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# Senate In Session

## Polity Holds First Senate Meeting

By JONATHAN GELLING  
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The Polity Senate of the Student Polity Association, Inc. held its first meeting of the year Wednesday night at 8:30 in the Student Union. The majority of Stony Brook students have no concept whatsoever as to what the Student Polity Association is and exactly what the Polity Senate does.

The Polity Senate meets every Wednesday at 8:30 in the Student Union. Students with complaints, advice or suggestions are absolutely invited to come and address the Senate, or to observe the meetings. Polity is the student government, representing about 13,000 undergraduate students at Stony Brook. All undergraduate students who pay an activity fee are members of Polity. And unlike the student government students knew in high school, with a budget of a couple of thousand dollars and administration "advisors" that made every single decision, Student Polity makes decisions that affect the spending of millions of dollars and is highly independent.

The Polity Senate is dually composed of resident and commuter senators. Commuter Senators, who

presently make up the majority of the undergraduate student body and hence the Senate, are elected from the Commuter Student Association (which meets every Wednesday during campus life time at 1:00 P.M. in the Commuter Commons in the SAC). Each residence hall also elects a senator to represent their building. Hence, Polities Constitution ensures proportionate representation for both commuters and residents in the Senate. The executive body of the student government, the Polity Council, is composed of eight elected student members and is charged with developing policies and procedures to carry out the Senate's legislation. Elections for the Polity Council should be occurring next month.

The Polity Senate is charged with the task of carrying out debates on issues that affect the undergraduate student body. As the legislative body in the student government, they set the rules and procedures that govern the operation of the executive Polity Council and its committees. The Student Activities Board, the Minority Planning Board, the Committee on Cinematic Arts, and many other Polity agencies that serve to improve student life at Stony Brook and to promote

cultural, social and educational awareness are all operated according to the legislation passed by the Polity Senate. Polity also appropriate funds to many of the clubs on campus, ranging in interest from media, to academic, to athletic and also to many cultural and advocacy organizations.

Being that it was the first meeting, last Wednesday the Senate addressed a light agenda. The main item under consideration was the approval of the Elections Board that was being nominated by interim president Kaedrea Jackson. Those familiar with the Polity elections of last year will remember that they were seriously tainted by charges of mass irregularities in the collection and counting of ballots. This has led many Senators to favor the use of an outside, impartial organization like the League of Women Voters to conduct the elections in a fair manner. As such, the student nominees to the Elections Board were forcefully interrogated and repeatedly required to provide assurances that they would not allow similar corruption to mar this year's elections as well.

The approval of the Board was also complicated by charges that they were not representative of the student body as a whole. Commuter

Senators were quick to point out that there was not a single commuter on the five person board, despite the fact that the substantial majority of all undergraduate students are commuters. Senator Klein also threw the Senate into tumult when he pointed out that all five of the nominees were African Americans, which is statistically nearly impossible if the student nominees were even remotely representative of the student body. Combined with the admitted lack of experience of three of the five nominees, this extended debate on approval for well over an hour. In the end, long procedural delays eventually gave way to grudging approval for the entire Board, and for the timetable for Polity elections. The meeting lasted for about two hours in total.

The major work of the Polity Senate will begin in the next few weeks when things really start to get underway. Many important issues are up for consideration this term, and with most of the membership being quite new, students can expect many fresh ideas to come up. Polity Senators, who represent the students (each Senator represents about 250 people), encourages everyone to come to the meetings and tell them what issues students think need to be addressed.



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**A Thought  
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Describing the process that starts with Rosh Hashanah and concludes on Yom Kippur, the Jewish prayer book writes, "On Rosh Hashanah they are inscribed (for blessing) and on the fast day of Yom Kippur they are sealed (for blessing)". This process can be likened to a strategy planning committee where after an idea is agreed upon, it takes many more committee meetings before the idea is adequately formulated for implementation. Since Rosh Hashanah is when G-d determines what will happen for the upcoming year, our prayers represent a sort of "committee brainstorming" upon which G-d formulates the coming year's blessings based on the input of our supplications. However, the final "committee meeting isn't until Yom Kippur. Where on Rosh Hashanah a person's blessing is "written", on Yom Kippur it is sealed for immediate implementation. The difference between "written" and "sealed" is the degree of surety of implementation. That which is written, but yet to be sealed, is not as sure to be implemented as that which is already sealed. Similarly, on Rosh Hashanah we redirected our hearts toward G-d and our Jewish identity. But for full implementation, our actions must mirror the redirection of our hearts. Thus the days leading up to Yom Kippur are called "Days of Repentance" where we work on changing our actions for the better: we ask forgiveness from friends we may have insulted and regret past wrongs. It is not until Yom Kippur that we resolve towards the future. The last step before implementation. The "sealing" of our blessing for a sweet new year.

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# Albany Beats USB at Home, 47-14

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Stony Brook allowed three blocked punts in the first half and a season worst 329 yards of rushing as they lost their second North East Conference game of the season, 47-14 to the Great Danes of Albany.

Albany, who was on the verge of beginning their season 0-4 with a loss to Stony Brook, showed why they were ranked 2 in the pre-season polls for the North East Conference: special teams. Albany's special teams play was stellar. Their average starting field position was their 45 yard line, while Stony Brook began their drives on their own 28 yard line 11 out of 15 times.

The disparity was made worse by the fact that the Great Danes started three of their drives inside the twenty yard line of Stony Brook. Not surprising, they came away with 17 points on only 39 yards of total offense. Conversely, on their first touchdown drive, the Seawolves were forced to move the ball 43 yards for only seven points.

After the game USB head coach, Sam Kornhauser remarked, "Every Saturday is a different Saturday, we can't focus on the past and expect to win." However, the Seawolves did begin the game with a great deal of confidence after a 60-7 drubbing of St. Francis on September 23.

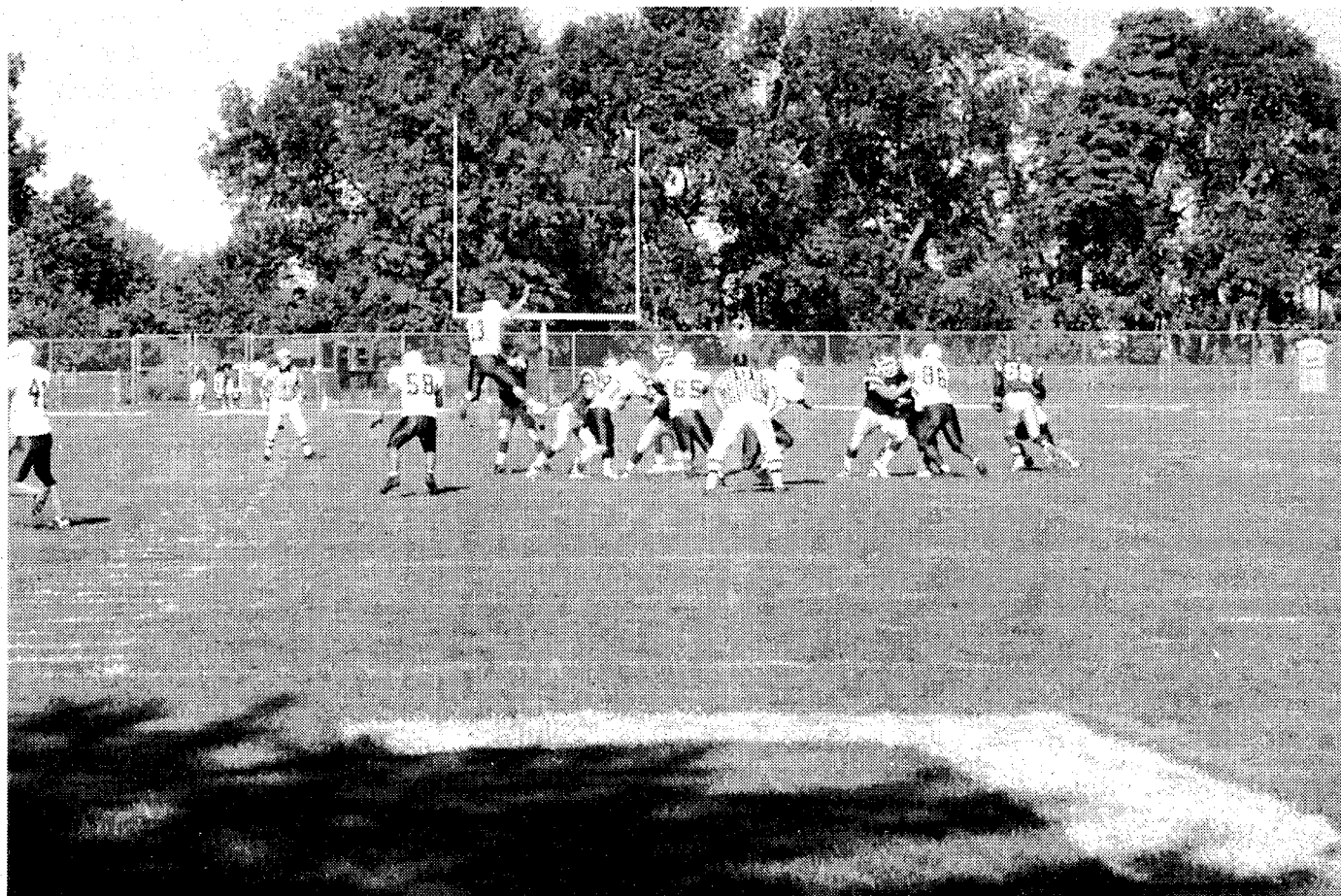
On the fifth play of the game, quarterback Brian Stanley (#13) connected on a 45 yard bomb with Chris McGovern (#81). With the fans on their feet cheering him on, McGovern was caught from behind by the Albany defensive backs and he fumbled the ball on the 28 yard line of Albany as he was being tackled. This foreshadowed the type of day it was going to be for Stony Brook—a game riddled with mental mistakes and tough luck.

Two minutes later, on the Seawolves second possession of the game, the Albany special teams struck. Mike Soto's (#15) first punt of the game was blocked by Ben Kelcey (#38) of Albany. The whole fiasco resulted in an 18-yard loss on the punt attempt. Five plays and 17 yards later, the Great Danes led 7-0.

Not to be out done, the USB defense played well in the first quarter. Both Alexis Ayala (#51) and Chad King (#10) intercepted Albany QB Ryan Roeder (#5) on the Great Danes first and third drives of the game.

King's interception set up a 4 play, 43 yard scoring drive that tied the game at seven. In that drive Stanley completed a 34-yard pass to Lucas Niskanen (#18) and Ralph Menendez barreled in from 6 yards out for the touchdown.

On the ensuing Albany possession, the Great Danes' displayed the kicking



Statesman/Erin Rosenking

## The Seawolves take on Sacred Heart for Homecoming on Saturday October 14.

game portion of their special teams as Bryan Bagstad (#37) matched his season high by kicking a 45-yard field goal to give Albany a 10-7 lead.

After going 3 and out on their first possession of the second quarter, the Seawolves had a second punt blocked, which allowed the Danes to take over 11 yards from the touchdown. With their backs against the wall there was very little the USB defense could do, and three plays later Rotondi Marcus (#9) ran it in from 2 yards out to put Albany up 17-7 after the extra point.

Albany's special teams struck again. This time it was the punt return team. Chris Phillis (#3) returned a 29-yard Soto punt to midfield. Subsequently, Albany put together a 50-yard, 10 play drive that culminated in a 7-yard TD pass to Jon Garrick (#6) who was wide open in the back of the end zone.

With 6:11 to go in the first half, Albany led 24-7, having scored every time they began a drive at midfield or better.

Seawolves' QB Brian Stanley responded by leading a 2 play, 85 yard drive that brought Stony Brook within 10 points of Albany. In a 80-yard catch and run, Stanley connected with wide receiver Lucas Niskanen over the middle, who scampered the rest of the way for the touchdown.

However, even this didn't come without a price for the Seawolves. Niskanen who had 1 TD and 123 yards on three catches was injured as he was tackled in the end zone. Stony Brook lost one of their top receivers for the game

and possibly for the rest of the season. According to Coach Kornhauser, "Brian might have a cracked clavicle."

With 17 seconds left in the first half, Albany recorded its third blocked punt of the day, and took over on the Stony Brook three yard line. This debacle resulted in the Danes taking possession after a 20-yard loss on the punt attempt.

On this possession, the Seawolves defense made one last, fantastic goalline stand as they allowed a negative two yards on three plays. Thus, granting only a field goal when a touchdown seemed all but certain.

The half ended with Stony Brook trailing Albany 14-27.

The key statistic of the first half was Albany's 24 points on only 183 yards of total offense. This was significantly aided by three blocked punts and one forced fumble. The exceptional special teams play of the Great Danes was highlighted by the fact that the Seawolves only managed 14 points on 212 yards of total offense.

The Seawolves began the second half, ready to make a comeback. The Stony Brook special teams stepped up for the first time and managed to pin the Great Danes back on their own 9 yard line. But it was too late.

With their first possession of the second half, Albany marched 91 yards down the field for a scoring drive that used up over five minutes of precious time and sealed their victory in the process.

The Stony Brook defense had been on the field too long and Albany's

running game took over in the second half. They churned most of their 329 yards of rushing in the final two quarters making it into the USB secondary on almost every play.

This was painfully highlighted by a 70-yard scamper by Albany's Dustin Wilson (#4) with less than a minute left in the game. After the freshman running back broke through the defensive line, it was off to the races as he out ran the defensive pursuit. This gave Albany a 47-14 victory.

Kornhauser did believe there was something positive to be taken out of the game. "Stanley played pretty well, he was convertible in the pocket and stood in their and made some tough completions to the wide receivers."

With the exception of two turnovers, only one of which was his fault, Stanley had a great game. Stanley had one touchdown pass and 299 yards of total offense, including 262 yards passing most of which came in the first half. In the second half, he was clearly affected by the loss of WR Niskanen, because his timing was off with the other receivers who tried to step into Niskanen's role.

When asked about the atrocious special teams play of the Seawolves, Kornhauser stated, "there is no excuse, we didn't execute. Next time we have to play harder and carry out basic techniques."

The Seawolves are away next week, and will return for homecoming on Saturday October 14 to host Sacred Heart.





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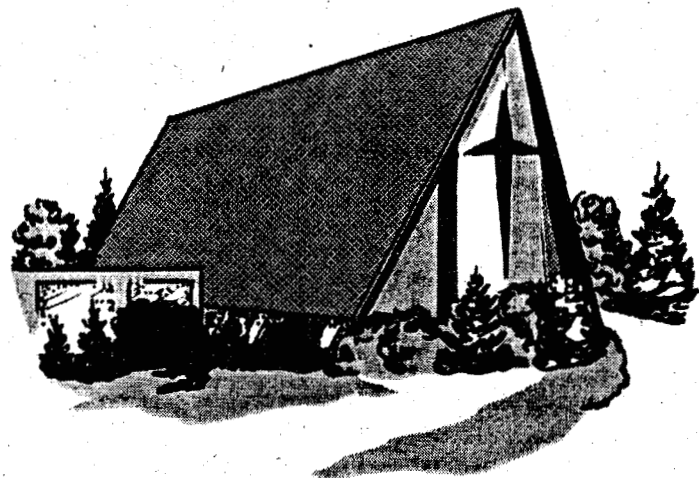
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# NYPIRG Outlines the Semester

## General Interest Meeting Highlights Upcoming Projects including Sweatshop, Voting and Environmental Campaigns

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NYPIRG, the New York Public Interest Research Group, held a general interest meeting this past Wednesday. They outlined their projects for the year and encouraged those present to get involved in improving the world, even if they didn't have spare time to do so. NYPIRG is a public advocacy group that focuses on issues important to consumers, on promoting democratic values, and most especially on matters of social and economic justice.

Cara McGuinness-Hickey outlined her role as Project Coordinator of NYPIRG's Hunger and Homeless Outreach effort. While she has not laid down definite plans and is open for suggestions from those interested in working with her, the project will consist of efforts to aid women in crisis centers and to offer food for poor families in Suffolk County. McGuinness-Hickey emphasized the fact that while popular conceptions imagine the poor as individuals living on the streets, in fact most of the poverty that is to be seen in Suffolk County occurs in poor families. "These might be the same people you went to public school with, families with children that find it very difficult to put food on the table," she said.

Maria Heircules and Cliff Mark

introduced their project, which focuses on environmental protection. Their main goal this year is to consolidate and coordinate efforts at recycling on campus. They pointed out that various organizations currently are running their own recycling efforts, and the result has been a widespread lack of awareness of the need for recycling and a limited availability of options for students to recycle. The two project leaders also hope to pressure Coca Cola, which supplies the campus with almost all of its beverages, to offer some of more of their products in bottles that can be recycled.

Jessica de Perio followed, introducing her anti-sweatshops campaign. She pointed out that the major target for this year would likely be Nike. "They are the most flagrant violator of human rights in their sweatshop factories in Asia," Perio said. Her main goals include informing students about the conditions under which Nike products are made and on pressing for legislation that would require Nike to reveal information about their factories. Cindy Barrionuevo's project this year is also focused on consumers. Her Consumer Action campaign is designed to promote toy safety and also to encourage the formation of a book exchange. Many groups have pointed out that greater

competition among book stores and suppliers would benefit students by saving them money.

Gina Fiore and Derek Iannucci's Vote 2000 Project has already been in effect the last two weeks. They are focusing on registering people to vote up until the last day for registration for the upcoming election on October 13, at which point their campaign will focus on getting out the vote. To do this, they have been visiting classes to make their presentations and have set up stands around the SAC and Union to inform students on their way in and out of the buildings. They defended the imposition by pointing out how important voting is. Iannucci said that he and Fiore were engaging in the "purest form of political participation," saying that voting is critical for the interests of students at Stony Brook. Fiore agreed. "Your political leaders have written you off," she said, pointing out that tuition has increased by 150% since 1990 while efforts have been made to reduce the Tuition Assistance Program.

According to Iannucci and Fiore, the reason for this is simple. College students are not voting in great enough numbers for politicians to take them seriously. They explained that if politicians have to choose between doing something to help the elderly or doing something to help college students, the choice is easy if older Americans are the only ones that reliably vote. Fiore also pointed out that this is the most important election in some time a lot is at stake. The presidency, post is the Supreme Court, and the control of the House of Representatives are all to be decided on November 7. Fiore and Iannucci stressed that students hoping for an increase in financial aid or a decrease in tuition have to be deeply concerned with what party is in power in both Albany and Washington.

The meeting was concluded with of key note speaker John Flannigan, a long time member of NYPIRG. To begin his speech, he asked about the word always used to describe college students. "Apathetic," someone said.

"Apathetic means that you don't care," he said. "I don't think that college students don't care," he said, "but it may be that they don't care about the same things that those describing them as apathetic do." He then proceeded to lead the entire room in a chant of "Apathy is bull——!"

"Can one person change the world," he asked. He answered his own question by saying that no, one person probably can't change the world alone, but they can by inspiring thousands of others to do the same. He said that while one person probably couldn't hold the same power that Bill Gates has, together many people can. He asked why they would be trying to cut TAP during the greatest economic boom in history. He answered that the only way to change anything is to get involved, to take action each and every day, no matter how small. Voting is a start, he said, but its not enough, because the other 364 days of the year, others will be trying to push their interests regardless of what the voters asked for. "Political participation must be an everyday thing," he said, "no matter how small a gesture is made."

### Sports Briefs:

## Clinton Graham, Asset to the Seawolves

When the Stony Brook football team opened its season against Southern Connecticut on Sept. 9, most people were expecting senior running back Ralph Menendez to carry the Seawolves to victory. A consistent performer who is only 428 yards short of the school record for career yards, Mendendez totalled a solid 66 yards on the afternoon.

However, it was No. 22 that caught everyone's eye.

In his collegiate debut, freshman running back Clinton Graham made an impression right off the bat. Graham ran for 59 yards on his second carry from scrimmage in the first quarter. Later, in the third, Stony Brook took control of the game with a 12-play, 80-yard drive that was highlighted by a 27-yard run by Graham to the Southern Connecticut 22-yard line. Two plays later, Graham sprinted 10 yards for his first touchdown. On the day, Graham had 110 yards on 13 carries, marking the first 100-yard game by a freshman since Stony Brook's arrival in Division I-AA.

"I just want to keep up my performance," Graham says of his outstanding debut. "I realize that I had a good game, but I try to outdo



myself every week."

Although the Seawolves beat Southern 26-0 and Graham was the highlight of the Stony Brook ground attack, he didn't meet the lofty standards he sets for himself before every game—total 150-plus yards and run for two-plus touchdowns. Graham also doesn't shy away from season goals, which this year include accumulating over 1200 yards and at least 12

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## Editorials

# Playing for No One

## Seawolves Go with Few Fans Every Game

They may have gotten the fur beat off them last Saturday, but don't be mad at the Seawolves be sad for them.

The home game was played against Albany's Great Danes and it is the last game Stony Brook football will see on home turf before the big, all important Homecoming game against Sacred Heart on Saturday October 14. How disappointing it must be to lose 47 to 14 just a few weeks before "the big one."

But while the Seawolves and their coaches most certainly feel bad about their massive defeat, their fans should too. There is only one problem with that: they hardly have any.

It was pitiful to observe what went on at last Saturday's game and we are not talking about the fumbles, special teams and bad timing that cost the Seawolves the game on the field. The sadder show was in the stands as the away team filled up the bleachers with almost the same amount of people as did the Seawolves. On the Albany side, some rang cowbells, others waved purple pom poms and they all cheered while the Seawolves cranked out the sounds of canned

applause and game theme sound effects to make up for the low game attendance. Try as they did to complement a five member cheerleading squad and a pep band that tooted the theme to "Rocky," it just didn't work.

The low turnout for games has not gone unnoticed by the athletics department. They have recently formed The Pack, an organization that rewards students for coming to the Division 1 games, football, basketball and lacrosse, with such things as prizes, free food and drink at local hangouts and even a tuition waiver for the most dedicated Seawolves fan. At first this bribing ploy was laughable. But as everyone knows, desperate times call for desperate measures and there is nothing more desperate than seeing a team based hours away bring almost as many fans as the home team, where fans merely have to walk down a path to attend. Something had to be done to get more

people on the Seawolves side of the field.

Nobody likes to see their team lose, but nobody at Stony Brook wants to see the Seawolves play at all. It doesn't matter if they win or lose. But maybe the people at Stony Brook are being petty and fickle. Should we turn our backs on the team just because they've lost a few? Have we forgotten that there is a little thing called morale? Many coaches might admit that this plays as big a part in performance as hours of practice and natural ability. Maybe they feel embarrassed hearing their rivals cheering louder than their own side. Maybe they get so distracted and disheartened by this that they can't concentrate, they can't catch the ball, they can't run faster. You really do have to give a little to get a little. A little support for the Seawolves could do them more good than laps around the field ever could. Go see a game.

In our Thursday, September 28 issue, we mistakenly stated that the Homecoming parade is Saturday Oct. 14 during game halftime. It is actually Friday, Oct. 13 at 10 pm. We regret the error.



The Cuban baseball squad returns home

# October is Hispanic Heritage Month

## Asegurando Nuestro Futuro: Assuring Our Future

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Opening Ceremony -Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month: Latin American Student Organization Merchants Day, food, flag procession and music. Sponsored by Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month Committees, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, LASO and Student Union and Activities. 12:40 - 2 p.m. (Campus life time), Student Activities Center

Engineering Fair: Sponsored by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Participating Engineering Societies: SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers), National Society of Black Engineers, and Women Engineers. Food will be served. 12 - 2 p.m., Engineering Building - outside

Friday, October 6

Lecture by La Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. 6 ? 10 p.m., Student Activities Center Auditorium

Party: Sponsored by Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. 10:00 p.m. - until, Union Ballroom

Saturday, October 7

"Noche Dorada Cultural Show" Sponsored by Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. 8 p.m., Student Activities Center Lobby & Auditorium

Monday, October 9 - December 6

Art Exhibit: "Afios de Suenos/ Years of Dreams" by Hector A. DeCordova.. The exhibit will be on view in the Latin American Caribbean Studies Center Conference Room SBS N-320 Reception to be held on October 12.

Tuesday, October 10

"Honoring Latina Women" Sponsored by La Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. 7 p.m., Student Activities Center Auditorium

Wednesday, October 11

"Jeopardy" Sponsored by La Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. 12 noon, Stony Brook Union, Fireside Lounge. Discussion: "Columbus, Hero or Tyrant?" Sponsored by Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Union Upper Bi-Level

Thursday, October 12

Art Exhibit Opening Reception: "Afios de Suenos/ Years of Dreams" by Hector A. DeCordova, 5:00 - 8:00pm. Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center Conference Room, SBS N-320, Sponsored by Hispanic Heritage Month, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, and the Department of Student Union and Activities. Refreshments will be served.

"Festival Latino" 2nd annual program featuring Latin music, learning to dance salsa and merengue and delicious Latin food. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Ask at the End of the Bridge for details, Sponsored by Campus Dining Services.

Saturday, October 14

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# Hispanic Lectures, Parties and Activities

Annual Conference: Sponsored by the Latin American Student Organization 12:00 p.m., Student Activities Center 3rd fl.

Sunday, October 15  
Bilingual Liturgy: Deacon Juan Diaz, "Asegurando Nuestro Futuro: Assuring Our Future", Music and readings in Spanish and English. Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry. Refreshments served (Comida Tipica.) 5:00 p.m., Student Union Ballroom.

Monday, October 16th, 23rd, and 30th  
"Visiting Latin Chef" Enjoy authentic Latin dishes prepared right in the residence halls! Campus Dining Services has arranged for a guest Latin Chef from a local restaurant to visit - rotating each week to a different resident dining location. Try something new or enjoy

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Monday, October 16th - October 31st

Two Artists Views: "Ruben Dario Cruz"; painting; "Belena Masa Lautó", photography. Location - Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. Artist's Reception, Tuesday, October 17th, 5:00- 7:30 p.m. for additional information call (631) 632-6820. Sponsored by Stony Brook Union Crafts Center and Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc.

Tuesday, October 17

"Cultural Pride Night" Sponsored by Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. 8 p.m., Stony Brook Union Bi-Level Artist's Reception: Two Artists Views 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. Sponsored by Stony Brook Union Crafts Center and Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc. For additional information call (631)632 6820

Wednesday, October 18

The Bienvenido Rivera Show: "Latino Hicks", sponsored by Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 8:30- 10:30 p.m. Student Activities Center, room 303

Monday, October 23

Lecture: "Peru's Political Dilemmas" Julio Cotler, a Peruvian sociologist from the Instituto de "Get a sense of Latin Flava" The visiting latin chefs are at it again, and this time they are coming to H quad. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., H Quad, Sponsored by Campus Dining Services

Health Awareness for the College Community Sponsored by Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority, Inc. 9 - 11 p.m., Stony Brook Union Bi-level

Wednesday, October 25

The Presidential Lecture Series Celebrating Diversity: Rita Moreno, The first in this year's series, a lecture by internationally acclaimed performer, Rita Moreno, Sponsored by The Office of the President 12:30 - 2:10 p.m., Staller Center

Friday, October 27

Hispanic Heritage Month Awards Luncheon - Join us to celebrate and recognize the achievement and contributions of Students, Faculty, and Staff. 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Stony Brook Union Ballroom, Tickets: \$10.00 for Faculty/Staff and \$5.00 for Students. For information call: (631) 632-6280

Saturday, October 28

Party: Copacabana Night Sponsored by Latin American Students Organization, 10 p.m., Stony Brook Union, End of the Bridge

Monday, October 30

"Get a sense of Latin Flava", Visiting Latin Chefs hits Kelly quad, Sponsored by Campus Dining Services, 7 - 9 p.m., Kelly Quad Cafeteria

For an updated listing of Events Check the University at Stony Brook's Web site: [www.sunysb.edu](http://www.sunysb.edu).

The Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee is comprised of faculty, staff and students from many departments and areas of the University at Stony Brook. We would like to thank all of the 2000 committee members for their special contributions to making this a successful month. Hispanic Heritage Month activities and programs have been coordinated by the Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month Planning Committee, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, The Office of the President, Catholic Campus Ministry, Student Union and Activities and includes members from the following campus organizations: Unin Universitaria Latina (UUL), Latin American Students Organization (LASO), Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority Inc., Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc., Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha Inc., Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc., Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Inc., Omega Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Phi

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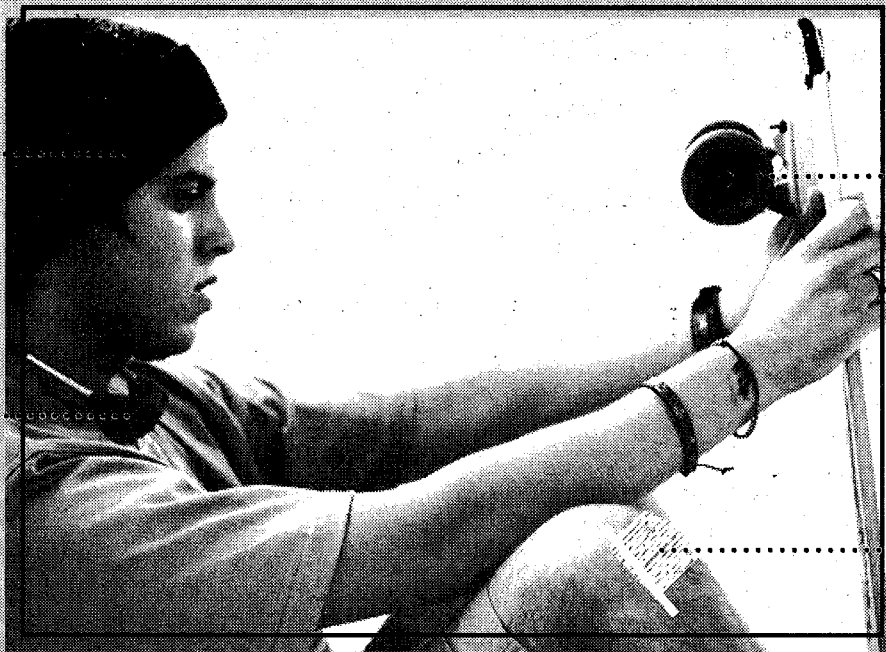
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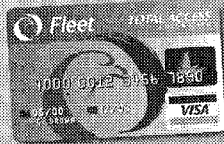
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# Help Wanted

## Stony Brook Grad Gives Tips on Job Hunting

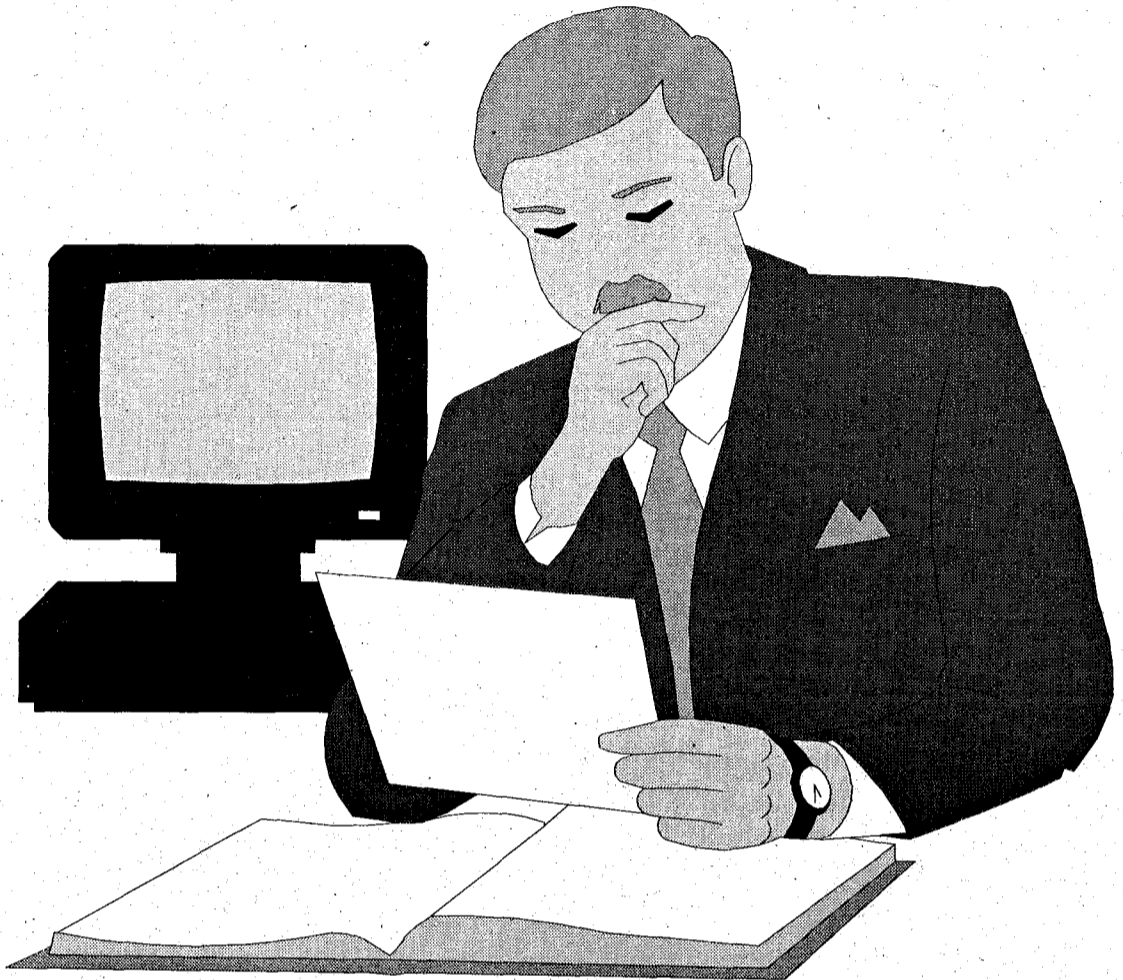
By LARS HELMER HANSEN  
Statesman Contributor

The graduation march played last December and life was sweet for my fellow graduates and I. The future was full of promise and those of us who were not going on to a higher degree looked forward to quickly landing a great job and becoming the masters of our destiny. For some, the dream actually materialized. Others were in for a disappointment. If you are graduating in December, you can no longer put off your job search. Start looking now and get a jump on your fellow grads. Here are a few tips on how to get ahead in the job game.

First you need a resume. With most resumes, it is expected that you include a cover letter. This explains how you heard of the job, what you think you can contribute to the corporation or organization to which you are applying, and tells why you think you are just the person they are looking for, even if they haven't realized it yet. Do some research on the organization to which you are applying and demonstrate a familiarity with them in your letter. Excellent books are available on the vital art of writing cover letters and they almost always have copies of those that won their authors the job they sought. A well-written resume combined with a convincing cover letter will get you an interview.

The road to a successful job search also includes networking. You know people; they know people who know people. Family and friends can be a vital, if not all important, means of finding a great job. Tell everyone you know that you are in the job market. If you know someone who is presently working in a field that interests you, ask them if there are any job openings and to whom you should address your cover letter or preliminary phone call.

It is also helpful to scan the help-wanted classifieds as often as possible, even if you're a freshman with four years to burn before hitting the harsh realities of real life. These ads concisely outline the basic skills



potential employers are looking for. You will find that a strong background in computer software specific to that field is often vital to getting the job. Most ads specify how many years of experience in the field are required. This can be disheartening for many recent grads whose summer or part-time jobs have not been directly related to the jobs they are now seeking. If you have a couple of years until you graduate, seek internships in your area of interest now. Many employers accept these as job-related experience, providing that the internships have been in firms they know and respect.

Make sure to collect references and letters of recommendation from people at school and at your present job, as these will be essential to your future job prospects. Work hard in school and get good grades. Less than a GPA of 3.5 and most employers are unimpressed. If you are invited to join an honor society, by all means do so to pad your resume. If you have been involved in collegiate athletics, it doesn't hurt to mention this in your resume or preliminary interview. Let them know you are a team player in the truest sense of the word.

No matter how much you rely on it for school or entertainment, do not expect too much from the Internet. It has a long way to go before becoming the best way to search for your dream job. Post your resume by all means, it can't hurt. But don't expect the web to find the job for you, that's up to you.

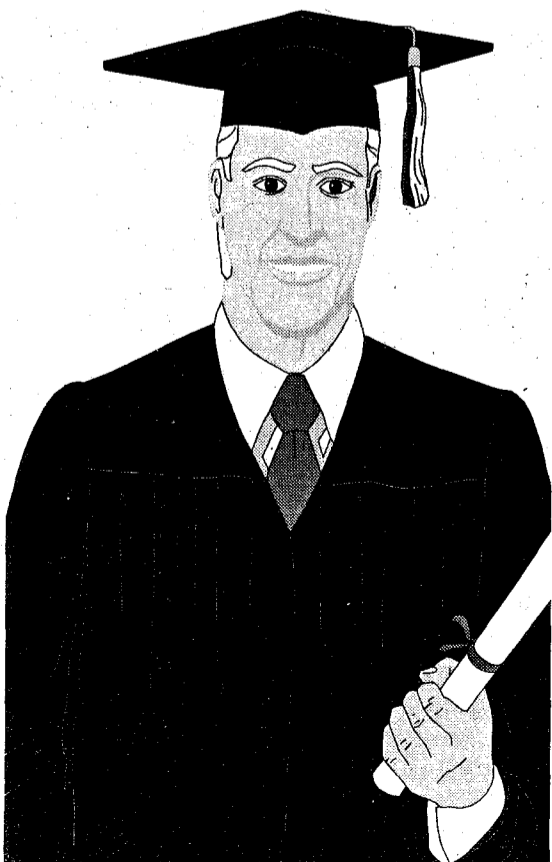
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Respond promptly to messages.

If you are not sure what you want to be when you grow up, drop in on the Career Center, located in the Library and find out what people with your degree do with it. The job market is fluid and what has been a great major in the past is not necessarily so today. If you are studying computer science, engineering, business and accounting or hard science, the prospects are good. Students in other majors may have to put in extra effort in searching for a job. They may also have to be more flexible in the types of work they will do and the range of wages they will accept.

As the economy and human society in general become globalized and interconnected, the ability to speak more than one language is more important than ever before in human history. In the not so distant future, Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin will likely emerge as the leading languages of commerce, challenging the preeminence of English. Being monolingual might limit your prospects. If you do not already have a second language, get one. If you do, get a third. Do some research into the emerging markets for the job in which you hope to work and find out where the greatest potential foreign market is in your area of interest, this will clue you in on which language to pursue. As in the case of computer skills related to your field, become comfortable with a second language as soon as possible; these skills will help secure a more comfortable future for you.

But above all, don't get discouraged. It may take a week or it may take a year, but if you pursue your dream job while keeping your eyes and ears open, I'll bet my next paycheck you will get it (did I mention I am presently unemployed?).





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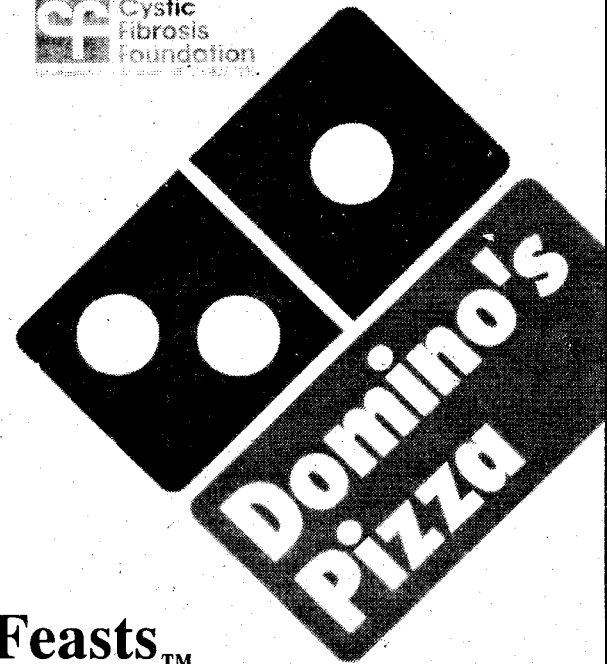
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# Tell Me About It

## Advice for the College Aged Crowd

By Carolyn Hax

Hi Carolyn:

After four and a half years of college (and a few thousand dollars of my parents' money) I earned a teaching degree. I taught for a couple years, but realized that it wasn't the career I belonged in. My husband and parents, thankfully, supported me in my decision.

Since teaching was all I had trained for, I got a secretarial job, which I found to be a lot less stressful than teaching was. Here's my dilemma—how do I deal with relatives and in-laws who want to know why I've

"settled" for being "just a secretary"? I like my job, and the people there appreciate me MUCH more than my students ever did.

—More Than "Just" a Secretary

You don't explain yourself to pinheads, you pity them. What a narrow view of life they must have to measure its worth in job glamour alone. The only response you owe them—and the one you owe to yourself—is utter disbelief. "You mean happiness isn't enough?"

Hello, Carolyn:

I fell for a girl pretty badly during the winter of this year. We enjoyed our time together and nothing seemed to be going wrong. Recently, her former boyfriend of four years came back into the picture. She had broken things off with him only because they both moved and were against a long-distance relationship. She has decided to go out with him again, and told me that she just felt a stronger connection to him.

I was able to recover from that fairly quickly, to my surprise. What I am having trouble with is deciding whether or not to retain her as a friend. You see, over the past months, she became the best friend I had, the one I relied on for support. For the record, I'm about to turn 18, and she's 20.

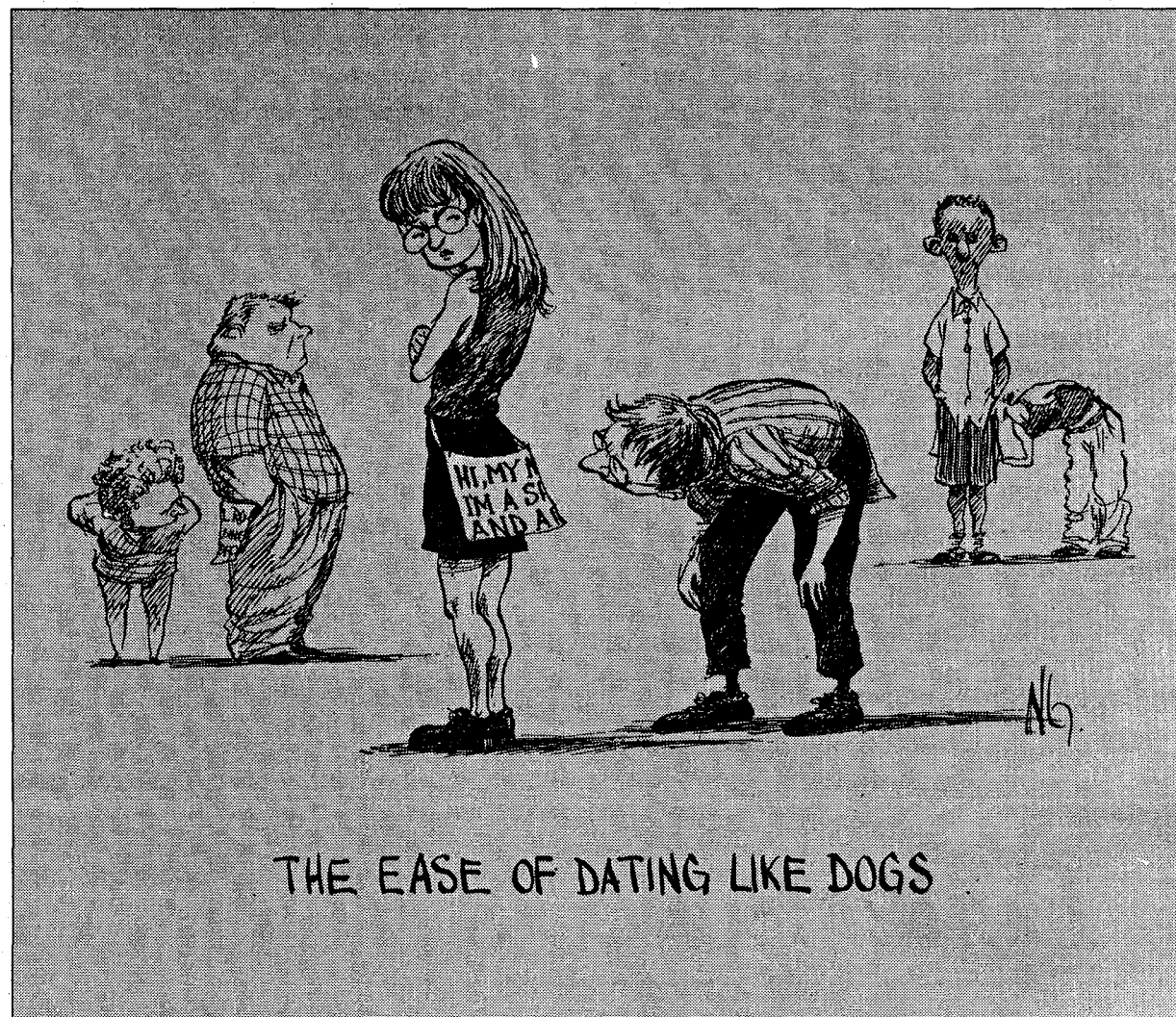
—Lost

The secret to a wrinkle-free existence is never to agonize over stuff that decides itself. Does she want to be friends? She might not. Game over. And if yes, does "friendship" hurt more than you thought? Game over again. But debating this misses the point. You're 17, lonely and mourning your main source of strength. The answer isn't to get it back, it's to generate more of your own. Think of your friends and interests as roots:

It's better to have more than one.

Carolyn:

I am 23 and have a fairly healthy body image, but lately I have been feeling pressured by friends to eat less when we go out. I hate looking like a cow when I am the only one not ordering just a side salad, and usually just go ahead and get what I want. However, recently I have been eating a lot ahead of time (alone, so that people can't see me) and worrying about



THE EASE OF DATING LIKE DOGS

getting enough to eat. I know some of the signs of eating disorders and want to make sure I am not on a slippery slope. Any suggestions?

—Not a Bird

I think your body image has a vitamin deficiency.

Not to mention your sense of what friends are for dinner with this crowd sounds like a real hootenanny. *Carpe diem*, baby! Side salads all around! And they go to a restaurant—why? To annoy the waiter? To look hungry in public?

When dining is bovine and bulimia's good, someone's been messing with the reality antenna. Please, please readjust it, and say something. "Look at yourselves—I'm tired of eating with freaks."

More begging: Please, please get help. According to Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Inc., "withdrawn or ritualized behavior at mealtime, or secretive bingeing" is a signal that something is off. You can read up on this on the Web—[www.edap.org](http://www.edap.org)—or call (800) 931-2237 for help.

Dear Carolyn:

My husband's nephews are 12 and 14. Last year we sent a card with \$20 for each kid. (They were saving for an expensive video game.) Neither wrote a thank-you note (not surprising),

nor called to say thank you (surprising). This is the second time this has happened with the same kids.

Their birthdays are coming soon, and I don't want to send a gift. My husband says we should and that I need to lose the attitude. My idea of a compromise gift is a box of thank-you notes and an address book with the addresses of the entire family filled in. What do you think?

—Auntie With an Attitude

A-U-N-T-I-E go go go!

Your husband is so wrong here. These kids are junior ingrates, and the humane time to correct that is now—before society deals them some real consequences, like a blown job interview or a punch in the throat. Their parents clearly are dropping the ball; good for you for wanting to pick it up. The stationery and address book make a risibly heavy-handed gift, which is why they're perfect. Kick some nephew butt.

Write to "Tell Me About It," c/o The Washington Post, Style Plus, 1150 15th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20071 or e-mail: [tellme@washpost.com](mailto:tellme@washpost.com). Chat online with Carolyn each Friday at noon and Monday at 3 p.m., both Eastern time, at [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).

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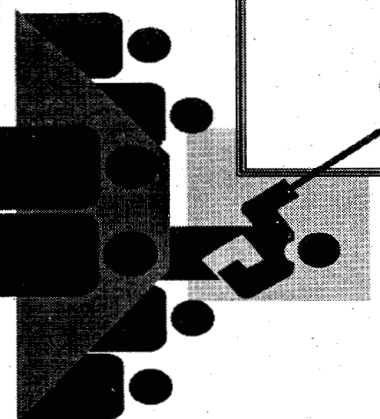
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# Spotlight on Seawolves Football

touchdowns.

“I set such high goals for myself because I know I can achieve them, and I have achieved them,” Graham says. “If I don’t meet my goals in a certain game, I just tell myself I have to do it the next game, and I work that much harder to try and get there.”

Graham played four years of football at Milton High School in Massachusetts, where he began to prove that he was capable of extraordinary performances. In one game, Milton was down 20-0 at halftime, but in the second stanza, Graham rushed for over 200 yards and scored four touchdowns to lead his team to the win. However, despite rushing for 1300 yards and scoring 16 touchdowns during his high school career, Graham, the state wrestling champion, was highly-recruited only as a wrestler, not a football player.

But Graham decided he wanted to play football, so he attended Worcester Prep School

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to get more exposure. In his first game, he ran for a touchdown the first time he touched the ball. It didn’t take long for the Seawolves, along with several other schools, to come calling.

Graham had never heard of Stony Brook until his time at Worcester, but the more he learned about the Seawolves, the more it seemed like the right place to be. Graham, who calls his mother his biggest motivation, says it was the best decision for them both.

“Financially Stony Brook was the best place for me,” Graham says. “My mother is paying my way through college by herself, and they wanted me to play the position I wanted to play.”

For Graham, not only does he see himself accomplishing his game and season goals, but he also plans on meeting his long-term goal of playing in the NFL.

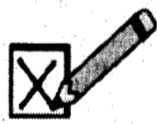
“I just want to do the best I can and get better,” he says, “so that after college I can take care of my mother.”

With Stony Brook’s running back tandem of Menendez and Graham, the Seawolves’ ground attack should serve to be a weapon all season. Not only has the veteran Menendez provided leadership and guidance to his young cohort, he has also served as a motivational tool.

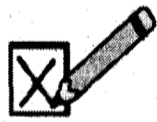
“Ralph helps me in practice by making sure I know what I’m doing,” he says. “But he also makes me work harder. He’s starting right now, and that’s what I want to do.”

The Seawolves’ rivals should be aware that Ralph Menendez isn’t the only weapon in the USB ground arsenal. There’s another talented running back in town named Clinton G.

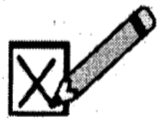
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# Features

## Spouting Off

### New Geyser Model Designed by USB Team for Yellowstone National Park

By CHRIS LATHAM  
Statesman Staff

A battle of enormous proportions wages at Yellowstone National Park. Molten magma, superheated rocks and boiling water contend in a subterranean test of wills. The result is one of nature's greatest geological phenomena - geysers. Stony Brook professors Martin Schoonen and Glenn Richard have captured this wonder for the world.

Schoonen and Richard, along with teaching assistant Phil Nachreiner and three undergraduate students, Penny Youngs, Anthony Riccardi and Tracy Smith have developed an interactive geyser-observation program, with the aide of Sun Microsystems. Schoonen, Riccardi and Smith hosted the Geology Open Night last Friday, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Earth Space and Sciences building. They showcased their prototype Geo 327 Geyser Model and explained the nature of the formations.

When complete, the software is planned to become part of a display at Yellowstone that will be used by millions of visitors each year. "If you think of geological phenomena, geysers are among the most dynamic, but also the most misunderstood," said Schoonen. "The visitor's center at Yellowstone gives virtually no description as to how they work, so we've been working on a multimedia system that explains how geysers work."

Schoonen began by giving an overview on the nature of geysers. A video clip of an erupting geyser was shown followed by a clip of a qualitative model explaining the mechanics of the eruption. He then explained that geysers are so rare due to their complex geological constraints, and that Yellowstone is the most concentrated geyser source in the world.

A geyser is a giant spring that shoots out steam and hot water with explosive force. Three basic characteristics are needed for a geyser to exist: an underground heat source, a water source and suitable subsurface geology.



Courtesy of Yellowstone National Park Web Site

A geyser, like the one pictured here at Yellowstone National Park, is a giant spring that shoots out steam and hot water with explosive force.

The heat source is usually hot rock, formed by molten magma that broke from the earth's core millions of years ago. That magma heated and broke the rock closer to the surface, forming what's known as hot spots. The water source is usually a nearby body of water, like a lake or river, or as in Yellowstone's case, a close mountain range.

The cold water drains down through channels below the surface, into a reservoir formed by the hot rocks. The rocks heat the water, but the water cannot boil, due to the immense weight of all the colder water above it. The hot water at the bottom continues to heat, reaching temperatures far past that of boiling water. This process builds steam and pressure. The hot and cold water mix, filling the reservoir and standpipe above it.

The cold water flowing in eventually decreases, but the hot water, maintained by the rocks, remains constant. Ultimately, the superheated water is

forced past tight rock pincers, and blasts through the surface, creating a geyser.

While Schoonen and Richard have been researching the link between geysers and computer programs for the last two years, the undergraduate students joined the project through a special course in the Spring 2000 semester. The course required the students to learn the programming language Java, and to create an interactive graphically oriented mathematical model of a geyser, using equipment provided by Sun Microsystems.

Smith and Riccardi, seniors geology majors, explained how they developed the computer program, with the guidance of Richard and Nachreiner. "We used Java because of its strong advantages," said Smith. "It's portable, password securable and Internet compatible."

The program is based on three stages - filling the reservoir, filling the standpipe

and the eruption itself. To do this a model called Geysers and Geothermal Energy was developed and the mathematical equations were recast into Java code.

The group developed two Java applets. The more accessible version, dubbed the Little Geyser Applet, has seven input factors. These include hot and cold water flow rates and temperatures, the mixed water temperature, the geyser eruption time and the hot spring type. The Big Geyser Applet has 20 input factors. Many more variables are calculated into the model, but were omitted from the prototype to avoid confusion.

Though still being developed, the program allows users to explore various geyser scenarios for themselves, and may have other applications, like analyzing meteorite craters.

"This is just the window dressing," said Schoonen, "but the importance of the project is that it brings geology to the people."