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Congressman Visits Campus

By YOO KYUNG LEE
Statesman Contributor

Congressman Michael Forbes, who has been a media target since switching political parties last July, was warmly received by Stony Brook students and faculty last Tuesday. Invited by the Stony Brook political science faculty, Forbes came to USB to speak about his career in politics and to answer questions regarding his dual role both as a legislative leader in the Capitol and in his local district.

Forbes, who is not related to billionaire Steve Forbes, recently pulled out of the presidential race. The democrat currently represents the First Congressional District which stretches across eastern Suffolk County from Smithtown on the north shore to Patchogue on the south. This includes Stony Brook.

The congressman began his lecture by sharing stories with the audience, telling how he got his start in politics. He cited the civil rights movement as an inspiration and the landmark events that took place in Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma, cities that were hotbeds during the movement. Since witnessing history in the making in the 1960's, Forbes was inspired into a career

in politics and pursued his interest by interning in the state legislature in Albany. This led to other political jobs such as a stint as press secretary to the chief of staff to former senator Alfonse D'Amato.

Forbes then answered the question on everybody's mind and the subject that has made him a favorite target of the media.

Why did he switch from republican to democrat? "I had switched parties and not my ideas," Forbes said. He explained that being a republican was a problem for him that progressed throughout the years. What began as differing ideologies eventually led to voting against his party.

The last straw came when the republican majority whip, Tom Delay spoke against the Mc Carthy Bill. Forbes calls the bill, which would enforce stricter gun control, "common sense safety."

This is particularly sensitive issue after the Columbine incident. After reflecting on the history he watched in the 1960's, Forbes remembered why he had entered politics. He then told a colleague "I'm done," and shortly after he switched parties. He said that after 29 years serving as a republican, switching to democrat is something of which he is



Courtesy of Forbes Online

Congressman Mike Forbes is an advocate of gun control.

very proud.

Forbes then entertained questions from students that dealt with issues concerning his constituents, his relationship with Congress, issues such as the United States' role in foreign policy and education, as well as who he endorses for the upcoming elections.

Proving that the best way to learn is

through active participation, the congressman's lecture was widely approved by the audience. Jennifer Keller, a political science and history major thought that it was worth it to miss class to see Forbes. "There is a difference between listening to a teacher speak about something," Keller said, "and actually hearing and seeing the person."

Corporate Control of Higher Education

By GUY GRANDJEAN
Statesman Staff

Corporations are slowly but surely taking over our universities. That was the message conveyed to faculty and students at a lecture given by Kevin Kniffen in the Student Activities Center on February 28.

As a student at Binghamton university, Kniffen became aware of the significant influence and control

corporations had on running his university. Through an examination of the university president's annual report, he discovered that the president was serving on numerous corporate boards and was being paid more than thirty thousand dollars a year for personal services. He found that this was a regular occurrence at American universities with top earning presidents at schools such as Carnegie Mellon and MIT, receiving as much as a hundred thousand dollars a year from private boards.

The financial interest Kniffen suggested had a direct influence on the president's actions. He said that they were "bound to operate in the interests of the shareholders." He also claimed a conflict of interest exists but more seriously, a conflict of commitment as university presidents spend significant amounts of time in board meetings.

The corporations Kniffen highlighted also have a dominant influence over the board of trustees. The SUNY board consists of four lawyers, fourteen business people and only one student. This disproportionate interest in favor of non-academic interests has, according to Kniffen, had a negative impact on student funding. Statistics show a decline in the proportion of state funding, paralleled by an average increase of tuition fees from \$1350 per semester to \$3400 per semester between the years 1988 and 1996. "This is part of a general trend toward corporatization," Kniffen said. "Students should organize against tuition fees moving up again."

Another area of corporate influence over universities has been branding of campuses. Corporations have aggressively competed for campus space. Corporations such as Coca-Cola, Barnes and Noble and other companies frequently buy up segments of campus. Stony Brook has increasingly become dominated by corporations. The recent multi-million dollar deal with Coca-Cola gave the company exclusive rights to sell only Coca-Cola bottled drinks on campus. Two years ago, plans were also proposed for a mall strip, called 'Campus Village,' to be constructed in the middle of campus. The proposal was dropped after student outrage.

The growing influence of corporations on the running of universities has reduced the extent to which the administrations are accountable to student concerns. "It is vitally important," Kniffen said, "that universities maintain some from of autonomy from corporate power." He suggested that the best way to resist it is by being active. "It can be stopped through drawing attention to the issues," Kniffen said, "through direct protest or the formation of campus groups."

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Don't Walk Alone

USB Student Robbed of Wallet and Car

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

In broad daylight, two men robbed a Stony Brook senior of her wallet and keys in the Stadium Parking Lot behind the Infirmary then sped off in her car.

"I felt really petrified," said the victim, who requested anonymity. "I was afraid that if I screamed they would beat me up."

The victim was walking to her 1990 Nissan Sentra parked in the Stadium Parking Lot after her class on Monday at 11:35 am. Two unarmed white men dressed in gray hooded sweatshirts and blue baggy jeans in their twenties approached her and told her to hand over her wallet and keys. The victim, a commuter, was not injured.

Although there were people only two or three rows from her car, the student feared that screaming would have aggravated the situation.

"I did not think this would happen to me, you always think this kind of thing would never happen to you," the victim said. "The Union is a pretty busy place and I thought I would have no problems there. To think that these people were waiting behind the Union is amazing."

"There should be stricter police enforcement," she said. "They should have security guards sit at each parking lot and have security cameras. If they would have had a camera there it would have helped the police and it would have helped me."



The robbery occurred in the Stadium Parking Lot behind the Infirmary.

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Students also echo the concerns about safety on campus, an issue that arose two years ago when three rapes occurred on campus.

Senior Jung Park, a commuter, said that she goes to the parking lot behind the Union daily at 10 pm and felt relatively safe. "I thought this school was safe but I guess not," she said. "There is not enough parking, not enough lighting and not enough

emergency phones." Park was also angered by the lack of communication between University officials and students, since she was not aware of the incident. "The school should at least warn us."

"It's very sad," said junior Inkhie Mars about the robbery. "The areas need to be secured.

They need to block off the entrances." Mars, 21, said that he would not feel safe if his sister attended USB and had to walk to her car alone.

"I am really concerned about the safety of all of us in the community," said Carmen Vazquez, dean of students.

According to University Police statistics, five robberies were

committed in 1998 and two in 1999.

University Police searched the entire campus and are working in conjunction with the Suffolk County Police, according to Douglas Little, deputy chief of University Police. "It is very rare that we have anything of this nature," he said. "It is very upsetting especially since it happened

in broad daylight. We want to alert the community that daytime or nighttime you have to be aware of your surroundings."

The victim of the incident said that all students should be careful. "Even if another person was with me I wouldn't have been as vulnerable."

"You could be the next victim," she said.

Personal Safety Tips

- Never walk alone unless it is absolutely necessary.
 - If you must walk alone, inform someone of your destination and approximate time of return.
 - Walk in an assertive manner; late at night, walk facing the flow of traffic.
 - Know where you are going. Plan your route in advance.
 - Avoid shortcuts. Always walk where there is plenty of traffic and light.
 - If you suspect you are being followed, walk to the nearest group of people or to a well-lighted area.
 - Have your keys ready before you reach your door.
 - Avoid excessive alcohol consumption and the use of drugs. Alcohol and drugs impair judgment and the ability to communicate effectively.
 - Avoid working, studying, or being alone in buildings, residence halls, or in isolated areas of the campus.
 - If an intruder attempts to enter while your car is stopped, accelerate and leave the area immediately.
 - Do not stop to aid a stranger in a stalled vehicle. Report the location to University Police or local police if off campus.
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Going Down?

SBS Elevators Undergoing Much Needed Repairs

By ERIN ROSENKING
Statesman Editor

After sustaining injuries to her neck and back, a student in the anthropology department was in no condition to climb up a flight of stairs. "It was too painful to walk," said the student who did not want to give her name, "so I figured I would just use the elevator."

But with classes in the Social and Behavioral Sciences building, this was easier said than done. "I waited about a half hour for the elevator," she complained. "By the time it came, I had already missed half my class."

Student John McCue had a similar story. Although he was not hurt, he too waited approximately ten minutes for the elevator. Upon getting on, he pressed the button for his destination, the fifth floor, only to find out that it did not stop there. "It stopped at the sixth floor and when I pushed the button for five, it went back down to the first floor," McCue said. "I had to walk up the stairs anyway."

Students, faculty and staff that use the SBS building are familiar with the elevator antics. Stories abound of doors closing on people as they walk on, going down to the basement after pressing a button to go up and stopping at every floor. Ironically, with seven floors, SBS is one of the tallest buildings on campus with one of the most serious elevator problems.

But Amy Provenzano, director of the physical plant, promises that all elevator issues will soon be addressed. "The campus has recognized a need to upgrade the elevators all across campus," she said, noting that elevator repairs are part of a "capital improvement" project the campus is about to undergo. She explained that of the four elevators in SBS, two are currently being completely overhauled. According to Provenzano, before the capital improvement plans, all four were in

working order.

However, this is hotly disputed by SBS patrons. A staff member in the building, who wished to remain anonymous, said that she couldn't remember a time when all four functioned. "There is absolutely no reason why our elevators should be so poor," she said. "There is never a day when all four elevators are in operation at the same time."

Anthropology professor David Bernstein agreed. "I have been here ten years and I have never seen them working right," he said. He noted that it is generally not a problem for him because he does not mind taking the stairs. However he mentioned that occasionally his work as an archaeologist requires the transport of heavy rocks up to his lab on the fifth floor. While he does not want to carry these up five flights of stairs, Bernstein's concern was with the handicapped. "How do they do it?" he wondered.

According to Donna Molloy, a counselor at the Disabled Student Services, laments about the elevators are common.

"We always get complaints for that," Molloy said, however she said that disabled students tend to complain about faulty elevators in the Humanities building which prevents them from getting to the DSS office, located on the second floor. Molloy explained that the typical procedure followed when a student has a problem with an elevator is to call a technician to get it fixed. She said that the problem is usually taken care of quickly but rarely fast enough to get a disabled student to class on time.

For the latest strange SBS elevator behavior, Provenzano blames overuse of the two that are not being fixed. "They are getting a lot more traffic than usual," she said, "but in two or three weeks, they should be serviceable, at which time the other two will be repaired." The injured anthropology student is relieved. "The way they are now," she said, "they are a real pain in the neck."



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Students often have to wait about 10 minutes for the elevator.

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Editorials

Time For a Change

Two years ago when there was a series of rapes on the Stony Brook campus, President Kenny folded under outside media attention. After the incident was publicized in Newsday and on local television channels, she made promises to improve safety around campus, including installing more blue light emergency phones and fixing broken lights. Students that walked around campus at night had known for years already that they were in a precarious situation. It was sad that it took a tragedy in order for these improvements to be implemented.

The latest assault on our campus is almost as scary as the rapes and it is certainly as serious. A student's car was stolen out of a USB lot, not only in the day light, but in the morning of all times. After being approached by two shifty looking guys in sweatshirts, the girl gave up her keys and watched as her car was driven off along with her purse.

Fearing for her safety, the girl did not make a peep when she was approached in spite of the fact that people were nearby

that could have provided help and possibly avoided the theft. She questioned why there are no security cameras or police officers patrolling each lot and protecting the campus from such an assault.

A good question, and undoubtedly one that will have to be addressed now. Another good question is why is it that there is always an officer, or at least a parking services attendant, around when the meter runs out or when you are parked illegally? Do not expect an answer from our administration when the students ask this question. We need NBC or ABC to ask. Maybe then we will see some changes.

Regardless of where the theft took place, it should be noted that to park behind the Union in the Stadium Lots, the location of the incident, does not come at a cheap price. They require a special pass that can be bought for \$150 per semester. When this new system was implemented, Parking Services director Michael Klien said that the money was to be used towards keeping the lot clean, painting lines and general upkeep. At that price, you would think that you could count on seeing your car after class as well as not seeing trash littering the

lot.

This also brings up the campus wide annoyance that plagues students who approach campus after midnight. With all outside gates closed, latecomers are forced to use the main entrance which is passable only after showing your USB identification to the officer at the gate. While we all grumble about the inconvenience, we can all mostly agree that it is a necessary evil. But this car robbery is further proof of what students already know. Thieves, rapists and assorted other societal refuse can be on campus at all hours of the day. And if they want to do something, nothing is to stop them from coming pre-midnight.

At a university of this size, it is only a matter of time for something bad to occur. We can only hope that this will inspire Stony Brook to take more stringent safety measures before something more serious happens. At least no one was hurt. In the meantime, be aware of your surroundings and if you can avoid it, don't go alone. How said it is that this warning needs to be heeded in the middle of the day.

THROWING SENIORS OUT

BY ISRAEL LUGARES
STATESMAN CONTRIBUTOR



Police Blotter

compiled by Julie Mingione, Statesman Editor

Wednesday, February 23

5:28 pm A male was threatening suicide in the Life Sciences Building. He was transported to the University Hospital.

Thursday, February 24

11:49 am A mountain bike was stolen from a bike rack outside of Keller College in Roosevelt Quad. The bike was valued at \$500.

5:27 pm A Dewey resident's car stereo was stolen from the vehicle.

Friday, February 25

12:23 am The Residence Hall Director of Hendrix College reported four suspicious males eyeing vehicles mistrustfully. Upon inspection, the suspects were gone.

1:02 am The Hendrix College RHD reported 10-15 males making noise outside the building. The crowd was dispersed by officers.

2:21 am A group of males were spotted having a verbal dispute in the Greeley Parking Lot. The situation was controlled and the crowd dispersed.

2:59 am An underage, intoxicated female fell ill and was transported to UH. The girl was referred to judicial

affairs.

3:15 am A non-student was arrested for disorderly conduct in the Greeley parking lot.

4:46 am People were reported screaming from a balcony in Hamilton College.

Suspects were gone upon arrival.

Sunday, February 27

5:27 pm A O'Neill College resident was transported to the UH for the misuse of lithium pills.

Blotter of the Week: 5:13 am
An intrusion alarm was sounded in the Union Deli. It was supposedly set off by deli employees, and when police arrived, they found a large crack in the exterior glass.

4:58 am The fire alarm was pulled in Toscanini College. Upon police arrival, no smoke or fire was detected.

9:24 am There was a small fire in the men's room of the Staller Center.

Saturday, February 26

7:15 am A garbage pail was thrown through the window of the Gray College end hall lounge.

4:17 pm Persons were possibly seen inside the closed Tabler Cafe.

Monday, February 28

12:00 am Two white males were seen standing by a vehicle in the Fine Arts Loop that did not appear to be theirs. Suspects were gone upon police arrival.

5:13 am An intrusion alarm was sounded in the Union Deli. It was supposedly set off by deli employees, and when police arrived, they found a large crack in the exterior glass. No employees were present.

11:40 am A female was approached in the Stadium lot by two white men in identical clothing. Her purse and black Nissan sentra were stolen in the process. An investigation is currently underway.

Tuesday, February 29

1:29 am A female in Dewey College reported receiving threatening phone calls.

2:47 am A Gray College Resident Assistant spotted three unfamiliar males in the hallway. When she asked them to leave, they refused and proceeded to tear down posters in the hallway and then ran out.

8:07 am Wires were cut on two smoke detectors in Irving College.

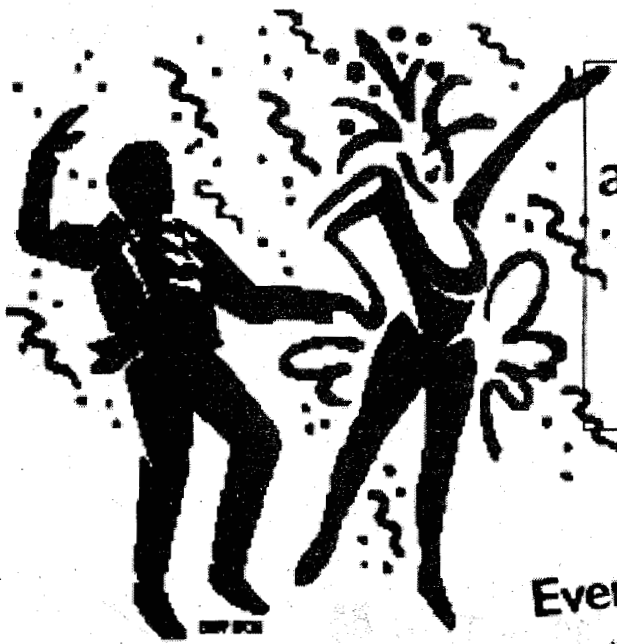
Wednesday, March 1

1:09 am In Tabler Quad, a person was reported to be screaming obscenities on a mega-phone.

2:48 am In James College, two suspects illegally entered through a window. Stolen property was recovered from outside the building. The two were arrested and issued appearance tickets for criminal trespass, and both were referred to student affairs.

6:38 am Swastikas were drawn on the walls of a stall in the Health Science Center.

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In Honor of the Other Sex

USB Celebrates Women's History Month

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

March celebrates Women's History Month, and all students across the campus are being encouraged to participate in the festivities.

Events have been planned to commemorate the contributions of women in fields such as political activism, medicine, music, acting, writing, and technology.

Some of the events feature guest speakers from various cultural and educational fields. Geri Jewell, actress and motivational speaker, will be a guest lecturer at an event sponsored by Disabled Student Services. Jewell's talk, "Women and Disability," will focus on the difficult task of being disabled coupled with being female. Jewell, who has cerebral palsy, is a motivational speaker for businesses, and travels across the country to inspire people, men and women, disabled or not.

Stephanie Patterson, senior staff assistant for Disabled Student Services, is enthusiastic about the lecture, heralding Jewell's acting achievements. She had a recurring role as cousin Geri on the 80s TV show *The Facts of Life*. "It



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The display *Extraordinary Women, 1900-2000* will be exhibited in the admissions office in the Administration building until March 31.

was one of the first times a woman with a disability was featured on a television show," she said. Jewell will be lecturing on March 8 at the SAC, during campus life time.

Well-known activist and author Angela Davis will also be speaking at the University during Women's History Month. Davis is participating as keynote speaker at the Annual Diversity Conference at the SAC on March 31. The conference is a day-long event that will present instructional and discussion sessions on the topic of female empowerment. Colleen

Wallahora, a staff assistant in Women's Studies, calls the conference, "A big deal. It's very exciting."

AIDS has been the subject of many lectures on campus recently and will continue to be an area of interest this month. Emily Moore, professor of educational leadership and policy studies at Iowa State University will deliver a talk on "Women and AIDS in Zimbabwe" on March 13. It will take place in the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, located on the first floor of the Library at 6 p.m. This lecture is sponsored by the Federated Learning Community, as well as the Women's Studies Department.

Wednesday, March 8 is International Women's Day, and a program, complete with singing and lecturing, called, "Mobilization and Strike Against Violence," is being presented in the Peace Center at 5:30. Judy Wishnia, one of the founders of the women's studies program on campus, will be speaking on brutality against women. The event is being organized by Temma Kaplan of the Women's Studies Department.

On Saturday March 4; Wednesday, March 8; Tuesday, March 14; and Wednesday, March 29; S.A.F.E (Sexual Assault Facts and Education) will present a series of programs. "S.A.F.E. events are well-worth attending," said Wallahora.

American violinist Pamela Frank, of the Danish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, will be featured at their performance on Thursday evening in the Staller Center's Theater Two.

Although in this age, women have received some praise and attention for their efforts in every field of study, the fight for equal treatment with men is far from over. Marci Lobel, a Stony Brook associate professor of Psychology, will give a lecture titled, "Women in Modern Society: Have We Come a Long Way, Baby?" on March 29 in the Peace Center during campus lifetime.

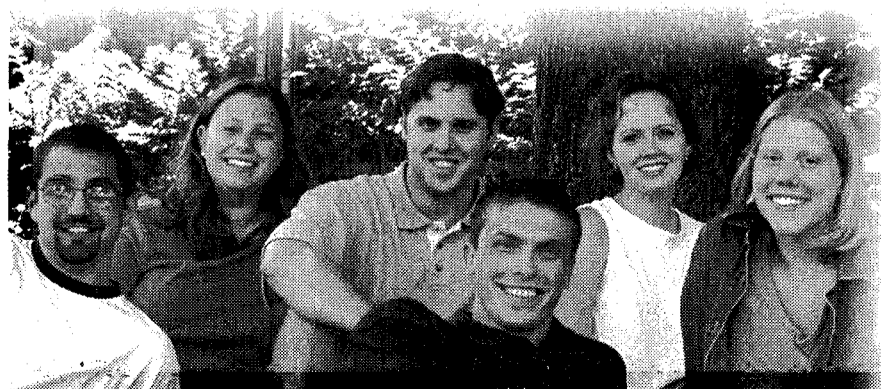
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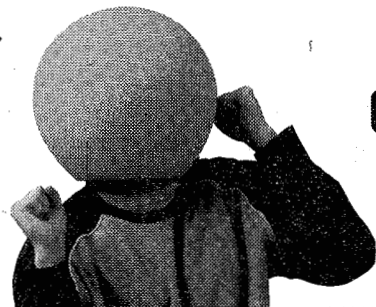
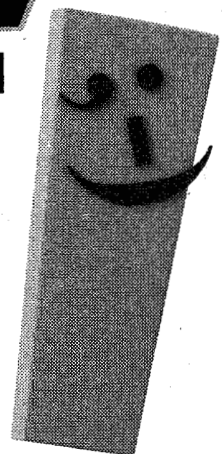
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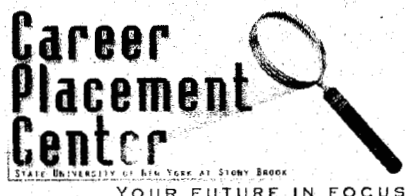
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The Stony Brook Statesman Thursday, March 2, 2000

Seawolves Weather Tough Men's Basketball Season

By JOSEPH BAILEY
Statesman Staff

It was the last game of their first Division I season last Wednesday when the Stony Brook Seawolves men's basketball team lost to Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi by a score of 87-56.

The team suffered a season of loss and great despair, winning only 6 out of 29 games.

Although the move to Division I status was completed before USB

average and shot 32 percent from the line this season.

"I don't think I played that well all season," said Pratta. "I didn't really dominate and shoot the ball the way I wanted to." Pratta attributes his best playing to the last couple of games in the season, where he scored 17 points against Cleveland State and 25 points against Lafayette College.

After graduation, Pratta hopes to pursue his dual citizenship in

"I am happy with our team and they have come a long way."

- Coach Macarchuk

could assemble the "firepower" needed to beat off the stiff competition of the NCAA, the Seawolves have managed to remain focused and play hard through out the course of the season.

Some believe the team has displayed improvement over the course of the season. "We wish the season could start now because I think we would be a little better," said head basketball coach Nick Macarchuk. "I am happy with our team and they have come a long way."

Despite their rapid progress, the team has weathered a losing season, battling against tough opponents, including Auburn, who beat the Seawolves 100-45, and St John's University, who won by a 40-point blowout of 84-43. Both losses went down as the worst losses in USB sports history.

The team has enjoyed the skills of top scorer Steve Pratta and junior guard Josh Little, who leads the team in three point field goals. The team members will undergo a series of transitions next season when they lose five of their key players.

"Most of the players on our team will be graduating, and the team will be mostly made up of freshman next year," said coach Macarchuk. "We are going to have a totally different team."

The team will lose Steve Pratta, who is the starting point guard, and leads the team in scoring. Pratta, who scored 10 points in last Wednesday's bout with Texas A&M, maintained a 37 percent field goal

Italy where he can play basketball overseas professionally.

Among others, the team will also lose 6'3 swingman Francois Oloa, who has been a dominant force in the Seawolves lineup. Oloa, who had a season high of 20 points against Cornell, was 40 percent from outside and scored a total of 149 points for the season.

"I think the last month and a half he has been very good, and he has made a very sincere effort to work harder," said coach Macarchuk.

Oloa, a French native who was drafted for the Seawolves basketball program from St. Thomas Moore Prep School in Connecticut, says the he wasn't putting forth all his effort in the first half of the season.

His hard work and perseverance paid off later on in the season, earning him the chance to start some games in which he admits, "the team started to see some good things coming out of me."

Oloa hopes to land a job on Wall Street and also look into other possibilities of playing professionally overseas.

Other seniors, such as Pablo Porras, a strong rebounder for the team this season, and Michael Sales, a dominant center, are among those scheduled to graduate this year.

The team plans to do some recruiting for the upcoming basketball season.

"It's going to take us a while before we see the recruits coming in and how they play," said coach Macarchuk.

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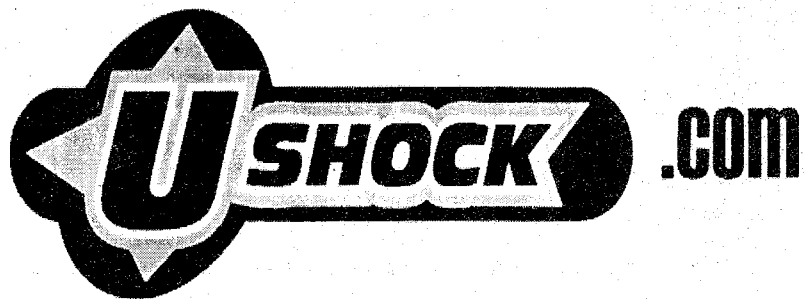
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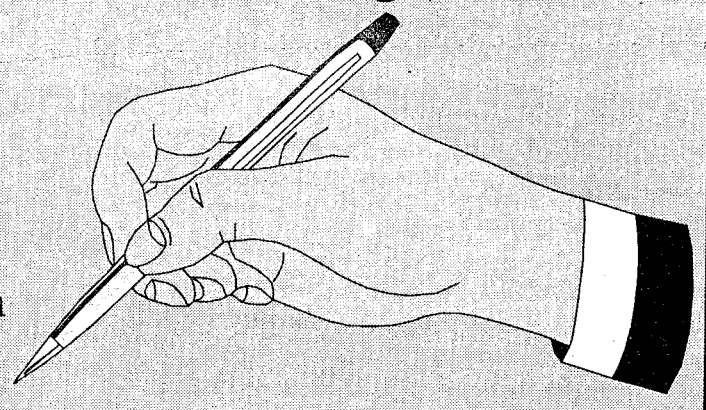
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Taking it in the Back

BY JENNIFER GREENFIELD
Statesman Contributor

Weighing in at a whopping 23 lbs. in a blue and green tartan plaid, is a backpack belonging to Stony Brook senior Yolanda Aaron.

She is sitting in the Humanities Café grabbing a bite to eat and taking a breather from a nine-and-a-half hour school day. "I am glad I am almost done with school, I can stop carrying around this heavy backpack. Soon I can just carry a purse," she said.

Aaron, a history major, is a commuter student living in Babylon. When she comes to campus she must carry her backpack all day. "I get to school at 9:35 am and my last class ends at 6:30 pm," she said.

According to the Consumer Safety Commission, it is estimated that more than 3,300 students have been treated in emergency rooms last year alone for back injuries related to book bags. Backpacks can weigh 10 to over 20 lbs, which can equal to 10 to 15 percent of a person's body weight. This has increased the risks of permanent spinal cord damage, according to the Consumer Safety Commission.

Freshman Niranjana Cohen, called Nina, had a solution to the problem. "All our books should be on floppy disk or CD-ROM. It would save a lot of paper, money and back pain," she said.

Her roommate Rachel Goldman, a junior and geology major, likes carrying around her backpack despite its weight. "I really like my backpack. It is like a security blanket."

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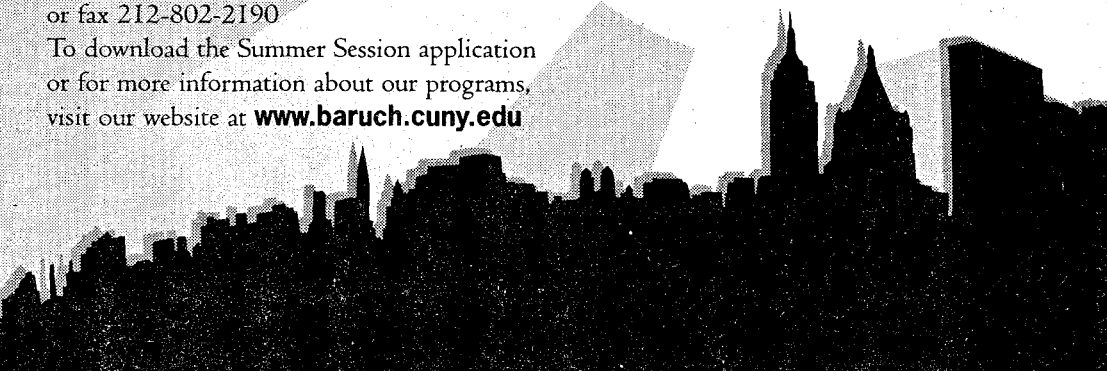
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even if I am going to a dance or a club," Goldman said.

Carrying heavy book bags can lead to permanent spinal column damage so students must learn to wear their backpacks correctly, said Dr. Marvin Arnsdorff, a chiropractor in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina and the creator of the Backpack Safety America Program, which educates schools on the health problems associated with using heavy backpacks. The weight needs to be distributed evenly and properly, Arnsdorff said.

Juan Alvarez, a freshman business major who commutes everyday from Hampton Bays, has a black Jansport backpack with a rubber bottom, weighing 16 lbs. "At first it was heavy but now I got used to it." Alvarez lugs his filled backpack with him during his 8 am to 9:30 pm school days on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 am to 12:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Textbooks, notebooks, and binders are the bulk of the weight that students carry around on their backs. They also fill their bags with pens, pencils, daily planners, calculators and cell phones.

Charlene Sullivan a graduate student in the marine sciences carries around a 20 lb. yellow and black North Face backpack containing two binders and a Dell 7500 Laptop computer. "All students should get free back massages because of having to carry around heavy backpacks all day," Sullivan said.

On a light day, Mindy Abraham's bag weighs 14 lbs. "If I go from one place straight to another I have to carry them all with me," Abraham said. "Just my organic chemistry book and a binder is heavy but I exercise so it doesn't bother me."

Devorah Rosenthal worked out her own system for the heavy backpack problem She works on campus for Shelanu, USB's Jewish newspaper, which has an office in the Humanities building. "On an average day I try to leave half of my books in my office, then swap books during the day," she said.

Rosenthal sports a purple Jansport backpack which weighs 12 lbs. It usually contains a notebook, wallet, and an organizer. "I have to leave some books. Otherwise it is way too heavy and it kills my back," said the Gershwin resident.

Yolanda Aaron, summed up her frustrations of carrying her big back pack, "It's a pain."



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Poisoned Apple

Tempermental Artist in Rare Form at Roseland

By KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Staff

Since last semester, there has been talk around campus that Fiona Apple might be appearing at Stony Brook. Nothing has been officially announced regarding this gossip, but last semester, the SAB allocated money for a Fiona Apple concert. The intention to book such a sought after act is a noble one, given Apple's popularity amongst college students, and the common complaint that USB does not host enough

concerts.

Despite campus enthusiasm, the best-laid plans of student organizations often hit a wall, and this plan to book Apple is no exception. Following a dismal display at the Roseland Ballroom on Tuesday, there is some question as to whether or not Apple should be performing at all.

Apple's tour, which launched shortly after the release of her second album, will take her down the Eastern Coast and as far West as California before it ends. The

tour stopped off at the popular New York City venue to perform before a sold-out crowd composed primarily of young women. This show of shows began at 9:15, when a frantic Apple rushed onto the stage and announced herself. "This isn't Roseland tonight," she shrieked. "This is Fionaland and I can do whatever the hell I want!" Raucous cheering followed this proclamation, and Apple rushed offstage. Opening band Jurassic 5, a group of five men who specialize in old school hip-hop, gave a solid performance in front of an impatient crowd. Their style, though hackneyed, provided for a refreshing return to a genre that has moved out of the mainstream in recent years.

Apple returned to the stage and the packed venue erupted in cheers. She looked frenzied when she took a seat at the piano, and as her vocals on "Paper Bag" slipped further and further off key, her expression grew more and more ferine. Some notes were completely lost to the furious screams with which Apple peppered the piece. The band members on stage studied their instruments intently, and continued to play.

The distressed singer stood up and stalked from the piano to her microphone stand, took a breath and let loose with her emotions. "So, I'm pretty bad at hiding things," she said, "but I can't hear myself and I want all you reporters to put your notebooks away." Apple was referring to the sound monitors on the stage. She explained that Roseland sound technicians had set the levels so low that she could not hear her own voice. "This show sucks," whined Apple, "and I am so so sorry." She then proceeded to rip into the press, screaming at the top of her lungs and punctuating every other word with vulgarities. Apparently, Apple was concerned that some reporters would portray her in a negative light.

Surprisingly, those assembled responded positively to Apple's temper tantrum. They egged her on with surges of applause and supportive comments as she stood on stage, tugging at her hair and squeezing her head in her hands. "You're so beautiful Fiona!" yelled one fan, and

for a moment, Apple's gaze seemed to focus on her surroundings. "You're doing great," cried another.

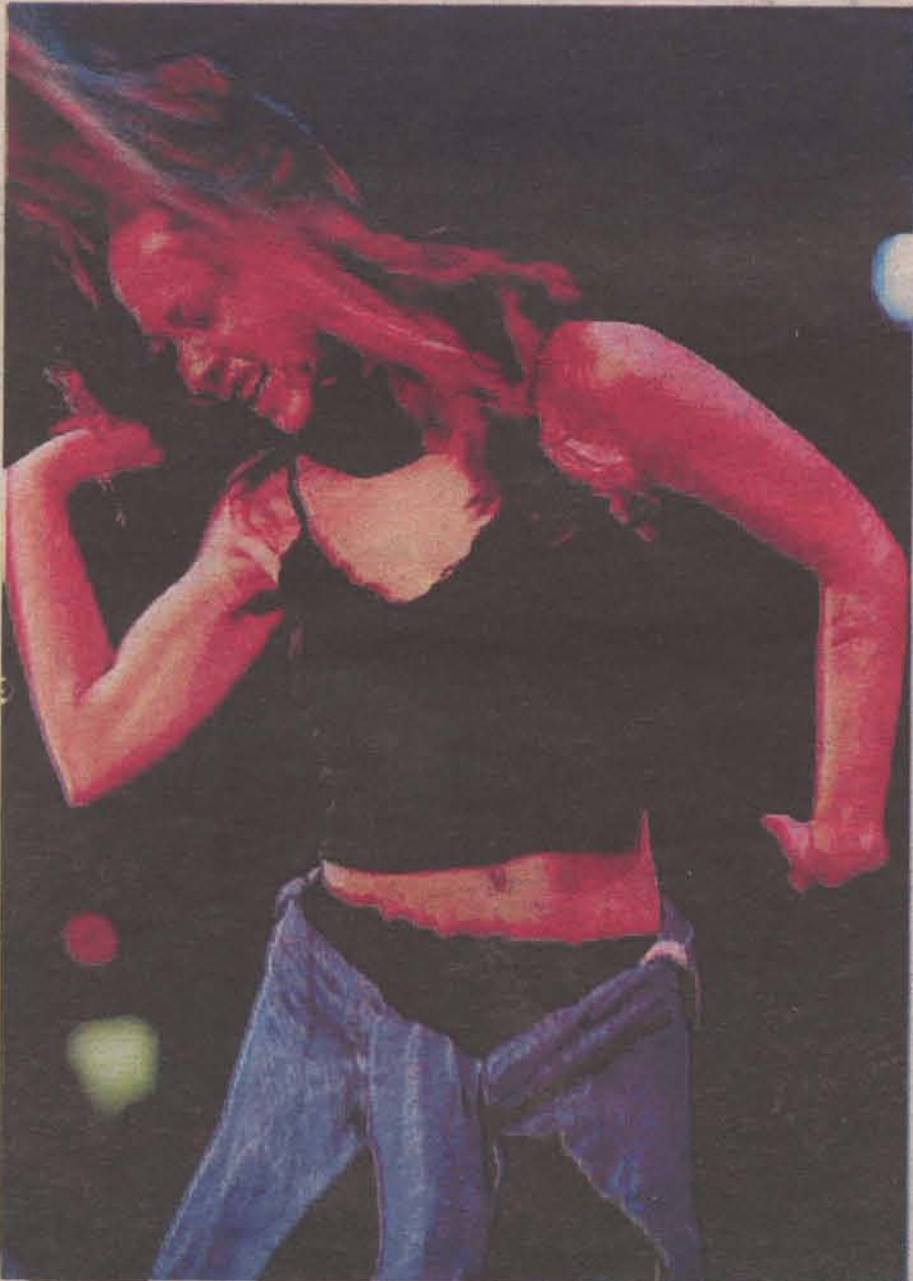
Apple performed a couple of other songs, notably "Criminal," a hypnotizing melody that she managed to get through without any major problems. She did, however, go back to screaming about the press after completing the song, going into a rant that many audience members ignored. "Just play a song," yelled one crowd member, as the audience began to get angry. People started to walk out.

After another hair pulling, shaking, cursing diatribe, Apple launched into her next song, a track called "Carrion" from *Tidal*, her first release. She stopped in the middle of a verse. "This song is dead," she declared. An unidentified affiliate ran over to Apple and appeared to be comforting her. After a short break, Apple told the audience she would finish off the song. She did, but just barely, with her voice trailing off at unnecessary moments, continuous shaking and crying, and more screams.

The tune ended and Apple announced a five-minute break, during which time the technicians could fix the sound. One technician came onstage and adjusted the microphone. He then sauntered off, and the remaining crowd waited expectantly for the return of the headliner. She never appeared. Roseland personnel informed everyone that the show was over, and the crowd dissipated, with many shouting angry comments about rip-offs, bratty rock stars, and fairness.

After all was said and done, the incident made its way through the media and the airwaves. Concert promoters at Delsener-Slater had no comment on the show. Apple's publicist, Luke Berlind, did not return our phone calls.

One thing is certain. If Apple can not handle a crowd of New York teenagers without having a nervous breakdown, chances are pretty slim that she'll jump on the opportunity to entertain an entire New York college campus like USB. Just like the music industry itself, college fans are notoriously unforgiving to pampered rock stars who can not stick it out through a full set.



Courtesy of RollingStone.com

Singer Fiona Apple walked offstage in front of a sold out crowd in the Roseland Ballroom.