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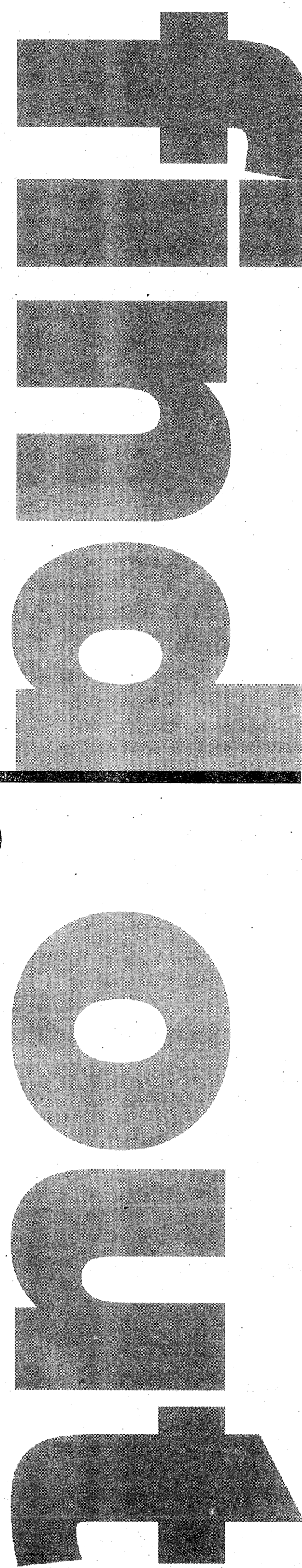


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# 'Wolves Dogged in Home Opener

## Future Division I Rival Albany Hands Stony Brook Its Second Blowout of the Season

BY PETER GRATTON  
Statesman Editor

When the Seawolves (2-3) have lost this season, they have lost big.

Before a near capacity crowd of students and alumni in their homecoming game, a disappointed crowd watched as the Albany Danes (5-1) dogged the Seawolves in the final quarter, scoring 26 unanswered points after SB back Gabe Rodriquez had tied the game with a 94 yard run on a kickoff return in the 3rd quarter.

The Seawolves had already suffered the biggest blowout in their history in the season's opening game.

The Danes' were led by Quarterback Eric Williams, who threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as Albany racked up 451 yards of total offense, with 290 on the ground. Williams, who completed 12 of 26 passes for 161

### Final Score

Albany	42
Seawolves	16

yards, also led the team in rushing with 85 yards.

The Danes' quarterback has thus far had an outstanding season. In Albany's second game of the season, he threw for two touchdowns and ran for another against American International, and the following week against Monmouth passed for a career high 199 yards with another two touchdown passes.

## Women's Volleyball Wins

The Stony Brook women's volleyball team improved to 19-7 on the season, with a 3-0 victory over American International. The Seawolves had three players reach double figures in kills for the second straight match as Stony Brook improved to 9-0 at the Sports Complex this season.

Junior Jessica Serrano tallied a game-high 14 kills, 11 digs, and six service aces to lead the effort. Senior Elka Samuels



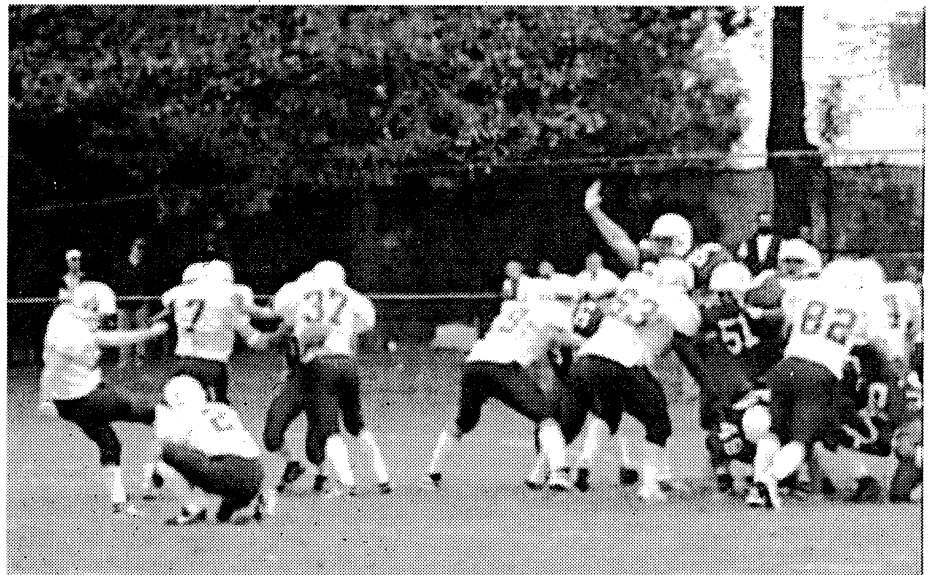
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The Danes kick the extra point after a touchdown scored on a Seawolves turnover late in the 4th quarter, right. Above, the Seawolves' cheerleaders prepare before the game.

Albany, the defending Eastern Football Conference Champions, have now won 16 of their last 17 games. Like the Seawolves, the Danes will be making a move to Division I status next season.

Albany got on the board early when Williams connected with Dimy Cedor, for a 58-yard touchdown pass on their first possession of the game. Early in the second quarter, Jason Harris scored on a 30-yard field goal, cutting the Danes' lead to 7-3.

The Seawolves took its only lead of the game with 5:56 left in the second quarter when Ralph Menendez dove in from one yard out. With a failed extra point attempt, the Seawolves had a slim



Statesman/ Peter Gratton

9-7 lead.

Albany was quick to retaliate, scoring 3 points on a 20-yard field goal by Deron Regev to put Albany up 10-9 at half-time. In the second half, the Danes came out roaring, extending their lead another six points on its first possession. The Danes marched down the field 61 yards on eight plays, capping it off with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Williams to Michael Ettz.

The Seawolves answered only seconds later with Rodriquez's 94-yard kickoff return to deadlock the game at 16.

From there on the Danes held complete control of the game, as the Seawolves players themselves could be heard from the stands questioning each other's lack of heart in the game. Stony

Brook managed just 48 total yards of offense in the second half, turning the ball over late in the game with two fumbles and an interception. Albany scored 26 unanswered points, with touchdowns scored on each of the Seawolves' turnovers.

The only bright spot, in what is usually the most attended game of the season at Seawolves Field, for Stony Brook was the performance of Menendez, who rushed for 89 yards on 22 carries.

The Seawolves' were not the only ones blown out this year by the Danes' offensive onslaught. The Albany football team has outscored their opponents 184-86 in their five wins this season.

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# A Target Alone in the Dark

## Student Sexually Assaulted at Night in Woods Between Tabler and Roosevelt

By JENNIFER KESTER  
Statesman Editor

Last Tuesday, a female student was sexually assaulted while walking through an unmarked path in the wooded area between Tabler and Roosevelt Quad. The incident has caused alarm in the campus community and many are taking preventative measures to avoid the occurrence of other rape related crimes.

The incident occurred at about 9:30 p.m. while the victim was walking alone. She was accosted by an unknown attacker. Police have issued an advisory describing the suspect as a 6'2", 180 pound slim white male. He is suspected to be approximately 20-22 years old and has short crew cut black hair. The suspect was wearing a light colored jacket and blue jeans at the time of the attack.

The suspect is still at large and Assistant Director of University Police Doug Little is urging the campus community to come forth with any information regarding the case. "A heinous crime of this nature is traumatizing," said Little.

According to Little, there has only been one reported case of rape on campus within the last two years. "Rape is one of the most unreported crimes in the country," he said.

The Sexual Assault Facts and Education Peer Education Program (SAFE) at Stony Brook University reports that 1 out of every 6 college women reported experiencing forceful attempts at sexual intercourse and that 1 out of every 15 male college students reported committing a rape



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The woods between Tabler and Roosevelt Quad was the site of last week's attack.

or attempting to commit a rape.

Continual efforts have been made to curb rape related crimes. There is a University Counseling Center on campus located in the Infirmary that victims can go to. The SAFE program personnel perform skits at residence halls to educate students and to show them that help is out there. The SAFE program also trains graduate and undergraduate students so that those dealing with sex related crimes can have people to turn to. The University Police has had ongoing projects to help educate the campus. Officers are speaking to USB 101 classes about the matter, have implemented personal safety /awareness programs

in the residence halls and have advertised pamphlets available throughout the campus.

"Folks should use the Walk Service on campus and if they don't want to use it, please walk in pairs. You are 75% less likely to become a victim of crime just by walking with another person," Little said.

If anyone has information on the assault, please call the University Police at 632-3333 or CrimeStoppers at 2-TIPS on campus or 1-800-220-TIPS off campus. Anyone in need of help with dealing with a rape or sexual assault can call the 24 hour hotline University Response at 632-HOPE or the Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk at 360-3606.

## Bike Path Dedicated



On Friday, the University dedicated its new 1.4 million bike path in memory of Paul Simons, a former student who regularly biked his way around campus. Simon died two years ago when an automobile struck him while bicycling in Suffolk County. The Paul Simons Memorial Bicycle Path takes a six-mile route through the campus, and is available for use by both cyclists and pedestrians.

## FSA Discusses Food Problems

By MICHAEL KWAN  
Statesman Editor

The Food Service Resolution Committee met last Friday to discuss the problem students have been having with meal plan B, and to review the implementation of a plan that would make the prices of food on campus more consistent and fair.

Over 60% of the 400 students on Seawolves Plan B, which is the plan that allows for six meals a week, have over have over thirty unused meals. According to Dawn Vallacci of the Faculty Student Association (FSA), some students on Plan B feel that "It's too structured and rigid for them." So they end up eating in the campus center, or at the residence halls, using their campus points. The plan does not allow for the substitution of one side dish for another. If this is done or the meal just does not fit Chartwells' predetermined definition of a meal, the student must pay for the meal with campus points.

Committee members Frank Santangelo, a Polity Commuter Senator, and Kevin Kelly, executive director of the FSA, proposed a solution to the problem. The plan, which would be brought in front of Campus Dining Services (CDS) and FSA for approval would

allow students to switch to a declining balance plan, essentially plan A, which gives students points to spend across campus, the value of which would be determined later, but will probably be based upon the remaining balance of each individual student.

Focus groups will be formed in the coming weeks to find a permanent solution to this problem.

If approved there would be a one week period during November during which students on Plan B would be able to change to the new plan.

"Find a fair price for the student of don't sell the item," said Santangelo. The plan to make food prices consistent around campus involves both students, Chartwells staff, and Faculty. This plan will affect new items at the various food distribution locations around campus.

When a new item is requested, a price is set by the manager of the particular location. A form, detailing the particulars of the circumstances of the item's sale, is then filled out and sent to the Food Services Committee. The committee, not Chartwells staff, CDS, or the FSA, will then set the price of the item.

"If they make it \$4.00, and we say it's \$3.90, that's what it is," said Kelly.

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## Editorials

# Madness over Apathy

Who says Stony Brook is apathetic? Fall of 1998 is proving to be a semester where our school spirit is out in full force. Last week's Homecoming activities drew record numbers of crowds and participants. Midnight Madness was packed and there was a huge turnout at the SAC plaza Saturday night to watch each organization flaunt their Homecoming floats. This is particularly impressive when you take into consideration that Stony Brook is notorious for being the ultimate suitcase school. It's so dead here on Saturdays that the library closes before 7:00 Sundays, they say it's like a ghost town around here, tumble weeds blowing across campus and all. But this weekend was different.

Okay, so getting students to come out for the important stuff is like pulling teeth. Don't forget that of all the students who have a meal plan, only 75 turned out to participate in the meeting concerning the switch from Aramark to Chartwells. Polity meetings, which are open to the public are attended by very few people other than those who are "supposed" to be there. But when it comes to Homecoming festivities, they come out in full force and we guess that is better than nothing. After all, school spirit is pretty much the basic factor in getting people to care about the things other than what's going on in the Sports Complex. And if that is achieved by rooting for that dopey looking blue Seawolf, well then we guess that if its a means to an end... count us in.

So we were wondering what could it be that is spawning this sudden surge of interest, excitement and enthusiasm that's abounding around campus? Well, in some respects things do seem to be on the upswing lately. Stony Brook is boasting some spectacular ground breaking research, as we told you last week. The Africana Studies program is now a department, thanks to the diligence of the students. Quads are getting renovated, which is nice, if its your dorm getting redone. And of course, our personal favorite, Polity is revamping their constitution. Hey, there is a lot to be happy about these days.

We thought it would be a cold day in hell that we praised the activities of Stony Brook's

sororities and fraternities, but they do deserve some credit in generating a lot of excitement that's been on campus these past few weeks. Their little tables blasting music in the Union does create a festive atmosphere and one particular sorority was very very much into their float at Saturday's parade. The athletes here at Stony Brook should also get some recognition, not only for their playing abilities but for generating support for themselves and the other teams here with Midnight Madness.

Sometimes it is easy to forget that while all of us are following a path that seems completely

divergent from the one our schoolmates are on, there is one thing we have in common. We all attend a great university and are receiving a solid education. So, while it doesn't seem that the guy from the Science Fiction Forum has much in common with he girl from the Haitian Student Organization, we can all bound together in some respects. In a perfect world, we could put our differences aside over something monumental like peace in the Middle East or feeding the hungry in Rwanda but for now we can stand side by side to show pride in our school and cheer on the Seawolves.

## A Loss of Security

### Editorial Notebook

Of all the violent crimes we hear so much about these days, few are as brutal and distressing as rape. But the fact becomes even more disturbing when it takes place within your own community or in your backyard. That is in fact what has happened here at Stony Brook and it disappoints us that we are the ones who have to bring you this terrible news. An unsuspecting woman was attacked while walking through the woods behind Tabler Quad, which for some of you may very well be "your own backyard." What can we say about this? It would seem that saying something cliché like, "Don't walk alone at night," "Be aware of your surroundings," or "No means no," trivializes this situation. A fellow student of ours has had her life changed forever and for the worse. A rapist may very well be sitting next to you in class. How can we simply say something like, "Rape is wrong?"

Perhaps I am naive but I never considered myself to be in any danger walking around campus by myself. I truly believed that I was in a sense "at home" and who feels afraid to go about their business as usual in the place where they live, learn, eat, and sleep? Few people would and this is because they shouldn't have to. The fear of being violated or attacked should be absent from society altogether, but there is even less of a place for it in your home. So what does this mean now? I will look over my shoulder more often, park closer to the

campus even if I risk getting a ticket, look at the people walking around me not as classmates, but as potential threats to my well-being. This is unacceptable, at the very least, and I am so angry that I will be forced to think like this.

So what do we do? Precautions are the only way to prevent this from happening again. This is a big campus and it is a far walk from Tabler to the Union or SBS of Mendelsohn. Call the Walk service. Why walk alone when you don't have to? Make a point of being aware of where the emergency phones are scattered around campus. I hate to point out the obvious, but don't walk in dimly lit areas, don't walk alone at night, be aware of your surroundings, in a word don't put yourself at unnecessary risk.

Our hearts go out to the victim. We pray that she can soon find herself on the road to recovery. As for the animal that attacked her, thank you for ruining the peaceful and safe environment that we all interact within. I would love to express my true thoughts on you, but I know they will not be printed. I will leave it at saying that what goes around, comes around, and I hope that you get yours soon.

-Erin Rosenking

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## The Rumors of Apathy's Death Quite Exaggerated

By MICHAEL KWAN  
Statesman Editor

There is a problem at Stony Brook, despite what our editorial board has written today. There is the tremendous amount of apathy among the student body. And it's growing. Not apathy that everybody always talks about in connection with political affairs in Washington, but the apathy toward issues that will directly affect each and every one of us.

While there are students who actively involve themselves in the University Senate, the Faculty Student Association, Polity, building Leg's and the various committees and organizations that affect the student body as a whole, many students could care less about what happens to their money.

Yes, it's your money. You paid the tuition, so shouldn't it do something productive for you. Where do you think the student activity fee, technology fee, and the rest of the growing list of fees on your tuition bill goes? They go directly into those organizations, that's where.

If you want a say in where your money goes, speak up! Attend a meeting, and see what's going on around campus.

Everybody complains about the food on campus. That is understandable, it isn't the greatest food on earth. But when was the last time you tried to do something to change that. Never, huh? Well, there are things that you can do to make your voice heard.

The Food Service Committee, like most other groups, hold open meetings. And as

long as you don't become rowdy and irate, you can stay and listen. You can even participate if you want to.

The same applies to Polity meetings.

As part of my work at the Statesman, I've

### No Apathy? Tell that to the Polity Senators Sleeping Through Their Weekly Meetings

been to several of these meetings, and have never seen a single student there. This is sad, because, while these meetings may be long and boring at times, they work on important matters that directly affect all students, such as allocating funds for various functions around school and to student run organizations.

Unfortunately, some of our senators also seem to be apathetic toward the issues, with some reading books, and even doing homework during meetings, leaving only a few to debate the issues at hand. Which makes one ask the question, why did some of these people want to be Senators in the first place?

I realize that many of you are busy studying, I am too. After all, that's what we're

all here to do. But it's not very hard to get into these meetings, all you have to do is walk in and sit down. The Senate meets at 8:30PM on Wednesdays in the SAC room 302.

And if you think you don't have the time, don't party for one week, and you'll be amazed at how much time you have (but that's a completely different editorial).

If you think that you are well informed about the campus community, I would like to pose the following questions:

If you're a resident, do you know who your Polity Senator is?

If you're a commuter, do you know any of your Polity Senators?

Have you ever been to a Polity meeting? Have you ever been to a University Senate meeting?

What about FSA committee meetings?

Will you vote in the upcoming Polity elections?

When was the last time you even thought about any of this?

Now you don't have to become the fanatical activist that some of our peers are, but I do urge you to get involved. Don't you want a say in how your money is spent? Or, at least, know how it's spent. Do you care? Last semester there was a problem with misappropriation of funds within Polity, do you want that to happen again? I don't think so.

We at the Statesman, the Press, 3TV, and the rest of the media wing can only do so much to bring problems to light. You have to do the rest. Don't assume that someone else will do it. Just remember it's only your future.

## Misery Index

Compiled by Peter Gratton, Statesman Editor

Ah, Homecoming weekend. The leaves are beginning to fall, the kegs are being tapped, and the Seawolves are getting blown out. This marks our one year anniversary of the Index, so-called because of our endeavor to track the University's quest to become the most unhappy campus in the nation, after finishing second place in a Princeton Review poll for two straight years. We, of course, couldn't be happier after a weekend of bliss watching someone else take home the free tuition at Midnight Madness and were too distracted by the fireworks to study for the three mid-terms that always seem scheduled right after Homecoming weekend. So excuse our grumpyness. A review of our progress:

*Oh, you meant those drawings!:* In April, the University announced at a Green Team luncheon a major upheaval of the center of campus. We, of course, wanted more specifics and petitioned the administration with a freedom of information act request for copies of all information, including architectural blue prints, regarding the transformation. Vice President Dick Mann's answer to our request: Drawings? What Drawings? Needless to say, we were quite amused when those very drawings which we were told didn't exist made their way around campus last week, with the date of 11/97 on them. And of course, any administration official who returned our phone calls still had no idea about any plans to revamp the mall, despite the April announcement. The final answer: the drawings were mere "artist conceptions." Right, and that was probably a prose fiction reading that we attended in April.

*Just think of what that check will be worth after Pataki is re-elected:* We were all waiting with baited breathe as the winning ticket for the free tuition was announced at Friday's rockin' Midnight Madness. (After all, it may be worth more than the Corvette they rolled out in a few years.) In any event, we were surprised to find out that our friend who we affectionately call "porn-

man," the guy we featured in a spring semester article for being kicked out of the library since sites for surfing porn web-sites, was the winner of the free tuition. Guess he'll be able to upgrade to calling those \$2.99 a minute numbers now.

*Good media relations, part deux:* We have to hand it to Rob Emmerich, the media relations director at the Sports Complex. He's chased away every sports writer we had down here (Dave Chow, Mike Chamoff, Tom Masse, et al.) from doing any real coverage of the sport teams. First: It's the sixth week into the season and he still hasn't gotten our football reporter the proper pass he needs to get in to see the game and Second: he shoves the same reporter into a table in the press box at Saturday's game (two sources and a bruise on his knee back up our reporter's story). So for now until the end of the season, or at least until we can convince our reporter that it's still worth covering the football team's road to Division I, we'll begin our Emmerich watch, a look at the week's stories not being covered because Rob Emmerich still has his job. What we can't understand is why Emmerich has his well paid position in the first place. We are by far the largest (30,000 readers per week and an off campus circulation that rivals the Village Times) paper doing full reporting on the football team, so we can't imagine what Emmerich is doing when he's not working with us. Hopefully his resume.

# President Signs Bill Slashing Student Loan Rates

By **TERENCE HUNT**  
Associated Press

President Clinton signed a higher education bill this month slashing student-loan interest rates to their lowest level in 17 years, saving borrowers an estimated \$11 billion over five years.

"Today with this lowering of the interest rates ... we can really say that every high school graduate in America, regardless of income, can afford to go to college," the president said.

The White House said a typical student borrower at a four-year college, graduating with \$13,000 in debt, would save about \$700 over a 10-year repayment period.

Democratic and Republican members of Congress joined the president in the East Room for a bipartisan signing ceremony. In his remarks, Clinton emphasized the political cooperation that got the bill completed.

"I am proud not only of what is in this bill but how this bill passed," he said. "This is the way America should work. This is the way Congress should work." He then called on Congress to set aside partisan differences and pass other elements of his education agenda, including his proposals for hiring 100,000 more public school teachers to reduce class sizes and spending more to modernize aging school buildings.

"Today we celebrate putting partisanship aside for an historic higher education law," he said. "We can do no less for our public schools." Clinton said the higher education bill "will enhance the economic strength of America, it will strengthen the communities of America, it will improve the lives of families of America and it

will certainly widen the circle of opportunity."

The bill creates a new interest-rate formula, based on Treasury bill rates and added points, for student loans. As a result, the rate for students would be 7.46 percent for graduates starting to repay their loans, the lowest rate in 17 years. Rates are capped at 8.24 percent.

Students who refinance their loans could get lower interest rates if they applied before Jan. 31, 1999.

The measure also raises the maximum authorized amount for Pell Grants from the present \$3,000 to \$4,500 a year in 1999-2000, and in steps to \$5,800 in 2003-2004. But Congress would have to provide the money. The bill raises the ceiling on grants and work-student for needy students. It also takes steps to improve teacher preparation, monitor college costs, report campus crimes, monitor hate crimes and discourage drug or alcohol abuse.

## The Effects of the New Law

(AP) The new higher education bill locks in for new loans until July 1, 2003, a new interest-rate formula, based on Treasury bill rates and added points. The rate would be 7.46 percent - down from more than 8 percent last year - for graduates starting to repay their loans under the Direct Loan and Government-Guaranteed Loan, or FFEL, programs. Students who want to refinance existing loan payments must apply before Jan. 31. A new performance-based organization will be created within the Education Department to run student financial aid programs like a business and improve services to parents and students.

### PELL GRANTS:

Authorizes an increase in the maximum per-year individual Pell Grant for low-income students from \$3,000 currently to \$4,500 for the 1999-2000 academic year, and ultimately, in steps, to \$5,800 in 2003-2004.

### WORK STUDY

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Program and revises the eligibility formula to let students who are supporting themselves through school keep more of their earnings.

### QUALITY TEACHERS

Consolidates more than a dozen teacher preparation programs into one grant program of incentives for states to toughen certification procedures and make it easier to fire incompetent teachers. The grant funds could also be used by teaching schools and school districts to promote strong teachers and keep them current on new teaching technologies. Forgives up to \$5,000 in student loans for graduates who teach for five years in a low-income community. Creates grants for teaching schools to offer scholarships to students who commit to teaching for at least three years in "high need" school districts.

### FIGHTING DRUG USE

Bars financial aid to students convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs. Eligibility for aid could be reinstated after successful completion of a rehab program. Allows school officials to notify a student's parents of drug or alcohol violations.

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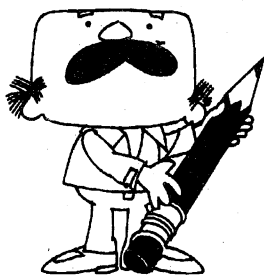
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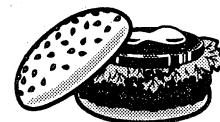
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# A Tale From the Heart

## A Review of Henley's Play Crimes of the Heart

By **ROB MACKENZIE**  
Statesman Staff

*Crimes of the Heart*, a play written by Beth Henley, showed last week at the Staller Center in Theater Two, was produced by the Stony Brook Department of Theater Arts. The play entertained, as it oscillated between comedy and dramatic nasty issues. The Stony Brook players brought to life with exceptional talent the characters created by Henley.

Jennifer Guarnieri did an incredible job with the character of Babe Botrelle, her facial expressions tore laughter through the crowd. Michael Hartney, who played the part of Barnette Lloyd, also enticed the crowd with his portrayal of the awkward lawyer. The pencil neck geek with a vendetta was unbecoming of the qualities anyone would want in legal representation, but was hilarious on stage. Jennifer Darcy portrayed Meg MaGrath in a larger than life performance with a nifty pair of boots and shoes missing one heel. Angie M. Hughes, who had the role of Lenny MaGrath, played the part of the shy spinster. Henley based the story line on three woman and had male roles in minor undeveloped characters such as Doc Porter whom Drew White rendered satisfactorily. The shrewish character of Chick Boyle was played by Rebecca Anderson. The set was

designed with great detail, and anchored the story in that "old southern kitchen." Compliments to the Stage Manager Panithan Yamniyom, Set Designer Philip Baldwin, Eric Schlobonm on Lighting, and the backstage crew, who made it possible. Deborah Mayo, Assistant Professor in the Department of Theater Arts, did a wonderful job directing the players to convey the messages of the playwright through their acting.

The play mercilessly demanded laughter of the audience at times, but Henley devised a story line which bordered on gruesome with the trivial fashion in which murder, and suicide were dealt with by the three main characters. The sisters had serious psychological problems. They were all orally fixated, probably from the separation from their mother, who committed suicide, comically by hanging both herself and her cat, when the sisters were still children.

Lenny MaGrath, the ultra anal retentive "broom" hilda of the sisters, was a psyche derived from the need to replace her dead mother in a household under the controlling manipulation of their "Granddaddy."

Meg MaGrath, another sister who also suffered of oral fixation buried herself in the denial of alcohol and compulsive lying to cope with her losing proposition in life. As well as a good dose of narcissism, by which



Courtesy of the Theater Arts Department

Angie M. Hughes, Jennifer Guarnieri, and Jennifer Darcy (l to r) starred as the MaGrath sisters in *Crimes of the Heart*.

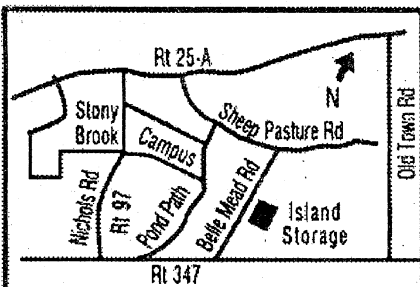
she connived even the bells for a petticoat from her resentful sister Lenny when they were little girls.

Babe, the youngest sister, acted nothing like a babe, having had sexual relations with a fifteen year old boy. After which, she shot her husband in response to his jealous fit of rage. Babe lifted off with her super sugar

lemonade mixture in flighty escapes from anxiety.

These characters written in Henley's first full length work lead the audience to a possible conclusion that she was a product of a dysfunctional family. If Henley survived a dysfunctional family, she did so with gusto by manifesting her ordeal in this pleasing play.

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# A Royal Rumble

## Students Compete For Homecoming King and Queen

By RISHAD JONUSCHAT  
Statesman Staff

The Homecoming King and Queen Competition took place in the Student Activities Center Auditorium, last Wednesday. This is the first year that the competition was open for all to see.

The evening began with a welcome by Cheryl Chambers, emcee and coordinator of the contest. This brief introduction was accompanied with several opening remarks by Carmen Vazquez, the Dean of Students and Co-Chair of the Homecoming Committee.

The three king and eight queen hopefuls took to the stage. Maha Osman, a senior, started the speeches. She about how she would like to promote unity and community within Stony Brook. "My biggest affiliation is through the Student Activities Board. I feel that it's very important for people to try new things," said Osman. Her closing remarks emphatically expressed her love for Stony Brook.

"I love this school, and I would love to be Homecoming Queen," said senior Heather Yacouby. Yacouby began with a nostalgic tale of how she remembers watching the queen being crowned during her freshman year. "I am an outgoing, motivated, and well-rounded student. I am also eager and open-minded to meet new people," she said.

Contestant Trusha Shah, a senior, pointed

out that if you look closely at the Stony Brook flag, and imagine that there are thousands of stars, then each star would represent a member of the student body, in her speech. Shah's speech was made personal and effective by the incorporation of a lit candle.

"The community of Stony Brook can be compared to a jigsaw puzzle, with each person represents a piece of the puzzle," said Sunitha Singh, another senior. Singh also spoke about her involvement in numerous activities and her aim to promote unity in our college. "Becoming Homecoming Queen would give me the opportunity to give back to my peers and the community all that they have given me."

Virginia Amandola, the only Sophomore in the contest, focused primarily on the theme of involvement. "Being involved is what I do best. I'm an outgoing and active person. A Homecoming Queen is a well-rounded person, not only academically, she is involved with extracurricular activities such as clubs and sports."

Elizabeth Seifu, who won the contest, displayed confidence as she gave her speech. She showed a willingness to learn, and said, "A Homecoming Queen must have strong sense of our multi-cultural society. I believe that in order to understand each other we must have a common ground. A strong sense of community is essential for a strong foundation." Her closing

comment was rhythmic, but at the same time particularly meaningful, "We do have a voice, if you don't use it, you will lose it."

Sally-Jane Sy ended the Homecoming Queen category. "My altruistic intentions have motivated me. Being a student at Stony Brook has given me the opportunity to meet diverse and motivated students," she said.

The males went next with only three contestants. "I have become stronger and smarter, I have more self confidence...Being here has done so much for my spirit and character," said senior Kevin Keenan, who won the contest.

Scott Fellheimer spoke next. He said, "I have a sincere interest in the involvement and advisement of the Student Body. School spirit is an intoxicating thing, once it's in you, you can't get enough of it."

The competition ended with senior Robert Clark's speech. He focused on community, and wished that more students would attend school sporting events. He said, "As Homecoming King I would personally make sure that people attend [sporting events]."

Chambers said, "The involvement that Homecoming King and Queen have, is impressive. I felt that the students expressed themselves in an articulate and orderly manner."



Statesman/Michael Kwan

Kevin Keenan and Elizabeth Seifu were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

The results of the Homecoming King and Queen Contest were announced during half-time show of the football game last Saturday. Seifu said, "I am honored, but shocked. I am looking forward to using my position to do more on campus." Keenan said, "I feel awesome about representing the Stony Brook community...Stony Brook has been good to me, and I would like to be good to Stony Brook."

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# Students Attend Leadership Forum

By KEVIN KEENAN  
STATESMAN STAFF

Once again, hundreds of students from around the country converged on our nation's capital for the annual Leadership Forum on Faith and Values sponsored by United States Representatives Mike Doyle from Pennsylvania, and Steve Largent from Oklahoma. I attended along with fellow Stony Brook University student Carmelina DiPietrantonio.

The National Leadership Forum on Faith and Values is held each year in order to provide opportunities for college students to strengthen their leadership capabilities. The forum does this by focusing on the leadership qualities, rather than the religious affiliations, of Jesus Christ.

We were nominated by Stony Brook's Dean of Students, Carmen Vazquez, and were sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry under the direction of Sr. Margaret Ann Landry, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM). "Catholic Campus Ministry is very pleased to have sponsored two of USB's outstanding students to the annual Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values in Washington DC," Landry said.

Prominent American schools such as Harvard and Yale were among those sending participants to the program. Students from international schools, such as Oxford, were also present.

The Vice President of the United

States, Al Gore, turned out to greet the students, and invited all of them to his private home for an open discussion on faith and values. The students gathered on Gore's front lawn and were able to speak with him and ask him questions on his personal faith and values. Questions inevitably turned on the current Lewinsky scandal in Washington.

"A core belief that I hold is of forgiveness," Gore said. "However, wrong has been done, and we must deal with that. But forgiveness is always essential."

The forum consisted of a three day session of various discussion groups and community service projects in the Washington DC area. The discussions provided students with the opportunity to discuss varying positions and to hear other perspectives.

Students also spent an entire day performing community service projects at various locations throughout Washington DC and surrounding areas. DiPietrantonio worked to restore a garden in a poor neighborhood, while I visited with small children in the DC projects.

According to DiPietrantonio, "It was amazing to work with these people; it seemed as if each of them had some special gift. This is a great opportunity to meet those who I perceive to be some of the greatest students in this country."

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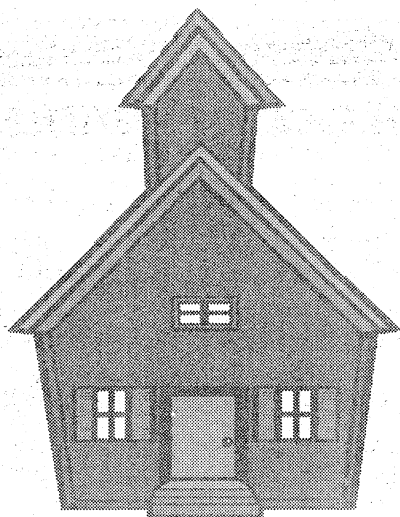
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## Homecoming Parade

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chair of the Homecoming Parade.

The theme of this year's Homecoming Parade was Seawolves-Mania. Sororities, fraternities, and other organizations came together and built floats and made. The Chinese Association at Stony Brook (CASB), made a decorative banner and held lanterns with light sticks for their march. They also performed a dance when they reached their final destination at the SAC. "We wanted to make it cultural along with the spirit," said John Cordero, CASB President.

The Philippino United Student Organization (PUSO) made their first time appearance at the parade. The club made a banner spending only \$25, and decorated each other's faces with paint and temporary seawolves tattoos and all had matching black tops and beige pants. Puso in their native Tagalog dialect means heart. "We are the puso of

seawolves mania- the heart," said PUSO President Alvin Gregorio.

The Commuter Student Association also participated in the event for the first time. They made a replica of the commuter bus and each individual member made a little car out of cardboard boxes that they slung over their shoulders with string. The mini-cars used flashlights as headlights and decorated their vehicles with license plates and seawolves everywhere.

Whitman College also elaborated on the Seawolves Mania theme. "We thought of Seawolf Mania and the next thing we thought was wrestle mania," said Taiasha Ramos, an RA from Whitman College. The float had an energetic blue seawolf jumping in a wrestling ring, and music. Marchers representing Whitman had noisemakers.

Theta Phi Alpha Sorority and Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity collaborated on a float that was a huge model of the Student Activities Center, because that is where most students spend their time. A large rotating seawolf came out from the top of the SAC

model, courtesy of the mechanical engineering majors in the organizations.

The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority also paired up for their float. "The concept was Seawolves Mania so we tried to make the biggest seawolf we could," said fraternity member Lucky Pierre. They used napkins and chicken wire to construct a huge blue seawolf. It had a smoke machine which spewed smoke from its mouth and used red strobe lights for the appearance of beady eyes. The total cost for the float was \$500.

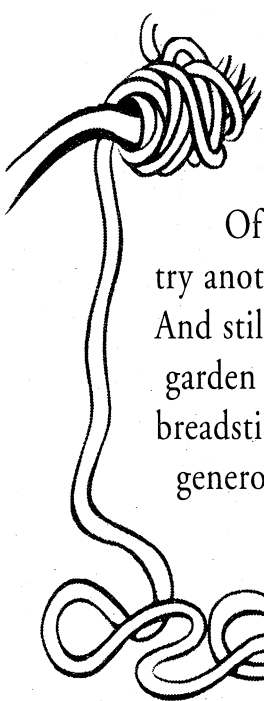
Homecoming King Kevin Keenan and Queen Elizabeth Seifu also rode in the parade. Alumni Bill and Jane Knapp led the parade as Grand Marshals. "There's a lot more school spirit than there was when we were in school. That may also be because we had a football club, not a team," said Jane Knapp.

The parade was followed by a street fair with music, bungee basketball, laser tag, minigolf, a performance from the Hip Pickles Percussion Group, and a Grucci fireworks show.



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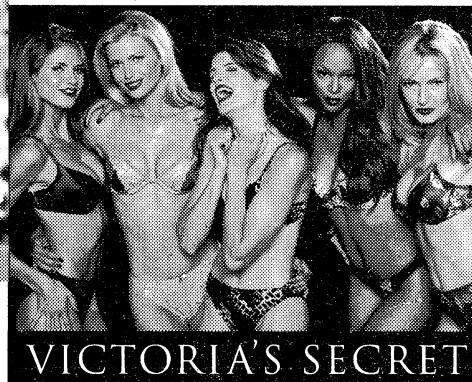
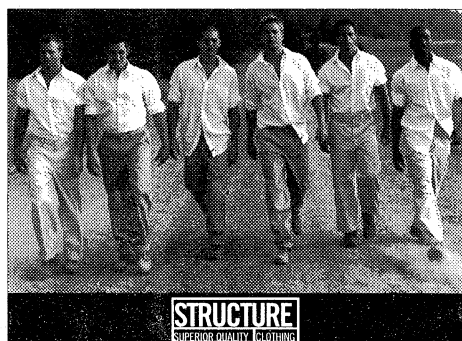
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## Seawolf Madness

### Students Pack It in at Homecoming Weekend Festivities

BY SANDRA MARTINEZ,  
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This past weekend, Stony Brook University celebrated its annual Homecoming festivities. This year stands out more than others because of the large amount of school spirit present in activities, such as Midnight Madness and the Homecoming Parade, that has been lacking in previous years.

There was music accompanied by videos displayed on two large screens, students dressed in school colors, and cheering basketball fans in the crowded Athletic Center as the Seawolves basketball season was kicked off at midnight last Saturday with Midnight Madness. It is, under NCAA rules, the earliest time any college basketball team is allowed to practice. There were over 5000 people in attendance, even greater than last year's turnout.

"Midnight Madness showed a lot of good school spirit," said sophomore Kristy Moore..

Senior Erica Keller said "It was good to see so many people supporting our athletes."

Junior Kerri Scroope, a member of the women's basketball team said, "It was the first time we've played in front of so many people. It hyped us up so much that such a large crowd came to see us."

There were sporting challenges, like bungee basketball, and boxing, between students, and T-



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Above, a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity prepares their float for Saturday's parade. Left, students duke it out in a boxing ring as part of Midnight Madness.

shirts, frisbees and caps were continually thrown into the crowd as the night went on. However, some students were dissatisfied with the distribution of the items. Sophomore Caroline Klaus said, "I had fun but it was unfair that all the prizes were going to only one side."

The Stony Brook Kickline and Step teams performed shows, which impressed the audience.

Then came the moment that the members of the basketball teams were waiting for, midnight, and the announcement of the players. The fog machine and laser show added to the growing excitement within the crowd.

After the first basketball scrimmage of the season between the women's team, Stony Brook Student Siene Bierne got the chance of a lifetime, a shot, literally, at winning a Corvette. Unfortunately for Bierne, he missed, and was given a brand new bicycle.

Next, the men's team had its first scrimmage.

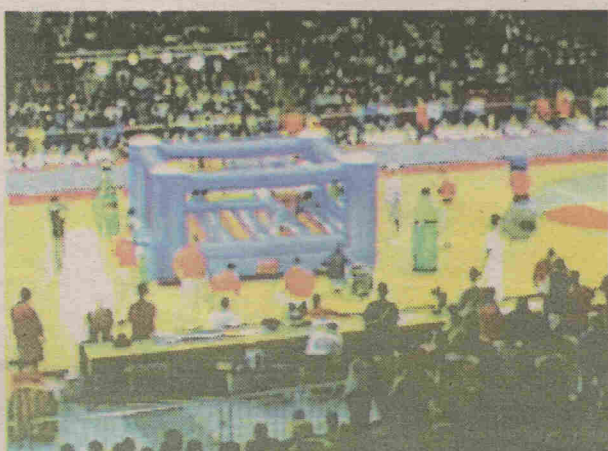
Shortly before the end of the night, one lucky student, Neil Patel, won one semester's tuition. He said that it was a good thing because his mother, a postal worker, pays all of his tuition.

Jermaine Daw, a member of the promotional staff said, "Everything went well. It was a pretty good turnout, there was more than 5000 people, so that was pretty spectacular."

Cheerleader Becky Griffeth said, "It's definitely the biggest night of the year, because a lot of students don't come to the football or basketball games."

The annual Homecoming Parade, which started from Roosevelt Quad, also had a very large turnout. "There were way more students than ever participated in the past," said Joan Peden, the co-

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