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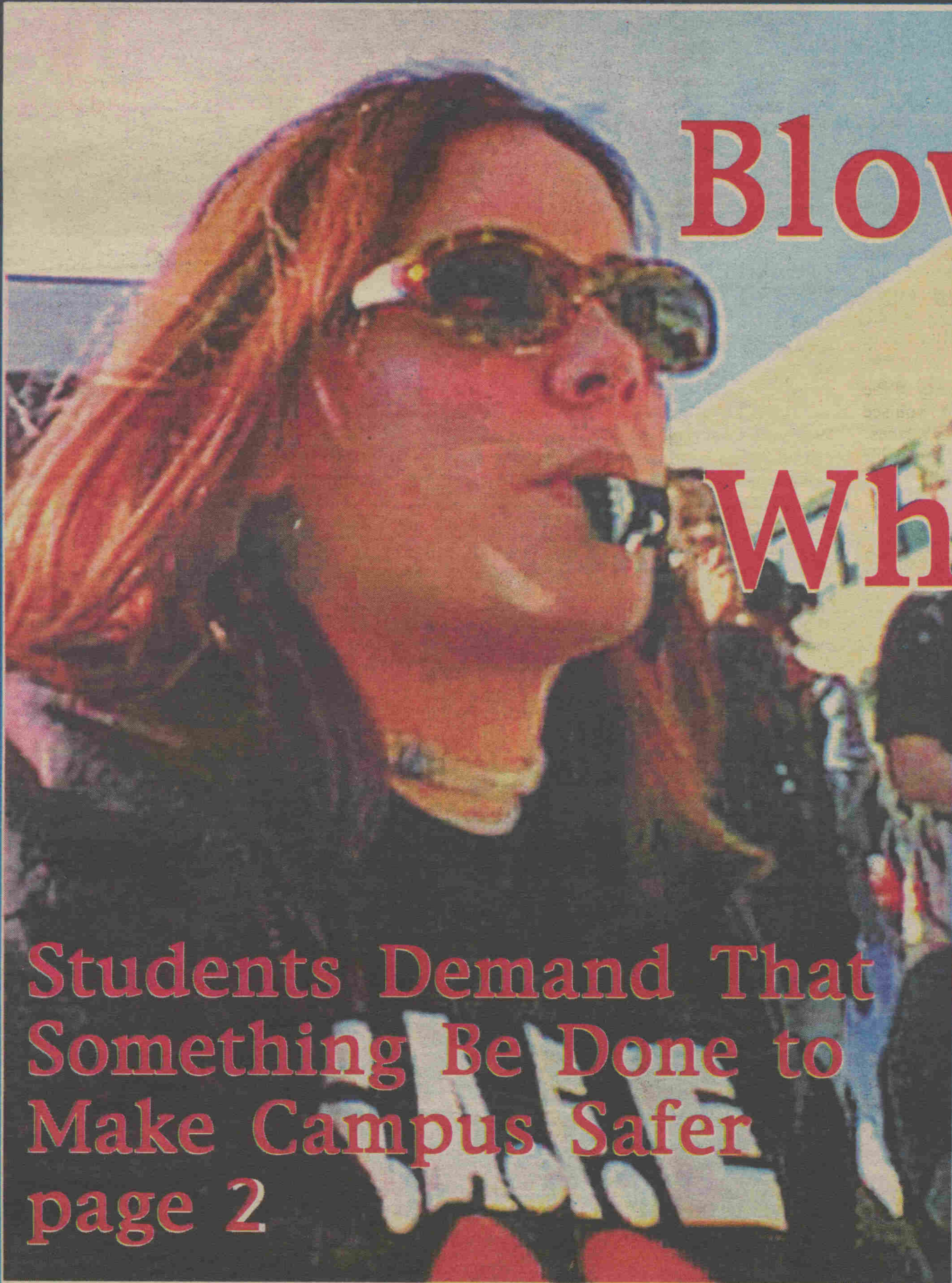
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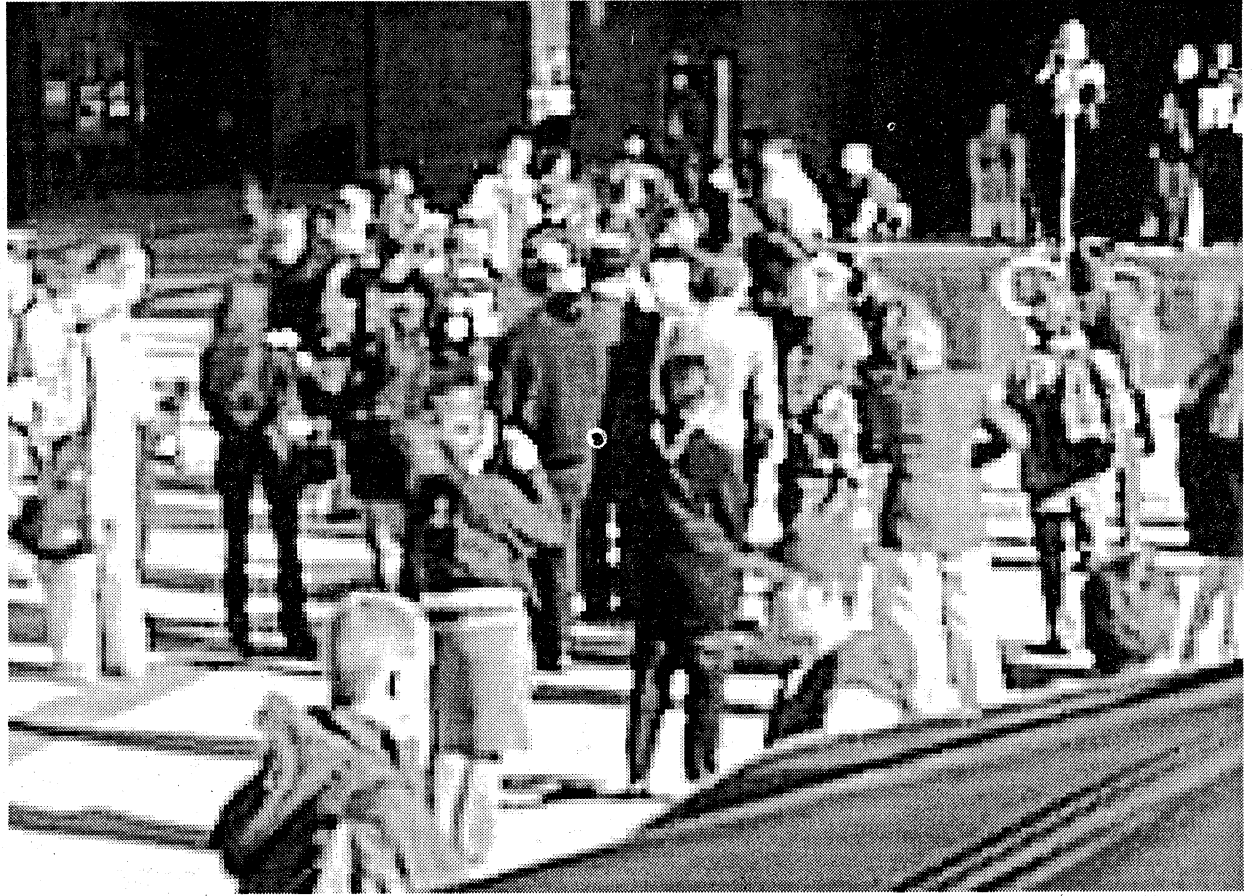
## Remembering October Assaults, Campus Turns Out For Rally to Combat Sexual Abuse

By KAT FULGIERI  
Statesman Staff

Winding towards the end of a fall semester in which three students were the victims of sexual assaults still under investigation, grabbing headlines in New York's major media outlets, campus residents remain afraid for their safety.

The Center for Womyn's Concerns has responded to the crisis in numerous ways, notably by hosting a rally yesterday in the Staller Center Pit. Members of the Center for Womyn's Concerns were present, along with the group Sexual Assault Facts and Education, S.A.F.E. Even before the rally began, members of both groups were passing out information on sexual assault, on rape statistics, and on Stony Brook's Student Conduct Code.

Members of the Center for Womyn's Concerns also circulated a petition calling for a decrease in campus crime. Whistles were also



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Approximately 150 - 200 attended yesterday's rally (above) which included whistled responses from the crowd, including Jeanine Erdman (below, front).

handed out to attendants of the rally, to use in case of an attack, and also as a means to show agreement with the statements being made on stage.

Jodie Lawston, president of the Center for Womyn's Concerns was the first to speak to the crowd. She explained that the situation on campus is detestable, and expressed her opinion that the campus police force is not doing its job. The crowd roared its agreement.

Lawston declared, "We're not going to sit back and let our students get raped and mugged

while we enjoy the scenic gardens at administration." Lawston claims that funds that could be best spent on campus safety are being misappropriated to such causes as beautifying the Stony Brook grounds.

Women's Studies Department faculty member Temma Kaplan addressed the crowd after Lawston. She cited disturbing rape statistics, that were found on the literature S.A.F.E. members were distributing, including that 83 percent of all rape victims are under 24, and that one in six women can expect to be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.







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University President Shirley Strum Kenny (above, at microphone) was among those who attended yesterday's rally, which included harsh words from Center For Womyn's Concerns President Jody Lawston (above, right) and Polity President Monique Maylor (below).

Additional speakers addressed the issues of campus safety, and extended coverage of sexual assault statistics.

Lisa LaBarbera, Public Relations Coordinator for the Center for Womyn's Concerns expressed her fear that the campus is lacking in safety. "I don't know where the blue phones are, and I never see campus security," said LaBarbera, echoing the complaints of the many speakers and attendees.

Despite the energy of the crowd, the turnout was decidedly low. Heather Wilbur, Polity's



freshman representative, spoke of a town meeting held soon after the rape reports, where the attendance was much higher. She noted that the interest in the campus sexual assault issue has declined, while the problem is still very existent. Wilbur insisted that it is important for education on the issue of sexual assault to continue, and best summed up her position when she told the crowd that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Other community members spoke to those assembled. Among them was University President Shirley Strum Kenny, who spoke about her plans to make improve campus security. "This is an issue of grave importance on every campus, and I am determined to do everything I can to help students feel safe," said Kenny. She is planning to meet with a panel of students that will be assembled by the Women's Studies Department faculty member Sally Sternglanz, and hopes to address plans to make the campus physically safer, along with an attempt to increase the level of education on the issue of sexual assault.

Sternglanz, who also spoke at the rally, said, "I'm sorry there weren't more people, but I'm glad to see so many men and members of the administration present." She plans to continue working with members of S.A.F.E., and will continue to do referrals until a Women's Center is established. "I will look forward to the day that I don't have to do that anymore," said Sternglanz.

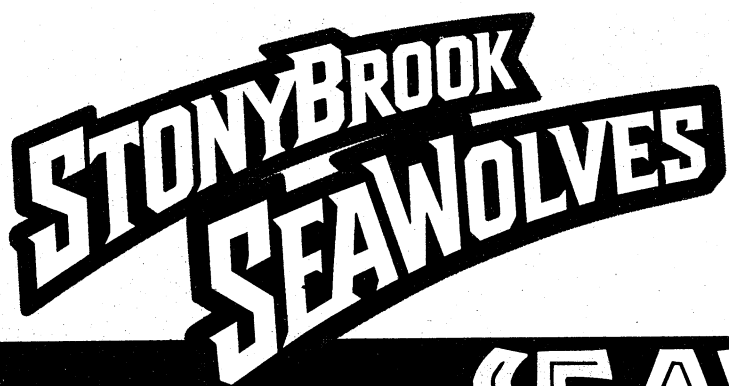
Assistant Director of the Student Health Service, Peter Mastroianni, also spoke. "The rally was important, and well done, and I think the full range of problems was brought out" he said. He challenged the listeners at the rally to produce a "student driven awareness campaign."

He spoke of his belief that more students must be involved in prevention before any remedy for the campus problem of sexual assault will be possible.

Though silent at the rally, parts of the administration that were the subject of various attacks were also represented at the rally. Gary Matthews, vice president for facilities, said that the rally provided a forum where he would be able to hear what the students were thinking. "I'm interested in hearing what the students are concerned with" said Matthews. He explained that over 100 new lights have been installed, and that new bus routes are being mapped out, and that bus hours have been extended to 12:30 a.m. These plans have moved forward with increased speed since the media placed its spotlight on Stony Brook and Matthews explained that "sometimes it takes a crisis to set something in motion."

Doug Little, Community Relations Director for the University Police, who attended the rally, conceded that important information was being presented at the rally, but appeared concerned that the excited speakers were putting a misinformed spin on the University Police.

Amid all of the allegations, the University Police have recently assisted in setting up neighborhood watch programs on campus, along with running education programs for interested students. Speakers at the rally made allegations that patrols are not seen enough on campus, and that the police night shifts are poorly staffed. Little explained that the rally was not an "arena to debate" staffing issues, but reinforced his belief that the University Police do care about Stony Brook. He maintains that education will be the means to diminish crime on campus.



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# Let's Talk About Sex

## Comedian Offers Tips to Students on the Art of Love and Intimacy

BY KAT FULGIERI  
Statesman Staff

Sex is a topic avoided in polite social circles, in proper households, in standard conversation. In relationships it is an issue that remains "behind closed doors" in every sense of the phrase. Comedian Maria Falzone claims that our culture's view of sex is wrong, and she sets out to prove it in her one woman presentation of "Sex Rules."

Last Tuesday, in the SAC auditorium, the SAB, CSO, SASU, The Center for Womyn's Concern, Minorities in Medicine, Blackworld, Sigma Lambda Gamma, Delta Sigma Phi and Alpha Phi Alpha joined forces to sponsor Falzone's program, which was followed by an open forum debate on the issue of sexual assault and date rape on campus.

Though the audience was composed mostly of females, Falzone addressed both male and female sexual issues. She explained to the audience that knowledge of one's own body is important, and stated that one of her goals as a performer is to "redesign and reinterpret what sex is."

Initially, Falzone commented on the importance of trust and knowledge in any relationship, but took time out of her planned program to address the issue of date rape. Falzone explained after the performance that, in light of the recent rapes on campus, she could "feel the tension in the room, and see the crossed arms." The change was due to her realization that her audience was "listening from a place of anger and fear. I had to address the date rape



Statesman/Ruth Chung

Comedian Maria Falzone places Andrez Carberry in a hold to show the audience about trust (above).

issue before I went on, otherwise the entire lecture would have been a lie."

The program attempted to educate the audience on the importance of discussion and honesty within a sexually active relationship, and Falzone demonstrated her point by pulling Andrez Carberry, Junior Representative on Polity Council, from his seat and attempting to get him to follow her directions without talking or demonstrating what she wanted. The audience members roared with laughter, but at the same time learned an important lesson about communication, and the difficulties that can arise when people do not talk to each other.

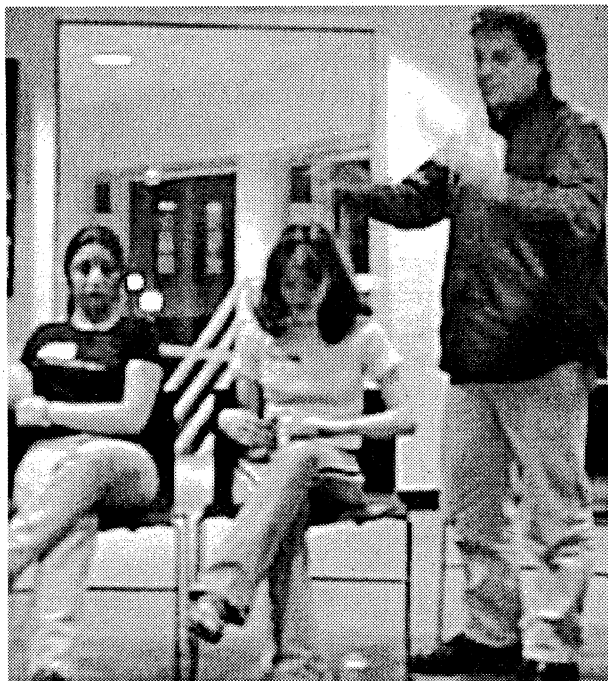
Falzone's presentation culminated in a demonstration of various condoms and their versatility, which involved further audience

participation that furthered the education of all present. Though everyone present was laughing, the underlying tone was one that managed to teach.

Football player Sam Williams explained "I came to the program because it was about sex, but I learned a lot." This idea was echoed by student Fiza Chaudhry, who said "the fliers [colorful posters declaring 'Sex Rules!'] caught my attention." Freshman Yvonne Fernandez offered "I learned safe sex can also be fun!"

Falzone's program appeared to be a success with all audience members. Though her performance was planned well before the rapes were reported on campus, her ultimate message was timely; Falzone told everyone in the auditorium that "it's okay to be afraid."

## Polity Power Struggles in Evidence At Meeting



Polity Senator (right) said he believed that Polity is mismanaged.

JULIE MINGIONE  
Statesman Staff

What started out as a meeting called by the Commuter Student Association in an effort to respond to the allegations that budget funds would be frozen turned into what seemed to be a power struggle between the Polity council and Senate.

Frank Santangelo, a Polity senator, commenced the meeting with comments about Polity as an organization, saying, "Polity is a corporation, and a weak one at that. There's \$2 million pumped into Polity's budget and their management of that money is poor." As a result of this, according to Santangelo, Stony Brook's clubs suffer. He went on to discuss what he views as inefficiency on the part of Polity.

Also discussed were the internal conflicts and problems that are currently plaguing the Senate. All present will agree that their constitution is in dire need of revision. Dr. Fred Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs, called the document "flawed", and said that change would not come about as long as the senate members were arguing over a

document that made no sense. Unfortunately, no real solutions were ever mentioned at this meeting.

Aneka Gibbs, Polity President, questioned the motives of the meeting. "Students have been brought here under false pretenses," said Gibbs. The club representatives attended the meeting because they were under the impression that their funds could be frozen, and not to be burdened with the internal problems of the Senate. One student present asserted, "I could care less about this senate bickering. I'm here because I was told funds could be frozen and that's the only thing that concerns me."

Dr. Preston urged all students to take an active interest in their Senate. He also affirmed what many club and organization leaders had feared, "Polity is going to have to put in place a parliamentary type function, or I will put one in place. There will be no dollars going around until then." But Gibbs quickly tried to amend the situation by saying that a parliamentarian had already been established, an unbiased student named Oliver Tan.



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## Editorials

# Classrooms or Cell Blocks?

How does an increase of \$615 million into the SUNY budget sound? How about a \$65 credit towards the purchase of those ridiculously high-priced textbooks? Would you like to live in the state that is home to our nation's first "cancer map," which would show the extent of breast cancer incidences on Long Island? If these happen to be on your wish list, you can cross them out because Santa won't be stopping in New York State this year. Instead, we have the Grinch, George Pataki, who is choosing to reward NY's correctional facilities while leaving the SUNY system with the equivalent of a bag of coal.

While those of us at SUNY have been hit with a 35% tuition increase over the past 6 years, the prison system has received funding for the construction of 3,100 new prison spaces. This simple statistic is indicative of what the problem is. Do we need to tell our governor that there is a direct correlation between a rise in tuition and a rise in the need for prison space? It should be clear that when education becomes unaffordable, people are left with few choices. They will have idle time or dead-end jobs, two of the major factors contributing to the frustrations that breed crime as a way to make a living. All too often, this "living" takes the form of drug dealing.

The need for more jail cells is being blamed on the Rockefeller laws, in effect since the 1970's, which demand mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenders. Here lies the problem: To the general public, "cleaning up our streets" of drug pushers and users is viewed as positive. We are "winning the war on drugs" and succeeding in teaching our children to just say no. Where can one find fault with that? Unfortunately, we rarely get the all the facts behind the statistics that are spewed out of the mouths of politicians. So crime is down, but how and why?

So not only is money being taken away from higher education, but these laws are proving to be devastating to the minority communities of New York. More African Americans and Hispanics enter the prison system each year than graduate with undergrad, masters and doctorate degrees combined. Of those sent to prison, 62.5% are convicted of nonviolent offenses. In other words, our jails are being filled with nonviolent, first-time offenders and our governor is encouraging this with

his \$761.3 million prison budget. Pataki's tactics may be working for him at the polls, where he boasts that crime is down, and that an affordable, quality education is still available from the SUNY system. Are criminals being educated in jail? Sure, they are learning more crime and more violence, the very things Pataki is looking to eradicate. When his term is over and the offenders are released, we will be right back where we started.

In all fairness, we should mention that thanks to Pataki and the NY budget, Stony Brook has a beautiful new Student Activities

Center, renovated dorms and the ongoing construction of the Asian American building. But where is the good if there are no students to use these buildings and no faculty members to teach in them? They are as useful for New York's future as jails teeming with prisoners. While we need to keep these improvements to our campus in mind, the equipment we need to tackle the work force, as well as the world itself, are made of minds and books, not concrete and wood. We also need to remember that education, not incarceration, should be our primary goal.

## Voter Registration, Always an Issue

By Luis Trujillo  
Special to the Statesman

About a month after the November 3 elections there are still some discrepancies that need to be sorted out. As a person who on a first hand basis registered the many students during the campus wide campaign, I can say that although there are many issues still being ironed out before the next elections, a good campaign was launched. During the first two months of school we had managed to register approximately 2000 students here on campus. Thanks to organizations such as NYPIRG, Polity's sophomore representative, SASU, Division of Campus Residences, and Dean of Commuter Affairs we managed to get a high number of registered students. The fact of the matter is that Stony Brook, although it had only 600 registered students exercise their right to vote, has numbers higher than the national average.

There were however, many issues facing students who were previously registered to vote, the major issue being that over the summer vacation many students like myself were decertified. This was due to the fact that there was no one here to receive correspondence from the board of elections and confirm it, therefore the majority of the cards were sent back to the board of elections. These actions caused for some students to be decertified and therefore made it difficult to vote in both the primaries and the gubernatorial elections. Any student who was decertified most likely found out at the last minute and had to cast a paper ballot. These were some of the difficulties that were caused by the correspondence mishap.

However, amidst the problems there are solutions. To many people, such as those whom launched the campus wide campaign to register students, the issue is that the campus is always in danger of losing it's polling site. So it must always be stressed how important it is to make sure students get out and vote. However, this job is made more difficult when students are being decertified due to discrepancies.

The solution is not far at hand. Once the Division of Campus Residences discovered that students were being decertified from voting many changes were made. The solution is that should correspondence ever come from the Board of Elections at any point where the residence halls are not a regular occupancy, such as summer or Christmas break, these letters will be held until the semester resumes. This should provide the students with a means of keeping themselves registered so that when elections do come around again we do not have to face these difficulties and may focus on registering new students.

Despite the issues there was a decent turnout in voting, although the numbers could always be higher. We as students should always remember that it is important that we exercise our right to vote. We should also appreciate the fact that there are faculty members and students who are willing to fight head so that there exists a way for the rest of the student body to voice their opinion. This goes for everything from getting a polling site on campus, from high officials who did not find it in their best interest to do so, to finding a solution to the decertification problem.

Trujillo is the Polity Secretary



# Disorder Governs Polity

## Student Government Faces Troubles From Within

By NEAL PATEL  
Special to the Statesman

I am a former Polity senator who represented the Gray Legislature, the building that I had resided in. I now live in Gershwin, but I am not senator this term. Thank God. During my term as senator, I realized that the Student Polity Association is a corrupted government and is being ruled by a bunch of dictators. In reality, we have three branches of government: the legislative branch, which consists of senators that represent their respected constituents, such as residential or commuter students; the executive branch, which consists of the Executive Board and the judiciary branch. This is similar to the United States government. Under the U.S. system, the legislative branch has the responsibility to make or pass laws. The executive branch has the sole responsibility to enforce the laws. The third branch, the judiciary, has the responsibility to interpret the laws. However, our student government is not like our democratic government. In our student government the branch that makes laws is the executive. The legislative branch has the sole responsibility of approving or disapproving the executive branch's motions, but they eventually overturn the decision. The executive branch, which consists of the eight member Executive Board, is overseeing a \$2 million budget. Those members of the Executive Board are allegedly using parts of the polity budget for personal use. I know because I was one of the senators to bring impeachment charges against the Polity president and the treasurer on corruption charges. The Executive Board has authority over the Executive Director, who is supposed to give advice to all members of the Student Polity Association. This board is also able to receive a monthly stipend which is nearly \$100. Is any body able to stop them? No just as I stated before, they will automatically overturn our decision.

This year, there has been serious controversies between the Polity Executive Board and the Polity Senate. They have been fighting over who has the most power in government. If you see the Polity Senate meetings, you will see certain members of the Executive Board improperly influence senators to vote on their behalf. They do it by telling senators that they are not listening to their constituents if the senate does not vote in agreement with the Executive Board. In recent meetings certain members of the Polity Executive Board, such as the Polity president, have made attempts to

overthrow the Polity Senate, in order to get rid of the system of checks and balances in our government. Yesterday, there was a fiasco where the Polity President Aneka Gibbs intended to force

*"...I realized that the Student Polity Association is a corrupted government and is being ruled by a bunch of dictators."*

certain members of the Commuter Student Association to resign their senatorial seats. As you know, senators are members of their respected LEG. The members of the Commuter Student Association also hold executive board positions in their LEG. The Polity president was forcing the members of the Commuter Student Association to decide whether they wanted to be senators or hold executive positions in their LEG. The President has no authority to interpret the senate bylaws or the Polity Constitution. It is up to the Polity Judiciary. Certain members of the Polity Executive Board such as the Class Representatives, and the secretary have voting power in the senate meetings along

with the senators. These members of the Polity Executive Board are also able to vote in the Executive Board meetings.

Due to the corruption occurring in our student government, amendments must be made. Our student government should be modeled after the United States government. We should give the legislative branch, the senate, sole responsibility to make or pass laws. We should give the executive branch, the Executive Board, sole responsibility to make sure the laws are carried out. We shall give the judiciary branch sole responsibility to interpret laws. In the Senate meetings, only senators should be voting members. The presiding officer of the Senate shall be the vice president. In absence of the vice president, the president pro tempore of the Senate can either preside over the meetings or appoint a fellow senator, with the Senate's approval, to preside over the meetings. In the situation of quorum, we should only need a simple majority of the senators to be at the meeting. We must also have the Campus Advisory Board consisting of faculty members and students to oversee members of the Student Polity Association to see if they are acting in a professional matter. We should also not give any stipends to the members of the Polity Executive Board. If we follow by these procedures, we will have a stronger government in our student body.



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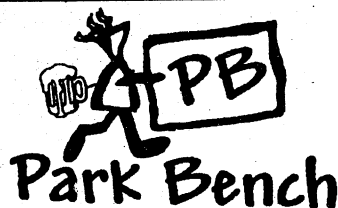
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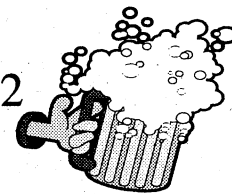


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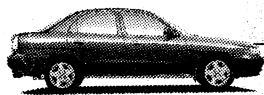
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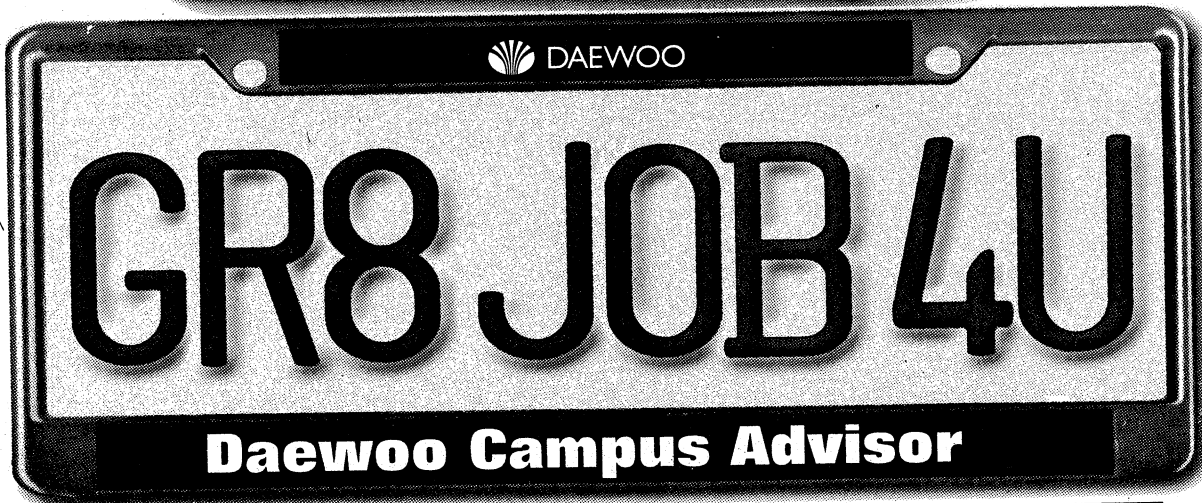
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# When a Losing Season Is Still a Success

By JOSEPHINE ODURO  
Special to the Statesman

After a three year losing streak, the Stony Brook men's soccer team proves that its passion lies in the game and now off the scoreboards. The team has undergone a transformation in its program that has carried it to new heights.

"This is a season in which our seemingly endless toils on the practice field yielded great dividends with our eight victories this year," said Oluwaseun Ajayi, a sophomore from Nigeria who plays as a forward.

The head coach Scott Dean, who is in his second year, embarked on an aggressive recruitment process for new players in the winter and spring of 97. He recruited locally nationally and abroad. He was able to recruit Johann Thommson, a from Sweden, who is here on a scholarship. "Soccer in the U.S. is more individualistic, in Sweden it's tactical, said Thommson, a defender.

Coach Dean is working on recruiting Dayo Oyetuga, a striker who play on the U.S. National Team. "A lot of teams have big time goal scorers," said Dean, "we need one player that's going to be really dangerous."

The team's first win of the season was a home game against New Jersey Institute of Technology, a game with an estimated attendance of 1000. Normally there is a small student turnout at games. However, Dean feels that with time the team's success will bring more student spectators and excitement.

The men's soccer team, along with many of the University's sports teams, will be entering Division I next fall. Dean believes that being in Division I will help the team because it will have the opportunity to play with teams on its age level. "It will be an easy transition for them, because the team has already played great soccer teams."

Last season, the team lost to New Hampshire 4-0. This season, the team defeated it 2-1. This is a tremendous achievement for the team because New

Hampshire is ranked ninth in the country said Rob Emmerich, Athletic Media Relation Director. The team attributes its newfound success to hard work and perseverance.

"The coach expects a lot from us," said Sam Glassen, a freshmen midfielder. "We're a young team with fourteen freshmen, so he wants us to be one of the hardest working teams in the country." Moses Sarr, a midfielder in his junior year, believes that the youthfulness of the team and its ranking in the North Eastern Collegiate Conference makes mutual support a vital part of the team's well being.

Glassen says the team members have a good relationship that extends outside of the soccer field. They also maintain a cordial relationship with their female counterparts, which includes attending each other's games. Last year both joined forces to raise money for player shelters on the field. They were able to raise half of the \$3000 needed and the Physical Education and Athletics Department helped with the rest.

"The team did a terrific job this year," said Rob Emmerich, "they went from 0-17-1 last year to a 8-10 record this year. It is a tremendous change."

## A Look at the Bounce-Back

Emily Dickinson once wrote that "Success is counted sweetest by those who ne'er succeed." This quote embodies the Stony Brook Men's Soccer Team, who finally got a taste of success as a result of their exhausting work. Last year, the team posted a disappointing record of 0-17-1. They practiced hard, waking at 6:30 AM for practice and returning again at 3:00 for another bout. After all of this, they did not tally a single win for their efforts. Last season's record hardly did justice to the team's efforts, but this year their work has begun to pay off. This season, the 'Wolves finished with a record of 8-10 (5-4 in Conference). Coach Scott Dean, named this year's NECC Coach of the Year, is encouraged by the results, "We got stronger and stronger as the season went on and when everyone was healthy. With a lot of new faces, it took us awhile to get comfortable with positions and playing together." Hard work and new recruit talent combined to give the Seawolves their first in-conference winning season and led them to take fourth place out of ten teams in their conference truly a positive and encouraging quantum leap from last

year.

Freshman Sam Glassen, a midfielder from North Branford, CT, has continued the vast improvement in play with his contributions to the Seawolves offense. He was named the 1998 NECC Rookie of the Year. He is the first Stony Brook soccer player to ever earn this title. Glassen, an Honorable Mention All-NECC performer, tallied seven goals and four assists in his first collegiate season. Two of those goals were game-winners, and he also scored the eWolves first goal in the win over New Hampshire College. Coach Dean, commenting on Sam's playing abilities, remarks, "Sam was a High School All-American, and we feel that he was overlooked by a lot of teams because of his size. We believed that his speed and skill would eliminate the size factor. He proved us correct."

This year marks the Seawolves Men's Soccer Team's last season in Division II. Hopefully, combining this year's ability with a talented new recruiting class, the Seawolves will continue to experience success as competitors in Division I play.

-Julie Passanante

## Seawolves Volleyball: Excellence On and Off the Court

-JULIE PASSANANTE  
Statesman Staff

Excellence and winning have become traditions for the Stony Brook Women's Volleyball team. Last year, they finished the season with a record of 36-9, grabbing second place in their conference. They were also the ECAC Division II Champs, while Head Coach, Teri Tiso was named AVCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year. This season was no different. The team boasted a record of 33-8, with memorable wins against New Haven; Pace, who went on to win the Northeast Region; and Division I, Hartford. All are teams that Stony Brook struggled with in the past.

These student-athletes not only exhibit prowess on the court, but also in the classroom. The Seawolves Volleyball team has many players on the Seawolves Honor Roll and on the Dean's List. Head Coach Teri Tiso attributes the team's success to hard work, stating, "We work really hard year round, and we don't take anything for granted. There are no shortcuts to success. We train hard to win, and we believe in ourselves enough to know that we can compete with anyone. We make our own edge by being prepared, and the players know that they have to make a commitment to work hard on the court and off the court."

The entire team is a delightful blend of

talented student athletes. Senior Elka Samuels recently was named NECC Tournament Most Valuable Player and earned AVCA All-Northeast

### Spiking the Net and Carrying a 3.8 GPA

Region honors. Samuels led the team in digs (486) and digs per game (3.52). She is also a terror at the net, third on the team in kills (438) and kills per game (3.17). In addition to her athletic achievements, Samuels has been nominated for academic All-American, with a 3.8 GPA. Elka Samuels "just loves to play", she says, and she says of her teammates, "We work hard, deserve great results, and we got them. I'm very proud, and we couldn't have done it without every member of the team. I'm really going to miss them." She adds that she "wish(es) there were enough awards for everyone" and that she is proud of teammate, Jessica Serrano for all of her success. Junior Jessica Serrano was also named AVCA All-Region for the second year in a row. Serrano led the team in hitting percentage (.298) and service aces (64), while ranking second on the team in kills (530) and digs (431). Jessica has recorded 1,770 career kills to date, and her

hitting percentage is the seventh highest ever recorded in a single season in Stony Brook University history. Serrano describes "playful competition" that occurs between herself and Samuels, "Elka and I have friendly competition that made us want to push more for ourselves and for the team. It's an individual effort to make the team better. Our team has a balance. That's what I love about our team. Everyone is talented; we don't have one go-to player." Coach Tiso is proud of Samuels and Serrano, describing them as "good leaders who showed a lot of desire to succeed and work hard."

The Seawolves Women's Volleyball team has posted two straight seasons of 30 wins or more, and has a very promising career in Division I. Coach Tiso thinks the transition will be "exciting" but will be a "big jump" for the Seawolves, yet she's confident that the team will improve with experience in Division I play. With the hard work of the players and coaches, the winning tradition will continue for the Seawolves as they step up to the challenge of Division I.

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# Nourish Yourself

## News About Living in a Body-Conscious Society

### Farewell To A Dear, Thin Friend

Four of us were driving from Staten Island to a Brooklyn restaurant to eat a fine Italian meal. But the occasion wasn't a happy one.

My companions and I had gathered with about 200 other people on that muggy mid-July day to bury a much-loved 43-year-old woman. Her name was Linda — my dearest friend in all the world.

I presumed she had died, less than a week earlier, because of her fragile heart, a condition she had suffered with from birth. She had undergone open-heart surgery about eight years ago, but as far as I knew, she had been doing fine ever since.

I couldn't focus on my surroundings the day of the funeral either. I kept thinking about the mournful message her 19-year-old daughter had left on my answering machine a few days earlier:

"Camille, this is Elizabeth, from Brooklyn. Please, please call me. Mommy passed away."

I forced my thoughts aside so I could talk to my companions. I needed to find some answers that might make the void her passing had caused a little less empty. It was

just minutes after the interment.

"She seemed to be doing so well. I can't believe she's gone," I said to everyone and to no one, who sat in the car — my husband, George, Pat, a friend of Linda's family, and Josephine, Linda's bare-midriffed, body-pierced niece.

Just then Josephine offered some information that sent my mind reeling. Can you imagine a doctor prescribing diet pills to someone with a heart condition?" she asked rhetorically.

"What are you saying? Linda was taking diet pills? Why would she do that?" I spit out.

We all looked at one another. We all knew. As skinny as

*"She would just pick at her portion...I don't recall ever seeing Linda finish a meal."*

she was, about 108 pounds at 5 feet, 2 inches, Linda was obsessed with her weight. I knew it. And everyone who knew Linda knew it, too.

Linda was always the one who brought the string-tied boxes of rich Italian cookies to every get-together, but who never ate any of them.

She made the meanest lasagne of anyone I knew. But

when Linda served her painstakingly prepared casserole, she would just pick at her portion.

I don't ever recall seeing Linda finish a meal.

The first time I met Linda was in the maternity ward of a Brooklyn hospital. We had both given birth to babies by Caesarian section and in those pre-managed health care days, we two women, roommates by chance, would be laid up in the same room for a week.

After exchanging the information about our new babies, our husbands and other basic lifestyle details, Linda said something that has stuck in mind ever since.

"I'm not really this fat. I'm really thin," she said. It was just minutes after we had introduced ourselves to one another.

I looked at her. Her face and body were puffy, no doubt about that. But it was due to water retention. She had developed a serious case of toxemia in the later stages of her pregnancy, she said.

Under normal circumstances, maybe she really was thin, maybe she wasn't. At the time, I really didn't care. I had my own post-baby weight gain to worry about.

But sure enough, as the week progressed, her "water weight" disappeared. It wasn't only because her waterlogged tissues had drained. Linda barely touched the hearty meals the nurses brought her. I know because every time we received our trays, she would ply me with offers of toast, potatoes or cake, especially after I confessed that I loved to eat.

At the end of the week, she weighed 106 pounds soaking wet, down from the 140 pounds she carried the day we met. We both went home to take care of our new babies, didn't see each other for several months, and then began our friendship in earnest.

Over the years, Linda and I and our little families spent many a Sunday afternoon together. We celebrated our kids' birthdays, summer barbecues, first communions, Halloweens and Christmases. She brought so much joy to every occasion with her laughter, her kisses, her jokes and her riotous tales about the goings-on of her extended Italian family, a volatile brood that included brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, a mom, a dad and two adorable toy poodles.

These occasions always included tons of food — antipasto, salads, garlic bread, pasta, and pastries. And always, everyone would stuff themselves. Everyone except for Linda, that is.

Whenever we did get together, the first thing she and I would do was talk about our diets and how much we weighed. She was always thin, except for one occasion.

That was last year, at my son's high school graduation party.

Linda jangled her way into the party, golden chains draping her neck, her blond hair carefully arranged in a stylish short 'do. She wore a brief black sundress splashed with citrus-hued flowers, a positively radiant being in the bright June sun.

Little did I know I would never see her alive again.

She looked a little different though. For the first time, Linda wasn't rail thin. She was now like the rest of us — voluptuous, rounded even. She didn't look bad, just normal for a middle-aged woman.

She noticed my look of surprise when I glanced at her mature figure. "I'm heavier — 126 pounds — but I'm happy," she said. Her eyes told a different story. We were soulmates. I could tell she was angry that for the first time, she wasn't the thinnest person in the room. And though I knew her well, I missed the tragic significance of the sadness in her eyes that day.

Why did you do it, Linda? Despite what the world says is beautiful — fat, thin or in-between — don't you know that the people in your world would have loved you anyway? (AP)

### Case Studies in the Fear of Being Fat

High in Richland, she knew five students who were sent out of the Tri-Cities for extended medical treatment for eating disorders.

"I call it contagious," she said. "If your friends are saying they are huge but they're thinner than you, you must be really huge."

Cook, now 18, and attending the University of Washington, tackled the problem for her leadership class project in 1997. She organized an assembly and eventually saw a support group formed. Now, the Washington State Medical Association is tackling the problem.

Doctors who commonly treat adolescent girls are being sent information with tips on how to assess girls who are anxious about their body image, what to say to them and how to treat them. They'll also be given information on Mid-Columbia and state resources for referrals.

Those and other doctors also will be sent brochures for their offices telling adolescents and their parents how to recognize eating disorders and accompanying depression and what to do about it.

Often those susceptible to eating disorders are high achievers and perfectionists, Zirkle said.

"The perfect body is part of being pleasing," Cook said. Zirkle talks to her young women patients about healthy diets and looks for early signs of weight loss — when young women should be gaining weight as their bodies become more mature and take on feminine contours.

If they refuse to eat with their families, eat in secret or run several hours a day, they may have an eating disorder. They also may be moody and not talking with their families and friends.

It's a matter of degree, Zirkle said.

Many teens have "disordered eating" that taken far enough becomes an "eating disorder." They may skip breakfast, have a diet soda and candy bar for lunch, and then go home after school and secretly eat chips and other

junk food.

Or they may eat only foods they think are "safe" like salads. Parents should grow concerned, for instance, if they look malnourished and are moody, she said. Lost menstrual periods also are often an indication of an eating disorder.

The problem may start when a young person has a stressful experience, such as an unwanted sexual experience, a move to a new school or the loss of a skill, perhaps through a sports injury, she said.

Doctors can help by watching for young women who do not weigh 85 percent of the body weight considered normal for their height. They also can follow Zirkle's example of putting minimum weights for participation on sport physical forms for students who may have eating problems.

Sports is one place the problem crops up, she said. Girls who are lean and fast and strong may be encouraged to diet as they enter puberty and start to slow down and look different, she said. But much of the pressure comes from society's image of the successful woman as being very thin and very pretty, Zirkle said.

When Cook surveyed girls at Hanford High, she found 74 percent said they would look better if they lost five pounds. A quarter characterized themselves as having eating disorders.

The perfect body was 5-foot-7 and 117 pounds, they said. That's 18 pounds less than what the medical community considers ideal, Cook found in her research. Her findings are in line with those of a 1995 state Department of Health survey that found 90 percent of girls in their last two years of high school diet regularly, even though only 10 to 15 percent are over the weight recommended by standard height-weight charts.

It also found young girls are more afraid of becoming fat than of nuclear war, cancer or losing their parents.

"I'd like to see the primary emphasis on prevention," Zirkle said. "People should not depend on the way they look for their self-esteem. You don't have to be thin to be a success." (AP)





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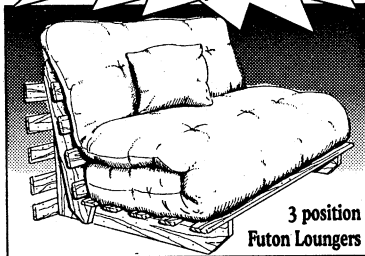
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-Peter Gratton, Editor in Chief

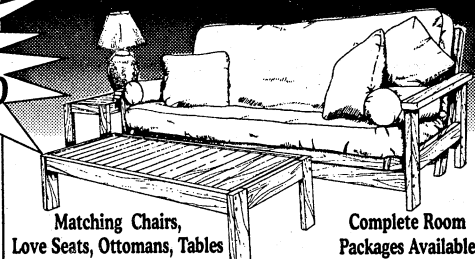


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- We are installing 44 additional "blue light" emergency telephones, which by the spring will bring the total up to 100 phones.
- We are doubling the number of closed-circuit television camera in parking lots, garages, and perimeters of residence halls, for a total of 24 cameras.
- We will increase the number of our 52-member police department by recruiting and hiring additional police officers. Three new members of the police force have already been hired, and eight more will be recruited.
- We will establish branch police precincts and increase police presence in all resident hall areas.
- As of November 18, we established a Safe Home Ride Service, which will be supervised by the campus police department. The Service will provide evening transportation to residence halls and parking lots, and can be accessed by calling the Walk Service at 2-6337.

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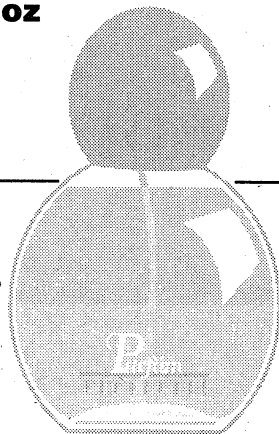
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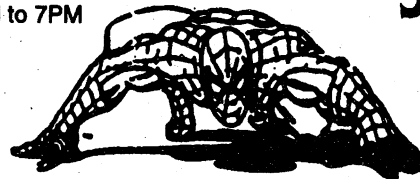
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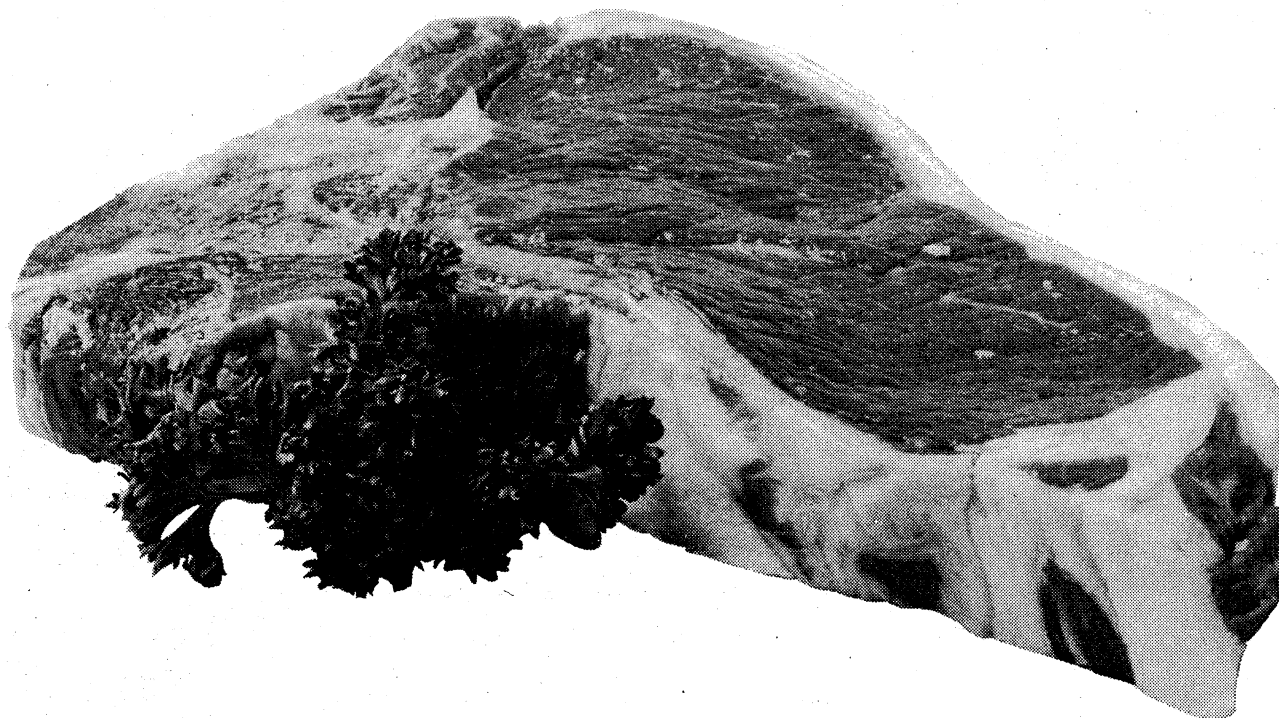
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# The Subtleties of Sepultura

By PHIL SALAMACHA  
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Sepultura has been around for more than 12 years which signifies the legitimacy of their band, but in December of 1996 their front man Max Cavalera left the band. He is now in another project titled *Soulfly* which I think is sub-par, but this left a void in Sepultura, who actually thought about breaking up totally and then put things on hold. Now in 1998 they are back with a new vocalist Derrick Green and a new album, *Against*.

Originally from Brazil, drummer Igor Cavalera and his guitarist/brother Max Cavalera formed Sepultura. Bassist Paulo Jr. and other guitarist Jairo T. rounded out the rest of the band. They released some very rough music (*Bestial Devastation EP* and *Morbid Visions*), and then Andreas Kisser replaced Jairo as the guitarist making the full-time line-up. The band then evolved and went to a higher level releasing *Schizophrenia*. That album and an increasing following persuaded

Roadrunner Records to sign this brutal act.

Sepultura's first worldwide release *Beneath The Remains* was voted one of 1989's top metal albums by critics all over and was a cornerstone in the metal industry. Following BTR in 1991 was highly acclaimed *Arise*. In 1993 they recorded *Chaos A.D.* and in 1996 they put forth *Roots*. That album showed the world they could incorporate ancestral Brazilian sounds, which blended together a beautiful mix of noise and instruments.

New vocalist Derrick Green seems to fit Sepultura right where Max left off, even though they don't sound too much alike. Sepultura uses once again a plethora of instrument in their music. On "Kamaitachi," which was recorded in Japan with the help of an orchestral band, you can hear a beautiful flute playing right along side of their usual brutality. On the other hand, songs like "Hatred Aside," it's just all-out chaos. Derrick screams his head off, Igor blasts the drums, Paulo pounds you with his bass while Andreas grinds his ax leading to a blistering solo.

Sepultura still has a lot of odd time



riffs with devastating drums, but Derrick adds another dimension with a few different vocal approaches like on songs such as "Old Earth: which includes a nice transition with a clean guitar.

Overall it's a good album, even

without Max, who could be said to be the heart and soul of Sepultura, but this just proves that to be wrong. Surviving the most difficult part of their career, Sepultura shows you what they are all about on *Against*.

## Football Drops Ball in Final Game

The Stony Brook football team ended its final season in the ranks of Division II dropping a 17-3 decision to Division I-AA St. John's last Saturday. The loss dropped the Seawolves record to 3-7 on the year. Next season the Seawolves will begin a full slate of games at the Division I-AA level.

Stony Brook got off to a rough start when senior quarterback Scott Meyer (Berlin, CT/Berlin) was sacked and fumbled on the first play from scrimmage. St. John's took over at the Seawolves 17 yard line and scored the game's first touchdown on a five yard plunge to take a 7-0 lead. Meyer was hounded all day by the Red Storm, completing 7 of 15 passes for 51 yards while being sacked eight times.

St. John's took advantage of a Seawolves failed fake punt attempt and gave the Red Storm the ball on Stony Brook's seven yard line. Three plays later, St. John's completed a two-yard touchdown pass to take a 14-0 lead into halftime.

The Seawolves got on the board with 4:58 left in the third quarter when Jason Harris (Sr., San Jose, CA/Prospect) kicked his fifth field goal of the season. Harris' 24-yard field goal capped off a nine play 55-yard drive for Stony Brook.

Unfortunately for the Seawolves that was the only points they could get on the afternoon and St. John's finished the scoring by kicking a 30-yard field goal after recovering a Stony Brook fumble.

Despite allowing 17 points, the Stony Brook defense was outstanding. All 17 points came on drives that were a combined 56 yards in length. The Seawolves held the Red Storm to 213 yards in total offense and intercepted two passes. Bob Mazaroski (Sr., Carle Place, NY/Carle Place), the Seawolves leading tackler this season, recorded a game-high 12

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tackles including two for losses and Jesus Marcano (Sr., Glen Cove, NY/Glen Cove) recorded six tackles and intercepted two passes.

### Men Win Over Binghamton in Basketball

The Stony Brook men's basketball team earned its first win of the season with a 67-56 win over NECC rival Binghamton, 67-56, Tuesday night at the Sports Complex. Junior point guard Steve Pratta turned in his finest performance as a Seawolf, recording nine points and twelve assists to pace the Stony Brook win.

The Seawolves used an 18-3 run to build a 15-point lead in the first half but Binghamton clawed back to draw within 29-25 at the break. Stefan Salden and Pratt hit consecutive three-pointers to start the second half to extend Stony Brook's lead to ten but the Seawolves could not put the Colonials away. Brad Nelson kept Binghamton close throughout the contest, netting 16 points and pulling down a game-high 13 rebounds.

Midway through the second half, Stony Brook put together a 12-2 run, highlighted by two Josh Little three-pointers to stake SB to a 60-44 lead. The Seawolves never looked back and went on to their first NECC victory of the season. Little scored a team-high 14 points, hitting four-three pointers in the game. Little was one of four Seawolves to score in double figures. Chris Balliro (11 points), Bobby Mahoney (11 points) and Ryan McDermott (11 points) also scored in double figures for Stony Brook.

Stony Brook (1-3, 1-0) will travel to Columbia on Monday, December 7 to face the Lions. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.

### Women's Basketball Falls to Army

The Stony Brook women's basketball team faced its second Division I opponent of the season last Tuesday falling to Army, 77-63, in the Seawolves only game of the week. Against Army, which was Stony Brook's sixth game in 10 days, the Seawolves led 37-35 at the half after trailing by as many as seven in the first stanza. Freshman guard Sarah Burkett (Parkersburg, WV/Parkersburg Catholic), making only her second career start, tallied 10 first-half points including converting four of four from the charity stripe to lead the way.

In the second half, the lead continued to change hands until Army went on a 5-0 run with 10:13 left to play in the half to take control. The Seawolves cut the lead to one point with 7:57 left to play, but that was as close as they would get as Army then held Stony Brook scoreless for the next 1:50 of the game outscoring the Seawolves, 6-0 in that span and held on for the final margin of victory.

Burkett finished the game with a game and career-high 18 points on 7 of 12 shooting from the floor. Co-captains Beth Grys (Sr., Orchard Park, NY/Mount Mercy) and Lauren Ruane (R-Jr., Richmond Hill, NY/St. Francis Prep) joined Burkett as the only Seawolves in double figures in the scoring column with 10 points each. Freshman Kelli Cofield (Brooklyn, NY/Midwood) and Cortney Ray (Stow, OH/Stow) each tallied a team-high eight rebounds as Stony Brook outrebounded Army, 36-34.

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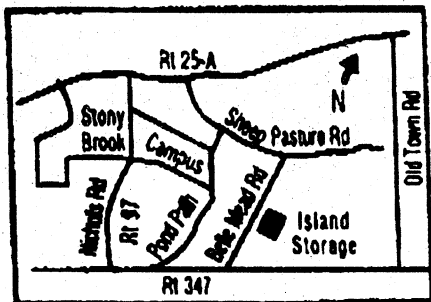
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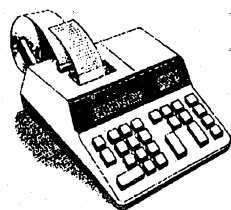


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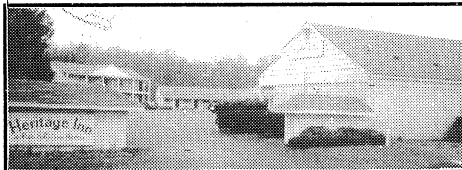
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# V.O.D. Leaves Their Imprint

By PHIL SALAMACHA  
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Long Island's own **Vision of Disorder** is quickly making a name for themselves in the heavy hardcore music category. The second notch in their belt is called *Imprint*, and believe me, it will leave you one.

It took V.O.D. only 19 days to lay down their tracks and produce five guys creating a melee of music. Vocalist Tim Williams, bassist Mike Fleischmann, guitarists Matt Baumbach and Mike Kennedy, and drummer Brandon Cohen head up the quintet of madmen. Their Roadrunner Records debut came in 1996, and a lot of people just weren't ready for it. It was praised by critics for its authenticity and drive. Now in 1998 they continue the plan of destruction with *Imprint*.

It's hard to categorize this group into a single genre of music because they've toured with numerous hardcore acts like **Neurosis** and **Bloodlet**. But they've also toured with metal bands such as **Machine Head** and played at the 1997 Ozzfest. At any rate, they put forth

a wall of aggression and pain on this album.

On songs like "Locusts Of The Earth" and "Colorblind," Tim is screaming and growling like there's no tomorrow. The guitars are heavy and pack one hell of a punch. The drumming is nothing short of sensational. Brandon plays a double bass with the best of them and probably destroyed 900 sticks during the recording. On the fourth track "By The River," **Pantera's** own Phil Anselmo is trading verses with Tim which I thought was great. They have a lot of the same styles and vocal patterns. Tim sings some regular human vocals during most of the songs. "Jada Bloom" is a song which starts off pandemonium where it started. The song finally ends in a harmonic melody that leaves you in awe; a perfect way to end a great album.

What I like about V.O.D. is that they won't conform to anything. Matt says, "We're five normal guys playing music with no bullshit about it whatsoever...It doesn't matter what your image is- look at Pantera, look at Black Sabbath." True words spoken by someone who knows the true meaning of heavy music.

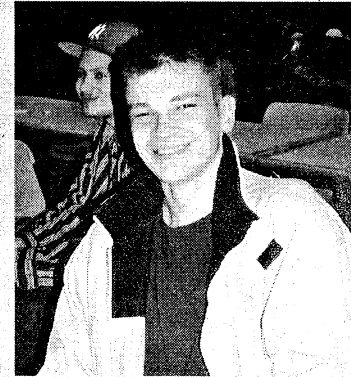
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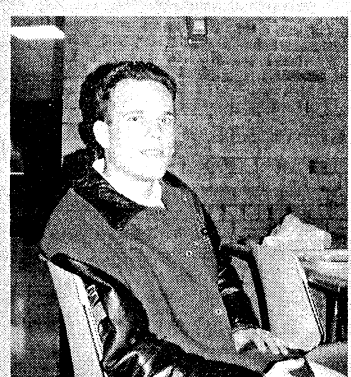
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## Features

## Picturing the Past

By TINA CHADHA  
Special to the Statesman

Stony Brook University brought a view of Israel to its students during the month of November. "The Birth of Israel," an exhibition organized by the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Life, consisted of photographs by Time-Life correspondent Marlin Levin about the struggle leading up to the founding of the State of Israel. It was shown between November 16th through December 4th in the Stony Brook Union Art Gallery. Marlin Levin spent over fifty years chronicling the story of the Jewish state. His photographs were the "only known color transparencies made at the time which were miraculously preserved in excellent condition". Some of the pictures he took of Israel were displayed next to photographs of the same site taken 50 years later by Chanan Getrade. This technique shows us the difference in time periods and the changes which have taken place.

The photographs depict the harsh reality of the times in Israel. In "A State is Conceived" you see the emotion and dedication on the people's faces. The fight to proclaim their state was worth it for them and this is very clearly seen in the pictures. The pictures ranged in mood. One can categorize the photographs into two themes. The first wall of photos shows the struggle people went through and the poverty they faced; the next shows victory and celebration. Marlin Levin tried to represent all the people living in Israel. His photographs ranged from the rich to poor, farmers to protesters, people eating in restaurants to some getting ration.

Pictures such as "Jaffa Road" which capture the image of a young boy barely ten years of age, filthy covered with dirt working in the streets are unforgettable. The original picture taken by Levin is yellowish from age while the current one's are clear and sharp. This adds to the affect of the dusty,



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Photos of photos (clockwise left to right): *The Day's Water Supply, Morning Prayers in Safed, Aid Package Arrives in Safed, Cooking the Day's Rations, Moving Day, Hunger During the War.*

dingy street, dull like the time before neon lights blinded the night. Although there are other people in the picture the focal point is this boy's face. His expression is filled with fire and anger. His stance is proud as his shoulders tilt back and his chest protrudes out. As if to say I can take it, I won't give up. There are two more pictures of this same street, one in the fifties while it's still developing and the other is of current times. The once unpaved road, worked on by child laborers, is now a modern, active, city street. Alluding to the theme that the fight for an Independent Israel was worth it. Another picture that is sad is "Mahaneh Yehuda Market". The market is empty and deserted. It is dark and grimy and the stores are shut. The same Market photographed recently is bright, alive and full of fruit, vegetables and shoppers.

However sad and dismal the first wall of photos is the people still seemed positive and their dedication pays off as we see in the next wall of photos. The picture entitled "First water in Jerusalem" is brilliant. It is a picture of a pipe

running on top of a building. At the end of the pipe water is streaming out. The bright light reflecting off the water looks like crystal; the whole image is breath taking. The background color is gray its dullness enhances the glow of the water. This water is a symbol of hope and success. Another cheerful picture is "First Independence Day 1949". This picture is off a building taken from the base up. This technique is used to make the building seem bigger and more powerful. There are many people crammed in the terraces and windows. They are watching a parade and are celebrating their victory.

While viewing the photographs it is interesting to notice the differences in style, architecture and living condition of the past. The women soldiers as seen in "Our Heroes" had to wear skirts and stockings and were kept in a separate platoon from the men.

This exhibit showed their hardships and was an accurate depiction of the troubles they overcame to become independent.



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