of Deng Lee's and she says the manager seemed concerned" and said she would get back to her.

"Till today she hasn't done so," Gunther said. After this incident, Gunther said she is afraid to eat there again because of the incident.

"I've never seen the quality of food so bad in the five years in being at Stony Brook," she said,
"After all these known cases, they should come up with something to compensate all those due to the time they lost being sick because I personally wasn't able to accomplish any work by spending all my time throwing up and being

Dennis Lestrange, the director of Dining Services, stated "We had indeed received notification last Thursday about the incident. There were no tests done, however, to verify that the food eaten was the cause of the food poisoning." Dining Services notified the Suffolk Health Department about the incidents. While Lestrange acknowledged that four people were treated by the University Hospital and released, he said that the food was up to Suffolk County standards and capable of being eaten.

"It is questionable of what to eat on campus, "Callisto said, "We pay all this money just to get poisoned."

News Analysis: Student Reaction to the New Meal Plan

By Marjory Thompson

Like the new meal plan? Chances are you're among the very few. Since the beginning of the semester, students have been unhappy with the meal plan. Compared to Aramark's advantage points, the new Chartwell's system seems rather expensive.

Pam Crum, manager of the ID/meal plan office which implements the meal plan, summed up the difference by explaining that last years meal plan had students paying for the production costs upfront, and all at once. This gave students the advantage points that were used.

This year's meal plan, however, has students paying for the production costs as they pay for their purchases, with a 1,200 budget. Chartwell's plan includes a six meal per week choice, campus and resident points. Campus points can be used at any location on campus and resident points can only be used in residence halls like Benedict, Kelly, and

concerning the new meal plan. Jason Thompson of Greeley College stated "I like the old one. It's going to take time to get used to this one." Almas Patankar, Sophomore of Irving College said "there's added on for their extra profit that decide whether no point being on the meal plan. Everything is you live on bagels and water in the last two weeks retail. If you pay cash, you can buy anything, of the semester.

anywhere you want. You're not saving anything by being on the meal plan." Another student, Anika Brazzier, a Junior of O'neil College said "there's not as much variety as there was. I like advantage points better because I never ran out of money. Among the majority of complaints there were the occasionl positive comments concerning the new meal plan. One student said that she actually liked the idea of having someone give her six meals per week on the basis that she couldn't budget her advantage points. Transfer student Mike Kwan said " the food was better than at my old school."

Aramark's meal plan cost \$1,050 per semester, while Chartwell's plan cost us \$1,200. If you haven't noticed yet, we're paying more money for a meal plan that most of us don't even like. We had our problems with Aramark, but to me they were the lesser of two evils. With Aramark we had over 300 advantage points, now we have \$1,200 divided in any of three ways. The big thing is that we're paying retail prices. These prices seem a bit Various students expressed their opinions high. Compared to outside food facilities it doesn't seem like we're saving any money by being on this plan. For example we pay \$.67 for any piece friut, and \$1.25 for a soda. It's the extra couple of cents

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Ireland's New Leaders to Study at BC

(AP) The leaders of all political parties represented inNorthern Ireland's new governing assembly will come to Boston College to study the basics of creating a government.

The politicians will participate in a political leadership program at the Irish Institute at Boston College, Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam and college officials said Tuesday.

The college got \$2 million from the U.S. Information Agency for the program. Members of the 108-seat Northern Ireland Assembly were elected in June. The assembly resulted from last spring's Good Friday peace accord.

"This is the first time in many years for elected officials to actually be given power to deliver government in Northern Ireland and be responsible to those who elected them," said Seth M. Rowland, director of the Irish Institute.

He said officials from Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts, and politicians academicians and corporate officials will participate in seminars on issues such as the environment, education and finance.

The Northern Ireland politicians also will be shown ways to build relationships with other European governments.

In speaking to about 100 Boston College faculty members Tuesday, Mowlam said she welcomed the cease-fire declared by the Real IRA, but said the splinter group would be held accountable for last month's car bomb attack that killed 29 civilians in Omagh.

"I welcome it. It's sad that it had to happen after Omagh rather than before," she said of the cease-fire. But she added, "It doesn't change in my mind that whoever committed the Omagh bombing, that we still look very hard to find them."

Rutgers Warns About Date Rape Pill

(AP) Middlesex County authorities and Rutgers University officials will be distributing fliers wherever students gather to warn them of the dangers of so-called "date-rape drugs."

Gamma hydroxybutyrate, known as GHB, can cause partial paralysis and amnesia that can last for hours. Tasteless, it can be undetectable in alcoholic drinks.

Authorities said there have been no reports that the drug has shown up on campus or been used against any students, but that 600 fliers were being distributed as a preventative measure.

Students have been warned against GHB for the past few years, but authorities decided to renew efforts after the July arrest of four people in Ocean County accused of making and distributing 70 pounds of the drug.

Authorities said there have been no drug-related assaults in Middlesex County, but several women have been victimized in Ocean County. In June, 23 pounds of GHB were seized in Edison.

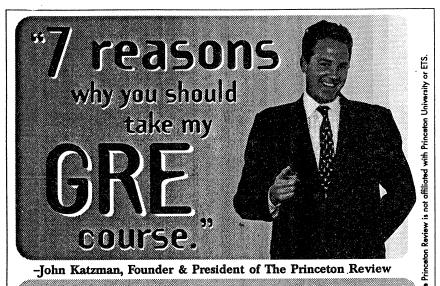
The fliers will be distributed at places including neighborhood taverns, student centers and sororities. The campaign may spread to cover the entire county, authorities said.

GHB, originally used as a sedative, has been banned in the United States since 1990. People who use the substance to incapacitate victims and then rape them can face up to 20 years in prison.

The drug is one of several used to cause amnesia in victims. Others include Rohypnol, known as "roofies" or "roachies," and Ketamine, known as "Special K" or "Vitamin K."

The symptoms of GHB ingestion include dizziness, exhaustion, nausea, quick intoxication, speech impairment and paralysis, and the effects can take hold in 15 minutes, lasting from two hours to eight hours.

The fliers warn students to drink responsibly, by getting their own drinks and never leaving them unattended, and avoiding drinks with candy or other objects in them.



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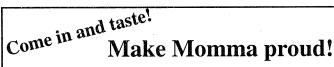
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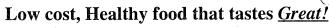
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Editorial

A Fresh Start

Polity Pins Hopes on New Year

new school year comes the requisite events: the first day of classes, the lame Orientation events (thanks to everyone that attended ours) and yes, the beginning of a new Polity term. We know you were looking forward to it. Who wouldn't, with the possibility for a fist fight breaking out at least once a meeting? One can only help but remember the constant antagonizing of Frank Santangelo towards former Polity President Monique Maylor and not cringe with terror at the prospects for a new year.

There is a promising future. however. The opening of a new academic year brings with it the promise of change on the initiated by horizon,

With the beginning of a Even though the previous semester was a bit sketchy for her, we hope that she will be able to put it behind her and look forward to a bright year.

Granted, it will be difficult. The impeachment proceedings, which ended the spring semester, placed a damper on the year as a whole and covered Polity under a dark cloud. The removal of both Maylor and former Treasurer Marjorie Eyma for, among other things, "conduct unbecoming of the Executive Board" is something that will be difficult for Gibbs to get out from under, but we wish her the best of luck in trying. She'll need all the help she can get, from both the rest of the Executive Board and the Senate in general.

Usually we end an editorial like this on a President Aneka Gibbs. negative note, either saying how awful Polity is treating the students or how bad a job they're doing. This time, however, we feel compelled to end on a note of hope. That hope lies in two totally different groups which each year seem to lurch for each other's throats.

We say this every year, but each year it holds the same importance. The Student Commuter Association and the rest of the Polity Senate need to work together to get anything done. Without that, the students, both commuter and residential, will suffer.

hope that the We examples of last year (the screaming, the threats, the bickering, etc.) will not be followed by this year's Senate. Rodney King said it best when he said, "Can't we all just get along?"

Ambulance Misrepresented in Article

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my deepest concern about the newspaper's lack of attention to factual information in your article regarding the "Campus Assault Case."

The Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps. is run by people who give much of their time to foster those in need on a daily basis. We do not ask for any gratitude for the hard work that we voluntarily enjoy doing but a little respect for our role on campus would be much appreciated.

On the night that your article was referring to not only was the ambulance not called three times to respond to the scene but we were also not made aware of the call until six minutes after you reported the University Police were contacted.

The information that you have that is correct is that the ambulance was already non scene at another call with just as serious a nature at the exact same time. I am not sure whether or not you were trying to be sarcastic or just mocking the corps by stating that we were "supposedly" on another call as though it were something to be covered up.

University Police were aware that we were on another call since they were also present. With much rapidity without compromise to patient care, we transported the first call to the hospital, quickly gave the ER nurse the necessary information and made our way to the second call. This entire process took us only 16 minutes which is not quite 45 as stated in your article.

It greatly concerns me that you would publish such false, detrimental information about a volunteer ambulance corps whose only interest is in campus bettering the community.

patients effectively and efficiently given the constraints of the situation. Hopefully in the future vou will recognize us for these positives characteristics which so often seem overlooked.

> Sincerely, **Eirene Mamakos** President

[Editorial Response:

According to the University Police, and their reports from the night of the incident, SBVAC was called three times.

The first call was made at approximately 1:23am from the security gate office, another call at 1:36am after University Police had arrived, and a third time at 1:43am.

One of the victims had estimated that he was waiting approximately 45 minutes for the ambulance to arrive.

When we contacted SBVAC to validate the information given by both the victim and University Police, SBVAC did not return our call.

In response to your confusion about whether or We do our best to treat all not we were mocking SBVAC, the "supposedly" in the article which I certainly believe we did was not placed with any sarcastic intention. It simply meant that we had no record that SBVAC was on another call.

> We understand your concerns, and we are willing to make any corrections if your records are different than that of the University Police.]

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Campus Perspectives

Marching On

SASU On a Mission for the New Academic Year

SASU is an organization that finds its power in its grass roots: the students of SUNY. This year's campaign was successful because of the actions of students across the state. 1997-1998 marked the 27th year that SASU has worked to ensure accessible, affordable, quality public higher education for New York State residents. SASU has maintained this unwavering progressive vision for the SUNY system since 1970, and in the past year, students were prepared to organize, educate and advocate for educational access.

By 1997, students had grown accustomed to Governor Pataki's axwielding attacks on SUNY. We had successfully fought off the elimination of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), a \$127 million dollar cut to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), a proposed 33% cut to the SUNY operating budget, and proposed tuition hikes of \$1500, among other atrocities. The crucial factor in thwarting those attacks lay in our ability to effectively organize ourselves and raise awareness of the proposed cuts.

As students prepared to organize a statewide campaign for the 1997-98 year, our goals were shaped by a number of different factors. Students recognized opportunities to regain ground in the struggle for SUNY funding. With gubernatorial and state legislative elections close on the horizon, we were prepared to hold their elected representatives accountable to the needs of students - needs which had for too long been unmet.

In previous years, students had traditionally responded to the budgets submitted by the Board of Trustees, the Governor, and the State Legislature. Not so this year. Growing tired of the unfavorable budgets compiled by the Governor, and subsequently having to fight to preserve the status quo, we launched a proactive campaign to restore funding for EOP, TAP, the SUNY operating budget, and community college base aid. In addition, we fought for a tuition rollback in response to the \$750 tuition increase since Governor Pataki took office.

At the beginning of the Fall semester, SASU began an infoblitz centered around the attacks that Governor George Pataki has launched against the SUNY system. Students from SUNY Albany and SUNY Oneonta developed the material's for this information campaign, which features the Patakistein monster and detailed the propositions that the Governor had made to dismantle the SUNY system, These posters were effective in educating students about recent attacks on our

many to join in the organizing effort.

In conjunction with the Patakistein campaign, students began filling out postcards to Governor Pataki making on simple request: give us back what you took away. Students demanded restorations to the SUNY operating budget, TAP and EOP to 1994-95 levels and a tuition rollback of \$750. Call-ins to the governor's office also played a major role in the campaign. When the governor's budget proposal was released, we found that our efforts had been fruitful; there were no cuts to SUNY.

> "Student's vision and perseverances laid the groundwork for bringing SUNY closer to its mission as a public higher education system"

After Pataki's proposal came out, the ball was in the legislature's court. Students then put pressure on their local sate legislators to not only meet the above demands, but also to make the state live up to its promise for community colleges. By law, the community college funding formula stipulates that the state pay 1/ 3, the community pay 1/3 and the student pay 1/3 of the cost for college. Recently, students at community colleges had been paying, on average, 40% of their educational cost, largely because of the state's unwillingness to comply with its own rules. Students want to see the state live up to its promise.

Students lobbied their legislators locally and at the Capitol. The response of the legislature was quite positive. The Assembly-Senate budget included money for a \$65 per student book credit for students enrolled at four year colleges and no state tax on textbooks, \$2 million added to the operating budget for child care and \$8.8 million for additional fulltime, a \$150 per student increase in community college funding, and \$3.8 in the number of full time faculty and a million restored to EOP. The response of rollback in tuition. the Governor was anti-student: he vetoed all legislative restorations.

The student response was one of shock and anger. When students at SUNY Binghamton heard about this veto, they were outraged. Their response: it's time for action. They rallied on campus and -SASU is the Student Association of the State University took their concerns to the State Office of New York

educational access, and encouraged Buildings downtown. Their theme: Governor Pataki Has Taken the Shirts Off our Backs: We Want Them Returned! About 10 students rallied in the nude, covered only by placards listing their demands. Binghamton students were joined by other students across the state in expressing the furor over Governor Pataki's clear assault on our SUNY

> The events of the past year have been a catalyst for the student movement in New York State. For the first time in years, students have been able to move beyond merely fighting to preserve SÚNY to working to restore its quality, affordability, and accessibility. Student's vision and perseverances laid the groundwork for bringing SUNY closer to its mission as a public higher education

> After years of cuts, hikes and threats to SUNY, last year's state budget process was a comparative revolution for higher education. In response to student organizing, the SUNY board of Trustees included no budget cuts or tuition hikes in its proposed budget. Governor Pataki's 1998-99 Budget proposal included no cuts to SUNY, for its first time in his term of office. The State Legislature's Budget Proposal included restorations to SUNY and Governor Pataki withdrew his veto to the \$150 per student increase in state operating aid for community colleges.

Students recognize the past year as a victory. Our efforts have gained the legislature's support and public recognition of the need for greater investment in SUNY. The members of SASU are ready to build on these gains in the upcoming year. Students will work to strengthen the support of the Legislature as well as gain the support of the SUNY Board of Trustees and the Governor for restorations to SUNY in the areas most crucial to students.

Students from SUNY campuses in 🗸 Albany, Binghamton, Geneseo, Old 📸 Westbury, Oneonta and Stony Brook 3 came together this summer and decided to keep working for restorations to and we funding for EOP, TAP, community college academic 🖺 state operating aid, departments, child care facilities, recruitment and retention programs for under represented faculty, and increase

SASU invited all students to become active members of the growing movement g to make accessible, affordable, quality high education not only an ideal, but a

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10 Year-Old Starts Freshman Year

By ROBERT MILLER Associated Press

It was Cassandra Stevenson's first day of college, and her eagerness to get started was mixed with butterflies in her stomach. Understandably so. Cassandra, a freshman at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, is 10 years old. Other than one math course she audited at Western, all her schooling has been at home.

"It's the first time I've ever been enrolled in any class," she said from the top of her bunk bed at her home in Roxbury, where she kept company with a litter of stuffed animals.

Before the day was out, she'd take her book bag and Disney's Aladdin gym bag and attend an introductory course in criminal justice and another in intermediate algebra.

Once the ice was broken, once the notebooks hit the desk and a whole semester of work stretched out in front of her, she seemed a blessedly normal and happy kid.

"It's still early, but I'm sure she'll do well," said Carl Myhill, her algebra teacher. "She was already knocking off the problems." I think it's great," said Rachel Fosco, one of her classmates in criminal justice who introduced herself to Cassandra after their first class. "I'm so proud of her."

But Cassandra also is lucky to have had someone to blaze a path. Her sister, Samantha, started at Western when she was 11.

Now, 14, Samantha is taking a full course load, tutoring her fellow students in math, planning to join the school's fencing club and figuring out how she can take physics classes at Yale.

What she really wants to do is get her doctorate in astrophysics from Harvard. Samantha and Cassandra are remarkably bright. While their progress may seem unnervingly precocious to an outsider, it's par for the course for them, and their parents, Alan Michener and Deborah Stevenson-Michener.

"It's just the way things have always been," Alan Michener said. "It seems normal to us by now."

Both parents admit they don't understand exactly why their kids are so smart. Michener, who graduated from the University of Connecticut with a history degree, runs his own construction company in Woodbury; his wife admits to having bounced through three or four colleges before she finally graduated from the University of Connecticut in history with honors.

"We were both good students, but nothing out of the ordinary," Stevenson-Michener said. But their daughters were a cut above early on. "Both girls were reading by 1 year old," Stevenson-Michener said. "Samantha was talking in complete sentences at six months. It took Cassandra nearly two years to talk. She was too busy listening to Samantha."

Realizing that public schools don't have the time or resources today to let their daughters develop their talents fully, the Micheners decided to teach their girls at home.

That meant Deborah Stevenson-Michener had to teach herself to be a teacher to supply Samantha with math problems, to convert the energy of the perpetually on-the-go Cassandra into lessons.

"She was always bouncing around," Stevenson-Michener said. "So I took her hands and started counting her bounces with her. She learned the multiplication tables that way. Or I taught her about atoms by having her run about the dining room table and tell her she was an electron."

Today, the two girls are typical for their age in the way they dress and carry themselves, in the animal posters they have lining their bedroom walls. Along with home study and

And No, She Hasn't Declared A Major Yet

Western, they go on field trips with other home-schoolers. And they go on sleep-overs with their friends. If they've missed much by skipping elementary and high school, it's not apparent.

"The first thing people always ask home-schoolers about is socialization," said Mary Beth Nelsen of Oxford, who is president of the Connecticut Home Educators Association and who has taught her three children at home. "We find it a bit ironic when we talk about education, people ask about socialization. But I always say, the first year we over-socialize; by the second year, we got it under control."

There are about 400 families in the state who do home-schooling, Nelsen said. About half chose it because of religious convictions, she said. The rest have a wide variety of reasons for their decision _ philosophical differences with public education, worries about what they perceive as a lack of content in some school curriculums, the desire to give children a more sheltered environment.

Peter Rosenstein, executive director of the National Association of Gifted Children in Washington, D.C., said public schools should be able to adapt to children like Samantha and Cassandra using mentoring and tutorial programs, enrolling precocious students in local universities. But most states, including Connecticut, don't invest the money or training to make that possible, Rosenstein said.

"We've dumbed down everything to make our teaching fit the standard student," he said. "And yes, we must be concerned about the kids from the lower socioeconomic stature, with no advantages coming to school. But in a class of 35 students, we haven't taught teachers to make school exciting for all the students. It's difficult, but there are methods if teachers are taught to use them."

Jean Gubbins, associate professor of child psychology at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, said Connecticut mandates its schools to identify talented and gifted students but does not require them to do anything to foster those gifts.

Through the 1980s, she said, some money filtered to towns to pay for talented-and-gifted programs. That funding dried up in the early 1990s, she said, and most schools chose to disband the programs. But recently, she said, there's been a push to get them restored.

Deborah Stevenson-Michener has learned to use outside experts for her two gifted children; for example, she turned to the math department at Western when Samantha's abilities outstripped her own in algebra and geometry. But it was Samantha who, at age 6, decided on her own she'd be able to go to college by 11.

"I realized I could and it seemed like a neat idea," she said. Cassandra admits her sister's achievement pushed her along as well. "She was very dedicated," Cassandra said. "And she can just go curl up with a school textbook. I'm very, very impatient."

Luckily for someone so impatient, Cassandra is also a quick study. Deborah

Stevenson-Michener is now studying law at the Quinnipiac College School of Law.

On nights when Cassandra has accompanied her to class, the two discussed class work in the car. Cassandra then joined in the class discussion.

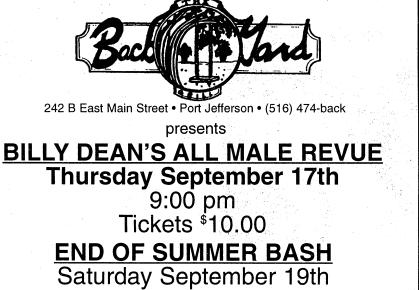
Her mother's law studies prompted Cassandra to take the criminal justice course at Western.

Surrounded by students on the brink of adulthood, she sat quietly, pen in hand as her professor, Michael Foley, laid out the ground rules: He expected punctuality, full attendance, courtesy.

Then Foley, a bluff ex-cop with 25 years experience in New York City Police Department, asked each student in turn to introduce himself and tell the class something about himself.

Eventually the spotlight fell on the diminutive 10year old sitting straight in her seat with a gymnast's posture. "My name's Cassandra," she said. "I'm a freshman. My major's undecided right now. That's about it."

College had begun.



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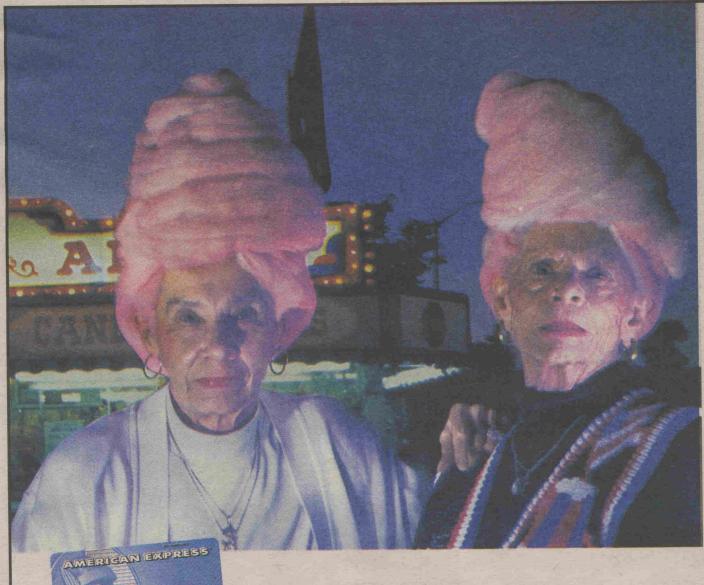
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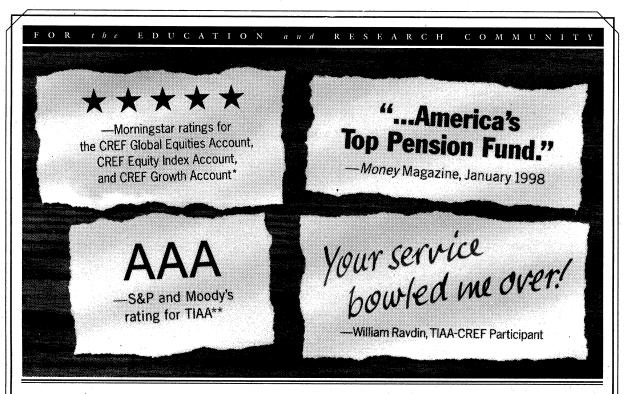
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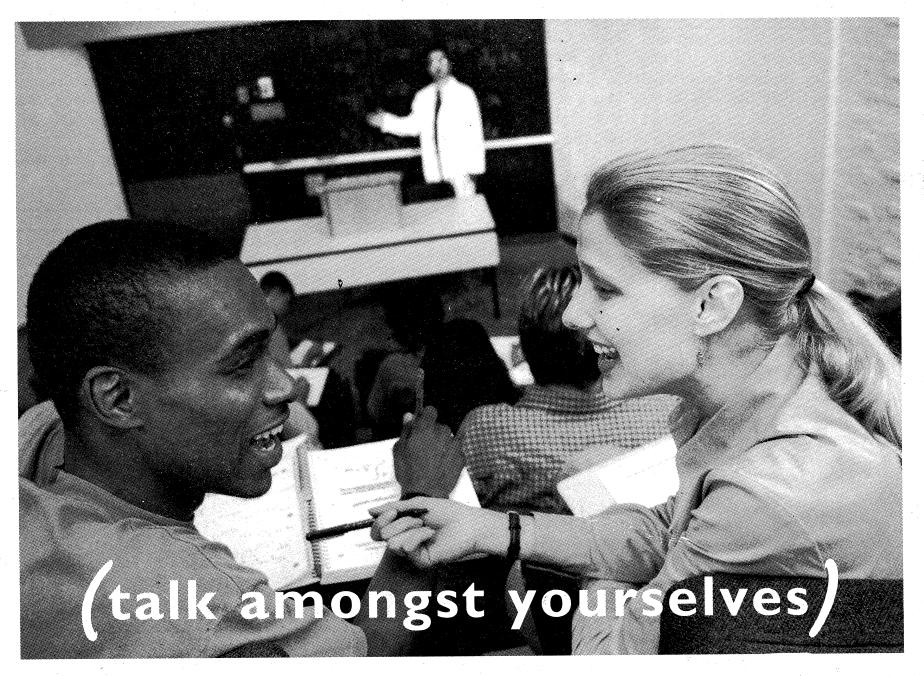
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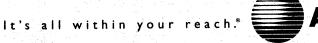


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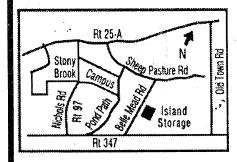
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Young Team Faces Tough Loss in Opener

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yards with 196 of those yards on three big runs.

Southern Connecticut's Rashaan Dumas, a sophomore, broke hisschool's all time rushing record against the Seawolves easing over the mark with an impressive 120 yards. The Seawolves held the Owls to 176 yards passing end of the end zone. while they went on to accumulate 201 yards.

The special teams on both sides traded safeties during the game. The Seawolves forced a safety after hustling down the field on a kickoff. They also oversnapped a punt attempt through the

The Seawolves were kept off balance most of the game.

Every time it looked as though they were gaining momentum, the Owls changed the pace, sacking the quarterback 10 times for a total loss of 65 yards, breaking up many of the Seawolves'

"I tried to change the tempo of the game by interchanging the quarterbacks," Coach Kornhauser said. It seemed to be working when he put in freshman quarterback Oscar Alcantara who was two for four for 26 yards. Alcantara managed to take control of the game for a few downs but the Owls disrupted their drive yet

"The Southern Connecticut State Owls were a great team and it was a very disappointing loss," said Coach Kornhauser. "Now it is time to regroup and win the next game," he said. He pointed to the youth of the team, and said, "They are a young team but it is also where their future strength lies.

Many of the players also have the same mentality. Senior defensive back, Gabe Rodrigues said, "Our team is still young but has a lot of up and coming players that need to keep going at it."

Many key players are out with injuries. Senior George Karifantis is out with mononucleosis and senior Dan Flores is out with a broken leg for the season. The absence of these leaders leaves the team in dire need of someone to take charge. With over 60 new players, someone with expertise and experience must step up and lead.

Despite the loss, the team has a hopeful attitude, even after so many starters went out with injuries.

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Women's Tennis Loses in First Two Matches

By Jim Molinari Statesman Staff

This year's women's tennis team opened its season over the weekend. This years' team is missing 4 out of their 7 starters from last years'. "The team looks to be very positive, upbeat, and excited." says team coach Nell Lee. The team is a little inexperienced and has struggled in its first two home matches, but Ms. Lee hopes to end the season strong.

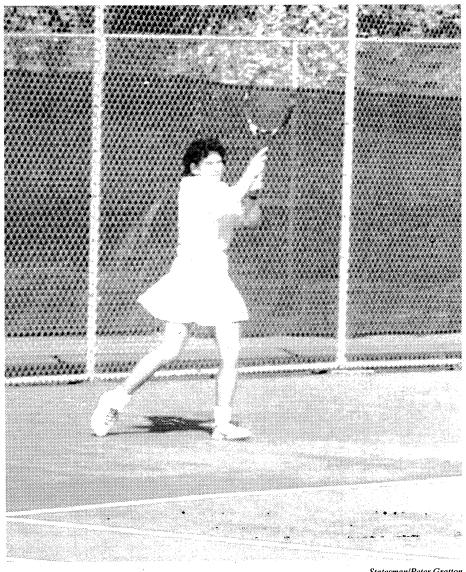
In the home opener on this past Friday, the team lost to Sacred Heart (1-1) by a score of 6-3. Winning in Friday's match was Esther Forrester defeating Sacred Heart's Jessica Magri 6-1, 6-4 in second singles. In fifth singles Ellen Luo squared off against Kelly Quinn and won 6-4 in the first set and 6-1 in the second. And in sixth singles Freshman Deanna Gallub won her first match at Stony Brook by a score of 6-5,6-2. In Friday's doubles action, Laura Higgins and Belvin Gong lost a wellfought match against the Sacred Heart pairing of Jessica Magri and Jennifer Galiza by the close score of 7-9. The team's first match may have been rough but their second match showed just how good the team can

On Sunday the women's tennis team showed a big improvement from Friday's loss. The team hosted Franklin Pierce College, but unfortunately lost to them by only one game. The final score in Sunday's game was F.P. 5 S.B. 4.

The deciding match was played by Stony Brook's Esther Forrester and Franklin Pierce's Stacey Morrison. Their matched was the

longest of the day as well as the most important. The two women fought two a split match in which a third game was played which featured extensive volleys and well-fought points. Unfortunately in this hard fought square of between the two, one had to lose. Despite her very hard work and being very consistent in returning every hit made by the other player, Forrester lost after battling back from a first set lose of 2-6 to win the second the set 6-2 and lost in the final set by a score of 1-6. In first doubles Laura Higgins and Belvin Gong lost to the pairing of Ruth Butz and Stacey Morrison by a score of 3-8. Higgins and Gong are two of the best players that the team has to offer but have struggled in their first two matches. Delquin Gong and Susan Lim did their best in 2nd doubles but also suffered a loss to F.P.'s Allison Smith and Kerrie Rowe. The duo of Ellen Luo and Deanna Ghozatti beat Pierce's Amy Spencer and Kristen Paino, 8-3. These two played very well and proved that they can be a threat on the court to opponent.

In singles action, 3rd singles Stony Brook player Belvin Gong defeated Allison Smith 6-3 and 6-1 and showed that you don't have to be tall to be a good tennis player. Delquin Gong was defeated by Kerri Rowe in another close match by a score of 3-6 and 4-6. They both played well and displayed great ability, which contributed to a good match. First singles player Laura Higgins lost a very tough match against her opponent Ruth Butz, the two had played earlier on in doubles action but now were going face to



Esther Forrester, above, played in the longest match of the day.

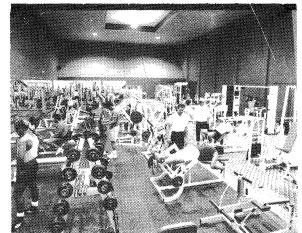
face. Higgins had some great shows as well as great returns, but she to fell in the long run and lost 5-7 in the first set and 0-6 in the second. Winning in 5th and 6th singles were Sophomore Ellen Luo and Freshman Deanna Ghozati they each won their matches by scores of 6-0,6-2 and 6-3,6-4, respectively.

The women's team is now 0-2, but travels on Tuesday to look for their first win of the season against Concordia. The team returns on Thursday to face Queens College at 3:30pm.

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A Tough Start

Seawolves Suffer Blowout in Season Opener

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tony Brook University's young football team peppered with key injuries, lost their season opener Friday night, 64-10, to the high flying Southern Connecticut State Owls. With both team captains sidelined, with preseason injuries, the Seawolves had no one to lead them to victory.

The team's excitement was evident as Stony Brook took the field on their path to next year's move to NCAA Division I. One could feel their energy as players realized they won the coin toss and elected to receive.

Southern Connecticut, shortly after, managed to dominate the tempo of the game.

From the opening kickoff, they held the Seawolves to poor field position. In the first half, their average starting field position was in a game against the Seawolves, on their own 22. In all eight which was set in 1984 by Trenton possessions in the half, they were State. held scoreless.

Southern Connecticut managed to do a lot better with their opening drives. They started on average at midfield and scoring six times. Prior to this game, the Seawolves never in their history allowed more than 30 points in a half. The Owls were Stanley to wide receiver Steve



The Seawolves, above lining up against the Owls, suffered their worst loss in the history of the team.

dominant, seizing a total of 44 points, breaking the old record for the most points scored by an opponent in against Stony Brook in

The Owls went on to score 20 more points in the game breaking the record for the most points allowed

Brian Stanley, a junior quarterback out of Baldwin NY, wearing number 13, ended the Seawolves' scoring drought in the fourth quarter.

The only other offensive points came off a three yard pass from

Sayegh with just over five minutes left in the game. Senior kicker Jason Harris made his two point after attempts. Stony Brook's running game was nonexistent. Running back Ralph Menendez, a junior from East Moriches, NY, led the team with only 18 yards. The team total was only 12 yards after Southern Connecticut forced three other to two touchdowns. teammates into negative rushing

The only bright spot on offense was from the quarter back connecting with receivers Sayegh and number 18, Lucas Niskanen, a sophomore from Bronx, NY. Combined, they represented 154 of the team's 201 total yards received.

Sayegh accomplished 91 yards on seven passes and a touchdown. Niskanen had six receptions for a total of 63 yards. Quarterback Scott Meyer, posted some nice numbers connecting 13 out of 21 times for 163 yards. The Owls dampened his accomplishments by swooping down and picking off three passes, leading

The highlights of the Seawolves defensive unit came in the fourth quarter when it made back to back fumble recoveries that led to the team's only two touchdowns. The Seawolves allowed 341 rushing

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