

Statesman

# Sports

## The Team That Belongs on Football's Greatest Stage

By ALI KHAN  
Statesman Staff

Rams 38 Patriots 17, Rams 24 Patriots 23, Rams 30 Patriots 20.

Everywhere one looked, it appeared as though sports prognosticators had written off the Patriots against a seemingly superior Rams team. So there was little reason to believe a team that was led by a second year quarterback, declared a 14-point underdog at kickoff and faced the "greatest show on turf" would even stand a remote chance.

On top of all that, the Rams had the league MVPs of the past three seasons in Marshall Faulk and Kurt Warner. Apparently the Patriots just didn't get the message...

"In the first Superbowl ever won on a last second field goal, the Pats pulled out a dramatic upset over the St. Louis Rams 20-17. Amidst rumors that they were a team of "luck" they silenced all

critics by effectively shutting down a Rams offense that had never trailed by more than 8 points in a game all season.

Trailing 3-0 early the Patriots defense made a play that was indicative of their performance all day. St. Louis quarterback Warner went back to pass when Patriots linebacker Mike Vrabel blitzed from the left side. Warner, feeling the pressure floated a pass into the hands of all-pro cornerback Ty Law, who sprinted 47 yards into the end zone putting the Pats up 7-3. It was Warner's first interception in nearly 60 Superbowl pass attempts.

The Pats would end up capitalizing on another Rams turnover just before halftime on a fumble by wide receiver Ricky Proehl caused by the jarring hit of cornerback Antawn Harris. The ball was picked up by cornerback Terrell Buckley and returned into Rams territory.

That drive would eventually



Courtesy of www.yahoo.com  
Patriots' kicker Adam Vinatieri celebrates with Ken Walter after scoring the game winning goal.

end with a touchdown pass from quarterback Tom Brady to wide receiver David Patten, putting the Pats up 14-3 heading into halftime.

The second half would offer more of the same tempo as the first, as another Warner interception at the hands of cornerback Otis Smith would lead to an Adam Vinatieri field goal putting up the Pats 17-3.

The Rams would not go

down that easily, however. Heading into the fourth quarter, trailing by 14, they began driving. With nearly 10 minutes remaining in the game, however, the Pats nearly pulled away. With the Rams threatening on the Patriots 4 yard line, Warner made a bolt for the end zone only to fumble the ball away. It was picked up by Terrell Buckley, once again, and returned for a 96-yard touchdown. The play was marred by a holding penalty called against the Pats defense that would bring the ball back.

The Rams would go on to score and cut the deficit to 7 points, 17-10. They eventually got the ball back after a key defensive stop with two minutes left and, Warner, showing the poise of a former Superbowl MVP, drove his team down the field once again. The Rams would end up scoring on a Warner to Proehl 26-yard touchdown pass, and the stage

was set for a memorable ending.

Enter Tom Brady, the second-year man who, just this week, had been given the green light to play—despite a bum ankle. Brady showed his team why they had made the right decision. With less than two minutes remaining he drove his team into the Rams' territory, bringing on Vinatieri for a 47-yard field goal attempt to win it.

Vinatieri, a man who had never missed a field goal under a domed roof in his entire career, shook off all jinxes and split the uprights in a play that capped off a brilliant Patriots playoff run. Aply, Brady was name the Superbowl MVP.

Facing innumerable odds, the Pats showed why they were a team that indeed belonged on football's greatest stage in one of the most exciting Superbowls ever played. Congratulations to the 2001-2002 Superbowl champion New England Patriots.

## B-Ball Starters Score Big, But Lose to Albany

By JEFFREY JAVIDFAR  
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A season high 2,228 fans attended the Seawolves' home contest against SUNY rival Albany, only to be treated to the disheartening scene of the Great Danes' joyous celebration at half court, after a 65-54 victory. When it was all said and done, Stony Brook let yet another potential victory slip through its fingers, much like loose balls did all afternoon.

With both teams combining for a total of nine wins, the game was clearly played to determine the better of the two lessors. The win improved Albany's record in America East play to a meager 3-6 and 6-14 overall, while the defeat pushed the Seawolves' mark further down the spiral to a lowly 2-8 in their

conference.

The graduation of center Leon Brisport and a competitive league schedule has been too bitter of a pill for the Seawolves to swallow. Where last year all the talk was about an 18 win season, with 18 losses in tow and three of their remaining six games on the road, 20 plus losses is now a virtual a certainty.

As expected the main problem with this year's squad is a lack of any inside presence, which coach Nick Macarchuk was going to combat by running more and shooting better. However, as the Seawolves have found out you cannot be a jump shooting team if you do not make open shots or hold onto rebounds.

To make matters worse, outside of point guard D.J. Munir no one on the team

can muster enough courage to take the shot or can much less be relied upon for consistent offensive production.

Saturday's game was no different. Stony Brook's starters combined for 35 total points, with red hot Munir pouring in 28 of them by way of 10-18 shooting, including 4-8 from behind the arc. He also managed to pull down six boards, dish out four assists, and come up two steals.

Munir got the Seawolves off to a torrid start scoring 21 first half points, as the home side staked an early lead.

"Over the last five games I've been pretty hot," said Munir. "I just made it a point to shoot and it gave us the 12-2 lead."

Albany took advantage of streak of poor shooting by the



Courtesy of www.goseawolves.org  
Even D.J. Munir, scoring 28 baskets, could not rescue the Seawolves from defeat by the Albany Danes on Saturday.

Seawolves to get back into the game. However a buzzer-beating jumper by Munir gave Stony Brook, a 32-31 lead going into the half.

To the chagrin of

Macarchuk, Stony Brook came out flat in the second half for the third straight game, scoring only seven points over the first 15 minutes of the second half.

Yet with a little over two minutes left, the Seawolves were still in the game, but a series of unlucky breaks and missed open looks doomed Stony Brook to its fourth consecutive loss.

With the exception of freshman swingman Mike Orfini who scored 12 points, none of the other Seawolves scored more than five points.

However, Munir refused to blame a lack of talent for this season's woes.

"That's the kind of way this season is going," he said. "The ball bounces the wrong way and the momentum swings. We're very young and we haven't learned how to win yet."



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# Coping With Breast Cancer Through Discussion

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As Long Island continues to maintain one of the highest rates of cancer in the country, Stony Brook faculty, staff, and students are welcome to join a weekly reading group which discusses breast cancer and its effects on those involved.

The readings, which will be held through April on Mondays between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m., will focus on the history of breast cancer, its treatments, and the patient's experience. Readings will include political, social, sexual, psychological, physiological, and economic perspectives.

At the group's first meeting on Monday, Feb. 4, group leader Tanfer Emin stressed the importance of talking about health issues like breast cancer.

"Breast cancer is an issue that is important to both women and men," Emin said, "and though women are certainly more prone, it is an illness that affects entire families and communities."

As one of its first activities, the

group will view a map of Long Island overlain with breast cancer incidence rates. According to Hellen Lemay, a Woman's Studies professor who attended the meeting, breast cancer is an especially crucial issue to discuss at Stony Brook because of Long Island's



Courtesy of Imran Arif

Students engaged in conversations on Breast Cancer.

very high incident rates. By identifying communities which are especially affected, she said, group members will realize how close to home the problem is.

Hearing first-hand accounts of breast cancer survivors will also be a vital part of the group's learning experience. In

addition to a guest speaker, several students in attendance have faced and survived breast cancer personally, and within their families.

Brad Jensen, a Stony Brook freshman, joined the group because of such personal experiences. When he was in high school, his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Since then, he has become involved in community activism and been interested in cancer research.

Emin believes this is one of the most important reasons why many people should attend these readings.

"Breast cancer has changed so many people's lives," Emin said. "A part of this discussion series will be to better understand medical professions and technologies, so that if breast cancer were to affect family or friends, students would be well-informed."

The group went on to discuss current controversies related to breast cancer, such as the effectiveness of mammograms and other prevention methods, and the sentimentality of the illness. One Ph.D. student in attendance commented on the gender

differences between breast and prostate cancer. He illustrated his point by mentioning that for breast cancer there are marches, ribbons, and teddy bears, which are not seen with prostate cancer.

The breast cancer discussion group is a part of the Women's Health Series, sponsored by the Women's Studies department. On March 6, A Conversation About Breast Cancer conference will be held in the SAC auditorium. It is open to everyone, and will be an opportunity to meet breast cancer survivors, scholars, and researchers.

"I'd encourage students to attend," Emin said. "It will be a multi-generational, interdisciplinary event. So much can be learned just by listening and absorbing the presentations."

Readings are on Mondays, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Feb. 4 - April 15 in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, 3rd Floor. For free registration to the A Conversation About Breast Cancer Conference, call 632-9176.

# Free Albany Trip Offers Voice to SBU

By KAREN RICE  
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Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and alumni will have the opportunity to talk to elected state officials at the 6th Annual Stony Brook Day in Albany. The event, which will take place Feb. 26, is a trip to Albany and is open to all SBU community members, particularly students, according to Pat Cruso, government liaison officer and a coordinator for Stony Brook Day.

Students are encouraged to attend because many legislators appreciate SBU students' opinions. "Elected officials prefer to talk to students," Cruso said. "They see students as the consumers of the education that they vote for the budget for. They are voting for them [students]."

Cruso estimates that approximately 250 students and a total of 250 faculty, staff and alumni will attend this year. They will be divided into about 50 teams of 8-10 people each, and each team will have 5-6 appointments. Each appointment is

a one half hour interview with a state legislator in his or her office.

These interviews allow the legislators to question students about their concerns and opinions, and according to Cruso, the officials ask questions such as why students chose to go to SBU and how they feel about the school.

Hilda Ding, 20, a pre-med. junior from Commack studying psychology, agreed that many of the legislators appreciated student comments, but others seemed disinterested.

"It depends on who you got to see, some of them [legislators] were very enthusiastic," said Ding. "Some weren't there and they just had their secretary take down our comments and opinions."

Ding attended last year's Stony Brook Day in Albany with the Honors College as part of a mini-course requirement. She also added that the day was a fun experience, but recommended that students register with some friends to make the day more interesting.



Courtesy www.sunysb.edu

Many SBU students and faculty attended Stony Brook Day in Albany last year.

In turn, students can talk about their wishes for the future and ways they feel SBU can be improved, such as smaller class sizes, more classroom space and more professors.

"This project has a very strong public relations theme," Cruso said. "By building strong positive relationships now, in good times, when we need to go, when serious issues arise . . . there will be a whole lot more reception."

Serious issues that have been dealt with in the past are tuition increases, fee increases and the state of the residence

halls.

The day will also include a round-trip coach bus ride with on-board bathrooms and reclining seats, a great deal of food and the opportunity to make new friends and cement relationships.

Cruso recalled one student who wound up sitting next to one of her professors for the entire 3-4 hour ride. The professor taught a very large class and the student had never talked to him, but she gained the opportunity to tell him all her concerns about the course.

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# Bird Song: Composition 15

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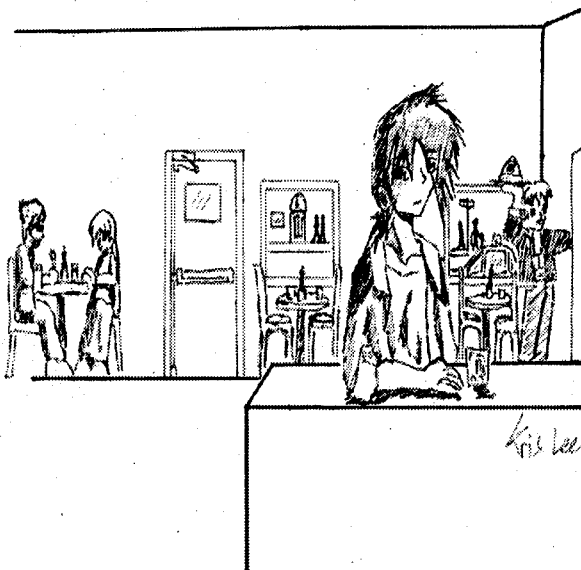
Humans are interesting creatures. Although their existence has been a sneeze in the history of the earth they have adapted and survived to become the dominant species of the earth. The events of that week were such a mess, you could hardly blame me for forgetting the time or day it was, but in the time I left Crista's house and started following the man in the dark glasses ... I changed. What would take some people a lifetime to change, took me one night. I went from questioning everything, becoming enraged and confused, to a completely faithless acceptance of whatever was given to me. The path had been started, there was no denying it, there was nothing left to do but to follow.

I was not being given all the information. I was lacking a lot of explanations, and the only one who could give them to me was either Crista or the man in the dark glasses. With Crista gone and no way for me to find her, I decided to trust fate and follow the man. The weather was still morbid. Dark clouds shadowed my pursuit as he led me into the seedy section of town. Like a section of town forgotten by the government, it looked much like the slums of New York City. A small section dedicated to the wanna-be-rebels and troublemakers of the quiet city. No birds settled here save the pigeons. I felt stifled and lost in this dreary run down section. Something ominous permeated the air here, leaving me wanting to turn back. But truth is never gained by running away from the answer.

The man led me to the edge of town, constantly looking about as a guilty paranoid individual would. He knocked lightly on the door at the side. I then witnessed some exchange of words and then money. I knew that this man was filthy, but without any proof or any idea of what was going on, all I had left was to follow him and hope that he would lead me to Crista.

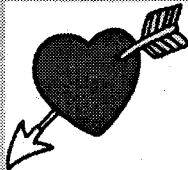
Five more encounters like this and a short break at a diner, I finally found myself at an apartment building. Soon enough, the man and Crista reappeared outside ... she was latched on to his arm as he led her towards a restaurant. Food didn't seem to interest me as I sat as close as possible and strained my ears. It was no use, the crowd at the restaurant was too much, and I couldn't make anything out of their conversation. But I did hear one thing. He kept calling her April.

I decided that for me she would always be Crista, even if the rest of the world looked at her as April. If she had



died that day we met, then she was alive for me. I still refused to believe that she did not care about me anymore. I needed to tell her that. I needed to tell her that I loved her. Even if I was going to die that night, I needed to tell her. My life would have had no meaning if she didn't really love me.

Soon. I didn't know it, of course, but soon it was all going to end. Our story together was about to end, that night and forever.



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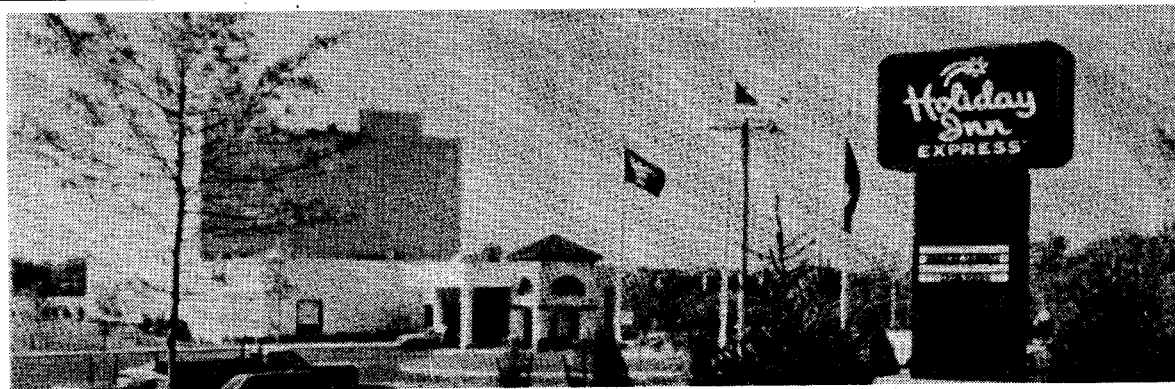
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# A Service for the Community by the Community

LEO ALEXANDER CHING  
Statesman Contributor

Acting on the interest of creating a community within and around its campus, Stony Brook University pledged to raise \$40,000 for the Suffolk chapter of Habitat for Humanity International.

The money will be used by the local chapter for the construction of a new house, the "Stony Brook House", for a deserving low-income family in North Bellport, L.I. Habitat for Humanity International and its chapters are a non-profit organization that sells Habitat houses at no interest-low monthly mortgage rates to families in need of standard housing around the world.

Families who purchase these houses are required to put in 250 hours of construction time on their house. The Habitat Committee Planning Group is in charge of raising the \$40,000 of the estimated \$60,000 the Suffolk chapter needs to build the house. The chapter plans to obtain the remaining \$20,000 from its own fundraiser events.

Stony Brook University has had interest in community building since it launched the Campus Community Initiative in 2000, which calls for thematic community involvement within and around campus every year. Rebekah Schulz, the Habitat for Humanity representative, said Stony Brook's promise to community building and its commitment to sponsor and help construct a Habitat house is noteworthy.

"This is a fabulous way for Stony to show its support for the community," said Schulz. "This could be a spectacular

partnership for both parties."

The committee is responsible for the 23 different campus departments that are participating in raising the promised funds. Each of the departments is responsible for raising a predetermined portion of the \$40,000.

The campus departments range from the Stony Brook Hospital to the Faculty Student Association, and were all chosen to represent each of the different communities of the University. Student organizations varying from Polity to hobby clubs have shown interest in involving themselves with the fundraising and construction of the house.

Although the actual fundraising campaign does not begin until Feb. 27, individuals involved in its planning stages are confident and optimistic in Stony Brook's efforts.

"I don't really see a problem in raising the money," said Committee member Robert Fung, who is also the Director of Student Activities.

Referring to the 23 departments and their coordinators, committee member Joan Dickinson said, "The coordinators are the most positive and excited group that I've worked with."

Working under the campus-wide Community Leadership theme set for the 2001-2002 academic year, the Habitat Committee Planning Group decided that the fundraising campaign would be an interdepartmental competition. Committee members foresee departments competing with each other to obtain the greatest percentage of funds by exceeding their target contributions

and using any fundraising technique they choose.

"This year is the year of community leadership, that is why the task is not handled by the University. Every area is coming up with something of their own. We want everyone to have fun with it," said Fung.



Courtesy of www.sunysb.edu

**SBU students devote their time and efforts to Habitat for Humanity.**

Basketball challenges, Jeopardy tournaments and other events will situate one department against another in friendly competition. Money will be raised via entrance competition fees.

Additional fundraising techniques include the "Jail and Bail" event that is under the direction of the L.I. Veterans Home. In this event, an individual makes a payment to the Veterans Home to have a targeted individual temporarily arrested in a makeshift jail. Although the details are not finalized, the general concept is

that if the jailed individual seeks freedom, either the bail bond must be paid or the time must be served out. The bail bond is equivalent to payment made by the person requesting the imprisonment.

Kathleen Tansey, one of three coordinators for the fundraising event at the Veterans Home, said, "People are willing to participate without knowing what we're doing. It's going to be a lot of fun."

The department with the greatest percentage surplus funds is entitled to a prize, which the committee has not yet determined. Additionally, they will be recognized during an award ceremony.

Frederick Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs who chairs the Habitat Committee Planning Group, describes the difference between the Habitat fundraising campaign and other fundraisers as two-fold. He explained saying this is the first in the school's history that a fundraiser included all of categorical communities in the University and that it is the first wherein Stony Brook's community members partake in physical labor.

A fundraiser kickoff is scheduled to take place to bring awareness and hype to the proposed "Stony Brook House". It will be held on the 5th floor of University Hospital on Feb. 12. A second kickoff will follow, however the date has not been determined yet.

Construction of the Stony Brook House is not scheduled to begin until later this fall and is not expected to be finished until later next year.

## EOP Takes AIM For Success At SBU

By EISHA BASIT  
Statesman Editor

Among the many student service programs available on campus, EOP stands out as a support system that allows students the opportunity to attend a university. The Educational Opportunity Program, otherwise known as AIM (Advancement on Individual Merit) is Stony Brook's academic and financial support program for students who face obstacles in acquiring higher education.

EOP was first installed in 1968 and gained its funding by the New York State Legislature by 1970. The EOP here at Stony Brook is just one of the many across SUNY campuses, and hosts more than 600 students from our college community. The primary mission of AIM is to see the successful enrollment, education, and graduation of each of the students it services.

Acting Director of EOP, Cheryl Hamilton, related the many

benefits that entail an EOP student, ranging from personal counseling and academic advising to tutorial services and a separate computer lab only for EOP members. Students also have the advantage of attending workshops and conferences that involve them in topics such as post-graduate career opportunities.

"We like to look at ourselves as a hub; a main area where students can be comfortable and where they can have all their services met," said Assistant Director Brian Kerr.

To be a member of the AIM program, students must apply for it with their initial SUNY application. The selection process is based on good academic standing, as well as extra curricular activities. EOP primarily focuses on students who are economically disadvantaged or whose high school education has not sufficiently prepared them for

college.

Senior Council of EOP, Randall Edourd, described AIM as a program that gives such students an equal chance at college life and education, without the hindrance of financial troubles. "Our goals are to help our students to graduate, to increase the likelihood of their success, so that they can be good contributors to our society."

Hamilton expressed her concerns about the funding of EOP, stating that Stony Brook Day in Albany was a very important event for the AIM program. EOPs across the state recently had a 2.7 million dollar cut on their funds, and Hamilton explained the need for students to advocate for continuing utilities in the program.

The AIM program serves students not only in their undergraduate years, but takes on the shape of the Graduate Opportunity Program after the four years leading

up to graduation.

Sophomores' Fabiola St. Louis and Stephanie Bowden, both EOP members, described the program as a necessity to their college life. St. Louis stated that had the EOP program not been there, she didn't think she would have made it to college.

Bowden explained her high school career as a public education that did not really give her the essentials required of higher education. The AIM program dealt with her financial concerns, while still allowing her to attend an academia where she was able to pursue her career of medicine.

"I've actually had a nice experience of EOP. I came up in a public education system, and I didn't know how I would get my education. If it hadn't been for this program, I would have gone into the military. I think this was really a blessing for me."

# Black History Month

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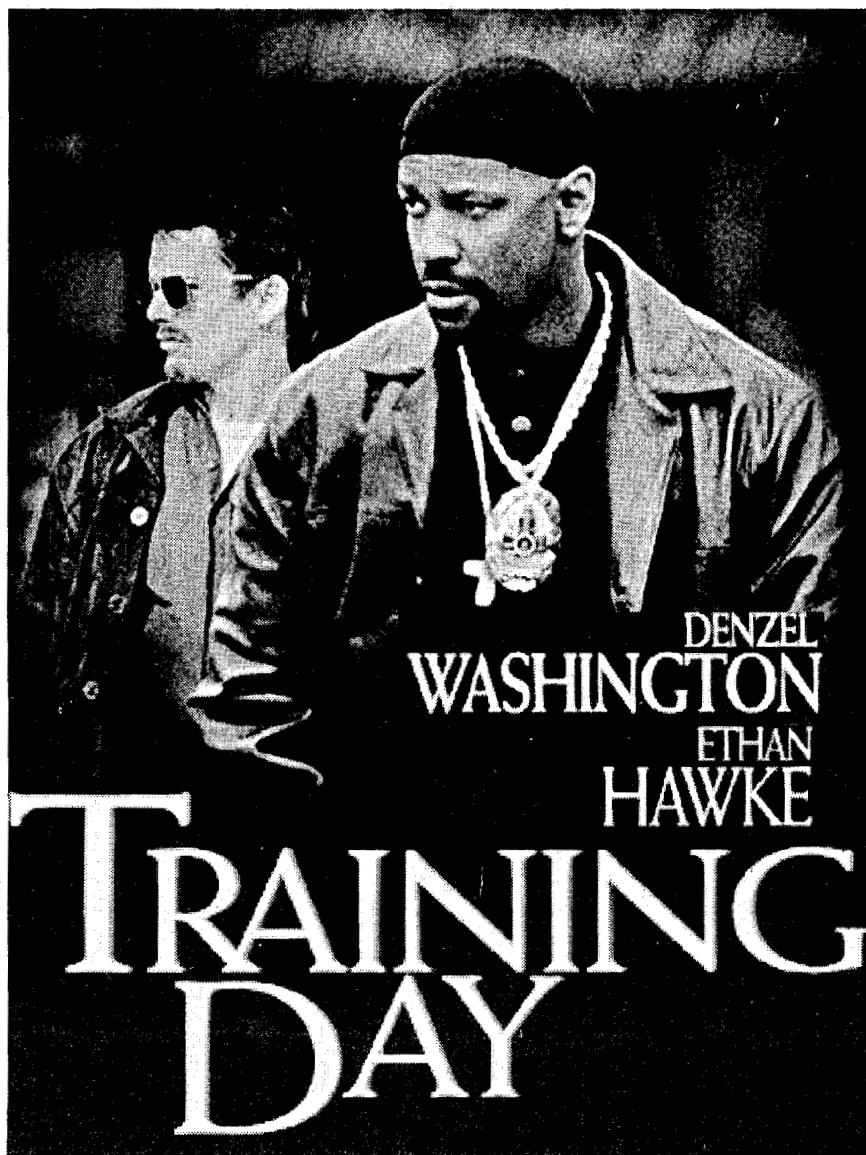
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**-Crisis at University:** Hospital Garage Tol Booth: Situation Controlled.

**-Noise Complaint:** Loud music in Eisenhower College.

**-Medical Emergency at the LIRR:** A male with neck pain was transported to the University Hospital via Med. Comm.

**-Intrusion in SAC Room 9:** The area was patrolled, and all was found secure.

**-Disturbance:** There was an argument between five males in the Kelly Quad dining room. The situation was controlled and the crowd dispersed.

**-Grand Larceny:** A purse was taken with credit cards and airline gift certificates from a person in the ISC building.

**-Grand Larceny:** A laptop computer was taken from a person in Irving College.

**-Intrusion in Infirmary:** Unknown cause, all appeared to be in order.

**-Small Fire:** In Dreiser College, a microwave caught on fire. The cause is unknown.

2/2/02

**-Disorderly Conduct:** One male visitor in the Student Union was escorted from the Union Ballroom for inappropriate behavior.

**-Burglar Alarm:** The alarm was set off accidentally by a student in Tabler Quad.

**-Medical Emergency:** SBVAC responded to reports of an unconscious female in her late 60s in the Staller Center.

**-Accident:** A fire alarm went off in the new apartment building. It was cooking-related.

**-Petty Larceny:** LISVH theft

of \$250 - USC.

2/3/02

**-Disturbance:** Three males turned a table over in the Kelly Quad dining room and ran out.

**-Noise Complaint:** There was a complaint of noise at the athletic fields, but the people were gone upon arrival.

**-Petty Larceny:** A car antenna was taken from the Administrative Garage on the second level.

**-Crisis:** There was a dispute between two men in the University Hospital garage.

**-Petty Larceny:** A jacket was taken at the University Hospital.

**-Hit and Run:** A person was hit by a van in the Langmuir P-lot.

**-Petty Larceny:** Books were stolen in Baruch College.

2/5/02

**-Small Fire:** There was a trash can fire at the University Hospital, level five.

**-Harassment:** An intoxicated male was harassing people in the ER of the University Hospital. A pocket knife was confiscated.

**-Call for Assistance:** Someone called in that they smelled marijuana in the C-wing of the Langmuir Building. It was unfounded.

**-Grand Larceny:** A wallet and jacket were taken from the University Hospital, level 18N.

**-Grand Larceny:** Three cartons of textbooks were stolen from the Melville Library.

**-Fire Alarm:** The fire alarm was accidentally set off in the Student Union. It was cooking-related.

2/6/02

**-Aggressive Harassment:** Threatening phone calls were made to Benedict College.

# Visas Granted To Vietnamese Babies

By ANJALI DOGRA  
Statesman Editor

The wait has ended for Long Island's Lisa Kombrink. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) gave her husband, Jesse Camacho, and newly adopted baby, Gabriel, approval to enter the United States on Jan. 31.

"Today the agony of seven long weeks of waiting by the phone are finally over for Lisa and Jesse," US Senator Charles E. Schumer said. "They got the call they've been praying for- the INS is letting them bring Baby Gabriel home to Long Island."

The INS refused to provide Baby Gabriel and seven other adopted children from Vietnam with the necessary visa to enter the country. This left the children and their adoptive parents stranded in Vietnam for nearly two months. But, when Schumer spoke with INS Commissioner, James Ziglar, at the end of January, he was told that Gabriel and three other adopted children would be granted permission to enter the country.

Schumer's demands that INS allow the eight families stuck in Vietnam with their adopted children be allowed to return to the United States were finally



Courtesy of www.adoptionguide.com  
Lindy and Denise Cox are stranded in Vietnam with their newly adopted children.

answered. However, only half of the children were granted visas. Baby Kaelin, the daughter of Rev. Sharon Williams and Rev. Wayne Hanrattie of Poughkeepsie has yet to get a visa.

"Lisa and Jesse got their prayers answered," Schumer said. "But there are other U.S. families with children stranded in Ho Chi Minh City and the INS must expedite the process the process required to bring-home these children too."

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## Editorial

## Governor "TAPS" Out Students

Governor George Pataki's recent budget proposal slashed \$155 million from the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), again showing his true colors on the issue of education in New York State.

It wasn't too long ago that the governor outlined his "bare bones" budget, which proposed large cuts to opportunity programs and campus-based child care for all SUNY schools.

Pataki's latest blow to education hits students below the belt, particularly those with low-income and poor economic status. TAP is an important aid for students struggling to pay their ever-rising tuition, book fees and other school expenses. If these large cuts are enacted, many students will not be able to receive or continue to take advantage of the higher education they not only desire, but deserve.

Whatever happened to equal opportunity? What kind of message is Pataki sending to college students across the state? While we understand that the events of Sept. 11 have caused cuts across the board for New

York State, these excessive cuts in education were unfounded before Sept. 11, and remain so afterwards.

In a promotional piece for New York, several people from all walks of life express their love for the state, with the governor, along with former New York City Mayor Rudolph Guiliani saying "now more than ever." Perhaps someone should inform the governor that now, more than ever, people of all economic classes deserve the chance to receive a decent college education. If Pataki continues to support these cuts, he will be restricting the growth and future of this state and its ability to flourish through the students who learn here.

One advantage we have is our right to vote. This is an election year. Pataki may not want to recognize us as college students, but he has to recognize us as registered voters when his job is up for grabs. We can tell Pataki how we feel about his new cuts now by going to Albany and letting him know the thousands of voters he has the potential of losing if these cuts remain in the state budget.

## Op-Ed

## Lunch with the President

By ARIF RAFIQ  
Statesman Editor

Today, six other students and I had the opportunity to spend Campus Lifetime having a free lunch in the upper dining area of the SAC with our university president, Shirley Strum Kenny, and the Assistant Vice President for Presidential Initiatives, George Meyer. This was the first of four scheduled lunches in which Stony Brook students are given the rare chance to interact directly with the head of our university and address their concerns and problems, and offer potential remedies for them.

Before I get to the more positive news, I would like to note that it was quite sad that out of a student body of over 18,000 students, only seven showed up for this public event. These series of lunches were well publicized. Notices were posted on the green announcement boards across campus. All one needed to do to attend was to RSVP with the Dean of Students office in SAC room 131.

Unfortunately, our undergraduate student body possesses an abundance of critics, but is desperately short of concerned and active members who have the minimal amounts of inertia necessary to turn off MTV and put our minds and hands towards improving the world around us. Luckily the opportunity has not disappeared. You can still sign up for any one

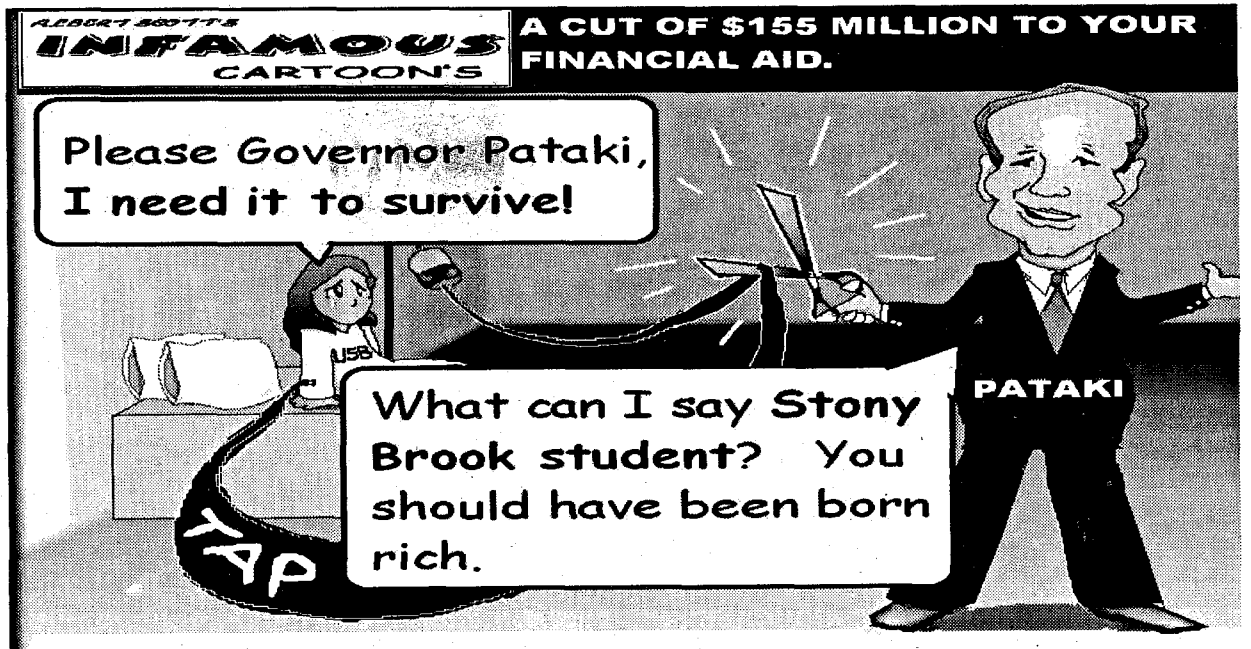
of the next three lunches.

Anyway, back to the meeting. It went well. We had the opportunity to question President Kenny directly about issues and problems that concerned us. We also had the opportunity to get quick and non-evasive answers. One student raised the forever-haunting issue of the completion of the various building projects, such as new housing facilities, the Asian American Center, the football stadium, and the recreation center. Another student addressed what he saw as inadequate time available to sign up for a one day a week course during the add/drop period. He proposed extending the add/drop period by a few extra days or an additional week.

I proposed utilizing the Blackboard more effectively by placing course syllabi online prior to the start of the semester so that students don't have to waste precious time during the add/drop period to find out what a course is like. Other students raised the problem of getting into the illusive ECO 108 (formerly 107 and 109) and successive intermediate ECO courses. We talked about campus security and were shown the new ID cards with computer chips on them, which also serve as ATM, dorm entry, and meal cards.

Contrary to what many of us would think, the President did not simply chew on her sandwich and

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# Lunch with Kenny

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ignore us while we talked. She responded to our criticisms and told us whether our proposals had a chance to be implemented. Assistant Vice President Meyer took extensive notes and he is one who is both approachable and responsive. Last year, I proposed to him this whole idea of enabling students to have lunch with the president. He came through.

Now the onus is on you. It's your time to come through. The problems we discussed at the lunch that I shared with you probably sound familiar. You or someone you know might have encountered the same hurdles or have similar concerns. Perhaps you can offer some solutions.

I am sure you have a lot to complain about, but guess what? No one can read your mind. The Student Polity Association has effectively relinquished its role in serving as an advocate for our interests and concerns, and so we, the silent majority, must take our concerns right to the top.

And the individuals at the top, the Office of the President, have given you a direct opportunity to do so. There are three lunches scheduled for the rest of this semester. If you're interested, you can find out the dates and additional information in the Dean of Students office, SAC room 131.

Remember, we compose a single campus community and we all seek to improve its state and stature. We must work together in order to be effective. So I hope you show up at one of the next three lunches. And again, the food is free.

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A bus will make the loop around the dorms between 5 am and 5:30 am to bring any resident students to the South P parking lot. Students interested in registering for the day should contact Pat Cruso at [Patricia.Cruso@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Patricia.Cruso@stonybrook.edu) or phone her at (631)632-4309. Students can also register online at [www.stonybrook.edu/albany](http://www.stonybrook.edu/albany).

Stony Brook Day in Albany is an important learning experience for students that provides them with skills they can use the rest of their lives, Cruso said.

"I think any opportunity the students have to learn about the advocacy process is



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- The deadline to apply for New York State TAP is May 1, 2002.

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- **Federal Work Study** - File the *2002-2003 FAFSA* so that it is received and date stamped by the federal processor no later than **March 1, 2002** AND submit a *Summer 2002 Federal Work-Study Request Form* to the Office of Financial Aid & Student Employment. Applications received after **April 1** will be considered on a funds-available basis.
- **Stafford Loans** – File the *2002-2003 FAFSA* (preferably by March 1 deadline) AND submit a *Summer 2002 Federal Stafford Loan Request Form* to the Office of Financial Aid & Student Employment.

## 2002-2003 Applications

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**There are three ways you can file the *FAFSA* for the 2002-2003 school year:**

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- \*By completing the *PIN Registration* prior to filing the *FAFSA on the Web*, students and parents are able to electronically sign the application. *PIN Registration* takes approximately 10 days. If you do not register for a PIN, you must print out the signature sheet once you have completed the *FAFSA on the Web* and mail it to the federal processor.
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Upon filing the *FAFSA*, New York State residents will receive a pre-printed *Express TAP Application (ETA)* from Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC). The *ETA* must be reviewed, completed, signed and returned to HESC. Continuing and Transfer students will receive a *TAP Change Form* (rather than an *ETA*) to update the TAP school code (Stony Brook = 0875) and any other information that has changed from the previous year.

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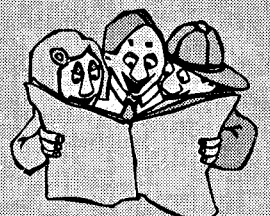
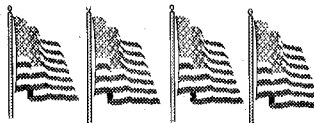
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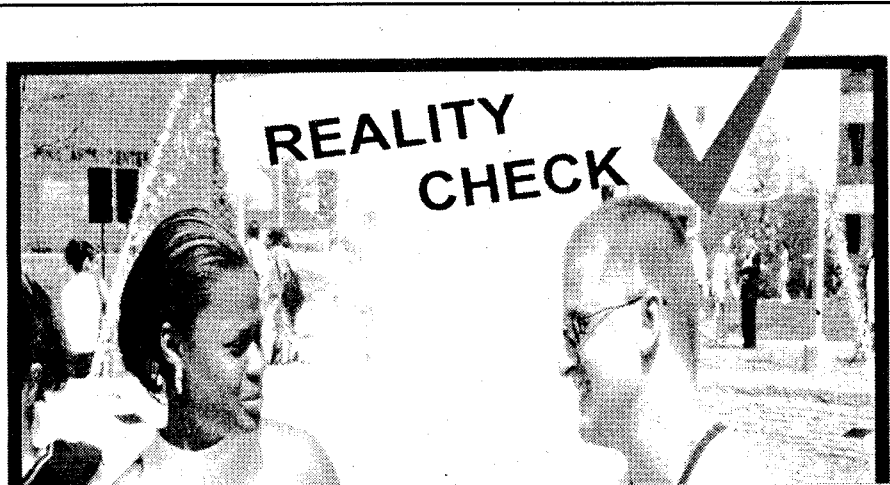
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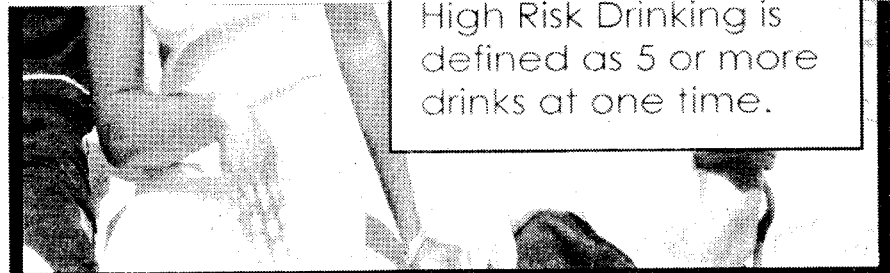
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**THURSDAYS- The Tradition Continues...**  
 \$2 Miller Beers - \$2 Frozen Black Haus Shots  
 \$3 Wild Turkey Drinks

**FRIDAYS- Happy Hour** Extended Happy Hour 4-10  
 Best Beer Specials on Long Island  
 Live Music Every Friday with Long Island's Hottest Bands

**SATURDAYS-** Check out our all new Lounge Bar  
 \$3 Cosmopolitans All Nite - Unplugged Entertainment

**REMEMBER TO JOIN US ON VALENTINES DAY**  
 Look For Our Specials

**CATERING & PRIVATE PARTIES AVAILABLE**

**Live Music-**  
 Feb. 8 - Spiral Mind (formerly Soul Doubt)  
 Feb. 15 - Headwaters  
 Feb. 22 - Dank Effect

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