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Administration Threatens to Shut Down 3TV Television Station

Mother of Matthew Shepard Speaks Out

The mother of murdered gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard is asking TV viewers to "choose to understand."

"In a perfect world, because your child is gay, you don't worry about their safety. You just worry about them being happy," Mrs. Shepard says in one of two 30-second public service announcements being sent to TV stations. Her 21-year-old son was kidnapped Oct. 6, tied to a fence and left to die from a pistol-whipping near

Mrs. Shepard, whose son, a college student, was beaten and killed last year for being gay, calls on other parents to just "worry about them being happy."

Laramie, Wyo. He was in a coma and died five days later.

The Washington-based Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the nation's largest gay political organization, unveiled the new anti-violence public service announcements during a Bel Age Hotel luncheon last week. In addition to Mrs. Shepard, the celebrity-laden crowd included Ed Harris, Amy Madigan, Doris Roberts, Katey Sagal and Betty DeGeneres, the mother of gay actress Ellen DeGeneres. TV stations and cable operators will begin receiving the PSA's last Monday.

"Judy Shepard's message of unconditional love and support for her son is something that the entire country should hear," foundation executive director Elizabeth Birch said. "Her strength and courage in the face of unimaginable personal tragedy serves as an inspiration to all of us," Birch added.

Russell Henderson, 21, avoided a possible death sentence in the Shepard killing by pleading guilty to kidnapping and murder. He was

sentenced to two consecutive life terms. Another man, Aaron McKinney, faces an Oct. 11 murder trial in Laramie. Prosecutors are seeking the death

penalty for McKinney if he is convicted. Police say robbery was the motive for the crime but that Shepard was chosen in part because he was gay.

Researchers Find Reasons For Sleep Loss

The reason a healthy person can feel sleepy or fatigued after just one night of disrupted or missed sleep can be traced to a chemical reaction in the body, researchers at Penn State University's medical college have found.

Previous research by Dr. Alexandros Vgontzas at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center demonstrated that people who were obese or suffered sleep disorders such as sleep apnea had higher than normal levels of interleukin-6, a protein that acts as a regulator in immune functions, metabolism and sleep. The latest research showed that when young, healthy people with no sleep problems were denied sleep for just one night they had elevated levels of IL-6 in their blood.

"These results help us understand the mechanisms of daytime fatigue," Vgontzas said Friday. Because sleep

deprivation can reduce productivity and slow reflexes, Vgontzas and co-researcher Dr. Edward O. Bixler believe their findings could help in understanding and avoiding accidents at work. "Three Mile Island began at three o'clock in the morning," said Bixler, referring to the worst accident at a nuclear power station in U.S. history. "The shift workers were just starting a new shift. They were potentially tired, sleepy."

The researchers found that in most healthy people, IL-6 levels peak around 3 or 4 a.m. and again at 3 or 4 p.m. The study ties in with what scientists understand about the body's 24-hour biological, or circadian, clock, said Bixler.

A person who does not sleep at night, but tries to unsuccessfully in the daytime is fighting the clock, which is telling the body it is the wrong time to sleep. But enough sleepless nights, however, and fatigue will overcome the clock and daytime sleep will come, Bixler said. Vgontzas and Bixler published their research in the August issue of *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*.

NATIONAL COLLEGE NEWS COMPILED BY PETER GRATTON

Students Battle Tuition Hikes at UW

Several hundred University of Wisconsin-Madison students filled the rotunda of the Capitol Wednesday protesting a 9.6 percent tuition increase approved by the Board of Regents in July.

Sophomore Kristin Jinsky said she and other students walked out of their classes Wednesday and marched up to the Capitol to tell state lawmakers their tuition should be lower.

"We're all pretty sick of it because we're all pretty much broke already," said Jinsky, 19.

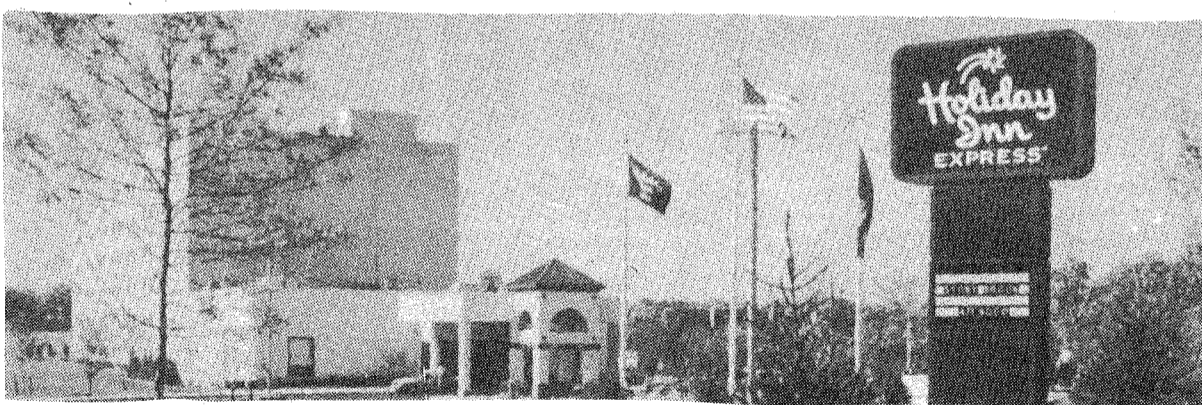
Tuition for the 1999-2000 school year will be \$3,290 at UW-Madison, a 9.6 increase over last year. It will be 6.9 percent higher at the rest of UW's other four-year universities.

University officials said they needed to raise tuition based on what they estimated the university would get in the state budget, which still has not been passed.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Chvala took over the bullhorn from rally organizers and said he supported a tuition freeze and more diversity within the university system.

Steve Baas, a spokesman for Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen, said Assembly Republicans' priority is giving the \$1 billion surplus back to Wisconsin taxpayers, instead of redistributing it to special interests like students.

More diversity is a major goal of student groups, said Amelia Ridea many minority students," she said. "With all this hype that we've heard about a commitment to diversity, the state Legislature really needs to back that up." (AP)



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Off the Air

Administration Threatens to Permanently Shutdown 3TV

BY PETER GRATTON
Editor Emeritus

The plug has been pulled on 3TV.

Attempts to tune into the channel, which is broadcast to the campus residence halls and is run by students, will for the next three weeks yield little more than the display of the 3TV logo in place of regular programming.

The University took the unusual move of shutting down the station after the Library Video Company (LVC) complained to Fred Preston, vice president for student affairs, that 3TV had improperly shown its movies over the air. LVC claims that the movies were only to be run in classroom settings and not to the campus at-large.

As a result, the station will be off the air for the next three weeks while the University decides its fate, which may include shutting down the station permanently.

Craig Oliver, 3TV's station manager, said that the problems with LVC were due to a misunderstanding of their contract and that 3TV had permission to show the movies.

Oliver was also upset with the University administration, in particular the office of Fred



Statesman/Jennifer Kester

Three TV will have to wait three weeks to find out whether or not Administration will shut them down.

Preston, who he said had acted too quickly in shutting them down without checking with him, other members of the staff, and students on campus.

"How can they shut down the station without going through the students?" Oliver said, noting that it was student funds, through the activity fee, that paid for the station and that an election

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referendum held last spring to continue that funding passed overwhelmingly.

"We gave students what they wanted," he said, "and now [the administration] is shutting us down." Attempts to reach Preston for comment this weekend were unsuccessful.

Jermaine LaMont, the station's chief editor and a Stony Brook student, agreed. He called the shutdown of 3TV "completely wrong" and said that staff members were not even invited to meetings chaired by Preston over whether the station would go off the air.

Further, LaMont argued that Preston's office did not have a feel for the day-to-day operations of 3TV, which shows Hollywood films, student productions and plays, and Seawolves athletic games. "No one in the administration knows what we do here," he said. "They have made a blind decision. I can't even put into words how I feel."

LaMont said that if the shutdown is made permanent, the staff will host a rally in front of

the administration building on October 6.

This was not the first time, though, that 3TV's activities have become a concern for the office of student affairs. Last spring, a student using 3TV equipment without authorization approached spectators at the I-CON festival asking them lewd questions and taping their responses.

For his part, Oliver said that station's policies have been changed since that incident, making it less likely that anyone can take 3TV equipment for private use. In addition, Oliver said that the latest fiasco with LVC could have been avoided because the movies were placed in television listings well before broadcast.

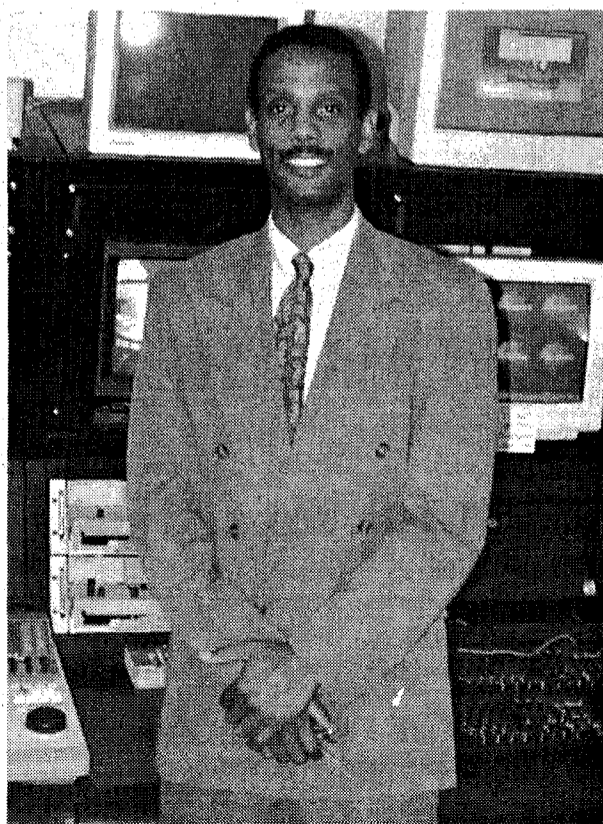
In addition, a number of students echoed Oliver's assertions that the administration acted too quickly in halting the station's programming.

"I am surprised it hasn't been on and I was looking to see if classes were cancelled [because of Tropical Storm Floyd]," said Mack David. "It will be bad [if it goes off the air] because no games will be shown, especially with the move to Division I."

LaMont added, though, that the station's going off the air would mean more than the loss of its unique kind of programming. The station, he said, provided a training opportunity for many students that could not be found elsewhere on campus. Now LaMont may go without the training he needed for a future career and lose a job as well, which paid him a small stipend at the end of each week.

One student questioned what would happen to the money that was used to pay 3TV's employees and keep the station on the air. Said Keri Newman, "Maybe they can use the money for building another fountain."

Julie Mingione and Erin Rosenking contributed to this article.



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Three TV Station Manager Craig Oliver

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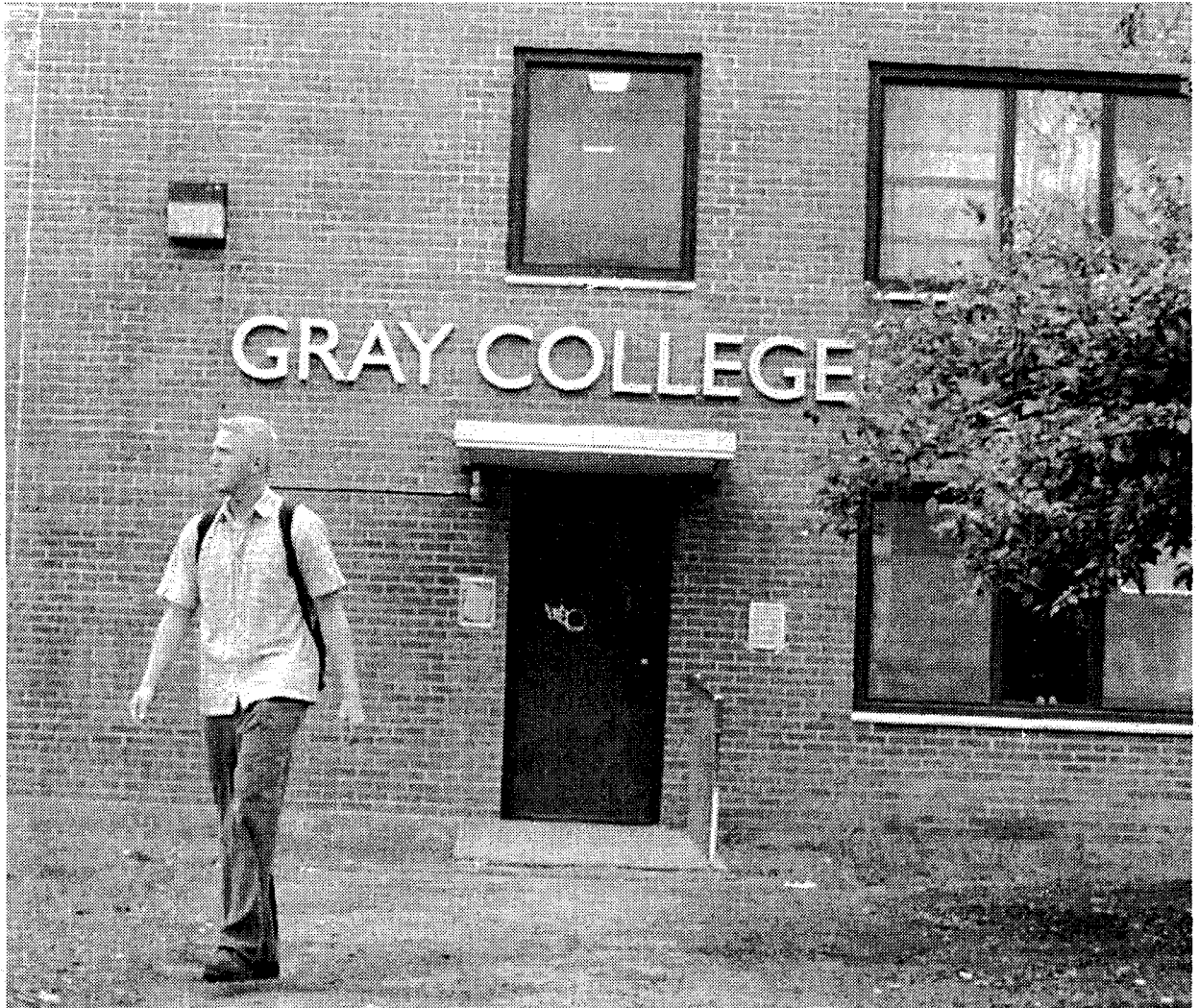
Trapped at Gray

Students in Dorm Report Mice and Other Problems at Dorm

By JULIE MINGIONE
Statesman Editor

If flooded showers, clogged toilets, tripled dorm rooms and still faulty Internet service weren't enough troubles for Stony Brook residents, a new breed of confusion has emerged. This time the problem takes the form of mice scurrying around Gray College, leaving residents there shocked and disgusted. As mice are known disease and germ carriers, their appearance inside some student dorm rooms has created quite a stir amongst residents.

Gray and Irving Colleges, the two newest in Stony Brook's dormitory overhaul renovations, were completed this summer and the buildings reopened at the beginning of this semester. Among the newly added features are brighter lighting, carpeting, improved windows, new doors and locks, as well as access to the Ethernet. But it seems that not every problem was alleviated, as is evident by the mousetraps scattered in corners throughout Gray College. Some traps are even located in students rooms, in clusters of twos and threes. The traps are described as a more humane



Statesman/Ruth Chung

The appearance of mice and other problems have many residents wishing they could leave Gray College.

way for the mice to die. The new traps are fashioned out of plastic and designed to suffocate the mice, rather than merely snap their necks like older traps.

"The doors don't fit the frames, so it's no wonder we have mice," said Gray resident Darren Verni.

And just where are these mice coming from? Currently, Amman and O'Neill Colleges, also located in Mendelsohn Quad, are being renovated. Amman's skeleton, bare of windows and doors, stands directly across from Gray College. It is suspected by some concerned students that the mice have left Amman's depths due to the ongoing construction. And as many resident students are apt to do, doors are continually left propped, providing a clear entrance for the rodents.

Joseph Centrone, Assistant Director of Custodial Services, maintains that only one complaint was registered with Environmental Health and Safety, although he admits that he was not made aware of the problem until contacted by *Statesman*. As a result, two custodial technicians were sent to assess the situation, and "bait the building," Centrone said. Concentrated areas included the A wing of the first floor, and the lounge. He asserts that the problem is not large or threatening enough to warrant an extermination. This is quite contrary to feelings

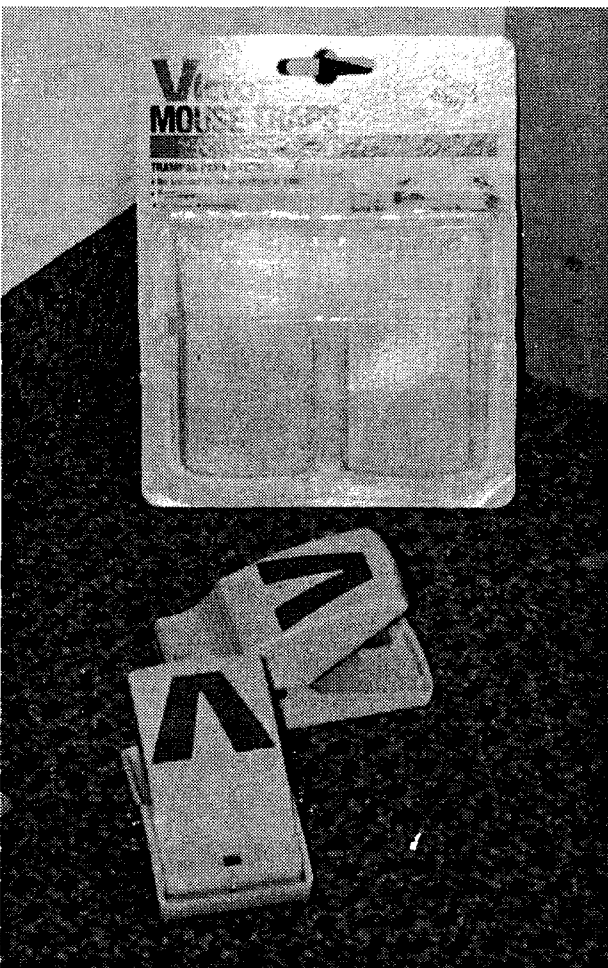
expressed by Gray College resident and junior Christine Borrello. "Everybody has been seeing the mice all over the building," she said. In an effort to quell their fears, many residents tried to elevate their beds with cinder blocks, only to be reprimanded by building authorities.

According to Borrello and others living in Gray College, the administration is not doing enough to alleviate the problem. Will Connery, a student currently living with mouse traps clustered in the corner of his room, maintains that he saw a mouse eat the cheese from a trap and then run beneath the door. The door topic raises another of the students' gripes about Gray and Irving Colleges. The new dorm doors do not reach the floor, providing ample space for the mice to crawl under. "The doors don't fit the frames, so it's no wonder we have mice," resident Darren Verni said.

No member of Stony Brook's administration returned any calls regarding this issue except Centrone. Maintenance crews will be surveying the scene, but it is currently unclear as to how the problem will be handled beyond setting traps. Centrone wants students to know that whenever a problem arises, they should immediately contact their quad office to quicken the pace of whatever restoration is necessary. According to Centrone, students' complaints are handled five days a week.

Echoing the sentiments of most Gray residents who have seen the mice, sophomore Peter Dole said, "This is too large of a problem to not get immediate attention. We shouldn't have to live with mice under our feet."

Editor's Note: This article is being rerun from our last issue because of distribution problems relating to last week's storm weather.



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Some of the traps that have been placed in Gray College to capture mice.

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Editorials

3TV Unplugged

Administrators at Stony Brook are developing an incredibly uncanny knack for crushing the spirit of students. If they are not wasting money on frivolous building projects while squeezing every last cent out of our pockets for parking, they are trampling through our creativity and leaving an empty spot where 3TV used to be.

Hearing that Fred Preston, the vice president of Student Affairs, is considering pulling the plug on SBU's television station may not have made much of a difference to many of you. But it is leaving a gaping hole in the life of those involved with it. Jermaine LaMont was chief video editor of 3TV. It was a hard road getting to that position, a road he has been traveling for three years now. As a theater arts major and media arts minor, LaMont has spent countless hours in the 3TV office, sometimes sleeping overnight to work on production, a task that involves weeks of preparation and tedious editing to broadcast student events such as plays and Hollywood movies.

This semester, he says he can't even put into words how he feels that all the hard work he has done has virtually been stolen away from him. To make matters worse, there was no warning of what was coming

and it is all due to circumstances he does not fully understand.

As far as understanding goes, do you have any idea how things work at 3TV? Neither does anyone at Administration. Knowing this, LaMont can't see the logic behind their move to shut down an organization that they know nothing about. In fact, they haven't even set foot in the 3TV office, let alone the media wing of the Union where it is located. But

Students Question Why Administration Did Not Work Out Problems Before Threatening to Close 3TV

they have gone and acted anyway and in the process, not only have they seriously interrupted his course of study but they have laid him off from his job.

Whatever problems Preston and his cohorts in Administration found to justify breaking into one of the few outlets for student artistic expression, LaMont is questioning, as are we, why weren't any steps taken to work out the problems before this drastic decision? Why was Preston a no-show at certain meetings

which would eventually decide the fate of 3TV, and the people who contribute their lives to?

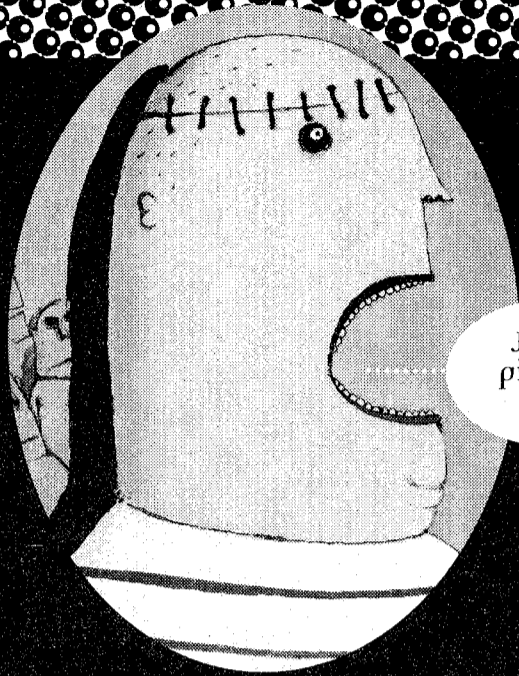
LaMont summed it up with his proclamation that our administrators do not care about students. They repeatedly prove that they are completely out of touch with us and have no clue how to create a stable and healthy learning environment. LaMont pointed out that being involved with an extracurricular activity like 3TV was helping him stay focused on his school work. Students need a life beyond the classroom and hanging out. To LaMont, 3TV offered him a place to learn as he did something he enjoyed. But that part of his life has been unplugged too.

According to surveys, we as a student body enjoy 3TV. A majority agreed to continue funding it through the student activity fee on last year's referendum and upon learning of the shut down, many of you seemed not only surprised but genuinely disappointed.

This brings us to another question: shouldn't the students decide, through referendum, whether to pull the plug on 3TV?

Show your support for your television station and do not let them take away one more thing. If necessary, there will be a rally on October 6 in front of the Administration building to support the station. Even if you don't watch it, come for Jermaine.





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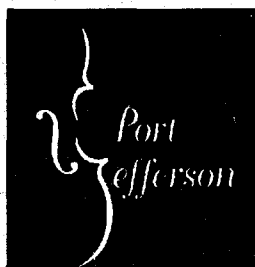
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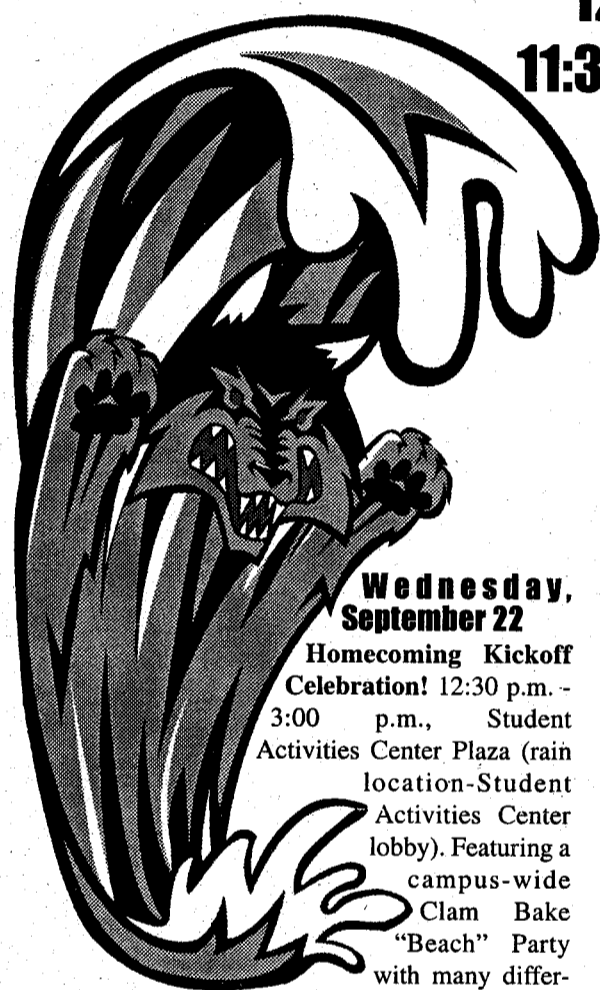
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Thursday, September 23

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Friday, September 24
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Friday, September 24

6th Annual Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series/Award Presentation and Luncheon. 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Health Sciences Center, Lecture Hall 2, Level 2, East Campus. Sponsored by the School of Health Technology and Management.

Alumni Welcome Cafe. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Student Activities Center Auditorium. Enjoy a selection of gourmet coffees, teas, and other munchies as you listen to live Jazz and Folk music and reminisce with classmates and professors.

Homecoming Street Festival & Parade.

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Saturday, September 25

Alumni Reunion Breakfast. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Student Activities Center Auditorium. Celebrating alumni from the class of '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99.

Pre-Game Show. 11:30 a.m. Pre-game show on Seawolves Field featuring Stony Brook Cheerleaders and Kickline.

Football Game! Go Seawolves!

12:30 p.m. Football Game and Half-time Show with the crowning of Homecoming King and

Queen and the Brentwood High School Marching Band "The Green Machine." The football game and pre-game show are free to USB undergraduate students with an ID. Guests are \$5, children under 12 are \$2.

Post Game Celebrations. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., End of the Bridge Restaurant, Stony Brook Union. Free admission with ticket stub from the Homecoming Game. Celebrate our first Division I season with a cake cutting ceremony, trivia contest with prizes, DJ, refreshments, and give-aways.

Benedict Saloon Reunion. 9 p.m. - 12 a.m., H Quad Cafeteria, Benedict College. Buffet dinner and entertainment.

Sunday, September 26

Alumni Association's 11th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Scholarships. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Race starts in front of the Sports Complex at 10 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. inside the Sports Complex. Registration fee: \$10 for students; \$15 for community, faculty, and staff. Six categories of awards and a grand prize will be given to first place winners. First 300 registrants receive a free T-shirt. Join the Seawolf as he races over the finish line! Call 632-7206 for more race information. Following the race, enjoy an Old Fashioned Pancake Breakfast in the Stony Brook Union Ballroom. Free for all race participants; \$5 fee for non-participants.

Times and events subject to change. For the latest breaking news, check the Homecoming listing on the Web. Go to the University's home page (www.sunysb.edu) and look under Events.

For the latest information regarding Homecoming, call the Voice of Student Activities, a 24-hour services, 632-6821; the Department of Student Union Activities, 632-9392; the Office of Alumni Relations, 632-6330. Visit the on-line Web Calendar, Events, through the main University Web site at www.sunysb.edu for the latest updates. If you need a disability related accommodation, please call 632-9392.

SBU Places Third in Tournament

Stony Brook's women's soccer team placed third in the Holiday Inn Express Invitational Tournament held this past weekend.

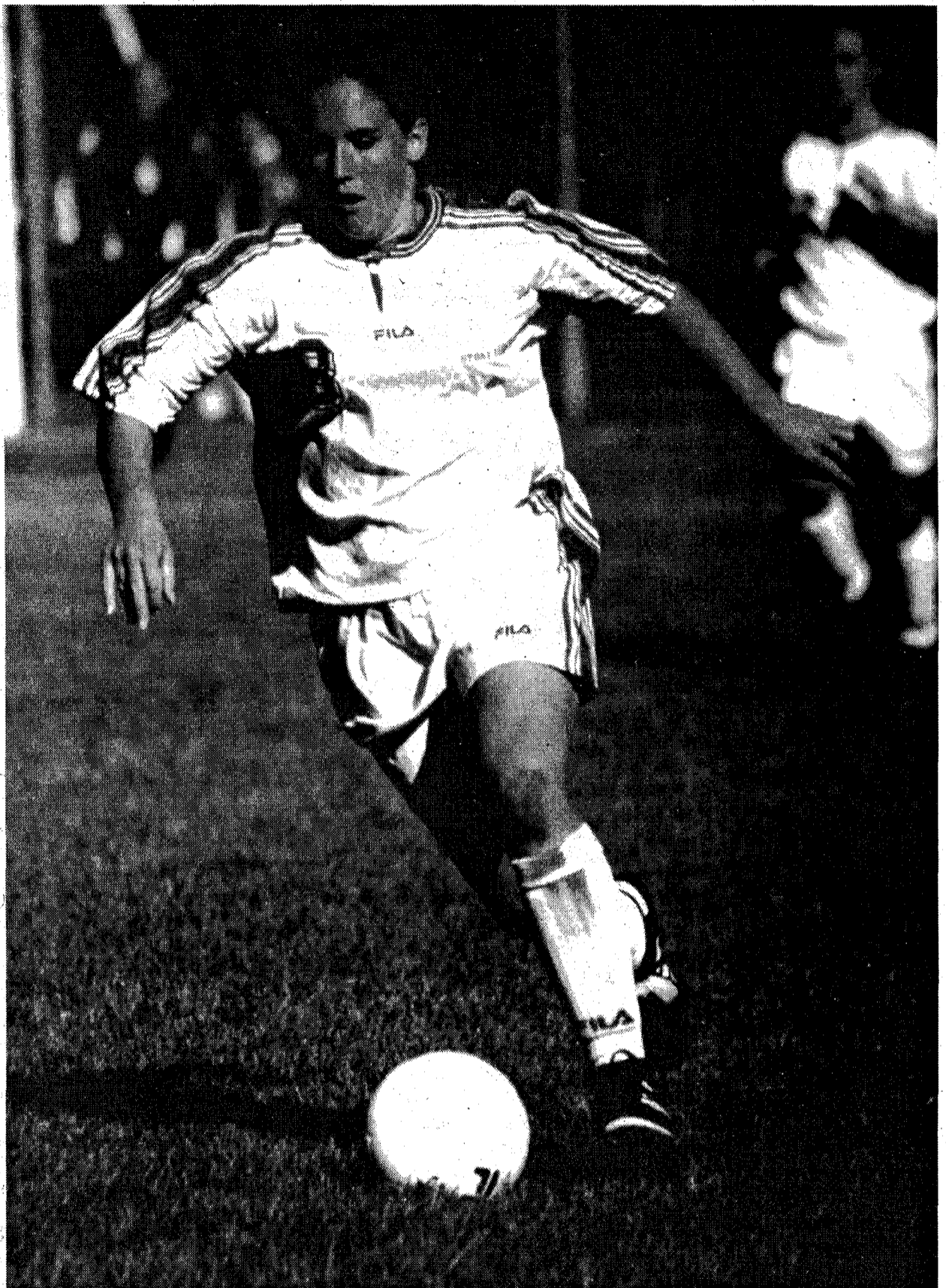
Kelly Shnieder served a free kick into the Stony Brook penalty area which deflected off a Seawolves defender into the Stony Brook goal to give American University a 2-1 win in the opening round of the tournament Saturday afternoon at Seawolves Field. In the opening game, Lori Brennan notched the hat trick as Temple University cruised to a 6-2 win over Marist.

American opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when Amanda Detterline converted a cross from Katie Moore to put the Eagles up 1-0. The Seawolves answered back in the 38th minute on a Beth Arikian corner kick that was headed home by Kristin Lynch to knot the score at one. Schnieder's winning tally came in the 50th minute. American's Tara Felton made 10 saves to secure the win for the Eagles who improved to 2-3 while Stony Brook dropped its second straight to fall to 3-4 on the year.

In the opening game, Temple's Lori Brennan scored three times and added an assist to guide the Owls to a 6-2 over the Red Foxes of Marist. Brandi Wright also chipped in with two tallies for the Owls. The Owls scored the first five goals of the contest, the first coming in the 11th minute when Wright knocked home a loose ball in front of the Marist goal. Temple added goals from Wright and Brennan before the end of the first half to give the Owls a 3-0 halftime advantage. The Owls built the lead to 5-0 before Jenny Greenbaum converted a penalty kick for Marist to trim the lead to 5-1. Greenbaum added another goal eight minutes later, but Brennan responded with her third of the game to close out the scoring.

In the consolation round, held Sunday, Stony Brook defeated Marist 1-0, putting the Seawolves in third place in the tournament. Temple beat out American in the championship game with a close game score of 2-1.

Compiled by Jennifer Kester, Statesman Editor



Midfield/fullback Virginia Amandola

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Stony Brook played American University, Temple University and Marist College in the tournament.

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Men's Soccer Suffers Loss

Despite opening up a 2-0 first-half lead and four goals from senior Moses Sarr, the Seawolves fell to Northeastern, 6-4, on Sunday at the University Field.

Sarr, Stony Brook's leading scorer with 10 total goals in the season, opened the scoring on a penalty kick in the 17th minute. He notched his second goal of the game eight minutes later on a header off a cross from junior Gerrard Sampson.

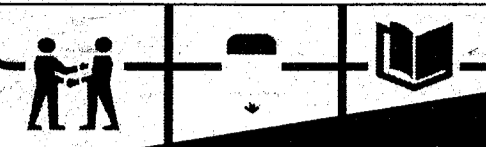
Northeastern's Nate Houghton put the Huskies on the board with a goal in the 33rd minute, and Leroy Watkins netted a shot past Seawolf goalkeeper Brian McOmber at 42:42 for a halftime tie of 2-2.

The second half began with a bang as five goals were scored in seven minutes. Husky Ben Collins netted a shot off a corner kick at 53:36 for a Northeastern lead of 3-2. But Sarr struck again three minutes later to even the score once again. Northeastern's Petter Starnas scored his first of three goals at 58:53 to put the Huskies ahead 4-3. Sarr answered again for the Seawolves at 60:01. But Starnas netted a shot only 14 seconds later to give the Huskies the lead for good. Starnas notched his third goal in the 83rd minute to clinch the win for Northeastern.

With this loss, Stony Brook falls to 2-5, while Northeastern improves to 4-2 on the season. The Seawolves next host Columbia on Wednesday.

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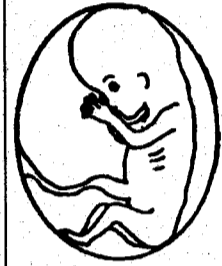
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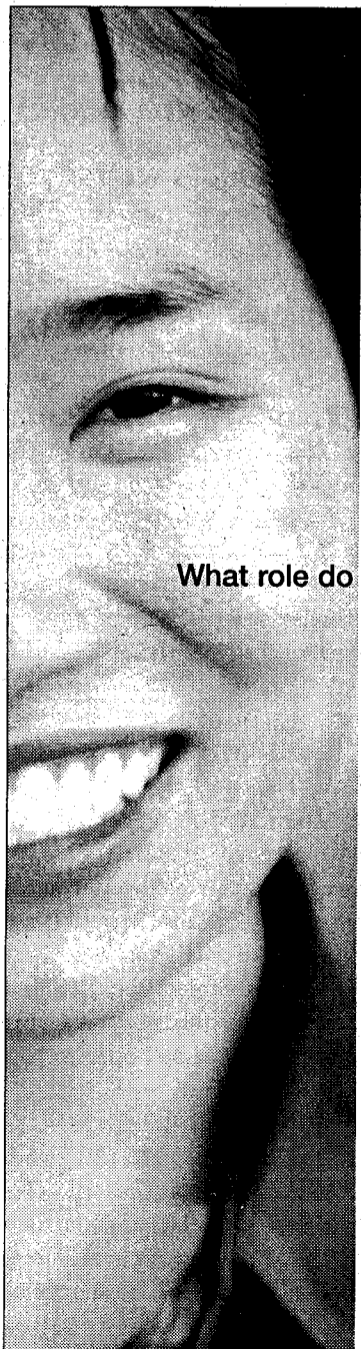
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Special events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: FACULTY SHOW 1999 RECEPTION. 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Art Gallery, Staller Center, State University of New York at Stony Brook. This one-month annual art exhibition starts from September 10 to October 9. Free. For information, call (516) 632-7240.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: HOMECOMING '99. Various times and locations across campus. State University of New York at Stony Brook students, faculty, staff and alumni celebrate Homecoming with a variety of events and activities that kickoff on Wednesday with a 12:30 p.m. rally in front of the Student Activities Center.

STARTING FROM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: YEAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS. This series of events is one of Stony Brook's initiatives to bring the campus and the community together. A kick-off event will take place on Wednesday, September 22, 12:40 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. On September 29, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., A Celebration of Research and Creative Activity will follow. On October 20, from noon to 3 p.m. Year of Community Wellness Festival will take place in Student Activities Center Plaza.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: HOMECOMING KICKOFF CELEBRATION. 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Student Activities Center (SAC) Plaza (Rain location: SAC lobby), State University of New York at Stony Brook. In addition to music, dancing, games, give-aways and photo opportunities with the Seawolves' mascot, there is a new tradition of a campus-wide Clam Bake. A celebration of the first season in which Seawolf moves into Division I Athletics. Free. For information or a brochure, call (516) 632-6330 or (877) SEA-WOLF.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: YEAR OF COMMUNITY KICK-OFF EVENT. 12:40 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Student Activities Center Plaza, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Free food, music and giveaways. This festival-like activity opens the Year of Community event series. Free. For information, call (516) 632-6129.

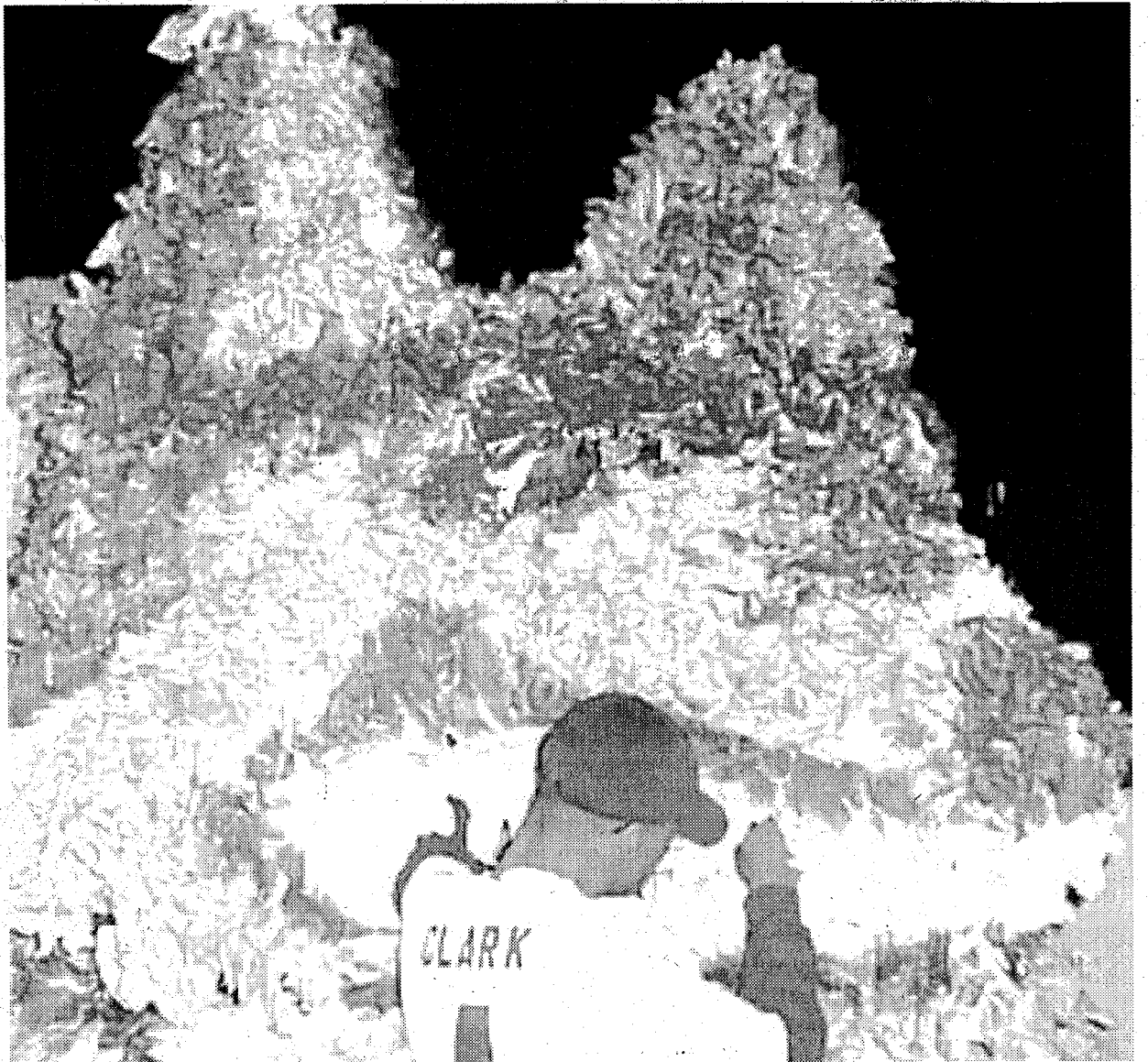
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: HOMECOMING KING & QUEEN CONTEST. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Student Activities Center Auditorium, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Judges will select the 1999 Homecoming King, Queen and Court. Winner will be announced during the half-time performance of the Homecoming Football game. For contest rules, contact the Office of Student Activities, Suite 219, Student Activities Center, or call (516) 632-9392. Free.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: FLOAT BUILDING DAY. Students, professors, and entire departments can sponsor and build floats and banners. The campus community will have the opportunity to engineer their creative minds and flex those muscles. For information or a brochure, call (516) 632-6330 or (877) SEA-WOLF.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: AESTHETIC STATES: A SYMPOSIUM ON THE CULTURES OF SECURITY, AND THE SECURITY OF CULTURE. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. E4340 Melville Library, State University of New York at Stony Brook. This daylong symposium will bring together a series of present and former recipients of the Mac-Arthur award, including Ido Oren, Oleg Kharkordin, Colleen Wai Lye, Michael McGovern, Daniel Monk, Michael Barnett, Herman Lebovics and Mike Davis. They will address the disciplinary divide between those scholars who analyze the realm of 'security' on one hand, and those responsible for the analysis of 'culture'. Free. For information, call (516) 632-7756.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: SIXTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES AND AWARDS LUNCHEON. Noon to 2 p.m. Health Sciences Center, Lecture Hall 2, Level 2, East Campus, State University of New York at Stony Brook. A homecoming event. Free. For information, call (516) 632-6320.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: ALUMNI WELCOME CAFE. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Student Activities Center Auditorium, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Gourmet coffee and delicious snack with live jazz and folk music will make this occasion a great opportunity to meet professors and former classmates. Walk to the Homecoming Parade, where the festivities will commence. Free. For information or a brochure,



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This year's Homecoming Parade on September 24, will include floats like the one shown above from last year's parade.

call (516) 632-6330.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: GEOLOGY OPEN NIGHT. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Earth and Space Science Building (Room 001), State University of New York at Stony Brook. Prof. Donald H. Lindsley, Department of Geosciences, State University of New York at Stony Brook will give a lecture entitled "Thirty Years After Apollo 11: One lunatic's recollections of lunar science and lunar scientists." There will be refreshments and demonstrations after the presentations. Free. For information, call (516) 632-8210, or visit the Web site: www.geo.sunysb.edu/openight/.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: HOMECOMING STREET FESTIVAL AND PARADE. 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Student Activities Center Drive and Plaza. A Stony Brook Carnival with laser tag, photo buttons, games, rides, miniature golf, sand-art, washable tattoos, cotton candy, popcorn and DJs providing different styles of music. The parade starts at 10 p.m. with the 1999 Homecoming Parade Grand Marshals Joe and Betty Cassidy leading the way. Contest winners are announced at midnight for the best floats, banners and bulletin boards. For information or a brochure, call (516) 632-6330

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: HOMECOMING '99 FOOTBALL GAME: STONYBROOK SEAWOLVES VS. MONMOUTH. 11:30 a.m. Seawolves Field, State University of New York at Stony Brook. This is the first year that Stony Brook enters Division I Athletics. Pre-game show starts at 11:30, featuring the Stony Brook Cheerleaders and Kickline Step Show. The game kicks off at 12:30. Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned half time. For information or a brochure, call (516) 632-6330 or (877) SEA-WOLF.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: HOMECOMING RECEPTIONS. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Student Activities Center, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Receptions, hosted by Dean Yacov Shamash (in Room 308) and Paul B. Armstrong (in Room 302), are respectively for the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the College of Arts and Sciences. Alumni of the two colleges are welcome. For information or a brochure, call (516) 632-6330 or (877) SEA-WOLF.

Film

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: AFTER LIFE. 7 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center for Arts, State University of New

York at Stony Brook. Unrated. 118 minutes. This fascinating film takes place in the afterlife where recently deceased people are given three days to pick their favorite memory to last with them in the afterlife. For information, call (516) 632-ARTS, or visit the Web site: www.staller.sunysb.edu/movies/99/fall99.html.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER. 9:30 p.m. Main Stage, Staller Center for Arts, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Rated R. 116 minutes. With John Travolta, James Cromwell, Madeline Stowe and James Woods. Season pass (15 films), \$20. Individual tickets: \$4 adults, \$3 students, seniors and children (ages 12 and under). For information, call (516) 632-ARTS, or visit the Web site: www.staller.sunysb.edu/movies/99/fall99.html.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15: THE SURVIVAL OF THE COMMUNITY: HURRICANE MITCH IN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. Monday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m. The Art Gallery, Stony Brook Union, State University of New York at Stony Brook. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, this exhibition features photographs by Keith Miller. Free. For information, call (516) 632-6822.

Lectures

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: LESBIANS UNDER THEIR SKIN: THE MODERN ROMANCE OF GERTRUDE AND ERNEST. 4:30 p.m. E4340 Melville Library, State University of New York at Stony Brook. This talk is part of Humanities Institute at Stony Brook's Faculty Colloquium Lecture Series. Dr. Eric Haralson, Assistant Professor of the English Department, State University of New York at Stony Brook, will revisit the ardent, tumultuous relationship between Gertrude Stein and Ernest Hemingway. Free and open to public. For information, call (516) 632-7765.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: LATINOS IN POLITICS. 11:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Student Activities Center, Room 302, State University of New York at Stony Brook. Professor Manuel Avalos from Arizona State University and Professor Lisa Montoya from University of Texas at Austin will present two lectures on Latino cultures. Free. For information, call (516) 632-9176.

Helping Abroad

One Student Shares His Experiences as an International Volunteer

By GUY BASSIS
Statesman Contributor

What would you say if I told you that you can go to Spain and spend three weeks digging for dinosaur fossils with people from other countries an archeologists who are experts in their field? Or perhaps you would like to go to Italy for a month and organize a festival in one of the small village south of Rome? Maybe you rather go to Poland and help take care of terminally ill children in a mountain resort where the kids go to relax? Another option that you might consider is to maybe fly to Denmark over the summer and spend a month as a camp counselor

in a camp that teaches the local children English? Or possibly maybe you would like to fly to Austria and spend three weeks in the Alps where your job will be to construct hiking trails through those incredible mountains? Well get ready because you can do all of this and much more.

The concept is a simple one, the host country organizes numerous projects and asks for volunteers from different countries to come to the project sites and help. There are many types of projects offered and they vary in length from two to four weeks. The projects are specifically designed for students so they are

offered only during winter and summer breaks.

I just came back from the south of France where I spent three weeks with 15 other people from eight different countries renovating an historic hill and a castle for a little village 45 minutes north of the Mediterranean Sea. It was truly an amazing experience!

A new language, new people, new food, new landscape, and new culture. It is simply incredible to be exposed to all of those strange and wonderful experiences.

One of the reasons why I decided to join an international volunteer project was to get to see the people of the area for who they really are, and I certainly did.

Being in one place for a prolonged period of time makes you feel like one of them and not just like some tourist with a camera passing them on the bus.

If you don't mind "roughing it" sometimes, this is the experience for you. The way I look at it is like MTV's "Road Rules" and the "Real World" combined into one

adventure. The project's success is based on the group's ability to make decisions and work together, which can sometimes be challenging considering people come from different backgrounds with different languages and a wide range of opinions.

Even though you are volunteering you are still responsible for paying for transportation to get to and from the project site (there is also a fee that you must pay to the organization), and all other expenses are paid for.

Whichever project you choose or where you want to do it, one thing is for sure, if you enjoy volunteering, meeting new people, making your voice heard, and are open to new and exciting things this adventure is for you.

For more information about experiencing such an adventure you can go on line to www.counciltravel.com, or you can email me at Gbassis@ic.sunysb.edu and I can tell you how much fun it can be to experience one of these adventures.

Floyd Hits Long Island

SBU Suffers Minimal Damage From the Hurricane

By JENNIFER KESTER
Statesman Editor

Last Thursday, Tropical Storm Floyd hit Long Island with gusty winds and torrential rain, causing Stony Brook University administrators to cancel afternoon classes to prevent students from being stuck in the storm.

Classes after noon were cancelled, along with all campus events. Classes on Friday were delayed until 11:00 am. All faculty and staff were sent home, with the exception of essential personnel – university police, doctors and nurses.

"A big concern was our commuters," said Doug Little, deputy chief of University Police for Community Relations. With over half of SBU students commuting, administrators wanted to prevent any accidents.

For the residents, the big concern among administrators was the 60 m.p.h. winds and debris. Residents were instructed not to leave their residence halls and to close their windows and drapes. Some floors held informational meetings.

Sophomore and Roth Quad resident Edith Ashamole remained indoors for safety. "It was kind of scary, I didn't leave my room from Thursday to Friday," she said.

For some students, the cancellation was an inconvenience. "I still have to make up the work,

there was no rescheduling," said Chapin resident Pete Saree.

Luckily, Floyd only caused minimal damage. Some residence halls lost their phone connections for a short time. Some cars had trouble from the flooding, and some tree branches broke off.

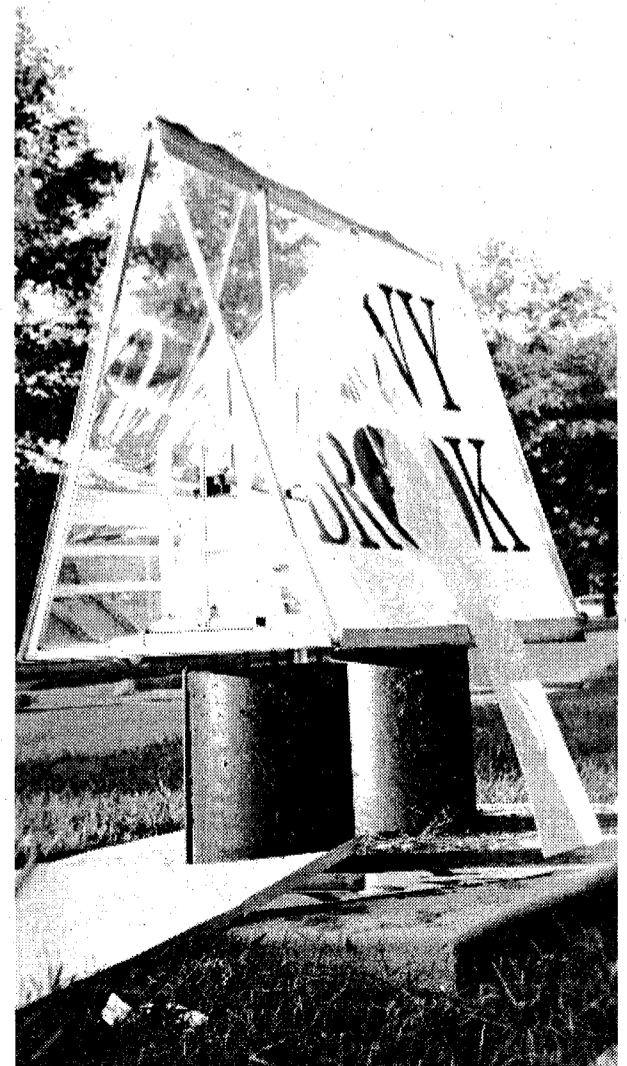
The campus had experienced more extensive damages in other hurricanes. Hurricane Gloria devastated the campus, uprooting trees and causing electrical outages.

Floyd, which caused Gov. George Pataki to issue a state disaster emergency to counties including Nassau and Suffolk, dropped three to five inches of rain on Long Island. Other areas in New York such as Brewster were hit harder, with 13.7 inches of rain. Many towns on the south shore were evacuated.

Though the storm was tame on Long Island, other areas were not as lucky. The Bahamas were hit the hardest. Hundreds of homes were flattened and roofless and thousands of the islanders were without telephones, electricity or reliable water service for several weeks. The Carolinas were also hit, with more than 1.4 million without electricity and flooding hundreds of North Carolina homes with more than a foot of water.

Little said, "We were lucky that it wasn't the hurricane we thought it would be."

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Floyd caused some damage on campus, like sign shown above.

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Computing at Stony Brook

BY KAT FULGIERI
Statesman Editor

A typical September at Stony Brook involves a great deal of frustration, specifically directed towards the Internet service.

For the first few weeks of school, technical support at dealerships, manufacturers, and here at Stony Brook experiences an abnormal barrage of calls. The questions fielded by staffers include queries as simple as "Where is the on switch?" to "How do I configure my system for optimal speed?" and "Why isn't my computer logging on to the network?"

Many college students purchase a computer for dorm use upon entering their freshman year. A computing system often becomes a central part of a student's college experience, assisting in everything from research to entertainment. Brian Delaney, the store manager of Super Computer Corporation, located in Selden, has first-hand experience with the desires and needs of Stony Brook students when it comes to choosing a computer.

"The main concern for students heading up to college is hooking up to their school network," offers Delaney, who fields ten to fifteen calls a week from Stony Brook students confused about how to get connected, "but other issues come into play."

Delaney explains that he asks students to tell him their major, so that a system can be better tailored to fit student needs. "Most computer students need to spend more money, because they need to load up on extras. Your average student can get a system with standard speed and memory."

Additionally, for students who need to rely heavily on their computers for graphic design, Delaney recommends Macintosh computers. Students who are computer science majors usually purchase PC's, because the systems are not as concerned with graphics,

web page layout, and advanced data presentation.

The process doesn't stop with the purchase of a computer, though. A student who buys new computer for college may find themselves back at the shop asking for a memory upgrade, because they have filled up gigabytes of memory with movies, and the ever-popular new music medium of MP3s, consequently slowing down their system.

MP3s are a compressed form of data that allow songs to take up much less space on a hard drive than previous forms of data. The files are extremely popular with college students because network transfer capabilities make it quick and easy to download the

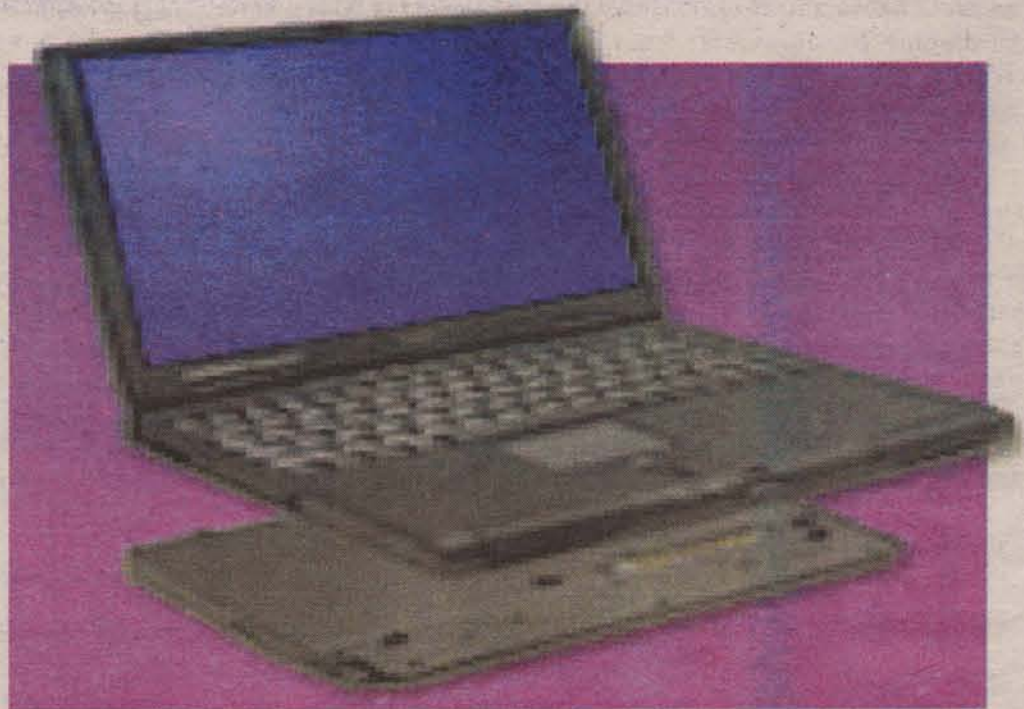
latest songs without paying for the compact disc.

"I have a ten gig hard drive, and five gigs are taken up with MP3s," said Stony Brook sophomore Anthony Gorgi. "If I look on the Stony Brook network, I can get files directly from other students computers, and each one takes about three minutes. The same computer can take more than twenty minutes to download the same file when I'm at home."

The reference to taking other student's files does not involve any advanced hacking techniques. Instead, Stony Brook students who live in renovated buildings can choose which folders they want to make public, allowing a communal sharing of files.

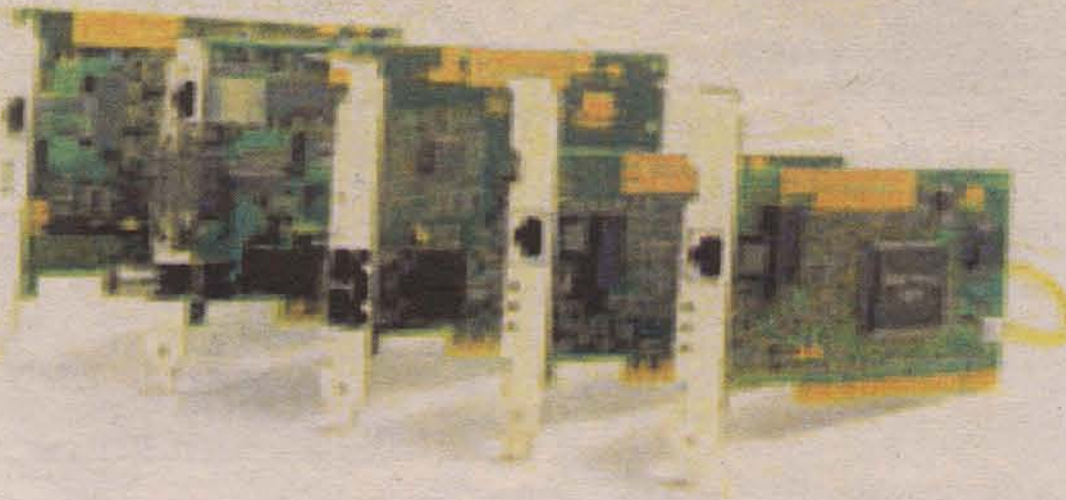
As for the non-renovated dorms, things are a little bit different. Students don't have to shell out for an ethernet card, but they do have to pay to rent an analog adapter, and then wait for it to get turned on.

More ambitious students who have tried hooking up their computer directly to the phone (something that works at home) quickly learn that the Stony Brook phones are configured to not work that way. Students with analog adapters also face the irritating problem of busy signals when trying to dial up to the network, which is not a problem for students with ethernet access. "You'd think that these idiots would have enough modems, but, of course not," griped an H Quad student as the "line is busy" dialog box popped up on his screen for the sixth time in a row. "It's worse than America Online."



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Many Stony Brook students purchase computers or laptops to use at school.



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Some resident students must buy ethernet cards, shown above, to receive Internet service.