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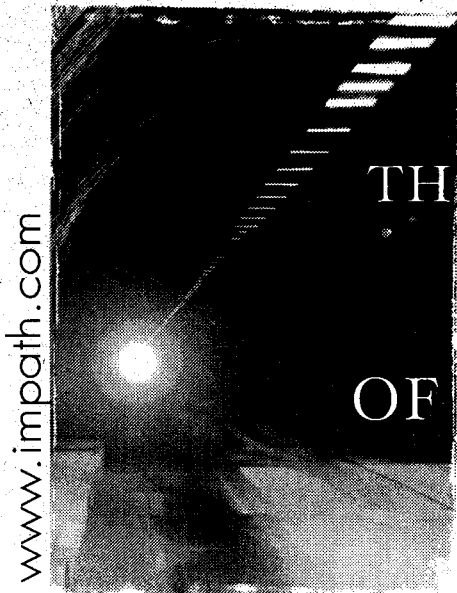
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Commentary

Setting it Straight

Polity VP Responds to Senator's Complaints

By KAEDREA JACKSON
Special to the Statesman

This is in response to the articles "A Member of the Senate Speaks Out about Impeachment Trial" and "Sparks Fly" which appeared in the March 5 edition of the Statesman. The latter article written by Paul O'Flaherty for the most part, was well written and put together. However I would like to state a few corrections. First, it was stated that two members of SPAB started to chant "No justice, no peace." Victor Escorbare is not a member of SPAB, he is head of Polity audio visual. Secondly, Dennis Lozanne is the SPAB's concerts chair not the comedy and lectures chair.

I would like to focus on the commentary written by Chris Efthymiou, Polity senator and member of the committee that investigated SPAB. It was a little ironic to see an article in the Statesman by Mr. Efthymiou, since I clearly remember him attacking the student newspapers on this campus. Let me also say to Mr. Efthymiou that my name is Kaedrea Jackson. If you are going to devote a full paragraph of your article about me, at least have the decency to mention my name and not address me as "she." Second, I am not acting president of Senate, I am the president or chair. If you were an informed senator you would know that basic information.

This leads me to question if Efthymiou knows anything about Senate or Polity as a whole. One thing he sure does know is how to criticize. In his article, Efthymiou stated that I used "convenient interpretations" of Senate rules to favor the side of the impeached individuals. If that was even remotely true, I don't understand why I received numerous compliments from senators, both commuter and resident, on how I conducted the meeting considering the circumstances. I wonder if he decided that I was biased and manipulative after I didn't let him have his way.

See unlike you, Mr. Efthymiou I can do my job without being biased. In regards to my "lack of leadership and discretion" Efthymiou has no right to even attempt to judge me. It's funny that two weeks ago I was a good leader, but now because someone doesn't like the outcome of a meeting, I don't even have those minimum skills. Let me stress to Efthymiou that neither the status of Senate nor myself as leader revolve around how he feels.

However, I think Efthymiou brought up a good point. There should be some minimum requirements for student leadership

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"Women, Freedom, and Social Movements"

Political, Social Activists Speak as Part of Women's History Month

By ERIN DUEÑAS
Statesman Editor

In one of the many events planned to commemorate Women's History Month, four female revolutionaries shared their stories of struggle with a small but captivated audience in the Union ballroom yesterday between 1 and 4 pm.

The talk, entitled "Women, Freedom and Social Movements", was sponsored by various campus organizations including the Graduate Students Organization, the UNITI Cultural Center, the Feminist Majority and Malik Sigma Psi fraternity. The featured panelists included Laura Whitehorn, Esperanza Martel, Jane Bai and keynote speaker Kathleen Cleaver.

The event began with a lunch and registration, then each woman was given the floor to talk about her struggles. Bai, the director of the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence, works with numerous coalitions to foster justice and empower the disenfranchised in communities. She said that social struggles today differ from the struggles of past generations, and that the information given to the public via the media is often inaccurate but that everyone plays a role in working for the good of people across the globe. "If you work for a community that is low income, you are working globally," Bai said.

Esperanza Martel, born in Puerto Rico, said that she has been an activist since the age of four, when she first came to the United States. She currently works on healing women with cancer as a result of the U.S. military bombing tests in Vieques, Puerto Rico, a circumstance that she actively protests against. Martel credited her mother with giving her the strength to be the social activist she is today. "She loved me very much but she would beat me," Martel said. "Dealing with that resistance made me the person I am today."

In spite of being told by a school counselor that she was not college material and that she should "go have babies," Martel went on to graduation where she had what she called her first conscious act of resistance. It coincided with the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement. "It was when I refused to salute the flag at my graduation."

After this incident, Martel said she drew inspiration from the Black Panther Party and the Cuban Revolution. "People like Che Guevara gave me hope and something to hold



Statesman/Erin Dueñas

A panel of speakers discussed womens' issues at an event sponsored in part by the Feminist Majority and the LGBTA.

on to," she said. "I saw that the poor working class and people of color can mobilize."

She then highlighted some of her work which included community and housing struggles as well as her involvement in working for the independence of Puerto Rico. "This has been a constant for me," Martel said.

Another constant has been her help in getting women to organize. She helped establish the Latin Women's

Whitehorn mentioned the bombing of the Police Benevolent Association. "We protested their representation of the white police," Whitehorn said. "It's these white police who kill innocent blacks and latinos." She pointed out that no one was ever hurt in her bombings.

Although she is white, Whitehorn said that she joined the Black Panthers in an attempt to rise up against the colonialism that she saw in the Vietnam war. "It was not

own conclusions as to how to mobilize people. "I don't know what people should do," she said, "except fight and resist."

Kathleen Cleaver, member of California's Black Panther Party, criticized the popular media for forming public opinion of the group. "It is portrayed as very masculine and very violent," Cleaver said. "This is the disinformation disseminated to corrupt your view." In order to counter this, Cleaver said that it is important to change the way people think. "Women hold up half the sky, and the black community is holding up more," she said. "To gain black liberation you have to forget what the colonial powers taught you to keep you oppressed. You have to believe that black is beautiful."

Cleaver said that the best way for women to build a freedom movement is to challenge things they don't like or think is wrong. "I am continuing the struggle of people that did this before me, starting with the people that fought slavery," she said. She said that this was a pivotal event in that it transformed the basis of the economy.

Cleaver said that everyone needs to be aware that we live in a country where democracy is not respected. "If you didn't know go check with Florida," she said. She praised groups like the Rainbow Coalition, where principles are shared by different groups working together. But the key to succeeding, according to Cleaver, lies within. "You have everything you need in you," she said. "You have to stop listening to those people who say you can't."

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Collective, an innovative program in getting woman to organize through the working class. She said that the organization helped plant the seeds of revolutionary thinking.

"When Alice Walker came up with the term 'womanism,' we were very excited," Martel said. She also established the House of Womyn's Power, located in the South Bronx, which also sought to organize women.

Next Whitehorn, a Jewish lesbian, said that she was recently released from a federal prison, where she served 15 years for multiple bombings, which were in protest to U.S. bombings of Grenada and Lebanon, as well as to protest the South African government.

about saving white college students from going to war," Whitehorn said. "We didn't want that either but it was more about a defending an oppressed nation." Whitehorn said that her bombings were illegal in this country but part of a worldwide struggle.

Whitehorn has devoted her struggles to raising awareness about political prisoners that she defined as people imprisoned because of actions taken as part of a political movement. She said that there are about 150 in the U.S. today, mostly African American.

Whitehorn said that in spite of her struggles she is still drawing her

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Is Commitment Gone in College Relationships?

Zogby International Survey: 72% of College Students Slept with Only Person Last Semester

By JENNIFER KESTER AND TINA CHADHA
Statesman Editors

With the onslaught of shows such as "Temptation Island," where couples get tested on their fidelity while on an island inhabited by attractive and available members of the opposite sex, you may wonder whether your significant other would pass the test. Chances are you wouldn't have to worry.

Last semester 72 percent of all college students slept with only one person, according to a Zogby International survey published by Reuters. The survey of 1,005 college students also revealed that 16 percent slept with two to five people while less than 1 percent claimed to have slept with six to nine different partners.

Nine percent of the men went without sex, versus 7 percent of women. However, 25 percent of all men slept with two to five people, much more than the 7 percent of women who did the same. Women were the most monogamous, the

survey said, with 83 percent of women and 61 percent of men being true to their significant others.

The men proved to be the most sexually active, 62 percent, while the 52 percent of women engaged in sexual activities. The survey also said that students at public colleges, such as the University at Stony Brook, are 16 percent more sexually active than those who attend public schools. Overall, 57 percent of the students surveyed admitted to hitting the sheets, while 40 percent said they practice abstinence.

Karen Dybus, a physician's assistant at the women's clinic, does not think that monogamy as a practice is "up." "I think serial, that is having multiple monogamous relationships over a period of time, has been the norm, she said." Evelyn Alexander, a sophomore agrees with Dybus about people having several relationships. She says that people are selfish and get bored easily. "I think in our generation

its very hard to be monogamous because a majority of the people aren't," said Alexander. "I force a lot of people in our generation not getting married."

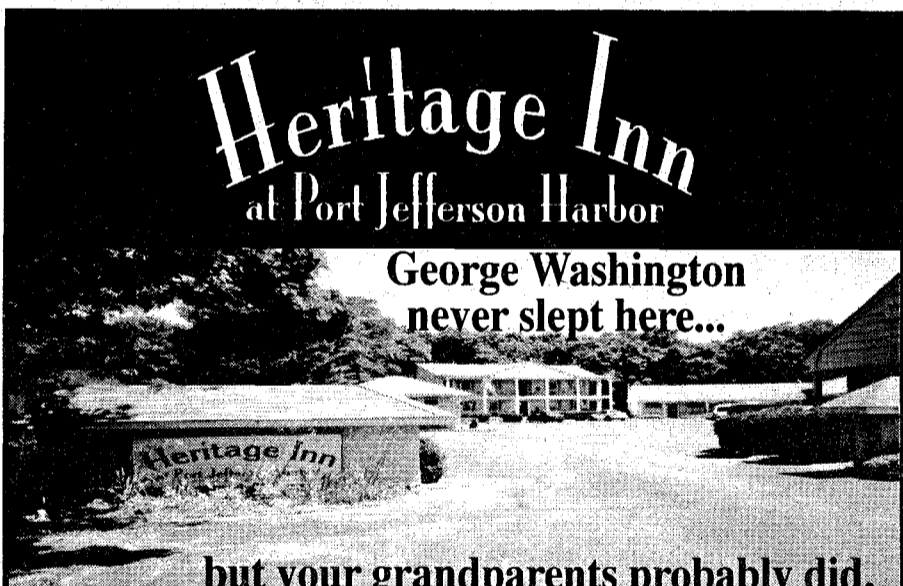
Several relationships seem to be the norm for some students who admit that upon finding the 'right one' they will commit. "In a noncommitted relationship where there are no strings attached I don't practice monogamy," said Kayode Smith, a junior. "But when I'm in a relationship I'm faithful."

The problem Dybus feels is that everyone's definition of 'a period of time' is different. One person may feel that a year or two is a long term relationship while someone else may

feel that three months is a long term relationship.

Christine LeRoy, who has been in a relationship for five years, said "I believe relations are based on love and monogamy is not a lost cause." The end result is that serial monogamy still puts one at risk for sexual transmitted infections.

In order to prevent getting any of these diseases, whether you're in a serious relationship or just hooking up, is to be protected. Dybus said they do sell condoms at the clinic, six for \$1 and many people do take advantage of their availability. "I think that a number of our clients do use condoms but perhaps not always consistently, thus decreasing their effectiveness."



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Editorials

Let's Talk About Sex

A recent study done Zogby International concluded that on the average, college students are not the horny, moral-less dogs we are so often made out to be. The study shows that monogamy is up with a whopping 72 percent of college students who say that they only slept with one person in a given semester.

While these numbers are encouraging, and all those that participate in monogamy and other safe sex practices should be commended, let's be realistic. Sowing wild oats, playing the field and seeing what is out there are all important parts of the learning process that is college. This is where we have to figure out what we want to do with the rest of our lives. Isn't finding out who we want to do for the rest of our lives important too? Mom, dad, the administration and the government can cover their ears and close their eyes all they want but hitting the sheets is, for many

anyway, one of the best ways to find out what we like and want in a mate. Of course, we should be as careful as humanly possible, and condoms should always be an arm's length away.

But there is an interesting trend currently underway in our popular culture, sending out a very positive message - that monogamy is cool. The media is already working on changing the face of safe sex, making it look like a smart alternative and not just something a dork would do. Condom commercials are hip and for the most part amusing. There are also MTV specials dedicated to promoting safe sex, as well as those showing what can happen when people are not so careful. A recent program highlighted the pornography industry. In it, one particular starlet was revealed to have AIDS, in spite of her production company's policy of frequent and periodic testing.

But even more positive is the trend of monogamy being strongly

Editor's Note: In our Thursday, March 1 issue, we ran an editorial titled "Your Student Government at Work!" In it, we criticized senators and the members of the committee investigating SPAB for being too

overzealous in their call for the impeachment of Polity president Jonnel Doris, Polity treasurer Renee Johnson and SPAB chair Andy Auguste. Although we question the motives of some senators and members of the committee, it is not our belief that all of them going about

implied, if not explicitly stated, quite often in pop culture these days. Although we are light years away from eradicating the music videos that feature nothing more than bikini-clad females sucking on a lollipop, who ever thought that we would hear rap songs with heartfelt crooners asking their girl to marry them? And how about rapper Ja-Rule with his song "Put it on Me?" He is finally saying what the ladies knew all along: every thug does need a lady. Perhaps it is not the most romantic sentiment in the world, but the lyrics in that song are surprisingly sincere, with messages of childhood sweethearts and pledging to be true. They are like the modern version of make out songs.

It should be noted that college students are not just sheep that need to be told by their favorite singers that it is cool to be safe and that there is nothing better than being monogamous with someone they really love. But it does help to have that message reinforced.

the process entirely wrong, as the editorial implies. We regret that the piece was read in this manner and we are confident that some of the senators and committee members regret the implications the impeachment is having on the impeached.

Commentary:

Polity Vice President Answers Back

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positions. I believe that a senator should be unbiased and sensible. Unfortunately Mr. Efthymiou, you are not either.

I'm happy Efthymiou brought up the fact that he stayed after the meeting was over, but I wonder why he didn't mention the statement he made. I clearly remember him stating that he was a "vowed racist." Pardon me, but I don't think anyone could take that out of context. Efthymiou also stated that he pointed out the composition of SPAB as an "underlying problem with corruption in SPAB and executive Polity." If that's not a racist statement I don't know what is. The students that came to Senate last Wednesday came because they wanted to. They are open for anyone to attend. Again, any informed senator would know this. Efthymiou stated that the senators who wanted to reconsider the motion to impeach were "played like puppets." This to me showed the little respect that he has for his fellow senators and for anyone with a differing opinion

than his. The vote to impeach was 48-0-4. That means 48 senators were for it and 4 abstained. Maybe it's just me, but that's not unanimous in my mind.

I was there when the facts as Mr. Efthymiou says were laid out. I don't believe that all the senators understood the information given. Efthymiou seemed to be concerned with the numbers of senators that were for the motion to reconsider the impeachment. If it was only a few senators, less than 10 as he says, that wanted it then the motion would have failed and the trial would proceed as usual. To remind Efthymiou of Robert's Rules of Order, the number of senators that you need to bring up a motion is two, one person to introduce it and another to second it.

Efthymiou did bring up other valid points in his article. I commend him on wanting to increase the number of voters in Polity elections. In fact, that's a major concern of Polity Council and Senate. I think it would be more practical if Efthymiou work with these groups instead of going out on his lone crusade.

I have some advice for Mr.

Efthymiou. If you choose to write a reaction to this commentary please defer from the racist remarks. You can also be assured that I will not write a reaction to anything else you write, unless something you say is absolutely ridiculous. I have a job to do and I'm going to do it. I will not waste anymore of my time on useless name-calling and criticism. My goal is a unified student body and government. I encourage your spirit. You don't usually see someone as fired up as you on this campus.

I want to conclude by commending the majority of the Polity Senators. I know they have the hearts and skills to be great leaders. I hope they stay involved in Senate regardless of what's going on right now. I also want to commend the work of the whole Polity Council. I think you all have done a job well done this year considering all the adversity you've faced. To the Executive Committees: SPAB, AV, COCA, SPA Events Staff and PSC, your contributions to this campus are greatly under-appreciated.

Jackson is vice president of Polity.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink!!

Dorm Recycling Begins in Tabler

By CRISTINA McLAUGHLIN
Special to the Statesman

Recycling on campus has always been a bit of an inconvenience to the residents, but now the recycling department is taking one of its biggest strides in remedying the problem. Beginning on March 7, the Recycling Initiative will take place in Douglass and Dreiser buildings in Tabler quad. The program has been established with the help of the custodial staff, RA's and the Tabler Action Board. The recycling department will make the initiative a permanent fixture of campus living.

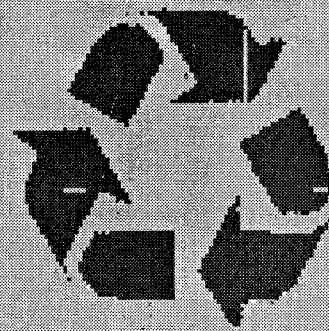
Douglass and Dreiser will serve as a model for other resident halls to follow. Based on their success in the program, it will eventually spread to all halls and quads across campus to provide students with easily accessible recycling rooms at the end of each hall.

Currently, the waste produced in resident

dorms is among the highest on campus. By implementing this program, it will be possible to divert tons of recyclable material from entering the campus waste stream. The program is especially important because it helps students take a daily role in helping to preserve their environment within their own residence halls.

In addition to working to provide students with a way to recycle, we are also beginning to distribute desk-side bins to the entire faculty and staff on campus. With the combined strength of these two initiatives, recycling will be able to take its place uniformly throughout the campus as mandated by the state through the Solid Waste Management Act of 1988. This is just another step that the recycling department is taking to ensure that this campus does its part in making the earth a clean and healthy place to live.

Dreiser resident hall director Erica Cordozzo, thinks it is a good idea. "As much as the whole



university wants to recycle, it is better that they start off small scale so they can perfect it before they go university wide," she said. Cordozzo said that each suite will be equipped with a bin for bottles and cans labeled with a 1 or a 2 plastic bottles or aluminum or tin metal cans.

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McLaughlin is the student advisor in the department of recycling and solid waste management.

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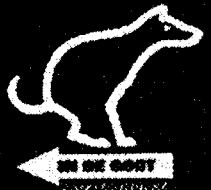
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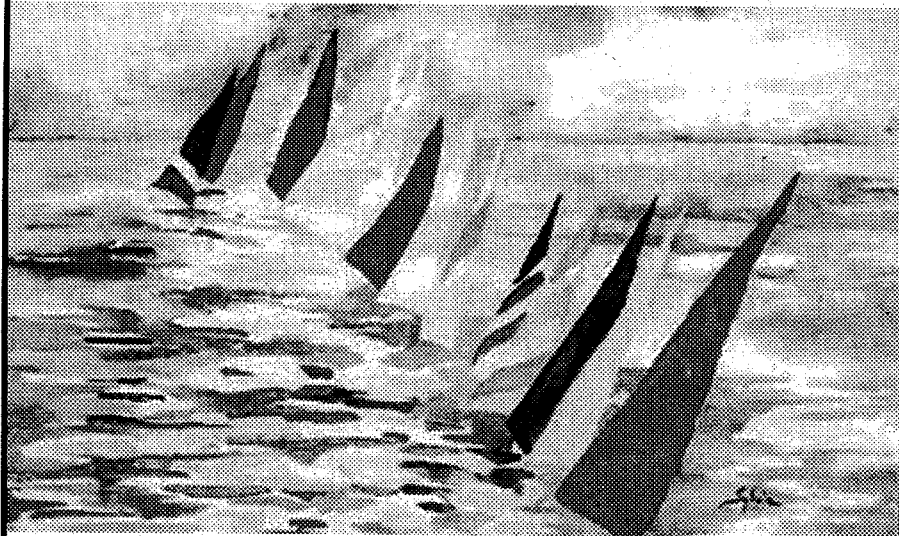
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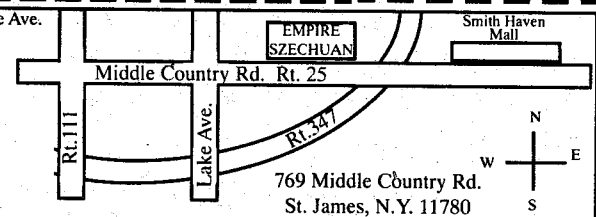
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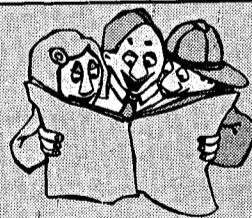
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Features

Snowed In Schools Closed due to Over-Hyped Snow Storm

By CHRIS LATHAM
Statesman Editor

Schools closed, offices shut down and flights were postponed. Millions of people stocked up on emergency supplies and stayed indoors. But the dreaded storm of the decade, the malevolent snow blizzard predicted by meteorologists across the east coast, arrived late and lame earlier this week.

Stony Brook, along with the rest of Long Island, New York City, and northern New Jersey, came to a virtual standstill Tuesday, after Monday night flakes prompted weather advisories from local and state governments, as well national news broadcast officials.

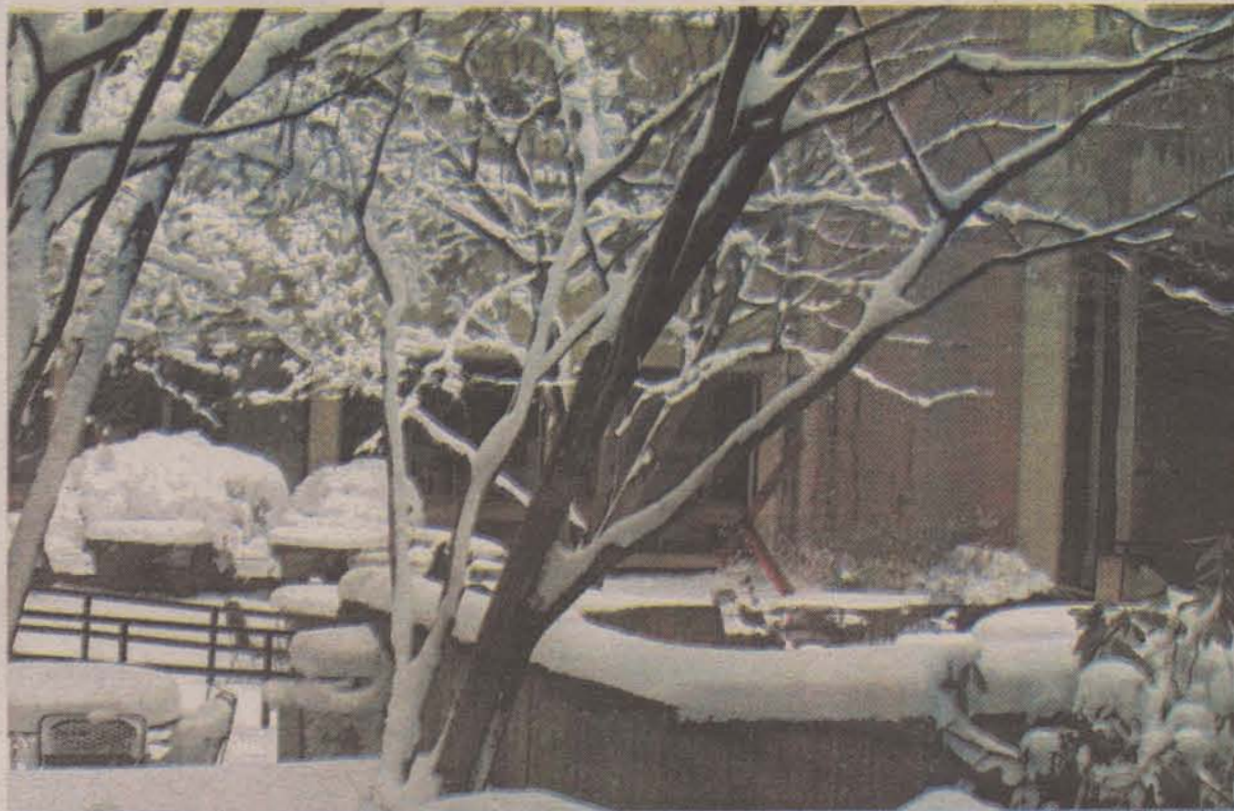
Students, faculty and most staff got the day off. Classes were cancelled, the SAC and Union were closed, and the telephone operator was set to computer-assisted service. Even the administration building was virtually empty. In fact, it seems the only facility that remained open was the Frank Melville Jr., Memorial Library.

"I had to drive to the store in bad weather, but at least I got to catch up on some reading," said Jay Navoa, a senior at Stony Brook who lives off campus.

Though for many it was a much appreciated holiday, the campus-wide shut down was not without consequence. Numerous events were postponed or cancelled as a result.

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) called off its trip to the New York State Assembly in Albany, on Monday. They planned to speak with legislators about increasing state funds for higher education. Fearing the mammoth blizzard, NYPIRG indefinitely delayed the event.

Ambassador Harsh Bhasin tabled his International Focus Seminar, "South Africa: The Transition and After," though it might be rescheduled for next Thursday. Bhasin, who served as both Consul General and High Commissioner of India in



The snow from Tuesday's storm transformed Stony Brook into a winter wonderland.

South Africa, is currently a visiting professor of International Relations at Stony Brook.

And Robin Becker, critically acclaimed author and associate professor at Penn State University, cancelled a poetry reading from her latest book, "The Horse Fair." The book investigates how individuals marginalized by gender, religion and sexual preferences negotiate public and private spheres.

Most conspicuous is that the Three Doors Down concert, scheduled for Tuesday night in the Sports Complex, has been postponed until Monday, March 12 at 8:00 p.m. Officials at the Office of Student Activities assured that all tickets purchased will be honored at that time.

Many of those inconvenienced in the metropolitan area are asking a simple question, however: Was it all necessary?

According to information posted by The New York Times and other news services, answers have been mixed.

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, talking at a New York City emergency command center, defended the extensive precautions taken by local agencies.

"You can only react to the forecast you're given," Giuliani said. "If you wait and see if the forecast is accurate, then it's too late to react."

New York City Schools Chancellor Harold O. Levy cancelled classes for 1,100 schools on Monday, but ordered them to reopen Tuesday, once it was clear the storm was overblown.

"I thought it was better to be safe than sorry," Levy said at a news conference with Giuliani. "I didn't want to take the risk of having 180,000 children in buses and others walking

home alone in a blizzard."

Other services, such as the airports, were not as pleased with the exaggerations. La Guardia Airport cancelled 850 of its 1,200 flights Monday. Kennedy International Airport stopped 375 of its 1,000 flights. And Newark International Airport grounded 450 of its 1,300 flights.

"Hindsight is always 20-20," said Warren D. Kroepfel, the general manager at La Guardia.

News directors at several local television stations admit the storm was beefed up, and that an over reliance on computer technology was partially to blame.

"This is a lesson in humility," said Irv Gikofsky, the weatherman for WPIX-TV, referring to the tendency to put absolute faith in computer-based mathematical formulas from the National Centers for Environmental Predictions.

The new technology allows forecasters to glimpse weather patterns days in advance. Meteorologists say it has been very accurate up until this weekend, but warn that science cannot yet account for the media's desire to beef up a potential story.

"The storm was hyped," said Peter Wichrowski, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Brookhaven.

Perspectives back at Stony Brook, however, were more positive.

"This area was the heart of what was hit," said President Shirley Strum Kenny. "For many people, coming to campus would have been an impossible situation. The other SUNY universities had closed the day before, but that didn't seem necessary here. I definitely think we did the right thing closing classes Tuesday."



Statesman/Chris Latham

Students enjoyed the day off from classes on Tuesday.