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## SAC On The Move To Phase Two

*Architects Meet With University Officials and Students to Discuss Plans*

By KEVIN KEENAN  
Statesman Staff

Members of the University Community received a first glimpse at architectural plans for Phase II of the New Student Activities Center on Thursday, July 17. The presentation of these plans pushes the completion of the SAC past the 50 percent mark, according to Kevin Hom, one of the designing architects.

Phase II involves the construction of two new buildings connecting to the already existing Phase I building. Kevin Hom and Andrew Goldman Architecture presented the detailed floor plans, interior designs and landscape concepts for these new additions to University President Shirley Strum Kenny, other Stony Brook representatives and students. During the presentation, those present were given the opportunity to comment on the layout and request changes.

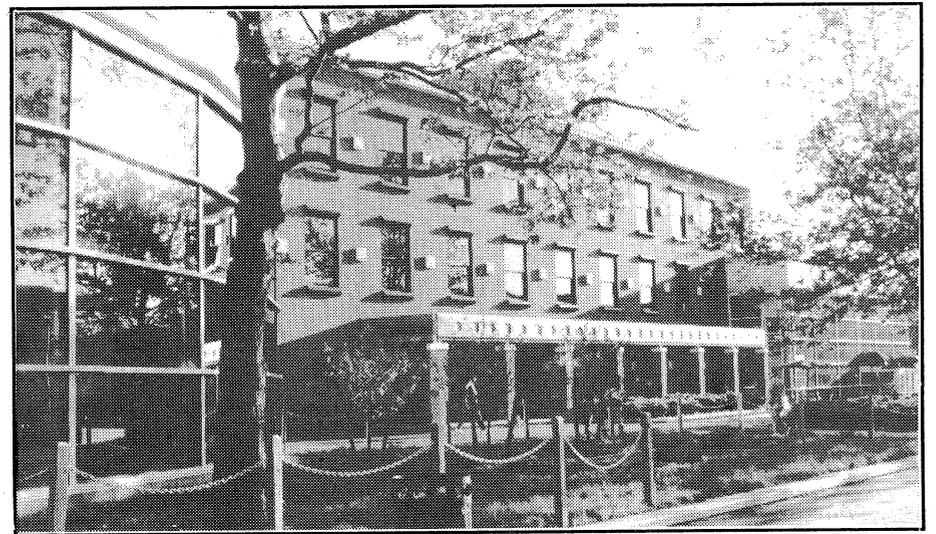
Upon completion of these new buildings, the Activities Center will take on a rectangular shape with an outdoor private garden in the center. The eastern most building will contain three levels, while the southern most unit will contain two. A "curtain wall of glass" will create the garden side wall of the two level building. The three-level unit will contain seven-foot windows facing the courtyard. These buildings will house large and small banquet-hall type rooms, an art gallery,

various offices, a wellness center and a lounge.

The larger banquet hall will be approximately 7,000 square feet and will have a seating capacity of close to seven hundred. The smaller one will seat two hundred. The large hall will be equipped with data conduits in the floor so that computers can be linked to the University's mainframe. This set-up will increase the purposes for which the room can be used and will facilitate interactive presentations. The wellness center, currently in the basement of the Phase I building, is planned to be moved to the third floor of the three-level unit. It will be 4,333 square feet and will have a wooden floor that will be appropriate for aerobic and dance lessons.

External considerations included a desire to maintain continuity with the already existing building. To accomplish this, similar brick and design work will be utilized. President Kenny also voiced her concern for creating an inviting environment that will entice students into the building. She commented that the heavily traversed pathways around the Psychology building and adjacent to the SAC that lead to the Javits Lecture Center should be considered in the landscape plans. Plans to increase parking around the buildings were also discussed.

The responses to Phase II proposals varied considerably. President Kenny



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The Student Activities Center

directed Hom, the architect, to plan in consideration of the eventual Phase III. Kenny said she wants to avoid having to "undue stuff we've already done." According to Hom, several aspects of the building are limited by the funds available. For instance, the lounge on the first floor of the three-level building will be obstructed in several areas by support beams because other construction plans eliminating the beams were too expensive. Also, Dr. Fred Preston, vice president for Student Affairs, voiced concerns about the safety of the building due to the increased number of entrances.

Polity President Monique Maylor along with Vice President Diane Lopez asked Hom to ensure that students with disabilities be considered in all aspects of the planning. Sandy Zaradic, Graduate Student Organization president, requested that a late night cafe be included in the new buildings.

Other campus groups offering insight at the presentation were the Honors College, represented by Carmelina Dipietrantonio, Student Union and Activities, represented by Victor White, and the Alumni Affairs Center and *The Stony Brook Statesman*, represented by Kevin Keenan. □

## It Could Happen Just Around the Corner Ku Klux Klan Cancels Appearance at Smith Haven Mall

By LAURA LO  
Statesman Editor

Police patrolled the parking lot as a crowd gathered by the Smith Haven Mall's main entrance off of Middle Country Road in Lake Grove and waved signs protesting hate and the Ku Klux Klan on Saturday, July 19, a busy shopping day.

Although the Klan was nowhere in sight after canceling its first scheduled public appearance on Long Island in 35, the police and protesters were prepared - just in case.

"Our concerns are the property rights of the Smith Haven Mall and keeping the peace," said Lieutenant Ray Smith of the Suffolk County Police Fourth Squad. Although Smith would not indicate how many officers were on the scene, he said both the fourth and sixth precincts were present as well as a bias crime unit, an emergency care unit and undercover patrol.

The Klan had planned to have an "educational" drive to distribute literature and membership applications, police officials said. News of the Klan's planned appearance prompted Suffolk County District Attorney James Catterson to issue a warning stating that masked persons are prohibited from demonstrating or gathering in a public place according to New York State Penal Law. Police said Rev. Frank, who says he is the New York state grand dragon of the Klan, notified them a few weeks earlier about the scheduled drive, and then canceled the day before.

"They didn't show up today because they were scared," Corey Dolgon of the Southampton Coalition for Justice told the crowd of protesters amidst the signs reading "Smash the Klan" and "Ku Klux Klan Bosses' Puppets."

While passing automobiles honked at the crowd, there were those shoppers who quietly walked into and out of the mall intent on their purchases. Still others

viewed the cancellation as an opportunity to organize to prevent the Klan from reviving itself on Long Island.

"I'm not going to let young people's minds be polluted by this garbage," said Randolph Scott-McLaughlin, a professor of law at Pace University. "There are people who'll say, 'It's no big thing,' but by that time it's too late."

McLaughlin says that he was the first attorney to successfully sue the Klan in Tennessee. "All it takes for the Klan to triumph is for good people to stand by idle and do nothing," McLaughlin said. "We do not intend to allow these terrorists to push us to the back of the bus again."

"The Klan has no place in our society," agreed Joan Beckerman, a teacher who traveled to the mall to protest. "Blacks and whites have to understand that racism cannot be tolerated."

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## Study On Marriage

Stony Brook's psychology department is seeking married women for a research study. Those who have experienced a severe negative event within the past two months or those who have not experienced any negative events within the past six months of marriage are eligible to participate. Participants will be compensated and will also be able to discuss their marriages with a trained clinician. For more information on this study, call Annemarie at 632-7850.

## Singers Wanted

The Harbormen Barbershop Chorus is looking for new members. A music background is not necessary. Meetings are every Monday night from 8 pm to 10:30 pm at the Unitarian Church on Nicolls Road in East Setauket. For more information contact Herb Mordkoff at 928-4373.

## Stony Brook Bike Fest

Stony Brook is sponsoring Bike Fest '97 on Saturday, September 6, from 8 am until 2 pm. There will be events for all levels of athletic ability, as well as activities for those who choose not to race. All proceeds will go to help the efforts of the Suffolk County Crimestoppers, Inc. Suffolk County Crimestoppers is a not-for-profit organization that works with members of the community to catch criminals. For more information call Campus Bicycle & Fitness at 689-1200.

## Free Scuba Lessons

The staff of Peconic Scuba is offering free scuba and snorkeling instructions at Cedar Point County Park on August 16 at 11 am. Call 727-7578 for more details.

# Activities

## Union Crafts Center Workshops

The Union Crafts Center offers low-cost courses in Basic Photography, Oriental Brush Painting, Low Fire Glazing, Beginner Pottery Making, Draped Clay Sculpture, Human Form Clay Sculpturing, paper making and Floor Loom Weaving. Other classes in Kayaking, Bartending and Car and Feeding of Your Car are also offered through the Center. Classes begin in September and preregistration is necessary. Memberships are also available for people from the University community who would like to work alone in the Center's ceramics, weaving or photography facilities. The Union Crafts Center is operated as a program of the Department of Student union and Activities, Student Affairs Executive Area, at the University at Stony Brook. For additional information on registering for courses or memberships, or if special accommodations are required as a result of a disability, call the Department of Student Union and Activities at 632-6822.

## St. James General Store

For those Stony Brook students who are looking for something to do off the campus in the local area, the Saint James General Store will be holding various presentations given by Long Islanders during the month of June, including such topics as arts, crafts and antiques.

**Pottery Demonstration:** Renowned potter Mary Scott will be demonstrating the manufacture and decoration of domestic pottery using the traditional techniques of early Long Island artisans on Saturday, August 2, from 11 am to 4 pm.

**Outdoor Antique Show:** The Friends for Long Island's Heritage will be sponsoring an outdoor antique show on August 9, (rain-date August 10,) from 11 am to 4 pm. This event will feature such collectibles as jewelry, precious metals, Depression Glass, Worlds Fair items, old country tools, country furniture, linens, pottery, porcelain, fiesta-ware and more.

**Rug Hooking Demonstration:** Northport artisan Eileen Kelleher will give a demonstration of Traditional Rug Hooking on Saturday, August 16, from 12 pm to 2 pm.

The Saint James General Store, which is an historical landmark, is owned by Suffolk County and run by Friends for Long Island's Heritage, a non-profit organization. The store is located at 516 Moriches Road, just north of Route 25A. Hours are 10 am to 5 pm daily. The store is air-conditioned and has a large parking area directly across the street. For further information, contact the store at 862-8333.

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## Contact: Stargazing Sagan-Style Pondering The Possibility Of Other Life In The Universe

By KRISTINE SEITZ  
Statesman Staff

Hanging above us, the stars have inspired awe and speculation for centuries. We have all gazed up at them at some point. Some of us have wished upon them. Many of us have looked up and wondered if the light of some far away star warms its own world, if other souls wait for their sun to set and gazes back at us, wondering.

The new film, *Contact*, is the story of such stargazers, told as only Pulitzer prize winning author and scientist Carl Sagan could tell the story. The movie, directed by Oscar-winner Robert Zemeckis, known for *Forrest Gump*, asks the question, "What happens if we no longer have to wonder if there's someone out there?"

The film tells the story of scientist Eleanor Arroway, a woman who has spent her life searching for signs of life in the stars in the form of radio transmissions. Arroway is played by Academy Award winning actress, Jodie Foster. Foster's portrayal is delicate and intuitive, but full of the passion needed to portray someone whose single minded devotion to her quest borders on the irrational.

Dr. Arroway discovers a radio transmission coming from another star system. The government, in the form of her former mentor, David Drumlin, an



Photo Courtesy Of Warner Bros.

Jodie Foster, as Eleanor Arroway, listening to radio transmissions.

ambitious and self-serving man played with sympathy by Tom Skerritt, immediately commandeers her scientific investigation. Arroway must battle Washington politics and paranoia to convince them to build the transport device and fight for her rightful place as leader of the team that will make contact.

Eleanor enlists the help of an old friend, Palmer Joss, portrayed with a

playful sensitivity by Matthew McConaughey, to help her in her quest. Joss has become the "moral advisor" to the President and is among those jockeying for power at the White House.

Her opposition includes National Security Advisor, Michael Kitz, played expertly, as always, by the talented James Woods. Rob Lowe also makes an appearance as Richard Bank, the leader of a conservative moral organization,

who is concerned with making contact with aliens because we have no way to gauge what their morality could be.

Angela Bassett is tough and savvy as one of the president's advisors. John Hurt, known for his roles in *Alien* and *Rob Roy*, plays the eccentric billionaire business man that funds Arroway's research and eventually becomes her behind-the-scenes ally.

The strength and diversity of the supporting cast is an essential counter-balance to Foster's riveting performance. It completes the picture of an America faced with the answer to one of the great mysteries of the human universe, in all its multi-faceted glory.

This is not one of the big budget sci-fi movies we've become accustomed to. There are no big, artfully conceived monsters, no laser battles to thrill us. Instead, it is a movie about people we could know faced by the unknown. The battles are political and spiritual, battles that we could very well take part in, played out in the country and culture we live in today. (To underscore this, Zemeckis has even used news reels of Bill Clinton instead of some imaginary future president.) It is a rarity in Hollywood movies - a film that makes you wonder, that leaves you thinking long after you leave the theater.

The Final Grade - A

### Web Site For Contact Fans

If you do see *Contact* and you like it, try the web site at [www.CONTACT-themovie.com](http://www.CONTACT-themovie.com).

It's not your typical web site. You're greeted by a graphic and audio of the contact - the rising and falling signal from another star system. After a short introduction, you are led to the Central Site.

At the Central Site, besides the normal cast bios and pictures, there is also a function that allows you to create your own web site using their "Contact" tool kit, which includes graphics, images and animation. According to some of the text at the site, the best of the fan web sites will be incorporated into the movie web site. The Central Site also offers interviews with noted experts on the possible existence of extraterrestrial life.

There is also a place called the "Contact Community." This section allows real-time chat so that you can discuss and debate the movie and its themes.

The web site also provides links to other web sites in related areas like SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence,) NASA and VLA (for Very Large Array of radio telescopes, the site where the message is first detected.) There's even more available at this site. Try it and make contact with other fans of the movie. □

- Kristine Seitz

## Deja Vu in Air Force One

Harrison Ford Saves an Otherwise Run-of-the-Mill Actioner

By PETER GRATTON  
Statesman Editor

In this summer of Senate campaign finance hearings, behind the scenes attempts to overthrow the Speaker of the House, and tense budget negotiations, it would seem strange that Americans would trek to their movie theaters to watch as yet more political intrigue unfolds on the big screen. However, *Air Force One*, released this weekend, offers us a view of a president consumed more by his family and patriotic duty than by recent polling numbers.

In addition, as in the other action movies released this summer, the plot serves merely as an excuse for the series of gunfire and explosions that ensue throughout the movie. *Air Force One* stars Harrison Ford as U.S. President James Marshall and former Medal of Honor winner in yet another role as the action hero with a conscience. Marshall's plane is taken hostage by a band of Russian terrorists bent on seeing the release of a recently captured tyrant who had threatened the balance of power in the former Soviet Union.

The terrorists are able to board *Air Force One* pretending to be a Russian camera crew, and the shooting begins mid-air as a Secret Service Agent allows them access to the plane's weapons arsenal, which is apparently large enough to take over a number of small countries. Other agents are able to whisk away the President from danger into the plane's lower levels, but not before they and the others on board are either captured or killed. The terrorists, believing that the President has left the plane in an escape pod, then attempt to barter his wife and

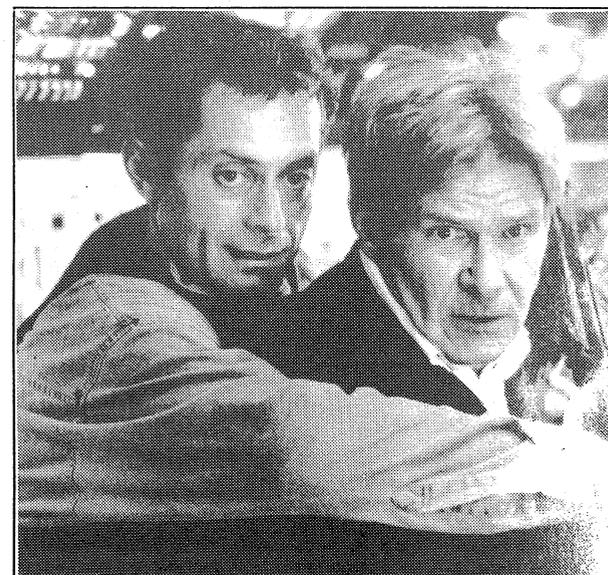


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Harrison Ford is a harried President in *Air Force One*

daughter in exchange for the release of their beloved dictator.

The movie also stars Gary Oldman as the head of the terrorist squad, as well as Glen Close in the role of an Al Gore-type Vice President who must choose between

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# Quest for Social Justice

The Social Justice Center at Pace University School of Law, founded in 1996 by Professor Randolph Scott-McLaughlin, is made up of attorneys and student interns who work to protect human rights issues, including racial and gender discrimination, housing discrimination and voting violations. At the moment, the Social Justice Center is spearheading formation of a coalition to monitor and document Klan activity in New York State and support community efforts to stand against them.

"We will not sit by and allow misguided thugs to intimidate people," says Frederick Brewington, a Long Island

attorney with the Social Justice Center. "These people feed on ignorance. We will continue to speak out together to educate our communities. The Klan can inspire misguided youth to engage in violence against individuals or religious institutions. A message must be sent that is loud and clear, especially to our young people, that the racism and hatred taught by this group will not be tolerated."

Before founding the Social Justice Center, McLaughlin, a graduate of Harvard Law School, was vice-president of the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), a civil rights/civil liberties organization. □

## Klan Cancels Appearance

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And then there were those onlookers who were less vocal, who were drawn by the crowd and wanted to see what was going on.

"I'm disappointed the Klan didn't show up," said one man from East Northport. "I wanted to see some action. I'm not a supporter of the Klan, but I think they will come here eventually."

"If they show up and start marching there's going to be problems," said Delroy Anderson, a Lake Grove resident who was driving by the mall with a friend when they saw the signs and stopped. "We don't

want the Klan so we came by to lend our support," he said. "I really don't want to see the Klan around here. I'd like to live in peace with everybody." □

## No TAP Cuts

Gov. Pataki recently withdrew his proposed \$175 million Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) cut.

"This is a major victory for middle class families who depend on financial aid to send their kids to college," said Assemblyman Steven Englebright (D-Setauket). "An affordable education is the foundation of the future. Continued funding for TAP will help ensure all students have the opportunities that comes with a college education." □

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## The Chopping Block by Philomena Corradeno



Don't let summer slip by without your share of the blues — berries, that is. Their season is all too short and because it is, we appreciate them all the more.

Blueberries are probably the easiest berry to enjoy. They need only a quick rinse and draining, need no hulling or slicing and can be eaten right out of the bowl without adding anything for flavor. On the other hand, you might want to stir in a little sugar. But that's only gilding the lily because blueberries are not harvested until they have ripened on the bush, insuring a high level of sweetness.

There's good news for the post-fresh season: Blueberries are available flash-frozen, canned and dried and can be substituted for fresh in many recipes.

Pick up the best blueberries you can find. They should be firm and dry, have a purple-blue color with a silvery-white bloom. Refrigerate them as soon as you get home and they will hold well there up to 10 days. Don't wash them till you're ready to use them.

Here are a couple of recipes you'll love making, eating and serving. The Blueberry and Peach Crisp teams the berries with fresh peaches and tops them with spicy brown sugar and oatmeal crumbs. The Coffee Cake has a layer of batter sprinkled with cinnamon sugar, covered with the remaining batter which is then covered with blueberries and walnuts and sprinkled with cinnamon sugar.

### BLUEBERRY AND PEACH CRISP

- 1 1/2 pints fresh or frozen blueberries (about 3 cups)
- 8 cups fresh peaches, sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon lemon

Preheat oven to 375F. Grease an 8x8-inch baking pan. In a bowl, toss together blueberries, peaches, sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest, lemon juice and salt; distribute evenly over bottom of pan. Sprinkle Crispy Topping (recipe follows) over fruit. Bake until topping is lightly browned and fruit mixture is bubbly, about 30 minutes. Serve warm or cold, with vanilla ice cream, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

### \*CRISPY TOPPING

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup oatmeal (instant or regular)
- 1 cup flour
- 2/3 cup butter

In medium bowl, mix together sugars, cinnamon, nutmeg, oatmeal and flour. Cut in butter until crumbly. Makes about 2 cups.

### BLUEBERRY-CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Cinnamon Sugar, divided\*
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

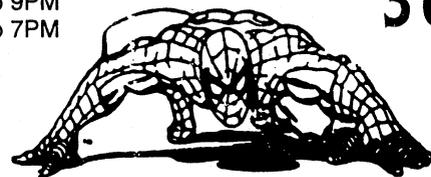
Preheat oven to 375F. Grease a 6x12-inch baking pan. In the large bowl of a mixer, cream sugar and butter. In another large bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a small bowl, blend together sour cream, eggs, and vanilla. Alternately add the dry ingredients and the sour cream mixture to the butter mixture, mixing batter just until blended. Pour half the batter into the prepared pan and spread evenly. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of the Cinnamon Sugar (recipe follows). Spoon on remaining batter and spread evenly. Scatter blueberries and walnuts over the top of batter and sprinkle with remaining Cinnamon Sugar. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Serve warm, with vanilla ice cream, if desired. Makes 12 (2x3-inch) pieces.

Cinnamon Sugar\*: In a small bowl, stir together 5 tablespoons sugar and 1 tablespoon cinnamon.

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# Loony Letters & Postal Pandemonium<sup>5</sup>

## ROGUE LETTER-WRITER GOES WILD IN *LETTERS FROM A NUT*

By TOM FLANAGAN  
Special to *The Statesman*

Have you ever seen a department store mannequin that resembles a recently deceased neighbor? Have you ever lost a Prussian military sword in the restroom of a four-star hotel? Have you ever tried to sell your own anti-fungal cream? Probably not. Yet these are just the types of situations that Ted L. Nancy finds most familiar.

In his book *Letters From a Nut*, which hit bookstores this past May, Nancy shares with the world a collection of the most bizarre correspondences this side of the Twilight Zone. The premise is simple: Nancy writes letters to corporate executives, semi-celebrities and petty bureaucrats regarding a problem, suggestion or request and the party addressed then responds. The hilarity lies not only in Nancy's off-the-wall questions or situations, but in the responses themselves. Nancy's unwitting pen pals take his odd requests seriously, often doing their best to answer him honestly.

For instance, Nancy writes a letter to the Greyhound Bus company: "I will be dressed like a giant stick of butter. Can I get approval for this? I have always heard that Greyhound Bus Lines goes out of its way to please its passengers." Bob Morrow, a consumer assistant analyst for Greyhound, responds: "On behalf of Greyhound, there should be no problem traveling while in your butter

costume." The most amusing part of Nancy's book is reading his outlandish requests and the serious answers he gets mailed back to him. The idea of donning a butter costume is, of course, absurd; almost equally absurd is the sincerity of the responses.

Nancy's imagination is not limited to a stick of butter. He writes the Flamingo Hilton Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas saying that when he gambles, he finds that he is luckiest when dressed as a shrimp. The Flamingo Hilton's reply: ". . . regarding your request to gamble in shrimp attire, we feel that because of the high level of activity created by the outfit, it might be too distracting." Nancy also writes Aloha Airlines, informing the company of his intention to travel the skies dressed like a giant rotting radish. Aloha Airlines, unfortunately, would not allow it: "In the case of an emergency, the rotting radish might impede a rapid egress from the aircraft of yourself and other passengers."

In addition to his curious choices for wardrobe, Nancy fancies himself a veritable fountain of ideas. Ideas he is by no means shy about sharing. "Dear Mars Candy President," he writes, "How about this for a new candy bar - picture a Butterfinger - only instead of peanut butter the center is banana. Crunchy banana. With the texture and consistency similar to a Butterfinger inside. You could call it a Nanacrumble." In the

same letter Nancy critiques the name of one of Mars' bestsellers: "Also, the name Snickers is bad. Sounds like somebody is laughing at you. Can it be changed?" Mars responds: "It was very thoughtful of you to take the time to offer your ideas regarding Snickers Bar." Unfortunately, Mars wasn't interested in the Nanacrumble.

Undaunted, Nancy simply shifted gears. His next target was the Excalibur Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. His new product: Excaliburgers. "I am interested in selling my Excaliburgers in your lobby or outside your hotel," Nancy writes. "Excaliburgers are hamburgers that are in the shape of the Excalibur Hotel." Excalibur responded: "Dear Mr. Nancy: Thank you for your letter regarding your products, in particular, the Excaliburger. It is, indeed, a novel idea." The hotel, however, wasn't interested.

One of the funniest series of letters involves two of Nancy's alter egos: Pip the Mighty Squeak and Topps the Slender Giant. As Pip, a two-foot three-inches tall performer who weighs 65 pounds, Nancy inquires about employment opportunities in Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. With glee, Nancy describes his act: "I lift a 100 pound woman on my back (from audience). I shuffle cards, dance, I tell stories, I balance an orange on my forehead and move about for 2 hours and 25 minutes . . . I am truly entertaining. I stretch, shout, flex, call

out names, lift a man from the audience and move in a circle with him. I hum. I bark." Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey was intrigued, asking for a videotaped performance of Pip.

As Topps the Slender Giant, Nancy writes the University of Texas confirming a date for his speaking engagement. "Let me introduce myself," Nancy writes, "I am 8 feet 3 inches tall and perform as Topps the Slender Giant. I have been with the circus for half a century." Nancy goes on to describe how Topps talks about his experiences as "a circus performer, a giant, very thin, very heavy, a marijuana addict, conjugal visits, an alcoholic (Schnapps) and a telemarketer." The University of Texas quickly responds that it never contracted for this particular speaking engagement.

Nancy's letter-writing embodies a flair for inspired lunacy. His letter asking Nordstrom's to sell him a mannequin that resembles a deceased neighbor, his fan letter (and drawing) to Tim Conway and his letter to the King of Tonga regarding lost mail are quiet gems of comedic ingenuity. While a handful of Nancy's letters tend toward the repetitive, overall, *Letters From a Nut* offers a refreshing dose of off-the-wall humor. This book will make you laugh.

*Letters From a Nut*, with an introduction by Jerry Seinfeld, is available in hardcover for \$15. □

## Harrison Ford Saves This Summer's *Air Force One*

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her confidence in the President's heroic abilities and the wishes of a national security advisor, played well by Dean Stockwell. The advisor believes that it would be better to sacrifice the lives aboard Air Force One than to free the dictator, who would be able to retake control of his nuclear arsenal. The film produces a twist on the action genre by having a person who is supposed to be protected by others, saving them himself.

The action in the movie, it must be said, is first rate; but the genre of the big summer thriller has long been growing tired. Action sequences of gun battles near open doors and cargo bays simply remind movie goers of many other thrillers that have taken place on board a plane. In addition, one leaves the theater unable to remember the various gun battles and mid-air hijinks that simply merge into memories of past action movies seen.

Computer enhanced images late in the movie appear as false as the image of a President intent on keeping his word.

The center of the movie, and its saving grace, is Harrison Ford. As in *The Fugitive*, *Clear and Present Danger*, and *Patriot Games*, Ford is able to hold together a thriller which includes scenes in which the President of the United States is found dangling from a rope several hundred feet behind an Air Force plane. It is unlikely any of the other kings of the summer action dramas could play the role with the innocence necessary in parts where the President is seen combing through an instruction booklet in order to operate a cell phone.

Glenn Close's performance, at times, appears to be a caricature of the Al Gore role she is attempting to play. She must at some time have realized the implausibility of a person being as stiff as portrayed



Photo / Columbia Pictures

Terrorist Gary Oldman, left, confronts Harrison Ford, as the President

by late night comedians.

One does not attend a summer blockbuster and expect deep introspection in the main characters. We never see, for instance, how the President, a supposed man of conscience, deals with the guilt of having so many fellow human beings die in order to protect him. At various points in the movie, Ford's character is saved by men and planes diving in the way of bullets and missiles, respectively, meant for his doom.

At times, the film reminds one of political

campaign commercials seen during election runs, in its attempts to make us care about whether the President lives or dies. He is portrayed as an honest, loving family man who is unwilling to negotiate with terrorists.

With a film budget nearing a hundred million, higher than most Presidential election campaigns, one wonders if movie goers will believe in this President more than they do the current holder of the office.

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## Letters / Op-Ed

On The Anniversary of  
TWA's Flight 800

By Kenneth LaValle  
New York State Senator

A streak of light. A loud explosion. A ball of fire. All are familiar to people who were in the Moriches area the night TWA's Flight 800 mysteriously exploded in mid-air one year ago. In an instant, 230 people became victims of the fatal crash and the lives of their loved ones were changed forever. In a memorial service that touched my heart and that of many Long Islanders, families and friends of the victims, as well as community residents and government officials, gathered last week to mourn the great loss.

For me, the ceremony brought back memories of the evening of July 17, 1996, and the disbelief I felt upon learning of the Flight 800 crash. I remember being at a function on Dune Road when I heard a distant rumbling. I dismissed the sound, thinking it must be the thunder of a summer heat storm. On my way home from the function, I saw emergency vehicles passing by, but again I dismissed it as being nothing more than a routine response.

When I arrived home later that evening and turned on the television, it was obvious that the series of events I had experienced were far from routine. As the news stations reported the story of Flight 800, I became overwhelmed with sadness. What started out as an exciting venture for the many passengers of the flight had ended in tragedy.

As the days went by and the stories of the victims unfolded, a collective sense of grief grew among the people of Long Island. We felt the need to reach out and console the victims' families and to offer to help in any way we could. There was one question, however, that everyone wanted answered. What caused the explosion?

One year later, the answer to what happened that tragic night remains a mystery. As investigations continue, it is hoped that the cause of the explosion will soon be determined so that the families might find some closure in learning the events that took place. Until that time, it is my hope that knowing they have the empathy of a nation's people can help ease the suffering of their great loss. □

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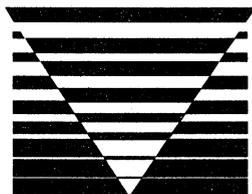
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# Jimmy Stewart — American Hero

It was no play acting for Jimmy Stewart — not when the bullets flying at him were real. Stewart — star of dozens of movies — could have dodged active service during World War II and opted for a cushy assignment in entertainment. But that wasn't in his character.

Instead, he was commander of a squadron of bombers flying through flack and Nazi fighter attacks over Europe. He survived 20 combat missions — some of them just barely — and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross twice for his courage.

Jimmy Stewart, who died July 2, embodied much of what is good about America. Just as he would never dream of shirking his duty to his country, neither would he do less for his family. After the war, though he was a Hollywood star of the highest level, he often returned to his home town of Indiana, Pa., to help in the family hardware store. Jimmy father, Alexander Stewart, continued to operate that store until he was in his late

80s. And it was in the store window that Stewart's Best Actor Oscar was displayed for 20 years.

"This is where I made up my mind about certain things — about the importance of hard work and community spirit, the value of family, church and God," he said on his 75th birthday party in his home town. Nor did he succumb to Hollywood's notorious disrespect for marriage. He was married once.

Stewart was always a lanky kid who put on plays in the family basement and first acted in a Boy Scout production. Although he received his degree in architecture from Princeton in 1932, he followed his first love — theater. Soon he was a star in movies, including such classics as "It's a Wonderful Life," "Vertigo" and "The Philadelphia Story." for which he won an Oscar. In 1985, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor.

— ROBERT B. PAMPLIN, JR.  
AND GARY K. EISLER

# James Stewart Hollywood legend, American icon

Perhaps more than any other actor of his time, Jimmy Stewart was deeply loved and highly honored because of his memorable performances on and off the screen.



Appearing in more than 75 films, Stewart was nominated four times and won an Oscar in 1940 for *Philadelphia Story*.

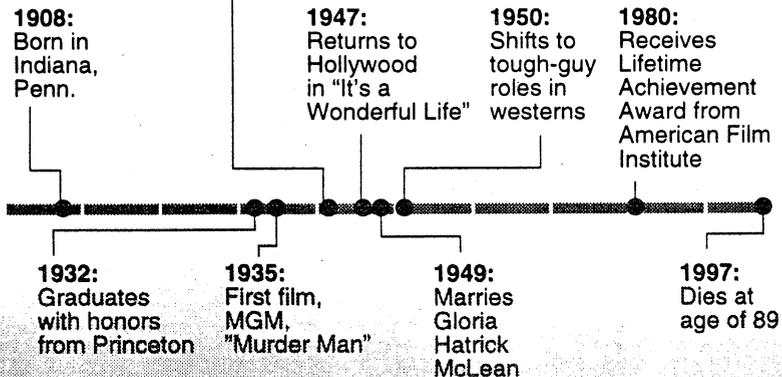
Stewart in the 1947 film "It's a Wonderful Life"

### Best known films:

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington	1939	Harvey	1950
Destry Rides Again	1939	The Glenn Miller Story	1954
The Philadelphia Story	1940	Rear Window	1954
It's a Wonderful Life	1947	Vertigo	1958
Rope	1948	Anatomy of a Murder	1959
Winchester '73	1950		

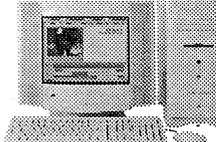
### His life:

**Military career:** Enlists in the Air Force in 1941 as a private; war record includes 20 combat missions as command pilot; awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross; spends 20 years in Reserves; retires as a brigadier general



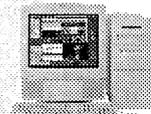
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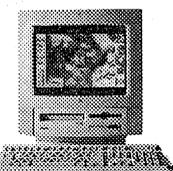
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# STATESMAN SPORTS

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## At the Gym, It's Time to Hit the Books STUDY LOUNGE TO OPEN IN SPORTS COMPLEX THIS FALL

By PETER GRATTON  
Statesman Editor

This fall, the Sports Complex will inaugurate a new study lounge in the area currently held by the universal weight rooms. The new Student Academic Center will be open to all students, but will be specifically geared for student athletes. It will contain two offices for the Academic and Compliance Coordinators, respectively, as well as a student lounge, study area, and computer lab.

Student athletes and incoming freshman are expected to keep a GPA above 2.0, and study lounge will provide a quiet area for these students to study, while keeping near their base for athletic work.

The construction of the center was made possible through the contributions of Stuart Goldstein, and the Sunny and Abe Rosenberg Foundation. Goldstein graduated from Stony Brook in 1974 with a B.S. in Psychology. He was also a standout squash player who earned All-American honors, the first to do so at Stony Brook. In addition, Goldstein

joined the professional squash tour upon graduation, and was at one time ranked number one in the world. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award, and was inducted into the Seawolves Hall of Fame in 1991. Goldstein made the contributions in order to give something back to the University where he started his athletic career. He says that he believes that the academic center will be a great resource for students.

The cost of the project is expected to near \$150,000, and should be completed by the beginning of the fall semester. The lounge will house up to twelve computers, with programs to facilitate producing reports, term papers, and other usual student assignments. Senior staff at the Sports Complex have yet to decide whether the new computers will be hooked up to the internet. While the web provides many opportunities for academic enhancement, some officials at the Complex fear that too many of the computers will be held up by students casually surfing the Net. Access to the web is provided at the various sinc sites

on campus, including the Melville Library.

The universal weights area that is now to be taken up by the Student Academic Center has been moved downstairs in the complex. Students wishing to use this area can find it by walking down a flight of stairs across from the new center, making a left, a right, and then following that

hallway to its end. The new universal weights area is directly outside the free weights gym, which can only be accessed by student athletes.

New Nautilus machines have been added to this area, allowing students to work out their shoulders, chest, legs, abdominals, and other areas of the body with more modern equipment. □

### Search For Women's B-Ball Coach

A search is currently underway for a new women's basketball coach. The former basketball coach, Becky Francis, left for Oakland University, where she had received a lucrative offer, according to sources at the Sports Complex.

The search for a new coach this summer is particularly stressed because of the women's basketball team's move to Division I. In addition, the team is coming off of a losing season, and any new coach would need time to acclimate himself or herself to the University. The new women's basketball director would

have to get to know his or her players before the season begins this fall.

The University's move to Division I could provide a particular draw to any potential coaches. The Seawolves will kick off their Division I status at a home game against St. John's University's Red Storm at the beginning of the 1999-2000 basketball season.

The senior staff at the Sport's Complex expect that they will announce the new coach within the next several weeks.

- GRATTON

## 1997 Seawolves Schedule

Football			Volleyball			Women's Tennis		
Sat. Sept. 13	SO. CONNECTICUT	1:00 PM	Wed. Sept. 3	MOLLOY	7:00 PM	Sun. Sept. 14	Dowling	1:00 PM
Sat. Sept. 20	Pace	1:00 PM	Fri. Sept. 5-6	New Haven-Baden Inv.	5:00 PM	Wed. Sept. 17	SACRED HEART	3:30 PM
Sat. Sept. 27	ST. JOHN'S	1:00 PM	Wed. Sept. 10	Queens	7:00 PM	Fri. Sept. 19	Concordia	3:30 PM
Sat. Oct. 4	SACRED HEART	1:00 PM	Sept. 12-13	Bryant Invitational	6:00 PM	Sat. Sept. 20	NYU	1:00 PM
Sat. Oct. 11	BENTLEY	1:00 PM	Tues. Sept. 16	Mercy	6:00 PM	Sun. Sept. 21	ALBANY	10:00 AM
Sat. Oct. 18	Albany	1:00 PM	Sept. 19-20	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS INV.		Wed. Sept. 24	St. Joseph's	3:30 PM
Sat. Oct. 25	MERRIMACK	1:00 PM	Sept. 26-27	Millersville Invitational		Tues. Sept. 30	Queens	3:30 PM
Sat. Nov. 1	Wagner	1:00 PM	Tues. Sept. 30	Southampton	7:00 PM	Wed. Oct. 1	MOLLOY	4:00 PM
Sat. Nov. 8	American International	12:30 PM	Fri. Oct. 3	Concordia	7:00 PM	Sun. Oct. 5	NEW HAVEN	1:00 PM
Wed. Nov. 15	C.W. Post	1:00 PM	Tues. Oct. 8	Dowling	7:00 PM	Tues. Oct. 7	DOWLING	3:30 PM
			Oct. 10-11	E. Stroudsburg Invitational		Wed. Oct. 8	ADELPHI	3:30 PM
			Wed. Oct. 15	Pace	7:00 PM	Fri. Oct. 10-12	Albany St. Tournament	TBA
			Sat. Oct. 18	NY TECH	1:00 PM			
			Wed. Oct. 22	ADELPHI	7:00 PM			
			Oct. 25-26	Bentley Invitational				
			Tues. Oct. 28	SO. CONN. ST.	7:00 PM	Fri. Aug. 29	Buffalo	3:00 PM
			Oct. 31-Nov. 1	SEAWOLVES CLASSIC		Sat. Aug. 30	Niagara	12:00 PM
			Tues. Nov. 4	C.W. Post	7:00 PM	Fri. Sept. 5	Fairfield	4:00 PM
			Sat. Nov. 8	Sacred Heart	1:00 PM	Sun. Sept. 7	Northeastern	2:00 AM
			Sat. Nov. 8	AIC	4:00 PM	Sat. Sept. 13	Fordham	1:00 PM
			Tues. Nov. 11	Quinnipiac	7:00 PM	Wed. Sept. 17	LAFAYETTE	4:00 PM
						Sat. Sept. 20	Vermont	12:00 PM
						Wed. Sept. 24	HOFSTRA	4:00 PM
						Wed. Oct. 1	St. John's	7:30 PM
						Sat. Oct. 4	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS INV.	
						Sun. Oct. 5	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS INV.	
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						Sat. Oct. 18	Lehigh	1:00 PM
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						Sun. Oct. 26	ST. PETER'S	1:00 PM
						Wed. Oct. 29	ADELPHI	2:30 PM
						Sat. Nov. 1	WAGNER	1:00 PM
						Tues. Nov. 4	COLUMBIA	2:00 PM
Men's Soccer			Cross Country					
Wed. Sept. 3	SOUTHAMPTON	4:00 PM	Sat. Sept. 13	Fordham Fiasco	11:00 AM			
Sat. Sept. 6	W. Chester @ Dowling	12:00 PM	Sat. Sept. 20	SEAWOLVES CLA.	11:00 AM			
Sun. Sept. 7	Merrimack @ Dowling	12:00 PM	Sat. Sept. 27	Iona Invitational	11:00 AM			
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